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Driver killed in crash

■ A Canton Township man was killed and a second man injured early Wednesday in a crash on Ann Arbor Road in neighboring Plymouth Township.

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A rear-end crash involving two vans at a busy intersection in Plymouth Township resulted in the death of a 45-year-old Canton man Wednesday morning.

According to Plymouth Township police, Robert Williams was driving his 1992 Chevy Sport van southbound on Haggerty Road about 7:15 a.m. when he failed to brake, resulting in a collision at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road with a utility work van driven by Richard Karpinski, 55, also of Canton.

Police Sgt. Jim Jarvis said the impact of the crash caused both vehicles to travel across the intersection, where they came to rest on the curb lanes of eastbound Ann Arbor Road.

"It's amazing, considering the time of day, that no one else was involved in the accident," said Jarvis. "There were no skid marks, so we're investigating the possibility that a medical emergency occurred before the crash."

The Plymouth Community Fire

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Library doors open longer

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When Canton residents spoke up about what they wanted in their library, Jean Tabor was listening.

Tabor, Canton Public Library's director, said one of the top requests was extended hours. Earlier this month, their wish was granted, and the library began opening 30 minutes earlier Monday through Saturday, and remaining open an hour later on the weekends.

Tabor said the extended hours will be particularly popular with families who stop in after work on Friday and students who use the library on Sundays. The library's new hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday during the school year.

The extended hours go hand-in-hand with the expansion project, which is still in full-swing and will be completed late in March.

The \$6 million expansion project

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Contemplating King



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Celebration: A group of dancers from New Liberty Baptist Church in Detroit performs an interpretive dance during a special Service of Racial Unity at Geneva Presbyterian in Canton Monday in celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Below, Marilyn McBain of Canton, 4, intently watches the performance.

Canton commission has first look at issue

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The members of Canton's new Human Relations Commission looked across the table at one another Tuesday and saw a diverse, representative cross-section of the community.

"We have a rich, wonderful diversity in Canton. We can really make some things gel and blend," said the Rev. Richard Peretto, at the group's first meeting inside the township administration building.

"No other community has diversity like Canton's."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the commission was formed after some Canton residents voiced their concerns over the board of trustees'

plans to declare Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid holiday for township employees.

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Last March, Canton resident and pastor Joseph Stevenson approached Yack, expressing his disapproval over the King holiday issue.

A few weeks later, another Canton resident, the Rev. Brian Smith, also approached Yack about the holiday.

"He was less understanding than Pastor Joe was," Yack said, but Yack discussed the issue with Smith, then encouraged him to contact Stevenson.

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Lesson of tolerance taught year-round

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught us that race shouldn't deprive us of learning about each other. And, at the same time, we should strive for social justice.

For many communities, that message was brought to the forefront Monday, on the holiday commemorating King and his ideals.

However, at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, King's ideals not only have meaning on the third Monday in January, but during the

course of the entire school year.

Students at P-CEP spent time watching a video clip Monday of King and his speeches, and had opportunities to read about hate crimes and view bulletin boards depicting different cultures. However,

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Getting ready:

Carolyn Bartlett shows off the dress she will wear Saturday to the inaugural ball in Washington, D.C. The Canton resident will be going to the festivities with her husband, Mark, who got the tickets courtesy of his employer.



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Off to the ball Canton couple to attend Bush inaugural party

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Carolyn Bartlett isn't all that comfortable with glamour and ritzy parties. But she giggled as she showed off her new manicure. And she finally admitted she's excited that this weekend, she and her husband will get a chance to hobnob with the nation's elite at President-elect George W. Bush's inaugural ball.

The Canton couple were afforded the rare opportunity to attend the ball thanks to husband Mark's employer, which sponsors events at the Washington, D.C., affair.

"Everyone at his work knows he's a Republican, so he was offered the trip," Bartlett said.

But she wasn't exactly jumping up and down over the prospect of making the trip.

"To tell the truth, I have four children, and it's a very busy time right now," Bartlett said. "In my mind, I kept thinking my kids need me this week."

Between her daughter's gymnastics tournaments, her son's first round of exams, and home schooling her youngest son, she thought her plate was little too full to go to the Capitol.

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Crash scene: The 1992 Chevy van driven by Robert Williams sits on the side of the road after Wednesday's fatal accident.

Fatal

Department used the Jaws of Life to remove Williams from his vehicle. He was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, according to police.

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Culprit makes clean getaway

Someone broke into the Canton Auto Wash on Michigan Avenue late Saturday and stole the evening's bank drops, according to police reports.

When an employee, a 36-year-old Detroit man, arrived at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, he called police. The thief had smashed the front window, but the window was not broken out completely.

The burglar was able to pry the window away from the frame to break into the building.

Three bank deposits, totaling \$3,700 were missing.

Kiddie porn posted

Canton police responded to a call from a 39-year-old Plymouth man after he found pornographic material posted in the Ford Road McDonald's bathroom.

The man had found a computer printout picture of a nude pre-teen girl holding a teddy bear.

The manager of the restaurant said she had no idea the picture was in the bathroom.

The Web site address was on the printout, and police are investigating the incident.

Resident poisoned

Canton police investigated an incident in which a 30-year-old employee in a Geddes Road group home apparently accidentally poisoned one of the home's residents.

On Jan. 12, assistant manager of the home, which houses mentally disabled adults, left five residents in the care of the employee while she went to the gas station.

The residents were scheduled

to receive their medications at 8 p.m., and while the assistant manager was gone, the employee gave the medications to the residents.

When the assistant manager returned, she found the employee upset and in tears. She told her supervisor she had accidentally given one of the residents the wrong medication and he was choking. The assistant manager checked on the 59-year-old resident, and found he was having trouble breathing. She called 911, and he was transported to Annapolis Hospital.

The employee said she had given him four pills, mixed in applesauce, even though she knew he was only to be given medication through his feeding tube. She said when he began choking, she gave him water in his feeding tube to help him digest.

The employee, who had worked at the home for three years, gave the resident two 200 mg Tegretol and two 500 mg. Depakote pills.

The employee said she "doesn't know how she made such a mistake," and "didn't know what she was thinking," according to the police report.

The resident's physician was at the time of the report awaiting the results of blood tests before continuing treatment.

Destruction of property

Canton police responded to a

COP CALLS

call from a 42-year-old woman who claimed that between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9, someone splashed a red substance on her 1995 yellow Ford Mustang GT. Police noted the substance appeared to be paint, and it was ruining the yellow paint on her car.

The car had also been scratched along the driver's side. The estimated damage to the car was \$500.

Auto crime spree

A string of destruction to autos in an apartment community continued last week. Five car owners on Brooks Park reported on Jan. 11 larceny from their vehicles. The cars had been broken into, and stereos, valued between \$200 and \$3,000, were stolen during the night. Car owners also reported damage caused during the theft to the vehicles, costing between \$100 and \$1,500.

The previous weekend, four car owners reported their windows had been shot out. On Jan. 6, another car owner reported four 16-inch tires and chrome rims, valued at \$1,600, had been stolen.

Mom committed

A 32-year-old Canton mother of two was committed after the police and fire departments responded Jan. 9 to a house fire at her address. When they arrived, there was no fire, and

the front door was open.

While firefighters were clearing the scene, the woman's neighbor told them the mother had brought her two children to her house, and they were still there.

Police questioned the woman who began telling them about the dreams she had been having, and about a new age. She also told police she wouldn't pass out.

Police noted scrapes on her hands, and when asked how she got them, she responded, "From carrying the weight of my family." Police noticed similar scrapes on her young son's ankles, and the woman said he got them from "being my strength."

The woman was committed to the hospital, and her husband picked up the children.

Bad hair day

A 42-year-old St. Johns woman was arrested Jan. 11 after she was caught stealing more than \$260 worth of beauty products and cosmetics from the Ford Road Meijer.

Two loss prevention officers saw the woman hide the items on her person, and proceed through the checkout, where she paid only for a bottle of vodka.

During transport to the Canton Police Department, and while she was being booked, the woman told police she had several prior arrests for retail fraud, and is currently receiving treatment for alcoholism and "her propensity to steal."

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET

Veterinary Notes

by
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FELINE DIABETES

Diabetes mellitus is a common feline disorder. As in humans, the disease occurs when insulin is produced in insufficient amounts or when the body responds improperly to insulin. Diabetic cats will develop high blood sugar and sugar in the urine. Symptoms of diabetes may include excessive thirst, excessive urination, increased appetite, and weight loss. The disease can lead to serious complications, including liver disease, bacterial infections, or ketoacidosis — a potentially fatal condition where fat cells break down to compensate for a lack of insulin, producing toxic substances that can make blood cells acidic. If or not, diabetic cats are treated with insulin. Owner can help by managing the insulin treatment and monitoring the cat's condition daily.

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Van Buren seminar stresses diversity

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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In a moment of clarity, a young black man came to the realization, "I had been trapped in a life of Coke and I could have tasted so much more."

His yearn for diversity came after taking a cola challenge and discovering that all along he had preferred a different soft drink.

The vignette was part of a "Mosaics," a reader's theater on diversity performed by actors from SST Communications, a Chicago-based training workshop.

Approximately 500 Van Buren educators spent part of Martin Luther King Day exploring different perceptions between men, women, the races and sexuality through the scenes of "Mosaics."

"It was very informative," said Mary Parker, a special education and speech therapy teacher in Van Buren elementary and middle schools. "It made me really think about how I treat others."

Angela Ashford, who works as a para-professional in the second grade, said, "I thought it was pretty interesting. The stereo-

types were very true - I am glad they brought it out."

Ashford, an African American woman, said, "I could see myself in there. I could relate to it."

Another "Mosaics" scene, based on anger and retaliation toward an interracial couple, results in a beating and a sexual assault - with a tragic outcome.

"Anger is an energy that doesn't sit still," said SST President Jerry Mangrum, who was the primary actor in the scene. "Viewing diversity as respect for the individual is not enough."

Mangrum sites collusion as another stumbling block to cultural understanding. He said collusion can take three roles: Silence, denial or active participation.

"Learning to value diversity a company can fully utilize their employee base with a shared vision of increased benefit and production. Organizations must be able to move far beyond where they are today," he said.

Mangrum said using theater to teach concepts "creates an emotional or visceral response to the topic."

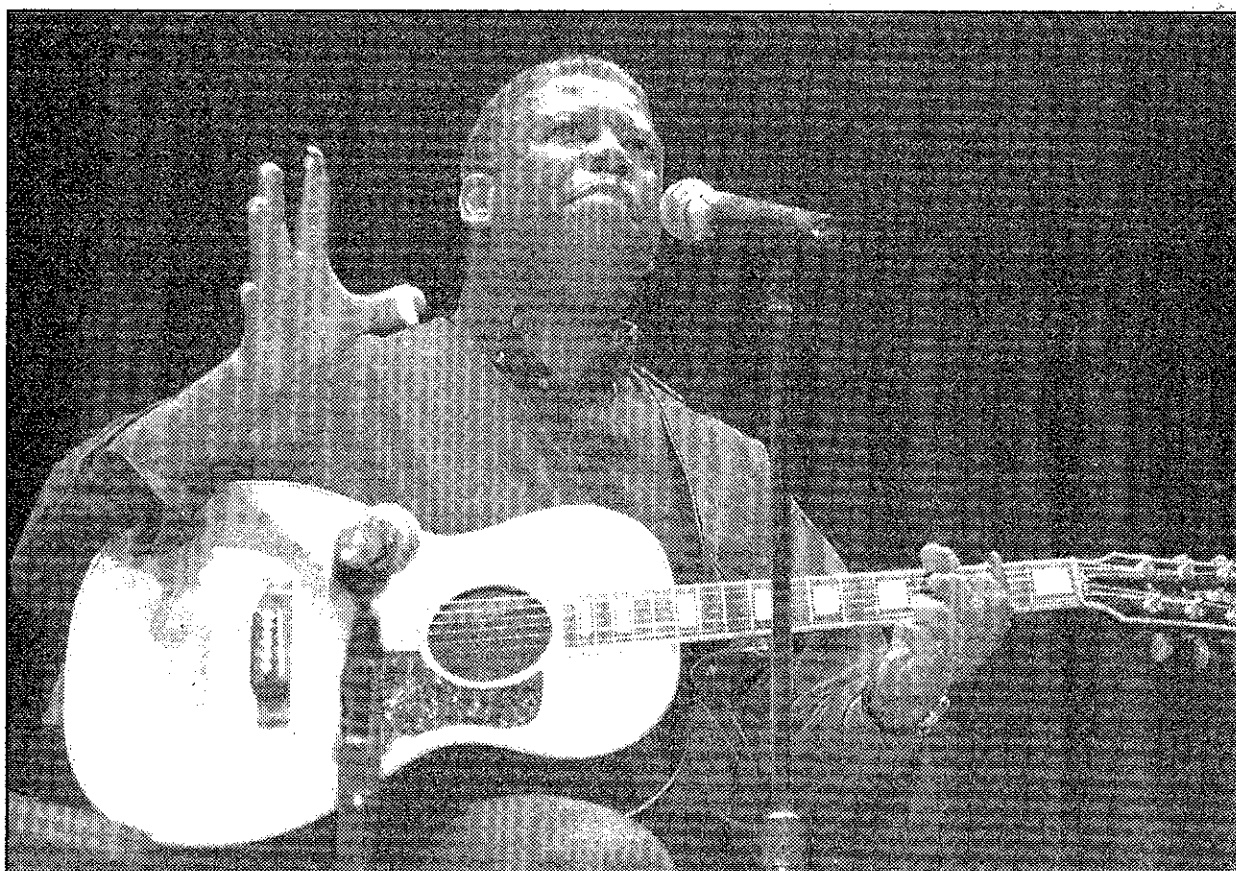
SST uses a team of 35 professionally trained actors based in the Chicago area to deliver a variety of messages from diversity, sexual harassment, wellness and stress management and substance abuse prevention.

Laurie Empen, 32, has been an actor with the company since last fall. "The style of the show allows people to connect. If you don't connect, you are not going to change."

She describes working with the company as "Profound. It does not get any better than this."

David Causey, 29, loves his job with the SST troupe. "You get to do three things that I love to do: Educate, inform and travel."

Chris Connor, a parent educator with the Van Buren district, also found merit in the program. "I thought it was very informative and very educational, and a good way to break the ice. It informed in a way that didn't offend anyone."



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On stage: Detroit Blues musician Robert Jones performs Monday at Belleville High School during an in-service for Van Buren Schools, celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday.

There's a message in his music

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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Detroit Jazz legend Robert Jones had toes tapping and folks singing during a Martin Luther King Day staff training on the blues to Van Buren educators on Monday.

Jones called the blues, "the mother of all styles of American music."

His blues riffs and melodies proved infectious to the crowd.

Although black music is rooted in instruments like the banjo and guitar, "the human voice is still the most important instrument in history," he said.

Jones pointed to black churches where, "you don't say what you feel, but express it openly with your voice. The Negro spiritual helped change the solemnity of the church."

He also pointed to the to the spiritual's importance in plantation life. "Massah would think.

"I would like to close with the idea that diversity is not hard. It is just seeing it that is hard. Diversity is all about common experience."

-Robert Jones

"If they are singing they aren't plotting anything."

After leading the educators in the song, *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, he explained that the song was really an ode to the Underground Railroad and freedom from oppression, instead of the broader theme ascending to heaven.

"Music was America's first civil rights movement if you really think about it," Jones

said.

Jones, a native Detroiter, bought his first guitar as a boy. "So I could play the blues." He is celebrating his 15th year with WDET-FM this year and is well known as a musician, storyteller and composer. He has been voted Detroit's Best Blues Instrumentalist.

After leading the crowd in a chorus of *We Shall Overcome*, Jones beamed. "Imagine, us singing this together on the first Martin Luther King Day of the new millennium."

"I would like to close with the idea that diversity is not hard. It is just seeing it that is hard. Diversity is all about common experience," he said.

Jones runs a program called "Blues for Schools." More information about the program can be found at www.robertbjones.com or, he can be reached at (313) 833-0442.

Tolerance

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er, it's the work that is done the entire school year that brings about the true meaning in King's words.

According to Allie Suffety, an alternative education teacher at Canton High School, there are more than 50 languages spoken in the Plymouth-Canton community. At P-CEP, there are more than a dozen clubs, with many of them ethnic in nature.

"The clubs aren't just for those individual groups, but for people who want to learn about those cultures," said Stephanie Chang, 17, of Canton, who is co-president of the Asian/Pacific American Association. "There are so many people here who are different and you can learn a lot about. If you can experience all the differences, you can learn to appreciate them."

"I see a definite interest in people wanting to learn about different cultures, because you can't help but be friends here with people of different cultures," said Lindsey Scalera, 17,

of Canton, who is a governing member of the Diversity Club. "It's not a question of being tolerant. It's about learning about our peers."

"At The Park, we have such a diverse student body compared to our friends in other school districts," added Scalera. "They don't have the same understanding we do, and we'll be more prepared to go out in the real world because we'll be more aware of the different cultures surrounding us."

Both students have taken part in learning about diversity, including activities sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice, as well as the school's own International Dinner, which brings hundreds of students, parents and community members together each year.

"I definitely see a difference they've made, and it does work," said Suffety. "Are we still dreaming the dream? Our students live the dream, and it's

beautiful.

"The clubs allow a large mass of students, who are not athletically involved, or in the theater or marching band, to participate," he said. "It's such a positive way to participate and they feel attached."

Lynn Sandmann, also an alternative education teacher, said it's a fervor among the students who participate and the staff who sponsor the clubs.

"It's a passion of increasing tolerance and diversity," she said. "It helps make a very large campus become a little bit smaller, a little more intimate."

Students and staff aren't naive enough to believe everyone at The Park, which numbers nearly 5,000 students, is tolerant of those who are different.

"We can't make people who are prejudice understand," said Scalera. "What we can do is have the information out there and give them a way to accept all the different cultures."

Credit union opens area office

Michigan Educational Credit Union recently opened its new main office in Plymouth.

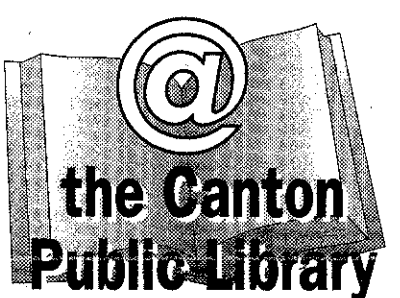
Located at 9200 Haggerty Road, just south of Ann Arbor Road and west of I-275, the new MECU facility features six drive-through lanes, three

ATMs, ample parking and a lobby with teller windows, member services area and the loan department.

Both MECU members and non-members can use the financial planning and investment services available through

Michigan Educational Financial Services, located on the main floor of the building.

"Serving our members' financial needs has always been our primary objective," said Bill Brunton, president and CEO of MECU.



Did you know?

■ Wednesday, Jan. 24, is Chinese New Year, the year of the snake?

■ Canned beer went on sale for the first time in Richmond, Va., in 1935?

■ The American Bowling Congress held its first national tournament in Chicago in 1901?

■ Seventy-five years ago, Abdul Aziz ibn Saud became king of Hejaz and changed the country's name to Saudi Arabia?

■ The Pasteur Institute in Paris announced an anti-tetanus serum in January 1926?

■ Humans are the only primates that don't have pigment in the palms of their hands?

■ It's possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs?

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

- www.fmn.org
- www.mbayag.org
- www.kaibab.org
- www.morebusiness.com
- www.bizmove.com

Home theater

Check out these DVDs available from the library:

- *Bandit Queen*
- *Fantasia 2000*

- *Gilda*
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- *X-Men*

Q&A

Q: How did the phrase "bringing home the bacon" originate?

A: There are several theories. One is that the phrase refers to greased-pig contests once held at county fairs, where the winner kept the pig and thus "brought home the bacon." Another theory revolves around the town of Dunmon, England. There, in A.D. 1111, a nobleman decreed that any person who knelt at the church door and swore that "for 12 months and a day he has never had a household brawl or wished himself unmarried" could claim a side of bacon. Thus, a man who "brought home the bacon" from Dunmon was, at least according to his own oath, enjoying a good marriage. Yet another possibility is that the phrase stems from the 18th century use of "bacon" as a slang term for the rewards brought home by a criminal.

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:

- *Oksana: My Own Story* by Oksana Baiul
- *Hau Kola = Hello Friend* by Paul Goble

- *Playing With Words* by James Howe
- *Cal Ripken Jr.: Play Ball* by Cal Ripken Jr.

Staff favorites

Here are non-fiction picks for 2000:

- *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley
- *The Beatles Anthology* - BIO Beatles
- *Life Is So Good* - BIO DAWSON, Dawson, George B.
- *Joan of Arc: A Penguin History* - BIO JOAN Gordon, Mary
- *Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire* - BIO GEORGIANA Forman, Amanda

Hot topic of the week

■ **Tip-Up Town USA!** Jan. 20-21 Houghton Lake, Mich. will host its 51st annual winter event. Michigan's largest winter festival features ice-fishing contests, softball on the ice, three polar bear dips, two parades, carnival, vendors and monster-truck rides. There are also arts and crafts, fireworks, the world's longest poker run and scavenger hunt and mid-week snowmobile drag races! For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (800) 248-5253 or visit the Web site at: www.houghton-lakehambor.com

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Commission from page A1

Smith and Stevenson asked Yack for a study session, and the trio got together with a Western Wayne County NAACP representative to discuss the issue.

What the township came up with was a Human Relations Commission, similar to Livonia's commission, which was launched in 1980.

The township passed what Yack called a very broad, "Mack truck ordinance" to form the commission and advertised for

volunteer applicants. Two weeks ago, 11 applicants were invited to the commission's first meeting, and Tuesday, nine came to meet one another.

Of the 11 members, five are of ethnic minorities, and half are women. They come from many walks of life, from the clergy to education to Friend of the Court office.

The commission's township representative, Daniel Durack, director, administrative and

community services, said the group is representative of Canton, as most are new to the area.

The commission's members have lived in Canton anywhere from five months to more than 20 years.

Most said they were drawn to the commission out of a desire to serve and give back to the community.

Muriel Burrell said she saw the application around election time, and felt inspired to serve

the community.

"I read about it," she said of local government. "But I decided I need to participate in the process."

The commission's chairwoman, Monika Dua, said she also felt inspired partly because of the timing, near elections. Dua has a professional background in human relations, but said she's never used the skills in a public service environment, and is eager to do so.

Many expressed concern over the community's youth.

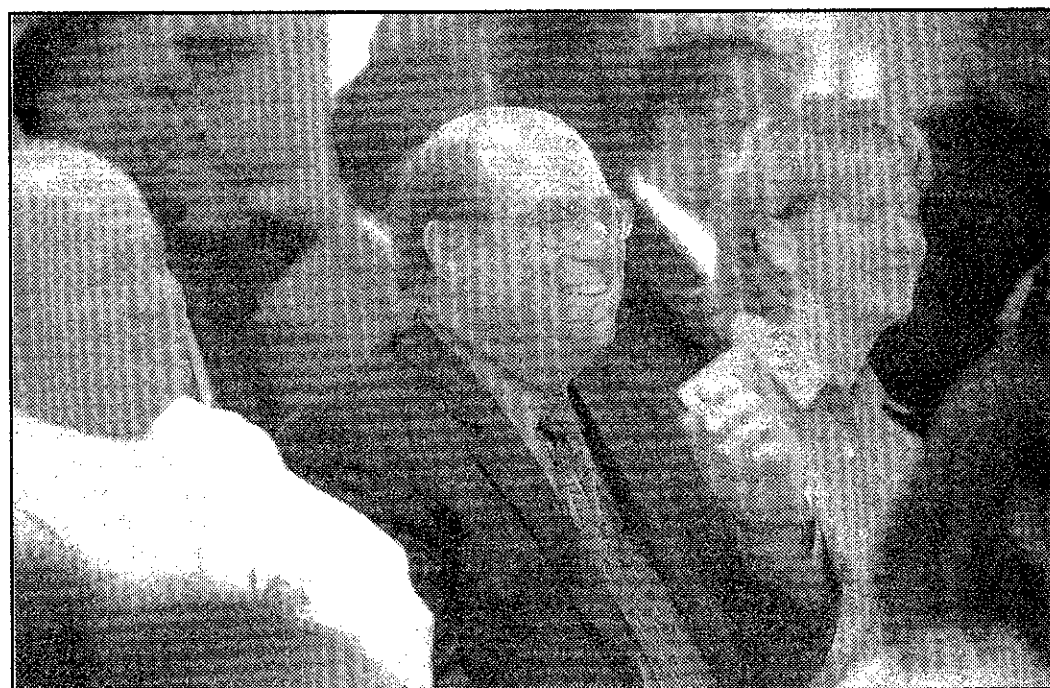
Mary Manger-Lehnert, park operations manager for Comerica Park, said she was interested in serving because she's witnessed firsthand the way people

of all backgrounds interact.

"It's been an eye-opening experience, the way people getting along," she said. "I would also like to see what we're doing in the schools....Kids are not learning tolerance in the schools the way they should."

The Rev. Mark Moore echoed

Lehnert's statement, saying, "There's a real lack of interest in our youth. They don't care about government. They don't care about the issues. And they have very little tolerance for others' views."



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At program: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack (center) and trustee Phil LaJoy (left) during a lighter moment at Monday's Service of Racial Unity at Geneva Presbyterian Church.



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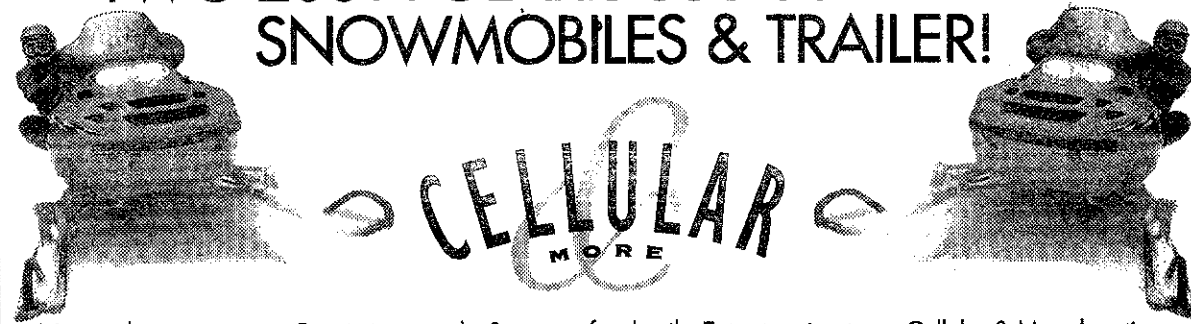
On the commission

Following are members of the Human Relations Commission:

- Elizabeth Aldeh, family counselor
- Fred Bolden, computer information system consultant
- Muriel Burrell, senior buyer, General Motors
- Joyce Brown-Williams, Director, Wayne County Office of Health and Community Services
- Monika Dua, Human Relations consultant
- Thomas Hartnett, attorney
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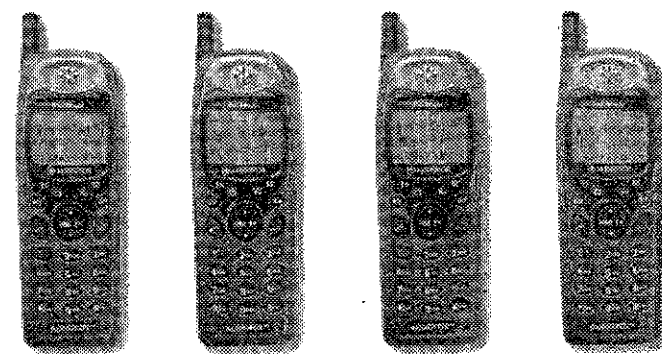
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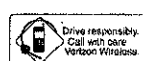
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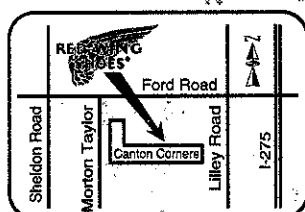
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Library

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began in January 2000 and is moving along as scheduled, Tabor said.

Most of the changes were driven by customer services ideas, she explained.

The library will be much larger — growing from 31,000 to 53,000 square feet. One portion of the expansion that has generated excitement since it was completed in October is the Children's Library, which expanded from about 6,000 square feet to 9,600 square feet.

Equipped with a Cyber Kids room, 14 computers, 11 of which are designated for games, the Children's Library was awarded the Library of the Future Award four years ago and continues to live up to the honor.

The Children's Library brought back its puppet stage and created areas for play and quiet reading.

"We're trying to make the library so welcoming they'll always remember it and want to come back," Tabor said.

Tabor said the same idea applies in the new Teen Room as well. Outfitted with comfortable furniture in bright colors and color-wrapped fluorescent lights, it's as much a place to hang out with friends as it is to read.

"We're really committed to providing services to the teens to keep them coming so they don't just go away and not come back until they're adults," Tabor said.

The Teen Room will have

■ 'We're really trying to appeal to everybody in the family.'

—Jean Tabor,

Canton Public Library executive director

eight computers, four of which are dedicated to Internet use, and the other four for games and Internet use.

"They're certainly welcome to study in here," said Tabor. "But it's the kind of room where they can just get comfortable and hang out with their friends."

Tabor explained the library is as much a community as a library.

"We're really trying to appeal to everybody in the family," Tabor said. She recalled a family that visited recently. The children were tugging at their parents' sleeves, pleading to return to the Children's Library.

The parents explained to their children that fair is fair, saying, "Not yet. We went with you to see your new library. You have to come with us to see our new library."

The adult library will be equipped with new furniture and much more space. One of the community requests has been to add group study rooms. The new library will have three of them, for groups of four to groups of eight.

Visitors will notice a sunny difference in the rest of the adult

library, with the addition of numerous large windows.

Tabor said two additions that she thinks are particularly exciting are the new Internet lab and the used book store, Secondhand Prose.

The laboratory's 24 computers will be open to adults about 80 percent of the time, and will be reserved for classes and training the rest of the time.

The brand new copy room is also near completion.

Tabor calls the area a "totally new concept." The room features fax, network printing, word processors and copiers, and is staffed at all times.

"It's really geared to customer

service," Tabor said.

Tabor said she appreciates the public's patience during the renovation project. Recognizing their frustration, Tabor said she and the rest of the staff, volunteers and department heads will take turns serving as greeters at the front door, to assist patrons who aren't quite sure where they're going.

Patrons aren't the only ones who have had to be patient during the project. Tabor said her staff of about 100 has been taking it all in stride.

The Friends of the Canton Library's Morale Committee has helped the cause, she added. Recognizing that living through a renovation can be a stressful experience, the committee has occasionally brought the staff treats, has had drawings for prizes and generally tries to recognize the staff's good nature during a stressful period.

The changes haven't gotten

Tabor pulling her hair out, though.

"It's new and different," she said with a smile. "And I can watch it happening. It's very exciting."

The library will close for a cou-

ple of weeks, beginning Feb. 19, and will reopen on March 3.

"We've been really committed to staying open through this whole process," she said, adding the library has only closed three days during the renovation.

CAMPUS NOTES

The following students from Canton have earned a spot on the fall Dean's List at Schoolcraft College:

Atsuko Akimoto, Denise June Alcodray, Lisa Samir Ansara, Nicholas Alan Anselm, Shabana Arshad, Sumrina Ateequi, Vesna Trpevski Avramoski, Tina Sandy Balan, Michele Mary Baldori, Kevin Richard Balko, Rebecca Lynn Baloga, Rebecca Lynn Baugh, Kenneth Patrick Bazman, Lois Ann Beerbaum, Jennifer Marie Berczel, Zarana D. Bhagat, Ryan Alexander Bidwell, Chanmanee Biggar, Steven Michael Black, Lucinda Raye Blake, Staci Rae Boos, Dawn Nicole Bourbeau, Laura Anne Breish, Michele Ann Brodish-Mog, Kristin Alexis Bronkhorst, Joanne M. Canale, Heather Dawn Caudle, Courtney Lynn Ceci, Pauline Cedillos, Reid Henry Chakrabarty, Deborah Lynn Chupa, Mark Alan Coates, Andrea Lynn Corpolongo, Amanda Julianna Cox, Lydia Marie Crisanti, Jennifer Lynn Cross, Michael Dale Cummings and Christopher John Curd. Also, Jason Michael Darow, Stephen Oneil Davis, Jennifer Marie Delcore, Jade E. Denner, Hiral Mahadev Desai, Jennifer L. Dillon, Jennifer Renee Diste-fano, Christy Ann Donaldson, Sarah Catherine Dowd, Melissa Joy Duckworth, John Patrick Duggan, Stacy Dumas, Jennifer Evelyn Dyke, Victoria Ann Emmons, Jeremy Steven Eppley, Deborah Ann Esper, Michelle Eileen Falardeau, Marie Louise Farlough, Peter Lewis Faust, Stacey Lynn Fenton, Melissa Joy Ferrell, Matthew Alan Fitchett, Sara Catherine Fraser, Amy Dawn Frysinger, Carrie Lee Garcia, Leesa Jill Gaydos, Mary Coven Ghrist, Sara Denise Glasgow, Karen Ann Gonciarz, Patrick James Gray, Geraldine Ann Guzik, Rashad Wael Hamoudeh, Kristin Marie Harcourt, Suleiman Nabil Hawatmeh, Tiehua He-Liss, Michael Allan Hein, Janice Eileen Hill, Nancy

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It was only after her children told her, "You just *have* to go," that she committed to making the trip with her husband.

Bartlett also admitted even though she's known she was going to the ball since right before Christmas, she didn't begin to get excited until this week, when the women in her Bible study started getting giddy about it.

"I got excited because they told me I should," Bartlett laughed, adding that she's more excited about George Bush being elected than she is about going to the ball.

"It's kind of ironic," Bartlett said. "Because I can't even vote because I'm Canadian. I'm still a resident alien."

She said she'll consider earning U.S. citizenship as her eldest son gets closer to graduating from Michigan State University's political science program, so she can vote for

him someday when he launches a career in politics.

Bartlett said if she could have voted in the election, she definitely would have voted for Bush because she likes him on a personal level.

"He's a man of integrity," she said. "I would have voted for him because of who he is and what he stands for," explaining his Christian beliefs closely match hers, especially his pro-life opinions.

While the Bartletts have taken family vacation trips to Washington, D.C., she said she isn't sure what adventures this trip will hold.

"I don't know what to expect except that we have a very busy schedule," she said, a little amazed at the number of receptions and events — some mandatory, some optional — on her itinerary.

Bartlett said she was a little unprepared for the trip, and

had to do some wardrobe shopping. A busy full-time mother, she said most of her clothes were very practical, and made for her work at home. "Basically I needed everything I would wear on this trip, a pantsuit, my dress," she said.

For the occasion, her husband bought the first tuxedo he's ever owned as a Christmas gift to himself, instructing his wife to not buy him another gift.

"He wrapped it and put it under the tree and everything," she said with a smile.

Even though she said she's still a little nervous about the trip, and more than a little anxious about socializing with some of the country's movers and shakers, she feels lucky to be able to make the trip.

"It's really neat the places the Lord is taking us," Bartlett said.

P-CEP pompon contingent will march on Washington

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth and Canton communities will be well-represented in president-elect George Bush's inaugural parade this Saturday in Washington, D.C.

Eleven pompon students from the Canton High School Chieftettes and Salem High School Rockettes will be among the 87 members of the Mid American Pompon All Star Team to march in the parade.

"Because of the presidential recount, we weren't notified until Dec. 28 that we were selected, so we had to put together our plans quickly," said Karen Blazaitis, president of the Mid American Pompon in Farmington Hills. "We sent them pictures, a videotape of our routine, and it didn't hurt that we had been there the past two inaugurations."

The members of the all star team are selected during the Mid American Pompon summer camp at Central Michigan University. More than 450 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana competed to become part of the 200-member team.

Eleven members of the Chieftettes or Rockettes will travel with the Mid American Pompon All Star Team to march in the parade.

Blazaitis said team members learn their routines from materials and a videotape sent to them, and when they get together each is expected to know what to do.

"We performed the inaugural parade routine at the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit," said Blazaitis. "When we created the choreography in the summer, it was our intent to use the same routine for both so we would be ready."

For most of the all star team members, the opportunity to perform in front of the president is something they will remember forever.

"I'm really excited," said Carol Liu, 17, a Salem High School senior from Canton, who is a second-time all star. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform in front of the president and other dignitaries."

"It's awesome," said Lauren

French, 16, a Canton High School sophomore from Plymouth Township. "Not everyone gets the opportunity to see the president. I've never done anything like this before."

While the Mid American Pompon All Star Team parades in front of President Bush, a nationally known Plymouth group will have to settle for watching on television.

"We tried to be part of the inaugural parade, but we didn't make inquiries until after Bush was declared the winner of the election," said Fred Hill about his efforts to get his famous Briefcase Drill Team in the festivities. "However, by then it was too late because they already had it put together."

Hill said he enlisted the help of several news organizations and Republican insiders, but to no avail. He finally reached the top parade organizer, but it was difficult getting him a tape in time. And besides, he'd never heard of Hill or his troops.

"We obviously weren't on his short list," said Hill. "But, he should have known we were Republicans. What else would 16 white guys with blue suits and red ties be?"

OBITUARIES

JOHN CLOSE

Services for John Close, 68, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Mr. Close was born Sept. 2, 1932 in Detroit and died Jan. 10 in Ann Arbor. He was a local school teacher before forming a successful manufacturer's representative firm that marketed vocational training equipment to high schools, colleges and technical training schools across the Midwest. In 1990 he received the American Vocational Association Award for outstanding achievement in the vocational field.

Mr. Close was affectionately known as the "Croakmaster" in local circles because of his creation of the National Frog Jumping Contest and his unique frog van that could be seen motoring through the Plymouth community. A fun-loving and enthusiastic individual, John once appeared on the Eli and Denny Sports Show with his famed frog-jumping contest.

Mr. Close was a familiar personality in the community and was active in the Plymouth Optimist Club throughout the 1960's and served as its president at one point. He coached little league baseball and basketball for numerous years from the mid-1960s through the early '70s.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; children, Gary, Sandra, Tom (Susan) and Laura (Steve) Tihanyi; and grandchildren, John, Joyce, Andrew, Maggie, Sarah, Joseph and Jacqueline.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association or Arbor Hospice.

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GEORGE JOHANNES KORBY, JR.

George Johannes Korby, Jr., of Novi, was born June 19, 1926 in

Detroit and died Jan. 14 in Novi.

Mr. Korby was a commercial artist for the advertising firm of Young and Rubicam in Detroit. He retired in 1990. He had been married for 49 years. He came to the Northville/Novi area in 1972 from Livonia. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy (Seaman First Class) during World War II. He enjoyed hunting deer and skeet shooting. He also enjoyed traveling to Florida for vacations.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willie Joyce Korby.

Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia Moss of North Las Vegas, Nev.; his son, George J. Korby III of Novi; and three grandchildren.

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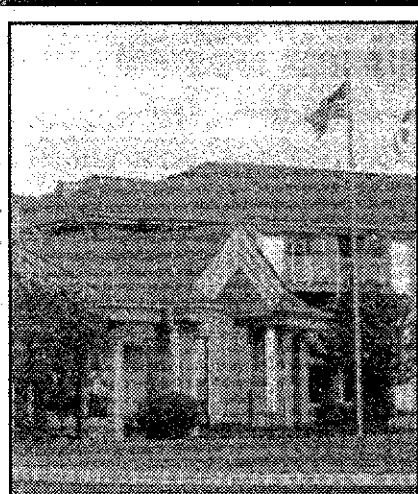
THERESE S. PATTEWELL

Services for Therese S. Pattwell, 73, of Northville, were held Jan. 18 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville with the Rev. Steven Wertenan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Pattwell was born April 23, 1927 in Quebec, Canada, and died January 14 in Northville. She was a retired long distance operator with AT&T. She lived in the Northville area since 1968. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church.

Survivors include her husband, John Pattwell; son, Michael (Beth) Pattwell of Troy; son, Paul (Kim) Pattwell of Pinckney; and son, John (Laura) Pattwell of Whitmore Lake; brother, Charles Paradis of Lakeland; sister, Denise Kruszewski of Perrysburg, Ohio; and sister, Louise Richter of South Lyon; and four grandchildren.

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Taking charge: Newly elected Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives Rick Johnson, R-Traverse City, addresses the 91st Congress Jan. 10 in Lansing.

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Michigan legislators promise bipartisan approach this term

BY MIKE MALOTT
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House leaders promised a new spirit of bipartisan cooperation in Lansing as they presided over opening day ceremonies in the Legislature Jan. 10.

"We say that every year, don't we," Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, admitted. But there may indeed be some reason to think that it could actually come true this time.

Newly elected Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has a reputation as a "consensus builder," Toy said. That is a label given him by many in Lansing.

"Besides, this is the second time Republicans have been in the majority," Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said. "It took a while for some on the other side of the aisle to get used to who was in the majority — it took us a while to get used to being in the majority — and to get over the friction that change is going to cause."

Additionally, Johnson and newly elected House Minority Leader Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, have worked together in the past, as a result of their positions on the transportation committee in the last session, and get along quite well.

"I don't think it is healthy for us to conduct the people's business with an invisible partition between us," Johnson said in an acceptance speech following his official election as the new Speaker of the House Wednesday. "I pledge to be inclusive — in my thinking, in my appointments and in my willingness to listen. Those of you who sit on the other side of the aisle, while I won't always agree with you, I respect you and value of your input. Let me be clear: You can play a key role in passing laws that benefit the residents of Michigan."

"Rick is a person that I think will change the focus of the House," said Kilpatrick in a speech seconding Johnson's nomination for the post. "A shift from the partisan politics and the partisan bickering that has fragmented this institution over the

last two years to a place where we find common interests, common goals, common ideas."

If successful in creating a bipartisan atmosphere, lawmakers believe there will be a difference in the legislation coming out of Lansing. Kowall predicted that more Democratic proposals would be taken up and passed this year. "Not a lot from the Democratic side progressed last year," he said.

Kilpatrick would agree. He said a change would be needed to address the concerns of "the new electorate, it's not the same old electorate, it is much more suburban."

He predicted lawmakers would take up issues intended to "create more livable communities and dealing with smart growth."

At week's end, Republican lawmakers gathered in Holland for a two-day retreat, intended to let GOP members get to know the seven new members of their caucus, settle committee assignments, and set the party's agenda for the year. Democrats have already held such a gathering.

Quality of life issues and education are likely to top the agenda. Lawmakers have already been asked to submit their priorities to the leadership for consideration. And such issues

appeared on a number of lawmaker's lists.

Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, also had education and taxes on his list. He also wants to make it easier for foster parents to adopt youngsters in Michigan. He said he is hoping to propose tax credits that would encourage venture capitalists to make more loans to startup businesses in Michigan.

Land use issues and urban sprawl were at the top of Kowall's list. Also among his priorities were education, tax cuts and redevelopment of brown-fields.

Toy said she would like to revisit the issue of prescription coverage for senior citizens, giving them even more help that was enacted late last year. She said she wants to make state government more "user friendly" as well. Campaign finance reform is also on her list.

Toy further said she would like to address the issue of term limits, not altering the limits themselves, but considering whether representatives should have terms of only two years or if those terms should be lengthened.

Kilpatrick said quality of life issues would top the Democratic agenda.

Hurley Coleman appointed assistant county executive

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Hurley C. Coleman, former Wayne County parks system director, is a bit in awe of his new appointment as assistant county executive for strategic planning and program development.

"I've been in parks my whole career, and for people to think you can do more than what they've seen you do is a real vote of confidence," said Coleman, whose appointment to the newly created position was announced recently by Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

The county CEO charged Coleman with the responsibility to provide "an intensified commitment to excellence in every area of county government."

Coleman, 47, who came to the county parks department from his native Saginaw in 1989, said he is looking forward to working with all county departments in developing and refining programs "to ensure that Wayne County services are being provided at the highest possible level."

McNamara said Coleman's new job includes overseeing the county parks' capital improvement program and working with local, state and national organizations to build "a better link between the communities and Wayne County."

Larry Fitch of Trenton, the parks department executive director under Coleman, has been named to succeed Coleman as director.

Coleman's appointment, which



Hurley Coleman

began Jan. 2, is part of McNamara's effort to fill the void created by the departure of former Deputy CEO Michael E. Duggan, who was involved in "so many different areas," Coleman noted.

Former Assistant County CEO Mary Zuckerman earlier was named to succeed Duggan, who was elected county prosecuting attorney.

Coleman said McNamara "looked at the things considered to be my strengths" and created a role for them.

"You have to be able to look at things that aren't there and see them," said Coleman, "and it's exciting that Ed McNamara thinks I can do that on an executive level."

"It's an unbelievable opportunity to be offered from a person that I have as much respect for

as Ed McNamara," he added.

Coleman also thanked his "many great partners" in municipalities across the county "who really supported Wayne County Parks."

"I will continue those relationships," Coleman vowed.

McNamara said Coleman has demonstrated "outstanding organizational skills and focus" as parks director.

"Hurley Coleman has been the driving force in restoring the luster to Wayne County Parks, including helping develop a new waterpark area at Chandler Park on Detroit's east side," McNamara said.

Coleman will report to both Zuckerman and McNamara, Chief of Staff Bernard Kilpatrick.

Zuckerman said Coleman "has worked closely with community leaders to develop programs that work for the communities and their residents. His expertise will help other county departments bring improved services to our residents."

Coleman also serves as a Wayne County drain commissioner, is a member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and is past-president of the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in community recreation administration, with minors in business administration and speech and communication.

Coleman, wife Sandra and their three children live in Detroit.

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Renovations at township done with public in mind

You shouldn't judge a book by its cover, the old saying goes. And in Canton, that's been particularly true when it comes to the township administration building.

Poorly designed but adequate when first built a quarter-century ago, even its supporters agree the three-story, earth-toned complex on Canton Center Road has aged less than gracefully. It's not so much a question of maintenance or even its somewhat dated appearance. Rather, Canton's explosive growth of the last two decades — and the full services residents have come to expect from community leaders — are responsible for the civic center not meeting current expectations.

We're glad to see that's about to change — and in a big way.

The township board last week approved some \$500,000 in expansion and renovation work for 2001 at the administration building, the adjacent public safety department and the department of public works building on Sheldon Road.

Canton has been more than willing to spend money when it comes to improving the quality of life for its residents.

The funds are coming out of those already budgeted and won't require a tax increase, bond issue or any other approval from voters.

Reconfiguring and updating the administration building, at a cost of \$350,000, tops the list of projects. Expanding the parking lot, at a cost of \$138,937, is another major effort.

Now, don't get us wrong. The exterior — done in that no-frills government style reminiscent of a public works project (which in fact it was) — won't end up looking like the Summit. But the interior facelift should make the township offices and public areas more user-friendly, which is what counts when you're talking about the building's main purpose — serv-

ing Canton residents.

In that area, we note that winning architectural bidder TMP Associates won't exactly have it easy. To begin with, the building's current layout basically asks residents who are coming in to pay taxes or visit the township clerk to use the back door. That's hardly the most inviting or efficient way to treat your customers.

But that's where the parking lot is.

Then there's the fact that the elevator and stairs to the upper floors, where the planning department and supervisor's offices are, can be easily missed on the way to the information desk. Unfamiliar visitors must often backtrack to reach the people they came to see.

Those are the problems that occur most frequently during daytime hours. At night, when there may be several meetings going on in the first-floor board room and in lower level meeting rooms, parking anywhere near the building becomes a paramount issue.

Other projects this year will include new carpeting in the records bureau at the public safety department to match the building addition completed two years ago; and expansion of the 20-year-old DPW building. That building currently houses 32 employees and 40 vehicles, a four-fold increase from 1980.

A half-million is a lot of cash to be throwing into an old complex. But Canton has been more than willing to spend money when it comes to improving the quality of life for its residents and The Observer sees the administration building renovations as fitting into that mold. We take Supervisor Tom Yack at his word when he says these improvements should serve the community for the next 20 years.

Since the administration building went up in the mid-1970s, the township has added a library (1988), the Summit (1995) and a new fire headquarters (1999) to the civic center. The township has grown from 54,000 residents in 1980 to something over 75,000 today.

Updating the administration building not only makes sense, it's the best available option to accommodate the current and future needs of Canton residents.

Airport bidding process must be fair and open

Michael Conway, director of external affairs for Wayne County Airports, said last week that the county would welcome a grand jury investigation into the handling of construction contracts at the airport.

He said charges leveled by John Wyke, a Southgate subcontractor, that the county paid an extra \$9 million to a contractor for lights and signage even though the project came in two years late are based on a misunderstanding of the facts. Wyke's call for a grand jury investigation is the latest in a number of complaints about how the county handles contracts for the airport. The complaints have led to an investigation of airport operations by the state Legislature.

Conway counters Wyke's charges by saying the extra payment, over the original \$11 million bid, was to meet a Federal Aviation Administration deadline and to satisfy an FAA change in standards for signage. He also questions Wyke's contention that the extra costs were paid by taxpayers. He said airport construction is paid by funds raised from airlines and passengers. He also argues that there were no "irregularities" in the handling of the contract since it didn't require approval by the county commission.

Falling as it does after the other complaints about airport contracts and financing, Wyke's charges raise serious questions about the transparency of what should be public business. While not questioning Conway's explanations, we do question why it will take a grand jury hearing to explain what should be public information.

If contracts involving millions of dollars of public money (whether raised through taxes or through fees which are

quasi-taxes) are regularly engaged without legislative oversight, then maybe it's well past time that the county commission take action to bring these contracts under their authority. (The commission last week reorganized to create a committee that will deal with the airports exclusively.)

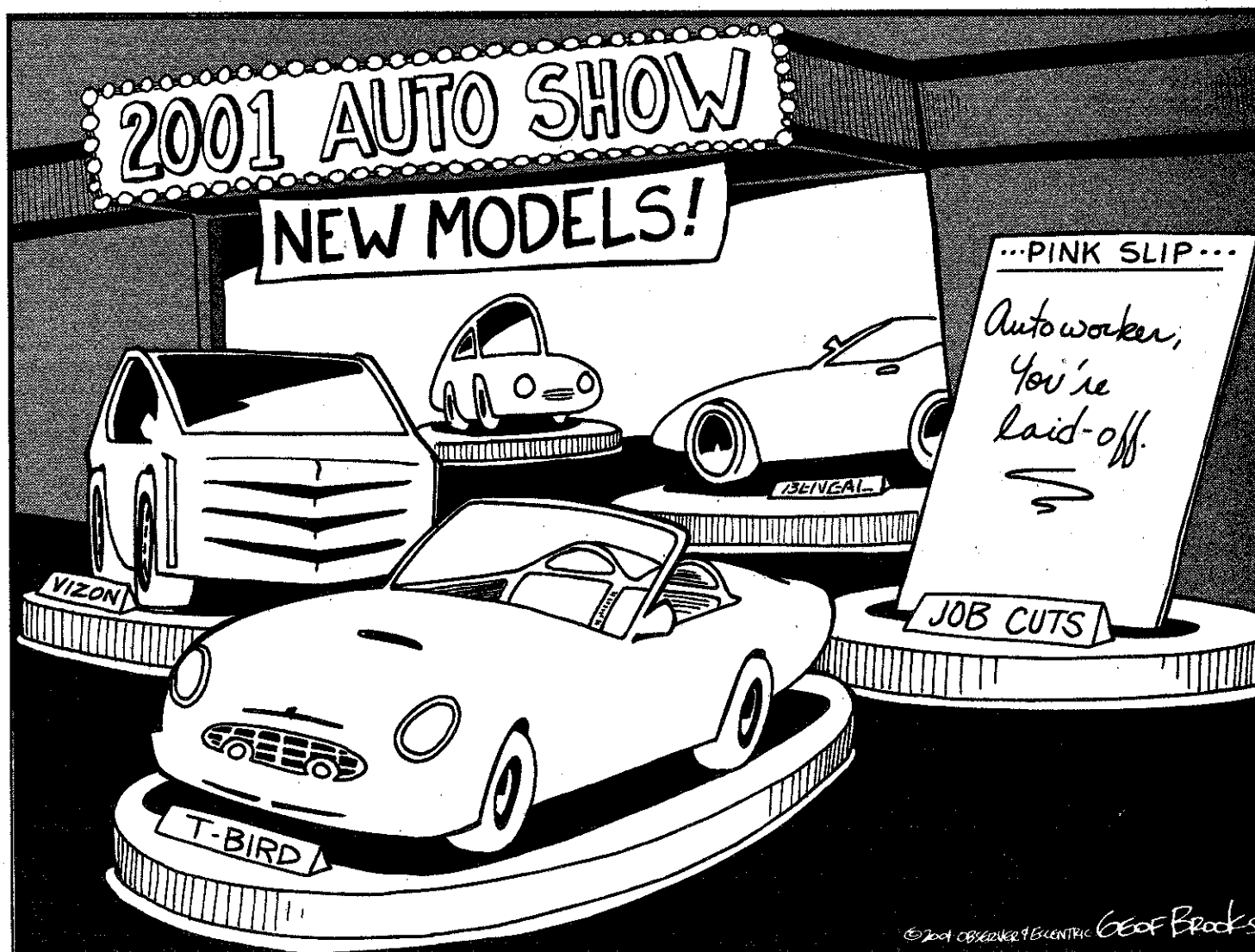
Executive action has the advantage of speed, especially when dealing with building projects. But no government executive should be allowed to operate outside of legislative and public scrutiny.

Contracts involving more than routine funds should be publicly bid. Bonuses and large overruns should be approved by the county commission.

The company that formerly operated the airport parking lots subcontracted to Executive Ed McNamara's brother-in-law, raising the bright red flag of nepotism and creating an all-too-easy target for McNamara's critics. Legislative oversight might have prevented such an embarrassing situation.

Contracts involving more than routine funds should be publicly bid. Bonuses and large overruns should be approved by the county commission. All contracts should be open for public inspection.

We wouldn't need a grand jury if these processes had been followed all along.



LETTERS

Shameful Top 10

I have been following very closely the issue of the Martin Luther King holiday in Canton. Over the past few months, I have compiled a list of reasons Canton Township will not be observing Martin Luther King Day. Sadly, unlike David Letterman's Top 10, these are real. They are taken from quotes by Supervisor Tom Yack and other township board members either from newspapers or at board meetings which I attended. As this list emerged, I began to wonder if this could really be an accurate representation of the kind of thinking that goes into the making of our public policy. I hope not. But if it is, don't we deserve better leadership than this?

Reason No. 10 — "It is a township practice not to celebrate holidays that honor a single person." I never heard of this policy before. Where did it come from? If it is indeed a township practice, is it really so sacred that it can't be changed for a greater good?

Reason No. 9 — "People would not consider the meaning of the day and just think of it as a day off." I find it amazing that the board believes it needs to monitor how township employees spend their days off. Does this represent the ideals of our democratic society? Or is it more in keeping with the way totalitarian governments view their citizens?

Reason No. 8 — "Celebrating Martin Luther King Day is merely symbolism without substance." The substantial thing, according to the board, is to create a Human Relations Commission which would meet all of four times a year to try to figure out ways to get more minorities involved in township activities like the Liberty Fest.

Reason No. 7 — "The national holiday is celebrated on the third Monday in January, not actually on Martin Luther King's birthday." Could this possibly be a reason the board sees as substantial?

Reason No. 6 — "Non-vital township services, like garbage collection, would have to be postponed for a day." I think we would survive.

Reason No. 5 — "We want to do what makes sense for our community, not what others would find appropriate." Our new township motto: Canton for the Cantonites!

Reason No. 4 — "Nobody wants a day off in JANUARY." Another prime example of substantial thinking.

Reason No. 3 — "It is too expensive." According to the board's own estimate, closing township offices and giving employees a paid day off would cost approximately \$30,000. That works out to about 40 cents per person, or about .00001" of Canton's average family income of \$47,009.

Reason No. 2 — "Canton doesn't have a significant racial problem." Canton is 98 percent white. Why? Does the lack of true diversity mean we don't have a racial problem — or that we do?

Reason No. 1 — "It would be exclusive to the many other racial minorities who live in Canton to single out a black leader to honor in this way." Does the board really mean to say that we can't honor this nation's foremost leader in civil rights for all races because he is a BLACK man. If so, I shudder at what this implies.

I would like to propose my own top ten list for why Martin Luther King Day should be observed in Canton.

Reason No. 10 — It would make Canton a more welcoming place for minorities to live.

Reason No. 9 — It would raise awareness and understanding of racial problems both within and outside our

community.

Reason No. 8 — It would provide a stimulus to do something about those problems.

Reason No. 7 — It would serve as a time of reflection for each of us to examine the prejudices that reside in our own hearts.

Reason No. 6 — It would build bridges of goodwill between our predominantly white community and the predominantly black communities that lie so close to us.

Reason No. 5 — It would send a message to all people that racial harmony is important to our community.

Reason No. 4 — It would provide a forum for education focused on peace, justice and racial harmony.

Reason No. 3 — It would be a step toward the healing of wounds that are centuries old.

Reason No. 2 — It would be an act of courage and humility that could help break the spirals of fear, price, and arrogance that drive racial tensions.

Reason No. 1 — It would be a day that would bring us to focus on the truths that were dear to Dr. King and formed the foundation of his life and ministry: That love and peace are the greatest weapons against evil, that violence is always wrong, that is often necessary to make sacrifices for one's principles, that people should be judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin, that what is right is more important than what is safe or what is prudent or what is popular.

Cindy Thomas
Canton

Voting no

I would like to take this opportunity to explain to local residents my position on the proposed pay raise for the Michigan Legislature.

Contrary to unpopular opinion, the Michigan House of Representatives is not about to vote itself a large pay raise. It is being given to us — unless we can get the votes together to defeat it.

The State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) has proposed that members of the legislature, both House and Senate, receive a substantial raise. The SOCC is responsible for setting the salary levels for the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the Legislature and the Supreme Court. This format for approving pay raises was approved by the voters of Michigan during an Aug. 6, 1968 ballot referendum. The actual controlling constitutional language now appears as Article IV, Sec. 12. It has remained the will of the people for over 32 years.

Rep. Clark Bisbee R-Jackson, will introduce a proposal to require lawmakers to vote on pay raises and defer them until the next election. I, and many members of the House in both parties, am in favor of this constitutional amendment. But this time we are bound to follow the current rules.

Unfortunately, I anticipate that these increases will take effect. Our hope now is to change the system prospectively.

I will vote against the pay increase. I will do so despite the fact there are valid reasons for people responsible for running a state to be paid in accordance with their duties and responsibilities. While we are one of the few states that has a full-time Legislature, I do not want to be included in the exclusive group of highest paid legislators with California and New York.

Two years ago the House of Representatives voted against the pay raise.

I can only say there are many Republican House members who are still strongly against this pay raise.

State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton,
Majority Floor Leader

County no help

I have debated whether or not to write this letter. In the Jan. 4, 2001, issue of the Observer, Westland/Canton Postmaster Charles Quinn made the statement that people who were "snowed in" should call Wayne County. I have learned after living at my address for over 30 years, that to call the county gets little or NO results. Fourteen days after the snow started, the county finally made a sloppy attempt to clear our dirt street — less than 1/4 mile from Michigan Avenue. The only way we could eventually get out was after my husband had nearly frozen himself trying to clear the road with a garden tractor and a blade on the front. We missed garbage pickup. We had NO mail for one week. Now that the thaw has set in, the county has been here two times to spread sand that we don't even need. So...does it really do any good to call the county? Thank you for reading this. We are also senior citizens.

Milder D. Mason
Canton

CCW law unwanted

How can our lame-duck legislature and Governor Engler sign into civil law a Carry Concealed Weapon Bill that 70 percent of Michigan citizens do not want? This legislation has been on the table since the early 1990's.

The legislators waited until they could not be held accountable to pass it. What an act of cowardice. They leave and place our children, our police and our citizens in greater harm's way.

There are others who have fought these terrible bills.

If you are interested in collecting signatures to repeal this law please contact People Who Care About Kids (248) 443-2543.

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Michigan charter schools are largely a failed experiment

Well, well. Just in time for the new year, the charter school folks have unveiled a new wrinkle to get around existing state law.

Although the number of charter schools in Michigan operating under university oversight is capped at 150 and that limit was reached in 1999, there's no cap on the number of charters that can be authorized by community colleges. So the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (that's the lobbying group representing charter schools; nifty name, eh?) is urging community colleges to hire universities to help set up and manage charter schools.

Charter schools in Michigan get \$6,000 in taxpayer money per student annually. They've

been the subject of hot debate since they were authorized by state law in 1993. There were eight charter schools in 1994; 79 in 1996; 139 in 1998; 173 in 1999.

The legislature capped that number after complaints arose that universities — mainly Central Michigan University, which runs what looks a lot like a charter school mill and makes a big profit thereby — were authorizing charters too quickly and without serious oversight. Gov. Engler tried last year to get the cap lifted, but the legislature refused on grounds charter schools need to demonstrate more accountability before more are started.

Supporters claim charter schools offer alternatives to deficient public schools and offer a competitive spur to improvement in the "monopolistic" public schools. Some also say charters respond more to parental preferences than public schools.

So far, the evidence of the great charter school experiment does not inspire much confidence.

A Michigan State University study found charters are in fact neither more innovative nor more successful in student achievement than public schools.

A Western Michigan University study, released last October, raised doubts about the basic purposes of charter schools. More than 70 percent of Michigan's charter schools last year

were operated by management companies, compared with only 10 percent nationwide. The vast majority of these companies run schools as a profit-making enterprise.

Moreover, the WMU study found charter schools are selecting only the easy (and cheap) students; the practice is called "creaming." Admission is usually by interview, rather than by district-wide recruitment, which appears to be required by federal law. Charters don't provide transportation and tend to offer only elementary grade classes, which are less expensive than upper grades.

In particular, students getting special education services accounted for only 3.7 percent of Michigan charter school enrollment, compared to 12.5 percent of public school kids. As public schools know full well, special education is expensive. Those charters run by for-profit companies have an obvious motive for making sure kids needing special ed services are kept out.

Until his retirement, Tim Richard ran the statewide news service for this newspaper. In a note to me last week, he expounded on this subject:

"Clearly, one-third (my figure) of charter schools are excellent, and two-thirds are below the neighboring public schools. We should be closing many of the latter before we think of taking over Benton Harbor, Inkster and Oak Park," says Richard.

"Charter schools were started in New York City and most other places to be specialized quality schools — e.g. performance arts, science, whatever. In Michigan, the charter association says charter operators never intended to be innovative. That's dead wrong. We're wasting a ton of money on mediocre academies to satisfy authoritative parents' whims for control. Michigan's charter schools are largely a failed experiment, a lost opportunity," Richard concludes.

Remember the old definition of government? "A large pot of money, surrounded by people who want some of it."

The charter school lobby is one of the best examples to date of the phenomenon. Their latest attempt to end-run state law offers a perfect example of the point.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at

Name change means saying good-bye to the memories

Say it ain't so, Target!

First Berry Gordy moved Motown to California so he could make movies.

Vernor's is now made in Texas. Stroh's stopped making beer on the Detroit River and then stopped making beer altogether. Sanders, where we all went as children for hot fudge sundae cream puffs, closed its stores.

Chrysler got taken over by (sorry, merged with) a German company, and DaimlerChrysler headquarters is now in Stuttgart.

And, now, Hudson's will take on the name of a Chicago department store and become Marshall Field's.

Bit by bit, piece by piece, all those things that have been distinctively Detroit are being worn

away in the general homogenization of America.

I have nothing against Marshall Field's. It's a fine, upscale department store and, unlike its corporate cousin Hudson's, it still has a wonderful store in the heart of Chicago's booming downtown. It has been a fine institution in the city of Chicago for

decades, just as Hudson's has been an important part of metro Detroit.

I believe Target Corp. (formerly Dayton-Hudson) when they say shoppers won't notice a difference, that the stores will continue to offer the same quality of merchandise and high level of service that Detroit shoppers have come to expect.

But it isn't "just a name." Obviously, Target believes they will prosper more on having one name for all their upscale stores and that Marshall Field's is the brand they want to use.

But in Detroit, the name J. L. Hudson's has always meant something special, from its beginning in 1881.

When I was a student at Wayne State University in the late 1960s, I worked for a couple of years as a walking messenger for the Detroit Free Press. It was my job to go to stores and ad agencies in the city and collect ad copy and art work. I became well acquainted with the downtown and its many stores and fell in love with the fantasy called Hudson's.

Woodward was still humming along in those years before and just after the devastating riot of 1967. Detroit's main street was still a thriving commercial area with Grinnell's, Himmelhoch's,

B. Siegel's and other stores, from Hughes & Hatcher's on the north (where Hockeytown is now) to the Spirit of Detroit in front of the still new City-County building. The heart and soul of that business district was the block dominated by Hudson's.

Kern's was gone, an unsightly vacant lot that gave warning of what was to come. Crowley's sat behind Hudson's in a far less attractive building with a rickety antique escalator.

But Hudson's was a constantly changing showcase, a reminder of times past when life moved more slowly and more elegantly. Elevator operators with gloved hands took shoppers to the many floors, stocked with the best the world had to offer. An elevator captain assigned passengers to different elevators with polite efficiency.

Each month a different theme was featured, played out in window displays, in store specials and appropriate entertainment. One month, usually May, a mariachi band would play to promote fashions and folk art from Mexico. In March, Irish music would lead shoppers to linens and wools. In June, beach fashions would be showcased to the music of jangly surf guitars.

And, of course, best of all, during Christmas, the 7th Floor would become a child's dream come magically to life. Everyone knew that the *real* Santa Claus was at the downtown Hudson's.

Hudson's had been one of the first stores to go suburban when it opened its Northland store in Southfield, but the downtown store was still a destination, a special trip well worth taking.

My parents would shop other places but they, and it seemed everyone else, always said that Hudson's was different. Hudson's offered quality products and stood behind those products. Hudson's meant quality, service, something special.

That seemed to be the theme in Hudson's public events as well. The Thanksgiving Day parade was a Hudson's event, and every year we all agreed that Macy's put on a good show, but Hudson's put on a better parade. Every Fourth of July, Hudson's would spread out the world's largest American flag across its mighty face and join hands across the water to celebrate freedom with our Canadian neighbors.

That once-fine building was allowed to deteriorate until it could be imploded. Even that wasn't done very well, as the cascading bricks put the train to nowhere (the People Mover) out of operation for a while.

Now it's a ghostly, empty spot. The ghosts of Kern's and Hudson's are now together.

And soon, the name J. L. Hudson will be a lost, distant memory of another century.

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Mike Malott

Possessing a weapon permit is more than just a piece of paper

Adoption of new standards for the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed weapon in Michigan has spurred a great deal of argument. As someone who favors full debate of public policy, I see that as a good thing. But not all of the discussion surrounding this issue has been of a high caliber. Rhetoric has been coming from both sides.

On the other hand, some folks have had some real insight to offer. One of the brightest conversations I've run across came from three men, all of whom claimed to already have CCW permits, who were trading posts recently on a Michigan outdoors opinion forum on the Internet.

Carrying a concealed weapon is an "awesome responsibility," one CCW permit holder stated. He was wondering whether the folks who say they want to be able to carry a weapon had really given that much thought. He speculated they had not.

By its nature, the act of carrying a gun gives you the ability to decide whether someone else lives or dies. Yes, it is supposed to be only for self-defense, and what that means is spelled out in law. But it is you who ultimately will have to make the decision of when to pull the trigger.

Such decisions, this gentleman CCW permit holder went on to say, are almost always made very quickly and in less than ideal conditions. Certainly, they are always made when circumstances have become rather frightening.

You'll have mere seconds to make this decision — when things are moving terrifyingly fast, perhaps in poor light, involving people you don't know, who may or may not have weapons themselves.

Police train long and hard for this moment, and they still don't always get it right. We still hear of cases in which police officers thought a perpetrator had a gun, but after the shooting couldn't find a weapon. To some degree, we give officers the benefit of the doubt in such circumstances. After all, they are going into dangerous situations on our behalf to maintain law and order. And we do understand that it is possible to think someone has a gun when they don't. Officers in that situation can still find themselves in a lot of trouble.

The CCW permit holder who thinks an attacker has a gun when he or she really does not will get no such benefit of the doubt.

The decision to pull the trigger becomes a crap shoot, the debaters continued. Deciding in split

seconds whether to use the gun, it is a roll of the dice that police, prosecutors, judges and jury will agree with you later on, as they review it in less hurried circumstances.

If you think current CCW permit laws are unclear, what constitutes self-defense is even less well spelled out. A wrong call here could result in jail time, and lots of it.

The Legislature did nothing in its recent reform of CCW standards to address the issue of what

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constitutes self-defense, and your attorney won't be with you to help you sort out when things have become so threatening that you would be justified in resorting to gunplay.

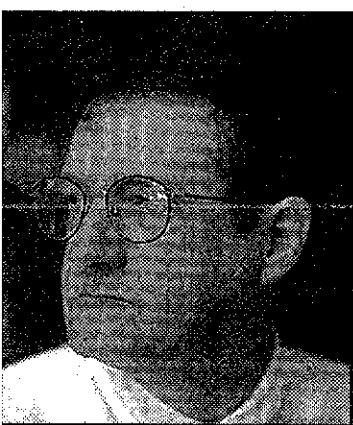
The CCW permit holder who feels compelled to use his or her weapon will most assuredly be spending a lot of time with police and the prosecutor after the fact while they review whether the shooting was justified.

Even if it is eventually ruled to be justified by police, these three current permit holders contended, there will probably be a civil lawsuit after the fact. They noted that even when police officers are cleared of wrongdoing when they use a gun, there is almost always legal action later from the perpetrator's family.

Surely, an attacker's family will treat a CCW permit holder no differently.

All that is better than being dead, I suppose. But unless your life is truly in danger, having a CCW permit might just buy you more trouble than it solves.

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Hugh Gallagher

decades, just as Hudson's has been an important part of metro Detroit.

I believe Target Corp. (formerly Dayton-Hudson) when they say shoppers won't notice a difference, that the stores will continue to offer the same quality of merchandise and high level of service that Detroit shoppers have come to expect.

But it isn't "just a name." Obviously, Target believes they will prosper more on having one name for all their upscale stores and that Marshall Field's is the brand they want to use.

But in Detroit, the name J. L. Hudson's has always meant something special, from its beginning in 1881.

When I was a student at Wayne State University in the late 1960s, I worked for a couple of years as a walking messenger for the Detroit Free Press. It was my job to go to stores and ad agencies in the city and collect ad copy and art work. I became well acquainted with the downtown and its many stores and fell in love with the fantasy called Hudson's.

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Dedicated volunteers realize Nankin Mills Center dream

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County's newest educational attraction is already piquing the public's curiosity.

"It's sparking lots of questions about history and wildlife," said naturalist Carol Clements regarding the first weekend of operation of the \$1-million-plus Nankin-Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Some 100 – including county CEO Edward H. McNamara – attended last Thursday evening's invitation-only premiere and nearly 80 more were on hand Friday and Saturday, the center's first two public viewing days.

All visited the three floors of exhibits, interactive computers and realistic historical dioramas that bring to life the history of the Rouge River and the Nankin Mill area from the glaciers to Henry Ford (who used to own the mill) and their significance to metropolitan Detroit's development.

The premiere was of special importance to Denise Johnson, president of the hosting Friends of Nankin Mills, and to Tom Brown, former state legislator and Westland mayor.

Johnson, a Westland resident and Livonia kindergarten teacher, has had a nearly lifelong fascination with the old mill.

It took a dozen years of Friends' wine and cheese fundraisers plus the efforts of City of Westland grant writers and parks personnel, she said, to first save the mill from the wrecking ball, to restore and refurbish it and to re-create it as an interpretive center.

"Nankin Mills has a history that is important to understanding the evolution of our county and our region," Johnson said. "It is very rewarding to see the mill's full potential finally realized."

Brown, now in his 80s, was among the few with the vision to see that potential and the influence to make things happen. He was its first "resident agent" – liaison between governmental bodies and the non-profit Friends to secure the necessary funding, according to Johnson.

McNamara said the building "might not even be standing today if not for the hard work and dedication of this group," singling out the Friends and Johnson and also county com-

mission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

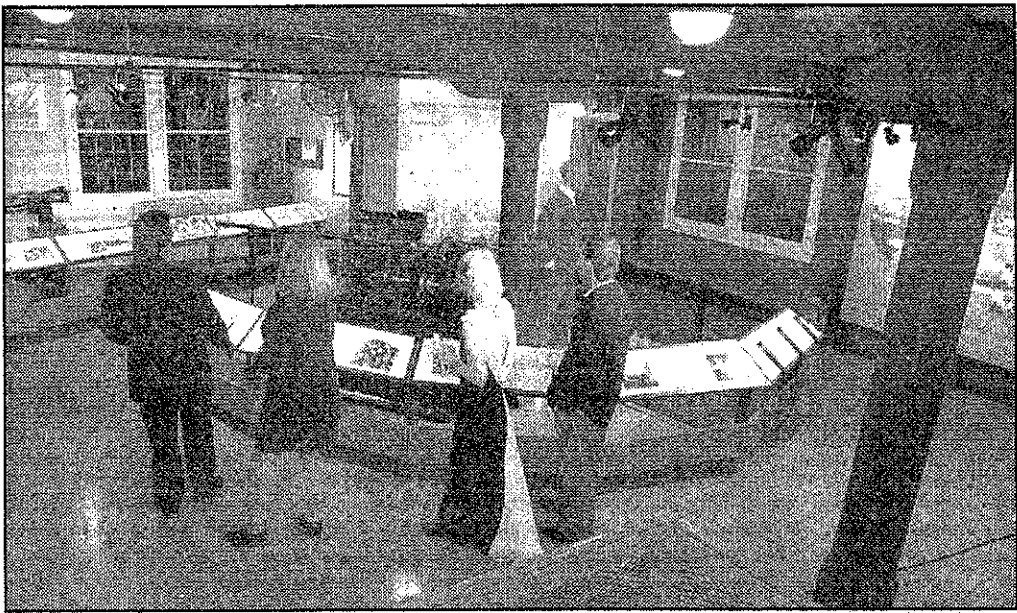
Basic financing for the new center came from the county's half-mill parks millage, which voters renewed last year. Other financial help came from the Rouge River Project office, the Ford Motor Co. and employees of Ford's Visteon Sheldon Road plant.

"This beautiful new facility is on par with anything you could find at Greenfield Village," said McNamara. "Our parks staff has

done a spectacular job of recreating thousands of years of our local history."

He noted that Nankin Mill was deeded to the county in 1948 by Henry Ford's widow.

Others present Thursday included former county Parks Director Hurley Coleman, who brought the new center to fruition and is now an assistant county executive, and Assistant Parks Director Larry Fitch, who is expected to succeed Coleman.



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Industrial giant: A life-size Henry Ford is part of the Nankin Mills exhibit showing industry along the Rouge River.

Schoolcraft offers trade seminars

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■ March 13, Foreign Government Sales: doing business with developing nations; the role of multinational development banks; USAID.

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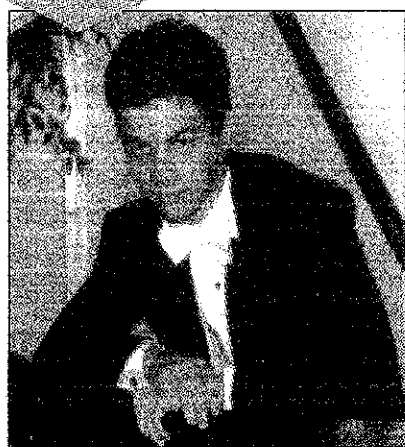
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli brings his trio to Orchestra Hall at 8 p.m. in a concert that will also feature his father, jazz guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli. Tickets \$17-\$65, (313) 576-5111.

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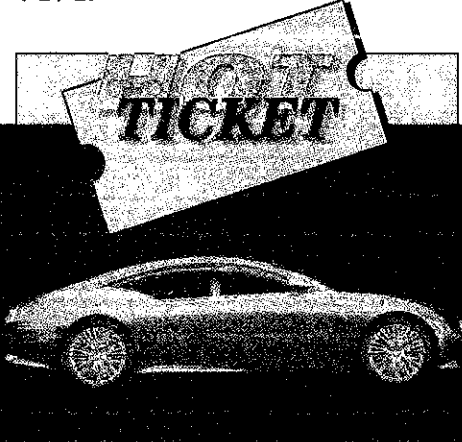


The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights the talent of 16-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen 7:30 p.m. at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$10 students, (734) 425-4855 or (248) 645-6666.

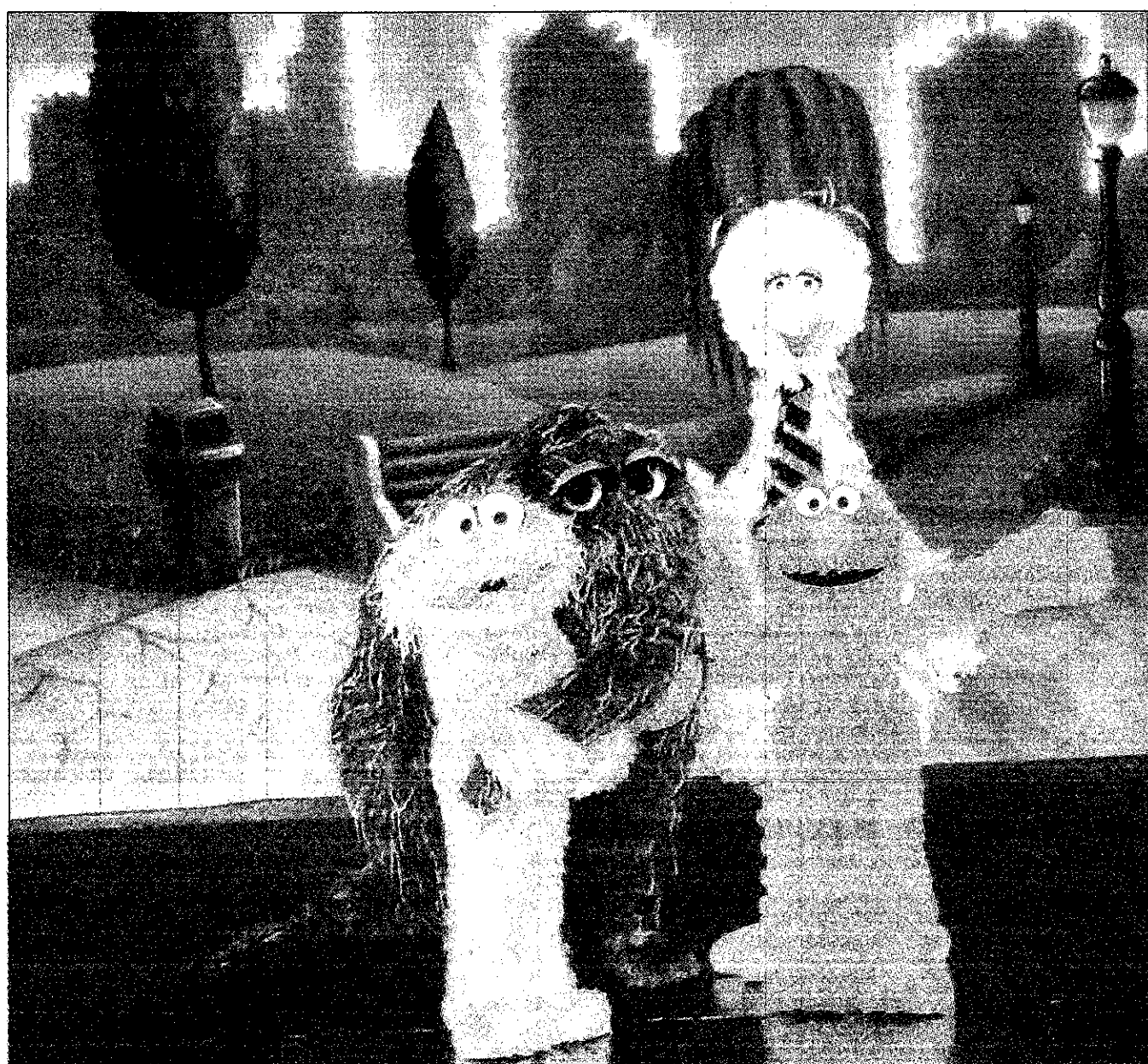
SUNDAY



Lace up your skates and take a lap around the outdoor ice rink made with Super Ice that's part of the "Extreme Ice" exhibit at SPIRIT of Ford 1151 Village Road in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children, ages 5-12, no charge for children age 4 and younger, (313) 317-7474.



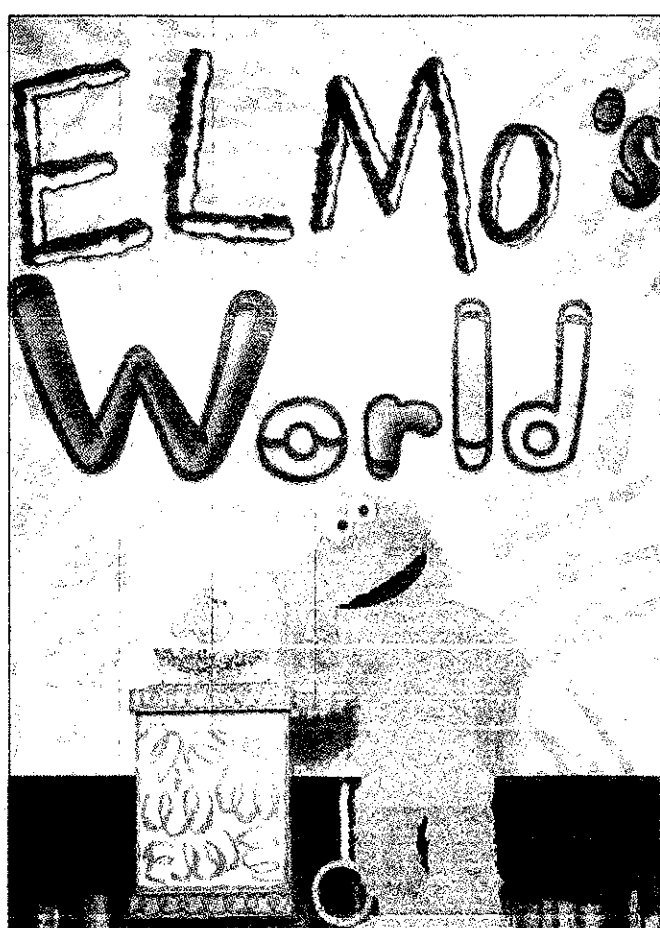
There is still time to see the Buick LaCrosse concept car and other vehicles on display at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit. Show Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. No charge for children up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people ages 13-64, and \$5 for those age 65 and up.



Fuzzy friends: Elmo, Zoe, Snuffy and the rest of the Sesame Street gang are ready for Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out from Jan. 24-Feb. 4 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

SUNNY DAY CAMP OUT

Sesame Street brings all new production to town



Monster mania: Sesame Street Live features the fuzzy red monster, Elmo, in a special 15-minute segment with his neighborhood friends, his pet fish, Dorothy, and Mr. Noodle.

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With so many weeks of cold, cold weather and snowfall upon snowfall, who wouldn't be ready for a Sunny Day Camp Out?

Certainly the Sesame Street gang is, and that motley mob of monsters is set to bring its musical camping trip to the Fox Theatre in Detroit for 24 performances from Wednesday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 4.

Sesame Street Live rolled into town last year at this time, but that was with *When I Grow Up*.

Sunny Day Camp Out, an all-new production for the Detroit area, features Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster and the rest of the happy campers preparing for the perfect camping excursion.

But oh, the agony they must also endure to find a cozy place to rest.

Big Bird's nest is too small, Snuffy's cave is dripping water, Ernie's house is filled with dancing sheep, bats are boogying in the Count's place and Elmo has fish. And with all that music, dancing and singing, when are our weary campers to rest?

Now in its 21st year, *Sesame Street Live* is the longest running Broadway-style tour for children. In fact, when the Emmy Award winning public television show decided to take its Muppets on the road, Christine Giuliari, who plays Elmo, was barely a year old.

Now the 22-year-old Rochester, New York native is in her second year with the touring company. Last year, she played *Prairie Dawn* in Detroit. But with seniority under her belt, this year she chose to be the undisputed

favorite among the youngest *Sesame Street* viewers — Elmo.

"Actually, I started out as Zoe on this tour, but the Elmo got hurt and I took over the role in October," said Giuliari.

Injuries like sway-back are not uncommon when you consider the costumes can easily weigh 25 pounds. Giuliari, a trained dancer, said Elmo's red furry costume weighs 15 pounds, and it's all in the head and feet.

On stage, the characters dance, but the voices are pre-recorded, so you hear the actual voices of the characters on the television program.

Sunny Day Camp Out also features a 15-minute segment of Elmo's World with Dorothy the Fish and Mr. Noodle, Elmo's next door neighbor.

"All the kids sing along with me, and I get my energy back from the kids," said Giuliari. Indeed, to her 5- and 6-year-old nieces, Giuliari is right up there with Britney.

"They take my pictures to school and just think that this is the best thing ever," she said.

Giuliari isn't looking to make a career out of the production, but does plan to stay on for another year of the tour. "It's been a great way to see the country," she said.

And she's also been able to be close to her fiancé who works concession for the show. The two plan a July wedding, but until then Giuliari will have to forgo white silk taffeta in favor of Elmo's tangled red fur.

What: *Sesame Street Live's Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out*
When: Wednesday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 4
Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Tickets: \$10, \$14 and \$18. Premium seats at \$25. For information call the Fox Theatre at (313) 983-6611.

MUSIC

U-M conductor to lead bands in 'Two for One' concert

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January is a good month to shop for bargains, and if you're shopping around for something fun to do on Sunday, consider attending the *Two for One* concert at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

The Farmington Community Band and The Birmingham Concert Band will perform separately and together on the same stage in a program that features some *Amazing Grace*, *American Fanfare*, and rousing marches.

What: *Two-for-One* features the Birmingham Concert Band with The Farmington Community Band performing separately and together.
When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21
Where: Harrison High School Auditorium, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads, Farmington Hills)
Tickets: No charge for admission, but donations will be appreciated. Call (734) 261-2202 for information.

Paul Barber will lead the Farmington band and Grant Hoemke the Birmingham band. After each has

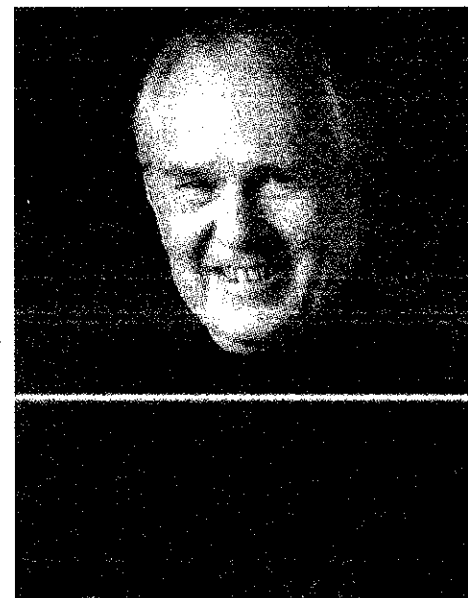
played a variety of selected pieces, they will join together on stage for a combined performance. The Birmingham band will play first.

H. Robert Reynolds, director of Bands at the University of Michigan, will conduct the combined band. Reynolds also conducts The Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, an ensemble made up of members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and has been a featured conductor and lecturer at international conferences.

The idea of a joint band concert evolved from a Festival of Bands that was held at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi for 18 years. After the festival, which showcased the Farmington, Birmingham and other local bands was discontinued two years ago, Hoemke called Barber to suggest hosting a joint concert with a guest conductor.

Last year's concert at Birmingham Groves High School, which featured guest conductor Douglas Bianchi, director of Bands at Wayne State University, was a success, so this year Barber offered to host it at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills.

"It's interesting to see folks meet for the first time and make music together," said Barber. "The audience gets to see two different groups perform a variety of music led by a renowned conductor. In band circles Mr. Reynolds is one of the biggies, and he's in our back yard."



Guest conductor: H. Robert Reynolds, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan, will conduct the Birmingham Concert Band and Farmington Community Band in a joint concert performance on Jan. 21.

Each band will play for 30 minutes: The Farmington Community Band will open with *American Fanfare* by John Wasson, which Barber describes as being a rousing, festive piece. Followed by *Petty Harbour Bait Skiff*, "a pretty little Newfoundland folk song," arranged by Jim Duff, the contemporary sounding *Divertimento for Band* by Vincent Persichetti, *Dixiland Clambake*, a light, fun piece arranged by John Warrington that includes solos by band members, and close with the classic and powerful *Marche Militaire Francaise: Finale from Algerian Suite* by C. Saint Saëns.

"We were looking for contrast and interest," said Barber. "The sound of the band changes as you go through the concert." Birmingham Concert Band's program includes *Winds of Freedom* from the "Winds of Change" suite by James Curnow, *Chorale and Fugue* by J.S.

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Band *from page B1*

Bach/Johann Abert, translated by Mark Hindsley, *Pentland Hills* Concert March by Major J. W. Howe, and *Basque Rhapsody* by Melvin Shelton.

Hoemke described the first work as being "a very rhythmic piece that's kind of contemporary." *Chorale and Fugue* is your "basic Bach," *Pentland Hills* Concert March is based on Scottish aires and *Basque Rhapsody* "is very tuneful with a lot of variety and a wonderful ending."

In a grand finale, the bands, under the direction of Reynolds, will play two marches with European flavor, *Marche Des Parachutistes Belges* by Pierre Leemans/Charles Wiley and *First Suite in Eb for Military Band* by Gustav Holst, and *Amazing Grace* by William Himes/Luis Maldonado.

Hoemke, like Barber, is looking forward to the concert and Reynolds conducting.

"It's exciting," said Hoemke. "He's one of the finest conductors in the country."

"He has a commanding presence, but a very soft-spoken way

■ 'The people are trying to enjoy the skills that they have. It's going to affect their families, children and friends. Music, it's an important issue.'

H. Robert Reynolds
Featured conductor

about him," said clarinetist Jan DeOrio of Farmington during Monday's joint rehearsal.

Reynolds also enjoyed the experience and teased band members that their performance wasn't being graded.

"The people are trying to enjoy the skills that they have," said Reynolds. "It's going to affect their families, children and friends. Music, it's an important issue."

There is no charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted.

"You don't get a better deal than that," said Barber.

Dinner dance

The Farmington Community Band will host a Valentine Dinner Dance Friday, Feb. 9, at Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads) in Farmington Hills. Cash bar cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner served 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight to the big band sound of the Farmington Community Band Dance Band.

Tickets \$42 per person, tables of eight may also be reserved. Last year's dance was a sell-out, early reservations suggested. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 or visit the Farmington Community Band Web site, www.fcbandmusic.org.


Classical music makes comeback

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At the risk of bringing up a sore subject for many devoted listeners of classical music, it appears that the demise of WQRS-FM several years ago marked the end of the classical format in local commercial radio.

Efforts to resurrect the format here have been valiant, but the result generally has been special programming on a less-than-ideal AM frequency. It is surprising how many former WQRS listeners still feel the void. Not just for the music, but for the lineup of air personalities that included Paul Russell, Dick Wallace and Dave Wagner.

I, for one, don't miss seeing Dave because he serves as a classical music host on Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*. He found a musical home base at Madonna University, and can

often be found performing, attending or hyping classical concerts around town.

There is a suggestion I can offer those who are still discouraged by the absence of classical music on commercial radio. Put simply, be more like Dave. Although we may not be able to perform or teach like him, we can at least attend.

To get you started, this week's edition of *Backstage Pass*, airing Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday night at 1 a.m., previews a Dave-endorsed classical concert.

In celebration of Detroit's Tricentennial, The Tuesday Musicales and Music at Memorial are presenting a concert of works by four distinguished Detroit area composers. The performance, set for 3 p.m., Sunday, January 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, showcases Mark Gottlieb of Royal Oak, Detroit native James Lentini, Lettie Beckon Alston of Troy, and James Hartway, Professor of Music at Wayne State University. A sampling of the program may be

heard on this week's *Backstage Pass* as pianist Jacqueline Csurgai-Schmidt performs a piece from Hartway's *Three Myths for Piano*.

It isn't just the music of WQRS-FM that many listeners miss, but the non-stuffy style of its air personalities. If it is any consolation, this approach seems to have been adopted by many classical music artists and institutions. Consider the program staged by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra last week. Composer in residence Michael Daugherty's *Dead Elvis* was featured, along with a four-bassoon concerto, *Hell's Angels*. Violin virtuoso Joshua Bell, one of People Magazine's "Most Beautiful People," was on hand to perform and sign autographs at intermission.

These contemporary twists serve to expand the classical audience, much the way a radio station can. And, while classical lovers may still miss WQRS-FM, it is a relief to know that the appreciation (and fun) of the music is still very accessible.

Slide into '70s soul



Flash back: Check out the '70s Soul Jam, featuring The Stylistics (right), Dramatics (left), Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and The Delfonics perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$30, \$37.50 and \$50. Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666.

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Awaken to the somber-pop of Slumber Party



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Slumber Party doesn't ask for much.

Detroit's premier women of pop just want to meet Eminem. That's all. Maybe tour as his opening band. Whether the rapper would agree to

juxtaposing his no-holds-barred hip hop stylings with the sounds of such genteel guitar work and downright lilting harmonies, that I don't know.

But I do know it would be a mistake to decline any invitation from this Slumber Party. Three of the band's founding members — Alicia Berg, Gretchen Gonzales and Leigh Sabo — met me at Detroit's Cass Cafe on Jan. 11 to talk about the real Slim Shady, a penchant for pink frosty beverages and of course, the future. First, here's a bit of the past.

The band met and formed through mutual friends within the Detroit music scene around 1998. And despite a general boys-club atmosphere existing around the city today, this girls-only band is creating a buzz. "We never really thought about it," said Gonzales. "We're friends with a lot of the other bands."

Sabo agreed: "There's a lot of camaraderie."

Pet Sounds to the Party

As a young girl, guitarist and Ferndale resident Gretchen Gonzales remembers making dance routines and prancing around to the pet sounds of the Beach Boys — no doubt a musical influence on the sub-dubbed sugary harmonies offered by Slumber Party today. Backed by the gently sweeping beats of drummer Leigh Sabo and bassist Marcie Bolen and brushed with the delicate hushed vocals of singer Alicia Berg, the sounds of Slumber Party call for attention. If you haven't already heard the band, it's time to wake up and take

notice.

Slumber Party got its name from a telephone conversation Berg had with Kim Fowley a few years back. Fowley is best known as manager extraordinaire for The Runaways — an all-girl band that spawned the careers of Joan Jett and Lita Ford. "I couldn't believe it wasn't taken," said Berg of the moniker. "It was so ideal for us."

Growing up listening to public radio, Berg never dreamed of becoming a singer. "As a kid, I wanted to be a novelist." Choosing to write three-minute pop songs rather than 300-page books, she now fills her days with recording and touring.

Simply put

"The reason I started playing guitar was because I could pick up boys better," admitted Berg with a smile. Guess it worked. When she moved from her hometown in Minnesota to attend Michigan State University, she met her boyfriend Matthew Smith — a well-known local music producer (The Go) who also worked on the band's album.

If not behind the drums, Leigh Sabo said she'd still be teaching kindergarten. Luckily, her bandmates agreed they can sometimes act like kindergartners, so she's remained on familiar ground. "I played guitar before I played drums," said Sabo. "There were two guitarists when we started." It was decided early on she would lay down the beats.

"I just wanted it to sound good," said Berg of her early vision for the band. "When I started to play with folks, before (Leigh) came by, before the idea of a band, I played with other drummer types. It never sounded right. There was just sort of an understanding."

That simplistic sense of sound translated into a record on Kill Rock Stars. "They're really easy," said Gonzales of the indie label. "They don't tell us what to do. We give them what we have.

They're happy with it."

"They" aren't the only ones happy with the band's latest release. Slumber Party recorded it in one week: "There was no stress," said Gonzales. "It was fun. There were no surprises. We knew what we wanted. That's what we got."

With songs like the engaging *Why Do I Care?* and *I Don't Mind*, which is featured in video format on the band's Web site, www.slumberparty.com, it's the sort of record that captures your attention from the moment you press play. The dreamy quality that pervades Slumber Party's music drifts far from a musical landscape otherwise permeated by taunting rock riffs, hip hop posturing and political sentiment.

Engineered by Michael Nehra (Robert Bradley's *Blackwater Surprise*) at Detroit's White Room Studio, the record evokes a sleepy, sometimes shiny '60s pop vibe.

This year, Slumber Party looks forward to a European release of the album. It's been picked up by Poptones, a new label launched by British music mogul Alan McGee (Oasis, Primal Scream). A European tour will likely follow this summer.

For now, though, the band is practicing, writing new material and planning to record in early March. This time the Party moves to Ghetto Records to work with another well-known Detroit producer, Jim Diamond. "We'll maintain the vibe," promised Gonzales. "We're moving forward."

Join Slumber Party when the band performs with openers Ansonia, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Gold Dollar, Detroit. Call (313) 833-6873.

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The Party: Slumber Party is Marcie Bolen, Alicia Berg, Leigh Sabo and Gretchen Gonzales.

Protest seeks radio attention

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Detroit Hip Hop's got a new catch phrase — "Don't say it. Play it."

As a founder of the Detroit Hip Hop Coalition, Rob Gill hopes to get the word out that local artists deserve more radio time in the Motor City. With help from fellow coalition founders Brandon Wilkens and Lee Martin, he has organized a protest and boycott of one urban station, Detroit's WJLB FM.

Supporters plan to protest from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in Suite 633 of the Penobscot Building on Fort Street in Detroit. The boycott of station listeners is planned for the same time period, said Gill, and will continue each Friday afternoon.

The Detroit Hip Hop Coalition, a conglomeration of Michigan hip-hop artists, promoters, disc jockeys, magazines, designers, entrepreneurs, and supporters, formed in late 2000 to bring together the hip hop scene in the

■ 'The true answer to this problem is a Hip Hop station.'

Paradime
Livonia native

Midwestern United States. Gill, a Sterling Heights resident and publisher of the weekly music newsletter *Scriptures Hip-Hop*, hopes the protest will open some eyes and ears and bring about support for local artists.

"For several years now, WJLB has neglected artists from the metro area," said Gill. "WJLB claims to be the 'voice of the community' and 'the place where hip-hop lives,' and they continue to ignore requests for area artists."

Representatives for WJLB radio did not return phone calls or answer e-mail messages in response to the matter.

One hip hop artist, Paradime (Freddie Beauregard), said the issue goes beyond more exposure for local music and beyond just

one radio station.

"I see this from both sides," said Paradime, a Livonia native. "I know people in radio, and I know people who make music. As an artist, I would love to see more support from local urban radio, and that's what this protest is about. However, cats need to realize that radio will play music that sells. If your product isn't making noise, radio isn't going to touch it. In that case you need to focus on college radio and clubs."

"The true answer to this problem is a Hip Hop station, period," said Paradime. "And until we get that in Detroit, we need to work on street promotion, club play and making quality music. WJLB should play more hip hop, yes. I agree, but us Detroit emcees need to create a more acceptable product too."

For more information, call WJLB at (313) 965-2000. For more information on the protest and boycott or the Detroit Hip-Hop Coalition, call (248) 797-991.

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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 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. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA
REDFORD: Tennessee Williams' classic *The Glass Menagerie*, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 and continues weekends through Sunday, Jan. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 and Jan. 26-27, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and Jan. 28, 15138 Beech Daly, (1 block south of Five Mile), Redford. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students, (313) 531-0554.

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Move Over Mrs. Markham* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 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) 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. \$14-\$16, (248) 541-6430.

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RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: *Sylvia* opens 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 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 afterward. (248) 988-7049

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: The Last Night of Ballyhoo by Alfred Uhry 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

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

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *Dancing at Lughnasa* Friday-Sunday, Jan. 26-28 and Feb. 2-4, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

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

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PRODUCTIONS

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE: *School House Rock Live! Jr.* 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$8. (248) 608-9077

PUPPETART: *Kolobok*, a Russian version of *The Gingerbread Man* 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 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

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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

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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

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STORYTELLING FESTIVAL: Canton Project Arts will hold its third annual Storytelling Festival featuring Syd Lieberman, Craig Roney and Corinne Stavish Saturday, Jan. 27, a family performance, recommended for ages 4 and up takes place at 1 p.m. (\$3), and an adult performance at 7:30 p.m. (\$5), at Summit on the Park, Canton. Advance tickets are recommended. (734) 397-6450

VALENTINE'S DANCE: The 20th annual 50's Valentine's Dance, presents Reflections, with Deuce Coupe Band, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Stiletto's, at the PRCU Civic Center, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. Tickets \$22. 21 and older welcome. Includes food, bar, door prizes. Call Chooch at (734) 229-0678 or Chuck at (734) 425-2363 for details.

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EMPTY BOWLS OPEN HOUSE: 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Yad Ezra, 26641 Harding, one block east of Greenfield, south of 11 Mile. \$18 donation includes a handmade bowl and simple meal of Cholent (a simple kosher stew) and bread. To benefit the Food Bank of Oakland County.

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

VISIONS OF THE SACRED: More than 40 photojournalists from around the world have donated their work of the online auction Visions of the Sacred. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Photographs can be viewed online at www.visionsacred.org and at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn through Sunday, Jan. 21. Bids can be placed anytime online or at Fairlane 4-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Each photographer has donated two matched prints: one for the auction and a second to be hung in the soup kitchen. Photographs will be on display at Fairlane during mail hours. Images will rotate during the

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CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Brentano String Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$18-\$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Violinist Carolyn Huebl joins the orchestra for Prokofiev *Violin Concerto No. 1 in D* 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. \$18, \$2 students. (313) 565-2424

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Tchaikovsky's *Manfred Symphony* 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Spotlights the talent of 16-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Churchill High School, Livonia. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 425-4855/(248) 645-6666

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

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

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Auditions for On Golden Pond, 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 23-24 in the Liberal Arts Building Theatre, 18600 Haggerty. The play will be presented March 23-24 and March 30-31 in a dinner theater setting and April 6-7 in a theater performance. (734) 462-4596.

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 (between Southfield and Cranbrooks). 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.

JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Holds auditions Tuesday through the month of January, dancers should be age 18 and up with

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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. 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

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

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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

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THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-

REDFORD: Auditions for *The Fantastiks* 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 21-22, roles available for 6 women, one young girl and a mime, at the theater, Redford. Performance dates are March 23-24 and 30-31, and April 1 and 6-8. (313) 531-0554

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Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through February, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

COMMUNITY BAND/CHOIR

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 (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lakes) 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

COMMUNITY CONCERT

ASSOCIATION OF TROY: Presents the Troy High School Concert Choir and Stardust Vocal Ensemble, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway. \$15, (810) 979-8406 or (248) 335-5307.

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's 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

LOS GATOS:

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

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX:

Saturday, Jan. 20, Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450

BIRMINGHAM VESPERS:

Barbara Ware and The Kevin Grenier Trio with Steve Wood on saxophone 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. (248) 644-0550.

JOHN PIZZARELLI TRIO:

Jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli brings his trio to Orchestra Hall in Detroit 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. \$17 to \$65, (313) 576-5111.

RON'S FIRESIDE INN:

Matt Michaels Trio with guest vocalist April Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 28937 Warren (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756.

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT

IV: Features Joe Hunter, Dr. Teddy Harris, Kenny Cox, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. No charge. (313) 831-1250.

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL:

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

ALEX DE GRASSI:

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

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Thursday, Jan. 18, traditional Irish session 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, open Mike 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, Bill Long 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968.

THE ARK: Fred Eaglesmith 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, \$13.50. Sons of the Never Wrong 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, (734) 761-1800.

DANCE

MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE: Cedena Boukraa demonstrates the fine points of sword dance as well as other Middle Eastern dances 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. (734) 326-6123

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington, 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

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: 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: Robert Hawkins, Jan. 17-20, 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, 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

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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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

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.

LORI AMEY: 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. \$22.50 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come.

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

BLOWTOP: Friday, Jan. 19, Tap Room, Ypsilanti. (734) 482-5320; With The Muggs, Thursday, Jan. 25, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560; Saturday, Jan. 27, New Way Bar, Ferndale. \$5, 21 and older. (248) 541-9870.

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: Friday, Jan. 19, Hunter House, Detroit. (313) 965-0265; Saturday, Jan. 20, TC's Speakeasy, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4470; 10 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 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

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

CLASHBACK: A Clash Cover Band, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

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

CORNDADDY: With The Drapes, Thursday, Jan. 18, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

THE CRUMBS: With Proteins, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. (313) 961-8961

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 theatre 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

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

EKOOSTIK HOOKAK: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397

ESHAM: With Natas, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$25. (313) 961-8961

EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961

MIKE GEORGIN: With Jason Dennie, 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 Metropolix, Mike Farley Band, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159

HAPPENSTANCE: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, 26-27, Feb. 16-17, 23-24, Shantie Bar, Warren. (810) 755-5055; Friday-Saturday, Feb. 3-10, Stan's Dugout, Auburn Hills. (248) 852-6433

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

AL HILL: 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, Mac's Acedian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227

AL HILL: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 23-27, Jan. 30-Feb. 3, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; With the Love Butlers, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Cavern Club,

Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

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: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. (734) 332-9900.

ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

LEMON JAMES: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Scalici's Underground Lounge, Allen Park. (313) 382-5844

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

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 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

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.

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

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

MATCHBOX 20: With Everclear, Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$24.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

CLUB CIRCUIT

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ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

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

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

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

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THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

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FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

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FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

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GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

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JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

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LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100, or www.palacenet.com

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STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

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THE TOWN PUMP TAVERN: 100 W. Montclair, Detroit. (313) 961-1929

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

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WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3948

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467



MOVIES

'Antitrust' is a modern-day thriller worth seeing

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Maybe it's not the meek but the geek who shall inherit the earth. If so, it can't hurt them to inhabit a bit of James Bond before they do. That seems to be the message in *Antitrust*, a surprisingly pleasing thriller for the Z-generation, or whatever they're calling themselves this week.

Young computer programming genius Milo (Ryan Phillippe of *Cruel Intentions*) is recruited and seduced by the perceived idealism of Gary Winston (Tim Robbins), the Bill Gates-like head of giant software company N.U.R.V. (Never Underestimate Radical Vision). Gary gives a

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motivational speech right out of *Patton*, cautioning that in life, as in binary code, "You're either a 1 or a 0."

Abandoning his friends and garage-based startup company, Milo joins N.U.R.V. to make history by perfecting digital convergence, the linking of all communications devices. He's assigned to a think tank with snowboards on the wall and people named

Stinky. We can tell how dazzled Milo is with Gary and his breakthrough technology; when shown a new program, he gushes, "The compression is awesome!"

But outside the N.U.R.V. campus, programmers are dropping like last year's game formats. When Milo's best friend is killed, he turns into Tom Cruise to go undercover and expose Gary and his cohorts, which eventually

include everyone but the film's projectionist. There's a terrific line when one of the bad guys corners Milo and laughs, "What's with the *Mission Impossible* stuff? You're just a geek."

Cynicism aside, *Antitrust* is a well thought-out piece that promotes the cause of free access to the codes for all computer programs (open-source) as opposed to the corporate monopoly currently before the courts. Along the way, you get a taut story with classic (some would say trite) movie twists.

Ryan Phillippe is both the leading man and the leading problem with *Antitrust*.

Too teen idolish to be a geek and too frail to be a super-sleuth, he's likeable but unconvincing. Milo has two women in his life; four if you figure that neither woman is who she pretends to be. Claire Forlani (Meet Joe Black) is Alice the artsy girlfriend whose past is a lot more colorful than her paintings. Rachael Leigh Cook (She's All That) is programming assistant Lisa, the only other person at N.U.R.V. who looks like she's had a date and the only one Milo can trust.

Veteran Tim Robbins is the class of the field. The fact that we know from the get-go that he's out to conquer the world at all costs lets him have fun with being a slimeball billionaire.

Antitrust is a logical successor to 1983's *War Games*. If you can handle the geek speak and know your way around a mouse, you should make it through without crashing.



Trapped: Ryan Phillippe and Rachael Leigh Cook star in *Antitrust*, in metro area theaters now.

Film fails to capture story of Cuban Missile Crisis

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

October 1962. An American U-2 spy plane sends some disturbing photos back to Washington authorities. In Castro's Cuba, more than 32 medium-range missile sites have been discovered. Behind the scheme (not surprisingly) lurks America's arch-enemy, the Soviet Union.

As President John F. Kennedy and his administration wrestle with the situation, one thing soon becomes clear: the presence of these missiles (which, if deployed, could reach as far as Washington) cannot be tolerated. On the other hand, just exactly what to do about them proves to be a rather murky and controversial puzzle.

This hair-trigger episode, which threatened to set off an earth-shattering world war, came to be known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was, to say the least, a tense and excruciatingly dramatic time, and those of us old enough to remember Kennedy's live television announcement of his decision to blockade Cuba will probably never forget it. But, in *Thirteen Days*, neither director Roger Donaldson (*The Bounty*) or screenwriter David Self (*The Haunting*) has managed to capture the excitement or the high drama. Instead, we end up with a mishmash of words, talking heads, clenching jaws, enough meaningful glances for the frothiest of soap operas, and a pace that is not only slow, but downright ponderous at times.

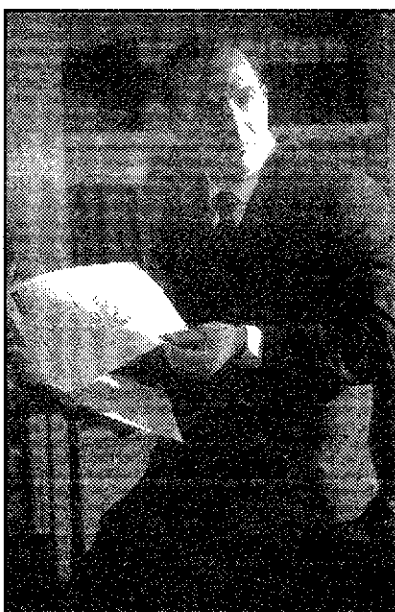
Told from the viewpoint of presidential aide, Kenneth O'Donnell, this version of events shows military brass like Gen. Curtis LeMay (Kevin Conway) and Gen. Maxwell Taylor (Bill

Smitrovich) at almost constant odds with the cooler heads of those gathered in the Oval Office: JFK (Bruce Greenwood), his brother, Bobby (Steven Culp, in one of the film's strongest performances), and O'Donnell (Kevin Costner, challenged considerably by his character's Boston-Irish-Harvard speech).

Another cool head belongs to the aging UN ambassador, Adlai Stevenson (played admirably by that unsung actor, Michael Fairman). Dean Rusk (Henry Strozier), Robert McNamara (Dylan Baker), McGeorge Bundy (Frank Wood), Ted Sorenson (Tim Kelleher), and Dean Acheson (Len Cariou) also illustrate that another kind of "war" existed around the President's conference tables. Lyndon B. Johnson (Walter Adrian) is, according to this picture, kept out of the fray entirely, which seems rather unlikely for an officeholder who is "only a heartbeat away" from the presidency, and more than a little disturbing if true. The shutting-out of the vice-president is not hashed-over here, though; he seems to have been merely invisible during the crisis.

For film trivia buffs: Christopher Lawford, an actor who is a blood relative of the late President, portrays a pilot eager to do his part on a hazardous mission over Cuba.

Washington conference room scenarios are occasionally intercut with shots of the U.S. Navy enforcing the American blockade of Cuba, or surveillance flyovers, or some domestic scenes in the O'Donnell household. Though these provide variety and relief from the vaguely claustrophobic Washington deliberations, they simply seem like scenes in a



Drama: Kevin Costner stars in *'Thirteen Days.'*

movie, with little "you-are-there" feel to them at all. In addition, a strongly manipulative background score doesn't improve matters. Some scenes, shot in black-and-white, apparently aim for a kind of nostalgic-docudrama touch, but often come off as just another intrusive cinematic gimmick.

We all know how this story ends, of course. Still, it seems that filmgoers these days have a right to expect moviemaking that is fresher and more arresting than this. If you're looking for a dry-as-chalk history lesson, you may have found it in this movie. But if you're looking for memorable filmmaking, this isn't it. *Thirteen Days* runs just over two hours, and sometimes feels almost as if it's taking place in real time.

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Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 2

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COMMUNITY THEATER

'The Last Night of Ballyhoo' warm and funny

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Alfred Uhry's, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 and Jan. 26-27 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. The theater is at 21730 Madison, (south of the intersection of Madison and Monroe) in Dearborn. For tickets and more information, call (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHTYA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn has taken a story, both funny and touching, and blended the colorful characters into a tale of family and friends who rediscover the value of their common ancestry.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo is also a portrait of a family on the cusp of change. Though Jewish by ancestry, they have become mainstream Americans to the point where they even have a Christmas tree. However, as Hitler invades Poland and dark news from Europe surfaces, their plans for the biggest social event of the season begin to be influenced by the Jewishness they have tried to outdistance.

Director Michael Falzon has taken a dialogue intensive script and brought together characters who give it life and a lively pace. From the frenetic energy of Julie Yolles' Lala Levy, a young woman desperate for a date, to the warm naïveté of her widowed aunt, played by Jeanine Matlow of Farmington Hills, the

show weaves a rich tapestry of characters and insights.

Julie Yolles of Birmingham plays Lala Levy with nervous energy and irascible Southern charm. After dropping her freshman semester at the University of Michigan, a homesick Lala returned to Atlanta with dreams of writing a screenplay or a novel, but has only opening lines and unfocused dreams to propel her plans. She is, however, intent on getting a date to Ballyhoo, the biggest Atlanta Jewish social event of the season. Yolles effectively captures Lala's unique mixture of insecurity and moxie and blends them into a young woman desperate to please her overbearing mama yet determined to be her own person.

Yolles uses Lala's brashness as an effective shield, yet lets us see the hurt girl behind the bravado. We see the awkward, insecure swan dressed up in overpriced outfits, trying to outshine her serene, sophisticated cousin Sunny.

Sunny, Lala's Wellsley bred cousin, is everything Lala is not: Elegant and educated, calm and composed. She doesn't, as Lala dryly notes, even look Jewish, apparently a point in her favor. Yet Sunny, played with warmth and insight by Maria Kovac, is lonely and unsure of herself, despite the brave, polished facade she shows the world. She has held herself apart from romance through her college years, and is still unsure of who she is and what she wants to

become.

Joe Farkas, played by Ron Williams Jr. of Redford, begins the interesting process of revealing the real Sunny as they fall in love.

Williams plays Joe Farkas, the son of New York Jewish immigrants, with candor and forthrightness. Unlike the Freitag family, who try to overlook their Jewish ancestry, he is proud of his, despite the prejudice he's encountered. He's amazed and puzzled by the Freitag's Christmas tree and lack of Sabbath customs. He even has to explain Yiddish expression to them, and makes them realize the folly of ignoring prejudice or perpetuating it amongst Jews of different backgrounds. Williams captures the contrary moods of a young man in love with realism and the right blend of humor. Both Ron Williams Jr. and Maria Kovac create a strong chemistry as a stage couple, which lends strength to the show.

Robin Blesener as Boo Levy is the busybody mother you love to hate. She says whatever pops into her head, be it compliment or criticism, and she's equally flustered to be going through the

holidays without her much needed household help. She drives her daughter Lala to distraction, but the others have learned to live with her. Blesener carries her character's idiosyncrasies far enough to be funny but not gratingly annoying.

Matlow is pleasant as Reba, the Freitag's widowed sister-in-law, and serves as a calm contrast to Boo's frenetic outbursts. Dennis Decker of Dearborn is droll and patient as Adolph Freitag, the bachelor brother who runs the family business and supports the entire family. He patiently witnesses the flurry over Ballyhoo, but because increasingly concerned with the dark storm clouds gathering in Europe. Brian Townsend of Plymouth, provides comic relief as Peachy Weil, Lala's beau and an young man from a long established Georgia Jewish family. Despite the comic relief he provides, he serves the more important role of revealing the insidious anti-Semitism even within the different classes of Jews in Atlanta.

Mary and Matt Calder's costumes are very much in keeping with the era, and provide some wonderful moments. Lala's ball gown is a replica of one of Scar-

let O'Hara's Gone With The Wind gowns, a movie premiering in Atlanta as the play opens. The gown mirrors Lala's desperate hope to emulate Scarlet's pluck and romantic daring, qualities Lala desperately wants. Sunny's outfits are elegantly tailored, lending her an aura of cool sophistication.

Westland resident Mark Ripper and his prop crew deserve kudos for their attention to detail, including Brian Townsend's newspapers that herald the debut of Gone With the Wind in Atlanta and Hitler's invasion of Poland. The set was suitable, but could have been more elegant for a family supposedly wealthy. The living room looked more like a comfortable family room than an elegant

front room.

The play, carried by the dialogue of its characters, ends abruptly with a surprising and silent scene. Although we are pleased to see it, we are surprised to see some of the characters there. We are unsure how some of the supporting characters came to this point in the journey, though we are pleased to see the family coalesce.

The Last Night of Ballyhoo is the story of a family, both funny and touching, that will warm up your post holiday blues with some laughter and genuine entertainment.

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Come this weekend, restaurants in downtown Plymouth will go into high gear for the 19th annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Coffee will perk, beer foam, soup simmer and burgers sizzle. Once again, restaurant owners will extend a warm welcome to all who brave cold feet and noses during the five-day festival, which runs January 17-21.

"We make good friends at that time, and we're ready," said Tiina Ristich, owner of the Cozy Cafe, one of Plymouth's oldest eateries.

Here's a list of the town's best tummy-warming places:

■ **ComPari's**, 350 Main Street, (734) 416-0100, hours (festival): 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday; noon to 1 a.m. Saturday; 2-9 p.m. Sunday. Authentic Italian cuisine. Try the Capellini Amore, a house favorite pasta, and the Chicken Pastina soup, made fresh every day. During ice festival, ComPari's will sell pizza by the slice, chili, coffee and hot cocoa from their "back window."

■ **E. G. Nick's**, 500 Forest Ave., (734) 414-6400, hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (bar open to 11 p.m.) Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. (bar open to midnight) Friday and Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Casual, classic American menu includes gourmet pizzas, sandwiches, ribs, pasta, fish and entree salads. Their planked white fish with Duchess potatoes is a house specialty, and their chicken gumbo is a must.

■ **Cozy Cafe**, 15 Forest Place, (734) 455-3310, hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Famous for their homemade desserts (their menu lists 18!), the Cozy Cafe also makes tasty quiches, chicken pot pies and soups. Their walnut-raisin sweet

What: The 19th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Festival is a free family event that features carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, high school and college students.

When: Open 24 hours a day Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 18-21. For information, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouth

Where: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth

roll – almost a meal for two – is legendary. "If they've heard about the Cozy, they've heard about the walnut-raisin sweet roll," said Ristich.

■ **Station 885**, 855 Starkweather, (734) 459-0885, hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. lunch and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. dinner Monday-Saturday; 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday brunch. All-American menu includes prime rib, pizzas, coconut shrimp, lots of sandwiches and meal-size salads. "Our Sunday brunch (\$10.95) is absolutely fabulous," said manager Kim Buerkle.

■ **Lower Town Grill**, 195 E. Ann Arbor, (734) 453-8080, hours: 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Great saloon food, says owner Kim Guenther, especially the Calamari in a white butter sauce with sun-dried tomatoes. Also live music of the blues-rock 'n roll variety on Friday and Saturday nights.

■ **Dynesty**, 447 Forest, (734) 459-3332, hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Tasty variety of Chinese cuisine. Try the hot and sour soup and General Tso's Chicken, both big sellers.

■ **Little Bancroft**, 545 Forest Avenue, (734) 414-8696, hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-

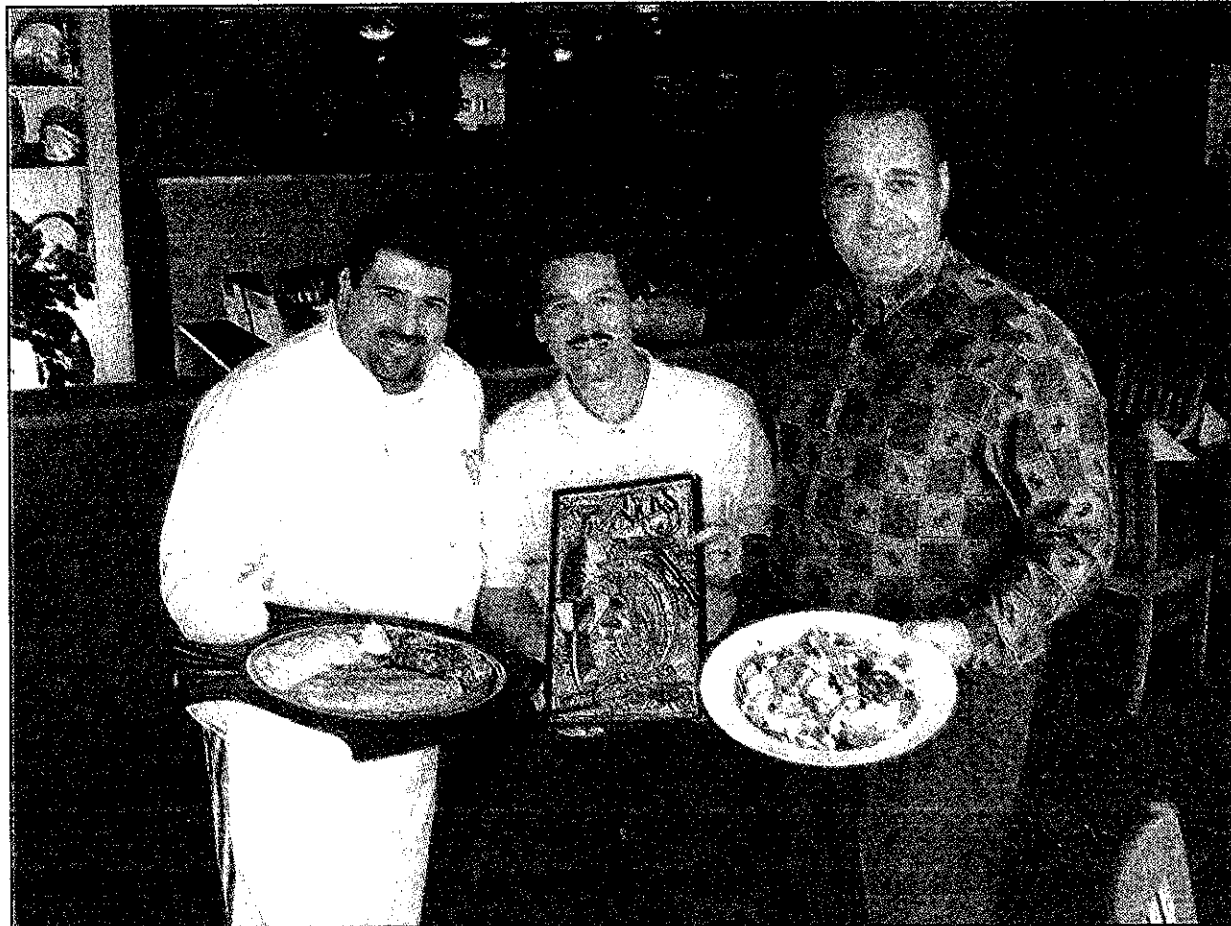
Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; noon to 10 p.m. Saturday; 4-9:30 p.m. Sunday. Customers praise the Pad Thai and the spring rolls. Don't forget to order the Tom Yum, the most famous of all Thai soups.

■ **Box Bar**, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail (across from Kellogg Park), (734) 459-7390, hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday. Who in Wayne County has not had a cold beer and a juicy burger at the Box? The place has expanded and so has the menu, which now includes appetizers like calamari and mussels. Their chilis are tops, both the white chicken and the beef brisket.

■ **Uncle Frank's**, 550 Forest (inside the Forest Place Mall), (734) 455-4141, hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday (regular hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday). Owner David Kaplan serves his Chicago- and New York-style all-beef Vienna franks heaped high with condiments and flavor. Full ice-cream bar and vegetarian menu, including tofu hot dogs and tempah burgers. Try the cream of tomato soup sprinkled with cheddar cheese – delicious.

■ **Penniman Delicatessen**, 820 Penniman, (734) 453-3570, hours (festival): 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Great place for thick corned beef or turkey sandwiches and soups like Southwest Chicken, cabbage and chicken noodle. "All homemade," says owner and soup-maker Russ Webster. Lots of hot coffee and cocoa during festival.

■ **Harvey's Old Village Deli**, 696 N. Mill, (734) 453-3705, hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Not exactly on the ice sculpture trail, but worth the hike to Old Village. Greek-style grilled pitas with homemade redskin



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At your service: Executive Chef Frank Agostini (left to right), and restaurant owners Tony Belli and Elia Nicholas welcome customers to E.G. Nick's in Plymouth. Agostini presents the restaurant's specialty dish, Fresh Lake Superior Whitefish, Belli displays the menu, and Nicholas presents the House Greek Salad.

potato salad or french fries. Homemade soups. Old-fashioned daily specials – hot turkey sandwiches or veal cutlets on Thursday and the baked macaroni and cheese (the real stuff, no shortcuts!) on Friday. "No matter how much macaroni I make, it's gone," said owner Dan Sarb.

■ **Plymouth Fish Seafood Market and Restaurant**, 578 Starkweather, (734) 455-2630, hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. If you crave deep-fried fresh cod, served with cole slaw, french fries and a roll – all for \$7.95 – head to Old Village. "We go through about 200

pounds a week," says owner Vince Toia of his best-selling

item. Off the ice trail, but the fish & chips are great.

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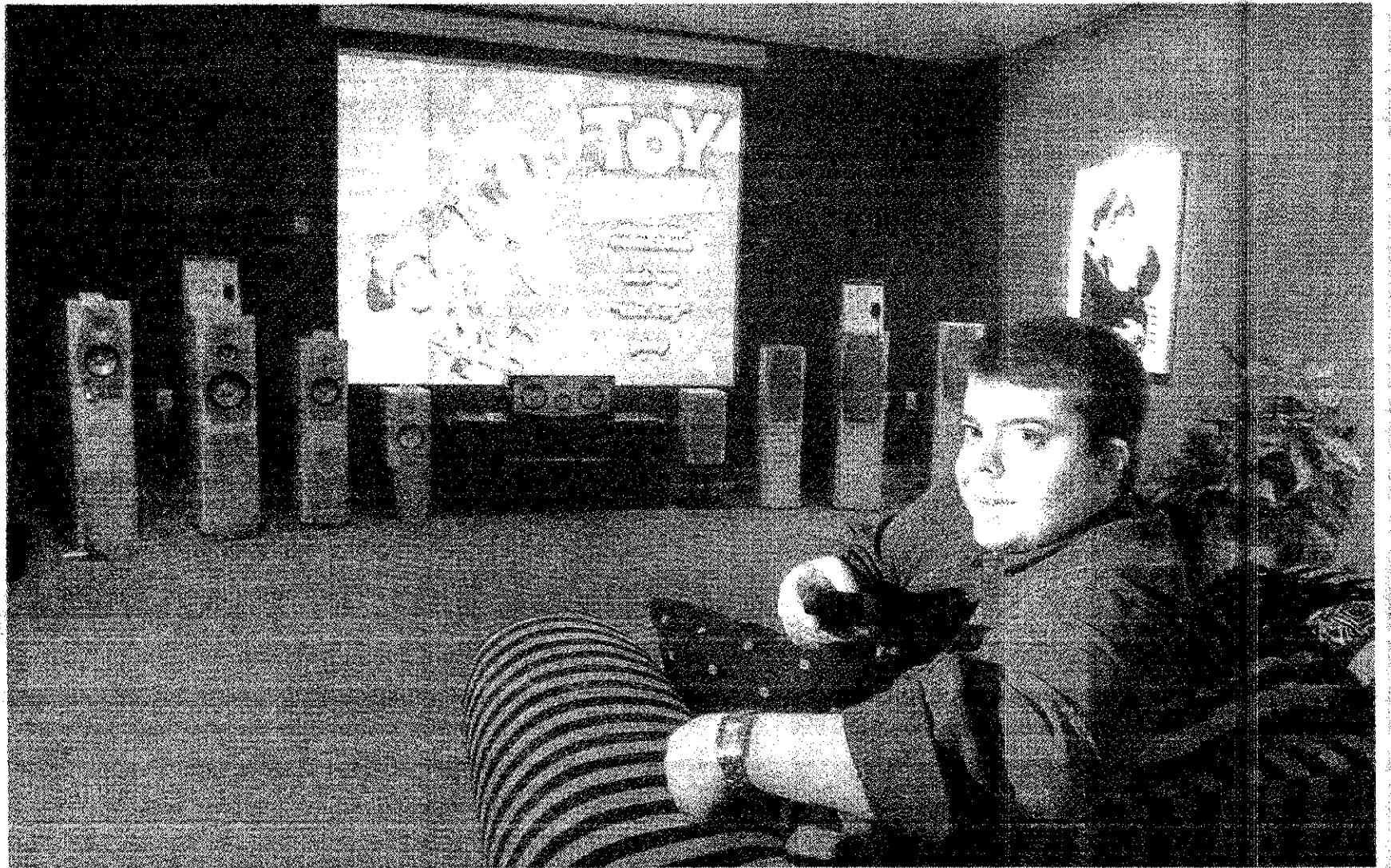
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Technology blends sight and sound



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Home theatrics: Kris Paulson relaxes and activates a home theater projection system. Consumers have a variety of choices today when it comes to choosing sound or video equipment, from the new DVD-Audio systems, home projection systems to surround sound systems.

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Home entertainment centers are becoming as important to homeowners as kitchens and bathrooms. Consumers are riding the crest of this technology wave, particularly with DVD-Audio systems. The International Recording Media Association predicts worldwide sales will reach 40 million units this year, including 12 million in North America. That's up significantly from last year's worldwide sales of 12 million and four million in North America.

"If you have one, you understand why people want one," said John Emke, owner and president of Mark Electronics in Canton. "They're calling for recessions in a lot of industries, but home theater is not one of them."

It's all part of the latest trend in home entertainment - the recent nuptials between sight and sound, so prevalent in technology today. Walk into any appliance store and the large projection screens will catch your eye, even though they're in separate rooms at the rear of the store.

But it is the sound that sells the DVD-Audio. "DVD-Audio is new, and it's up and coming," said Kris Paulson, general manager of Paulson's Audio & Video in Farmington Hills.

What is DVD-Audio?

DVD-Audio is a format designed to create the best picture and sound, better than the popular videocassette recorder and a step up from the quality of sound on conventional CDs and DVD-Videos. DVD-Audio uses a multi-channel, high resolution format, using data solely for high quality sound.

DVD-Audio houses a 5.1-channel system, which adds a center channel speaker for a center image and two rear speakers for a bass channel and optional subwoofer, with what the traditional 2-channel systems include, that is the left and right speakers.

All DVD-Audio players designed as universal players will be able to play DVD-Video disks and CDs.

"It really gives you the 'reverb' (echoes) and special effects," Paulson said.

Paulson then pops in a CD and plays Emerson, Lake & Palmer's *Lucky Man*. The room is immersed in Keith Emerson's keyboards and Greg Lake's vocals and guitars. The separation and depth is unmistakable and distinctive. Each note and nuance by the recording artists is expanded into a multi-dimensional soundscape.

It's as close to a live performance as you'll hear.

"Surround sound is a major focus," said Paulson. "Folks already own bigger TVs and they want the sound to go with it. They're going away from the big box to the sub-satellite systems."

Home theater systems

Front projection systems also are popular choices for people who want to create their own home theater. The projector is attached to the ceiling.

"This is installed in the lower levels, typically, because it is a light sensitive system," Paulson said. Those systems run \$6,000 or \$7,000.

Why spend so much on DVDs or front projection systems? Customers are more affluent and can afford it, Paulson said. "They have large homes and they want to enjoy it with their relatives and friends, and they want to have luxuries for friends and family," Paulson said.

Customers also want sound systems installed throughout the entire house. In-ceiling systems can be flush-mounted into the ceiling.

"The woofer and tweeter can pivot around for surround sound," said Paulson. "A lot of these were straight out of the wall, so there was no flexibility."

That helps listeners who want to move around the room or move chair locations without losing sound quality.

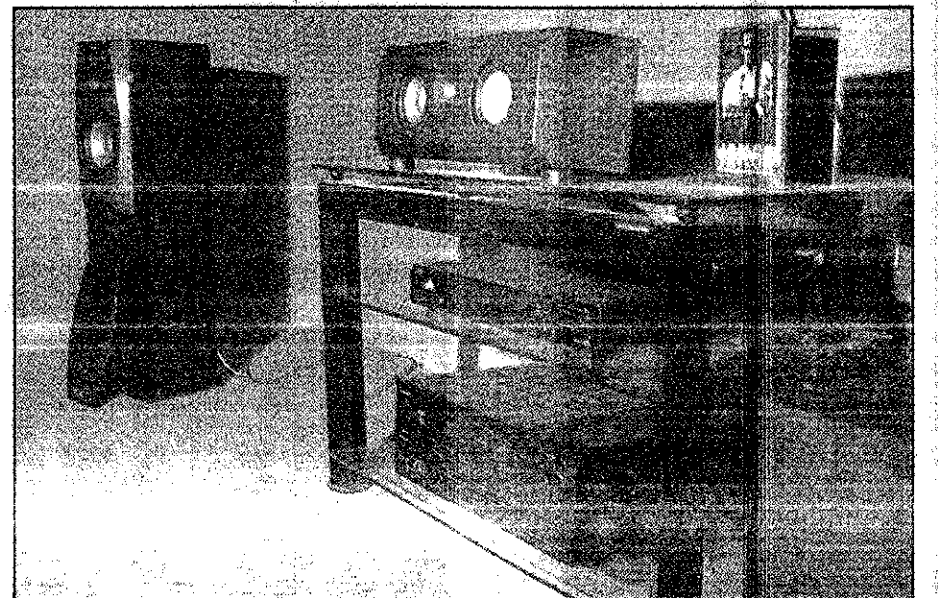
Cheap alternative

CD players remain a less expensive alternative for those who can't afford a DVD-Audio but need a new sound system. When shopping for an audio system, customers should consider their needs and room size.

A smaller 35-watt CD player unit takes up less space, but if you have a 20- by 18-foot room with a vaulted ceiling, "it doesn't have the oomph," Paulson said. "The little cube isn't going to cut it." You can get the smaller size, but "you won't get the performance."

Larger in-wall speakers generally work better for a larger, more-open room. In-wall speakers are space-savers, said Emke.

"Most people are going with more things in the wall," said Emke, including televisions in the wall and CD units stored in a closet, operated with a touch-pad. "If you have a 12-by-12 room with a 28-inch TV plus a cabinet, that can come into the room quite a bit," Emke said.



Turn it on: Homeowners want more entertainment in their homes, and they are willing to dish out the extra cash needed to purchase DVD systems like the one shown above. Gone are the days of corrugated cardboard in speakers. Today's speaker cones (below) are made from aluminum to create a lighter component.



Getting technical: Paulson shows the input and output components on a receiver used to obtain video and audio on a projection screen.



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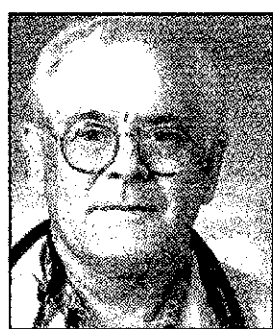


MARTY FIGLEY

Grasses for masses

Ornamental grasses still play an important part in landscaping and are easy to grow and maintain.

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JOE GAGNON

More trouble

Winter's cold weather can cause more trouble than just creating ice dams on rooftops, according to the Appliance Doctor.

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HOMETOWN LIFE:

Runway:

Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show, Feb. 6, to benefit Starfish Family Services - Safe Stay program.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Hearth items make a difference

Just as accessories can help liven up an outfit, they can do just the same for the hearth.

Whether it be a set of fireplace tools in a lustrous chrome finish, or a delicate hand-finished fireplace frame, accessories turn an otherwise ordinary-looking fireplace into one full of character. Firetools, andirons, firescreens, and wood carriers today come in new and exciting finishes and styles which can help 'dress' up the hearth area.

"As we begin this next century, we're looking forward to offering a complete package for fabulous fireplaces," said Carter Keithley, Hearth Products Association president and CEO. "With the wealth of items available in the hearth accessories market today, consumers can find a never-ending assortment of items that reflect both their decorating

style and personality.

"Just like accessories can makeover an otherwise plain-looking outfit, style-conscious hearth accessories can totally transform and give added flair to the fireplace. Accessories make the design difference and are as essential to the hearth today as the fire itself."

Accessories even reflect the up-to-the-minute styles seen on fashion's runways such as chrome, pewter, silver-polished accessories, and leather.

The most popular accessories-andirons, firesets, screens, mantels/surrounds, and woodcarriers-come in a plethora of finishes, styles, colors, shapes and textures. Some examples include:

■ **Andirons-Fires** can be built on shapes ranging from the traditional clawfoot style to the more contemporary geometrical

figures available in finishes such as brass, rustic wrought iron for that antique 'weather-worn' look, or the ever-exciting chrome, and topped off with such exquisite details as polished marble.

■ **Firesets or tools-Fireplace** tools today serve not only a functional, but a decorative purpose. Styles run the gamut from Arts and Crafts influence to Southwestern style which reflects the warmth and beauty of the desert. Tools also come in such exciting finishes as natural iron, black or brushed steel, and beautiful white bronze and platinum finishes.

■ **Firescreens-There** is an enormous amount of choice when it comes to firescreens-from colorful hand-painted screens portraying a garden full of flowers, gothic-looking arches, traditional mesh, to playful scrollwork design. Finishes include delicate pewter to burnished copper to innovative cast aluminum.

■ **Glass Fireplace Doors-In** addition to all-around safety and value, glass fireplace doors are now making a design statement for the hearth. Steel-frames are available in plated and painted finishes, beautiful anodized aluminum styles.

Computer gear should not be a burden

More than half of all American households own a computer. Most of these households would rather trade in their dishwasher than live without their personal computer.

But, while the computer has proved its importance as a household necessity, most computers and high-tech peripherals still have no place to call their own on the homefront.

In fact, once inside the door, the technology is routinely treated like an unexpected guest, relegated to makeshift quarters. The result? A disorganized workspace, decreased productivity and possible back and wrist pain.

However, there's no longer any need to put up with computer furniture that doesn't provide for peak performance.

"Today there is a piece of furniture designed for every item of high-tech equipment and for every room in the home," says Mike Short, design director for Sauder Woodworking. "Whether the hold-up has been space, styling or budget concerns, it's easy to find a unit, or combination of units, that solves the problem."

And even if you're among the nearly 75 percent of computer

owners who, according to findings by Equifax, don't operate out of a designated home office, the right furniture can help set up a highly efficient satellite workstation.

With today's homes commonly equipped with more than one personal computer, every room has the potential to be wired into a hardworking, convenient satellite workstation. Sauder offers these suggestions for designing successful satellite workstations:

■ **Lively and crowded at night** and empty during the day, the family room is a perfect candidate for a workstation. A nifty computer desk with a hutch provides the necessary storage space to organize everything from file folders to CDs, while also providing access for multiple users.

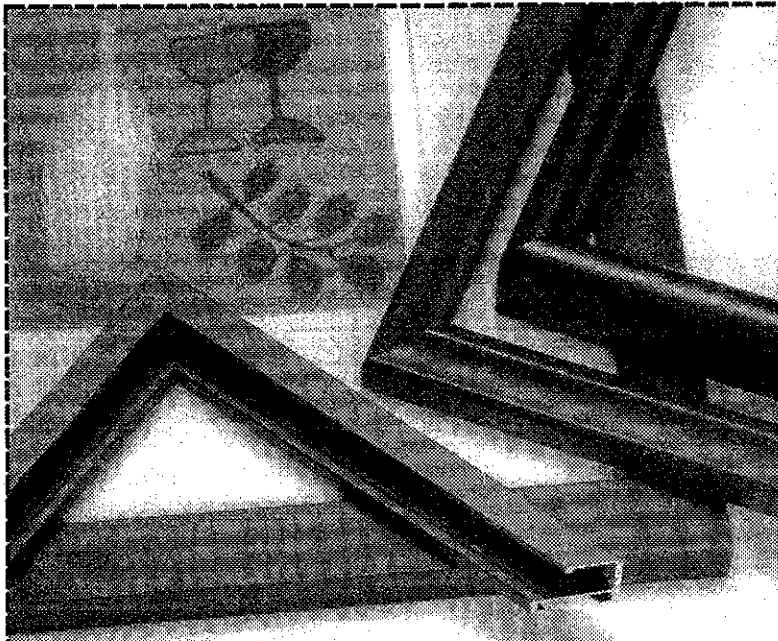
These unobtrusive units also enable computer users to effortlessly interact with others in the family room or with other media such as the television. Handsome glass-doored bookshelves and vertical file cabinets add extra storage as well as plenty of display space for personal accessories and photographs.

■ **Outfitting a bedroom** with

a computer armoire creates an ideal set-up for a private work oasis, perhaps on evenings when the television is blaring in another room. These cleverly designed units allow the user to bring the computer in and out of sight at will and offer a place for everything, including printer and CPU shelves, mouse pad and keyboard trays.

Built with special wing-style doors, these units can help create a cubicle effect that encloses computer users in privacy and helps shelter them from external distractions. When it's time to emerge, users can simply close the doors so that work is out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

■ **Short on space, but overwhelmed** with computer clutter? With about two feet of wall area and less than \$100, a powerful workstation can be set up anywhere using a computer cart. Sauder offers a version with Euro-inspired styling in its Parisian Collection. Compact and budget-friendly, these mobile designs hold a complete computer set-up, including shelves for storage and peripherals, and can easily be rolled in and out of closets and alcoves.



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Receivers haven't changed much in 25 years. They can be tucked snugly into cabinets in living rooms, great rooms and family rooms. CD players range from \$150-\$350 for the 400 disc holder. Listeners can keyboard in titles of CDs.

For bedrooms and offices

where space may be more of a premium, "microsystems" are available. These systems have smaller units and speakers, but offer an excellent alternative.

Paulson wonders about the future of CDs, but believes that market and musical format is safe for now.

"I don't know if the DVDs will replace the CDs," Paulson said. "There was a lot of talk about digital systems, but that didn't come through."

Emke believes the DVD-Audio technology will improve the industry. "It's only going to make it better," he said. "You will buy CDs which will have

video with it.

"The only thing that will jeopardize CDs is if they come out with something smaller." Once computers began housing software and receivers allowed users to "burn" (record) on CDs, cassette deck sales plummeted.

New technology is changing speakers, too. Paulson picks up a small cone and hands it to a reporter. The cone - a speaker component - is incredibly light. You wouldn't know this thing bangs out music with clarity and distinction and separation that would make Phil Spector, the producer who expanded instrumentation in pop music in the 1960s, blush.

"It's different technology," Paulson said. "They are using ceramic and aluminum to make these cones in the speakers." Gone are the days of corrugated cardboard inside audio speakers in surround-sound systems.

It's a world that is constantly changing, but the traditionalists still want to play their music, regardless of the new technology.

"Occasionally we'll get someone who wants a cassette deck or they'll even walk in and want a phonograph," Paulson said. "We keep a couple on hand because a lot of folks are traditional vinyl fans."

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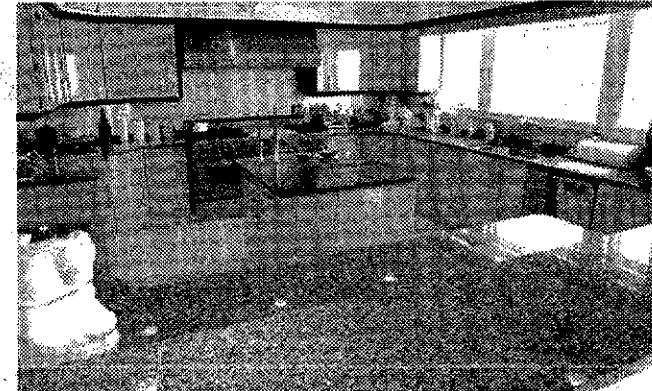
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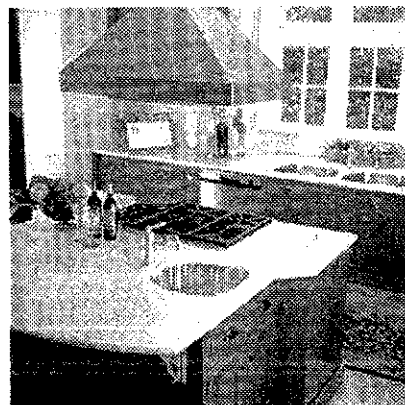


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GARDENING

Masses of grasses have attractive features

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Ornamental grasses still play an important part in the landscape and the cultivar "Karl Foerster" of feather reed grass, *Calamagrostis acutifolia*, has been chosen as the 2001 perennial

plant of the year by the Perennial Plant Association.

As with many grasses, very little maintenance is required; it's handsome throughout the year and is easy to grow and propagate.

"Karl Foerster" is a tall,

clump-forming grass that thrives in sun or part shade. It does very well in humus-rich soils, but also has adapted to other conditions.

The arching foliage reaches 2 to 3 feet tall, and flower stems to 5 or 6 feet tower above the foliage, making a very attractive display. Panicles of pinkish bronze flowers arrive in mid to late summer and then fade to pale brown. Winter interest is guaranteed.

The PPA suggests growing this grass with herbaceous perennials, such as asters, *Aster* spp.; coneflowers, *Echinacea* spp.; gayfeathers, *Liatis* spp.; and black-eyed Susans, *Rudbeckia* spp., which bloom in late summer and fall.

When I last wrote about grasses, several of you wanted more information. With that in mind, I'd like to share a list of the most

desirable ornamental grasses according to Art Cameron, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University.

I had the pleasure of attending his lecture and I'm sure he won't mind if I share his thoughts with you. "Karl Foerster" is included in his selection and he calls it a "great plant."

There are several *Miscanthus* species. They are:

■ *M. sinensis zebrinus* (zebra grass), 6 to 8 feet with a weeping habit; *M. sinensis strictus* (porcupine grass), more upright, same height. These big, bold grasses have horizontal stripes and are excellent specimens. Plant in masses.

■ *M. sinensis gracillimus* (maiden grass) and "Sarabande," both 5 to 8 feet. Known for their fine-textured leaves, excellent for massing — particularly in

rows or arcs to accentuate the effect of the texture.

■ *M. sinensis variegatus* (variegated Japanese silver grass), 5 to 7 feet; and *M. sinensis* "Morning Light" (silver variegated silver grass), 4 to 5 feet. Stripes run up the leaves. Both are good as specimen plants. Variegated form has wider leaves; "Morning Light," thin leaves. Interesting specimens. Bloom late with dark inflorescence.

■ *M. sinensis purpurascens* (purple maiden grass), 3 to 5 feet; especially good-looking when it blooms in July-August, as specimen or massed.

■ *Pennisetum alopecuroides* (fountain grass), 3 to 4 feet; and *P. alopecuroides* "Hameln," (dwarf fountain grass), 1 to 2 feet. Indispensable in garden settings, complement colorful annuals, good texture. Attractive

August blooms.

■ *Deschampsia caespitosa* "Goldstaub" (tufted hair grass), 2 to 3 feet. Early blooming, grown more for foliage and backdrop for more colorful flowers. Very interesting foliage — show stopper in the MSU display garden.

■ *Erianthus ravennae* (ravenna grass), 9 to 12 feet. Tops 12 feet when the very showy blooms appear in late summer, carries well into winter.

■ *Molinia caerulea arundinacea* "Skracer" (tall purple moor grass), 7 to 8 feet. Great specimen with big, airy flower heads over dramatic foliage. Combines well with other perennials. The straight species *M. caerulea* tend to be shorter.

Cameron suggests that no fertilizers be used, and to cut the grass back the last part of April to a short stubble. It is best to

buy named cultivars when possible.

Three outstanding Michigan gardeners will be featured on *A Gardeners Diary* on cable's HGTV, when host Erica Glasener visits them and their gardens. Each program will begin 4:30 p.m. on these Saturdays:

Jan. 20 — Don Crow, head gardener at the governor's mansion in Lansing.

March 3 — Betty Sturley of Beverly Hills, artist and extraordinary gardener.

March 17 — Larry Mackle of Bloomfield Hills, daylily hybridizer plus.

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

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

GARDEN CLUBS

FARMINGTON

Caroline Dana Lewis, founder of the Ann Arbor chapter of the Great Lakes Rhododendron Society, has more than 300 specimens in her yard. She will give a slide presentation and lecture at noon Monday, Feb. 5, at the Longacre House, located on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For information, call 476-3017.

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.

FLORAL DESIGN

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.

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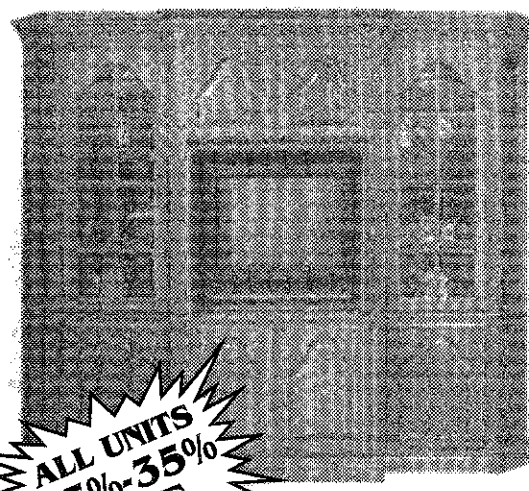
The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Here is a list of some of the classes: Lawn Pest Management, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Identify and diagnose common diseases and pests of lawns. Learn management 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, or click on www.michigangardening.com

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. 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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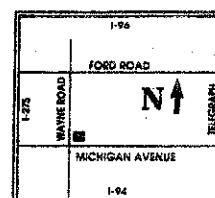
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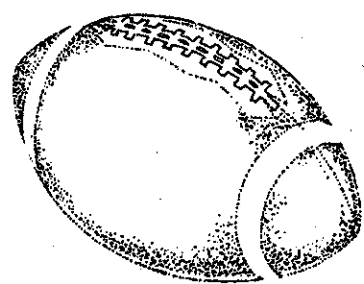
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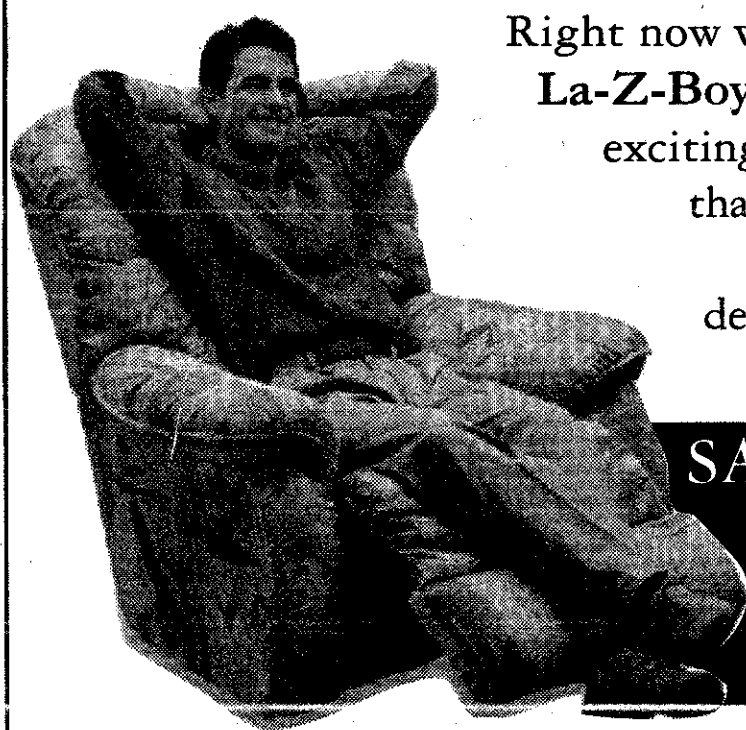
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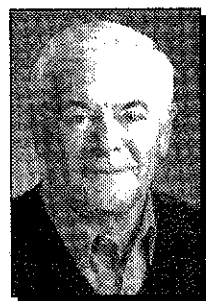
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HOME WORK

Cold creates more trouble than just ice dams

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

We just finished one of the roughest Decembers in our history as we experienced bitter cold winds and temperatures with snow levels above normal.

It's been a while since we've talked so much about the winter weather. Snow on roofs has melted, then frozen, to create ice dams and many homeowners are suffering through roof damages.

The winter weather brings other problems that are less obvious. Consumers call for service on their washing machines because the machines won't agitate the clothes after filling with water. Sometimes the cause is nothing more than a cold wall that the washer is located against. An outside wall - which gets very cold during 0° nights - can cause the oil in the washer's transmission to congeal, resulting in a very slow agitation speed. It can also cause the belt to burn up which you may smell

■ Place a small space heater near the back of the washer and activate it for only an hour or so before laundry time. It may take care of your problem of congealed oil.

when operating the washer.

For anyone who might have this problem I suggest you place a small space heater near the back of the washer and activate it for only an hour or so before laundry time. It may take care of your problem.

Check humidifier

We live in a winter wonderland. During these four months we spend "hibernating" inside our homes, we may feel the effects of remaining indoors - dry skin, plugged nasal passages or burning eyes, which can originate from the very air inside a home.

The humidifier, whether it is located on your furnace or it is portable, is critical to keeping your health on an even keel. Is it working, is it clean and is it set on the correct setting to match the temperature drops?

Today's consumer is a much smarter person because they are more aware and educated about homes. Take the case of the per-

son who suffers water damage because of the gutter problems. Water will run between the inner and outer walls and may show some stains on the carpet or other areas. Some homeowners will repair the damage, while others live with it. They should know that wet insulation between walls will grow bacteria and multiply greatly during the months of spring and summer. These are not problems that you forget about or ignore, because they can affect your health and you should be cognizant of that fact.

Do you know the origin of the 200 cubic feet of air per minute used to dry clothes when you operate your dryer? It's coming from inside the house. For almost an hour, it is recycling the same old air and you are breathing this very same air. Why not open a window when you run the dryer and make the inside environment a cleaner one? You won't forget to do so if you put a little note on the front

of the dryer door.

Don't vent with foil

I was recently involved with a television story on the safety of dormitory living for college students. I learned that the old system of tinfoil used to vent clothes dryers was still in use. Even today, students are at risk because of the use of a product which is known to cause fires. I hope you or your college-aged children are not using tinfoil or plastic to vent your clothes dryer.

Footnote: I would like to thank the hundreds of people who recently traveled with me to California. I met many who read this newspaper and I had great discussions with everyone. Not wanting to anger those people from California who now live in the state of Michigan, I can only say that my preference is to stay right here in the winter wonderland.

In the bus ride from Los Angeles to Las Vegas we viewed beautiful mountain scenery and a lot of desert. No birds, no insects, no trees, no flowers and guess what, no snow. Pardon me folks, but I'll stick to Michigan, just the way it is. Have a good New Year my dear readers, and keep your chin up. Stay tuned.

Readers want information on microwaves, washers and ovens

Here are letters from readers and responses from the "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon.

Q: I have a Tappan microwave that is about five or six years old. When food is put in it and it is turned on, it will heat up the food only one out of 20 times. (In other words it only works intermittently.) Is there something that I can check out first or should I take it to the repair shop? (Chuck Holowecy)

A: It sounds like an adjustment is needed on the interlock switches. Take it in.

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.

■ Check for any loose wires to the burner switches behind the knobs. If there aren't any, you could have a defective module.

Q: I have a Kitchen Aid Gas Sealed Burner Glass Cooktop (model no. KGCT30). With all the knobs off the igniter is "ticking" and arcing to ground. It is not as fast as it would normally be when lighting but it is as though there is a voltage leak across the burner switch. I have pulled the plug on the igniter and am lighting it with a match. Do you have any suggestions? (Jack Sharp)

A: Check for any loose wires to the burner switches behind the knobs. If there aren't any, you could have a defective module.

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

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

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ANSWERS - PUZZLE #11

Rules:

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ENGAGEMENTS

Prevatte-Hadde

Mona G. Prevatte of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter Lisa Nicole to Scott Allen Hadde of Canton.

The bride to be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Wayne State University. She works for Visteon Corporation in Ypsilanti.

Her fiancé, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hadde, Jr. on Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He works for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

The couple will wed Oct. 27 at St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton.



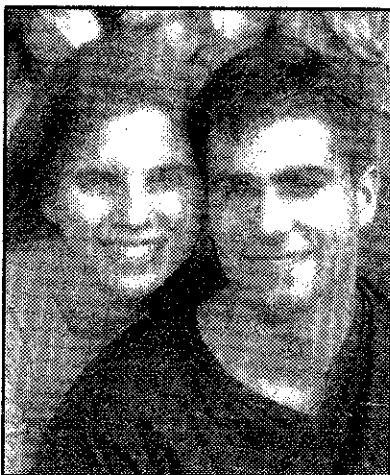
Poglits

Robert and Ellen Poglits of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Joseph Franklin Vondracek II of Novi.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan graduate with a degree in computer engineering. She works as a software engineer at General Motors.

Her fiancé, son of Joseph and Bonnie Vondracek of Livonia, is a Central Michigan University graduate with a degree in computer science. He is a software engineer at Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

An April wedding is planned



at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel.

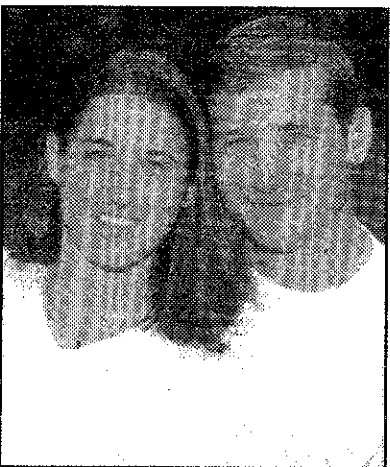
Creehan-Hanshaw

James and Roselyn Creehan of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie, to Jamie Hanshaw of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate attending University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of Charles Hanshaw of Westland and Barbara Hanshaw of Novi, is a Garden City High School graduate and attends University of Michigan.

A February wedding is planned at Henry Ford Museum



in Dearborn.

Kocsis-Kenyon

David and Kathy Kocsis of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Robert Shawn Kenyon of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Garden City High School graduate who works at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne.

Her fiancé, son of Robert L. Kenyon of Ormond Beach, Fla. and Doris Kenyon of Wayne, is a 1989 John Glenn High School graduate and works for the Westland police department.

An April wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Garden City.



McIntyre

Robert B. and Mary T. (Sanchez) McIntyre of Garden City celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed Jan. 20, 1951 in Detroit. They have lived in Garden City for more than 31 years.

The McIntyre's have five children, all of whom are married. Those children include Linda (Tom) Palermo of Brownstown Township, Susan (Jim) Morrow of Wixom, Michael (Robin) McIntyre of Brighton, Deborah (Gary) Heard of Brownstown Township and Kathleen (Richard) Kasperek of Brownstown Township. The McIntyre's have five grandchildren and one more expected soon. They have one great-grandchild.

Robert McIntyre retired from his work at General Motors Willow Run Assembly Plant seven years ago. Mary is a homemaker.



er. The couple enjoys thoroughbred racing and traveling.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple will renew their wedding vows at Our Lady of the Woods in Woodhaven, Mich. A dinner celebration will follow.

Vaquera

Manuel and Anita (Gonzales) Vaquera of Livonia celebrate their 50th anniversary this month. The couple wed Jan. 26, 1951 at St. Bridget's Church in Detroit. They have lived in the Western Wayne County area for 40 years.

The Vaquera's have three children: Suzanne Lamontagne, of South Lyon; Diane DePoy of The Woodlands, Texas; and Dale Eric Vaquera, of Redford. They also have four grandchildren: Jason, Kristopher and Brian Lamontagne and Danielle DePoy.

The Vaquera's have been retired for 8 years. They enjoy spending time with family and traveling.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple will host a mid summer family reunion.



WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Storck-Murchison

Norma and Donald Storck of Hemlock, Mich. announce the marriage of their daughter Carolyn to Michael Murchison.

The bride, received a bachelor degree in nursing in 1994 from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in nursing from Mary Mount College in Alexandria, Virginia in 1999. She is employed as a nurse practitioner in emergency medicine at Potomac Hospital in Virginia and is a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

Her husband, the son of Carol and Richard Murchison of Redford, is a 1990 graduate of Thurston High School. He received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1994. Michael is in the Marine Corps and serves as an instructor in The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

Carolyn and Michael married



Oct. 7, 2000 at Chateau LeMoyné in New Orleans, Louisiana. The bridal party included Gail Storck, Stephanie Peters, Ellen McCarthy, Christopher O'Connell, Coby Moran and Brandon Marsowicz.

The couple received guests at the Chateau LeMoyné and will be taking a trip to Thailand this year. They are making their home in Stafford, Virginia.

Ochoa-Montroy

Ruth Ochoa of Redford announces the marriage of her daughter, Angela Lynn, to Joseph Montroy of Redford.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Redford High School. She works as an AMA certified manager for CVS Pharmacy.

Her husband, son of Daniel and Gail Ryder of Hollywood and Donald Montroy of Dearborn, is a 1994 graduate of Redford High School. He works as a carpenter.

The couple wed Jan. 26 at Aldersgate Methodist Church. The bride was attended by matron of honor, Olga Montroy and bridesmaids Janeen Mazaris and Carrie Elliot.

The groom was attended by best man Ted Mazaris and groomsmen Bill Montroy, Don



Montroy and James Montroy. Sammy Hageb was ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Crystal Park in Allen Park. They will take a wedding trip to a bed and breakfast and are making their home in Redford.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **John Wioncek Jr. and Dr. Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Elena Terese Wioncek**, born Jan. 9 at Botsford Hospital. Elena joins sister Katrina Louise Wioncek, 6 1/2. Grandparents are Judy and Al Greniuk of Standish and Jean Wioncek of Dearborn.

■ **Scott and Elena (Pappas) Schils** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Grant Harrison Schils** born Nov. 30 at St.

Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are James and Marilyn Pappas of Canton and Lloyd and Mary Ann Schils of Livonia.

■ **Kevin and Karen Wallon** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Megan Marie**, born Jan. 8 at Providence Hospital. Grandparents are Roman and Helen Supron of Farmington Hills and Pete and Pat Wallon of Livonia.

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KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

Barbie makes a comeback

We celebrated my daughter's second birthday this week. Almost simultaneously she observed another right of passage — an introduction to Barbie.

I didn't even know she knew who the infamous blonde was until I picked her up from day care and found her, and two of her little friends, sitting on the floor among a sea of Barbies, Barbie clothing and a few Ken dolls to round out the mix.

She could hardly contain her excitement — Mommy arrived just in time to play.

"Mommy sit. Sit," she said as she patted the carpeting next to her.

I sat down and was immediately handed a naked Barbie to clothe. It reminded me of the countless hours I spent during my childhood playing with Barbies. One of my friends had the Barbie town house so my dolls shared in the good life thanks to their other Barbie friends, but for the most part I was perfectly happy with a couple of Barbies and a few accessories.

If the shoe fits

My daughter brought me out of my trip down memory lane by plunking another unclothed doll on my lap in exchange for the one I had just dressed in a powder blue evening gown, orange knee high boots and a winter hat with fur ear flaps. Not

■ Yes, I had a lot of shoes for just two dolls, but too many shoes isn't a sentence you'll ever hear a girl utter whether you're 8 or 80 — a real woman or a plastic doll.

After hanging up our coats my daughter and I headed for the basement in search of that case. What a task. Even though we have lived in our home for 3½ years, our basement is packed from one end to the other with boxes of stuff.

While some remain taped, there are numerous ones that I've ripped open during other "search and rescue" missions. Undaunted at the number of boxes I'd have to look through, I started near the hot water heater and hoped I'd find it before I got back to the same place.

Not as lucky as I had hoped I found it in the last two boxes I came across. It was dusty but in perfect shape. We darted upstairs leaving the mess in the basement for another day (and another column).

Treasured

The Barbies were just as I remember them. The box contained five outfits, five coat hangers, a small plastic cat, two Barbies, a plastic blue sink and bathtub, a brush and about 15 pairs of shoes. Yes, I had a lot of shoes for just two dolls, but too many shoes isn't a sentence you'll ever hear a girl utter whether you're 8 or 80 — a real woman or a plastic doll.

One thing that was missing were half-a-dozen, 4-by-4 squares of parquet flooring I used to create ... houses, a floating raft on a lake ... whatever my imagination could come up with. My dad had a box of the wood flooring left over when he replaced our carpeted stairs and I recycled it for my own version of a Barbie dream house.

I truly enjoyed watching my young daughter spend the rest of the evening playing with "Mommy's Barbies."

My husband, who happens to be a few years younger than me, wondered if we should even be letting our daughter play with them?

"Why not," I asked defensively.

"Because if those are the Barbies you played with, then they're practically antiques," he joked.

Not a funny joke if you ask me!

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BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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The Women of Westland organization hasn't wasted any time planning its first fund-raising effort with the much anticipated debut of the "Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show," Feb. 6.

"This is our first ever fund-raiser," said Robin Kay Cooke W.O.W. member and Starfish Family Services business development officer. "We're really putting our all into this event."

■ Christ said audience members can look forward to men's and women's resale clothing from designers such as Chanel, Coach, Louis Vuitton, Giorgio Armani, J. Crew, St. John, Prada, Banana Republic and more.

Partial funds from the event will benefit a Starfish Family Services program called "Safe Stay."

Safe Stay provides a safe environment for children whose families are in crisis. When parents need to resolve personal issues or take time for

themselves, Safe Stay can provide 24-hour care to their children on a short-term basis. At any given time a maximum of 16 children can be cared for at Safe Stay.

Fashion sense

The fashion show, coordinated by Westland business owner and W.O.W. member Nicole Christ, will feature designer resale fashions for men and women from her store, Nicole's Revival, as well as children's clothing from The Bottom Drawer in Garden City. Hudson's will provide footwear for the show and models from Lover's Lane will stroll the catwalk in swim, cruise and casual loungewear.

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Cooperation

Cooke credited many local businesses for making the planning of the event such a success.

"The Hellenic Cultural Center has been wonderful," said Cooke. "They're going above and beyond to provide us with decorations, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, balloon arches and setting up and breaking down the night of the event."

With the purchase of tickets you are qualified to win the grand prize of a



Super models: Nicole Christ (above left) takes a look at the outfit that Joy Ebel (right) is trying on at Nicole's Revival. Joy is owner of "Visions of Joy" and a member of the Women of Westland who are sponsoring the upcoming fashion show. Dominique Battle, 12, a seventh-grader at Stevenson Middle School in Westland is wearing jeans and a sweater at Nicole's Revival. She will be a model at the Feb. 6 fashion show.

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"Jazz Weekend for Two" package courtesy of the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The winner will enjoy deluxe overnight accommodations for two, dinner and breakfast. The second prize winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Hudson's.

According to Cooke you must be present to win any of the prizes.

As part of the silent auction approximately 10-12 themed gift baskets will be up for bid such as a Northern Lights (bath products) or Harvest Bread Company basket. Depending on the number of tickets you purchase, you may choose to place all of the tickets on one basket or spread them out amongst any number of choices.

Other prizes to be awarded from the ticket drawing include restaurant gift certificates and a Mystery Tree where the winner will be able to choose one of 10 envelopes containing prizes.

The event coincides with the Westland Chamber of Commerce After-hours Networking event from 5-7 p.m. The Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show is open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show

Who: The Women of Westland
What: Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show

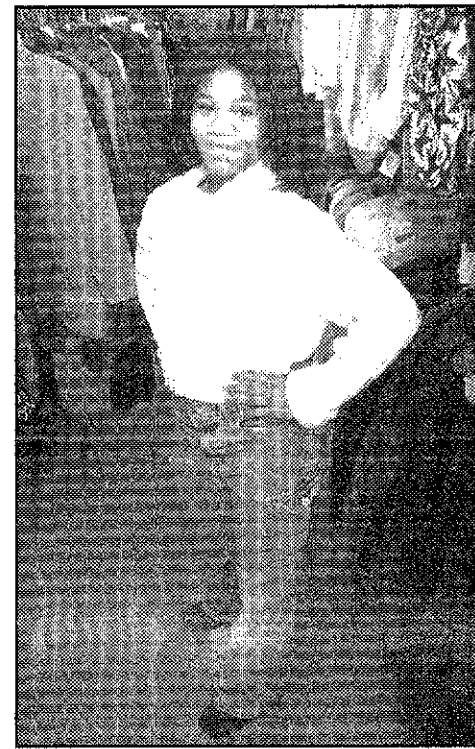
Where: Hellenic Cultural Center (36375 Joy Road, Westland)

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6

Why: Partial proceeds to benefit "Safe Stay," — a 24-hour crisis and respite childcare program in Westland.

Featuring: Designer resale fashions from Nicole's Revival of Westland. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and desserts by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe.

Tickets: \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Call the Westland Chamber of Commerce (734) 326-7222.



Tickets are \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Cooke said Sam's Club has offered to match proceeds from the event up to \$2,000.

"That's really great," said Cooke.

Following the fashion show national competitors from Miss Helen's Westland Dance studio will perform.

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland is providing hors d'oeuvres, wine and desserts.

SECRET TO SUCCESS

Olympic medalist aims to teach, motivate

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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While training for the 1996 Olympics, Livonia's Sheila Taormina didn't realize she might also be learning lessons that would lead her to a second career.

Taormina won a gold medal as part of a swim relay team that year, and became a sixth place winner in the first-ever women's Olympic Triathlon team in Sydney last year. She knows what it feels like to be a success. She's chosen to teach others the life lessons she's encountered and to help them discover the meaning of success in their own lives.

"Preparing for athletic events is not much different than what a business person (might do to succeed)," she said during a phone interview from her Livonia home. "What it leads up to is, 'What is your definition of success?'"

Inspiration

Taormina will share that lesson at the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County's fifth anniversary luncheon of the Circle of Friends, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Judith Hoeffer, executive director of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council, said Taormina will teach others what it takes to be a winner — which is something the Child Abuse and Neglect Council attempts to teach all of the children it serves.

"Children need to have hope to go for the Olympics in their lives," said Hoeffer. "Whatever that is."

Elyse Essick Foltyn, a Birmingham resident and event chair, first heard



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Talk: Sheila Taormina appears Jan. 31 at Glen Oaks Country Club.

Taormina speak on the subject of teamwork at her daughter's school. She felt the message was both appropriate and inspiring for the luncheon. Rather than follow suit and invite a keynote speaker to talk specifically about child abuse, Taormina could offer uplifting advice and encourage the audience to make an impact.

"Every person can positively affect and change the world in which we live and the community in which we live and make it a better place for children to grow," said Foltyn.

As a mother, the battle against child abuse is one she's willing to fight. Through her work with the Circle of Friends, Foltyn hopes to inspire others to get involved. Projects like the Care House in Pontiac is just one example of such progress.

Giving back

Speaking before the Child Abuse and Neglect Council means a lot to Taormina. She said she realizes how fortunate she has been to grow up with loving parents. "So many times, Olympic athletes think I'm number one in the

world," she said. But she acknowledged that it's a small percentage of the population that have been blessed with the opportunities necessary to help them reach the Olympics.

"The human spirit has so much capacity to love," she said. "That's what I see in this organization. It makes me thankful in my life."

For Taormina, motivational speaking evolved from her athletic endeavors. After winning the gold medal, she returned to her job as a quality representative for an auto industry supply firm in the metro area. Around the same time, she began taking offers to speak about her experiences as an Olympic athlete. It started out on a volunteer basis. She would visit schools and Kiwanis club meetings on her lunch hour to tell her story.

Realizing soon enough that her vacation time was filled with such engagements, Taormina took some good advice. "My boss gave me his blessing. He said 'Go for it ... If you fall flat on your face, you can always have your job back.'"

With little risk involved, she started her own company, Taormina & Associates, Inc., and has taken her motivational speaking talents around the world. She often books speeches and guest appearances to coincide with her athletic events and swimming clinics.

While Taormina wouldn't offer any of her secrets to success beforehand, she will talk about fear of failure and the quest to truly enjoy every day of life at the upcoming luncheon.

For more information, contact the Child Abuse and Neglect Council at (248) 332-7173.

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

TUTORING

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) offers free tutoring for children in grades first through sixth every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tutoring is offered for math, reading, spelling or whatever classes are needed. Pre-enrollment is required. Call (734) 421-0472.

UPCOMING

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 religions; personal identity; helpful communication skills; resolving interfaith issues; and a panel discussion with individual interfaith couples at different



Honored

Special: Recently four women ranging in age from 90 to 97, were honored at the Christmas luncheon sponsored by Women's Ministry of Christ Our Savior Church. Sally Gold, Ila Schalow and Suann Dibble during the planning of the luncheon came upon the idea to recognize women in the parish who were 90 years or older. Those who were acknowledged included (above left to right) Margaret Arndt of Westland, 90; Hazel Soccil of Plymouth, 92; Adelia Erhardt of Livonia, 97; and Ruth Williamson of Plymouth, 91. Ironically, their birthdays all occur between April 4 and May 1. The honorees received poinsettias from Decker's Florist, corsages and a heartfelt round of applause from the more than 100 women who attended the annual luncheon. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is located at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia and 46001 Warren Road, Canton.

stages in life. Dates are Jan. 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 *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.

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, beginning 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. All of the church services are interpreted. Call (734) 421-0472.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Hear Rev. Wallace Schulz's "Lutheran Hour" message "Getting Straight with God" next Sunday, January 21 on radio dials WMC (104.3) at 6:05 a.m. or WMUZ (560) at 10:00 a.m. On "Woman to Woman" join host Phyllis Wallace and guest Gregory Jantz will provide guidance in regaining physical, emotional, and spiritual health for woman who experience burnout. "Burnout Recovery" is set for broadcast next Sunday, Jan. 21 on WKYO (1360) at noon. "On Main Street" join Dale Meyer on the topic of domestic violence is a leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15-44. "Living in Fear" is set for broadcast next Monday, Jan. 22 on Livonia cable ch. 12 at 4 p.m. or Redford cable, channel 18 on Wednesday, Jan. 24 11:30 a.m.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Have you promised yourself you'll lose weight after the holidays? Join us at Weigh Down Workshop and learn to enjoy all foods without overeating. Give yourself a New Years gift — the beginning of permanent weight loss with God as your guide. Free orientation Monday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. — classes begin

Monday, Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m. Call Diane Gaubatz (734) 397-1986 or (734) 459-0013.

GAME NIGHT

Bring a friend, a game, an appetizer and a beverage to the Middle Singles Group "Game Night" 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Call Joanne at (734) 454-4737 or Marilyn (734) 459-8966.

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will host a "Women's Festival" from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 27 (39020 Five Mile, Livonia). \$20 advance; \$25 at the door. Price includes lunch and a Christian motivational speaker as well as drawings for various prizes; and a choice of seminars (financial advisor, Schoolcraft College director/chef, massage therapist, and Arbonne International - skin care representative). Call (734) 464-0211.

JIM TUBBS FAMILY

The Jim Tubbs Family In Concert at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road, Garden City). They travel with their three daughters around the country performing. They pray the message in their music will minister to both mind and heart and that you will hear a harmony that goes far beyond their singing.

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. To schedule an appointment call Pam Dauzy (734) 844-7099.

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New book offers parental advice taken from the bible



FAITHS JOURNEY
PASTOR CARLA THOMPSON-POWELL

"Stop it this instant! How many times do I have to tell you not to throw things in the living room."
"Quit fighting with your brother!"
"Get in here now, I'm not telling you again."
How often have you, as a parent, tried to resolve things by yelling or threatening? Have you noticed

that it doesn't help your children gain control? In fact, usually our screaming just fuels their anxiety and misbehavior. When we lose control, they lose control.
I must admit that at times, I get so frustrated that the only way to release that energy is to yell and scream (or so I think). Somewhere along the way, I got the mistaken impression that raising my voice helped my child to hear me. More often than not, however, it just escalated from my yelling, to his further defiance, to my exasperation, and so forth.
Then I received a wonderful book from my parents at Christ-

mas called "Creative Correction: Extraordinary Ideas for Everyday Discipline." It is written by Lisa Whelchel, best-known for her role as Blair Warner on the TV sitcom "Facts of Life."
Whelchel, now married with three children, offers some incredible biblically based ideas on discipline, with a helpful topical index for specific concerns such as lying, bad language, arguing, stealing, etc.
Resource
Although I am a pastor, I do not have the entire Bible memorized, so her biblical explanations refocused my heart. While

reading her book, I was reminded that, "Those who are hot-tempered stir up strife, but those who are slow to anger calm contention" (Proverbs 15:18).
Whelchel also gives plenty of practical suggestions on other ways to provide correction and discipline, which are easily implemented by any parent at any time. She gives ideas for incorporating prayer into everyday family life. Most importantly, Whelchel gives the biblical reasoning behind most of her discipline suggestions.
God's word has volumes of advice about raising children,

many of which are referenced in her book. For example, Proverbs 19:18 says, "Discipline your children while there is hope; do not set your heart on their destruction." The sooner you gain control of yourself and implement wise and reasonable discipline, the sooner you will help your child gain control of his or her behavior.
One of the most well-known scripture verses on parenting says, "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray" (Proverbs 22:6).
God has offered us instruction through the holy word, the Bible.

We can only learn God's wise counsel by studying scripture and by actually reading the Word of God. The Bible will encourage us, and we will find guidance to help us as parents too.
The Rev. Carla Thompson Powell has served as pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia since September of 1996. You may reach her by e-mail at pastor@timothyLivonia.com. Creative Correction: Extraordinary Ideas for Everyday Discipline is a "Focus on the Family" book published by Tyndale House Publishers.

Superintendent addresses parish

The numerous teachers among the membership of the Mt. Hope Congregational Church enjoyed, along with the rest of the congregation, a visit from Kenneth Watson, superintendent of schools for the city of Livonia, to a recent Sunday service.
Mt. Hope has an ongoing "God in the Community" series in which community leaders are invited to share a few minutes at the pulpit with the Rev. Steven Schafer. The purpose of the program is to introduce community leadership to the people of the congregation and to listen to those leaders' perspective on the workings of God in the larger community.



Watson

Watson has served in the position of superintendent for the past seven years. He has worked as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and most recently superintendent in Livonia for the past 37 years. In addition he is involved in numerous community groups, including board leadership at the Livonia YMCA and St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

During his discussion Watson said that character development seems to be one of the new roles of the schools. Consequently, teachers, secretaries, custodians and each of the support staff become role models for the students and need to act and speak in appropriate ways.
The "Golden Rule" is a universal basic for all religions and cultures and is certainly one that the learning profession needs to reinforce in the lives of children.

Watson went on to say that one of the challenges for schools today is making sure that the testing of students is appropriate to developmental levels. He suggested that some of the assessment testing the schools are required to give are causing undue stress on children and teachers and are not accomplishing their desired goals. True education goes far beyond academics to the ability to socialize and think creatively. Tests can't show ability in these areas.

When Mt. Hope Pastor Steve Schafer asked about the place of spirituality in the lives of students and carrying that into the schools, Watson agreed that certainly God is in the schools in the lives of young people who bring it with them and that faith influences others in their classes. What the church teaches in terms of relationships and hope is an important element in any setting.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church is located at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

KINDERMUSIK

The Continuing Education Office at Schoolcraft College is expanding their Kindermusik program to include "Growing with Kindermusik" for ages 3-5.
This 45-minute class will include singing, dancing, instrument exploration along with a full array of learning experiences. The program encourages individual expression, both physically and vocally.
Kindermusik 12-week classes at Schoolcraft College start the week of Feb. 6th. Classes are available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.
"Growing with Kindermusik" begins on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 11:00 a.m. "Kindermusik children and their families develop a special musical bond and learn fun ways to incorporate music into their lives at home," Mary Melonio said.
Call Mary (734) 464-1412.

SINGLES MINGLE

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances are Jan. 19 and 26. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909. A special Valentine Dance will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, Feb. 14. Admission is \$4 before 7 p.m. and \$6 before 8:30 p.m.
GAME NIGHT
Bring a friend, a game, an appetizer and a beverage to the Middle Singles Group "Game Night" 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at Our

Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Call Joanne at (734) 454-4737 or Marilyn (734) 459-8966.
THURSDAY METRO SINGLES
Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Thursday and concludes at 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Crystal Park Banquet Center, 7099 Champaign, Allen Park. Call (313) 388-9001 or the hotline (313) 438-6852.
BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call Diane at 981-4553.

■ Speaker Deacon Bob Ovie, at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at St. Kenneth's on Haggerty Road, Plymouth.
■ Card Nights, Jan. 26. Call Rose (734) 464-3325.
■ Hike/and or dinner Jan. 21. Two mile hike through Heritage Park on Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile. Dinner at 4:15 p.m. at Brass Point Restaurant. Call Tom (734) 464-7899.
■ Divorce Recovery begins Jan. 26. Eight consecutive weeks from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth's. Cost is \$40 and includes workbook.
DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m.

No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443.
■ Jan. 23, The Legal Aspects of Divorce. Theodore Johnson, Attorney at Law. Learn about the process of filing for divorce and what to expect.
DIVORCE RECOVERY
Single Place Ministries presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop at First Presbyterian Church (200 E. Main Street, Northville) Jan. 11-Feb. 22 at a cost of \$30. Topics include networking, stages of grief, legal aspect of divorce, helping children through divorce, etc. The group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the church. The cost includes Jim Smoke's book "Growing Through Divorce."
SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
■ Movie night is Jan. 19. It includes popcorn, soda, candy and fellowship. Call (248) 374-5920 for details.
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.

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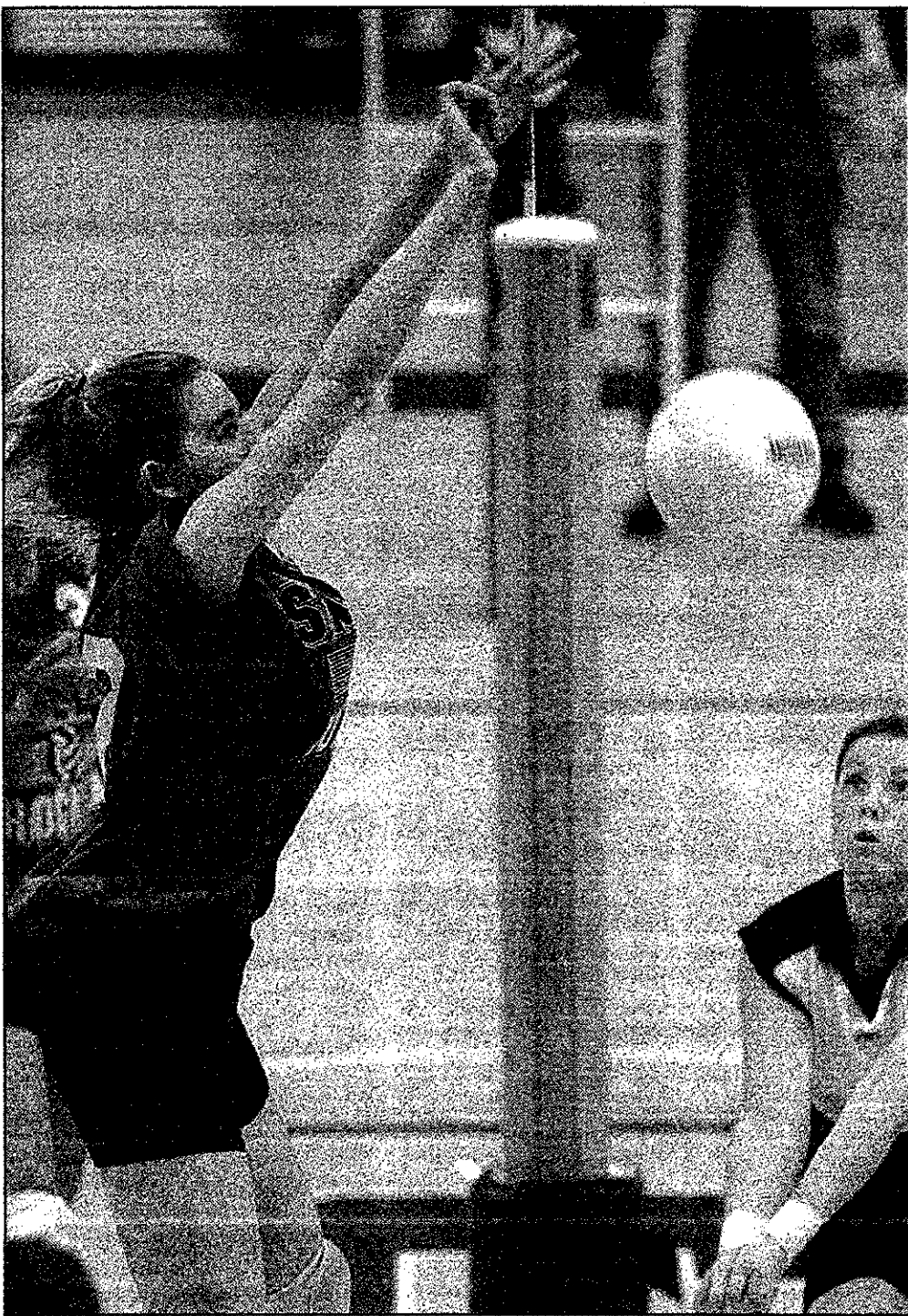
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Rocks run away with Western Lakes win

Canton flattened, 15-3, 15-5



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Block stuff: Plymouth Salem's Jill Dombrowski (left) controls the ball at the net in Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association match against Plymouth Canton.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The end result was pretty much what was expected, but neither volleyball coach seemed truly happy with the way their teams got there.

Plymouth Salem stormed past archrival Plymouth Canton on Monday, 15-3, 15-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association opener for both schools.

And with the Rocks improving to 11-4 and Canton dropping to 6-5-1, the result went true to form.

But...

"(The team's) not where I want them to be," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "We've got some things to work through."

Even though his team has drastically improved over a year ago, Canton coach Steve Anderson thought the Chiefs would play better.

"Our game never showed up," said Anderson. "People who served, didn't serve. People who passed, passed poorly. Our game didn't show up tonight."

"Our best performances came off the bench. The reserve players who came off the bench — particularly Jenny Wagner, Cindy Rotramel and Michelle Ly — played with greater consistency than our starters."

The Rocks never trailed in either game. After trading side-outs in the opener, Salem jumped out to a 4-0 lead before Canton got its first point.

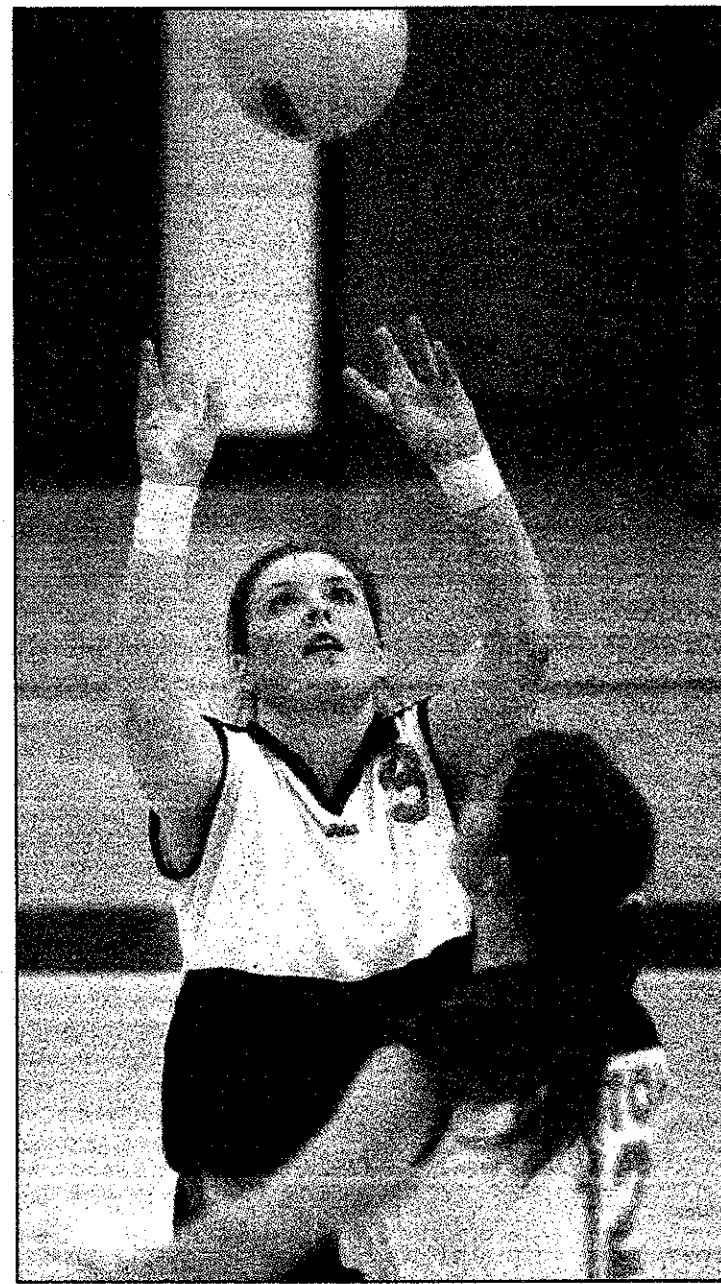
Then the Rocks methodically pulled away before Katie Good's kill capped the 15-3 win.

In the second game, Jill Dombrowski served Salem to a 4-0 lead, but a pair of aces pulled the Chiefs back to 4-2. Salem slowly worked that back to 11-2, before Canton came back two two quick points to cut it to 11-4.

Again, the Rocks slowly pulled away and a kill by Dombrowski ended the match.

Dombrowski wound up with eight kills and 12 assists to go with two aces and four digs. Jordan Falcusan had 12 assists, while MaryLou Liebau had five kills and 10 digs, Good came up with eight kills and Kelly Jaskot had four kills and eight digs.

"For us in the long term, this didn't mean much because it wasn't a division game," said Anderson. "We're not contending for the league, but the (Western) division. I think for Salem, this was much more emotional."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Setting the table: Plymouth Canton captain Mary Kryska bumps the ball during Monday's match against Plymouth Salem.

Salem ends 8-game slide with victory vs. Western

Haydon's layup fuels 57-55 win

Ten months between snow storms is nice but going that long between basketball victories just doesn't make it for Bob Brodie.

Brodie's Plymouth Salem team broke an eight-game slide Tuesday night with a 57-55 victory over visiting Walled Lake Western in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

Thank you Ryan Haydon, who scored on a layup with six seconds to go, and thank you Dave Hoskins, who scored the other 10 points the Rocks had in the final eight minutes of their first victory this season.

"This feels good," Brodie said. "We just needed a victory bad. To go that long in the season without one..."

"We didn't play that bad all the time. But this is a game where we played pretty well for four quarters. And we did a nice job on the glass."

The Rocks had the ball with 30 seconds to play with the score tied. They called timeout and, when play resumed, ran the clock down before getting the ball inside to senior forward Haydon for the layup.

Walled Lake Western (4-4, 1-1) held a 21-19 lead after the first period but Salem (1-7, 1-1) outscored the Warriors by six in the second quarter to take a 31-27 halftime lead.

Western shaved three points off that lead in the third period and Salem led only 45-44 entering the final quarter.

Haydon came off the bench to score five points in the game but Brodie was especially pleased with his six rebounds, "which were pretty critical."

Sophomore forward Hoskins led all scorers with 25 points and also had 10 rebounds. He was espe-

BOYS BASKETBALL

cially tough in the fourth quarter.

Jeff Haar scored nine points for the Rocks while Nick Tochman also had 10 rebounds, scored nine points "and played a steady game for us," Brodie said. "We got good support from our bench."

"We outrebounded Western, which was one of the keys. We limited them to one shot most of the time, than came down and had 2-3 shots ourselves."

The Warriors were led by Chris Eagle, who had 15 points, and David Zeitlin, who added 13.

Salem was nine of 16 from the line, while Western made seven of 12.

"We had a nice lead," Brodie said, "about 10 points in the third quarter. Then they came back and went ahead."

"But we came back, regrouped, got the lead and won the game."

After losing the lead, Salem didn't get it back until Haydon's game-winning shot. The Rocks trailed by as many as five in the final quarter.

Salem lost its last game of last season, of course, in the state tournament and dropped its first seven this year.

Salem's last win was March 11, 62-58, over Plymouth Canton in the district championship game.

The Rocks lost to Detroit Pershing in its regional opener, 84-68, March 14.

But now the drought is over. And Brodie and the Rocks don't have to go back 10 months to remember what winning a varsity game feels like.

Roeper cagers turn back PCA

It wasn't a hole Plymouth Christian found itself in Tuesday night; it was more like a trench.

Still, the Eagles were unable to get out of it and absorbed their second loss two games into the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference season.

Host Bloomfield Hills Roeper hit three straight shots — all triples — to put Plymouth Christian behind, 9-0, at the start and maintained that margin to the end of its 58-49 victory.

"We played them even the rest of the game,"

Coach Doug Taylor said. "We just weren't able to catch up."

It was 20-12 after one period and 36-26 at the intermission. PCA held a 23-22 edge over the final two quarters.

Plymouth Christian (1-5, 0-2) got 12 points from sophomore forward Clay Welton, who also had eight rebounds and seven assists. P. J. Woodman scored 11 points.

For Roeper (1-1), senior center Laddie Andahazy scored 23 and Matt Kohlenberg added 15, all on three-pointers.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 18
Agape vs. Akiva Day School at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19
Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Gib. Carlson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Luth. W. side at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
Light & Life at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Oak. Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Divine Child at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 18
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Luth. W. side at Harper Woods, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Del. Urban, 7 p.m.
Benedictine at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Roper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Bedford Invitational, 8 a.m.
M.H. Madison Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Saginaw Valley Tourney, 9 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Northwood Invitational, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 18
Red. Unified vs. Lincoln Park at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19
Churchill vs. Salem at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Canton vs. Riverview at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hts. Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Canton vs. Chelsea at A.A. Ice Cube, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Unified at Allen Park, 8 p.m.
Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at Great Lakes Center, 8:10 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 18
Walled Lake at Salem, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Holland Invitational, 1 p.m.
Farmington Invitational, TBA.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 18
Lake Orion, Troy Athens at Redford CC, 5 p.m.
Luth. W. side at Country Day, 6 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
Annapolis at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Jackson N. West Invitational, 9 a.m.
Redford CC Super Dual, 10 a.m.
Luth. W. side Invitational, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 18
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle at Redford Union, 2 p.m.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 18
Redford CC vs. Okemos at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 20
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 20
Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Siena Hts. at Madonna, 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 19
Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20
Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 19
Det. Rockers vs. Baltimore at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 21
Det. Rockers at Kansas City, 6:05 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

ROCKERS FALL TO WAVE

With leading scorer Sean Bowlers sidelined with a groin injury, the Detroit Rockers simply ran out of gas in the fourth quarter Sunday against the Milwaukee Wave, losing 22-14 in an NPSL game played at the Bradley Center.

The loss left the Rockers with a 2-16 record. Milwaukee is 8-11. The Wave collected four one-point shoot-out goals and two three-pointers, and Joe Reininger had a hand in all but one of them. Reininger scored three of the shoot-out goals, collected a three-pointer and assisted on another triple; he finished with eight points.

Detroit never led in the game, but a shoot-out goal and a three-pointer by Matt Knowles to start the fourth quarter narrowed the Wave's 14-8 lead to 14-12 just 1:50 into the period.

But Milwaukee's Brian Loftin made certain the Rockers would get no closer, scoring one-, two- and three-point goals in the final 10 minutes of the match to solidify his team's victory.

Knowles enjoyed his best game as a Rocker, finishing with three goals and seven points. Joel Shanker also had two goals and an assist for five points; Shawn Boney collected a goal and an assist for three points; and Droo Callahan had a goal and an assist for three points.

Dan Ilie Diac made nine saves in goal for the Rockers. Victor Nogueira had 14 stops for the Wave.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Plymouth Canton leads the way with three finalists, while Plymouth Salem and North Farmington have two each for the 2000-01 Michigan High School Athletic Association Awards, to be presented in February.

Angie Nue is a finalist in softball, Oliver Wolcott in baseball and Christina Slupek in girls

golf for the Chiefs, while Salem's Anna Moniodis and Kurt Sarsfield are finalists in girls and boys cross country. In girls tennis, Joyce Chung of North Farmington is a finalist as in the Raiders' Brian Doughty in boys tennis.

Thurston's Chris Litvin is a finalist in wrestling, while Catholic Central's John Goebel is a finalist in boys skiing.

Every school is allowed to nominate one student-athlete in each sport and students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Salem had 17 applicants and Canton had 16 — placing them in the top nine.

Applications were judged by a 75-member committee last week. Of the 114 finalists, 24 winners will be announced — fall sports on Feb. 6, winter sports on Feb. 13, and spring sports on Feb. 20.

CANTON GRAD HONORED

Eastern Michigan University soccer player Emilie Meier (Plymouth Canton) was named to the NSCAA/adidas College Scholar Central Region third team for 2000.

Meier, a senior defender, is carrying a 3.54 grade point average majoring in elementary education, was a Mid-American Conference honor roll member and was named to the 1999 All-MAC tourney team.

AGE-GROUP SWIM CORRECTION

For the record, Catherine Joss of the Clarenceville Swim Club won the Girls 6-and-under 25-yard freestyle and backstroke at the Sheila Taormina Gold Medal B-C Classic age-group meet Dec. 9-10 at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLINICS

Performance Fastpitch will be conducting four different softball clinics from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 (defense), Feb. 3 (offense), Feb. 17 (hitting) and March 3 (positions) at Hartland Middle School, located at Ore Creek (near M-59 and U.S.-23).

The cost is \$15 per clinic or \$50 for all four sessions. Pre-registration is recommended since space is limited.

For more information, call Greg Milosek at (810) 227-6295 or Randy Hazzard at (248) 684-5640.

BALLPLAYERS WANTED

Westland Federation's 14-year-old baseball travel team is seeking 14-year-old players for the upcoming season.

For more information, call (734) 216-7708.

BENEFIT HOCKEY GAME

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association coaches will play coaches from Westland in a hockey game at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21 at Garden City Ice Arena.

There is a \$1 donation at the door and all proceeds will go to benefit GCYAA Youth Sports.

WOMEN'S OFFICIALS CLINIC

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will hold a one-day clinic for women interested in becoming officials from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at DeWitt High School.

The program title Two-Dae, Trained Women Officials: Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, will provided insight, encouragement and training to become a entry-level candidate to launch a career as an MHSAA official. All 12 MHSAA sports are offered.

The \$30 registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and a gift. The clinic is being held in conjunction with the MHSAA's annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference, Sunday-Monday, Feb. 4-5 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

For more information, call the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046.

SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED

Livonia Waza Soccer Club is seeking players for its under-15 Little Caesars League team.

For more information, call team manager Alan Helisek at (248) 471-4475 or coach Ryo Takahaski (313) 937-9292.

COACHING VACANCIES

The Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking coaches for the spring season for junior varsity golf, freshman softball, JV softball assistant and freshman soccer; and for the fall season a JV cheerleading coach.

For more information, Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

C'VILLE NEEDS COACHES

The Livonia Clarenceville High School is seeking a junior varsity baseball coach and an assistant track coach for the spring season.

For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926.

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.

MADONNA SOFTBALL CLINIC

Madonna University will be stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic four consecutive weeks — 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3 and 10; also, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4 and 11.

The cost is \$80 for four weeks or \$25 per session.

The camp consists of hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, base running, pitching, catching and defensive position. Pitchers and catchers will be required to stay an extra half-hour.

Pre-registration is 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.

YOUTH HOOP TOURNEYS

Tournaments USA will hold a youth basketball tournament at Allen Park High School and Middle School.

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

The tourney costs \$275 per team and is a round-robin format with a three-game guarantee.

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

BOAT, FISHING SHOW AT DOME

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

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

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

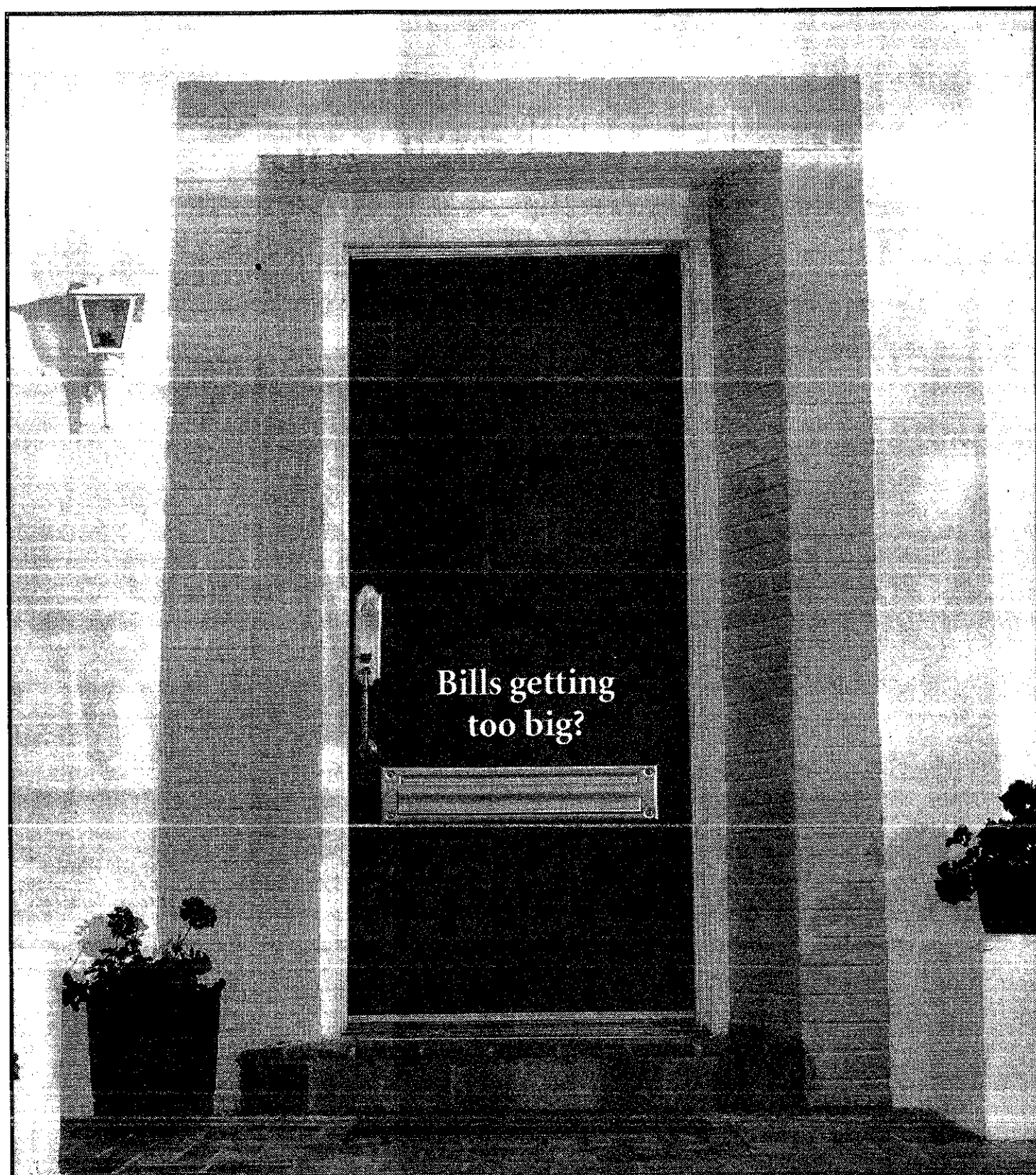
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Canton rules Lincoln dual

Plymouth Canton defended its Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational wrestling title in fine fashion on Saturday as the Chiefs went 5-0 on the day in dual meets to hold onto their crown.

"Though we are stronger as a whole than most of the teams there, each of the teams had some strong wrestlers," said Chiefs coach John Demsick. "Every one of our wrestlers had one or two really close matches to fight through. Most of our wrestlers averaged a 4-1 record, which is a great record, but short of topping all their opponents."

The Chiefs stopped Ida, 47-21, and avenged a loss to the Bluebreaks from last season. Canton also beat New Boston-Huron (52-21), host Lincoln (67-9), blanked Ypsilanti (83-0) and topped Carleton Airport (44-33) as it improved to 11-3 on the year.

Canton did have three wrestlers come through on the

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day undefeated with Doy Demsick at 125 pounds, Greg Musser at 140 and Phil Rothwell at 189 all going 5-0.

"However, it takes a well-rounded team to win tournaments like this," said Demsick. "This is our fourth of five tournaments where our guys have worked together to win first place this year. We still have plenty of challenges ahead, but they are quite a team."

2 CC grapplers win

Jay Abshire and Ryan Rogowski both won their flights and helped Redford Catholic Central to a third-place finish at its own invitational on Saturday.

Holt won the invitational with 187.5 points, followed by Warren Lincoln with 168 points and CC with 134.5. Livonia Stevenson was ninth with 94 and Westland

John Glenn was 10th with 76 points.

Abshire captured the 145-pound division by pinning Romeo's Clint Randell in 5:16, while Stevenson's Chris Coopridge came in fourth and Glenn's Brad Gregory finished sixth.

Rogowski clinched the 171 class with a 12-2 major decision over Holt's Chad Cleevos in the final.

Stevenson's Imad Kharbush came in second at 160, losing a tough 3-2 decision to R.J. Boudro of Armada. For the Stanford University-bound grappler it was his first defeat of the season. He was third in his weight class at the state meet a year ago. CC's Jason Hilliker, meanwhile, added a fifth.

The Spartans also got a second from Billy Bullock at 125, as he was pinned by Holt's Jack Scott in 0:46 in the final. CC's Tom Buddenborg took a 12-3 major decision over Glenn's Shawn

Parker for fifth- and sixth-place, respectively.

At 119 pounds, CC's Tim Mulroy was second, losing to Warren Lincoln's Cainan Munsell, 15-0, in the final, while Glenn's Kenfense Mandisa of Glenn was third and fifth went to Stevenson's Jason Fischer.

At 140 pounds, Stevenson's Matt Radley was fourth, while CC's Mike Werner was fifth.

At 152, Glenn's Chris Wolfgang, CC's Chris Cracchiolo and Stevenson's Joe Jamieson went fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

The Shamrocks had three other placers as Aaron Parr and Blaie Naysmith were fifth at heavyweight and 189 pounds, while Matt Markowicz was sixth at 215.

John Glenn's Chris Smith was third at 112. Teammate Nick Naber was sixth at 103.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING RESULTS

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Jan. 13 at Garden City FRESHMEN DIVISION

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Monroe, 152 points; 2. Walled Lake Western, 145; 3. Westland John Glenn, 128; 4. Belleville, 119; 5. Novi and Fordson, 92; 7. Wayne, 86; 8. Divine Child, 75; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 68; 10. Edsel Ford, 67; 11. Wyandotte, 64; 12. Walled Lake Central, 61; 13. Melvindale, 59; 14. Livonia Churchill, 53; 15. Allen Park, Redford Union and Rochester Adams, 50; 18. Farmington, 48; 19. Southgate, 45; 20. Riverview, Lutheran West and Plymouth Salem, 44; 23. Monroe Jefferson, 39; 24. Thurston, 36.5; 25. Grosse Ile and Ann Arbor Huron, 36; 27. Brother Rice, 28; 28. Flat Rock, 27; 29. Livonia Franklin, 18; 20. Clawson and Plymouth Canton, 18; 32. Annapolis, 17; 33. Trenton, 15; 34. Northville, 14; 35. Garden City, 12; 36. Lincoln Park, 11; 37. Farmington Harrison, 9; 38. North Farmington, 5; 39. Crestwood, 4; 40. Dearborn, 1.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

HVY: Pete (Mon) p. Boucher (WLC), 1:10; **consolation:** Byrum (BV) p. Howell (BR), 2:10.

103 pounds (A): Mike Szor (AP) pinned Dan Clement (LC), 2:23; **consolation:** Greg Wacker (JG) maj. dec. Dan McAuliffe (LS), 11-2.

103 (B): Murphy (WLW) d. Dendinos (PS), 5-2; **consolation:** Vaughn (PS) S. Bergeson (Nov), 4-2.

112 (A): Craig Lebaron (RT) won by forfeit; **consolation:** Yasbak (WLW) p. Johair (FRD), 1:36.

112 (B): Serrano (Mel) p. Cavanaugh (WM), :50; **consolation:** Davis (EF) p. Spencer (RIV), 2:58.

119 (A): John Gourlay (RU) d. Mayes (Mon), 6-0; **consolation:** Fuller (MJ) d. Schwartz (Farm), 7-2.

119 (B): Claire (WLW) d. Ball (FRD), 12-7; **consolation:** Rex Fugaban (WM) tech. fall Barbour (EF) 4:22.

125: Ericson (BV) d. Chris Fougere (WM), 9-5; **consolation:** Mike Buchanan (RU) d. McIntyre (Mon), 2-1 OT.

130 (A): Cantu (JG) p. Raymo (Mon), 1:50; **consolation:** Reid (WLW) p. Ottewill (BV), 2:45.

130 (B): Fedewa (EF) d. McLean (WM), 8-4; **consolation:** Schultz (PS) won by forfeit.

135: Sunisloe (Nov) maj. dec. Beste (WLC), 9-0; **consolation:** Malone (JG) won by forfeit.

140: Cruickshank (JG) won by forfeit; **consolation:** O'Dell (RA) won by forfeit over Keesey (PC).

145: Baskin (LS) maj. dec. Jacobs (Mel), 11-1; **consolation:** Kemp (LW) d. Buuder (WM), 5-2.

152: Perez (DC) p. Haller (LW), 5:23; **consolation:** Belsky (Farm) p. Schamber (JG), 2:17.

160: Mumcumber (BV) p. Bunch

(WY), 2:39; **consolation:** Ham-moud (FRD) maj. dec. Dulco (SA), 23-15.

171: Fairchild (JG) p. Gosuami (RA), 4:10; **consolation:** Jones (WLW) p. Gibson (DC), :47.

189: Halleck (Mon) d. Selonke (DC), 5-2; **consolation:** Eichhorn (AAH) d. Gonzales (WLW), 1:19.

215: Shaunia (WLW) p. Smock (WY), 2:55; **consolation:** Catopodis (Nov) p. Smith (LC), :54.

SOPHOMORE DIVISION

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Belleville, 183.5; 2. Edsel Ford, 136; 3. Lincoln Park, 98; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 97; 5. Southgate, 89; 6. Trenton, 84; 7. Plymouth Salem, 75.5; 8. Redford Union, 74; 9. Wyandotte, 63; 10. Garden City, 58; 11. Allen Park, 56.5; 12. Novi, 53; 13. Thurston, 49; 14. Divine Child, 45; 15. Fordson, 40; 16. Riverview, 29; 17. John Glenn, 28; 18. Rochester Adams, 27; 19. Annapolis, 22; 20. Brother Rice, 21; 21. Plymouth Canton, 20; 22. Monroe, 16; 23. Monroe Jefferson, 15; 24. Farmington Harrison and Livonia Franklin, 13; 26. Dearborn, Lutheran West and Walled Lake Western, 11; 29. Northville, 10; 30. Farmington, 9; 31. North Farmington, 8; 32. Livonia Churchill and

Walled Lake Central, 7; 34. Grosse Ile and Flat Rock, 3; 36. Melvindale, Wayne, Clawson and Crestwood, 0.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

HVY: Nick Cooper (GC) p. Jason Leduc (RU), 1:50; **consolation:** Phil Sabourin (LS) p. Herbert Reelus (JG), 1:00.

103: Jacob Davis (GC) p. Mark Bakas (SA), 2:00; **consolation:** C. Golena (WY) p. Jerry Bondy (RIV), 2:00.

112: Adam Benard (TR) d. Mark Tomasic (EF); **consolation:** Drew Connor (JG) d. Brian Frey (Nov), 1-0.

119: Chris Wickman (BV) d. Alan Mlynec (PS), 8-6; **consolation:** Sean Chernick (LP) won by forfeit over Chad Bennett (LF).

125: Nick Moniodis (PS) d. Tom Webber (BV), 8-7; **consolation:** Mark McCourt (TR) d. Wisener (WLW), 3-1.

130: Sean O'Halloran (LS) d. Chris Usher (RT), 5-2; **consolation:** Putek (RIV) p. Josh MacDonald (BV), 2:15.

135: Nick Loose (BV) maj. dec. Matt Brightman (LP), 12-4; **consolation:** Esdori (SA) p. Josh Hodg (SA), 1:40.

140: Brandon Sinnott (AP) tech. fall Nathan Ferrell (LP), 4:00; **con-**

solation: Yaseen Farooq (EF) p. Daroci (BV), 2:03.

145: Cristian Sinnott (AP) d. Pat Adamson (LP), 3-1; **consolation:** Matt Gantner (BV) p. Chris Hopkins (RU), :50.

152: Dave Chudzinski (BV) p. Chris Hansen (PS); **consolation:** Dwarzski (WY) d. Myers (RA), 13-6.

160: James Southard (AAH) d. Nick Westercap (RU), 7-2; **consolation:** Charlie Blessel (TR) p. Evan Szarenski (BR), :41.

171: Josh Harrington (RT) p. Matt Jezior (Nov), 4:10; **consolation:** Chris Deckert (EF) d. Jake Bongero (RU), 6-5.

189: Jesse Cummings (SA) d. Mike Tackett (BV), 5-2; **consolation:** Chris Zdravosk (Nov) maj. dec. Moussa Kadira (FRD), 16-6.

215: Paul Bargerstock (LS) p. Jeff Rochon (BV), 1:10; **consolation:** Bryan Norburn (EF) maj. dec. Doug Newsom (MJ), 10-0.

MVPs: Freshmen: Craig Lebaron (RT); Sophomores: Paul Bargerstock; Livonia Stevenson.

Rocks, Chiefs land in top 6

Both Plymouth Salem and Canton finished in the top half of the Rockford Gymnastics Invitational on Saturday, as the Rocks were fourth with 132.5 points and the Chiefs coming in sixth at 127.65 points.

"But don't let the scored fool you," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We have more aches and pains than a rehab clinic and placing sixth in our condition was a shock."

The nicest surprise for the Chiefs came from Amy Driscoll, who finished first on the bars with 9.000 points and second on the beam with 9.250.

Salem's Melissa Drake was fourth in the all-around with 34.900 points after finishing fourth in the bars (8.8), fifth in the floor exercise (8.8) and tied for ninth on the beam (8.5), teammate April Aquinto

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came in ninth in the all-around with 33.450 points.

Against Northville on Tuesday, the Chiefs finished 2-4-5-6 in the all-around, but still wound up on the short end of a 137.55-129.80 score to Northville-Nov.

Driscoll was second overall as she came in third on the beam (8.30) and Bars (8.80) and fourth in the vault (8.10). Jill Raklovits was fourth in the AA (32.25) and sixth in the vault (7.95). Audra Ahern was fifth in the AA, tied for third in the floor (8.65), while Jessica Krueger was sixth in the AA (29.80) and Kristen Schlik was fifth in the vault (6.05).

The Chiefs are 1-3 overall.

Livonia gains 2nd triumph

The Wayne-Westland girls gymnastics team led through the first two events, but Livonia Unified dominated the balance beam and earned a 134.45-131.90 victory in a meet Tuesday at John Glenn High School.

Livonia Unified, a first-year program, is 2-1 in dual meets, while Wayne-Westland is 1-4.

Livonia's Kelly Ostrosky and Wayne-Westland's Nicole Simonian each captured two events.

The two tied on floor exercise at 9.3 each.

Ostrosky won the balance beam (9.1), while Simonian took the uneven bars (8.9).

Livonia's Mary Moreau added a first on vault (8.85).

"We didn't perform to our fullest, but we plan on working on it in future meets," Livonia coach Christa Hinderlitter said. "We had some pleasant surprises on beam from Kelly and Lisa. Gina Maceri had a shoulder injury, so we took her off of three events and she does everything but vault."

Simonian took the all-around title with a 35.15, while Livonia's Michelle Wimberly was next with a 34.65. Wayne-West-

land's Kristen Costantino finished third with a 33.40.

"The meet was closer than I thought," Glenn coach Cathy German said. "We won on bars and floor, but they killed us on the balance beam. It's disappointing because I thought we had a chance. Every time it's the beam."

"They (Livonia) have a good team and a good coach. Good for Livonia, they deserve that."

LIVONIA UNIFIED 134.45
WAYNE-WESTLAND 131.90
Jan. 16 at John Glenn

Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Kelly Ostrosky (L) and Nicole Simonian (WW), 9.3 each; 3. Michelle Wimberly (L), 9.2; 4. Kristen Costantino (WW), 8.85; 5. Julie Castillo (WW), 8.6.

Balance beam: 1. Ostrosky (L), 9.1; 2. (tie) Wimberly (L) and Simonian (WW), 8.2 each; 4. Lisa Thompson (L), 8.15; 5. Costantino (WW), 8.1.

Uneven bars: 1. Simonian (WW), 8.9; 2. Wimberly (L), 8.75; 3. Castillo (WW), 8.55; Costantino (WW), 8.3; 5. Thompson (L), 8.1.

Vault: 1. Mary Moreau (L), 8.85; 2. Simonian (WW), 8.75; 3. Wimberly (L), 8.5; 4. Sarah Snow (L), 8.3; 5. (tie) Castillo (WW) and Thompson (L), 8.2 each.

All-around: 1. Simonian (WW), 35.15; 2. Wimberly (L), 34.65; 3. Costantino (WW), 33.40.

Dual meet record: Wayne-Westland, 1-4; Livonia Unified, 1-2.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIMMING

Pioneer, Rockford 1-2 at Kilgore Invitational

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Rockford battled for first, but host Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton had some outstanding swims at the annual Plymouth Salem Rock/Kilgore Invitational on Saturday.

The Pioneers won with 311 points, while Rockford had 300, Salem had 204.5, Canton had 158.5, Livonia Stevenson had 101 and Dearborn came in with 89 in the meet. The format was a bit different with every event split into at least three heats and each heat winner received credit for a win, regardless of time.

Salem came through with four heat wins on the day as Mike Horgan and Ben Dzialo both finished first in the 500 freestyle in 5:24.01 and 4:59.46, respectively. Aaron Shelton took one of the 100 freestyle wins (50.35), while Canton's Joe Le (51.68) took another. The Rocks' Eric Lynn also posted a win in the 100 backstroke (54.71).

The Rocks also took seconds from the 200 medley relay (1:53.58), Mike Johnson in the 50 freestyle (22.93) and the 100 freestyle (50.22), Lynn in the 100 butterfly (53.72), Jim Ross in the 500 freestyle (5:14.75), Ben Mellis in the 100 backstroke (1:06.04) and Matt Vivian in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.01).

Canton had seconds from Eddie Lindow (1:09.19) and Dennis Speck (1:11.13) in the 100 backstroke.

Salem thirds came in the 200 medley relay (1:42.63), the 200 freestyle (Ross, 1:54.75), the 200 IM (Matt Showalter, 2:24.98; Dzialo, 3:07.21), 50 freestyle (Dave Carson, 24.30) the 50 freestyle (Shelton, 22.54), diving (Greg Kubitski, 308.85), 100 butterfly (Nick Yee, 1:08.86), 100 freestyle (Dave Woodard, 57.74), 500 freestyle (Brian Mertens, 5:07.23), all three heats of the 200 freestyle (1:42.21, 1:40.27 and 1:33.70), 100 backstroke (Yee, 1:03.33; Kevin Schopieray, 1:04.27) and the A and C heats of the 400 freestyle relay (3:53.96 and 3:20.32).

The Chiefs claimed thirds in the 200 medley relay (1:50.36), the 200 freestyle (Steve Rice,

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2:03.74; Matt Wisniewski, 1:53.19), 50 freestyle (24.30), diving (Steve Kilyanczyk, 144.40; Ryan Henry, 255.65), 100 freestyle (Shawn Bernard, 57.30; Brad Nilson, 51.70), 100 backstroke (Trey Gerack, 1:04.27; Nilson, 58.04) and the 400 freestyle relay (3:38.05).

Shamrocks 1st at Cranbrook

Redford Catholic Central took 12 firsts as the Shamrocks handily won the six-team Cranbrook Invitational on Saturday.

Scoring for the meet was a bit different, as each event was divided into three heats and points were given out based on position in the heat, instead of an overall winner.

Still, CC had 211 points, followed by defending Class A champion Brother Rice with 178 and Toledo St. Francis with 176.

"It was a wonderful meet," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "Out of 27 individual swims, we had 24 season or lifetime bests. With a performance like that, you can upset the state champion. We had great performances by everyone."

CC won all three heats of the 50 freestyle with Mike Greis (23.62), Kevin Ryan (23.29) and Ed Lesnau (22.04) and won two heats of the 200 freestyle with Nick Markou (1:49.46) and Brett Meconis (1:48.84) as well as the 100 breaststroke with Jeff Andonian (1:08.70) and Mike Kruszewski (1:06.99).

Catholic Central also got individual firsts from Bryant Steele in the 100 butterfly (55.81) and Lesnau in the 100 free (48.97).

The Shamrocks also won two heats of the 400 freestyle relay with Dan Jones, Greis, Andrew Carlin and Steele winning in 3:30.18 and Meconis, Markou, Ryan and Lesnau making the state cut in 3:20.86.

CC also captured the 200 free relay with Meconis, Andonian, Ryan and Lesnau in a state-cut time of 1:30.87.

BEST BOYS SWIM LISTINGS

Following are the best Observer and boys swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax (734-953-7279), telephone (734-953-2141), or email (domeara@oe.homecomm.net).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:43.09, B — 1:49.59)
Plymouth Salem 1:42.63
Redford Catholic Central 1:44.09
Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46
North Farmington 1:46.26
Plymouth Canton 1:48.79

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 1:49.39, B — 1:55.59)
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.84
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:52.19
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:54.69
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:54.75
Joe Le (Canton) 1:56.48
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:57.02
Ryan Ahearn (Canton) 1:57.11
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 2:00.04

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cuts: A — 2:03.99, B — 2:11.59)
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:59.32
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.55
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:07.21
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:11.45
Eric Dobkowski (Stevenson) 2:16.05
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 2:16.68
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 2:17.50
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 2:18.72

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 22.69, B — 23.69)
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.54
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.93
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.54
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.57
Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 23.63
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 24.06
Sergey Alver (N. Farmington) 24.24

DIVING
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 352.10
Blake Brunner (Canton) 291.20
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 254.00
Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 184.75
Mark Moratta (Redford Union) 182.95

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cuts: A — 55.59, B — 58.99)
Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 53.51
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.72
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.89
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 54.18
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 56.35
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 56.40
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.99
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

Justin Gold (John Glenn) 59.87
100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 49.49, B — 51.99)
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 48.97
Eric Lynn (Salem) 49.15
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.22
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 50.35
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.97
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 51.03
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06
Joe Le (Canton) 51.68
Brad Nilson (Canton) 51.70
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 51.98

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 4:57.99, B — 5:15.99)
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.46
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.23
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:14.75
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:15.05
Ryan Ahearn (Canton) 5:19.04
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 5:22.52
Mike Horgan (Salem) 5:24.01
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 5:25.84

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:31.99, B — 1:36.49)
Redford Catholic Central 1:30.87
Plymouth Salem 1:33.70
Livonia Stevenson 1:39.38
Plymouth Canton 1:39.74
Westland John Glenn 1:44.74

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cuts: A — 56.59, B — 59.99)
Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.76
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31
Brad Nilson (Canton) 59.04
Brian Clayton (N. Farmington) 59.50
Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 59.51
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34
Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 1:00.82
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 1:01.98

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cuts: A — 1:02.99, B — 1:07.59)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:00.55
Den Dziesan (Redford CC) 1:05.44
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:05.51
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:05.77
Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:07.75
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:08.15
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:08.70
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:08.79
Eddie Lindow (Canton) 1:08.95
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 1:09.95

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Mercy girls gain victory

Farmington Mercy continues to excel on the ski slopes.

The Marlins came out of Tuesday's girls giant slalom at Mt. Brighton with a 36-40 victory over Brighton. Okemos was third, another 10 points back.

Redford Catholic Central was edged out, 36-42, by Okemos, in the boys giant slalom. Brighton was third with 71 points.

Both the Mercy and Catholic Central squads are coached by Tom Gable.

Mercy's top four skiers all finished in the top 14 with freshman Liz Mujala and Nikki Anderson finishing 4-5.

Kujala made her first run in 15.95 and the second in 14.87 for a 30.82 combined time. Anderson's runs were 16.53 and 14.49.

Laura Burek was 13th with a time of 32.90 on runs of 17.87 and 15.53 while Nicole Zaleski was 14th, turning in times of 17.58 and 15.50.

Marcy Godlew took 21st with a 35.24 combined time. Melissa Desautel was disqualified on her second run.

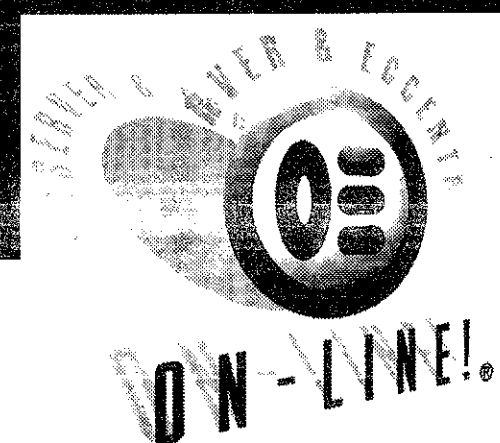
Matt Gable took first place overall to lead three Catholic Central skiers in the top ten. His combined time of 25.87 was achieved on runs of 11.86 and 14.01. He was almost a full second faster on his first run than the runnerup.

Eric Sullivan recorded runs of 13.10 and 15.16 to finish eighth with a combined clocking of 28.26. John Goebel was 10th, turning in runs of 13.12 and 15.36, while Ryan Boudreau finished 23rd at 30.78 on runs of 13.92 and 16.86.

Joe Murray was 29th with a combined time of 31.45 and Che Martinez rounded out the Shamrock squad with a 50th-place finish at 35.56.

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Plymouth Whalers shoot down Spitfires, complete sweep

Three games. Three days. Not the best scenario for success.

It turned out well for the Plymouth Whalers, though. Following Friday's 9-2 thrashing of Mississauga, the Whalers played a home-and-away series against Windsor, second in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division to Plymouth.

The results weren't good for the Spitfires, who followed a 4-2 loss on Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena with a 4-1 defeat to the Whalers Sunday in Windsor.

Plymouth raised its overall record to 28-7-4-2; its 62 points in 41 games is

second in the OHL to the Erie Otters, who have 63 points in 43 games.

The Whalers new additions again provided a major difference in both games' outcome. On Saturday at Compuware, in front of a crowd of 4,100 fans, Plymouth followed a scoreless first period by scoring twice in the first eight minutes of the second.

Damian Surma got the Whalers' first goal, a short-handed marker just 16 seconds into the period, assisted by Preston Mizzi, acquired last week from Sarnia. Tomas Kurka made it 2-0 at the 7:55 mark with a power-play goal,

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assisted by Cole Jarrett and Stephen Weiss.

Windsor trimmed the lead to 2-1 with just 1:58 remaining in the period on a goal by Rob Hennigar. But Plymouth restored its two-goal lead when Chad LaRose — signed as a free agent — scored his third goal in six games at 7:38 of the third period, assisted by Kris Vernarsky.

A short-handed goal by Steve Hilde-

brand at 9:54 again brought the Spits to within a goal, but they could get no closer. Mizzi clinched it with an empty-net marker with 27 seconds to play.

Rob Zepp made 17 saves to earn the win for the Whalers. Mike Leighton had 20 saves in net for Windsor.

On Sunday at Windsor Arena, in front of 4,033 fans, the Whalers again never trailed. Once again, it was Surma that got them going, scoring his 18th goal of the season at 7:06 of the first period, assisted by Chad Wiseman (acquired from Mississauga) and Mizzi.

Mizzi scored on the power play just 10

seconds into the second period; Wiseman assisted. Windsor narrowed the deficit to 2-1 with a power-play goal by Steve Ott two minutes into the second.

But goals by Stacey Britstone, his 19th, unassisted at 9:57 of the second and by Mizzi, his 17th this season and fifth in three games as a Whaler, on the power play at 6:26 of the final stanza clinched it for Plymouth.

Zepp stopped 30 shots in improving his won/loss record to 24-8-2 with a .913 save percentage and a 2.33 goals-against average. Leighton made 21 saves for Windsor.

CC disarms
No. 2 team
Trenton, 2-0
No. 1 victorious

PREP HOCKEY

It was a game befitting the top two teams in the state.

And while No. 1 came out on top, it wasn't easy as Redford Catholic Central scored two goals in the final three minutes to tame Division I's No. 2 team, Trenton, at a jam-packed Redford Ice Arena on Saturday.

"It was the most packed I've ever seen that arena," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson as the Shamrocks improved to 11-0-2. "It was a great environment and a great game. There were no penalties the whole game and it was a clean, physical game. It was a nice win, especially coming off a real tough, grinding game (a 2-2 tie against Cranbrook — No. 1 in Division 3) the night before. We were fortunate to win, coming off a high pressure game like that."

Jared Ross got the game winner in the third, scoring against Tony Dreyer on a 2-on-1 with Brett John and Jeff Davis getting assists. Ricky Buttery put icing on the cake 45 seconds later for the 2-0 lead with John Perkovich getting the assist.

Andrew McCoy made 15 saves in goal, while Dreyer had 23 saves for Trenton.

On Friday, Ross got the tying goal with 1:40 left, from John and Eric Giosa, to spoil a brilliant game by Cranbrook goalie Dave Goodley, who stopped 56 of 58 shots.

"It might have been the best single performance I've ever seen in high school hockey," said Johnson. "He was unbelievable."

Jim Spiewak had the other goal for CC, from Ross and John.

•CHURCHILL 7, W.L. WESTERN 1: Brandon Thom tallied a pair of goals Saturday as Livonia Churchill (8-2-3, 5-1-2) drilled host Walled Lake Western (6-6-1, 2-4-2) in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Churchill is 3-0-2 in the division, while Western is 1-4.

It was 1-1 after one period.

Churchill's Sean Szostak opened the scoring with 8:12 left in the opening period on an assist from Aaron Jakubowski.

Western's Paul Price tied it at 1-1 with 4:33 left in the period from Brian Hartman.

Churchill then scored six unanswered goals — three each in the second and third periods.

Jim Krygowski tallied the game-winner at 4:38 from Brian Grant and Tom McKee. Thom tallied the next two at 7:13 and 12:30, the first from Adam Jakubowski, and the second, from Rory Cesarz and Adam Jakubowski.

In the third period, Kevin Gessler scored at 4:53 from Mike and Jeff Andes followed by Cesarz from Adam and Aaron Jakubowski at 8:16. Matt Krug completed the scoring from Aaron Jakubowski and Cesarz with 4:48 left.

Churchill has given up only three power-play goals and outshot the Warriors, 46-14.

Ryan McBroom was in goal for Churchill.

"We've given up only two goals in the last four games and that's a credit to everybody playing defense and taking care of business in their own end," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said.

•STEVENSON 1, TROY 1: State-ranked Livonia Stevenson (12-0-2) was frustrated Saturday in a non-leaguer against the host Colts at the Troy Sports Center.

Stevenson outshot Troy, 34-13, but Brian Shekell tallied the only goal in the opening period from Bret Veasey and Jamie Messer.

"We're averaging over four goals per game and this ironically was our largest output, but we couldn't get it in the net," Stevenson coach Ed Shepler said. "We just didn't capitalize on our opportunities."

Kevin Marlowe was in goal for the Spartans.



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Lady Ocelots roll past OCC

A combination of factors carried Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to an easy 77-52 triumph over Oakland CC Saturday at OCC. SC improved to 11-2 overall, 4-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. OCC is 5-8 overall, 1-3 in the conference. Certainly the Lady Ocelots' defense was a main part of the plot — they limited the Lady Raiders to 16 first-half points in building a 38-16 lead. But it wasn't just SC's defense. "They shot terrible," said Ocelot coach Karen Lafata, noting OCC's 3-for-30 first-half shooting

WOMEN'S HOOPS

from the floor (10 percent). For the game, the Raiders made just 28 percent of their shots. "It was both (our defense and their shooting)," Lafata acknowledged. "We came out with a lot of defensive intensity, then we pulled back the pressure." Everyone played in this game for SC, with Ra'Sheida Edwards and Carla Saxton leading the scoring with 11 points apiece. Rachel Eley contributed nine points, six assists and five steals, and Erinn Torrence had three points and 10 rebounds.

Debbie Wesa led the Raiders with 20 points and 16 boards. Kate Reed had 11 points. SC faced Delta College, ranked fifth in the NJCAA and tied with the Ocelots for first in the conference, last night. •MADONNA 92, INDIANA TECH 67: Four players scored in double figures Saturday as host Madonna University (8-9, 3-1) rolled to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over visiting Indiana Tech (6-10, 1-3). Kathy Panganis led a balanced MU scoring attack with 12 points. Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton)

added 11 points, while Melissa Poma (Livonia Ladywood) and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Hills Harrison) each added 10. Freshman Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) and Nikki Blaszk each had eight for the Crusaders, who led 41-24 at intermission. Lorian Tschirhart had five assists. Madonna outrebounded the Lady Warriors 49-31. MU shot 48.5 percent from the field (33 of 68). LaShonda Conwell, Thyoshi Chambers and Heather Anderson each tallied 12 points for Indiana Tech.

Livonia skier rules Region

Matt Gable of Livonia won the slalom and finished third in the giant slalom at the Central United States Ski Association Region Ability Race. Sixty skiers from lower Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, competed last weekend at Boyne Mountain. Gable, a senior at Redford Catholic Central, completed his first slalom run in 40.48 seconds and the second in 35.78 for a combined time of 1:16.26. In the giant slalom, Gable finished his first run in 30.48 and the second in 27.50 for a total of 57.98 seconds. Gable left Wednesday for the four-day Central Mid-America Series, which is by selection only, in Lutsen, Minn. The Central Region includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, all of Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Iowa. The event, which runs Thursday through Sunday, starts with two giant slaloms at Lutsen and switches to Spirit Mountain for two slaloms.

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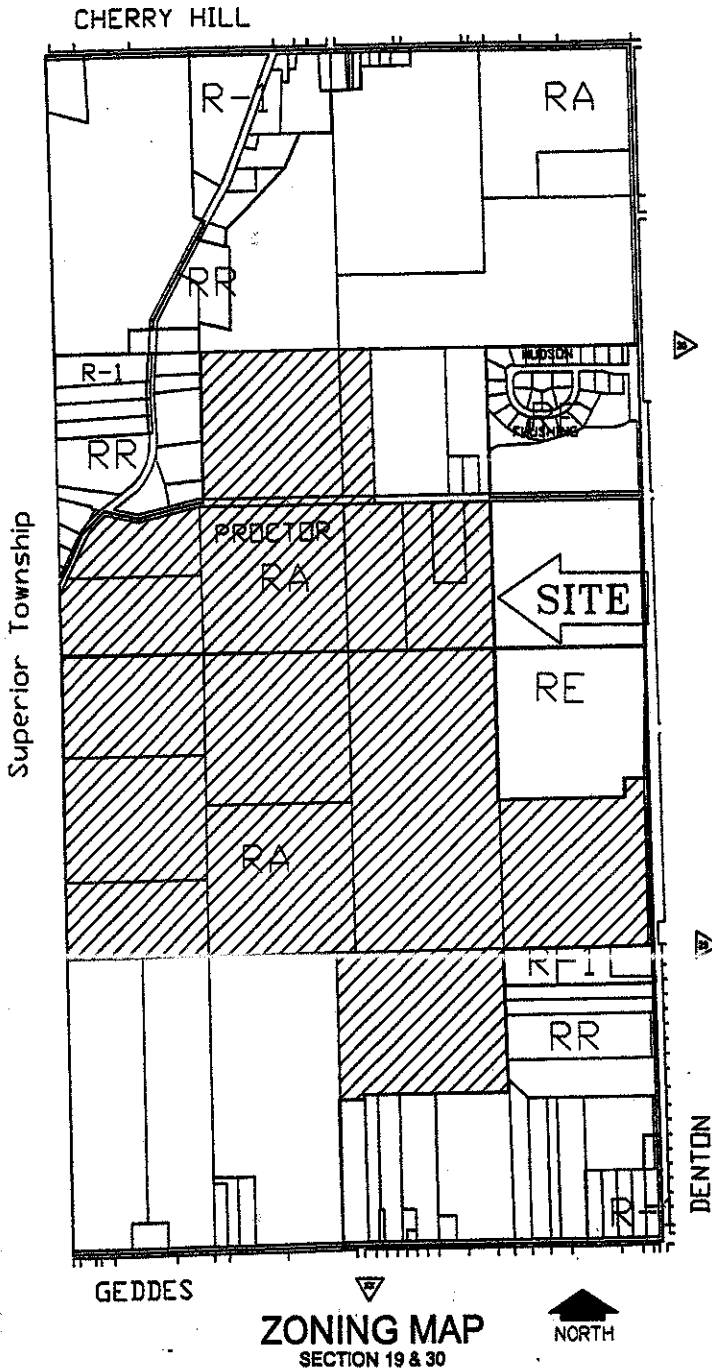
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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 19, 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan: LEWISTON SUMMER/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SUMMER PARK ASSOCIATES TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM AGRICULTURAL (1 dwelling unit/40 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (2 dwelling units/acre) FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0011 000, 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 001, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, AND 120 99 0001 000; AND FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 dwelling unit/2 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0013 000, 076 99 0001 000, AND 117 99 0002 702; AND ALSO TO CONSIDER TOWNSHIP-INITIATED AMENDMENT FROM AGRICULTURAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 076 99 0007 002 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY IN THE AREA. Property is located north and south of Proctor Road between Denton Road and the Superior Township boundary. *Note: This hearing is rescheduled from January 8, 2001.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 15, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 9, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move from closed to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro, Debbie Zevalkink

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to remove Consent Calendar Item No. 5 Second Reading of the Electric Utility Franchise and Retail License Ordinance No. 148 and General Calendar Item No. 1 Approval of Lease Agreement with Arctic Pond for an Ice Arena at Canton Softball Center. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 12, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	101	\$	227,862.38
Fire Fund	206		27,574.49
Police Fund	207		46,700.05
Summit Operating	208		51,840.52
Golf Fund	211		5,612.03
Cable TV Fund	230		4,761.16
Twp (Community) Improvement	246		84,843.50
E-911 Utility	261		3,397.71
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267		820.93
Federal Grants Fund	274		1,967.15
Auto Theft Grant	289		876.10
Downtown Dev Authority	294		147,812.28
Post Employment Benefits	296		451.96
Building Auth Construction	469		409,506.99
Water & Sewer Fund	592		340,366.61
Trust & Agency Fund	701		6,741.00
Total - All Funds			\$1,361,134.86

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution to approve the final plat for Central park South Subdivision #1. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2001 annual permit and other permits for underground utility operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Warranty Deeds and Waivers for (part of) parcels 071-78-99-0010-000, 071-073-99-0001-001, 071-073-99-0001-002, 071-073-99-0002-000, 071-117-99-0002-000, 071-120-99-0013-000 and 071-120-99-0018-000 granting the right-of-way to the County of Wayne, a Home Rule Charter County. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table for second reading and second publication the amendments to the Mechanical/Electronic Amusement Devices and Arcades Ordinance No. 88(B). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 88(B) AMENDMENT TO THE MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ARCADES ORDINANCE NO. 88 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 88, MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ARCADES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, PERMITTING, ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND MECHANICAL ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES ARCADES; PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PERMIT AND INSPECTION PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF CONDUCT ON THE PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF REPLAYS AND THE PROHIBITION ON PRIZES AND GAMBLING; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFISCATION OF UNLAWFUL DEVICES; SPECIFYING UNLAWFUL ACTS; PROVIDING FOR MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE ARCADES; PROVIDING FOR THE HEARING REQUIREMENTS AND PERMIT REVOCATION; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

This section provides for definitions of terms used in the ordinance.

SECTION 2. RESERVED

This section is reserved.

SECTION 3. PERMIT REQUIRED, APPLICATION AND INVESTIGATION

This section provides that a person must obtain a permit from the Township prior to operating a mechanical amusement device or arcade; it further provides for the application process and for investigation of the applicant.

SECTION 4. PERMIT FEES, EXPIRATION AND CHANGES

This section provides that permit fees shall be set by the Township Board; that permits shall expire each December 31st; and that if a device is replaced by a different device, the new device must be permitted.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND AREA REQUIRED

This section provides that Township Inspectors shall be permitted to investigate premises where devices are operated; and provides for floor space requirements.

SECTION 6. HOURS OF OPERATION

This section provides for the hours of the day a place that houses a device may be open for business.

SECTION 7. RESERVED

This section is reserved.

SECTION 8. CONDUCT ON PREMISES

This section provides that disorderly persons, gambling, alcoholic beverages, unlawful conduct, controlled substances, intoxicated person, indecent conduct, disturbing noises, and/or payment other than cash shall not be permitted where devices are kept.

SECTION 9. NUMBER OF REPLAYS ALLOWED BY ANY DEVICE

This section provides that the number of free replays of a device shall not exceed fifteen (15) at one time; and that except for crane devices operated lawfully within the ordinance, no gambling is permitted.

SECTION 10. CONFISCATION OF UNLAWFUL DEVICES

This section provides that devices used contrary to this ordinance may be confiscated.

SECTION 11. UNLAWFUL ACTS

This section provides that it is unlawful to operate devices contrary to the Ordinance; that it is unlawful to attempt to evade this Ordinance; and that it is unlawful to interfere with the enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE "ARCADES"

This section sets forth additional requirements for operators of arcades, i.e. places where four or more devices are kept; provides for notice to residents and businesses surrounding the proposed location for the arcade; and provides for the requirement of a public hearing prior to issuing an arcade permit.

SECTION 13. PERMIT REFUSAL

This section provides for criteria for permit refusal.

SECTION 14. PERMIT REVOCATION

This section provides for criteria and procedure for permit revocation.

SECTION 15. CONSTRUCTION, NON-APPLICABILITY

This section provides that the Ordinance shall be construed to effectuate its purpose and to be consistent with current and future ordinances.

SECTION 16. APPEALS

This section provides that an applicant denied a permit and a revoked permittee shall have a right to appeal the denial or revocation.

SECTION 17. PENALTIES

This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 18. REPEAL

This Section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY

This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 20. SAVINGS CLAUSE

This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 21. PUBLICATION

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours. This item was removed from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution authorizing the execution the contract pledging the full faith and credit and taxing power of the Charter Township of Canton and the Notice of the Right to Petition for Referendum upon the new contract to all electors and taxpayers of Canton Township and other interested persons. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Koppernick Corporate Park Special Assessment Debt Fund to correct the FY 2000 budget: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues

Interest on Special Assessment \$852-000-666-0000 \$21,683.00

Increase Appropriations:

Bond Principal \$852-905-991-0000 \$45,259.00

Bond Interest \$852-905-995-0000 (23,576.00)

Total Appropriations \$21,683.00

This budget amendment increases the FY 2000 Koppernick Corporate Park Special Assessment Debt Fund budget from \$175,290.00 to \$196,973.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to concur with the Merit Commission's amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual Rule 4.310 (4) to provide, in pertinent part, that "For employees hired on or after 1/1/1999, there will be no cash out of PTO time unless approved by the employee's department director with the concurrence of the Township Supervisor." Motion carried unanimously.

This item was removed from the agenda.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to authorize to create and fill a Laborer's position for the Grounds Division of the Leisure Services Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly the authorization to create and fill a Golf Superintendent position for Pheasant Run Golf Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the issuance of an emergency purchase order in the amount of \$9,945.50 to McDowell and Associates to complete the construction material testings for the expansion of the Summit on the Park with funds taken from the expansion contingency fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the expenditure of \$16,517.92 to Pulte Land Development for the extension of the water main lead and the sanitary sewer extension for a comfort station on hole #6 of the new nine expansion at Pheasant Run Golf Club and to authorize the clerk to a letter of agreement on behalf of the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the temporary transportation contract with Huron Valley Ambulance in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3.5% across-the-board and to increase the salary grade ranges for the non-union classified employees by 3.5%. These increases shall become effective and retroactive to 1/1/2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the installation of carpeting in the Public Safety facility and awards the contract to Commercial Carpet Corporation, Novi, Michigan for the amount of \$20,484.00, plus a \$2,000.00 contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award a contract to Dynamic Consultants, Inc. for Professional Services to design the Public Safety Parking Lot Expansion located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road with costs not to exceed \$6,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to award a contract to TMP Associates, Inc. for architectural design services for the renovation and expansion of the Canton Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center road. The costs shall not exceed 7.5% of the construction costs plus furniture and equipment survey and condition analysis as well as reimbursable expenses. The funds to pay for the Administration building renovation and expansion design will come from the Capital Improvement Fund #246-270-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award a contract to Siegal/Tuomaala Associates for Architecture Design Services for renovation and expansion of the Department of Public Works facility located at 4867 Sheldon Road. The Phase 1 design service cost shall not exceed \$11,000.00 and the Phase 2 design service cost shall not exceed 5.8% of the construction costs plus reimbursable expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award a contract to Boss Engineering for topographic survey for the Canton Center Softball Complex for a cost not to exceed \$9,975.00 from account #246-750-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 80 Dell brand computers on the State contract for a cost not to exceed \$223,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting of January 9, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available after approval following the next regular board meeting of January 23, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Massey propels MU to 92-90 WHAC win

The Raiders had 30 turnovers to Schoolcraft's 19.

Churchill made 13-of-23 free throws while Milford sank 20-of-31.

Nate Meckes led Lutheran Westland (6-1, 1-0) with 17 points, while Nick Doherty scored 14 and Luke Kastner added 13.

Huron Valley sophomore guard Dan Schultz netted a game-high 16 points, while junior guard Steve Davidson added 10.

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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 Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

SOLAR

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

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.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

ICE FISHING FOR SCOUTS

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.

MAKE AND TAKE BIRD FEEDERS

Make a bird feeder at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 participation fee and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-477-3178 for more

information.

OAKLAND COUNTY
PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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-OC PARKS or (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

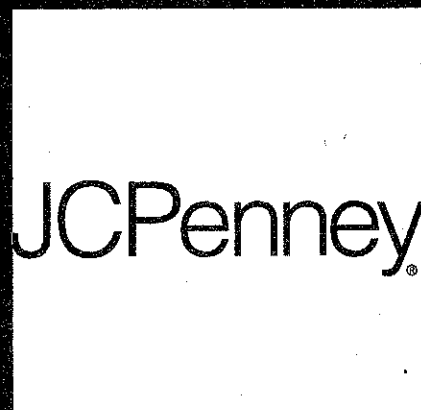
STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.)

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Manager owes you an accounting

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I have a managing agent who is managing property for me but is not providing me with monthly statements.

Without a monthly accounting, I have no way of knowing how much a tenant has paid each month.

The manager refused to acknowledge that he has a responsibility to account for the money collected from the tenant and has not returned my phone calls.

I would like to fire him but would appreciate your assistance.

Obviously, it is difficult for me to give you a definitive opinion without reviewing and analyzing the management agreement itself.

But, normally a managing agent is a fiduciary for its principal, namely you as the landlord. He normally has a responsibility to account to you for money being collected and spent.

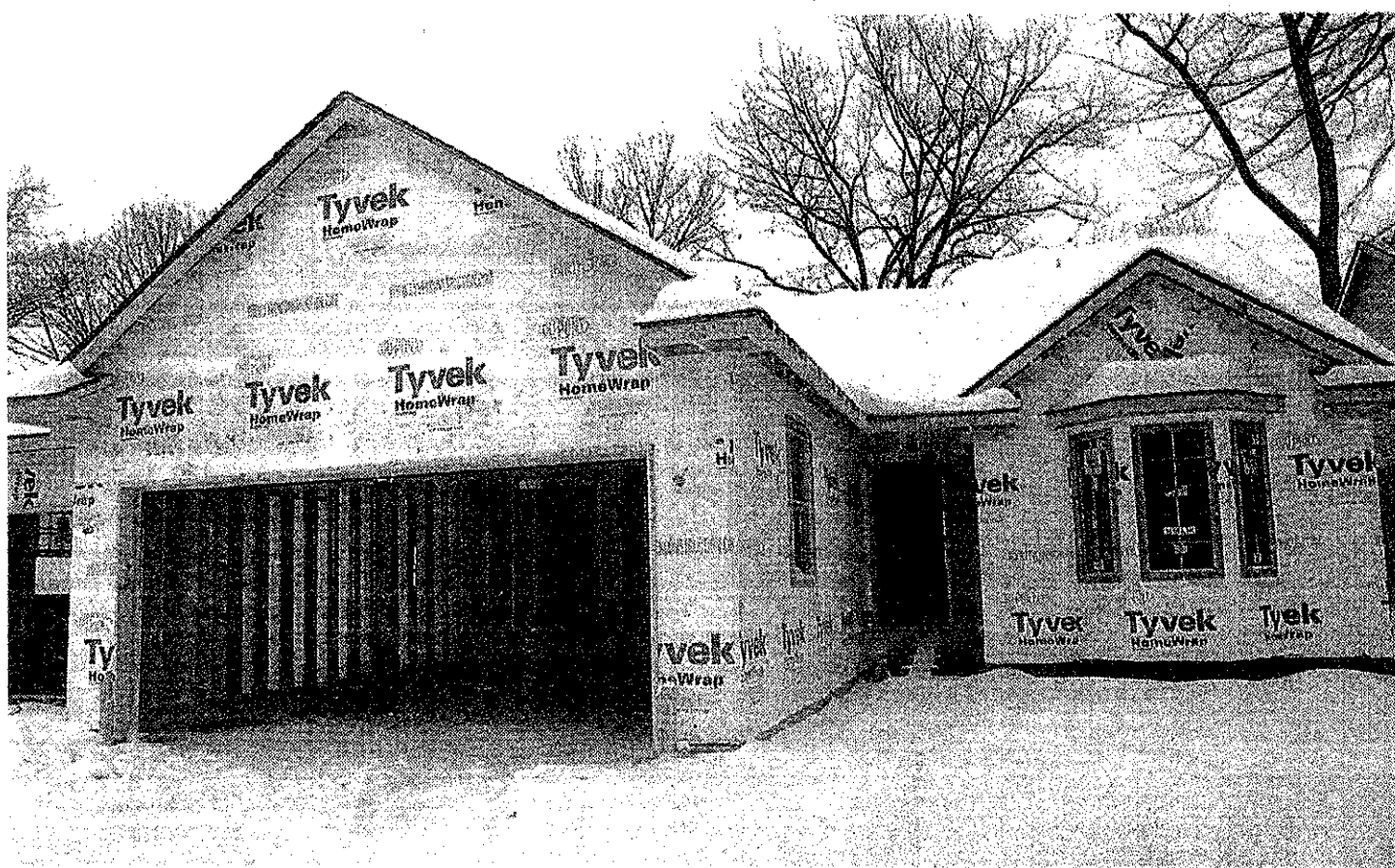
Even if that provision is not in the management agreement, the law may well presume that obligation and undertaking. It may also justify a basis by which you can terminate your contract, particularly if you can determine that the management agreement is not being honored as specifically provided for in the agreement.

You may wish to seek an accounting of the money, should you have to initiate legal proceedings, but you are best advised to have an attorney write the management company a letter demanding an accounting of all money forthwith.

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 queries 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**



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Home building continues: Expect to see fewer new homes going up this year and expect to pay more for them.

Homes will cost more this year, builders say

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Consumers here can expect price increases upwards of 7 percent – perhaps more for luxury, upper-end product – for new homes and remodeling work this year, builders say.

Residential construction activity probably will decrease slightly again this year as the economy cools, the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan forecasts.

However, Stephen Taglione, president of the BIA, projects that it still will be a good year with 16,700 permits pulled for houses and condos in the seven-county area including Oakland and Wayne.

All of that came out of the annual forecast meeting hosted last week by the BIA.

"This will be a good year. It won't be a record year," Taglione said. "We were down about 1,200 permits last year. It could be another 3 percent this year."

"Those reductions are off record years. In relative terms, we'll still have more permits than we pulled in 1994 (15,747) and 1995 (16,208)."

Individual builders surveyed expect their business to run the gamut from down to stable to up. They agree, though, that prices are on the rise.

"Home sales in our market seem to have dropped off," said Dan MacLeish Sr., a Troy builder. "We have larger homes starting at \$850,000."

"Our customers tell us their stock portfolios have been hit 40-50 percent. If you have a bank account cut in two, would you go out and purchase a home?"

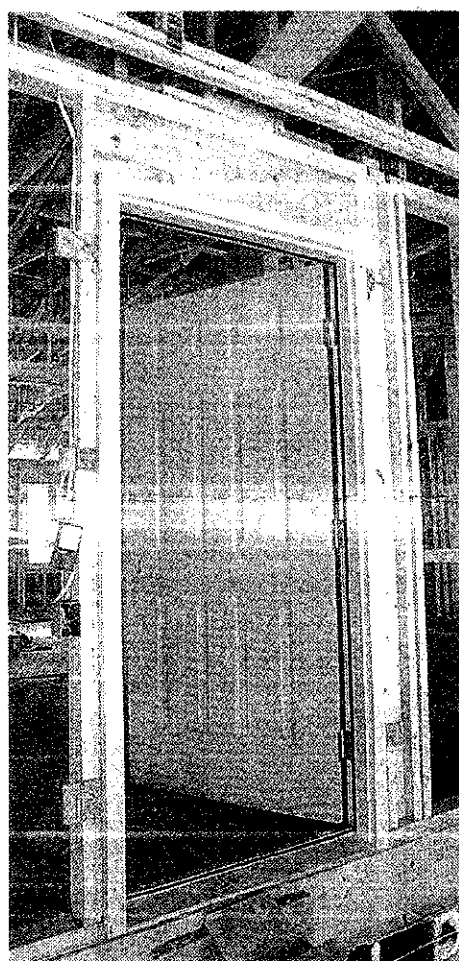
"We'll probably start seven or eight for the year. Normally we do a dozen," he said.

MacLeish said he intends to hold construction costs but rising land prices – upwards of 15 percent – will be passed on to buyers.

Fred Capaldi, a Birmingham builder/remodeler, expects to match his business pace of last year.

"We'll do about 20 jobs between major remodeling and new," he said. "All of my jobs are between \$300,000 and \$1 million. I see prices probably at what we do every year overall maybe 5-7 percent (increase)."

Scott Jacobson, a Bingham Farms builder, and Bernard Gliberman, based in Novi, both expect to do better this year.



Open up: Prospective home owners will find new houses – at a price

Gliberman anticipates 600 starts compared to 470-480 last year, while Jacobson expects 300 sales compared to 250.

"We're going to have more (building) sites this year," Gliberman said. "By June, we'll be operating 12 sites."

"We have two types of product ... two different markets. One is detached (condo), one attached. One is the first-time buyer and first move-up, \$110,000-\$180,000, and then the urban buyer, \$150,000-\$300,000."

"Prices – we're going to do the best we can," Gliberman said. "We're going to try to hold. We'll only increase at (the same rate as) our costs. It's too early to tell."

Multiple kinds of housing stock and building sites also will work to Jacobson's advantage.

"We're projecting a better year based on the product we have (\$200,000-

\$450,000 range) and we have 15 locations," Jacobson added. "Assuming the economy holds and interest rates hold."

He's projecting a 3-5 percent price increase.

Alan Strickstein, vice president of National Lumber in Warren, doesn't see a steep decline in activity here based on orders.

"I'd say 10 percent max, a slight downturn from our perspective," he said.

Prices are good now because supply has caught up with demand, Strickstein added.

Dave Seiders, chief economist and vice president of the National Association of Home Builders, told the BIA that a 10-year economic expansion was due to fizzle.

His advice to builders here?

"For the moment, I would be cautious about inventory and spec building. Probably be ready to offer some incentives – temporary interest rate buy-downs, help customers pay some closing costs, points up front."

And what can builders tell potential-but-hesitant buyers to alleviate fears now?

"Financing conditions are excellent," Seiders said. "Tell them 'If you need a little enticement, I may be able to help you. Look at the stock market. Look at the how the housing market has been performing.'"

Then there's always the tax benefits of home ownership, he added.

"We're definitely in a slowdown phase," Seiders said in a private interview. "Consumer confidence is off to a certain degree. It's the stock market that's getting people rattled."

"The new- and existing-home markets operate like a hand in a glove," he said. "It's a dynamic that goes together. The same factors affect both – job market, consumer confidence mostly. Interest rates are very important."

Seiders told the builders he expects the economy to return to an up cycle next year.

The national association is considering promoting federal legislation as a temporary spur to residential building activity, Seiders said.

"The proposal is to give first-time new home buyers a (tax) credit," he said. "It would go to the builder, who would pass on the value of the credit to the buyer immediately in price."

Further study of the issue lies ahead, Seiders said.

Take the shot at home ownership

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM TIMBO PHILLIPS

Many of the things I have learned from my careers both as a loan officer and previously as an Air Force pilot spill over into being a parent. I hear myself telling my two boys, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take," and my older daughter, "If you really believe you can do something, you are almost there." Such words of encouragement help the children build belief in themselves because they realize that we believe in them.

My goal today is to build a degree of confidence in potential mortgage borrowers who may be living with a relative, or still renting because of a fear they may not be able to afford – or do not deserve – a home of their own. As Americans, we are all heirs to the dream of home ownership. Now is a great time to make that a reality.

The new year brought remarkable changes in one of the best mortgage programs around – the FHA mortgage. The FHA will now loan home buyers up to \$165,000 for a home in the Detroit area and let them do so with as little as 3 percent of the loan amount out-of-pocket. The entire amount may be a gift.

The cost of up-front mortgage insurance for FHA loans has been reduced by a third, and the FHA has made provisions for new borrowers to mix their loan's mortgage insurance totally after they achieve a 20-percent ownership in their home. It used to stick for the loan's full term.

How much home can a renter buy today? An \$850 monthly rent will get a borrower an FHA mortgage of \$95,000. Similarly, a \$1,500 monthly rent roughly equates to a \$160,000 FHA mortgage. If you are renting, your rent will probably go up with inflation over the years. A fixed-rate mortgage will not. In fact, after 30 years of inflation, a \$1,000 monthly mortgage payment will feel like \$175 by today's standards.

The FHA allows for some pretty bruised credit, and some non-FHA lenders have even made provisions for young buyers who have no credit at all. With today's lower interest rates, it's time to "take the shot." Do it, and you may score big.

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.

Year by Year	
Here are the number of houses and detached condos permitted in the 7 counties of S.E. Michigan, including Wayne and Oakland.	
2000(est.)	17,252
1999	18,641
1998	18,831
1997	17,634
1996	18,468
1995	16,208
1994	15,747
1993	12,075
1992	11,176
1991	10,292
1990	10,710
SOURCE: SEMCOG Building Industry Association of S.E. Michigan	
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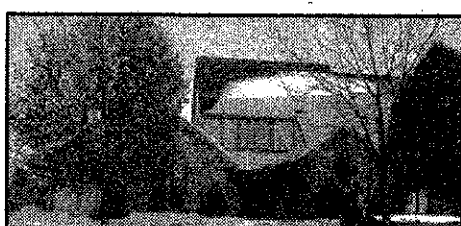
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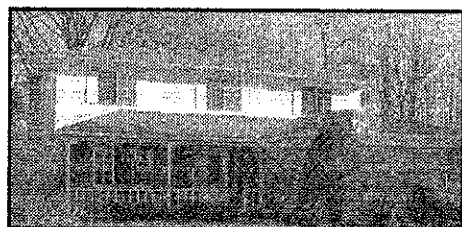
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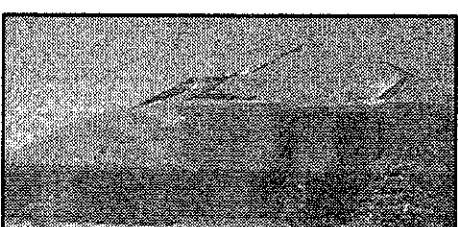
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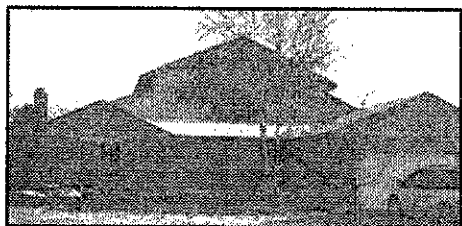
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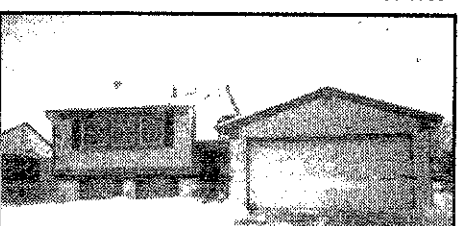
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	36649 Dorchester Cir	\$295,000										
Garden City	7369 Ingotate Rd	\$205,000										
	6663 Marshall St	\$229,000	32454 Alvin St	\$126,000								
	175 Morningside Ct	\$350,000	30182 Baltimore St	\$45,000								
	43960 Parkside St	\$199,000	31548 Cherry Hl	\$156,000								
	700 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$318,000	7097 Deering St	\$130,000								
	1680 Ranier St	\$200,000	31493 Elmwood St	\$70,000								
	47029 Southwick Dr	\$374,000	1240 Fernington Rd	\$114,000								
	1981 Vineyard Dr	\$124,000	5860 Gilman St	\$110,000								
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(538LO) **\$214,900**

LOOKING FOR THE BEST
Perfection describes this lovely 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with large living room, newer remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets and all appliances. New roof, siding, trim and gutters. Large 2 1/2 car garage & freshly landscaped yard—won't last long!
(012SH) **\$131,000**

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(879WE) **\$214,900**

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You won't need to shovel it when you live in this cute 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 condo. Extra's include dining room, fireplace in living room, appliances, rec room and more!
(418AR) **\$125,900**

LIVONIA SCHOOLS
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(667CH) **\$254,500**

ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!
This 3 bedroom beautiful ranch you can call "home". Don't wait to see it! Beautiful great room w/high ceilings, 2 large chandeliers, huge basement, small deck off back & 2 car attached garage. Much more!
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(495BR) **\$119,900**

CANTON-LOCATION!
Within walking distance of "Summit rec center", golf course, library & parks—this move in condition 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial has it all! 90's built, neutral toned floor, hardwood floored kitchen—hurry!
(456CR) **\$224,900**

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Beautiful 4 bedroom, N. Canton colonial with room to roam throughout! Spacious family room with fireplace, stunning cherrywood kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor study, master suite w/private bath, finished basement, first floor laundry! Priced right!
(900WO) **\$234,900**

IMPECCABLY SHARP!
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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 Dr., 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.

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.

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 Northwestern, 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 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.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its ninth annual Home Improvement Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

More than 300 exhibitors are expected.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for children 6-12 and free for kids under 6.

Ample parking is available for a fee.

Contact the BIA at (248) 862-1019 or at www.builders.org with questions.

BOMA SHOW

The Building Owners and Managers

Association hosts a commercial property products and services show 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen.

Admission is free with registration by Jan. 25, \$15 afterwards. To register or exhibit, call (248) 848-3714.

SALES LICENSE

Schoolcraft College offers Real Estate Sales License class 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1 - April 12, at the college in Livonia.

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 pass 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.

CONSTRUCTION EXPO

Design & Construction Expo 2001 runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 7-8, at the Pontiac Silverdome. Some 300 companies are expected to exhibit.

The show is sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan, the American Institute of Architects Michigan and the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute.

Admission is free. Call CAM to register at (248) 972-1000.

BUILDERS LICENSING

Schoolcraft College offers Builder's

Licensing Exam Preparation course 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7 - Feb. 28, at the college in Livonia. This course is also offered as a self-study.

For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a panel of experts on how to buy foreclosed houses from banks and mortgage companies Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

Dinner, at 6:30 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The program is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

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 play-

grounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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Weekly mortgage rates decline to lowest in 21 months

Mortgage rates declined this week with rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages hitting their lowest levels in 21 months.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 6.89 percent, down from 7.07 percent last week, according to a survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage compa-

ny.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 8.18 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 6.49 percent last week, down from 6.74 per-

cent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.78 percent.

This week's 30-year mortgage rates were the lowest since April 23, 1999, when they averaged 6.88 percent. The 15-year rates were the lowest since April 16, 1999, when they averaged 6.47 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.65 percent, down from 6.86 percent the week before. Last year, one-year ARMs averaged 6.61 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.

Freddie Mac's chief economist, Robert Van Order, said rates slipped this week mainly in response to additional signs that the economy is slowing and in anticipation that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates again at the end of this month.

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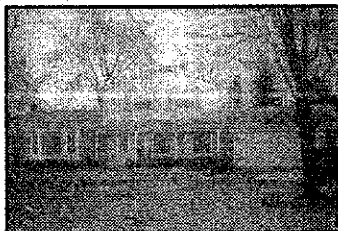
SUTTONS BAY \$565,000
Suttons Bay Escape, Stunning 2 BR, 2 bath, 3 car garage walkout home located on 2.5 acre bluff lot fronting and overlooking Grand Traverse Bay. Peaceful and full of nature's best offerings. (BG-L-33LEE), 734-462-1811



CANTON \$289,900
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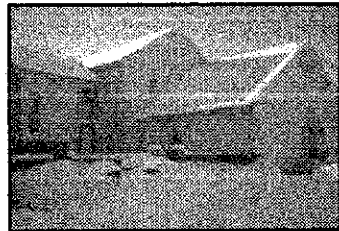
DETROIT \$99,900
Large Well Maintained Colonial, Old world charm and beautiful woodwork thruout. 4th BR could be used as library/den. Table space in kitchen. Finished basement. 1.5 car garage. One year home warranty. (BG-L-93ARC), 734-462-1811



FARMINGTON HILLS \$300,000
The search is over!, Double wing Colonial on quiet cul-de-sac. 3 br & 2.5 ba, updates galore, 26x14 living room, full brick fireplace, partially finished basement. (BGN79HAR), 248-347-3050



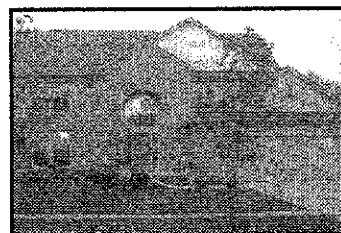
INKSTER \$112,900
Spacious brick ranch. This 3 BR home has a large living rm, formal dining rm oversized kitchen. Many recent updates-fin. bsmt. w/study or possible 4th BR, glass block windows, and wet bar. (BG-L-38FAI), 734-462-1811



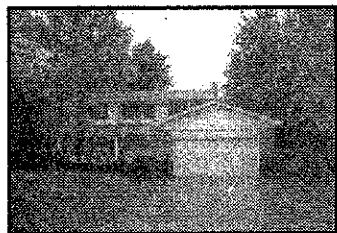
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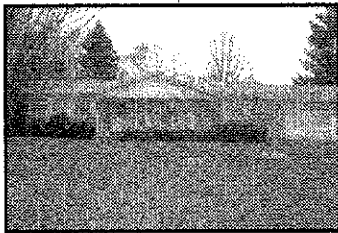
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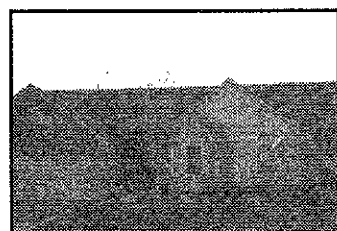
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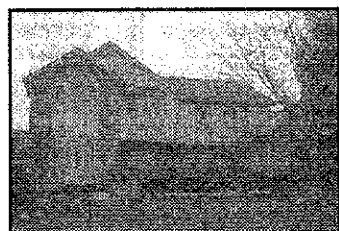
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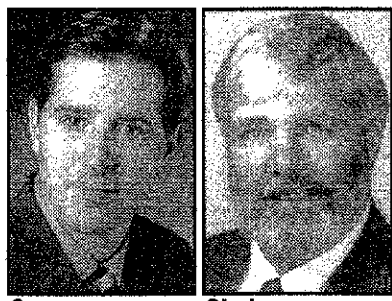
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Brendan George joins CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real



George

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estate firm in Southfield, as a senior associate. He will represent landlords and tenants.

George has seven years of bro-

kerage experience and has earned the professional designation of Certified Commercial Investment Member.

He's a University of Michigan graduate and lives in Royal Oak.

Bill Clark, manager of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston, has acquired the professional designation of Accredited Buyer Representative Manager.

Clark also holds the designations Graduate Realtor Institute,

Certified Residential Specialist, Certified Residential Broker Manager and Leadership Training Graduate.

Clark lives in Waterford.

Thomas P. Rozman, PE, will serve as president of the International Facility Management Association, Southeastern Michigan Chapter this year.

Rozman is manager of facility services at Soils and Materials Engineers, Plymouth. He has 25 years experience in facility plan-

ning, management, design and construction and is a past president of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

Rozman holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Detroit and a master of science degree in civil engineering from Wayne State University.

Kim Sulek, senior property manager for Grubb & Ellis Management Services in Southfield, received the first President's

Award from the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

The award goes to the BOMA member who significantly contributes to furthering the organization's mission.

Sulek has 15 years experience in real estate. He's been a BOMA director since 1987, is a past president and recently was appointed to represent BOMA on the international level as governor.

Sulek holds the designation of Real Property Administrator and lives in Northville.

Consumers benefit from high-tech home construction

Ever drive by a housing construction site and do a double take? New housing goes up so fast that a pile of dirt seems to sprout new homes in the blink of an eye.

Maybe not that fast, but modern technology has cut construction time by one-third to one-half compared to just 10 to 15 years ago.

"Home builders are struggling to keep up with demand for new homes, so faster construction times can only benefit homebuyers," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Associ-

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New materials and pre-fabri-

cated building components can save time and improve quality.

The scarcity of quality lumber, for example, can cause delays as builders wait for shipments. And warped timbers can cause nails to pop out and framing to go askew.

Some builders are turning to pre-cut laminated joists, modularized panels with electrical wiring already installed, and even steel beams to save time and enhance their product.

Generally speaking, the factory is a better environment than the construction site to control

quality.

Would you rather have your wall panels made on a rainy day by water-logged workers, or inside a dry factory under the watchful eye of a shift supervisor?

Another boon to homebuilders and consumers is the CAD software used for designing and drafting home plans. Computer-aided design has cut drafting time substantially and lets builders respond to customer changes quickly and easily.

For more information on any

aspect of buying a home, go to www.realhome.com, the Web site for American Homeowners Association.

Refinishing the floor of an old house

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Wood floors of the Victorian era, with plain, unfinished planks, have given way to parquet designs. Restoring these floors goes a long way to creating an authentic period look. Unlike unfinished planks that got their harm from natural wear patterns, shiny trip and parquet floors benefited from new finishing products such as oil, varnishes and shellacs, that added a special look to the floorboards.

If you're restoring a home of this period, opting for a varnish or shellac is a good way to give your floor an authentic, period look. Like painting, preparation is more important than application when you're refinishing an old-house floor.

Many times, if a floor has been properly maintained, it's possible to coat over the existing surface with the same finish. First prep a small test area by hand sanding it, then add the chosen finish. If it bites and has the right look, it's probably the same finish that's on there.

Dissimilar products won't work on each other, so don't be tempted to shellac a varnished floor — it simply won't hold. (A note of

caution if you go with shellac: This historical finish won't tolerate alcohol or water spills, so be sure to consider the room's usage beforehand.)

You can add a coat of wax over either, if you choose, to preserve and protect the finish while adding a bit of luster to the floor. Keep the surface free of dust and dirt with regular dust mopping. Expect to re wax periodically as this protective coating wears away. It's a small price to pay for retaining a piece of history.

If a previous owner refinished your old house floor with a coat of polyurethane, you might decide to strip it off and bring the floor back in a more authentic manner. Although this newer finish is extremely durable and offers a longevity most historical finishes don't, many restorers find it looks plastic and doesn't mesh well in restored homes.

If the floor is badly stained and scratched, the floor's thickness is the indicator you should use to decide whether sanding is feasible.

Extreme care should be taken when working on old parquet floors. Since these boards are only generally about three-eighths of an inch thick, there's probably only about one-eighth inch to work with until the tongue is

reached. As a result, many restorers will recommend stripping the floor by hand, either with a hand scraper or chemicals if the finish must be removed.

Although this obviously can be a very labor-intensive job, it might be the only way to refinish some old parquet without ruining the floor. Since an old strip floor is thicker than many of these floors can be sanded.

Flooring spans structural members. And the construction techniques common to many old homes are different from those we likely are an inch thick. This is adequate. But when the board is sanded down to seven-eighths of an inch, you're apt to get some spring in the floor.

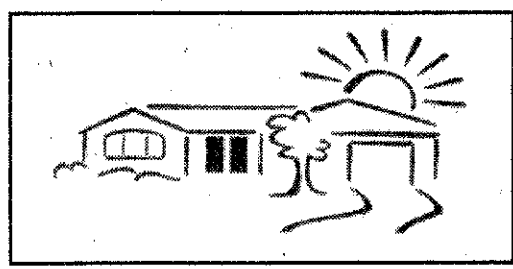
An easy way to gauge the thickness of the old floor is to remove the molding and baseboard to reveal the edge of the wood.

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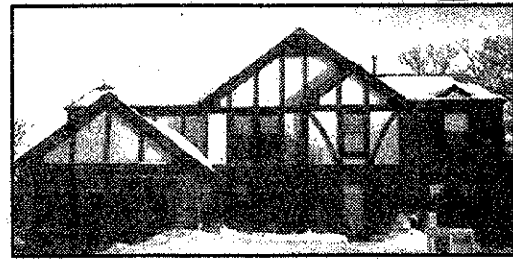
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LIVONIA. Wonderful piece of land, over an acre. Brick story & half home sits on one of the lots. Two large bedrooms, living room with natural fireplace, dining room, finished basement, large 2 car garage with work shop. Newer windows, new fireplace & air conditioning. \$250,000 (L18Ply)

REDFORD. Well-built Frischkorn brick home. Loads of in-wall storage. Features include cove ceilings, hardwood floors, bay windows, newer steel & storm doors, newer Berber carpet, large master bedroom, partially finished basement with wet bar. \$119,999 (L15Nat)

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LIVONIA. Charming Cape Cod home, master on first floor with double vanity sinks, walk-in closets & jetted tub. Two story foyer with oak flooring in entry & powder room. Four bedrooms & 2½ baths. Great value for new construction. \$249,900 (LL69Cla)

PLYMOUTH. This exquisite Curtis-built home offers oak floors throughout entry & spacious kitchen complete with upgraded Maple cabinets & granite counter with massive center island. Gorgeous master suite with jetted tub, huge walk-in closet. Must see! \$434,900 (L58Taj)

FARMINGTON HILLS. Southwest architectural design used in the remodeling of this 3 bedroom, 4 bath Ranch with fourth bedroom or ??? in 720 square foot studio apartment over attached garage. Enclosed front court, perennial gardens, tile roof on wooded site with stream. \$369,000 (L46Wes)

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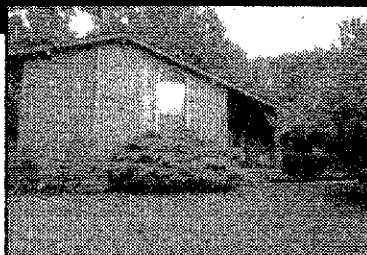
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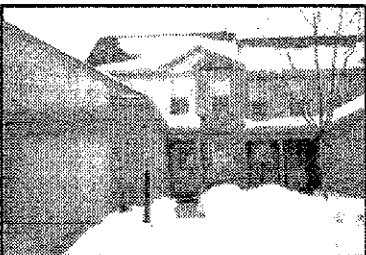
ONE ACRE CONTEMPORARY HOME. Dramatic four bedroom, 2.5 bath home offering beautiful setting, open floor plan, spacious room, vaulted ceiling with lake view. (44CRE) \$299,900 248-349-5600



SUPER RANCH IN HOWELL: 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom, full bath also wet bar. Built on 1.5 lots w/big fenced yard. Full lake privileges on all sports lake. (03SOU) \$159,900 248-349-5600



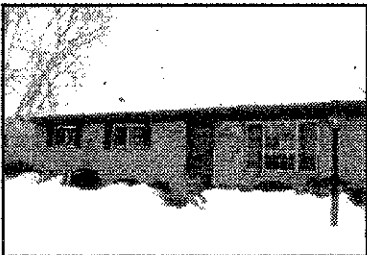
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding & a large backyard for the kids to play in and plenty of room for a garden. One half block from Crowley Park. Home Warranty included. (17CHE) \$99,500 734-455-5600



CONDO PERFECTION! Professionally finished bsmt. Raised, paver patio off dining room, sparkling decor, clean & bright, 2 Br, 1.5 Ba. Many upgrades, whirlpool jetted tub, 1st flr laundry, quick occupancy (06HUN) \$159,900 734-455-5600



OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Calif. Fieldstone nat fireplace w/raised hearth in Fr. 4 Br, 2 Ba ranch w/newer vinyl windows & ceramic tile. Doorwall to deck, lower finished bsmt w/walkout. Merril Cabs, Bay window, storage+. HPP (51SOM) \$209,999 734-455-5600



UPDATED WESTLAND RANCH. Brick 3 bedroom home with newer kitchen, bath, roof, 2.5 car garage, newer central air, hardwood throughout and partially finished basement. (83MIL) \$152,500 248-349-5600.



GREAT LOCATION. Backing to no neighbors & trees. Newer kitchen flooring, counter, dishwasher, cabinets, updated 1/2 bath, kids room remodeled (Carpet, paint, windows). Raised Dr over-looking large Lr. (33DAR) \$149,900 248-349-5600



NEED MORE ROOM? Check out this 3 bedroom colonial w/many 2000 updates - furnace, carpet, kitchen countertops. Hardwood floors in kitchen & entry. Gas fireplace in family room. (13LAN) \$189,900 248-349-5600



4 BR/2.5 BA IN EMBASSY CT! Premium lot, mature trees & beautiful landscaping. Open floor plan w/neutral decor. Foyer Hdwd floors, spacious FR w/fireplace. Large kitchen. Door overlooking 2 tier deck. HPP. (79CLA) \$249,000 734-455-5600



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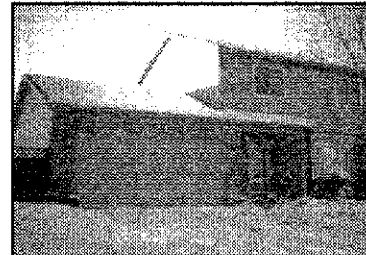
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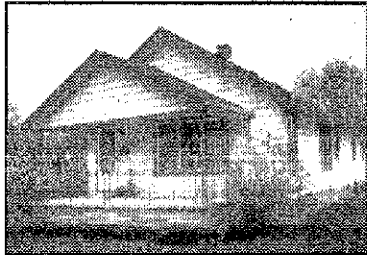
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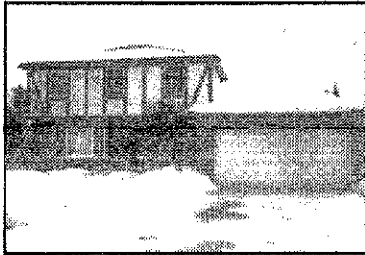
CAPTIVATING NEWER COLONIAL! 3Br, 1.5 Ba w/g. eat-in-kitchen, neutral tones & plenty of cabinets. Doorwall to deck, fenced yd. All bedrooms w/g closets. Full bath up w/Mstr & hallway access, full bsmt, brick patio, HPP (74JUL) \$159,900 734-455-5600



VERY WELL MAINTAINED LARGE RANCH! Newer: roof, electrical, vinyl windows, furnace, C/A. Copper plumbing, first floor laundry. Nicely landscaped. Home Warranty Incl. (81GLE) \$109,900 734-455-5600



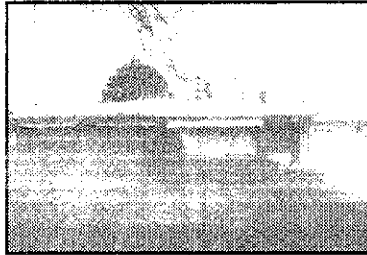
COMFORTABLE & SPACIOUS! 3 Br, 2 Ba In private serene setting. Newer neutral carpet T/O. Updated: baths, vinyl doorwall off breakfast nook, patio & privacy fenced, lg. family rm., wet bar, 2 car garage w/work bench (02LIN) \$134,900 734-455-5600



RELAX IN THIS RESORT LIKE SETTING! 3 Br, 2 Ba Tudor style colonial on prime lot overlooking 4 acre park. Premium upgrades: shingles, Andersen vinyl clad windows, ceramic tile foyer, kitchen, baths. So much more! (15SPI) \$259,900 734-455-5600



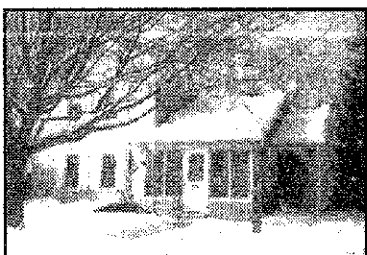
COUNTRY IN THE CITY Beautiful Edenderry in Northville. 4 Brs, 3.5 baths with newer windows and updated kitchen. Quality built home with hardwood floors & wet plaster walls. Huge master suite. (05SHA) \$399,900 248-349-5600



QUIET TREE-LINED STREET and walk to town. Well-built brick ranch w/2 car attached garage & full basement. Good sized rooms, nice layout - w/dining room. Newer furnace & roof. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath & Florida room. (56MAY) \$188,900 248-349-5600



UPDATES GALORE! Roof (tear off) '99, newer windows (upper level), vinyl siding, furnace & duct work, refaced kitchen cupboards in '96. HWH '98, deck in '94, Fr. w/nat. fireplace. Attached garage. Deck. (35POC) \$210,000 248-349-5600



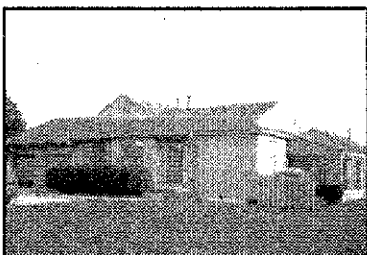
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Near 2+ acre park! Sunroom, newer entry door, windows & roof. Updated kitchen with maple cabinets, FR w/skylights. Formal DR, 3rd BR. Dream garage 30x22! (48HAR) \$197,000 734-455-5600



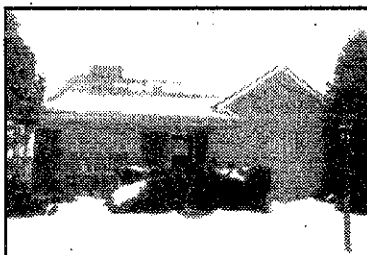
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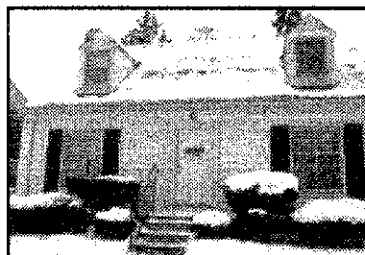
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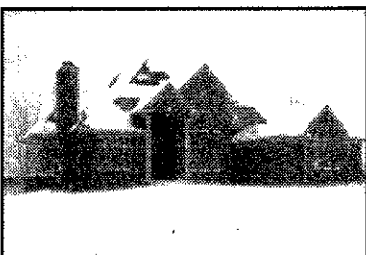
GREAT HOME in Dearborn. Three bedroom cape cod w/3 full baths, 3 fireplaces, finished basement, 2.5 car garage, 1st floor laundry & a very open floor plan. Kitchenette in basement. (50ORC) \$248,900 248-349-5600



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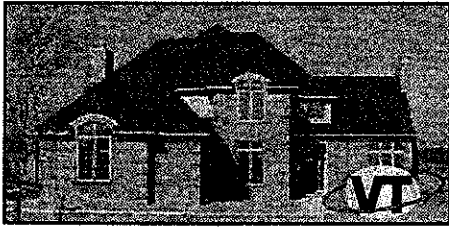
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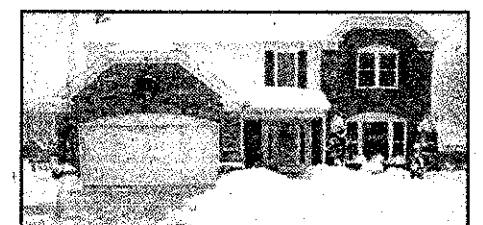
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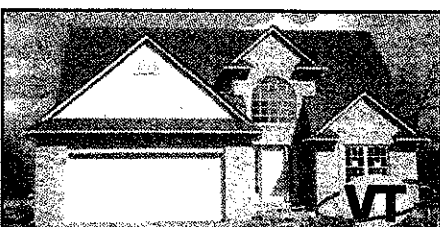
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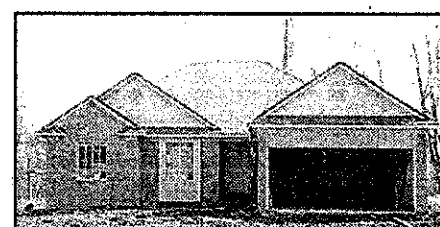
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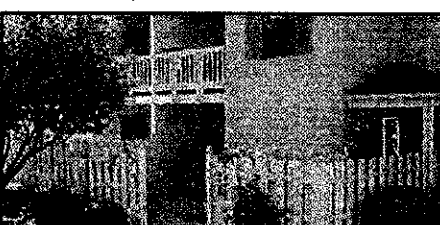
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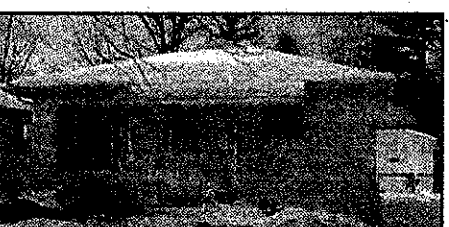
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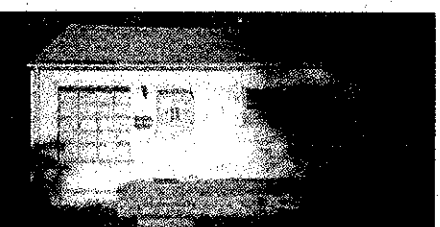
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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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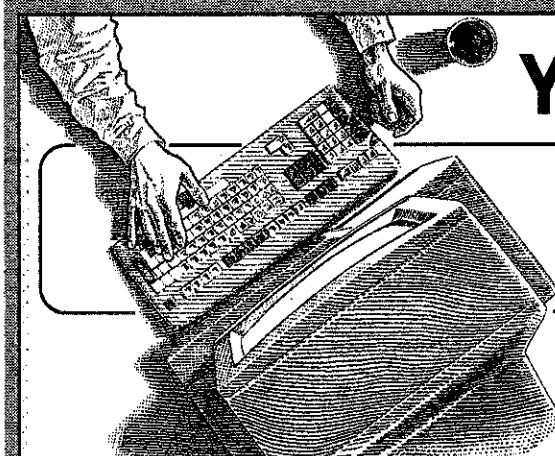
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In The United States District Court For The Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division

Civil Action No. 00-73244 Hon. John Corbett O'Meara Elite Technologies, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Prudential Securities Incorporated, Terry Karlotoglu, and John Does 1-10 Defendants

Plaintiff having filed a Motion for Extended Service Period and Alternative Method of Service, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion be ad is hereby granted, extending the expiration of the Summons for Defendant Karlotoglu to February 13, 2001, and permitting service of process upon Defendant Karlotoglu by publication.

/s/ John Corbett O'Meara United States District Judge Dated: November 14, 2000 Plaintiff's Attorney: Alexander E. Kuhne, P.C. 30400 Telegraph Suite 357 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 Published: 1-18, 25, 2001 & 2-1, 2001

636 Lost & Found

FOUND: 1/11/01 pitbull mix on Plymouth between Telegraph & Outer Dr. 313 532-5789

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26 yr old, college educated, single white mother who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, the outdoors, concerts, music, reading, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 25 to 30, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14249

DINNER FOR TWO!
Single white female, in the 50's, 25", 125 lbs, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Active, and professional. Enjoys movies, reading, dining out, dancing, music, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times, and friendship. BOX 14259

LET'S CHAT!
Attractive, 26 yr old, 5'7", 160 lbs, single white female, with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Enjoys movies, reading, dining out, camping, fishing, long walks, biking, short pool, and much more. Is seeking a single male, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14303

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!
27 yr old divorced white female, 5'8", tall, figured, long dark brown hair, blue eyes, great sense of humor, outgoing, romantic, college educated, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, long walks and much more, is seeking a single white male, age is open, for dating and maybe more. BOX 27462

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!
43 yr old, 5'8", 160 lbs, single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more, is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

LET'S HOOK UP!
Divorced mother, 24 yr old, non smoker, brown hair, and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading, long walks, and much more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests. For fun times, and maybe more. BOX 27493

JUST CALL ME!
40 yr old, petite, single white female with a great smile, dark brown hair and green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dining out, reading, cooking and much more, is seeking a single male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32665

LOOKING FOR YOU!
25 yr old, 5'2", petite build, single white female with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male, 23 to 30, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32405

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. For friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33655

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

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
New wave woman, seeks faithful secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural redhead, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25959

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

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

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

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 59, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

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 60, Novl Area. Oakland County. BOX 25401

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 35450

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

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

SPICE OF LIFE
56", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, sharing good times, willing to take risks, outdoors of 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

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

DOCTOR WANTED
Christina 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 10572

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

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

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
Single white Christian female, 39, 5'5", 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

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 33364

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-smoking, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...
...with a friend. 35 yr old, black, beautiful, retired, 22", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

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

FIRST TIME AD
Divorced Native American female, 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 6' plus, 36 plus, non-smoker, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25335

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

NEVER TOO LATE
Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25691

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

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

HONEST & TRUE
Petite, 5'11", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36068

SEEKING A PARTNER
Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a western life. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

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

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

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

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 40s late 70s, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

NEW TO THE AREA
Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interested in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady, 36 to 52. BOX 25073

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Divorced black female, 5'9", 185lbs., coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25096

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

GREAT COMPANION
Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'0", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

IT'S TIME
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ONLY YOU!
Outgoing, 5'5", white male with blonde hair and blue eyes, employed, home owner, is seeking a single female, for dating and companionship. BOX 10823

READY FOR LOVE!
50 yr old, 5'6", 180 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, fun loving, caring, enjoys camping, hiking, motorcycles, fishing and much more, is seeking a single female, of any race, age, weight and height, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 10648

IT'S A DATE!
44 yr old, 5'5", 190 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, social drinker, smoker, professional, is seeking a single female, to share good times, friendship and dating. BOX 10651

DINNER FOR TWO!
Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendship. BOX 13750

YOU SHOULD CALL
Black professional male, 6'1" 12", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

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

FIRST TIME AD
5'6", 145 lbs, blonde haired, brown eyed male, employed. Enjoys camping, hunting, and more. Seeking a female, with similar interests. No head games. BOX 14078

LET'S SHARE LIFE
White, clean cut, professional male, 6'1", brownish blonde hair, 46 yrs old, smoker, non-drinker, trustworthy, father. Enjoys the outdoors, quiet times, music, reading, movies, cooking, working out and more. Seeking a kind, gentle, attractive female, 32 to 45, small built with similar interests. BOX 14099

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!
Outgoing, 5'9", 150 lbs, single white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, non smoker, employed. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, and much more. Seeking a single female. To share good times, and dating! BOX 14183

HOPING FOR LOVE!
48 yr old, divorced white male, easy going, laid back, enjoys golf, movies, long walks, the outdoors, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 14197

MR. ROMANCE
Romantic, 33 yr old, divorced white male, employed, home improver. Enjoys movies, NASCAR, golf, the outdoors, sports, and much more. Seeking a single female. To share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14244

TWO OF A KIND!
58 yr old, 5'8", 170 lbs, white male with brown hair and eyes, retired, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, country rides, good conversations, is seeking petite to medium build, single female, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 14272

SHARING AND CARING!
35 yr old, 5'11", Christian, single white male, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking, is seeking a sincere, caring, single female, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 14279

LOOKING FOR YOU!
Youthful looking, 46 yr old, 5'7", 170 lbs, medium build, Afro American male, easy going, loving, never married, childless. Enjoys cooking, biking, movies, reading, music, and much more. Seeking a single/divorced white female, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 27488

LOOKING 4 A GOOD GUY
Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 180 lbs, divorced white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, home owner, non smoker, enjoys home owner, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 27482

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 32590

INTERESTED?
Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, cat owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX 32603

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 45, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10857

I AM YOUR MAN
Hardworking divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs, is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pretty, and nice shaped white female, for companionship. Please answer my ad, with similar interests, for possible long term relationship. Redford area. Wayne county. BOX 25974

TIME FOR A CHANGE
Professional, single white male, 45 yr old, 5'8", fit, Catholic, no dependents, communicative, humorous, flexible, introspective, and more. Seeking trim, educated, emotionally available, single white female, to share a happy and fun life. Relationship only. Wayne County. BOX 33685

BRIGHT EYES
48 yr old, white male, 5'7", 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096

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

ONESOME
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

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Very attractive, single black male, 40, 5'10", 170 lbs, energetic, humorous, employed, no dependents. Seeks very attractive, fit, white female, for dining, dancing and romancing. Age open. Wayne County. BOX 33593

DOWN TO EARTH GUY!
Fun loving, attractive, professional, single white male, 33, recently moved to the area from out of town. Loves movies, theater, dining out, dancing, working out, and having fun. Seeks an attractive woman who enjoys life! BOX 33641

SWEET STUFF
I know you're out there. Family oriented man, seeking the love of a lifetime. I'm 36 yr old, 6', 170 lbs, long brown hair, hazel eyes, father of two, good person. Enjoys movies, fishing, quiet evenings at home. Seeks female, 25 to 40, with similar interests and values. Wayne county. BOX 33644

HELPFUL AND HANDSOME
Single white male, 44 yr old, asks for nothing in return. Loves cats, Saturn cars, gardening, reading, etc. Seeks relationship with attractive white female, with similar passions. Open County BOX 33657

COMPATIBLE?
Professional single white male, Catholic, no dependents, 45, 5'8", fit, optimistic, persevering. Enjoys the outdoors, bicycling, music, movies, conversation. Seeking emotionally available, single white professional female, to share happy, healthy relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33659

DO YOU QUALIFY?
White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

BIG HEARTED
Attractive, widowed, white single male, 59", 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship, no games. BOX 33496

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

FIRST TIME AD
Recently divorced white male, 42, 5'11", 160 lbs, blue eyes, down to earth. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, or just spending quality time together. Looking for a friend and soul mate who is honest. 35 to 42. Wayne county area. BOX 25972

VERY GENTLE
If you are looking for a early 60's, 5'8", 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 60, to spend life with. Downriver area. BOX 33429

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STOPI READ THIS!
If you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, widowed, well built, early 60's and look much younger. You must be under 51, lean, attractive and serious about your future. I will return your call. Down river area. BOX 35488

UNDER THE STARS
Divorced father, 46, handsome, athletic, 6', salt and pepper hair. Green eyes. Loves long conversation by the fireplace, walks on Caribbean beaches, romantic family oriented long term relationship minded. Seeking warm affectionate attractive and fit. 30 to 50, non smoker, must like children. Oakland county. BOX 25397

DOWN RIVER AREA
Attractive, single white male, 40, medium build, no dependents, creative, humorous, romantic and very easy going, looking for single white female, petite, must have sense of humor for long term relationship. Wayne County BOX 33675

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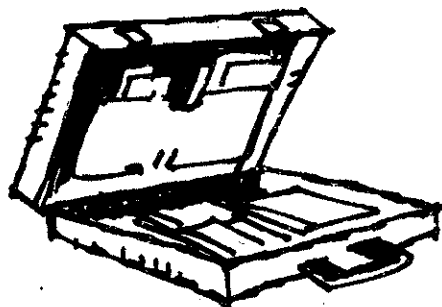
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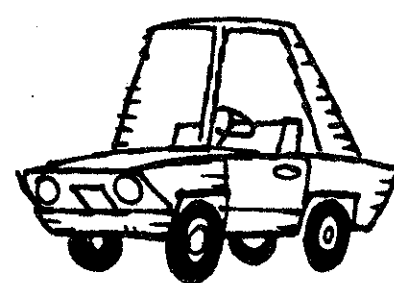
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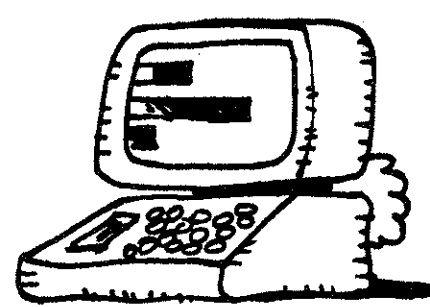
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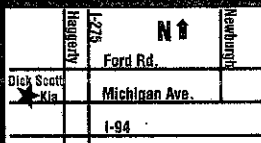
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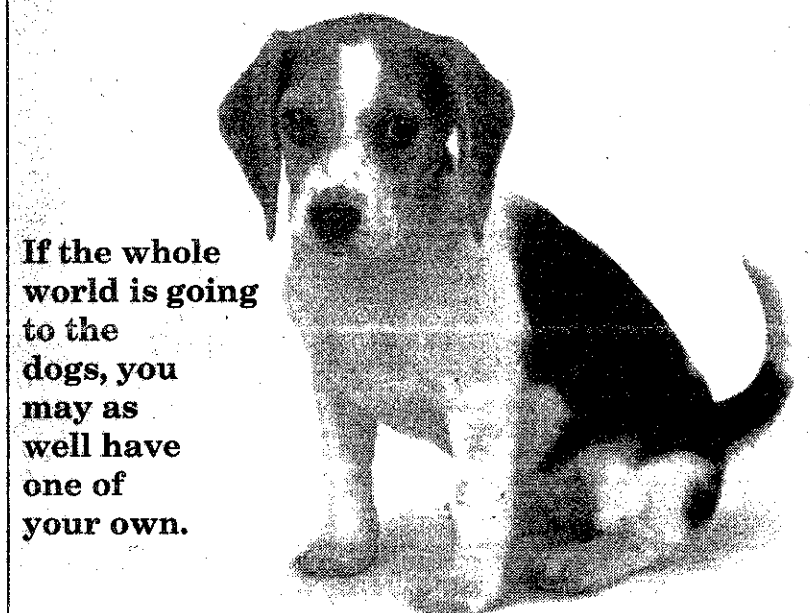
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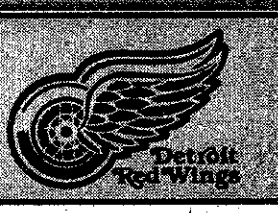
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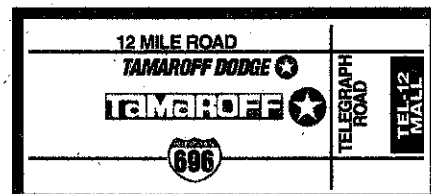
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