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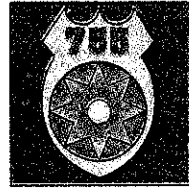
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Canton cops tackle profiling



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As neighboring communities struggle with racial profiling complaints, Canton is addressing the issue before it becomes a problem.

Canton Public Safety officials say the department will continue to educate officers about racial profiling using such techniques as diversity training and by adding video cameras to more patrol vehicles.

"What we saw happening two or three years ago were concerns raised at the national level," said Public Safety Director John Santomauro. When the issue became more heavily publicized, more complaints began to surface, he explained at a board of trustees work

study session Jan. 15.

Canton Police Capt. Laura Golles said more than half of Americans believe police actively engage in racial profiling.

Golles explained good police work involves criminal profiling, which is an investigative method in which an officer observes activities and environments to identify suspicious people and circumstances.

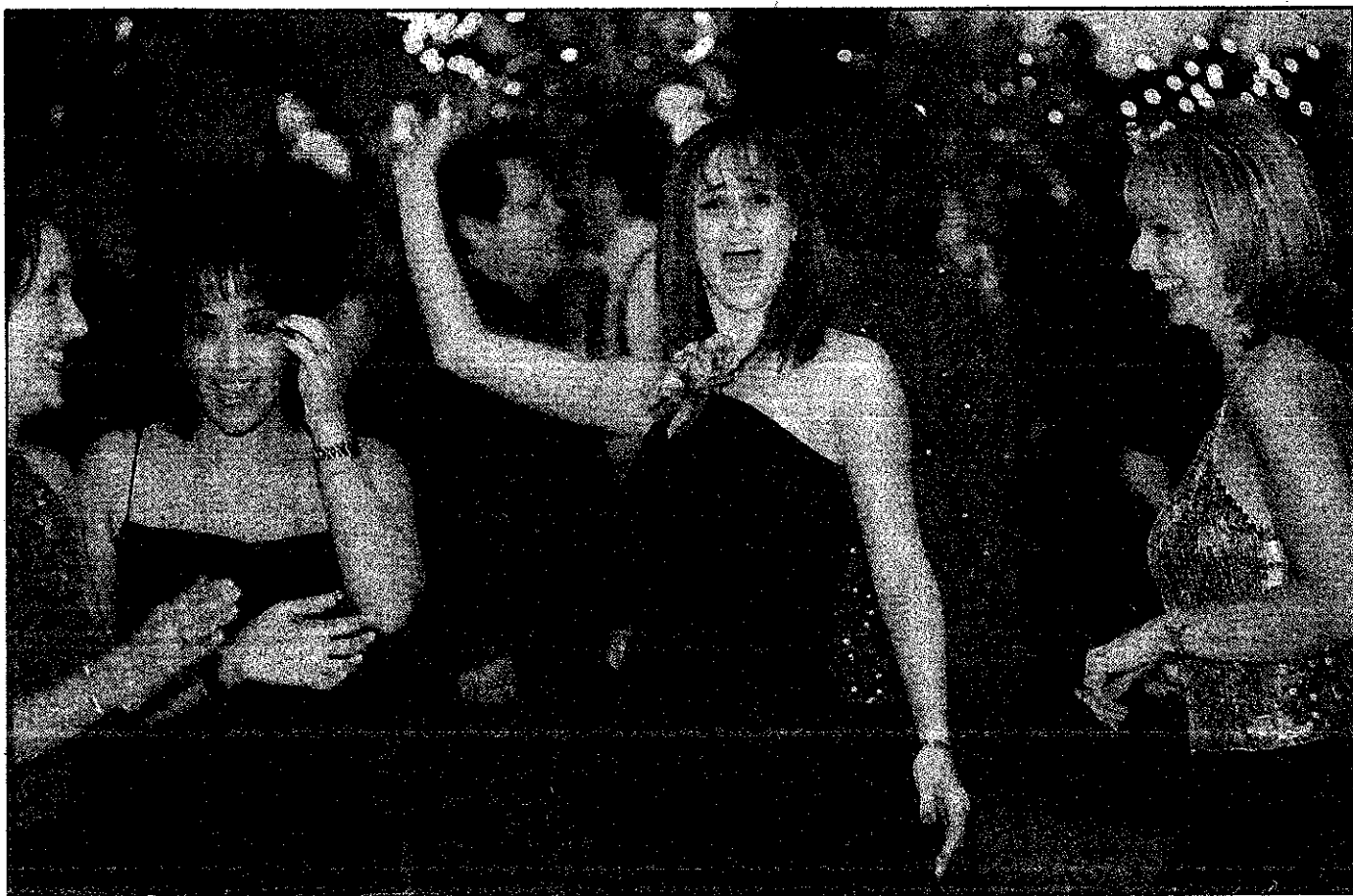
However, racial profiling involves officers initiating action relying solely

on race, rather than on an individual's behavior.

She said it's the department's plan to emphasize criminal profiling, eliminate racial profiling, and make sure all officers know the difference.

Golles said the department has worked toward this ideal by offering mandatory diversity training. The last training session offered to officers was in 1999, when they examined Indian culture and customs.

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Party time: Natasha Cervi of Maria's Bakery (center) and her mom, Maria Cervi (right) of Northville whoop it up during the Canton Foundation Winter Ball at Laurel Manor in Livonia Friday night.

Stepping out Foundation Winter Ball-goers have fun, do good for community

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They were dancing in their seats, twisting in the aisles, and even gettin' down on the dance floor Friday at the Canton Community Foundation's Winter Ball.

The seventh annual event drew some 1,000 people, who braved the cold evening for a good time and a good cause.

The ball is the foundation's largest

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fund-raiser — bringing in more than \$60,000 — and funds \$25,000 in college scholarships, youth leadership programs, and the planned purchase of a handicapped-accessible bus for Canton seniors.

"I had an awesome time, but then I always do," said Joan Noricks, the foundation's president.

Noricks said the event at Laurel Manor was smaller this year than in the past, partly by design. She

explained that when the ball has hosted groups of 1,400, many of the guests are seated too far away from the band and the action to feel included in the activities.

"Overall, we're very pleased," she said, adding most of the previous year's sponsors chose to sponsor the event again.

One of the people Noricks credits with the event's success is Bob Paciocco.

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District buying into tech program

VAN BUREN SCHOOLS

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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A chicken in every pot was once the measure of American prosperity — now the standard in Michigan could be a laptop for every teacher.

Van Buren Trustees voted Monday night to become part of the Teacher Technology Initiative. The initiative, also known as "Governor's Laptop Project," provides \$110 million in funding for the purchase of computer equipment for every eligible teacher in the

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Man, 21, charged in Don Pablos robbery

A 21-year-old Ann Arbor man is facing a charge of armed robbery in connection with a New Year's Eve incident at Don Pablos Mexican Kitchen in Canton.

Casey Dylan Campbell was arraigned Monday in front of 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe on one count of armed robbery. The offense is a felony punishable by up to life in prison.

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Residents, developer find common ground

CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

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A Bloomfield Hills developer and the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association were only months ago bitter adversaries. But at Monday night's planning commission meeting, association spokesman, Chuck Supnick, happily reported, "We find ourselves on new ground."

The commission voted unanimously on an approval recommendation for the preliminary plans, which now move to the township board for final approval.

Robertson Brothers Co. originally unveiled plans last September to build 65 homes off Joy Road between Beck and Ridge roads.

The proposal drew strong opposition from the homeowners association and the planning commission, and the 54-acre development was put on hold.

The developer has since met with planning department staff and the homeowners association to address concerns.

"We have come to a meeting of the minds with the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association," said Doug Smith, Robertson Brothers Co. land acquisition director. "That was definitely a concern of ours."

Supnick said he was pleased with the developer's sensitivity to the association's concerns.

"Robertson Brothers has made changes, many of which came as a result of listening to and meeting with our members," Supnick said.

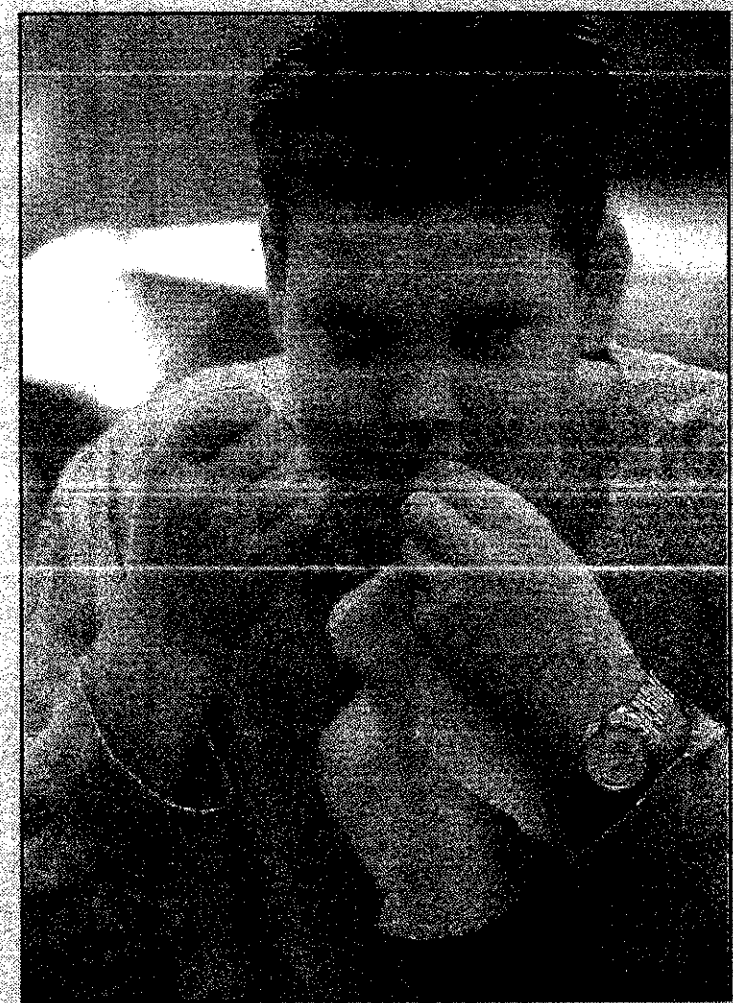
Density bonus opposed

The association opposed the developer's request for a density bonus. The parcel is zoned for one unit per acre, less dense than the developer originally planned.

"We felt the density bonus was unwarranted," Supnick said. Since last autumn, Robertson Brothers has withdrawn its request for the bonus and has acquired 11 additional acres to

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Sewing up the first semester at Discovery



Needle-work: Devin Shea, 13, bites a thread during his Jan. 8 sewing class in Living Arts at Discovery Middle School. For a story and photos from the Observer's year-long series on the new school, please turn to Page D8 in today's paper.

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ATV riders warned after teen killed in crash on Ford Road

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Westland police are warning drivers of all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles to wear helmets and be cautious in the aftermath of a Sunday evening crash that killed 16-year-old Nicholas Bacon of Garden City.

The teen died after his four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle slammed headlong into a Yamaha 250 motorcycle driven by a Westland teen about 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Officer Patrick Corby said. The accident happened on Superior Parkway, in an industrial area near Ford and Hix roads.

Bacon wasn't wearing a helmet; his Westland friend was. Both teens, thrown from their vehicles, are believed to have been speeding, Corby said.

"Here's a tragedy that happened that could have been avoided," Police Chief Emery Price said.

Corby issued a warning: "The simplest lesson we can take from this is, if you're going to drive these vehicles, wear your helmet."

Bacon died Tuesday, leaving his family and friends "devastated," said his mother, Debra Bacon.

"He loved life and was always on the go," she said. "He loved to do things with his hands. He was a real strong 16-year-old boy."

The teen bowled on a Saturday morning league at Town & Country Lanes in Westland. He enjoyed camping and traveling with his family, and Aloha State Park in Cheboygan was his favorite destination.

"We went there year after

■ 'Here's a tragedy that happened that could have been avoided.'

—Emery Price,
Westland Police Chief

year, and he got to meet people," his mother said. "They came back each year like we did, and they got to know him and he got to know them."

A high school junior, Bacon was registered as a Garden City student but attended the Rosedale alternative program in Livonia. His friends came to the hospital following the accident, and they left roses on the Bacons' front porch and on the trunk of the teen's car.

The accident marked Westland's third traffic fatality in January, alone, Sgt. Peter Brokas said. The city usually has only several traffic deaths all year, he said.

Bacon, who suffered head injuries, died Tuesday at University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, where he had been flown by medical helicopter from Garden City Hospital.

The Westland teen, flown to U-M from Livonia St. Mary Hospital, was in serious condition, Corby said.

"It may take him some time, but he is expected to recover," Corby said.

A third boy, 15, who also was driving an all-terrain vehicle, wasn't involved in the accident, although Corby said he apparently owned all three vehicles.

Bacon was driving southbound in the northbound lane of Superior when the motorcycle, or "dirt bike," appeared in front of him, Corby said.

Corby vigorously denied speculation that the boys were "playing chicken" when tragedy struck.

"It just appears that there was horseplay, that they were goofing around and not paying attention, going in the opposite direction at high speeds," Corby said.

"At the last moment it appears that they saw each other and tried to avoid each other, but they turned in the same direction," he said.

Neither the four-wheeler nor the "dirt bike" should have been driven on the paved road, Corby said, and neither driver had a valid license.

It also appears that the four-wheeler was traveling faster than 40 mph in the 25 mph zone and that the motorcycle was being driven "at least" 40 mph, Corby said.

The force of the collision broke the dirt bike in two near the front fork, he said.

"That shows the severity of the collision," he said.

Debra Bacon said the family learned about the crash from one of her son's friends, who called on a cellular phone from the scene.

"He told us Nick was in a bad accident, and we prayed all the way there that it was just a broken leg," the mother said. "But when we got to the viaduct and I saw the area flooded in lights ... when I saw that, I knew it was-

n't good.

"Nick was such a loving guy. He just loved people and could relate to anybody," she said. "He was a laugher, a talker; he's going to be missed."

"He was an active kid," said his uncle, Chuck Holden of Westland. "He was a good kid, that's for sure."

There was no official word on possible charges as the investigation continued.

"Now that we have a fatality we will have to look at things a little differently," Corby said.

The accident occurred near an area where young people often ride their vehicles off the road, "against the wishes of a lot of people," Corby said.

Price said police officers have repeatedly chased young people and their vehicles off of the private property, but the teens return.

Nicholas Bacon's organs were donated and helped six other people.

"Out of this, he helped six other people, so his death wasn't a total waste," his mother said.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lents Chapel-Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, with the Rev. David Pawless of Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church of Westland officiating. Visitation will be 1-9 p.m. Friday.

Contributions to the family in lieu of flowers are suggested.

Bacon is survived by his parents, James and Debra Bacon; a brother, Matthew; grandparents Paul and Betty Bacon of Redford and Lorna (Holden) Marshall of Okeechobee, Fla.; 17 aunts and uncles; and 22 cousins.

Staff writer Sue Mason contributed to this story.

3 Central students honored for top local essays

Three students from Central Middle School in Plymouth have been named local winners in the 32nd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first-, second-, and third-place awards for their school are Andrew Perkins, first, Chelsea Baldwin, second, and Megone Wheeler, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first-place winner, Andrew's name will also be

engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Andrew Perkins' first-place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in March, will receive plaques, cash, and U. S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000.

In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders

and be the featured guest at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners will determine the ranking of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from nearly 575 Michigan schools participated in the 2000-2001 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted

with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2000-2001 contest was "My American Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

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Flooring it: Caroline Fernandez of Northville, 5, and her dad Carlos of Midwest Door & Window, dance the night away.



Rock and rolling: Singers Stella and Tony C. of the band Intrigue entertain.

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Winter Ball *from page A1*

"This was his brainchild, his idea to do this dinner dance as a fund-raiser," Noricks said.

Paciocco, who owns Pama Investments and Contracting, continues to support the event annually, and this year sponsored four tables.

"It's for a good cause and we're all doing our best to make it a successful event," Paciocco said. "January is a gloomy time of year, so this is a chance to get people out and have a good time."

It's been very successful."

The ball marked an extra-special evening this year for Paciocco, as it was also his 61st birthday.

Geri Rosin, whose company, Dearborn Real Estate, is one of the event's Silver Sponsors, said this was her seventh year sponsoring and attending the event.

"We do a lot of business in the community and the event is for a good cause," she said. "We look forward to it every year."



Now presenting: Joan Noricks (above) presents a parting gift to outgoing chairman Bryan Amman. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is at right. In the photo at left, Bob Paciocco (right), of Pama Investment of Plymouth and former chairman of the foundation, is presented with a birthday cake at the Ball.

Water main break could disrupt residents' service

Some Canton residents may experience low water pressure this week as repair work is done on a water main running underneath Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

The break in the 36-inch main, which runs between Venoy Road and Winfred Street, was

discovered recently and is being attended to by the City of Detroit.

Work to repair the break is expected to continue through Saturday.

For more information call the township public works division, (734) 394-5150.

not be precise, bakers adopted the practice of giving 13 loaves on every order of 12. However, another theory has to do with the common folk phrase "devil's dozen," meaning 13. Bakers of the Middle Ages were in such bad repute that the words baker and devil were synonymous. This a devil's dozen could also be called a baker's dozen.

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:

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■ *After the War Was Over* by Michael Foreman

■ *My Life With the Chimpanzees* by Jane Goodall

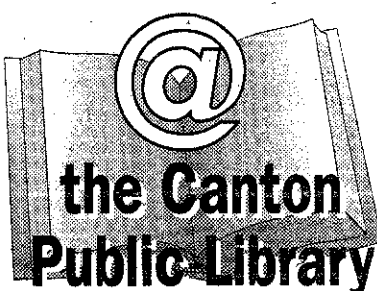
■ *My Mysterious World* by Margaret Mahy

■ *Anonymously Yours* by Richard Peck

Hot topic of the week

■ **Zines!** What are they and how can I start one? A special program by Chip Rowe, co-sponsored by the Canton and Plymouth libraries, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Plymouth District Library. Do you like to write? Draw? Writing a zine might just be the creative outlet you crave. Learn from Chip Rowe, a zine author and the author of a book about zines. Registration begins Feb. 1 and is open only to teens in the sixth-12th grades. To register, call the Plymouth District Library (734) 453-0750 and select option 4. If you have questions, call Stefanie Halliday at the Canton Public Library, (734) 397-0999 or Eva Davis at the Plymouth district Library, (734) 453-0750.

@ the Canton Library is compiled by Laura Dorogi of the library staff. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call 397-0999.



Did you know?

■ The Canton Public Library checked out more than 732,991 items in 2000?

■ Ponce de Leon planted lemon trees in Florida in 1513?

■ In the 1930s, "cucumber" was a slang word for one-dollar bill?

■ The U.S. consumes more hot dogs than all the rest of the world combined - nearly 50 million hot dogs per day?

■ If you drop a few charcoal briquettes into the baby's diaper pail (under the liner), you'll be amazed at what you "don't" smell?

■ Most tea sold in supermarkets is black tea?

■ The fat in milk contains carotene, which gives milk its yellowish color? This is why non-fat milk is whiter than whole milk?

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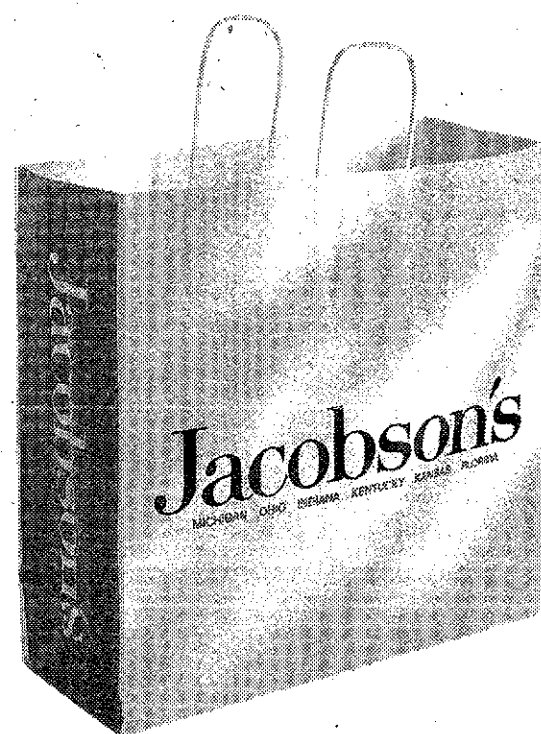
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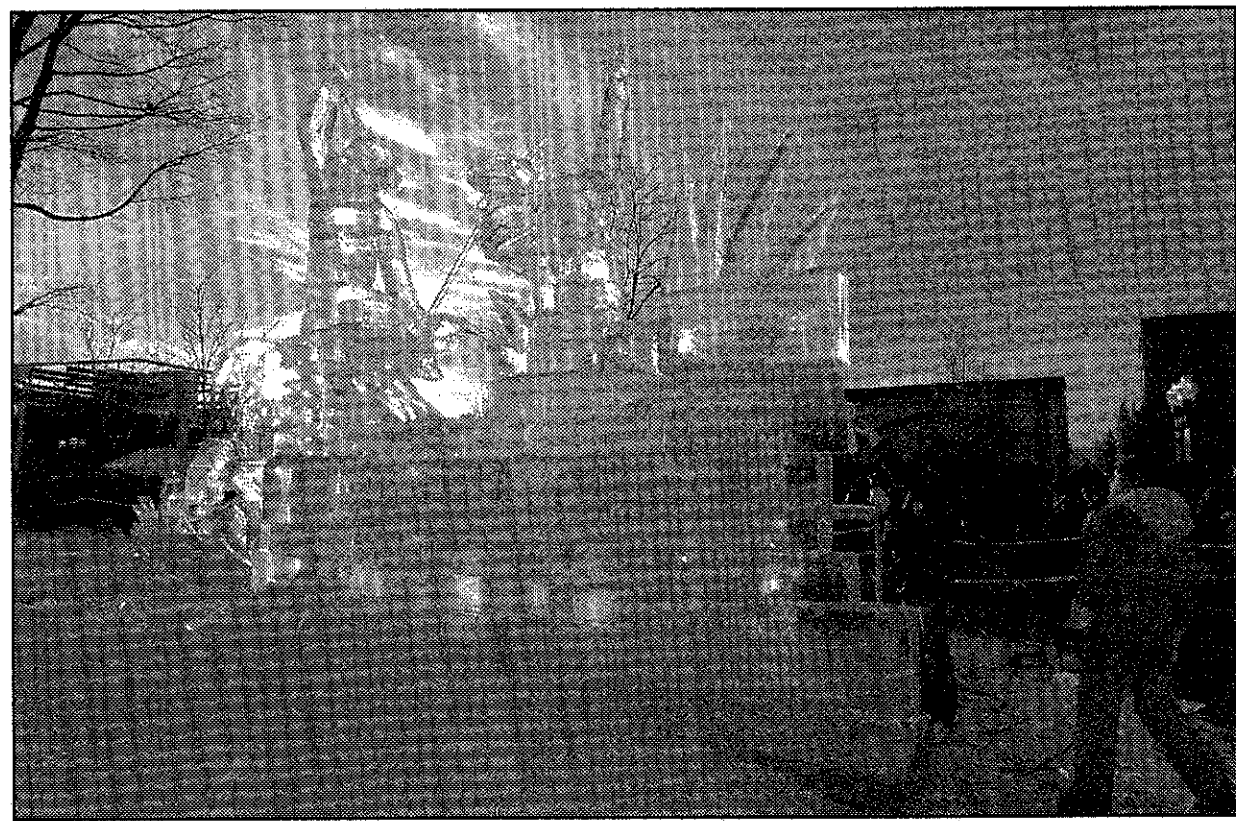
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Big freeze: The largest carving in Plymouth's International Ice Spectacular, created by Team Japan, takes shape along Main Street Saturday.

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Cold calling: Ice festival still a big draw to area

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The weather stayed cold, attendance remained hot and there were a couple of new attractions added to the proven mix at last weekend's 2001 Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

The result? Another successful festival, according to its executive director.

"I thought it went great," Mike Watts said. "We had tremendous crowds, people were on every street. You couldn't even move downtown on Sunday."

Some things remained the same. Ted Wakar of Canton was prominent among the carvers

■ **'We had tremendous crowds, people were on every street. You couldn't even move downtown on Sunday.'**

—Mike Watts,
festival promoter

again, teaming with Jim Bur of Sterling Heights to win the professional team competition and taking the professional individual contest himself.

Plymouth carvers Tajana and Paul Raukar followed last year's team championship with a respectable runner-up finish this year. Thousands of people jammed the streets downtown to gaze at the hundreds of sculptures and all the other features for which the festival has become famous.

But there were changes from last year, most notably the weather, which stayed at 30 degrees or below virtually all weekend, allowing the carvers optimum conditions for crafting their artistry.

And there was the first Ice Festival Dinner Dance, held Friday night at the newly renovat-

ed St. John's Golf and Conference Center. With sponsor support lagging this year, organizers of the dance tried to find a way to raise a little more revenue for the festival, which costs about \$180,000 to run.

They think they've found a good one. The dance drew approximately 160 people, short of the 200 tickets planners had hoped to sell, but enough to provide hope for next year's dance.

"It was excellent," said Ron Loiselle, a member of the festival's board of directors. "The food was extraordinary, the band was great and the crowd was a nice size."

Having sold about 160 tickets at \$100 per this year, Loiselle expects the dance to make a return engagement next year.

"With an event like this, you can usually expect a 50 percent increase," he said. "We anticipate a crowd of 200, maybe 220 next year. People were already talking about coming back."

Watts uses a different gauge for success.

"I generally go by what the kids like," he said. "If the kids are happy, that's what I look for. And the kids were happy."

Group seeks local host families for students

World Heritage, a non-profit, public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, Mexico, France, Germany, Thailand, Brazil, Japan and the NIS (Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union) coming to this area for the upcoming school year. These personable and academically select exchange students speak English, are bright, curious, and eager to learn about this country through living as part of a family

and attending high school. This is a wonderful opportunity to share in the fostering of intercultural friendships.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family for a semester or an academic year or anyone interested in becoming an exchange student should contact World Heritage's local representative, Suzanne Sebree at (810)783-6946 or call 1-800-785-9040 or check out our web site at www.world-heritage.org.

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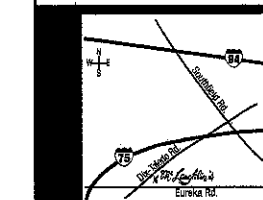
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Investigators: Motel fire was intentional

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Saturday, just after 5 p.m., Canton fire fighters and police responded to a 911 call at the Michigan Avenue Days Inn.

Upon arrival, firefighters saw smoke coming from one of the first floor rooms.

Firefighters wearing protective gear entered the room and found an intense blaze that was quickly extinguished.

The fire was confined to one room and there were no injuries.

The room was occupied by a 61-year-old mentally disabled woman and her caregiver. The caregiver told firefighters she had left the room momentarily to get some ice and when she returned, she saw the woman she was caring for standing in the hallway with a cigarette lighter, and smoke was coming from the room.

After investigating the fire, it became apparent the 61-year-old woman was responsible for the fire. The woman was awaiting placement in an adult care facility. She told police she set the fire because she didn't want to go to a home in Detroit.

The motel room sustained significant heat, smoke and water damage.

Month-old baby abused

A Canton couple is currently under investigation for possibly abusing their 1-month-old son. Canton police were called to University of Michigan Ann Arbor emergency room Saturday when a social worker discovered numerous bruises on the baby.

The social worker said the boy had bruises on his lip, nose, temples, chest and left thigh. She said the bruises were "unexplainable," according to police reports.

The baby's mother said she woke at 10 a.m. Saturday and gave her son a bath. She noticed bruises. The rest of the adults in the home — the baby's father and grandfather — were sleeping at the time. The baby's grandmother, who also lives in the home reported she was not home all day.

When the baby's father woke shortly after noon, the mother

took a shower. She said when she got out of the shower, she noticed more bruises on the baby. The couple took their son to the emergency room at 3 p.m.

The boy's mother said the baby could have received the bruises when she was playing with him, and the bruises on his chest could have been caused when she put him in his swing.

The baby's father said he didn't notice the bruises, but could have caused the bruises because he is "clumsy" after having had a stroke when he was younger.

The baby's grandfather said he slept until 2:30 p.m. when he heard the baby crying loudly.

The emergency room doctor who examined the baby said the parents had "no explanation for the bruises," and she thought they were likely to have been caused by abuse. The social worker said the infant would not be released to his parents or grandparents, and would be placed in foster care.

Check fraud

A 44-year-old Belleville woman was taken into police custody Tuesday after attempting to cash a \$1,700 fraudulent check.

Employees at the TCF Bank in Canton told police the suspect opened a new business account with a \$5,000 Old Kent check last week, and was told it would be seven to 10 business days before she would have access to the funds.

A TCF Bank employee said she discovered the \$5,000 check was written on a closed account.

When police questioned the Belleville woman, she said, "It was a big mistake," and she was just trying to take some money out of her account.

A police lien check reported she has numerous aliases, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

Further investigation of the Old Kent check proved she had attempted in November to open the Old Kent account with an out-of-state check from an account in one of her assumed names. Because that check was also fraudulent, it never cleared and the Old Kent account was never opened.

Child pornography

Tuesday, police were called to a Canton Court apartment after an electrician working in the dwelling discovered five suspicious photographs. At least one of the photos was of a naked female child and adult male.

An apartment manager identified the man as the apartment's former tenant, who had been evicted two weeks prior.

The manager said the man currently resides with a relative in Canton.

The case has been turned over to the detective bureau.

Stolen car

A 24-year-old Canton woman reported Tuesday to police her car was stolen while she was buying cigarettes in the Michigan Avenue Clark gas station.

The woman said she left her blue 1997 Dodge Neon unlocked with the keys in the ignition, and when she left the gas station, she discovered it was missing.

Embezzlement

A Super Kmart employee is suspected of embezzlement. Canton police reports indicate two store employees stated the woman had a "suspicious way of taking money from the cash register."

One employee said she saw the woman take a \$20 bill from the cash drawer, crumple it up and throw it into the trash. She saw her coworker looking through the trash later in the shift.

It has been estimated after examining the employee's receipts between Dec. 8 and Jan. 9 she may have taken \$580. The case has been turned over to the Canton detective bureau.

Calculators stolen from high school

Two Plymouth Canton High School students were questioned about stealing three calculators from the high school.

School employees told police the calculators were missing, and were likely taken on Jan. 18 between fifth and sixth hour.

Two students witnessed a 16-year-old male student take cal-

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culators from the classroom.

The teen was questioned and told police he took the calculators.

One, he said, was at his home. The other was in his locker, and he retrieved it. He also told police another student had taken a calculator.

The other male student admitted taking it, and pulled it from

his book bag.

The calculator the first student reported was at his home was not found, and the teen's parents paid the school \$91 for the unrecovered item.

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Canton Police Detective Lew Stevens said Campbell is facing multiple charges for armed robbery from the Ann Arbor Police department. The suspect may also be charged in armed robbery incidents in Novi, Dearborn Heights and Garden City, police said.

Campbell is currently being held at the Washtenaw County Jail on a \$100,000 bond. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Feb. 2 at the 35th District Court.

The Plymouth-based pediatric rehabilitation center presents its second-annual show at 1:30 p.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. The Gap provides the fashions for the kids to wear in the fashion show, while JoAnne's Dance Extension, Vanessa's Flowers and Kroger

Geneva Presbyterian Church is located at 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton. For more information on the show, call Speech & Language Systems, Inc., at (734) 454-0866.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Golles said none were criminal

Golles said the next step in protecting the township, the department and the citizens who come in contact with police, is to install video cameras in each of

She said truck drivers complained often they were being harassed or targeted.

"That's good news," Santomaro said. "I can confidently tell you the reason we're not having the problems other communities are having is because of this. We're on top of it."

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Support growing for anti-CCW petition drive

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The effort to put Michigan's new concealed weapons law to a public vote and block its implementation July 1 is only three weeks old, but "We're doing great," says its leader, Mike Duggan.

"We've probably got close to 40,000 signatures" out of roughly 151,000 needed by March 26 for a referendum on Public Act 381 — the so-called "shall issue" law — the Wayne County prosecuting attorney said on Tuesday. "We're at numerous locations and we're adding volunteers by the day."

"We've got about 1,200 people circulating petitions and that number is increasing all the time," he said.

The organizing group, People Who Care About Kids, seeks 225,000 signatures to cover errors, Duggan said. "We've got to gather 3,000 a day and we're hitting that right now."

If the petition drive is successful, the new law — which some fear would put up to 200,000 handguns on the streets this summer — "will not take effect until after the November 2002 election, when the people get to decide" via referendum whether to implement it, Duggan said.

Maureen Miller Brosnan of Livonia, coordinator of petition-drive volunteers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, said

Wednesday that support is growing.

She said the local effort is spilling over into Livingston and Washtenaw counties and "before you know it, it will be statewide."

Core group

Brosnan, who is also Livonia City Council president, said that a core group of four metro-Detroit Million Mom March chapters has been taking petitions into movie theaters, soccer facilities and ice shows.

The volunteers are saying it's "extremely easy" to get signatures, Brosnan relates. "They start talking to one person and find five other people asking to sign."

"Don't go anywhere without three clipboards," they tell Brosnan, "because you can have them all moving at the same time."

Brosnan said the MJR Theater chain in metro Detroit has been "wonderful with their support." Statewide, the Goodrich Theater chain is cooperating in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, Bay City, Essexville and Three Rivers, she said.

This weekend, said Brosnan, churches are the target.

The Catholic Archdiocese is urging its churches to have petitions available, she said, and "a huge outreach effort" in Detroit proper, involving 20 other churches, expects to gather 3,000

signatures.

On the horizon, said Brosnan, is a Feb. 28 seminar on legislation and handgun control hosted at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills by the National Council of Jewish Women.

Among secular groups, she said, the American Association of University Women is focusing on parent-teacher organizations. "They seem to be extremely strong in Oakland County and want to expand into Wayne," Brosnan noted.

Over 32 members

The Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control has joined the more than 32 organizations and individuals, including county sheriffs and prosecutors like Macomb's Carl Marlinga, in supporting the People Who Care About Kids effort, according to Brosnan.

At present, CCW permits are issued by county boards on a "need" basis — generally, to security guards for work only, to business owners during business hours or when making bank deposits, or to stalking victims or retired police officers.

But Public Act 381, passed last month by the state's "lame-duck" legislature, requires county gun boards to issue licenses to carry concealed weapons "to any adult without a criminal record, with limited exceptions," according to the group's literature.

"This is a horrible, horrible piece of legislation," said Brosnan. The "worst part" is it "completely takes away controls from businesses."

"They can say 'No shoes, no shirt, no service' but they can't tell someone 'No guns,'" she said.

"It bothers me that I, as an elected official, can't enable local businesses to operate in a safe manner, if they wish to."

Furthermore, she said, "It

bothers me that people are going to be able to walk into City Hall armed. It bothers me they will be able to walk into 16th District Court" with a weapon.

"That scares me," she said of the latter. While acknowledging the new law does permit inquiry into an applicant's mental health, the objection, she said, is "that it does allow people to carry guns into an environment that has the potential for violence."

lence.

"In a courtroom, you're obviously there because you are in disagreement with somebody about something," Brosnan said. "I just think that's a bad situation" for concealed carry.

Those seeking more information or to volunteer may call People Who Care About Kids at (313) 224-KIDS or visit their Web site at www.peoplewhocare-aboutkids.com.

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Schoolcraft project set to go

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Groundbreaking for the nearly \$27-million expansion of the Waterman Campus Center is scheduled for late spring, now that Gov. John Engler has signed the partial-funding appropriations bill.

"We are delighted to have the Governor approve our funding and are ready to move ahead," said Schoolcraft President Richard W. (Dick) McDowell after receiving word of the

approval. "This building will be a wonderful addition to the campus and to the community."

Public Act 506 of 2000, the supplemental bill signed by Engler, includes an appropriation of \$13.3 million to Livonia-based Schoolcraft for the \$26.7-million project. The remaining money will come from the college's budget and fund-raising.

The Waterman project includes 55,000 square feet of new space for a state-of-the-art culinary arts department, with teaching kitchen, classroom and demonstration areas; an infor-

mation technology center for education, training, product development and entrepreneurial activities; and public space for seminars, concerts and speakers.

Renovating 29,000 square feet in the existing center will expand the food service program for employees, students and the public.

Adelard "Butch" Raby, Schoolcraft vice president for business, said the new construction will be completed 12-15 months after groundbreaking, with renovation to follow.



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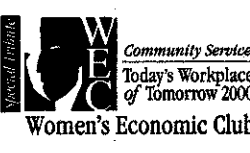


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Horse track is possibility for Salem Township land

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Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti is fielding calls and questions about a proposed horse-racing complex in that township.

Roperti admits he has had no contact with Magna Entertainment, which is believed to be eyeing a site at M-14 and Gotfredson Road that the Taubman Co. once considered for a shopping mall. Salem Township is located between Plymouth and Ann Arbor and has about 5,600 residents.

Township leaders have fiercely staved off development as they have sought to preserve a pristine environment.

Roperti points out the proposed project area is without water and sewer and there's concern about traffic and noise. "There are major issues to overcome," Roperti said.

News reports which surfaced last month brought the issue home to Salem.

"We heard the rumor," Roperti said. "There's been no communication between the (Magna) planners and the township board."

Richard Wallington, general manager of Great Lakes

Downs in Muskegon, a thoroughbred race course which is owned by Magna Entertainment, said nothing is definite. Magna Entertainment is a subsidiary of the Canadian conglomerate Magna International, which is an auto parts company.

"There's nothing concrete," Wallington said. "I don't know if the deal ever closed. The company has plans to get back into the western side of the state. There is no live thoroughbred racing on the western half of the state. It's one of the few markets left in the United States. They are astute businessmen in Toronto."

A horse racing complex could entail a thoroughbred turf course and harness racing, Wallington said.

As for competition from Northville Downs, which features harness racing about eight miles away from the Salem site, Wallington said, "there are a number of ways to address it."

One way is tailoring the hours of operation, he said.

Graham Orr, of Magna's Toronto office, couldn't be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, Roperti is putting the final touches on the township newsletter that

will be mailed to residents next week with updated information on the subject.

Residents have expressed both positive and negative viewpoints about horseracing, Roperti said.

Roperti had urged them to express their opinions about horseracing, in general, and SB 1214-1215 which were introduced by Senators George McManus Jr. (R-Traveler City), Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), Leon Stille (R-Grand Rapids), Walter North (R-St Ignace), Don Koivisto (D-Ironwood) and Joe Young Jr. (D-Detroit)

The bills, dealing with horseracing which would have allowed simulcasting, telephone account wagering, and off-track betting, didn't pass during the last legislative session.

Gary Henderson, McManus' legislative aide, said Thursday that no decision has been made whether to reintroduce those bills "although it has some merit," Henderson said.

Eilene Davis, aide to Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith (D-Salem) said no Salem residents have contacted Smith's office expressing views about gaming.

State grant will spruce up Plymouth Cultural Center

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth Acting City Manager Paul Sincok heard all the rumors, but he wanted to make sure the good news was final before spreading the word.

It was made official by Gov. John Engler's office.

Plymouth has been awarded nearly \$635,000 in a Clean Michigan Initiative-Recreation Bond grant, which will be used for improvements at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We are ecstatic," proclaimed Sincok in his City Hall office. "We received a call from Sen. (Thaddeus) McCotter's office Monday that it was coming. This is the largest grant we've ever received. It's a great opportunity for the City of Plymouth."

The grant application indicates the city will contribute \$342,000 to the project, which means the Cultural Center will get almost \$977,000 in renovations.

The improvements will include:

■ the addition of two main hockey locker rooms on the east side of the building.

■ the addition of one Zamboni equipment storage room.

■ replacement of the existing dasher board system with new steel frame dasher boards and acrylic shields.

■ installation of a new energy reduction system for lighting and refrigeration in the ice arena.

■ installation of new emergency lighting and exit signage throughout the facility.

In the grant application, city officials noted two locker rooms share a toilet and shower facility, the bathrooms do not meet current handicap accessibility codes, and the locker facilities are undersized for the high school students and adults who use the center. The application also notes that female hockey teams "are constrained by the size and scheduling that must be coordinated at the current facilities."

"We currently have about \$170,000 budgeted for our share, and we're hopeful that we can come up with a financing plan for the remainder," said Sincok. "You're looking at a plan where for every dollar we put in, the State of Michigan puts in two. It's hard to beat that."

The Plymouth Cultural Center is a multi-purpose community center located on property next to Central Middle School that is leased from the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools high school hockey teams and the Adult Hockey League.

"It's great news," said Chris Wolfe, president of the Plymouth-Canton High School Hockey Boosters. "The money will ease the stress of small locker rooms, and the lighting will help make it look like a new ice rink. It's a shot of enthusiasm for everybody."

The city's recreation department offices are located in the Cultural Center, and many of the recreation programs are housed there.

Recently, the city improved the Cultural Center by putting up a new awning, as well as new carpeting, furniture and handicap ramps.

"The building is 30 years old, and this is a step in the right direction," said Sincok. "It's a part of our recreation master plan, adopted by the city commission, to meet the needs of this community."

Sincok said he expects renovations to begin sometime this year, depending on when the grant is in the hands of city officials.

The City of Plymouth has never applied for a CMI-Recreation Bond grant. However, the Plymouth Cultural Center has been the recipient the past two years of Community Development Block Grant funding, which was used to bring all restroom facilities in compliance with American Disabilities Act regulations.

Planning from page A1

be left undeveloped and used as a backdrop for the community.

Under the revised plan, 60 percent of the land would never

be developed.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin pointed out that would leave trees and meadows surrounding the homes in their natural state, something the planning commission has encouraged builders to do.

"We tried to preserve 58 percent of the open spaces," Jim Clarke of Robertson Brothers said. "Where there is development, it's intense development, so no one would have to see it, hear it, or deal with it."

"The beautification of Gyde Road is important to us, and Northwest Canton told us it is important to them," Smith said.

The homeowners association also expressed concerns over the natural beauty of the nearby tree-lined roads. Robertson Brothers committed to stay out of the rights-of-way, and seek easements on private property for laying water and sewer lines. Further, Smith said if the company cannot acquire easements, it would bore under the trees, so

none would have to be removed.

"Another concern has been cookie-cutter construction, with houses too similar and too close together," Supnick said. Smith said Robertson Brothers has committed to a design charrette with township officials.

The development has been defined as a detached condominium project, which offers traditional homes and "maintenance-free living."

Not everyone in favor

Nearby homeowner and 38-year resident Hans Neuroth still doesn't favor the project.

"I don't understand where he thinks we need this kind of development," Neuroth said. "When the gentleman talks about being unique, it is that area of Canton that is so unique there is none other like in this township."

Neuroth also shot down Robertson Brother's idea about

an easement through private property. Four homeowners live along the proposed easement, and Neuroth is one of them.

"There isn't any amount of money they're going to give me that will cause me to give them that right of way," Neuroth said. He also said he is concerned over boring under the trees, and asked how many of the trees would die.

"It's unrealistic to think we're not going to lose some of the trees," Clarke said.

McLaughlin and commission chairman Vic Gustafson asked Neuroth to consider the easement because it's possible and easy to replace grass, but not the trees.

Gustafson expressed appreciation to Robertson Brothers for working with the community and the commission at the first sign of opposition, without being asked or forced to do so.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO AMEND TEXT: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 23.41, WIRELESS COMMUNICATION.

DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2001

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL
42350 Ann Arbor Road
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by amending Article XXIII Special provisions as follows:

Article XXIII of Zoning Ordinance 83 presently ends with Section 23.40.

Article XXIII, Special Provisions is hereby proposed to be amended by adding Section 23.41, Wireless Communication. The proposed text provides approval and development requirements for Wireless Communication Systems for all zoning districts and provides for the maintenance and removal of Wireless Communication Systems within Plymouth Township. Proposed Section 23.41, Wireless Communication, contains new subsections as follows:

Subsection 23.41-1: PREAMBLE
Subsection 23.41-2: PURPOSE
Subsection 23.41-3: DEFINITIONS
Subsection 23.41-4: APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS - includes approval process for Wireless Communication Systems and specific requirements for a device and facility (monopoly and feature tower).

Subsection 23.41-5: MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road and at the Community Development Department in the Department of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until the date of the Public Hearing. Application 1655. Written comments concerning the amendment will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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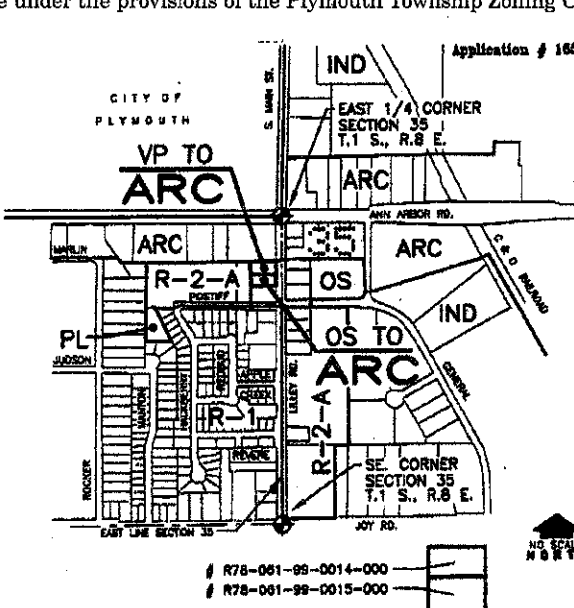
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ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 123 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____ EFFECTIVE DATE _____

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 8, 2001 for the following:

CHLORINE FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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OBITUARIES

MARY F. GALLAGHER

Services for Mary F. Gallagher, 79, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 22 at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Dearborn with burial at Mt. Kelly Cemetery in Dearborn.

Mrs. Gallagher was born March 2, 1921, in Olyphant, Pa., and died Jan. 19 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gallagher was preceded in death by her husband, Peter.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas (Jo) Gallagher and Hugh (Debbie) Gallagher; daughters Patricia Ann (Al Warbelow) Gallagher and Rita (Mark) Magdowski; sister Rita Jerome; 23 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Research Life, Inc., P.O. Box 32783, Detroit, MI. 48232-0783 in memory of her grandson, Michael Gallagher.

Arrangements made by Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes.

NOREEN PRITCHARD

Services for Noreen Pritchard, 67, of Plymouth will be held Jan. 26 at Community Baptist Church, 28237 W. Warren, Garden City, with the Rev. Jonathon Allen, the Rev. Luther Carver (brother-in-law) and the Rev. Edward Matthews (close friend) officiating.

Mrs. Pritchard was born July 18, 1933, in Kings Lynn, England and died Jan. 22 in Plymouth after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Survivors include her husband, Boston Pritchard; son, Jim (Carole) Pritchard of Rochester Hills; daughter, Teresa Schoch of Bethesda, Md.; daughter, Freda Hurt of Galveston, Texas; son, Clifford (Diane) Pritchard of Waterford; daughter, Marsha (Doug) Birschele of Plymouth; adopted daughter, Tonya (Bruce) Mitchell of Plymouth; brother Trevor (Julie) Taylor of Blandford, England; uncle, Fred (Kit) Dunmow of Toronto, Canada; 12 grandchildren; numerous other beloved relatives; and a host of cherished friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor Noreen donate any amount instead to the Henry Ford Hospice of Plymouth, who treated her with such kindness, located at 260 Union St., Plymouth, MI. 48170.

Arrangements made by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home.

DONALD L. VANDERVEEN

Services for Donald L. Vanderveen, 76, of Dimondale, Mich., were held Jan. 24 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Vanderveen was born Jan. 25, 1925 in Detroit and died Jan. 22 in Lansing. He was a supervisor at Ford Motor Company, where he worked for 35 years. He moved to Haslett three years ago after living most of his life in Plymouth.

He was a member of St. John Episcopal Church for over 40 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. He graduated from Plymouth High School and then attended Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University. He very much enjoyed collecting stamps, coins and historical memorabilia. He was a member of the Elks.

Mr. Vanderveen was preceded in death by his wife, Esther F. Vanderveen.

Survivors include sons Terry K. (Jody) Vanderveen of Dimondale and Bruce A. (Darlene) Vanderveen of Fort Myers, Fla.; granddaughter, Michele Smith; grandsons, Benjamin Vanderveen, Jonathan Vanderveen and Samuel Vanderveen; and great-grandson, Luke Vanderveen.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, or the American Diabetes Association of Michigan Affiliate, Inc., 30600 Telegraph, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LEONA THEEKE

Services for Leona Theeke, 83, will be held Jan. 27 at Purse Funeral Home in Tecumseh with burial at Macon Cemetery.

Mrs. Theeke was born Sept. 28, 1917 in Britton, Mich. and died Jan. 23 in Livonia. She was one of Michigan's first special education teachers. When asked her occupation, Leona would say "teacher" but her job, she said, was "to prepare people to be self-reliant, independent-thinking contributing members of society."

After graduating from Michigan Normal Teachers College, she worked in the Wayne school system, and later taught in one-room schools in Adrian and near Tecumseh. As one of the first certified Special Education teachers in Michigan, she taught mentally retarded students in Adrian. In 1962 she became the Education Director of the Plymouth State Home. Leona held master and specialist degrees, and completed her teaching career at Livonia Public Schools, retiring in 1981. An ardent supporter of women's rights and teachers' unions, Leona was a steward and life-long MEA/NEA member.

Mrs. Theeke was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick Halley Theeke; and sons Jon A. Theeke, formerly of Plano, Texas and Dale Frederick (Barbara) Theeke of Milford.

Survivors include sons Thomas (Elizabeth) Halley of Brookfield, Ill., and Dr. Herman A. (Tina) Theeke of Central Michigan University; daughter Mary T. Pearson of Walled Lake; grandchildren Michael, Patrick, Adam, Arik, Diane, Kristin, Jon, Janiece, Jennifer, Matthew, Rachel, Greg and Katie; and great-grandchildren Brian, Alex, Elliot, Seth, Liam, Alexandra, Kevin, Matthew, Emma, Nora, Mary and Aaron, all of who loved her dearly and will miss her immensely.

Arrangements made by Purse Funeral Homes in Tecumseh.

St. Mary School plans Feb. 1 open house

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary School in Wayne will host an open house 9-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3

p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the school, 34516 Michigan Ave.

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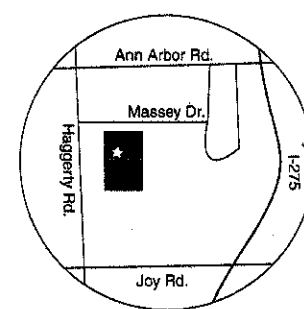
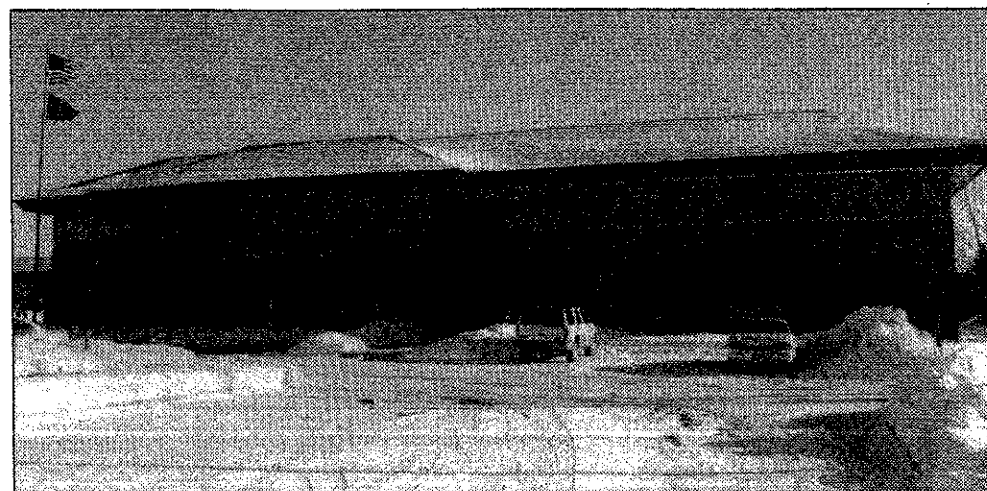
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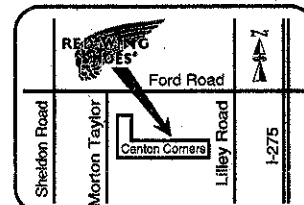
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Debate over high school is healthy for community

Since the day it was first publicly talked about more than four years ago, Plymouth High School has generated as much heat as light. From the controversial ballot issue – passed by 96 votes and then contested via lawsuit – to its placement at the P-CEP campus to its new name, controversy has swirled around a building that won't even see a student until fall 2002.

So it really isn't a surprise that actual building construction is generating yet another battle – this time between school district officials, adjacent residents and members of the Canton Township Planning Commission.

Residents in Canton's North Pointe subdivision have been vocal for months about what they see as design flaws in the school property, mainly the placement of a lighted junior varsity football field. "If you stand in the second story of my home, it will be like looking down at Wrigley Field, we'll be able to watch the game," Terry Chen, a spokeswoman for the homeowners, said last December.

The criticisms have prompted school officials to move the field 60 feet eastward and make other proposed changes including a fence to prevent neighboring yards from being trampled. The district says the changes will cost it \$340,000.

Neighbors have taken their complaints to the planning commission and will undoubtedly voice their opinions when the plans go before the Canton Township Board of Trustees next month. But under state law, the local boards have little say in school construction and municipal approval isn't required.

Canton planners have been publicly critical of the school district, rejecting the site plan on Jan. 8 and blasting schools officials as "arrogant" for not working more closely with residents.

Chen's comparison to Wrigleyville is apt. It took years of negotiations before Major League Baseball was allowed to install lights and play night games at the famed Chicago ballpark. Some residents in the established, surrounding neighborhood still chafe at the change. In the

Canton community, construction of a high school is pretty much the largest use with the most impact on neighbors outside a factory or a high-rise. And factories don't usually abut land that is zoned for residential use.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Kathleen Booher last week pledged to continue to work with residents and Can-

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ton officials and said the district would attempt to be more forthcoming with neighbors when school construction projects are in the early planning stages. But Booher insisted that township officials were aware all along of plans for the high school site and that sniping between all parties has done little to move the project forward in a constructive way. "I believe there's a way to bring this together if we can get away from the misstatements and misconceptions, and keep communicating with the township," she said.

While the talks surrounding the school site have at times been heated, the Observer believes they served a valid purpose. Construction of the school and athletic field was never in doubt. But it's unlikely any significant changes would have been considered without such staunch opposition by neighbors to the original plan. The new plan may not make everyone happy. Compromises never do.

The end result is a project where all sides had input and learned some valuable lessons. That's not as insignificant as some would have us believe.

CLARIFICATION

An editorial in the Jan. 18 Canton Observer was incorrect in stating the pricetag for expansion and renovation work at the township administration building, public safety department and public works. The Canton Township Board of Trustees has approved about

\$500,000 for the current budget year to cover the design phase of the work. The total construction costs will likely be several million dollars and will be spread over several years, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

GUEST OPINION

Lawmakers need to shed light on this auto issue

Why do drivers operate their vehicles with no headlights on before day light/sunrise? My investigation reveals that the booklet of "What Every Driver Must Know" covers in Chapter 5 – Emergencies and Special Situations "Using the Headlights" copy on Page 2.

■ Headlights must be turned on one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise, and at other times when visibility is reduced. Also, use low beam headlights when it is foggy, raining or snowing during the day.

■ Headlights must be turned on any time there is not enough daylight to see people and vehicles clearly at 500 feet. It is illegal to drive a vehicle with only parking lights on at times when the law says to use headlights.

The first paragraph seems to lose the importance of headlight operation especially during the winter months when we have gray skies, snow, rain and fog.

The second paragraph is not being adhered to by many drivers who do not put their low beam headlights during low-visibility daytime hours.

Suggestion:

It is obvious for safety reasons "Headlights must be turned on one half hour BEFORE sunset until one half hour AFTER sunrise, and at other times when visibility is reduced. Also, use low beam headlights when it is foggy, raining or snowing during the day."

I also suggest that the headlights must

be on whenever the windshield wipers are operating. New cars are built with this feature whenever the state requests it, such as in Florida.

All of these conditions could be fixed with a law specifying that all new vehicles built and sold and registered in the State of Michigan after Jan. 1, 2001,

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must have approved daytime running lights. GM currently has approved daytime lights on some models, and they have some models that use parking lights. The cars built prior must conform with the law established, and the subject included on the tests for their operating license.

In paragraph 5 (of Using the Headlights: "If oncoming drivers do not dim their headlights, flash your lights briefly...") I would not advise anyone to flash their headlights, from a personal experience with an aggressive driver who apparently doesn't feel that operating a vehicle safely is a privilege in the State of Michigan.

John E. Sterling
Livonia



LETTERS

■ Reverse CCW law

Mike Malott was absolutely correct with his Jan. 4, 2001 (column) on the new concealed weapon law, which makes it much easier for nearly anyone to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW law). He made some excellent points including:

■ Proponents of the recently enacted bill presented data that was very incomplete, nearly indecipherable and not verifiable. Malott noted that such a lack of good data was "surprising in a state capital where the problem is usually just the opposite, where typically the difficulty is making sense of the overload." It would seem that if there was significant positive data from the 30 states that have passed relaxed gun ownership laws over the past 15 years, the proponents would present the data completely, concisely, and with sources clearly identified! Since that data has NOT been responsibly presented, we can only presume that a neutral or positive (deterrent) affect has not been experienced.

■ The proponents of the new law indicated, at one time, that as many as 200,000 additional people might obtain concealed weapons, if the law was passed. They recently changed their mind, stating that "no one knew what the real numbers would be and the only way to find out for sure would be to pass the bill and see what happens." Malott noted that passing legislation without good data to see what happens is an odd and unnecessary approach, considering 30 other states have "shall issue" laws.

This is certainly not a good way to run a government. In fact, a very troublesome aspect of this legislation is demonstrated by a recent EPIC/MRA poll that showed Michigan residents are overwhelmingly against relaxing CCW restrictions, by a 55 percent to 37 percent margin. The passage of this law is therefore certainly NOT an example of government OF, BY and FOR the people of the state of Michigan.

■ Malott noted that a coalition of police and prosecutors are planning a petition drive to put the law to a referendum on the election ballot in November 2002. About 150,000 signatures are required for the referendum. In 1999, 1,097 Michigan residents were killed by guns. We are all aware of increased frustration and anger, as a result of our hectic and stressful society. Some of this anger is vented with violent acts, i.e. fights at sporting events, road rage altercations, etc. Now, with the relaxed CCW law, the acting out may be much more lethal.

If anywhere near 200,000 additional people are able to carry concealed weapons as a result of this law, it is conceivable there will be additional gun-related violence and deaths. As a result, we all should be willing to sign this petition to obtain the referendum opportunity to be counted and reverse this special interest-motivated law.

The Observer & Eccentric newspapers, through columnists like Mike Malott, are doing a great job of examining issues in their newspaper to enable their readers to make more fully informed decisions on the issues. Keep up the good work!

Ron McCaffery
Livonia

■ Change the law

In this day and age of big business mergers, consolidations and high finance, there should be a concern

about preventing big business conglomerates from operating outside of what is fair and just.

Insurance companies providing medical coverage for your family and mine do not have standard regulations controlling their payment of physician bills. In other words, when you or I receive a bill from a credit card debt or for our mortgage payment, we are expected to pay in a timely fashion or a surcharge, interest rate or penalty is added to the amount due. Generally speaking in a world where ideally we should be treated equally in the arena of responsible bill payment, our responsibilities are met on time. The fact that insurance companies can take essentially as long as they wish to pay a physician's bill without penalty makes little sense and appears unjust.

As an orthopedic surgeon, and president of the Michigan Orthopedic Society, this is not a complaint about a physician's salary, rather it is a comment on an insurance company's capability to interfere with the ability of physicians to run our offices and provide quality health care to our patients. It does not seem fair that an accurate claim has to be submitted and resubmitted to obtain payment from the insurance companies. It does not seem fair that a patient can be brought to collections because an insurance company has failed to pay their bill.

Gov. John Engler has recently vetoed a bill that would require insurance companies to pay an accurate claim within a 45-day period or face an interest penalty. This will have provided an incentive for insurance companies to pay their bills on time. Although I agree with Engler's premise that government should not be involved in contractual agreements and private businesses, and that bigger government is not necessarily a better government, the orthopedic surgeons in Michigan were extremely disappointed that Engler vetoed Senate Bill 694. I am hopeful that the Michigan Legislature will continue to work on a solution to hold insurance companies accountable for their bills and timely payment.

Dr. Donald R. Bohay
president,
Michigan Orthopedic Society

■ Will Michigan suffer

The news from California is not good. The state has experienced rolling electricity blackouts and the two largest companies talk of bankruptcy.

Last June, Michigan's Legislature passed new laws restructuring much of our state's power industry. This begs the obvious question: Can California's power problems happen here?

The answer is no, not if we continue to prudently move toward customer choice and support new generating plants and electric transmission and distribution facilities needed to power Michigan's growing economy.

California's electric utilities cannot keep up with the public's demand for power. While the people of California are increasing their use of electricity at nearly triple the national rate, no new power plants have been built in more than a decade because of many reasons, including opposition from the public.

By contrast, demand in Michigan is growing more slowly, about 2 percent annually, and several generating plants have been brought into service. Consumers Energy rebuilt and restarted three units at our plant in

Muskegon and our holding company, CMS Energy, has added units in northern and southern Michigan that can generate power during times of peak demand.

Michigan's new laws removed many of the uncertainties that kept power suppliers from building new plants here. A number of new units are planned over the next several years. With their output, we could have enough electricity to exceed customer demand on peak-use days by 40 percent or more. Some already face very strong public opposition, however, so the percentage could turn out to be much smaller.

California encouraged its electric utilities to sell most of their fossil-fueled plants. Now, California's utilities are dependent on a volatile, short-term wholesale power market to buy power one day at a time. They are barred from signing long-term power contracts or using the other tools available to utilities elsewhere to ensure a reliable supply.

By contrast, Michigan's utilities are allowed to keep enough existing generating capacity to serve our current customers.

Resolving the long-term problem will require cooperation. You and I vote with our light switches every day for more electricity. There's no need for a recount. We vote for more central air conditioners, computers, electronic devices and products from factories which use large amounts of power.

In the other hand, many people are quick to vote no when it comes to new generating plants and power lines near their communities.

How shall we reconcile the two votes? We need to respond by conserving electricity when demand is unusually high, like on very hot summer days. We also need to work together to develop a long-term plan to build the plants and power lines that Michigan's families and businesses will need.

California has gotten everyone's attention. Now that we're thinking about the problem, let's work together on ways to make sure new power supplies can be developed in a manner that is environmentally responsible, economical and in time. That way, when you turn on the light switch several years from now, you won't wonder if the power will be there.

David W. Joos,
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Community Foundation will persevere – and that's good

The dot-coms are crashing and burning. DaimlerChrysler is laying off employees and maybe shutting down plants.

Office Depot is closing stores in Canton and other nearby communities.

Reading the business section these days is a scary proposition. So is opening the mail, as anyone who's recently looked at a 401(k) or mutual fund statement can attest.

When the economy begins to sputter, those in charge of budgets – both corporate and family – take a hard look at the bottom line. That's a double-edged sword for charitable organizations like the Canton Community Foundation, which held its seventh annual Winter Ball Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Resources, mostly in the form of corporate sponsorships and donations, often get tighter just as needs for foundation programs in the community become greater.

So while you couldn't see it on the faces of the thousand or so people who parted the night away last week, there's definitely an undercurrent of "what if" – as in "what if" the slowdown turns into a full-fledged recession.

But the people behind the Canton Community Foundation's success, and those in the local business community who continue support it, believe they have built (pardon the pun) on solid ground. Entering its 11th year, the foundation is halfway to its goal of a \$1.5 million endowment fund that will allow it to be self-sustaining, said President Joan Noricks.

In recent years, leaders at local companies like Yazaki North America have stepped forward not just with money – but by donating facilities and their time, energy and heart for the foundation's cause. Yazaki's Evan Stitt and Tom Moore pop up with regularity at foundation functions and Colleen Haley is the company's representative on the foundation board of directors this year.

So does attorney Brian Amann, who just relinquished his role as board chairman. "Yes, a healthy economy is important," Amann said Friday. "But the foundation adds to the bottom line of the community in countless other ways."

"You just can't place a figure on it."

Current board chairman Paul Denski Jr. of Canton Waste Recycling likes to joke that he was drafted for his role only because he "missed a meeting." But talk to him for any length of time and his commitment to the community shines through in the animated way he goes through the organization's gifts and goals.

Amidst this altruism, people understand that the money is important, too. That's why Yazaki cut a \$30,000 check a couple of years ago and continues to be the largest single donor to the foundation's college scholarship program.

Friday's event generated more than \$60,000 and an annual golf outing also helps fund scholarships, youth leadership training, Canton ProjectARTS and other programs under the foundation umbrella.

In recent years, leaders at local companies have stepped forward not just with money – but by donating facilities and their time, energy and heart for the foundation's cause.

For many people in the community, the foundation picks up where government leaves off, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is fond of saying.

"They can accomplish things that we can't. It's really been remarkable what an impact the foundation has had on the community."

The scholarships are a personal favorite of a certain journalist who took a non-traditional path into the profession. The foundation's program takes into account students from all walks of life in all sorts of disciplines, including those who may have put off their post-secondary education for years or even decades.

"This foundation is going to be around and it's going to continue to do good things," Denski said Friday. "It will do them forever."

Let's certainly hope so. Because its success is vital to the success of the Canton community. In good economic times and whatever comes next.

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Mike Malott

Lansing's late start might just prove to be a good thing

There is an unusual calm in Lansing these days.

The start of the coming legislative session is running behind the normal schedule, and members I've talked to, on both sides of the aisle, are starting to get antsy to get things rolling.

Kendall Wingrove, aide to new House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, admits lawmakers are about a week off the usual pace. There are reasons, he says, and good ones.

First, there was the inaugural of President George W. Bush last weekend. Many state Republicans, not just Gov. John Engler, were in Washington, D.C., for the festivities. Politicos would argue that is not just a matter of having fun. They expect the state's fortunes will rise with those of the new Republican administration, so being there at the outset will give Michigan more clout in the end.

According to Wingrove, that took more out of lawmakers' schedules than just the one day of inaugural festivities. Actually, top Michigan Republicans were involved in Washington for four or five days, he contended.

When the House's Committee on Committees should have been meeting last week in preparation of making assignment recommendations to the speaker, inaugural distractions kept those members away from the table.

That has put committee assignments behind schedule as well. Where normally, at the outset of a new legislative session, they would have been released last week, committee assignments for the state House are not expected out until later this week.

Likewise, Gov. Engler has put off his State of the State speech a bit this year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31. In previous years, Engler's annual address was already in the history books by this time. His spokeswoman, Susan Shafer, contends it was initially scheduled for the last day of the month because Engler knew his inaugural duties would take that long to complete.

What Engler is likely to say is kept close to the vest, she said. Details of what will be in the speech aren't released until the day of the address.

And with the governor's agenda for the year not yet laid out, state lawmakers aren't putting out theirs either. Democrats have already devised their list of priorities, but Minority Leader

Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, is holding back the caucus agenda for now.

House Republicans likewise have already met in a two-day retreat to come up with their priorities. The Senate GOP caucus was in a retreat of its own this Tuesday and Wednesday this week hammering out its own plans.

Individual lawmakers are, of course, willing to give their agendas; it's the overall priority lists compiled by the caucuses that are waiting until after the State of the State.

Background discussions are taking place. Wingrove said Johnson and Kilpatrick have met several times. Shafer said the governor is coordinating with the new speaker, but organizational issues have to be left to him.

Wingrove also contends some of the delay is the result of "the shift to a different style of leadership."

Johnson wants to reinvigorate the committee process, he said. He wants the agenda to be set, not just by leadership, but to come up from the committee members themselves.

Johnson is of the opinion more work on legislation should be done in committee than on the House floor, Wingrove explained. Many of the changes taken up on the floor in previous sessions would be better accomplished in committee.

That would make for more refinement of bills before they come before the full House. "It's a more intimate setting," he said. "You have people testifying in committee, and what an opportunity it would be for an exchange of ideas and for debate and discussion while you have the experts sitting right there in the room with you. When you are the floor, they aren't right there with you, they are up in the gallery or in the lobby."

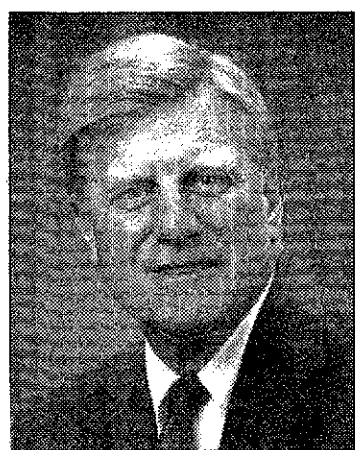
That, he says, goes along with Johnson's style of being a consensus builder. Yes, lawmakers are late getting started on their work this year. But to hear them and their aides tell it, that's not a bad thing. To the contrary, it might just end up with more thoughtful legislation coming out of Lansing as a result.

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Here's what's driving gubernatorial contenders

News that former governor Jim Blanchard has launched the "Jim Blanchard for Governor Committee" has jump-started the process that will eventually result in a Democratic candidate for governor in November 2002.

That election will be a very big deal for both parties. It will be the first with no sitting governor on the ballot since 1982. Thanks to term limits and increased turnover in the Legislature, the relative powers of the governor's office have increased in recent years – a process both abetted and encouraged by Gov. John Engler.



Phil Power

Here's a look at the three major possible contenders and what's driving them. Since his embarrassing defeat by Engler in 1990, Blanchard has hardly been idle. A close adviser to Bill Clinton in 1992, Blanchard was rewarded by an appointment as ambassador to Canada. By all reports, he did a good job. Blanchard returned to Washington to a law-and-lobbying practice with a well-connected firm. He kept his toe in the Michigan politics, most recently as co-chairman of the successful effort to defeat the school voucher proposal.

A former congressman, Blanchard clearly would enjoy returning to Washington as a senator. Incumbent Sen. Carl Levin, however, looks like he has other ideas. Most observers figure he'll run for a fifth term, making a Blanchard challenge in a primary seem, um, impolite.

So Blanchard, who remains vigorous and active, finds the governorship a likely target. He says he's returning to Michigan "tested and improved by experience, but still with plenty of fire in my belly."

While Blanchard was moving around the state, Michigan Rep. David Bonior – currently the No. 2 Democrat in the U. S. House and in line to be majority leader should the party win the House next year – discovered the 2000 census results will cost Michigan one congressional seat. Since republicans will run the redistricting process – they control both the state Legislature and Supreme Court – they've got a terrific device for putting Bonior out of their hair: Redistrict him out of office.

So what's a very senior congressman whose district is at risk to do? Run for governor, of course. Bonior's biggest ally is UAW President Steve Ichik, also a Macomb County resident and a longtime friend. Yokich could probably bring in

plenty of support for Bonior from other segments of organized labor.

Some Democrats, however, think a labor-backed Bonior candidacy would be déjà vu of disaster all over again. After all, Howard Wolpe, picked by the UAW for governor in 1994, was a terrible candidate. Larry Owen's candidacy in 1998 (also created by the UAW) led directly to Geoffrey Fieger. Moreover, Bonior is viewed as fuzzy by some important Democratic constituency groups on key issues such as choice on abortion and support for Israel.

Standing quietly in the wings is Jennifer Granholm, the Democrats' eminent blonde and certainly the most popular figure in a party that has long struggled for a leader with brains and star power. Granholm's career is largely the product of Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, who together run probably the most competent Democratic machine around.

Elected Attorney General by a wide margin in

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1998, Granholm faces an interesting set of political choices dictated in part by the fact that her time in office is limited to two four-year terms. If she chooses to run for AG again, she can expect a stiff challenge from Scott Romney, Engler's choice to run for AG but side-tracked to a seat on the MSU board. If she wins re-election as AG but still hankers for higher office after her term expires, a campaign for the governorship occupied by somebody else might be difficult.

One-on-one, I'd guess both Blanchard and Granholm would beat Bonior. With Blanchard and Bonior splitting the male vote, Granholm would likely clean up in a three-candidate race. With Democrats hoping for a candidate who can win in November and wouldn't be dominated by organized labor, it appears Blanchard and Granholm have an excellent basis for a long conversation about who does what and when.

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Public Service Commission chief faces tough issues

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California is a case study in how not to deregulate electric utilities, according to Laura Chappelle.

The 37-year-old Okemos resident says she and other experts in the field recognized from the beginning that the West Coast state's deregulation plan amounted to a "phony rate cut." California lawmakers ordered utilities there to divest themselves of power plants and to purchase their energy from "pools." At the same time, environmental groups have managed to block the construction of new generation facilities for nearly the past 10 years.

The result has been an energy crisis in that state that is now making national headlines. Consumers' electricity bills are skyrocketing at the same time utility companies say they are teetering on the edge of bankruptcy.

The good news is that Michigan did not repeat those errors when it adopted legislation to deregulate electric utilities here last year. As it is implemented between now and 2002, the state can continue to take lessons from the California example.

Chappelle also can draw on those lessons as she takes over the reigns of Michigan's Public Service Commission. Gov. John Engler appointed her this month to the post of chair on the PSC, replacing outgoing chairman John Strand, who will take a new position as the legislature's council administrator.

Acting as chairman of the PSC is a full-time position, and Chappelle's first day on the new job was Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Over the next six years, Chappelle's term in office, Michigan will face some of its toughest utility issues. Deregulation of electric supplies is only one of them. Gas deregulation is also on the agenda for Michigan lawmakers and bills to open that market to competition are expected to come before the state Legislature later this year.

Meanwhile, the state is trying to fix the problems it has had with past deregulation efforts, notably involving local telephone service. That issue boiled over into controversy this past summer when customers complained to the PSC and the media about long delays from Ameritech in getting service started and repaired. Hundreds of residents filed complaints May through June when the utility told them it might take as much as 38 days to get phone lines serviced.

Last spring, lawmakers concluded that earlier attempts at deregulation of the telephone market had moved too quickly and allowed telephone companies to act in an anti-competitive fashion toward startups. Senators and representatives voted to restore regulations on telephone

companies, essentially making the PSC the "competition cop" of telephone deregulation.

That puts Chappelle at the center of some of the toughest issues likely to face Michigan in the coming years.

"These things have to be handled very carefully," Chappelle said. "On the one hand, you can't cut the legs out from underneath your utilities like California did. You can't just take their word for it either and take away all the playing rules. You can't just say, 'now you guys, be a good utility.'"

"You can't have a mentality

that no matter what Ameritech wants, no matter what Consumers says, they are a big fat utility and we are going to penalize them," she said. "On the other hand, you can't just say, 'Whatever you want, we'll do.'"

Michigan has a reputation as having a tough PSC, along with states like New York and Texas. Some 26 other states have attempted deregulation, but Michigan is considered to be a "good map" for other states to follow. The Federal Communications Commission has in the past watched for and followed

the recommendations of Michigan's lawmakers and its PSC, Chappelle said.

"Just because you pass a law, that doesn't mean things unfold nicely as they are implemented. I think the PSC will have its hands full ushering in this competition and ironing out the glitches as they occur in deregulation of all three industries," she said.

Chappelle said she expects deregulation will produce a competitive market in Michigan for electricity by sometime in 2002. Telecommunications will likely

take until 2003, she said, and gas deregulation "will be kind of staggered."

Until her appointment, Chappelle had been serving as the governor's deputy legal counsel. She was the governor's regulatory affairs coordinator through 1997 and '98. Before that, she was the regulatory affairs adviser to the Republican caucus in the House of Representatives. She has also served as an attorney for former House Speaker Paul Hillegonds, as a legislative aide to Sen. William Van Regenmorter and as an assistant pro-

secuting attorney in Saginaw County. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Lansing Community College.

Chappelle has been a resident of Okemos for about 10 years. She's active in the Ingham County Republican Association. Her husband, Scott, is an attorney and CPA and owns Terra Management and Chappelle Development. They have three sons, Sam, 8; Jacob, 5; and Joe, 2.

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Potholes — an annual rite of spring — have made an early, unscheduled appearance in Michigan, causing unsafe conditions on roads and stress for motorists statewide. Since Dec. 11, AAA Michigan reports 1,400 pothole claims filed, three times the normal amount for this time of year.

"After several years of somewhat mild winter weather, we've been hit hard by the snow and cold this year," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "The resulting freeze/thaw cycle will likely cause an abnormally high number of winter potholes, taxing our highway infrastructure and the people who use it."

In 2000, 21 percent of AAA Michigan members reported damage to their vehicles as the result of poor roads. The average repair cost was \$478.

As dodging potholes becomes a daily ritual, motorists may become short-tempered, especially if a road repair crew is causing additional short-term delays. It is important to remember, said Miller, to give road workers a BRAKE.

"We are asking motorists to please slow down and observe reduced speeds in pothole repair zones," said Miller.

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



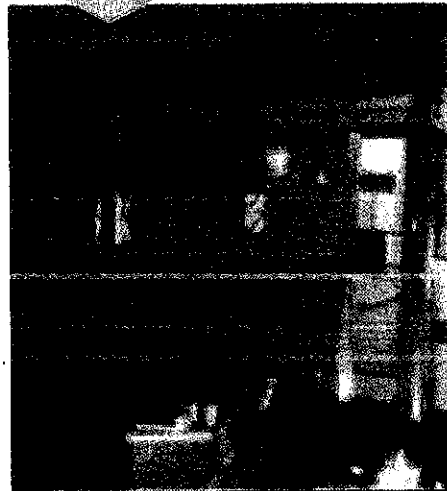
Jason Smith of Garden City and Kelly Rossi star in "Dancing at Lughnasa," opening tonight at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre. Curtain 8 p.m., tickets \$8-\$10, call (313) 577-2960.

SATURDAY



Canton Project Arts presents a Storytelling Festival featuring Syd Lieberman and other storytellers at Summit on the Park in Canton, 1 p.m. show recommended for ages 4 and up, tickets \$3; 7:30 p.m. performance for adults, tickets \$5. Call (734) 397-6450.

SUNDAY



You'll find lots of vacation ideas at the Camper, Travel & RV Show 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pontiac Silverdome. Admission \$6.50 adults, \$3 children (ages 6-14), no charge for children age 5 and younger, call (248) 456-1600.



New talent: Eddie from Ohio "defies description with their blend of vocals and acoustic instrumentation."

FOLK HELPS KEEP THE ARK AFLOAT



PHOTO BY ROBERT CORWIN

Long-standing tradition: Peter Yarrow headlines the 24th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival, a major fund-raiser for The Ark.

Folk festival carries on tradition of spotlighting new talent

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Peter Yarrow's music continues to create bridges and empower people by addressing human rights and societal issues. So it should come as no surprise that when Joan Baez had to cancel an appearance at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival due to an illness in her family, Yarrow stepped in to headline the major fund-raiser for the nonprofit Ark, an Ann Arbor concert venue that promotes upcoming acoustic musicians with lyrics as powerful as his.

Yarrow seems to be there whenever a call goes out for help. A social activist as well as a singer/songwriter and member of the legendary trio Peter, Paul & Mary, Yarrow co-organized the 1969 peace march on Washington, D.C., to stop the Vietnam War, and participated in Civil Rights marches. He's most proud to have been there for Martin Luther King Jr.'s *I Have a Dream* speech and to have been on the front lines of the Civil Rights, peace and environmental movements, and later to fight apartheid.

Empowering

Music empowers people to initiate social change and nurturing new songwriters to take up the pen is a necessary part of continuing the activism spawned in the 1960s.

"Folk music celebrates lore and artistic traditions, and the losses, surprises, and joys," said Yarrow. "Songs like *Blowing in the Wind*, *If I Had a Hammer* gave the Civil Rights movement a central focus and to realize we're all in this together. The early '60s Folk Renaissance became part of the emotional underpinnings of the country. I'll be singing many songs from that time. The spirit I'll be bringing to the stage is in the tradition of Pete Seeger, Josh White, Burl Ives."

Stop the violence

Never one to rest on past accomplishments, Yarrow will sing one of the songs from his latest battle to stop violence among children in schools. His fee for performing at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival will

go toward furthering the curriculum-related *Don't Laugh at Me* program. Founded three years ago, *Don't Laugh at Me*, which is also the title of a song, brings character education into the classroom. It helps young people develop skills to resolve conflicts while respecting their peers. And it accomplishes these tasks with music — a staple in Yarrow's life along with working for social change.

That's why fund-raisers such as the Jan. 27 festival for The Ark hold a special place in his heart. Yarrow served on the board of the Newport Folk Festival which introduced emerging artists like Buffy St.

Marie because at the time "there was no place on stage for these folks." It's also the reason he co-founded the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas 25 years ago.

Honored

"I'm honored to be able to be there in Ann Arbor," said Yarrow. "I have a long standing commitment to traditional music and new performers who contin-

ue to enrich it with authentic reflection of their feelings. Folk music is written from the heart. Folk music has had a very important role to play in America for a long time."

The music continues to speak to the younger generation as well as the old at concerts such as the Ann Arbor Folk Festival Saturday, Jan. 27 at Hill Auditorium. In addition to Yarrow, Richard Thompson along with Weavermania, Eddie From Ohio, Todd Snider, Chris Buhalis, Dave Carter and Tracy Grammer, Connie Kaldor, David Wilcox, and Plymouth's own Matt Watroba will take to the stage to carry on the tradition.

New acts

"I always gets more excited about the new acts," said Dave Siglin, artistic director for the festival and The Ark. "Richard Thompson is a tremendous guitarist and songwriter but I like introducing unknowns like Todd Snider because they can appear before 4,000 people and knock them out. We'll have artists like Eddie from Ohio, and David Wilcox, who's kind of a James

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Ann Arbor Folk Festival
What: This major fund-raiser for The Ark features Peter Yarrow, Richard Thompson and upcoming artists such as Eddie from Ohio.
When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor.
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THEATER

TinderBox Productions follows the yellow brick road to fun

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Joseph Garreffa lets out a roar that ends in a wimper. The role of the Cowardly Lion comes easy to the 19-year-old Redford resident. He originally began honing his acting skills after joining TinderBox Productions in 1990. Since then Garreffa's performed in dozens of musicals and taken part in plays at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia and Michigan Opera Theatre productions of *The Magic Flute* and *Aida*.

Garreffa isn't expecting to have the jitters when TinderBox Productions' *Wizard of Oz* opens Saturday, Jan. 27 at Masonic Temple in Detroit. He'll feel downright comfortable in the 1960-like psychedelic lion costume with flying mane.

Fun

"The part of the lion is fun," said Garreffa, a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "I feel somewhat that it was typecast. It fits a lot of me, like when he's a real human being. What I like best about the *Wizard of Oz* is they're all looking for something they think they don't have and then realize they had it all the time."

Courtney Kasperowicz's favorite part of the musical, popularized by the 1939 MGM film version starring Judy Garland, is wearing a pink dress for her role as a Munchkin. Like Garreffa, the 8-year-old Redford resident has plenty of experience. This is her seventh production with TinderBox and she's playing several parts including an Emerald City townspeople.

"I like being a Munchkin," said Kasperowicz, a third-grader at Fisher Elementary School. "You have to be little and have a squeaky voice and be a good dancer. I take jazz (dance classes) at school. I think dancing is cool because you can jump up in the air."

Kirk Kasperowicz doesn't worry about his daughter messing up a dance step in the *Wizard of Oz* or even getting stage fright as much as he does



Off to see the *Wizard*: Darren Pierson (left), (Scarecrow), Jody Florkowski, (Tin Man), Joseph Garreffa, (Lion), and Maggie Keenan-Bolger, (Dorothy), take a trip down the yellow brick road.

about Bridget, the family dog. Bridget, who's joining Courtney and son Cole, 5 on stage as Toto, has already jumped into the audience. That little problem aside, Kirk is looking forward to the production which has become some-

what of a family affair. Kirk has acted in a number of plays including *The Little Princess*. His wife helps teach the acting classes.

"It's amazing the talent you see in

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WIZARD



Elmo and his pals from Sesame Street Live bring their musical production, "Big Bird's Sunny Day Camp Out," to the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Performances Thursday, Jan. 28, through Sunday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, Feb. 4. Tickets \$10, \$14 and \$18. Call the Fox Theatre box office, (313) 983-6611, or Ticketmaster (248) 433-1515.

On stage

What: TinderBox Productions presents the *Wizard of Oz*
When: 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
Where: Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit
Tickets: \$10, reserved seating, \$5 general admission. Call (313) 535-8962

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Taylor tradition, and more traditional music. Weavermania may reproduce a set of The Weavers, even duplicate what's said between songs."

While the music of The Weavers remains popular today, folk music is changing thanks to computers and a variety of media which are making the world a smaller place.

"Communication is instant now so we're hearing a lot of music we wouldn't have heard 20 years ago," said Siglin. "There's lots of crossover Irish and African — Zydeco, a black tradition and Cajun, a white tradition."

Early years

"In the early years for The Ark it was grassroots and traditional folk music but it always had roots in tradition. We just keep expanding to encompass more styles. Since The Ark moved in 1984 we've featured more bluegrass and country. We then moved again in 1996 and expanded to blues bands and just about anything but rock."

Over the years the festival, much like The Ark, has spot-

lighted Arlo Guthrie, Donovan, John Prine, Bonnie Raitt, Chet Atkins, Leon Redbone, and Lyle Lovett all for one purpose — to sustain the year-round programming at The Ark.

Festival roots

Initially the festival began with two shows held at the Power Center for the Performing Arts but soon outgrew the venue. From there it was moved to the Michigan Theater and then to its present location at Hill Auditorium. Downsized to one show, the festival usually sells out all 4,000 seats.

"I think folk music has just gotten better over the years," said Linda Siglin, a volunteer for The Ark. "Musicians have learned from their predecessors. They listen to more world music, the Celtic sound and have broadened out. Folk music is evolving. I don't know if it should be called folk music anymore but acoustic music."

I don't care what they call it," said Yarrow. "It's music written from the heart. Folk music still sustains us. It speaks to the best in us."

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these kids," said Kirk Kasperowicz, a Redford police officer. "And we enjoy the productions because it's a way to do something together as an activity."

Families and theater

Families and theater just seem to go together. Just ask Maggie Keenan-Bolger who plays Dorothy. She's been on the stage since age 7. She's now 17 and has already performed in the *Wizard of Oz* on Broadway. That was in 1998 when her brother Andrew was doing *Beauty and the Beast* at the same time in New York.

Keenan-Bolger initially became interested in theater

after older sister Celia took the lead. Since then, Keenan-Bolger's appeared in *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester and in *Turandot* with the Michigan Opera Theatre. She's also done *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at the Hilberry Theatre.

"I like the *Wizard of Oz* because it's generally a feel good show," said Keenan-Bolger, a Detroit resident traveling down the yellow brick road with Garretha, the Lion, Darren Pierson (Scarecrow), and Jody Florkowski (Tin Man), all of Redford. Several Redford residents are in the musical including Margaret Winowiecki, who plays Uncle Henry and the Emerald City

Guard, and Alex Mich who's Professor Marvel and the Wizard of Oz. "It gives you a feeling in your heart that you enjoy and it has a decent moral. It's fun to do and watch."

Sarah Wiercioch loves the *Wizard of Oz* as much as the rest of the cast putting on the 2 1/2-hour Broadway version. And like the others Wiercioch, a 12-year-old honor roll student at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, has appeared in numerous productions at the Marquis Theatre in Northville and the Detroit Opera House, and in commercials for Mel Farr, the auto dealer. She also had a part in *Showboat* when it was in Detroit with Tom Bosley. In the *Wizard of Oz*,

Wiercioch plays a Lullaby Girl, Jitterbug, one of the Emerald City's townspeople, and a singing tree.

Hardest part

"The hardest part was learning to do a cartwheel in a skirt when I'm one of the townspeople but the best part is the jitterbug dance," said Wiercioch. "It's the most fun."

That's what mother Susan thinks makes the 7-hour rehearsals on Saturdays and Sundays worthwhile.

"I like it because they're all normal kids, all young kids who want to have fun," said Susan Wiercioch.

Cast sparkles in 'The Glass Menagerie'

The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford presents Tennessee Williams' classic "The Glass Menagerie" weekends through Sunday, Jan. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly Road, (1 block south of Five Mile Road), Redford. Tickets \$12, \$10 seniors/students, call (313) 531-0554.

BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Two questions came to mind during the opening scenes of *The Glass Menagerie* stunningly performed by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

First, is that impeccable

Southern accent real? And second, is that an *Observer* newspaper?

Well, the first question and its answer eluded me shortly thereafter because it just seemed so natural that Amanda Wingfield (Jane Bloom-Johnson), in all her neuroses, would speak as though she were a young Southern belle. I soon forgot to even think about it. And, yes, director Heidi Kelley did confirm that one of the props was in fact our beloved *Observer* newspaper.

Background

The Glass Menagerie was written by Tennessee Williams and was first performed in 1944 in Chicago. In 1983, it was made

into a movie directed by Paul Newman, but nothing compares to seeing it in this cozy local theater by such a talented cast.

The play is narrated by Tom (Lance Abke of Plymouth), Amanda's adult son, based on the memories of his mother, his sister Laura (Diane Aretz of Plymouth), and Jim (John Hicks of Livonia), a gentleman caller that interrupted the cycle of dysfunction in the Wingfield home.

Amanda has been a widow for quite some time and uses her two adult children to try to relive her glorious past. Of course, her rebellious son and reclusive daughter render her unsuccessful.

Jane Bloom-Johnson shines as Amanda. Her range of emotions and her stage presence brings to life the lonely, self-obsessed woman teetering on the edge of insanity. She takes the audience back in time when she speaks of her days as a young lady, including the day she was visited by 17 gentlemen callers in a single day. The sarcastic humor of Amanda, and also Tom, is the spice in their presentations.

Lance Abke performs wonderfully as the frustrated Tom, torn between his responsibility and love for his sister, and the need to escape from his possessive mother. This is illustrated in a scene in Act One, when Tom stumbles home drunk from the "movies" and proceeds to tell Laura about his small adventure that night.

Diane Aretz also does a good

job portraying the fragile Laura. The transformation that Laura makes during her visit with Jim in Act Two is executed artfully. John Hicks, who doesn't make an appearance in the play as Jim until the second act, performed well as the gentleman caller and had no problem staying in character when the props seemed to be working against him.

The set of *The Glass Menagerie* is that of a small apartment, though it is approached differently by Tom when he is narrating. Laura's dresses looked appropriately like those of a preschool girl, stretched to fit an adult, while Amanda metamorphosed from housecoat to flowing evening gown for the benefit of a dinner guest.

Lighting

Another point to be commended is the lighting. During the candlelit portion of the production, the lighting was flawlessly used to enhance the scene without drawing away from the tenderness of the moment.

Heidi Kelley has done an excellent job putting together her vision of this famous play for us to enjoy. It is a work of art that is capable of provoking an audience's thoughts and emotions on many different levels.

Pamela Joy McGowan is a Livonia resident who writes about community theater for the *Observer Newspapers*.

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STREET SCENE

Delta 88 takes driver's seat for alternative-folk Americana



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Just because you're only starting to hear a buzz about Delta 88 doesn't make the alternative folk trio new to the scene. The sounds of the band's stirring self-titled debut remind us that sometimes the best music can still be found in the shadows of a small club, amid the smoke of a historic theater. Based in Ann Arbor, this three-piece consists of singer-songwriter Danny Kline, guitarist Alex Anest and bassist John Sperendi.

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 19, I met the musicians for tea at Zola in Ann Arbor and learned how three diverse personalities come together to create this rootsy sonic blend which somehow manages to capture a slice of Americana in the most mellow, unassuming way. Anest, 26, who also manages the band, speaks with the experience of someone determined to get where he's going, and yet seems content enough to share where he's been.

Playing guitar since age 7, Anest now teaches the instrument. You might even stumble across the Chelsea resident at the Clarkston Conservatory of Music. With a penchant for artists like Willy Nelson, Anest

is also the most likely to be donning a cowboy shirt upon arrival.

But don't classify Delta 88 as country — or you'll hear it from Danny Kline. The gentle-voiced singer-songwriter's career began on a dare. When childhood friends told him he couldn't sing, Kline proved them all wrong. He sings with an honest, all-knowing quality and uses words that convey an introspective curiosity of life. Also a photographer, the 27-year-old creates lyrical snapshots, infusing inspiration from his cross-country travels. He's miles from the days he once spent singing in a Jane's Addiction-like rock band. "I'm being a little more honest with myself," he admits. "It's easy to reach people through anger. It's harder to reach people through this kind of meekness."

Oddly enough, Anest and Kline met by accident. Both already established musicians, Kline knocked on Anest's door when looking for a former girlfriend who lived upstairs. Anest never imagined how the meeting might impact his future. "I thought he was this crazy guy," recalled Anest. "He left. I was practicing guitar. I thought maybe he was going to clobber me."

Instead, the two began working on music together, naming their venture after the first car Anest's ever owned, an Oldsmobile Delta 88. From humble

■ **Stone Quarry is another favorite. 'I like how it doesn't jump at you,' described Danny Kline of the album's opener. 'You have to come down to hear it.'**

beginnings in Bowling Green around 1997, Anest moved to Michigan and met John Sperendi while teaching at Herb David Guitar Studio in Ann Arbor.

Sperendi, 24, emits wild energy — the same sort you'll find when he's on stage pounding on his bass, tongue hanging out and all. His style and manner seemed a perfect fit.

"It was magic from day one," said Kline, with a laugh.

Delta 88 describe their sound as hard-driving American music. But the softer side seems to ring true. There's something almost contemplative and familiar in songs like *Stone Quarry* and *Truth is a Whisper*. Combining sentiments with gliding guitar and a smooth upright bass, Delta 88's sound is as pervasive as a cool summer wind, and just as worthy of coveting.

"To be out on the road, I've found you look at things in a very different way," said Kline. "When you're around something, you stop seeing it."

The story there lies between the notes, the words and compositions.

One song that truly conveys

the spirit of Delta 88 is *Truth is a Whisper* — a favorite for both Kline and Anest. "It expresses lyrically what we are like as people," said Kline. "That song not only tells a true story, you can feel it by the way it's played."

It also has a history. "That was the first song Danny ever played for me when we were putting the record together," said Anest.

Stone Quarry is another favorite. "I like how it doesn't jump at you," described Kline of the album's opener. "You have to come down to hear it."

For Sperendi, *Feeling Low* is a highlight of their work that really came into its own in the studio, Ann Arbor's Perfect Balance. "It just kinda happened," he recalled.

Now focusing on new material, Delta 88 is shopping for a producer to work with on a new album. The band is also starting to perform more often in Detroit and beyond. After the recent, friendly departure of drummer Jim Latini, Delta 88 is refocused on a more organic folk-oriented sound. Preferring theaters to bars, the band hopes audiences



Hard-driving American music: (Left to right) Delta 88's voice, Danny Kline, former drummer Jim Latini, guitarist Alex Anest and bassist John Sperendi may be new in the Detroit area, but they've been playing music together for years.

will lend an ear.

Delta 88 performs with opener Kevin Meisel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 or \$8 for theater members. Call (734) 464-6302. For more on the band,

check out www.delta88.net.

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SCREEN SCENE

Paint by Numbers finds credibility at the Detroit Historical Museum

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Over the past 50 years, there have been many artists whose work earned the praise of critics, but received widespread scorn from the public. Here's a twist. Appearing through February in the Detroit Historical Museum's Kresge Gallery, there's an exhibit of artworks dating back to the 1950s that the public loved and critics dismissed.

Whatever happened to *Paint by Numbers*? recalls one of the most popular hobbies of the 1950s and 1960s. Paint by numbers sets were created by Detroit's Palmer Paint Co. from an idea by graphic designer Dan Robbins. At its peak, the company employed 800 people, including 60 artists, who produced 50,000 sets a day.

The notion that anyone could

create pictures by matching numbered outlines and corresponding paint colors was captivating, as we discovered that the horse wasn't just brown, but shades that we never would have imagined. The finished product didn't look bad, at least from a distance.

But despite its success, art teachers and purists were relentless in their criticism.

"Art elitists looked upon paint-by-numbers as nothing more than a glorified comic book," says Lex Kuhne, who produced a segment on the former craze for an edition of Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*, which airs 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 and 1 a.m. Friday.

The question remains about whether paint-by-numbers has any artistic merit. Although paint-by-number perhaps is best described as a hobby, fans maintained that they learned about composition, color and the handling of oil paint. Many tried painting on their own, and sales

of art supplies surged.

"It may not have been art, but it was the experience of the art. One of the things that I found interesting in researching paint-by-numbers and visiting the exhibit is that the two-dimensional designs of the painting bear a resemblance to animation cells that are popular today," says Kuhne.

It seems that the Detroit Historical Museums exhibit is the proper place for a display of paint-by-number to showcase the local enterprise that contributed an item that is not only a part of our popular culture but coveted by many collectors.

Even though the purists were right, I still would like to salute paint-by-numbers for making the novice feel that the arts are more accessible than maybe he or she originally thought.

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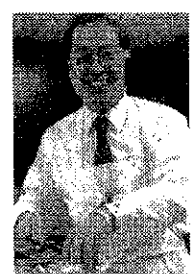
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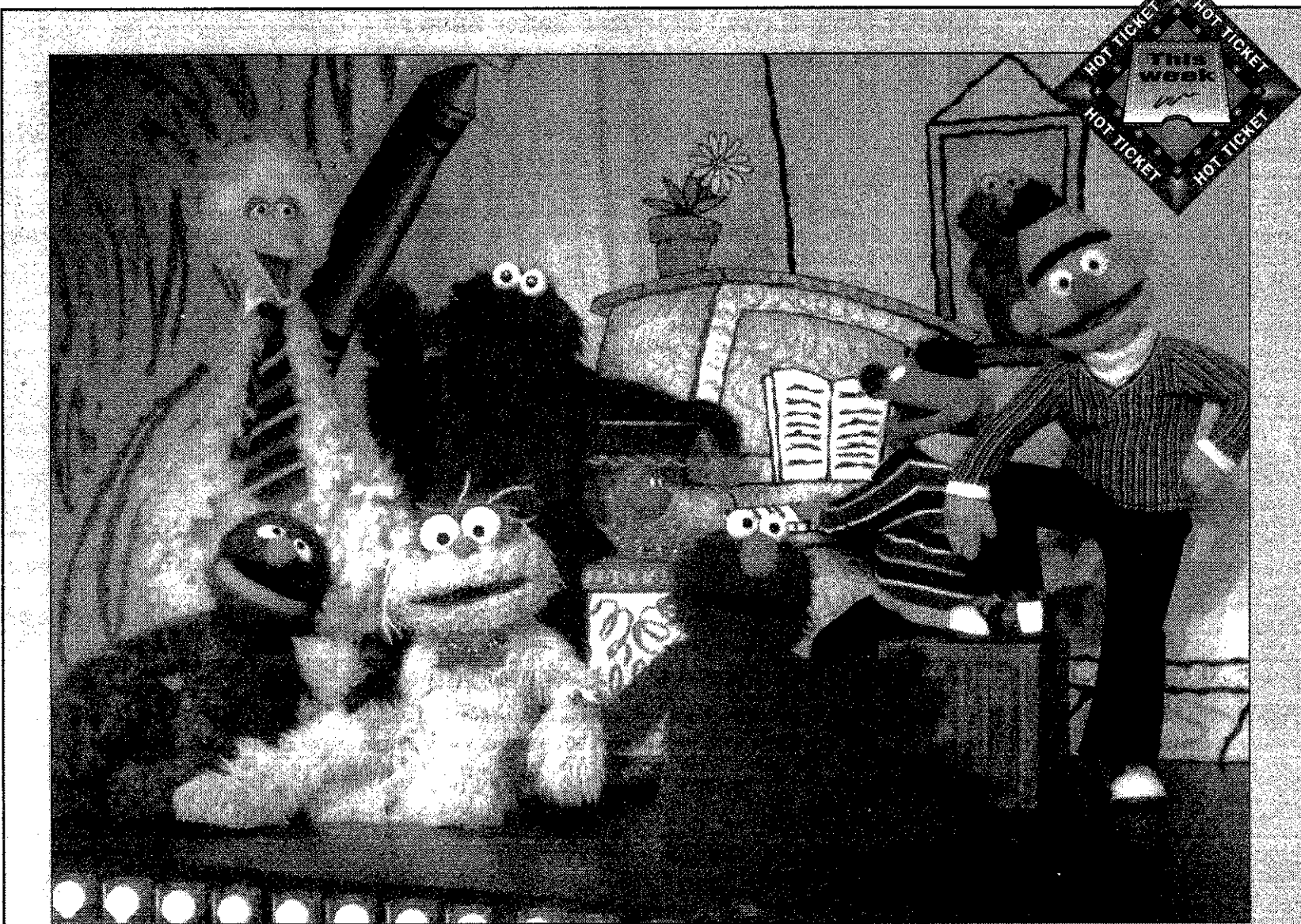
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INTERFAITH HOLY DAY OF PEACE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210/(248) 474-2860

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

POLISH WEDDING GALA: Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralski Tradition, Song and Dance takes place Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by the wedding, a full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by MuzaMix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or send e-mail to BusiasAttic@aol.com. More information is available at http://polishalliance dancers@hypermart.net

REDFORD THEATRE: *Groundhog Day* starring Bill Murray 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SPIRIT OF ART: Celebrate the creative spirit during an evening of art and a concert by Assumption Grotto Church's Rev. Perrone, his 14-piece orchestra, and soprano Gina D'Alessio, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, following the performance, artist Daniel Cascardo will describe the images and inspiration for his murals on the side altars of St. Barbara's church. A reception follows the lecture and a musical interlude with vocalist Anna Maria Mastostefano, at St. Barbara's Church, 13524 Colson at Schaefer, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$15. For reservations, call (313) 886-3224/(248) 594-4594/(313) 884-2125

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL: Canton Project Arts will hold its third annual Storytelling Festival featuring Syd Lieberman, Craig Roney and Corinne Stayish 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.

X-TRA VA CON: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

BENEFITS

ONE ACTS FESTIVAL: Featuring selections from The Man Who Came to Dinner, Schoolhouse Rock, Don't Drink the Water, and Rent 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 1-2, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$5-\$15. Proceeds go to the scholarship funds in memory of Julie Anna Wirthlin and Kristin Oswald. (248) 645-4679

ROMANTIC MUSIC: Featuring pianist Elizabeth Lesesne Dixon and mezzo-soprano Rose Mullins 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students, \$5 age 13 and under, \$25 family (advance); \$12, \$9 students, \$6 age 13 and under, \$30 family (at the door). (734) 930-2823. Proceeds go the King School Space Camp Program.

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mozart Birthday Bash pays tribute to Mozart on his 245th birthday 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Michigan Theater, Detroit. \$17-\$30. (734) 994-4801

LYNN ASPNES: The harpist gives a free concert noon Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. (734) 462-4403

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The Ballet Goes Pops with excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, also music by Copland, Saint Saens and Bernstein 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Temple Beth El. \$20, free for students with photo I.D. (248) 645-2276

BRENTANO STRING QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538

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: Prokofiev Carolyn Huebel joins Violinist Violin Concerto No. 1 in D 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Edsel Ford High School, Dearborn. (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

DRESDEN STAATSKAPPELLE: Conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts an all-Strauss program featuring 3 popular orchestral works 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (734) 764-2538

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents two chamber concerts 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$12 seniors/college students, no charge for children in grades K-12. (734) 451-2112

THREE GENERATIONS OF COMPOSERS: With Lettie Alston and Friends 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

GOSPEL

MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY: Share the stage with the Campbell Brothers with Kate Jackson 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$50. (313) 576-5111

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BEL CANTON CHORAL GROUP: Auditions for women who read music and love to sing Monday, Feb. 5, at Southfield High School. (313) 640-0123

CLASSICAL BELLS: Perform a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. \$10, \$15 for a family, and can be purchased at the door. (248) 349-2621

JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Holds auditions Tuesdays through the month of January, dancers should be age 18 and up with expertise in modern and jazz, at the Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit. (313) 534-0301

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Auditions 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, call back auditions 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, variety of roles available at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson. Rehearsals begin June 12. Call (517) 788-5032 to schedule an audition time.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for the Wizard of Oz 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Warren Valley Methodist Church, Dearborn Heights. (810) 344-7774

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, 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

SWING BAND: The OPC Senior Band invites musicians to dust off their instruments and join the band 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, or just drop by to listen, at the Rochester Older Persons Commission. (248) 646-2864

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

POPS/SWING

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

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

COMMUNITY BAND/CHOIR

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

JAZZ

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

DAVE DOUGLAS: With Guy Klucevsek, 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

LOS GATOS: CD Recording session Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27 (\$7); 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Don Swindell, trumpet/flugelhorn, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

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

CONOR O'NEILL'S TRADITIONAL IRISH PUB: The Lash 9 p.m. Thursday, open mic 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, and Mogue Doyle, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

8 days a week

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

STEPHEN FEARING: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS
RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER: With the Rudy Hawkins Singers 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (family performance), at the Detroit Opera House. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538
DANCE GALLERY STUDIO: Offers a class on the Alexander Technique with Alex Greminger 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, the technique is used by dancers, musicians, actors, athletes, and anyone else who wishes to improve their balance, release body tension, and improve physical performance in any activity, at the studio, Ann Arbor. \$15. Advance registration required. (734) 747-8885
MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428
U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984
WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

OPEN MIC POETRY: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10, at Belle's Beanery, Belleville. (734) 697-3200

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: 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: John Wesley Austin Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

ROBERT POST: The comedian and mime performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Athens High School, 4333 John R, Troy. \$15. (248) 335-5307/(248) 435-5307
SECOND CITY: 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.seconcity.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

A THOUSAND TIMES YES: With Adam's Castle, Brand New Blue, Thursday, Jan. 25, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873. (folk-pop)
LORI AMEY: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Borders Books and Music, Troy. All ages. Free. (248) 585-6029 (singer-songwriter)
A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)
BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.
BODEGA: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BLOWTOP: Thursday, Jan. 25, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560; Saturday, Jan. 27, New Way Bar, Ferndale. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 541-9870.
SARAH BRIGHTMAN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666
BROTHERS GROOVE: 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
BUCKCHERRY: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-8961 (garage punk rock)
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
COMPLETE BREAKFAST: Featuring members of Black Magic Crossing, Skin Mill, 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067
CONSOLATION PRIZE: With Wristrocket, Blindshot, Nowadays, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067
DEAD HEROES: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (punk)
DELL AND THE ROUGH CUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
DELTA 88: With 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. (pop rock)
STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397 (country)
EASY ACTION: With the Paybacks, Saturday, Jan. 27, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 (punk metal)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band)
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
ESION: With Greebo, Taktikal Minds, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067
EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961
EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)
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 Metropoix, Mike Farley Band, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555.
GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159

HAPPENSTANCE: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, Feb. 16-17, 23-24, Shantle 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: 6:30 p.m.. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, Tuesday-Saturday, 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. Thursday, Jan. 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. (reggae)
ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. (country)
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 (funk-alter-native)
KNEE DEEP SHAG: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030 (rock with a funk edge)
BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 25-27, Feb. 1-2, 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

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com
ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com
THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880
THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587
ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310
BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477
CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278
CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com
COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616
CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLES: 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.detroitscienceco.com
EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150
ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420
FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609
FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611
FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800
GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com
GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com
HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538
JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606
JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960
LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506
LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213
MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441
MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700
MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100, or www.palacenet.com.
MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300
MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397
MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorde-troit.com
MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038
MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com
PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac
PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com
PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE
ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610
THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com
7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540
STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com
24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030
313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067
THE TOWN PUMP TAVERN: 100 W. Montcalm, Detroit. (313) 961-1929
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.
U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639
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Tu Lively
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The liner notes read "It's the next best thing to being there" and it couldn't be more true. From the way the first track, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, creeps up through the hum of the crowd, local reggae favorites, Immunity bite back in a second live CD, aptly called *Tu Lively*. If it doesn't shake your soul, nothing will.

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Hard to 'Snatch' meaning from Guy Ritchie's latest

Silly me.
If burnings, hackings, cruelty
to animals, shootings, beatings,
and other such activities tickle

As in Ritchie's debut flick, *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels*, the plot of *Snatch* is serpentine, to say the least. At its core lurks something about the heist of an 84-carat diamond. A shifty American (Dennis Farina) and some hoods disguised as rabbis go after it, then a jeweler pretending to be Jewish figures in, then some idiotic pawnshop



owners thicken the morass, along with a boxing "syndicate," and a bunch of Irish gypsies known as "Pikeys." A dog augments the dizzying drama, and

Stay with me here. Somewhere along the way, somebody rigs a bare-knuckles boxing match or two (or three, or four; you lose count) in which Irish gypsy pugilist Mick (Brad Pitt) is instructed to take a fall. Only he won't, because he's just not that kind of guy (or something) and, anyway, the syndicate burned a gypsy caravan in retribution with his sainted mother (Sorchana Cusack) inside it at the time, and Mick is determined that they will get theirs. In the meantime, the diamond has disappeared, and the morons who are after it are about to get theirs in

On the stock side (and also as in *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*) Ritchie displays a knockout penchant for cinematic style, and not just in an arresting array of visuals, editing tricks, cuts, freeze frames, slow shots, and even the physical appearance of the cast. This is a writer/director who also understands the importance of sound effects in a film. By the time

Dennis Farina as Avi, chief diamond thief, turns in his usual convincing job as a vaguely reptilian villain. And Benicio Del Toro in the role of Franky Four Fingers definitely makes his mark as a slimy sort you certainly wouldn't want to offend in a dark alley.

Watching Brad Pitt as the tortured and tortured Mickel O'Neil, you learn something about movies: It's not necessary to know what an actor is saying all the time in order to know what he's walking away with the show. (Pitt always blends in subtly with the rest of the cast here, though). This ugly picture may be what has best showcased his talents so far, and gone farther than anything else to reveal that he's not just another pretty face.

'Double Take' not worth a second look

I'll be honest with you; I lost track of the plot about three minutes into *Double Take*. Sometimes, however, you just have to move over into the passenger seat and enjoy the ride, no matter how long and winding the road is.

Unfortunately, you'll have to overlook more than the senseless and ceaseless story twists to leave *Double Take* feeling happy you came.

■ George Gallo also gave us 'Midnight Run' and '29th Street'. One can only wonder: what happened?

Based on *Across the Bridge*, a 1957 drama starring Rod Steiger, *Double Take* begins by implicating Daryl Chase, a Harvard-educated African-American New York City banker (Orlando Jones), in a money laundering scheme for a Mexican drug cartel. Wherever Daryl goes, Freddy shows. That's Freddy Tiffany (Eddie Griffin), proud graduate of HKU – Hard Knocks University.

On the street, in Daryl's office at a fashion show - Freddy shows up everywhere, loud and manic, making Robin Williams look like he's in slow motion by comparison. But when Daryl has to grab a train to Mexico to clear his name and the FBI's closing in, Freddy's conveniently there to switch identities with him. All aboard and let the chase begin.

So who's really in on the conspiracy? Who's FBI, who's CIA, who's crooked and who's all of the above? You can try and follow along, but they don't hand out scorecards when they take your ticket.

As for the cast, Eddie Griffin's admittedly funny in a Damon Wayans-already-did-that sort of way. Best known for the TV series *Malcolm and Eddie*, his nose here wears thin quickly, too often coming perilously close to the offensive. Orlando Jones (*The Replacements*) has it easier; his cultured Daryl only has to pretend to be Freddy in short spurts.

Writer/director George Gallo also gave us *Midnight Run* and *29th Street*. One can only wonder: what happened?

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Canada's Nickelback goes gold

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Though Nickelback formed more than five years ago, the Canadian-based rock quartet was introduced stateside through radio hits like "Leader of Men" and "Old Enough." A pleading, pounding roar from today's rock psyche, the band released "The State" on Roadrunner Records in 1999. With an unrelenting tour schedule, lead vocalist and guitarist Chad Kroeger, his brother and bassist Mike Kroeger, guitarist Ryan Peake and drummer Ryan Vikedal seem to be in constant motion, their music blaring at every turn of the modern rock radio dial. On Friday, Jan. 19, Mike Kroeger took some time out despite the constant ring of his cell phone, and just before hitting the stage in Vancouver to talk about the rising state of success for a band whose name was oddly inspired by his stint as a Starbucks cashier.

O&E: Congratulations Mike, I heard *The State* just went gold in Canada. How do you feel?

Mike Kroeger: "It's like a birthday. It's a good thing. Where are you calling from?"

O&E: Livonia, it's in the Detroit area. You've never heard of it.

M.K.: "I know Livonia. The Detroit area has the best NFL team, the best NHL team and used to have the best major

league baseball team. Detroit has the Red Wings. I'm a Detroit fan."

O&E: So you're in Vancouver on tour. It seems you've been on the road nonstop for over a year now. How are you coping with that?

M.K.: "Before we started to tour, I'd never been west of Saskatchewan. (On tour) you have more time on your hands. If you didn't read before... You get more books and more games for your laptop."

O&E: What are you reading?

M.K.: "I've read all the works of William Shakespeare. I read *War and Peace*. All the classics. Now I'm reading David Lee Roth's autobiography. It's a page-turner for sure. I had a total classics meltdown. I started *Don Quixote* and said 'God, I can't do this right now.'"

O&E: (Laughs) Tell me how you got started out in music.

M.K.: "My brother and I both started around the same time. We were playing around here and there. I can't, I just wouldn't know what it was like without it. My grandfather and grandmother were both musicians. My grandma played drums and my grandpa played bass, which is what I play. Our mother was a tap dance instructor as well. That I'm sure had contributed to it. That sort of outside nudging."

O&E: How did coming from a small town like Hanna influence your music?

M.K.: "We probably were not easily influenced. We were sort of doing our thing. We were not really on the cutting edge of things, 200 miles from anything. We were not exactly on the cusp of the next trend."

O&E: What is it like being a band with your brother, Chad?

M.K.: "Working with my brother, it's pretty easy. When you're working with people you don't have a connection with...things in this business can get really tough. Some people would just walk away. You just don't walk away from your family."

O&E: It was just announced that next month Nickelback will be heading out as openers for Everclear. How do you feel about that? How is it different to open for a band like Everclear than to headline a tour yourself?

M.K.: "On your own tour, you feel like you're in the driver's seat. Maybe you don't hustle as much. When you're opening for someone, you've got something to prove. You're hungry, right. That's what we prefer, to open. We work so much harder. It's probably a concerted effort to be hungry."

O&E: You're returning to Detroit. Any thoughts on performing here?

M.K.: "Where are we playing? St. Andrews Hall?"

O&E: Yes, I think so.

M.K.: "I can pretty much pace that stage off in my sleep. It's

awesome. We've played three or four times at St. Andrews Hall. It gets really off the hook."

O&E: Describe what fans can expect to see this time.

M.K.: "Hardcore aggressive. A lot of emotion."

O&E: Are you working on new material?

M.K.: "New songs. The new songs are really good. We need to go into record. We go into the studio right after Everclear."

O&E: Nickelback has sort of been lumped into this new wave of rock artists who are finding a lot of commercial success — like Three Doors Down and Creed. What do you think about that?

M.K.: "I think it's just what people are liking right now. I know a lot of the perception is based on the market, what's hot now. If you're being told to like us, than hell ya, I'm going with that."

O&E: Who are you listening to right now?

M.K.: "Sevendust. The Deftones — all their records. Papa Roach. Limp Bizkit is totally awesome."

O&E: Is there anything you'd like to add?

M.K.: "Lookout Detroit, here we come. Detroit's always been good to us. It's one of the best cities. We love coming there."

Nickleback performs 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$10 for this all ages show. Call (313) 961-8961.



Here's your Nickelback: (Left to right) Ryan Peake, Chad Kroeger, his brother Mike Kroeger and Ryan Vikedal are 'Old Enough' to rock Detroit, Jan. 30.

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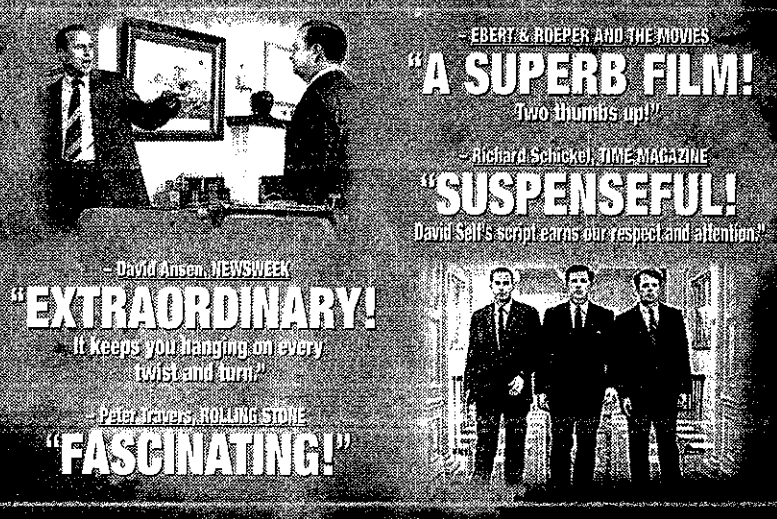
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Have a passion for pizza? Head to Buddy's!

By RENÉE SKOGLUND

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What is it about a Buddy's pizza that keeps it a slice above the rest? Is it the zesty homemade sauce, the ton of specially blended cheese, the generous amount of condiments? Or is it the ...

"I can't really give you the recipe, but the dough is made daily in each store. That's where it all starts, in the crust," said Jeanette Russell, manager of Buddy's Livonia location.

Of course, it's the crust. To it's legions of loyal customers, Buddy's is the "upper crust" of pizzerias. It's deep-dish, square-style, uniquely assembled pizza - pepperoni under the cheese with the sauce on top - is simply not duplicated anywhere else.

"There's a few that come close, but Buddy's still got them beat," said Chet Marson of Livonia. He

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and his wife Norma have been eating Buddy's pizzas for more than 50 years, beginning at the original Buddy's Rendezvous on Conant and East McNichols in Detroit. They continue to indulge at least once a month.

"When they first started,

they'd make the dough the night before and let it rise. They bake it the next day. That's how I like it," said Marson. "Everything is baked in a pan, not on some flat sheet. And the pizza has got the ingredients all the way through. When they put cheese on it, it floods to the end."

A "flood" is an accurate way to describe the 15 ounces of cheese that spreads across the plains of the typical 10-by-13-inch pizza. In fact, it mounds up the sides and becomes part of the crust. Delicious.

Buddy's is known for its specialty pizzas: the Hawaiian is made with pineapple and sweet & sour sauce, the Greek comes with feta cheese and braised spinach, and the Chicken Fajita is spiced up with picante sauce and served with a side of sour cream. The Chicken Fajita has been especially popular with cus-

tomers, said Russell.

The newest pizza to make its debut is the Florine Mark Special Weight Watcher's, a blend of brick and no-fat cheese, spinach, mushrooms, sliced tomatoes, roasted garlic and black olives. Order one, and it comes with a bonus: Buddy's will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Detroit Institute for Children.

However, Buddy's is much more than pizzas. Their mountain-high antipasto salad has long held equal billing, and their hearty minestrone is some of the best in town. Their pastas - the mostaccioli, spaghetti, lasagna and the macaroni & cheese - have that definite homemade quality, and their burgers are reported to be some of the best.

"Our burgers are very underrated," said Chef Tony Khoury. "They don't get the publicity of the other burgers in town, but they're very good. They're a half pound of beef, thick and juicy, cooked any way you want. That and a beer is a good lunch for anyone."

But for Chet Marson, Buddy's will always be about the perfect pizza. Nothing is ever left on the plate. "You eat everything, including the crust," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Really good pizza: Chef Tony Khoury shows off a Chicken Fajita pizza.

Memories of Buddy's

When Laura Standhardt of Birmingham was just a baby, her parents, Chet and Norma Marson of Livonia, used to take her to Buddy's in Detroit.

"They'd put two wooden chairs together and stretch me out. I would sleep while they ate pizza and drank beer with my aunts and uncles," she said.

Back in the early days, Standhardt's Aunt Betty worked as a waitress at

Buddy's. At that time, the restaurant had a policy that the staff could take home any pizzas ordered by phone but not picked up. For years, Aunt Betty always managed to bring home her son Arnold's favorite pizza. A coincidence? Not so, said Standhardt.

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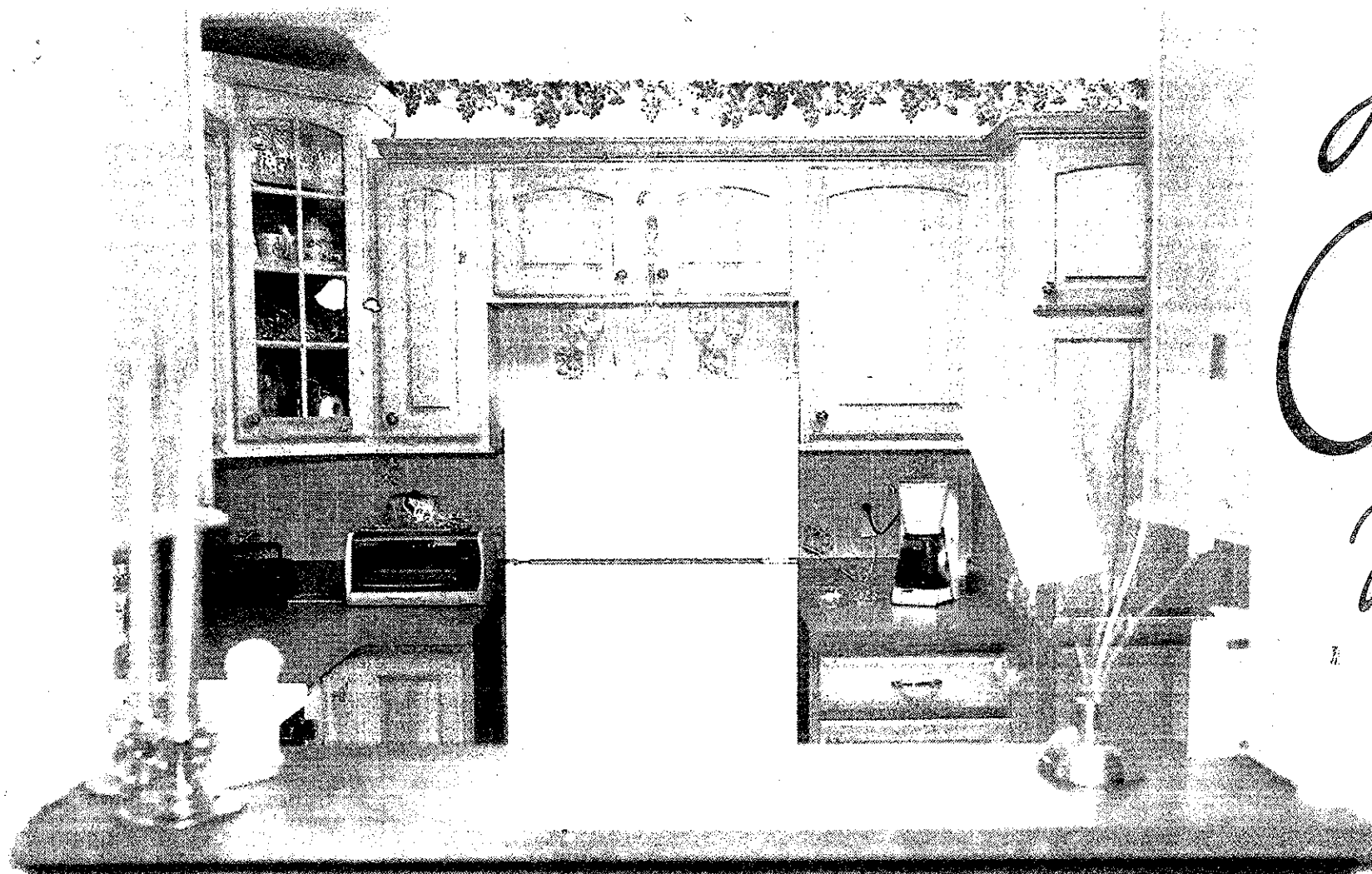
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A 21st Century Makeover

Hickory wood cabinets fire up Livonia kitchen

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Clean and bright: The Grahams created a U-shaped kitchen by enclosing a doorway, but they managed to keep the room bright by allowing light to enter the kitchen from the den through this wall opening. The fruit border adds to the color in the room.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Greg and Janene Graham were looking for a ranch home in Livonia two years ago, and found one they liked.

The living room led to a centrally located kitchen, adjacent to the rear den. Hallways led to bedrooms.

Even though they liked the location of the kitchen, they didn't like its appearance.

"We really wanted it remodeled," said Greg. "The kitchen was really dated."

The Grahams eventually purchased the home, their third, and moved with son Joshua from Westland in March 1999. The kitchen provided the artist's canvas for the couple's first remodeling project.

Janene Graham believes the dark wood cabinets were installed in the 1970s. The cabinets over the stove collected grease and dirt over the years. They wanted to fill the vacant walls with new cabinets and lazy Susans to provide much needed kitchen storage.

The old kitchen also contained two doors 5 feet apart that led from the living room and hallway into the kitchen.

"We wanted to close off one of them to create a U-shape, rather than the L-shape," Greg said. "They say you should have a 'triangle' with the sink, stove and refrigerator, so you have a way to work around each other and aren't running into each other."

They also wanted a room where visitors could gather when the Grahams entertain.

A game plan

The Grahams sat down and drew up a game plan.

At first the couple called several contractors, and received sticker shock — estimates of over \$20,000. They were aghast at the numbers, but realized their kitchen was considered a small job for builders in the midst of a building boom with plenty of contracts — and demand for builders — to go around.

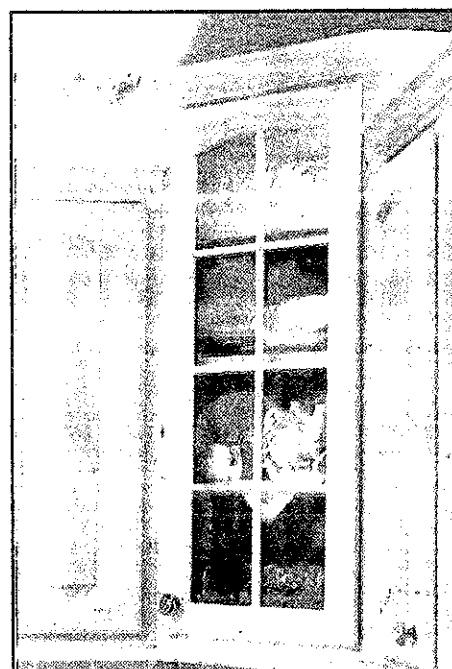
But a friend referred them to Paul Berry, a Detroit firefighter who renovates homes as a side business.

"We sat down and sketched what we thought would work with a U-shaped design and the doorway closed," Greg Graham said. They went to tile stores and kitchen stores, such as KSI, to get a feel for what was there, then met with Berry.

"He knew the standard size of cabinets, and figured it out for the openings for the appliances," Greg said.

They went to KSI and ordered Amera hickory cabinets, the top of the line offered by Merrilat, with a cedar finish. "Hickory is a little more unique, as the majority of homes have oak and others have cherry," Greg said. "The hickory has a more distinctive grain with the cedar finish. We didn't want to go with anything dark."

Berry installed the cabi-



New heights: The new cabinets, installed at varying heights, add a multi-dimensional look and bring the top shelves within an arm's reach.

nets at various heights below the ceiling, which created a multi-dimensional effect and allowed the Grahams easy access to dishes and pots stored in upper cabinets. They later installed wallpaper border of grapes and fruit. Crown molding added to the elegance of the cabinets.

A little more money

Since the cabinets were top of the line, they cost more than the Grahams planned to spend. They also purchased a new range, microwave hood oven and a refrigerator. "Our (old) refrigerator was a little too big, too tall and too deep," said Greg.

The earthtone tiles and 3-D silhouetted fruit tiles were purchased from Genesee Tile in Farmington Hills. These backsplash tiles complemented the wallpaper border purchased from Border's Outlet in Canton.

Even Joshua helped with his input into the remodeling project. One day after joining his parents on a trip to Home Depot to shop for a new countertop, Joshua listened as his parents discussed their options.

"He said, 'you know what? I like this one,'" recalls Greg who showed me a sample of the green-gray Colorado slate countertop that Joshua chose.

The Grahams added a few extra details in the "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" department to drive most homeowners crazy. Janene stores two bins, one for recycling and another for returnables, in a lower drawer of the cabinets. A few parts purchased from the hardware store hold the bins in place.

Berry finished the job in five consecutive days in October 1999. The whole project, from gutting the kitchen to placing items in the cabinets, lasted about three weeks.

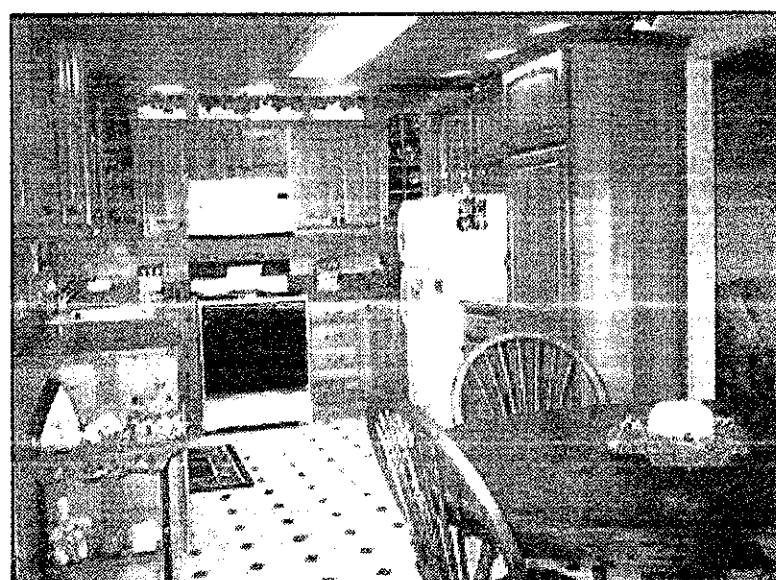
"We gained about three times as much cabinet space," Greg said. "It was nice," Janene added. "I was looking forward to a week without cooking, so I was fine with that."

They spent about \$12,000 on the kitchen cabinets and tile installation, \$1,200 on appliances and \$300 on light fixtures.

Once Berry finished the renovations, the Grahams were thrilled with the results. "I was extremely pleased and happy to spend the money to do it," Janene said. "We have a nice kitchen to work in and entertain in."



Opening up: Greg and Janene Graham and son Joshua relax and enjoy the ambience of a newly remodeled kitchen in their Livonia home. The Grahams installed new Amera hickory cabinets, earthtone wall tiles and a Colorado slate countertop.

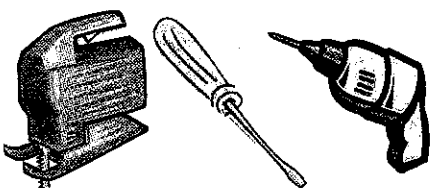


GREG AND JANENE GRAHAM

Before and after: A doorway once allowed access to the kitchen from the main hallway, but that now holds several cabinets adding more storage space.



Silhouette: This tile adds a regal tone to the Graham kitchen.

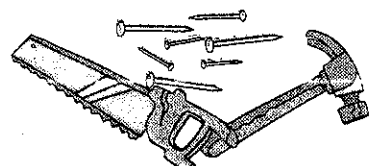


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REMODELING TIPS

Here are a few tips from Greg and Janene Graham to consider before embarking on that remodeling project:

■ **Have a game plan** — Draw your ideas first. Computer software programs can help homeowners check and see if their concepts are feasible.

■ **Budget what you want to spend** — Try not to venture too far beyond that and adjust your ideas accordingly to fit within your budget.

■ **Shop around** — Get at least three quotes in writing and discuss them thoroughly with contractors. Get references.

■ **Stay focused** — Don't get lost and bogged down with all the design details, materials and varieties now on the market. Match colors, designs and patterns and decide on what you want to use. Consider silhouette tiles, light fixtures, wallpaper border, crown molding and other finishing touches that will give your kitchen its own unique look.

■ **Appliances** — Think about appliances and whether you want to keep current ones, or purchase larger or smaller units. Study whether the refrigerator, microwave oven and oven fit with what you have planned.

MARTY FIGLEY

Read up

The winter months are a good time to read those gardening books.

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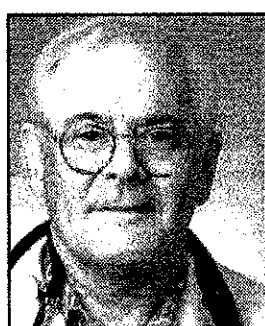


JOE GAGNON

Dryer problems

The Appliance Doctor answers a reader's question about dryer noises and remembers an old appliance repair shop in Toledo.

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HOMETOWN LIFE:

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DR. BRAD DAVIS

there is still one holiday ritual that we deal with every year — the New Year's Resolution!

Chances are you have already broken many of your resolutions. Yes, that little slice of cheesecake left over from the holiday party was made last year, but when you eat it now it still counts as a dessert this year. That gesture you made at the driver who cut you off wasn't waving, don't even try to fool yourself. And if you promised not to vocalize your hatred for winter but start a column by complaining about it, well, it's too late for you, too!

Some of you, many of whom are suffering through nicotine withdrawal, are probably asking a simple question: What does any of this have to do with animals?

Simple. Most animals can use some resolutions, and many can help you with your resolutions, as well.

Animal resolutions

So many things could be done better for pets, including easy changes with lifestyle that could make them healthier.

OK, the holidays are finally over and we can get back to the business of muddling through Arctic temperatures, and hating anyone who prattles on about how they "just love winter!"

But wait, I never understood that until I was much older, but I knew that our dog liked ice cream (vanilla seemed to be his favorite). His favorite food was whatever I was eating. He was so very heavy that even walking was a chore. If we had stopped giving him treats early on, we could have kept him in better shape, and he could have had a longer, happier life.

If you must give your dog a treat from the table, try a piece of carrot, or a green bean. What the treat is matters less to them than your attention.

Routine medical care. Veterinarians hate "fire engine medicine," yet it's amazing how often we have to practice that way. This is when we have to treat a problem as an emergency that we could have prevented; for example, heartworm, or dental problems.

Keep up with the preventive care. Not only will it help you toward having a healthy pet, but also toward having peace of mind.

Regular owner-pet attention. The world is so fast paced that I would bet the malls are already starting to put up their holiday decorations for next Christmas. Pets can be lost in the shuffle of everyday life, becoming just the furry thing that needs to be fed a couple of times a day.

That's not why you have a pet. Set aside some regular time for your critter. It is better to spend

Dogs make great workout partners. They never judge or gloat when they do better than you, and they are always excited about the prospect of a workout.

10 minutes a day every day petting your dog or playing with your cat or doing whatever it is lizard people do with their lizards, than to ignore them for days on end and then one day spend hours with them.

Routine is best for most pets. It won't be bad for you, either!

Owner resolutions

Weight loss. Out of every five Americans, about eight want to lose weight, or at least that's what it seems like on TV or in magazines, or even when you look down the diet and fitness aisle at the book store.

This always becomes the most prominent resolution every new year, but rarely can people hold to it. Here's how you can do it, using your pet.

Every diet deals with two things: Take in less calories and exercise more to burn off more calories.

Use your pet to help you in your endeavors. Put your dog on a diet with you — go with the light formula dog food while you are eating that yummy plain salad! Have your dog go for walks with you — again, a shared time that is great for both of you. Measure the pounds you both are losing.

Dogs make great workout

partners. They never judge or gloat when they do better than you, and they are always excited about the prospect of a workout. By setting an exercise routine for the two of you, you are more likely to follow through and exercise every day, because of that bouncy, drooly, overzealous workout partner you have!

Training. This can be great for both you and your pet. It not only allows you to spend time together, but gives you something productive to do together, not to mention what a joy a well-trained dog can be.

It also gives you the wonderful opportunity to be the know-it-all with your family and friends, telling them how to train their dogs, after you become the family expert!

Training isn't as hard as it sounds, and the outcome can border on miraculous.

Take home message: New Year's Day all but demands that we make positive changes in our lives. Our pets can help us and we can help them get a better life through simple changes. By adjusting your schedule a little, spending some time with them, and making good decisions for their health, you can go a long way toward ensuring a healthy, happy pet!

And don't bite your nails! You gave that up, remember?

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster, Garden City, MI 48135. Feel free to write him there with questions and comments. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show "Animal Talk." Visit the Web site at www.AnimalTalkradio.com. You can send e-mail questions or comments to DrBrad@animaltalkradio.com.

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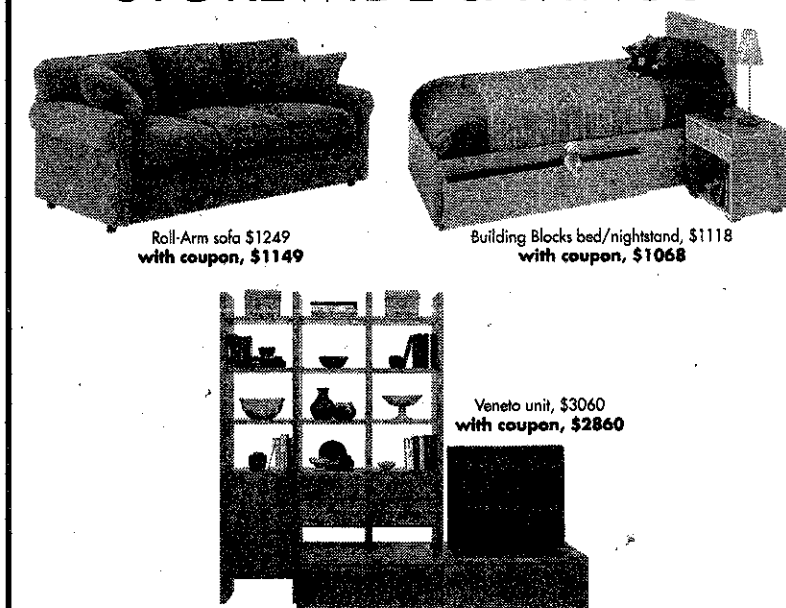
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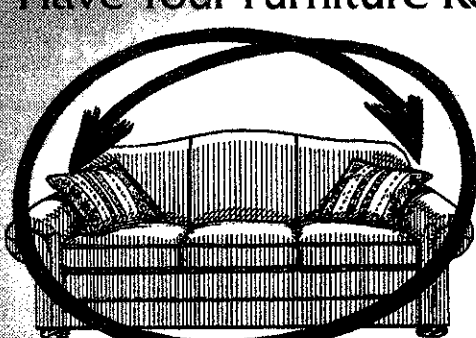
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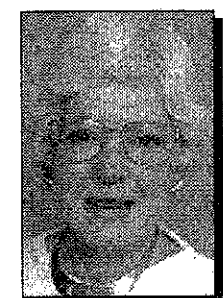
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GARDENING

Take time to examine these fascinating books

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Where did January go? It's still a good time to sit and study a book or two before it will be time to go out into the garden. Here are a few that may appeal to you.

Two small books from Soma/Bay Books (written by David Stevens, \$16.95 each) will guide you to successful planning for your garden.

Soma Basics Garden Design focuses on the personal approach to design, how to combine indoor and outdoor living spaces, how to use "borrowed landscapes," the steps necessary to achieve good results, and how to sketch a plan and follow through.

The information is direct and plain. Photos help explain the text, as each chapter deals with a specific element of the process. Great ideas.

Soma Basics Water Features is another attractive book filled with practical advice. Before you begin a water feature, take a look at this information.

Each step is outlined and explained from the importance of water to wonderful plans, with detailed installation and maintenance information. Plants, fish and wildlife are discussed; a list of resources is nice.

Healthy advice

Allergy-free Gardening: The Revolutionary Guide to Healthy Landscaping, Thomas Leo Ogren (\$19.95 paper, \$32.95 cloth; contact Ten Speed Press at P.O. Box 7123, Berkeley, CA 94707, or visit www.tenspeed.com), is a "sit up and take notice" book. Ogren explains the role that

urban landscaping plays in this health crisis as more people are being affected by irritating airborne toxins.

He explains why some plants cause more allergies than others and gives control methods in the garden. The bulk of the book is encyclopedic, with short descriptions rated with an allergy index scale.

This is an important information book for any gardener, especially for landscape designers and urban planners. It should be in the libraries of county extension offices. If you discover a plant-related allergy not in the book, you can contact the author at tlallergyfree@earthlink.net.

Four books are from Timber Press: *Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants*, *Orchids*, *Rock Garden Plants: A Color Encyclopedia* and *Magnolias: A Gardener's Guide*.

Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants, Mary and Gary Irish (\$34.95), is great for the southwest part of our country, but it is also suitable here if you take the time to study it and learn which plants are cold hardy.

You'll find all the information here, from choosing the right one to siting to growing to propagation. These plants generally don't require a large garden, and some of them are perfect for containers. Color photos show their great diversity in size, color and architectural form.

Orchids, Joyce Stewart (\$19.95), is newly revised and contains the most up-to-date information about the plants. The history of orchids when they were first introduced to Western horticulture more than 250 years ago makes us appreciate the flowers.

The bulk of the book deals with growing, propagating and caring for orchids in temperate regions — including more than 500 species and hybrids. You might take this along to an orchid house to enhance your

visit.

Rock Garden Plants: A Color Encyclopedia, Baldassare Mineo (\$59.95), details many plants suitable for rock gardens in any garden situation from the seashore to the mountains.

The lovely book, which includes 14,000 choice plants, will open a new world to many gardeners. Shapes, color, form and textures, large, small and all the sizes in between, are represented in rock garden plants. Take time to study and enjoy this treasure.

Sweet magnolias

Magnolias: A Gardener's Guide, Jim Gardiner (\$39.95), also shows the diversity of this plant.

Many hybrids and species, including the newer magnolias, are described. Gardiner features much historical information, which makes the book most interesting. All information pertinent to the care and propagation of the plants, including placement in the garden, is featured.

The nearest places to Michigan that Gardiner recommends are Klehm Nursery in Champaign, Ill. (to buy them), and the du Pont Garden in Winterthur, Del. (to see them).

Cinder Block Gardens, Lynn Gillespie (\$15, TLC Publishing, paperback), explains how to use this material to make an efficient, cost-effective, little-work vegetable garden.

Gillespie backs up her claims with statistics. She shares her soil recipe, when and how to plant, and all the "ingredients" to be successful. This is a down-home type of book that allows you to ignore the grammatical errors; good advice is the goal.

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.

GARDENING CALENDAR

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

cussed 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.

bring rare orchids from his private collection, blooming plants for sale and give growing tips in his slide talk, "Growing Prize-Winning Orchids," with slides of his awarded plants and a repotting demonstration. Orchid raffles are scheduled both days. For information call (313) 259-6363.

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, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For information, call 476-3017.

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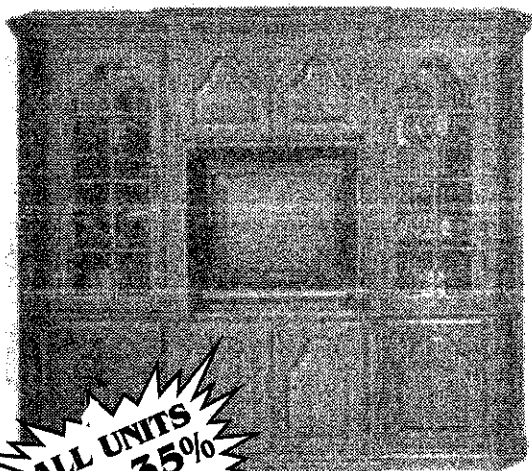
The Detroit Garden Center's 15th Annual Orchid Display, Lecture and Sale is scheduled for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick house, 1460 E. Jefferson, between Rivard and Riopelle, 1/2 mile from I-375. Visitors can listen to lectures at noon Saturday or 1 p.m. Sunday. Donations are \$2. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids, the Detroit area's largest orchid grower, will

WORKSHOPS

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

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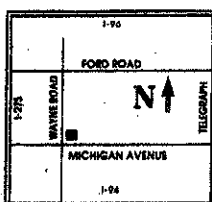
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INTERIOR DESIGN

Survey finds seniors more likely to renovate throughout home

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ness to meet consumer needs.

The American Society of Interior Designers and five of its industry partners - American Standard, Beacon Hill Showrooms, Dupont Corian, Kirsch and Sub-Zero - conducted a study to investigate these very questions.

The purpose of the study was to examine the demands that

clients place on their home at different "lifestages." The early lifestage consisted of people ages 18 to 34; ages 35 to 54 were considered to be in the middle lifestage; and the older lifestage included ages 55 and over.

For this study the older lifestage primarily consisted of married retirees with a single

income. They were typically living in a household of one to three people, and, in most cases, their children were grown and living on their own.

The study proved to be informative about the use of interior designers by those in the older lifestage, according to Marcello Luzi, president of Weixler,

Peterson & Luzi in Philadelphia.

"Aging in place is an important renovation issue for those in the older lifestage," Luzi said. "They have many memories in their homes and they don't want to leave them."

The study also found that seniors were more likely than those in the early or middle lifestages to have done house-wide renovations such as repainting, installing new flooring or carpeting, or replacing windows. The typical reason for these changes was because they were "getting tired of the look."

The most common household change that clients in the older lifestage asked for, however, was

to remodel their kitchens. "We can create a new look in the kitchen simply by changing surfaces, whether it be new flooring, cabinetry, countertops or islands," said Linda Kay DeMartini, a principal at Key Designs in Burlingame, Calif. "Even though aesthetics are important, designing a functional and safe work area is our number one goal in kitchen renovations."

To find an interior design consultant near you, call the ASID Worldwide Referral Service at 1-800-775-ASID or visit the Web site at www.interiors.org.

You also can learn more about the design process by visiting the ASID Web site at www.asid.org.

DESIGN CALENDAR

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, featuring property belonging to the estate of Marshall Fredericks and other estates and private collections. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 25-26, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ Decorating consultant Jeanine Matlow teaches decorating classes in Oakland County: "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25) and "Entertaining with Style" (10 a.m. to noon Satur-

day, Jan. 27) through Farmington Community Education, and "Entertaining with Style" (7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31) through West Bloomfield Community Education. Each course includes a handout with more than 50 tips on the subject. In "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles," learn creative ways to display antiques and collectibles with more current styles. In "Entertaining with Style," learn how to entertain using items you already have in your home. For costs and other information on the classes, call (248) 489-3333 for Farmington Community Education, or (248) 539-2290 for West Bloomfield Community Education.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: *Crafts Calendar*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net 477-8942.

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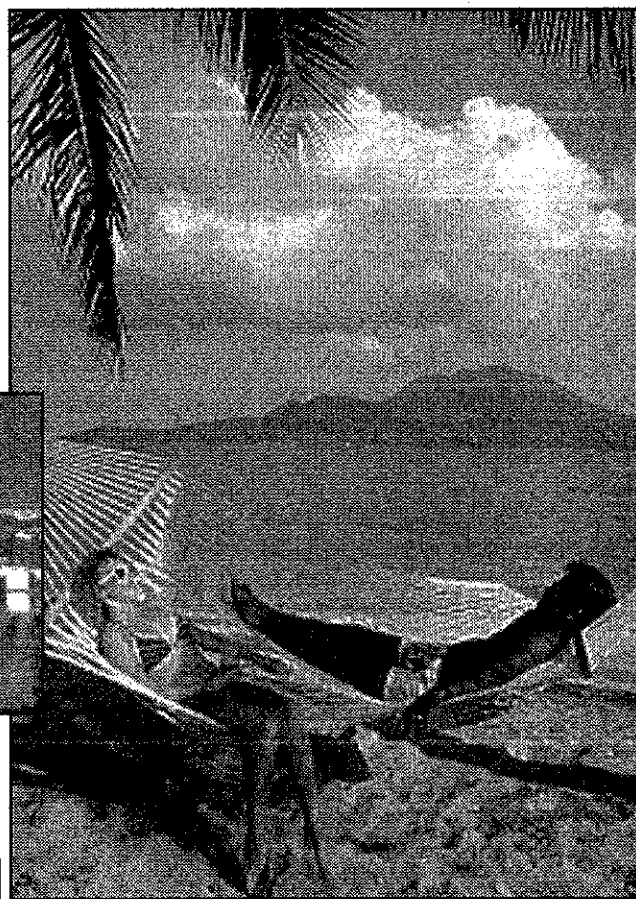
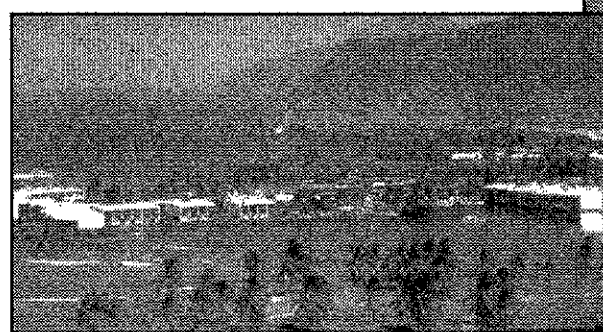
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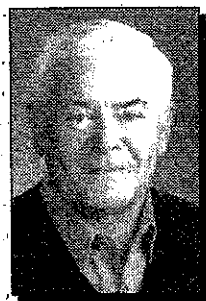
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on their appliances.

As I traveled this state and others, I met wonderful people who carried a toolbox and were proud of their work. I stopped by the country stores and sat with local townspeople who gathered every morning for coffee. The

woodburning stove in the middle and old hardwood floors were common, but the conversation varied from town to town. I sometimes yearn for the old ways as things seem so fast today with hardly a word said as I meet representatives in today's service industries.

Today I drive to Toledo, once a month, and tape consumer information tips for ABC television. During this past week, I called one of the service centers in that city and asked if I could come over with the television cameras and shoot footage. They told me it was no problem and to "come on down." (Around here, I might be escorted out the door.) I arrived and was treated like a VIP. They told me to make myself at home as I looked around and asked several questions.

Rebuilt appliances

These guys were "good ole' boys." The store was filled with rebuilt refrigerators, washers, dryers and stoves. In the front window was a 1929 electric range, which looked like it had not been cleaned since 1939. The stock of used appliances had missing handles, kick plates and an overall outward appearance of neglect. The employees were not one bit ashamed of what they sold. They explained that this store was not for everyone, but for the certain consumers who could not afford the finest things in life. They weren't rich and neither was the business, but it provided so they could meet their needs in life.

You couldn't put one foot in front of the other in the back shop. Boxes were filled with used

parts. Appliances stacked one on top of another.

Today's modern store displays rows of neatly dusted major appliances and other products which have energy levels and price tags posted on them. A well-dressed salesperson is filled with information that makes it easier for you in your purchase effort. The image has changed greatly, but it was not so many years ago that I walked into a major appliance store and waited to see the owner. As I waited I grabbed a broom to sweep the floor, and a salesperson rushed up and asked what I was doing. He informed me that I would ruin the business's image if I cleaned up the place.

The guy in Toledo, now over 70, and his two sons, have owned this business for many years.

Every second Sunday, they go fishing. They live in a business that is filled with tensions and pressures, yet they manage to make fun of themselves and make it a pleasure in serving their customers. They are antiquated in many ways. I'm sure there are people in the service industry who yearn to go back to the ways of old.

Readers ask

Beth from Guelph, Ont. writes: "My sister is having a problem with a 10-to 15-year-old Kenmore dryer."

"Every once in a while, it makes an increasingly loud rubbing sound. If you moved the dryer around, it seems to be fine. About 10 minutes later, it starts again. How can we fix the problem?"

Stop using the dryer. The problem of defective rollers can cause a fire.

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

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

Reader wonders what causes short furnace cycles

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

last fall. The contractors said it was in good condition.

Dear Harry: "I live in a 13-year-old condominium in Plymouth. My furnace was built by Armstrong Air Conditioning in Bellevue, Ohio, model N 51HWC242-3a. I had it cleaned this

"I have a Honeywell Magicstat/32 programmable thermostat. It goes off when I go to work (62° F), then on when I come home (70°). My problem is, my furnace comes on for five minutes, off for five, on for five, etc. It does this all night long and all day long on weekends.

"Why does it do this? Is this normal? None of my neighbors' furnaces do this. It must be playing heck with the electric and gas bill. I put a new filter in it every other month. I have changed nothing on it. Can you give me some insight on this problem? Thank you." - Karen B.

First, let me thank you for

your question, it is a good one. I believe there may be others who share a similar problem. It's good to send manufacture model numbers with questions, as you did, it makes any necessary research much easier.

The condition you described is usually called "short cycling." It is not normal, and you got it correct when you wrote that it must "be causing heck with your electric bill." It's also "causing heck" with some of the parts of your furnace.

Short cycling origins

Several things can cause short cycling. We have some short

cycling in our furnace, though nowhere near the extent you have. Ours occurs because the builder installed an insufficient plenum. Usually, however, it's related to the limiter control.

When the thermostat calls for heat, the limiter control allows gas to flow to the burners. When the heat exchanger gets to a preset high temperature, the gas flow is shut off until the exchanger cools to a preset low temperature. The limiter again allows the gas to flow. This cycle goes on until there is no longer a call for heat. In simple terms, the limiter is a safety device to keep your furnace from overheating.

I should add that a furnace is a potentially dangerous appliance. It is a large, hot fire in your home. Any work on this appliance should be performed by trained people. I strongly suggest getting a heating and cooling specialist to look at yours soon.

Some thermostats have a cycling control built into them, as is the case with your Honeywell Magicstat/32. Unless the technician who checked your furnace changed this setting or the thermostat has developed electronics problems, it's not likely that this is causing your short cycles.

Adjusted thermostat

There is a possibility that when your furnace was checked, the technician may have made adjustments on the limiter. Sometimes this is done when the burners are checked. You may want to have this checked by the person who did the fall cleaning. Occasionally limiter switches will break down. A furnace specialist should be able to check this.

I was discussing your problem with some friends at lunch the other day. One of them told me his limiter "went haywire" on a

furnace that was about the same age as yours.

I truly hope this has been of help. Again, thanks for sending in this question. By the way, unless you're using a premium furnace filter, such as the 3M Filtrete, you may want to change your filter every month.

Addendum: Karen later e-mailed to let me know that she had the furnace looked at. Both the thermostat and limiter were checked. As it turns out, it was the thermostat that "went haywire." She returned it to the place of purchase and replaced it with a new one. The furnace is now working well.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students. Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym, care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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Homeowners can prepare for spring at the Home Improvement Show, the first home show of the season, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, at the Novi Expo Center.

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"Our show is replete with remodeling ideas and much

more." At the show, Chef Raymond Wong will combine his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to demonstrate low-fat, healthy Chinese cooking. Other guest speakers Feb. 3 and 4 include Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" for WJR-760 AM and columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* and Dean Krauskopf, from WJR's *The Garden Show*. From WXYT 1270 AM are Glenn Haege of *Ask the Handyman*, Rick Bloom of *Money Talk* and Mike Wendland of *PC Mike's High Tech Weekend*.

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Original Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, WJR and the *Observer & Eccentric*.

The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Feb. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 3; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 4.

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ENGAGEMENT, ANNIVERSARY & WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wisniewski-McGraw

Ed and Marcia Wisniewski of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter Sheryl Lynn to Sean Michael McGraw of Haslett (formerly of Saline).

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Ladywood High School and received her bachelor's degree in child development from Michigan State University in 1997. She currently works in the Haslett School District as a third grade teacher.

Her husband, the son of Ellis and Claudia McGraw of Saline, graduated from Saline High School in 1992 and graduated with honors from Michigan State University in 2000 with a degree in education. He works as a commercial and industrial appraiser.

The couple wed Aug. 5, 2000 in an outdoor wedding ceremony in the rose garden at Greenfield Village in Dearborn before Thomas Nielson.

Sheryl's attendants included matron of honor Marcia Wisniewski her mother and bridesmaids Cristen Wisniewski, Bonnie McGraw, Brandi Fyke,



Christine Fletcher and Maureen Howell.

Sean's best man was his father Ellis McGraw. Groomsmen included Brian Wisniewski, Tracy McGraw, Paul Johnson, Matt Wisniewski and Mark Howell.

Steve Thomas served as usher, Kaitlyn Hoffman as flower girl and Jason McGraw as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Lovett Hall at Greenfield Village in Dearborn and took a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii. They are making their home in Haslett.

Garry-Wagner

Ralph and Judy Garry of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine Elizabeth to Joseph Jacob Wagner of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be graduated from Michigan State University in May of 2000 and is currently teaching at Maltby Middle School in Brighton.

Her fiancé, the son of William and Martha Wagner of South Lyon, will graduate from Eastern Michigan University in May 2001 with a degree in business management.

An August wedding is planned at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



Zemoyan-Barnett

Stephen and Margaret Zemoyan of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Kay, to Daniel Allan Barnett, formerly of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is a computer systems architect with Unigraphics Solutions in Cypress, Calif.

Her fiancé, son of Marsha Krause of Dearborn and Kenneth D. Barnett II of Canton, is a 1993 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan - Dearborn. He is a national account executive with Custom Enterprises of Irvine, Calif.

Daniel and Deborah have



known each other since grade school and have been together for the past three years. Although they currently reside in Southern California, a May wedding is planned at SS Simon & Jude in Westland.

Miller-Brown

Dale and Albina Miller of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra Ruth to Daniel James Brown of Detroit. He is the son of Ed Brown and the late Norma Jean Brown and the stepson of Sharon Brown.

The couple married on Oct. 28, 2000 at the Bridgeport Community Church with Pastor Don Ashmall officiating and Deacon Ken Lind, brother-in-law of the groom, assisting.

Elaine Machovec, sister of the

bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Anna Myers, friend of the bride; and Dana Brown, daughter of the groom. David Brown, brother of the groom served as best man. Groomsmen were Andrew Brown and Aaron Brown, sons of the groom. Louis Machovec, brother-in-law of the bride and Joseph Moon, friend of the bride and groom were ushers.

The couple received guests at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Frankenmuth and honeymooned in South Carolina.

Sudek-Schulte

Robert and Beverly Sudek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, RaeAnn, to Robert Schulte of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Stevenson High School and will graduate in May 2001 from Wayne State University with a degree in chemical engineering.

Her fiancé, son of Sharon Schulte of Westland, is a 1996 graduate of Franklin High School and works as a skilled tradesman at Ford Motor Company.

A November wedding is planned at St. Colette Church in



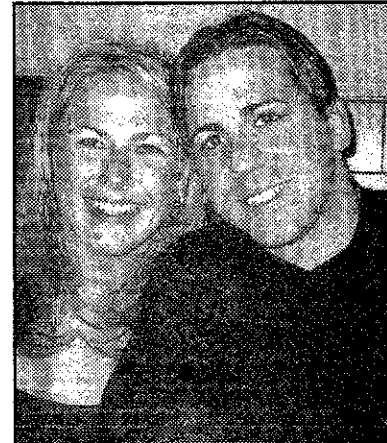
Livonia.

Lewis-Finazzo

Ben and Brenda Lewis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Lynn, to Nicolo Antonino Finazzo of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Stevenson High School and a graduate of Madonna University. She is currently working toward her master's degree and works as an elementary school teacher for Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, the son of Antonino and Luisa Finazzo of Detroit, is a 1991 graduate of Notre Dame High School and a graduate of Albion University. He is a network engineer and is currently working for K-mart Cor-



poration in Troy. An August wedding is planned at Holy Family Catholic Church in Detroit.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Michael and Lisa Norwood** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Emma Louise**, born Nov. 24, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins brothers Jackson, 5, and George, 2. Grandparents are Lewis and Mary Buhagiar of Dearborn Heights and Dennis and Ella Norwood of Livonia. Herman and Beruta Norwood of Wood Dale, Ill. are her great-grandparents.

■ **Brian and Melissa Socha** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Jenna Noel**, born Dec. 19, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Bill

and Deanna Wright of Wayne and Chuck and Sue Socha of Plymouth.

■ **Robert and Nicole Campbell** of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **Cameron Reece**, born Dec. 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins brother Cody. Bill Campbell of Canton is her grandfather.

■ **Bill Denton and Evonne Todd** of Canton announce the birth of their son, **Joseph Michael**, born Dec. 11, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He joins brother

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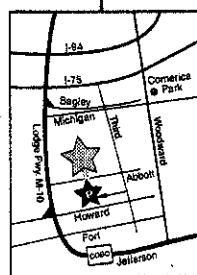
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His name. Shawn Cassidy.

My best friend also shared my sentiment. She was lucky enough to own a life-size poster of him. I remember it

■ 'I often wonder if it's just young girls that experience that sort of devoted crush. In some ways I've never really gotten over Mr. Taylor.

was taped to the back of her bedroom door and we'd take turns standing on a chair to give him a kiss. Young love.

Although his full-size image wasn't a part of my collection I did have posters and magazine pages littering my walls. I remember

away from home to go to college my dad had a spackle party trying to fill in 17 years worth of nail and tack holes I made once I got my hands on a hammer. A good share of the divots were made due to Mr. Cassidy.

Other ways I was able to carry a torch for Shawn included owning all his records (I'm dating myself), having a plastic lunch box adorned with his mug and faithfully watching the Hardy Boys Mystery series each week on television.

Life was too good. Not only could I listen to his records but watching the suspense-filled drama each week was more than I could ask for.

In time my crush waned and I focused my attention on someone else, but to this day when I hear his name ... "da do run run run, da do run run."

Stephanie Taylor?

My first crush? A "Wild Boy" by his own standards. I blame it on my oldest sister. If Paula hadn't taught me all the names of the members in Duran Duran, I might never have fallen for one of the three Taylors — John Taylor that is.

Just 7 years old when *Seven and the Ragged Tiger* was released, I'd already seen videos like *Hungry Like the Wolf* and *The Reflex* enough times to know John was The One. He stood on stage tall and lanky, hovering over his bass guitar with that signature fluff of blond-tipped brown tousled hair. Rock star hair. British rock star hair.

Ask my parents, it was the beginning of the end.

So John didn't star in a television show. But he did make the cover of every teeny bopper magazine I could find. He, too, graced the walls of my bedroom. But I was lucky enough to take him wherever I went.

You see, Paula bought me a fantastic plastic Duran Duran purse. I even bought the matching wallet. And let me tell you, it was the talk of the roller skating rink in the mid-'80s.

I often wonder if it's just young girls that experience that sort of devoted crush. In some ways I've never really gotten over Mr. Taylor. He may have left Duran Duran, but he hasn't disappeared altogether.

Just months ago, I couldn't resist renting *Sugar Town*, an indie flick that marked John's big screen debut last year. His character seemed a reflection of himself — a once-famous rock star whose fans still congregate on the front porch to catch a glimpse or ask for an autograph. He's even popped up in a few VH-1 movies lately — *A Diva's Christmas Carol* and coming this month, *Strange Frequency*. Not that I'm keeping track or anything.

Wish I could find that purse.

Home Town Life editor Kimberly Mortson and staff writer Stephanie Casola can't help but admit they're hopeless romantics. It's close to Valentines Day share your stories with us. E-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or scasola@oe.homecomm.net



If these walls could talk

Canton recording studio comes out of hiding

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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A long Ford Road lies an unassuming industrial-style gray building — the sort of building cars pass by daily and motorists never really notice. Almost incognito with few windows, it rests across from a dusty dirt road in a modest area of Canton.

At first sight, it's not the sort of building that seems suitable for rock superstars like Redford's native son Ted Nugent, or the place where B-52's fans imagine hits like *Love Shack* and *Roam* were captured.

The structure looks much too plain a place for Robert Plant and Jimmy Page to generate some historic recordings. And yet this is all part of the intriguing history of Michigan Pro Audio's sound studio in Canton. Built from the ground up by famed producer Ben Gross and once called Pearl Sound, the studio has contributed to the careers of some of the finest musicians in rock history.

Name-dropping

"He built up a tremendous reputation here," said Jerry Capaldi, MPA senior manager. "Artists came through our doors like Madonna, Paula Abdul, George Clinton, the B-52's. There is a long tradition up to groups like Filter. Ben moved on (to open The Mix Room in California). Terry Simaan founded Michigan Pro Audio."

Capaldi, who speaks quickly and calmly and wears a piano-key scarf that seems almost-too-appropriate, said the studio is poised for the future. With subsidized costs that now cater to local musicians who couldn't afford time at MPA in the past, the studio is now better able to serve artists in its own backyard.

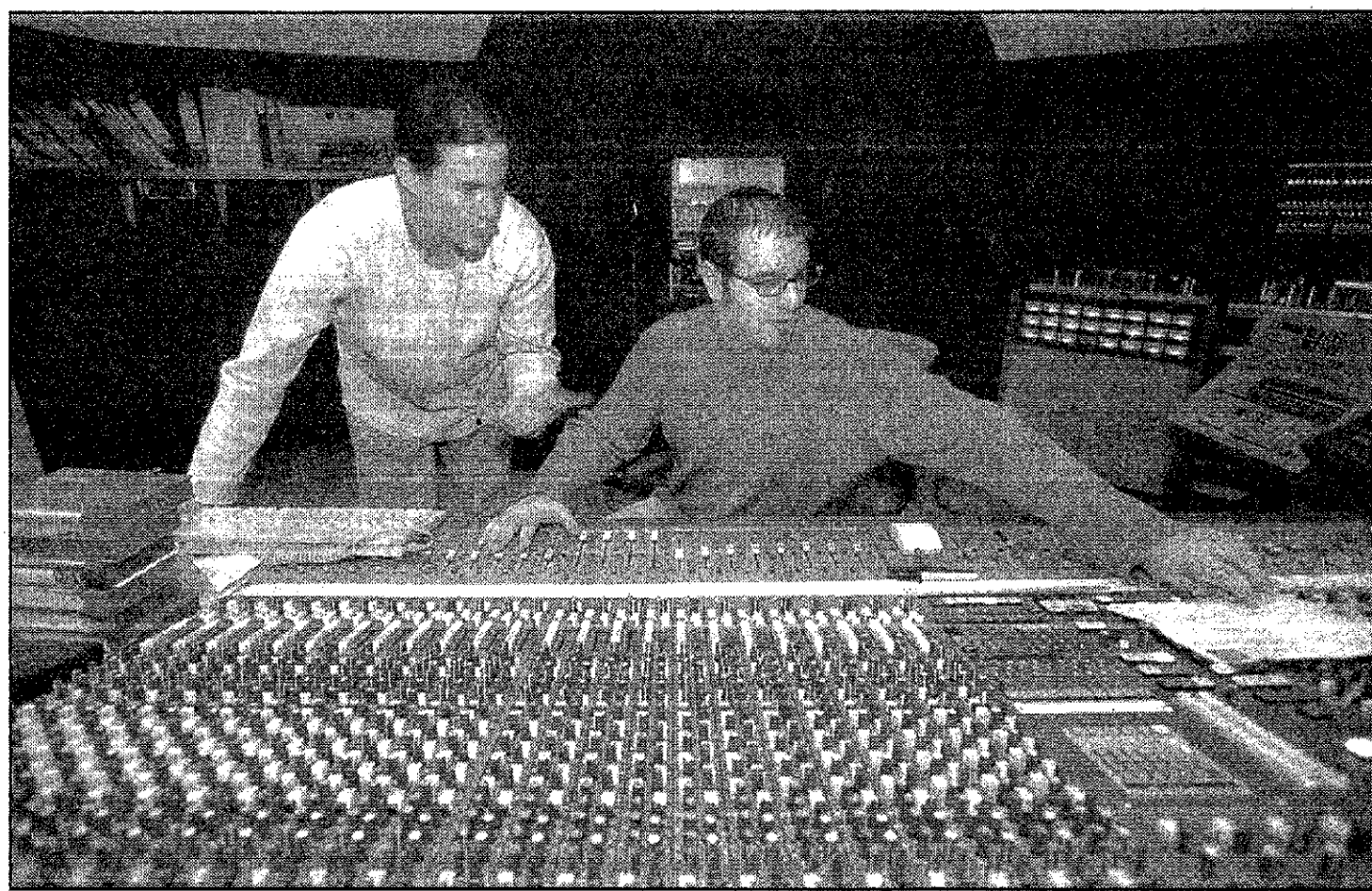
Homecoming

That's where head engineer Chuck Alkazian comes in. Returning back to his roots this Farmington Hills-raised music producer spent the past three years working with major industry artists in Chicago. Now living in West Bloomfield, Alkazian is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston and a drummer for The Haywoods. When asked what brought him to MPA, the answer came easily.

"I liked this studio the best. It has very good sound. Everything from the control room to one of the best live recording rooms in the city. The vibe is cool."

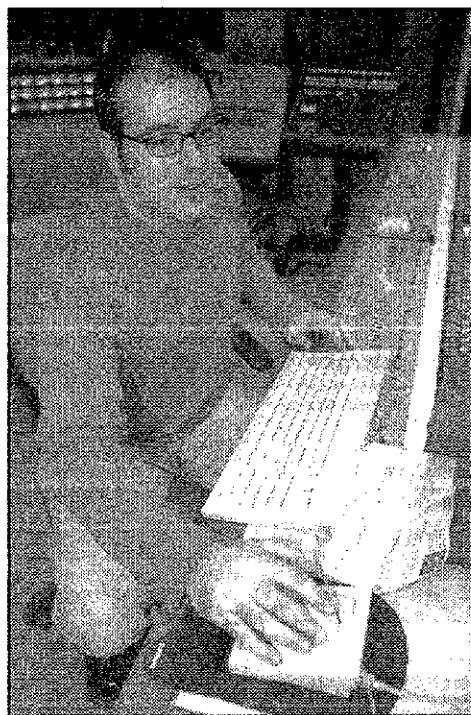
The main recording room conveys a serious sense of sound. Blocking out all noise of the street outside, its walls are a tapestry of varied material — one rounded and wooden, the next softly padded, another made of painted brick. Three thick panes of glass separate the artist from the control room. Ceilings reach two stories high. Spotlights warmly illuminate the hardwood floor. All who work there say the same thing — it feels like home.

While Alkazian has made his way



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Talented: Rob Nelson of Northville (top photo), a member of the band *Baked Potato*, lays down a vocal track at the Canton recording studio. He is also the business administrator for Michigan Pro Audio. House engineer Ryan Hyland (above left) works with producer Chuck Alkazian at the mixing console.



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Jerry Capaldi
—MPA senior manager

working on projects from all genres of music to recordings for the advertising industry. Evidently, his love lies in music. He speaks in hope-filled phrases like the "Detroit brotherhood," and "making the city boom." More than 30 miles outside the Motor City, this Canton studio grasps onto the potential brought by the commercial success of giants like Kid Rock and Eminem.

On the day of my visit, Alkazian is just beginning work with Kevin Frye, an Ypsilanti-based music producer working on a compilation for his label, Full Circle Enterprises, which dates back to 1996. Both seem to share a common goal: "To put Michigan artists on the map," as Frye said.

Going global

To serve that interest, MPA signed on to work with a cyber record company — one which will enable music

recorded at MPA to be marketed and seen via Web cameras worldwide. Still a work-in-progress, the site can be found at kdk12.com.

One local band participating in this technology is *Baked Potato* — set to release a new album in February. Rob Nelson, band member and a newly-hired engineer at the studio, has seen both sides of the recording process at MPA. The Northville resident considers the job to be a "good opportunity to be involved the recording industry." He chose to record there because of the nostalgia and history associated with the studio. "I've always wanted to record in a big, live room," he added, smiling.

House engineer Ryan Hyland added: "The best thing about working here is being excited to get up everyday and go to work."

Baked Potato knew just what to call their album-in-progress — *Pearl*, after the original name of the studio. "The album has grown here, developed and taken on part of the vibe of this building," said Nelson.

Some buildings are made of much more than a pile of bricks, mortar and glass. Some are built on a foundation of rock, and also pop, soul, hip hop, jazz, blues and techno.

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■ Jan. 28, "The Greatest Game." The church is located south of M-14 on North Territorial Road in Plymouth, just west of Sheldon Road. Call (734) 453-5280.

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

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RCIA CLASSES

If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith or wish to learn more about our faith, please call Deacon John (734) 425-4421. Our RCIA classes will start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore Parish in our Parish Center building located at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

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

NEW BEGINNINGS

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

■ Feb. 1, The Grief Process, Rev. Chuck Sonquist

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.

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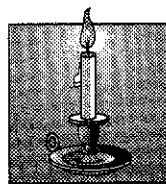
WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

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. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m. For more information call Diane Gaubatz (734) 397-1986 or the church office (734) 459-0013.

GAME NIGHT

Bring a friend, a game, an appe-

Looking deeper brings blessings



BY NANCY SEBRING
SPECIAL WRITER

Have you ever found yourself contemplating something that seems rather silly, and suddenly discovered some deep lesson in it? It might be a funny-shaped stone on the ground, a flake of cereal in your dish, or a cloud. Well, I found myself pondering something I noticed as I peeled a banana one day. It taught me an interesting lesson.

Don't judge a book

The bananas in my fruit bowl turned a funny color on the outside. They went from green to an odd color green, black and a little brown. They never turned yellow. I was certain they must be bad ones. However, when I cut one open to see if it was any good, I discovered that it was just perfect. It couldn't have been better.

What was the lesson I learned from this? I learned not to judge people or circumstances from the outward appearance. So often what we see does not tell us what is really true.

It reminded me of a situation we had with our daughter a year or so ago. You see, she had warts on her knee. Having received so many healings through prayer before, it was natural to turn to God about this, too. So we prayed. And for a time a friend was praying with us.

For quite a while it also seemed my daughter kept doing things she knew were wrong. We had taught her right from wrong and these things were reinforced in her weekly Sunday School class. Yet she seemed to continue to do just the opposite in many instances, acting the opposite of good, honest, kind, sharing, etc. Sometimes she would have ugly temper outbursts. Over time without realizing it, I began to attach these bad character traits to her —

thinking they were just a part of her.

Then I learned not to judge according to the outward appearance. In Isaiah 11:3 we read, "And (God) shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears. Mary Baker Eddy, who looked deeply into many things wrote, "We must look deep into realism instead of accepting only the outward sense of things." (Science and Health p.129:22)

Over many months, my husband and I were determined not to accept in our thoughts that the bad character traits could really be a part of our daughter's true identity. We began to look beyond her actions to what we had learned of man's true nature as the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1). An image, or reflection, must be identical to its original, and since God is Love (1 John 4:8) we reasoned that our daughter's true nature was loving, good and kind.

Be patient

This wasn't always easy, but as we continued to do this, she began to act more in line with what we were knowing to be true about her as a child of God. And you know what? The ugliness we had attached to her in thought was gone and so was the outward appearance of something ugly on her. The warts shrunk until they all disappeared and they have not returned.

Now we are more careful not to judge by the banana peel, but to look deeper and see the good fruit inside; not to judge by the outward appearance, but to see the inherent goodness of God's creation. This we have found has a healing effect.

Nancy Sebring is mother of two children in elementary school, and a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth. She can be reached at nanc@voyager.net.

tizer 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

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RADIO PROGRAM

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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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Ypsilanti Community Choir's spring concert will begin on Thursday, Feb. 1. Rehearsals are held from 7:45-9:15 p.m. each Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (201 N. River Street) Ypsilanti. The choir will begin preparing for the annual May concert, which will feature a variety of vocal music from classical to contemporary. Call (734) 483-7192.

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 stages in life. Dates are 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

INT'L STUDENT DAY

First United Methodist Church of Farmington (33112 Grand River) will be the host site of an International Student Day Program at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 2. International students will speak about their homelands. Sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. One casserole is needed for every three persons attending and paper products needed for the First Step program.

MUSIC SERIES

The Nardin Park United Methodist Church (29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills) "Music and Fine Arts Series" presents the Classical Bells in a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. A pre-concert reception will be held at 3 p.m. Call (248) 476-8860.

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Saturday, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

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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.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Newburg United Methodist church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will be the host site of a "Journey Through Grief" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21. Jacky Gatliff, director of Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice will speak. The workshop is free. Call to pre-register (734) 422-0149.

FUNDRAISING & BENEFITS

CARD PARTY

St. Richard Women's Guild Annual Winter Card Party begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at St. Richard's Social Hall (35851 Cherry Hill, Westland). Cost is \$7 per person. Door and table prizes, refreshments and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call Rose (734) 721-4444.

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Join us for an evening or two of fun at St. Theodore's Las Vegas Nights, Friday Feb. 2 and 3 at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Admission, \$2. Free parking. 50/50 drawing every hour. Beer, food, refreshments and Las Vegas style gaming from 6 p.m. to midnight.

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Church World Service is helping to provide rapid response relief assistance for victims of the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck El Salvador Jan. 13. Working in partnership in El Salvador, CWS is helping to provide shelter, food, water, blankets and mattresses to 3,300 survivors of the quake. To help call Church World Service, (800) 297-1516 visit www.church-worldservice.org or write CWS, Attn: El Salvador Earthquake, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

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ment. Teacher is Rebecca Moore.

■ 2 p.m. Winning point hats: Top off your coat and scarf with this easy, fashionable and versatile hat using Burda pattern 8845. Learn tips for using fine wool felt, other fabrics and perfect accessories too.

■ 3 p.m. Goal post mock cornice: Pass on heavy lumber or foam core board. You can achieve the look of custom upholstered cornices with this quick and easy technique instead.

■ 4 p.m. Strategy play plaid matching: Does "fear of matching" keep you from using and enjoying beautiful plaids? Turn plaid-matching panic into child's play with these helpful hints. Teacher, Lucky Weddigen.

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WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances are Jan. 19 and 26; Feb. 9, 16 and 23. 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. Feb. 2 dance will be held at the Woodlands Country Club (exit 20 1/2 mile east of I-275 expressway) in Wayne. 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 Ban-

quet 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.

■ Card Nights, Jan. 26. Call Rose (734) 464-3325.
■ Divorce Recovery meets Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Eight consecutive weeks from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth's. Cost is \$40 and includes workbook.

■ Monthly dinner, Feb. 1 at Alexander the Great, Westland at 7 p.m. Call Mary (734) 722-2612.

■ Singles Dance, Feb. 3 at St. Robert Bellarmine on W. Chicago and Inkster Road. 8:30-midnight. Proper attire please.

■ Speak Night Feb. 17 at St. Kenneth's Haggerty Road, Plymouth. "The Trail You Leave in Ink." 8 p.m. after Blow Bethany South Dance at St. Francis Cabrini (9000 Laurence St. at Wick, Allen Park).

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.

■ Feb. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Feb. 27, Gaining financial control of your divorce. Jacqueline Gold will discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to

plan for your future following the divorce.

■ Mar. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Mar. 27, Coping with Insecurity: Karen Copeland, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will focus her presentation on helping divorcing individuals to develop more self-confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

■ Apr. 10, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

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

DIVORCE RECOVERY

Single Place Ministries presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop at First Presbyterian Church (200 E. Main Street, Northville) Jan. 11-Feb. 22 at a cost of \$30. Topics include networking, stages of grief, legal aspect of divorce, helping children through divorce, etc. The group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the church. The cost includes Jim Smoke's book "Growing Through Divorce."

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

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

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

■ Stepping Stones Children's Recovery Workshop is held

Thursday evenings. This is a divorce recovery workshop for children grades K-12. Cost is \$10 per child. Free child care provided. There will also be parenting classes for the adults. Call (248) 374-5920.

■ 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.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

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

■ Jan. 21, workshop "Healing with Touch." We'll learn how important touch is to a healthy lifestyle and we'll practice healing touch and hugs in celebration of National Hugging Day. Workshop leader, Bonita Kothe. Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 S. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Sponsored by Parents Without Partners. Public welcome. Cost \$1. (734) 547-9549.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

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

■ A general meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 including dinner. Join the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit for dinner and socializing at Kerby's Coney Island in Novi. Kerby's is located on the eastside of Haggerty, north of 8 Mile Road. Call Teresa at (248) 336-0391.

■ Join the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit at Gallagher's Sports Pub at South State Street and Ellsworth (two lights south of I-94 at exit 177) to socialize and to watch the Super Bowl at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28. Call Robert at (734) 332-3993 to served by Jan. 25.

TALK IT OVER

TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 752-9200.

METROPOLITAN PROFESSIONALS

The MSP invite you to meet new

friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. For scheduled dances call (248) 851-9909. Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Novi. ■ Other activities include "Fun & Fine Dining" at the Box Bar from 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 (777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth) during the Plymouth Ice Festival.

■ Euchre, pinocle, bridge and dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn, every Monday. (33338 Grand River, Farmington). All skill levels.

■ Skiers join in 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, for a downhill ski party at Mt. Brighton, I-96 exit 145. Discounted rate \$18 includes all area lift ticket, admission to dance, with top 40 DJ, cash bar, door prizes and hors d'oeuvres. Discounted ski rental and one free lesson also available. Dress is casual. Admission to party, only is \$8. (248) 851-9909

CHRISTIAN SINGLES

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

New arrivals from page C6

ers Caleb and Anthony. Grandparents are Bill and Ida Denton of Canton and Jake and Stacy Thomas of Westland.

■ Paul and Nikki Wincher of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Marie, born Dec. 30, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins brother Tyler, 5.

■ Kristi Duarard and Greg Karkoska of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son Joseph John Duarard-Karkoska born Jan. 10 at Garden City Hospital. Joseph joins sister Anna Jordan, 15 months. Grandparents are Rose Karkoska of Garden City and Gary and Ruth Duarard of Livonia. Great grandparents are Betty and James Duarard of Livonia, Mary and Edward Dobrick of Livonia and Henry Miaczynski of Florida.

■ Dina and Scott Marzolino of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter Emily Frances born Nov. 1, 2000 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Emily joins siblings Alyssa, 13; and Adrienne, 11. Grandparents are Ralph and Joan Marzolino of Southgate and Neka and the late

Angelo Ciotta of Canton. Great grandparents are Ralph and Alice Marzolino of Berkley.

■ Ron and Maureen Kaczmarek of Plymouth announce

the the birth of their son Ronald Edward, born Aug. 26, 2000, at Providence Hospital. Grandparents are Ed and Elizabeth Dougherty of Redford, Rick

and Jackie Kaczmarek of Livonia, and Ronald Failing of Plymouth. Great grandparents are Irene Renas of Canton and Ray and Mary Kaczmarek of Utica.

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Player of the week

Jason Barela, a Canton native who plays for the Capital Centre Pride, has been named the North American Hockey League's player of the week. A 5-foot-8, 165-pound forward, Barela totaled seven goals and two assists in three games for the Pride last week.

In a pair of games against the USA NAHL team, Barela scored two goals and assisted on another in a 5-2 victory on Jan. 19, then scorched USA for four goals and an assist in an 8-1 triumph Jan. 20. On Jan. 21, he scored the Pride's only goal in a 4-1 loss to Danville. For the season, Barela has 20 goals and 21 assists (41 points) in 36 games.

Strong effort

Andrew Vance, an 11-year-old gymnast from Plymouth, put in a strong showing at the 10th annual Jason Whitfield Invitational Gymnastics Meet, held in Ann Arbor last weekend.

Vance, a member of Michigan Academy of Gymnastics' boys Class V team, finished second in the floor exercise, third on the still rings, fourth on the high bar, fifth on the vault and seventh in the all-around in a field of 60 competitors in his class. Other members of his team, coached by Dimitri Dimitrov, are Nicholas Porambo, 12, of Canton and Frankie Scarcelli, 12, of Redford. Scarcelli was fourth in the all-around.

The Jason Whitfield Invitational, named after the Westland gymnast who died at 17 in a motorcycle accident in 1991, attracts 450 gymnasts representing 59 teams and 10 states, with the goal to raise scholarship funds for aspiring male gymnasts in Whitfield's memory.

This year's scholarship winners were 2000 Olympians Morgan Hamm (\$5,000) and Paul Hamm (\$3,000), Justin Toman (\$4,000) and Eric Van Sickle (\$2,000).

Ambassadors win 2

The Compuware Ambassadors had a tough three-games-in-three-days road trip last weekend, playing Friday and Saturday against the Springfield (Ill.) Jr. Blues and on Sunday against the Chicago Freeze. After losing their first game of the trip, 4-2 to the Blues Friday, the Ambassadors did not surrender another goal, beating the Blues 8-0 Saturday and the Freeze 3-0 on Sunday.

Andy Greene and Todd Bentley scored for Compuware in Friday's defeat, with goalie Chad Davis stopping 18-of-22 shots. On Saturday, David Booth scored two goals and assisted on another and Ryan Lessnau had a goal and two assists to lead the Ambassador attack. Josh Seiba had a goal and an assist and David Vogt, Ryan Webb, Mark Cannon and Bentley each scored a goal.

Jeff Lantz turned aside all 22 shots he faced in earning the shutout.

Against the Freeze, the Ambassadors got a short-handed goal from Steve Brudzewski in the final second of the opening period, and that would be all they would need. Davis was in goal for this shutout, stopping 31 shots; Matt Rutkowski and Luke Wright also scored goals.

Compuware remains second in the NAHL's East Division at 22-12-2 (46 points).

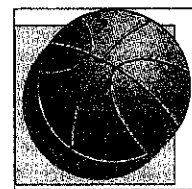
Baseball/softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday in the Arts II Room at the Summit in the Park in Canton. Registration is open to all boys and girls, ages 4-18 years, who are Plymouth or Canton residents or who attend the Plymouth-Canton school district.

All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration. Fees vary from \$65-\$95 for tee-ball, baseball and softball; travel baseball for those 10-18 years is \$350, and travel softball for those under-10 to under-18 varies from \$175-\$250.

For more information, call Chris Angel (teeball) at (734) 981-3007; Mark Caples (7-12 baseball) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (13-18 baseball) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (7-18 softball) at (734) 454-7328; or, for 10-18 travel baseball/softball, call (734) 453-2040.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.



It's been a rough season thus far for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. The Rocks have absorbed several close losses, but that wasn't the case Tuesday when they pulled away to an easy win over Livonia Churchill.

By ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing quite like an 18-0 fourth-quarter run to jump-start a basketball team with a dead battery.

That's what Plymouth Salem used Tuesday night to spark its 56-38 victory over Livonia Churchill. The Rocks clung to a narrow 37-34 lead less than

two minutes into the fourth quarter before tightening the defensive screws on the outmatched Chargers and outscoring the visitors 19-4 down the stretch.

Salem (2-8 overall, 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) doubled its season victory total with the win. Churchill dropped to 2-8 overall and 1-3 in the WLAA.

"We came out flat tonight," sighed

Churchill coach Rick Austin. "Even though we closed to within three points in the fourth quarter, I never really thought we were in the game. When you come out flat, you don't dive for loose balls, you don't run and you don't see the floor well."

"We're not the kind of team that has a bunch of superstars who are going to win games for us. We have to come out and work hard for four quarters or we're not going to win. My hat is off to Plymouth Salem. They played hard for 32 minutes tonight."

Salem coach Bob Brodie said he was happy with his team's intensity level — at least for three-quarters of Tuesday's game.

"We came out of the blocks well (Salem led 24-5 two minutes into the second quarter), but we panicked a little bit in the second quarter and let them back into the game," Brodie said. "This league is tough in that you have to play four quarters most nights to come away with a win."

"Tonight we were fortunate because we only played three decent quarters."

Salem was paced by a trio of players on the offensive end. Nick Tochman topped the scoring ledger with 15 points. Sophomore David Hoskins chipped in with 14 and Jeff Haar added 11.

Please see HOOP, D5

Climbing

Salem keeps bettering its season-best scores

By C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR
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The best thing to come out of Monday's Plymouth Salem-vs.-Livonia Consolidated gymnastics meet — for both teams — was realizing that neither team did its best.

And yet, the scores posted by each was their best this season. Salem came out on top in the meet, competed at Livonia's Dickinson Center, scoring 140.9 to Livonia's 138.05.

The Rocks improved to 5-0 in dual-meet competition. Livonia is 2-3.

"I'm really impressed," said Livonia coach Christa Hinderliter in evaluating her team's performance. "It can only get better. And this was our season-high by two points."

The top all-around score was posted by Salem's Bethany Bartlett, a 36.25. Bartlett finished first in the vault (9.1), second on the uneven parallel bars (8.8), and fourth in both the balance beam (9.1) and floor exercise (9.25).

Next best in the all-around was the Rocks' Melissa Drake with a 35.65. Drake placed first on bars (9.15), third on vault (8.6), and fifth in both beam (9.05) and floor (8.85).

Livonia's Michelle Wimberly finished third in the all-around (35.2) with a second in the vault (8.9) and thirds in both the floor (9.3) and bars (8.55); she scored 8.45 in the beam.

Salem's April Aquinto was fourth in the all-around (35.15) with a first-place tie in the floor (9.45), a third in beam (9.2), and fifths in bars (7.95) and vault (8.55).

Livonia's Mary Moreau was fifth in the all-around (33.45); she scored 8.8 and finished third on the vault, and scored 8.55 on the floor, tying for sixth.

Livonia was without the full services of Kelly Ostrosky, who has had elbow injury problems; Ostrosky tied for first in floor (9.45) and won the beam (9.35).

Other noteworthy scores, for Salem, came from Ashley

Please see GYM, D7



Top scorers: Two big reasons for Salem's victory over Livonia Consolidated were Bethany Bartlett (above), who finished first in the vault, was fourth on balance beam and had the top all-around score, and April Aquinto (left), who tied for first in floor exercise, was third on beam and had the fourth-best all-around score.



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ROCKERS SOCCER

Defense leads Rockers past Attack, 14-10

Couple of weeks ago, looking ahead at the schedule and seeing a two-week stretch that featured six games could not have been something to look forward to. At least not for someone connected with the Detroit Rockers.

A team with just two wins in 18 games would hardly want to stack them. But this final busy stretch prior to the NPSL all-star game break has started out quite well for Detroit.

On Friday, the Rockers won for the third time this season when they upended the Baltimore Blast 14-10. It was a big win over a quality opponent; the Blast are second in the American Conference at 13-6, 1 1/2 games behind first-place Philadelphia.

On Sunday, the Rockers went on the road to play the Kansas City Attack. The results were identical: a 14-10 Detroit win, sparked again by the strong goal-keeping of Alan Placek.

Placek had not started a game all season until Friday, and his performance against Baltimore was superlative. He made 17 saves while surrendering just 10 points.

That earned him another start against Kansas City, and again Placek responded with a strong showing, giving up 10 points and making 17 stops.

The turning point in Sunday's game was the second quarter, and Martin Nash supplied the offense. Nash scored a pair of three-point goals in the period; combined with a pair of assists he also earned, he finished the game with eight points.

Tim Ernst added a pair of two-point goals for the Rockers, who led 10-8 at halftime thanks to the eight-point second period. They increased their advantage to 12-8 after three quarters.

Please see ROCKERS, D4

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING PREVIEW

Title time?

Chiefs aiming to take crown from CC

By RICHARD SHOOK
SPORTS WRITER

Redford Catholic Central is the favorite at the annual Observerland Wrestling meet — except at Plymouth Canton.

"We've had such a strong team this year it's probably between Catholic Central and us," coach John Demisick of Canton said on the eve of Saturday's Observerland meet at Livonia Churchill High School. "We're certainly going for it."

"I'm sure he will," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "And I'm sure our kids are going to be ready for them. They (the Chiefs) were coming out of the woods last year."

Admission for the meet, which begins at 9 a.m. in the Churchill gym, is \$5 for an all-day ticket.

"Because of construction," host coach Marty Altounian said, "there is more parking in back of the school than there is in the front."

The event is an individual style tournament with team standings kept. Matches will be contested continuously through third place.

There will be a half-hour break with the finals being highlighted one weight classification at a time, beginning with the heavyweight title match at about 6 p.m.

Trophies will be given to the top three teams in the

standings with medals for the top six individuals. In addition, there will be plaques for the Most Valuable Wrestlers in the lower and upper weight divisions.

CC is generally considered the team to beat.

"Why," Rodriguez said, "because we won last year?" The Shamrocks were the team to beat in last year's Observerland — and nobody beat them. Livonia Stevenson finished a close second, however.

Canton, Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn are among this year's chief challengers.

"Those are the favorites," Altounian said. "They're the teams to look out for. The area is getting stronger. There should be a little bit more parity than in year's past."

There are 16 schools in the meet and coach Bob Moreau of Stevenson noted that injuries could be the determining factor.

"There's a lot of good individual talent out there," Moreau said. "I haven't seen Canton, but I've heard they're pretty strong."

"We'll be all right," Rodriguez said. "We'll have some kids out of the lineup. But so does everybody. The bug's going around. It hurts everybody."

Several 2000 champions are eligible to defend their titles.

Aaron Parr of CC returns in the heavyweight divi-

Please see OBSERVERLAND, D4

Despite split results, Whalers move up to OHL's top position



Too bad their penalty-kill wasn't as effective as their power-play.

The Plymouth Whalers rallied from a goal behind to take the lead midway through the third period of their game Saturday against

the visiting Kingston Frontenacs, scoring a pair of power-play goals.

But with 7:37 remaining, Travis Lisabeth collected Kingston's second power-play goal in four chances to tie the game at 4-all and eventually force overtime. At 1:08 of the extra period, Lisabeth fed Andrew Ianiero and Ianiero found the net to give the Frontenacs a 5-4 victory.

The result left Plymouth with a 29-7-4-3 record; however, the Whalers' 5-1 win Friday at Sault Ste. Marie managed to boost them into a tie for the overall lead in the Ontario Hockey League with 65 points, matching the Erie Otters' point total (Erie played two more games).

Kingston was 20-16-9-1 through the weekend.

A first-period power-play goal by Cole Jarrett (assisted by Damian Surma and Preston Mizzi) was offset by a power-play goal scored by

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Chiefs shock WLAA champions

The pivotal match of the regular season had already been decided. Certainly that's what Walled Lake Central's volleyball team must've figured when Plymouth Canton visited Monday.

The Vikings had already beaten their top adversary for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, which they are defending, last week when they defeated Plymouth Salem. And Salem demolished Canton prior to that, beating them in straight sets.

A slow start nearly cost Central. Strong serving by Mary Kryska allowed the Chiefs to take a 7-0 lead in the opening game. However, the Vikings displayed their championship form, battling back to beat Canton 18-16 in that first game.

The Chiefs would fold their tents after that, surely. They'd given Central their best shot and come up short.

If the Vikings thought that, they were very much mistaken. Canton rallied behind its superior serving to win the second game 15-9, setting the stage for

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a pivotal game three.

It seemed Central had finally found its championship form. The Vikings pounded Canton from the start, building a 12-1 lead.

But it wasn't enough. Meghan Meier served six-straight points for the Chiefs and they kept chipping away, putting together an improbable rally that earned them an upset 15-12 victory in the decisive third game.

The win boosted Canton's overall record to 12-7-1; the Chiefs are 1-2 in the WLAA.

"This was the classical example of how a small team can defeat a much larger team by offsetting their attack with aggressive serving," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "This was a true team victory. Every player on the team was on the floor for us using her own specialized skill to defeat a heavily-favored opponent."

"This is one of those victories that the players and the program can remember for a very long time."

Leading the Chiefs were Kryska, who had 24 set assists and 24 errorless serves; Meier, with 17 errorless serves including two aces; Courtney Jarman, with 11 kills, three aces, a solo block and a block assist; Ashley Williams, with seven kills and six digs; Jennifer Wagner, with 15 digs; and Christina Kiessel, with three service aces.

Solid serving together with Kryska's setting and Jarman's dink kills combined to keep Central off-balance. With Kryska serving two points, Canton took a 13-12 lead; Jarman served point No. 14, and Williams got the game-winner.

It was a welcome reprieve that had its beginning last Saturday at the 24-team University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational. Canton went 5-1 in the tournament to finish third overall.

The Chiefs swept through their pool play, beating Jonesville 15-7, 15-6; River Rouge 15-0, 15-5; and Dearborn

Fordson 15-9, 15-9. In the 16-team championship bracket, Canton first went up against North Farmington, and the Chiefs came away with a 15-8, 15-1 victory.

That put them into the quarterfinals against Milford Lakeland, and Canton's momentum kept them rolling to a 15-6, 15-3 triumph. In the semifinals, the Chiefs faced Dearborn and they kept surging, winning the first game 15-13. But they could sustain it no longer; the Pioneers won the second game 15-11 and in a rally-scoring third game, they held off Canton for a 15-7 victory.

Dearborn ended up winning the tournament title.

Leaders for the tournament for the Chiefs were Kryska with 112 set assists; Meier, with 57 digs, 15 service aces and 55 kills; Williams, with 43 digs, 15 aces and 28 kills; Kiessel, with 33 aces and 28 digs; Wagner, with 34 digs and 20 kills; Colleen O'Brien, with six service aces; and Jarman, with 38 kills, 35 digs and eight aces.

Salem stops N'ville

The eight service aces collected by Plymouth Salem Monday against visiting WLAA rival Northville accounted for more than twice the number of points the Mustangs scored in the entire match, as the Rocks rolled to a 15-3, 15-1 victory.

The win boosted Salem's overall record to 12-5; in the WLAA, the Rocks are 2-1.

Jill Dombrowski turned in a strong all-around game with four kills, four service aces, 10 set assists and three digs. Katie Good contributed a team-best seven kills (.667 kill percentage), one ace and four digs; Mary Lou Liebau had three kills and an ace; Tiffani Erickson had three kills and a block; Dayna Niemi had two aces; and Jordan Falcusan totaled six set assists and five digs.

Salem, which played at Westland John Glenn last night, is now idle until Monday when it hosts Farmington.

Strong finish carries Canton past North; Agape 7-0

Going into the fourth quarter of its game Tuesday at North Farmington, Plymouth Canton's basketball team found itself trailing by seven. The Chiefs scored only two baskets in that final period, but they also limited the Raiders to one — and they nailed 13-of-18 free throws

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in the period to battle back to win, 49-43.

The victory boosted Canton's overall record to 4-6. The Chiefs are 3-1 in the Western Lakes

Activities Association. North fell to 5-5 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA.

The difference came at the line and on the boards. Canton converted 20-of-30 free throws for the game, while the Raiders managed to make just 7-of-14.

The Chiefs also had a 28-17 rebounding advantage.

"We dealt with their pressure well in the fourth," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We came back and found a way to win it. We won it at the free throw line in the fourth quarter."

North had the early advantage, building a 21-13 lead after one quarter. The Raiders were up 28-23 at halftime and stretched it to 38-31 after three periods.

"We threw the ball all over the gym," said Rheault. "They came at us hard on defense. They were very tough."

But the Chiefs hung in there. "We're continuing to defend, we're continuing to rebound, and we scored a little as well," said Rheault.

Jerry Gaines was again pivotal to Canton's success. He led the Chiefs with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Oliver Wolcott added 11 points.

But although five of Gaines' points came in the pivotal fourth quarter, he wasn't the only Chief to step forward. Jason Priebe nailed a three-pointer early in the period — Canton's only triple of the game — to get the momen-

tum rolling.

Marcus McComb topped the Raiders with 13 points. Blair Weiss added 12.

Agape 54, Life Summit 46: Canton Agape Christian expanded its 10-point halftime lead to 19 after three quarters and coasted to the win from there Tuesday at Wayne Memorial HS.

The Wolverines improved to 7-0. Life Summit is 7-3.

A final push in the fourth quarter allowed Life Summit to narrow the final margin to eight, but it was never closer than that. Paul Anleitner led Agape with 13 points; Charlie Henry and Rob Hough contributed 11 points apiece.

Life Summit was led by Andrew Haywood with 17 points. Curtis Cross added 12.

Agape led 15-8 after one quarter, 28-18 at the half and 42-23 after three quarters.

PCA 62, Taylor Baptist Park 53: Full-court pressure wasn't the answer for Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday at Taylor

Baptist Park. Eagles' coach Doug Taylor found that out quickly enough.

"We pressed them early and they were scoring layups off our pressure," Taylor said. "So we went to a man-to-man (defense) in the second quarter and the kids did a real good job defensively the last three quarters."

PCA trailed 21-12 after one period, but over the last three periods, the Eagles outscored Taylor Baptist 50-32.

PCA improved to 2-6 overall and got its first win in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference play; the Eagles are 1-3.

Clay Welton, a sophomore forward, had a superb performance for PCA, pouring in 27 points and grabbing seven rebounds. James Bauslaugh and Aaron Hamblin, both junior guards, chipped in with 12 points apiece, and Tyler Williams nabbed 10 boards while scoring three points.

David Watkins' 20 points paced Taylor Baptist.

Friday is homecoming for the Eagles. They host Southfield Christian at 7 p.m.

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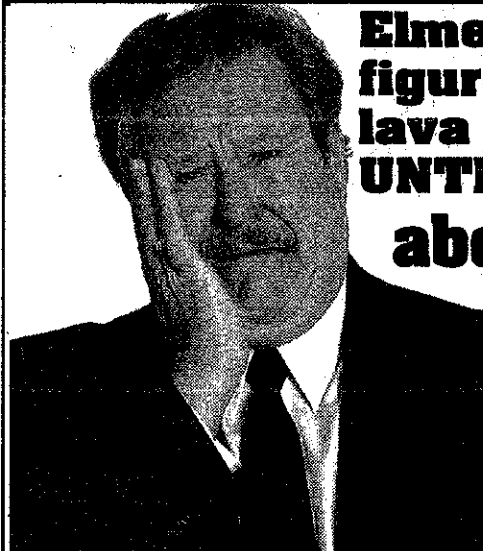
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Ocelots retain top spot in league

Schoolcraft College remained in first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 97-75 triumph Monday at Macomb CC.

Schoolcraft, Henry Ford and Flint Mott each have one loss in the conference.

With DePaul University coach Pat Kennedy in attendance, Schoolcraft's Sam Hoskin, a 6-foot-8 center via Redford Bishop Borgess High and Eastern Kentucky, led the victorious Ocelots (16-2, 6-1) with 32 points and nine rebounds.

Four others scored in double figures for SC including Mike Evola and Mike Peek, 12 each; Dave McGlown and Javon Clark, 10 apiece. Derrick Bird contributed nine.

McGlown also had six assists, while Dwight Windom had eight rebounds and six steals.

Macomb (3-10, 1-5), which trailed 43-26 at intermission, got 20 points from Duran Franklin and 12 from Ralph Sylvester.

Schoolcraft shot 32 of 60 from the floor

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(53.3 percent) and 27 of 34 from the free throw line (79.4 percent).

The Ocelots outrebounded Macomb 33-25.

SIENA HTS. 89, MADONNA 85: First place Siena Heights had quite a struggle Saturday with host Madonna University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Conference Athletic Conference match.

The Saints, who improved to 20-3 overall and 5-1 in the WHAC, trailed 20-8 at the outset before battling back to within three (37-34) at halftime.

In the second half, Siena Heights got back on track, outscoring the Crusaders 13-2 in one 2 1/2-minute stretch to go from a 60-all tie to a 73-62 lead with 7:27 left to play.

But Madonna (6-15 overall, 2-4 in the WHAC) wasn't through yet. Led by Mike Massey, Aaron Cox and Narvin Russaw, the Crusaders trimmed Siena Heights' 78-66 lead down to 87-85 on a three-pointer by Cox with 11 seconds left.

In that 5:42 span, Madonna outscored the

Saints 19-9, with Massey scoring eight, Russaw six and Cox five.

However, the Crusaders were forced to foul and Siena Heights' George King hit two free throws with two seconds left to clinch the victory.

Massey finished with a game-high 27 points, including five threes. He also had four assists. Russaw scored 20 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked three shots, and Cox totaled 13 points, six boards and two steals. Chad Nadolni chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Siena Heights got 18 points apiece from Jeff Gullckson and Matt Baaki. Gullckson also grabbing 21 rebounds (11 offensive), blocking two shots and making three steals. Sean Carlson scored 14 points.

Madonna certainly had the sharper shooting eye, converting 31-of-58 floor shots (53.4 percent) and 8-of-19 three-pointers (42.1 percent). The Saints were 34-of-83 from the field (41 percent) and 10-of-30 on threes (33.3 percent).

The difference was in turnovers — Madonna had 23 to Siena Heights' 17 — and rebounding. The Saints had a commanding 51-38 edge on the

boards, including a 28-9 advantage in offensive rebounding.

SCHOOLCRAFT 96, HENRY FORD 83: Henry Ford, the last unbeaten team in the Eastern Conference, fell Saturday to host Schoolcraft College as Sam Hoskin, bound for DePaul University, led the way with a game-high 28 points on 16 of 20 shooting from the free throw line.

Hoskin also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Nick Evola, a 6-7 forward headed to Western Michigan, added 20 points, while point-guard Dave McGlown chipped in with 16 points and nine assists.

Derrick Bird and Dwight Windom each added eight for the Ocelots (15-2, 5-1).

Henry Ford (11-4, 4-1) had four players in double figures led by Daryl Mason's 21 points. Sean Powell and Randy Royal added 17 and 16, respectively, while Josh Boven (Redford Thurston) contributed 13.

Henry Ford trailed 42-31 at halftime and by as many as 23 points in the second half.

The Hawks were 17 of 24 from the free throw line, while Schoolcraft was 25 of 34.

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Women's Standings

Eastern Conf.	League	Overall
Schoolcraft College	7-0	14-2
Delta College	6-1	15-2
St. Clair CCC	5-1	11-6
Flint Mott CC	4-2	11-5
Henry Ford CC	3-3	9-7
Oakland CC	2-5	6-10
Macomb CC	1-5	2-12
Alpena CC	1-6	2-14
Wayne CCCD	0-6	1-8
Kirtland CC	0-0	5-14

Western Conf.	League	Overall
Kalamazoo Valley CC	6-0	16-1
Lake Michigan	4-1	14-3
Grand Rapids CC	3-2	9-6
Glen Oaks CC	2-3	10-7
Muskegon CC	2-3	9-8
Kellogg CC	2-3	7-10
Lansing CC	2-3	6-10
Ancilla College	0-5	5-11

Men's Standings

Eastern Conf.	League	Overall
Schoolcraft College	6-1	16-2
Henry Ford CC	5-1	12-4
Flint Mott CC	5-1	16-1
St. Clair CCC	4-2	8-8
Oakland CC	3-4	7-11
Alpena CC	3-4	9-9
Macomb CC	1-5	3-10
Wayne CCCD	1-5	5-9
Delta College	1-6	2-15
Kirtland CC	0-0	12-7

Western Conf.	League	Overall
Muskegon CC	4-1	13-3
Grand Rapids CC	4-1	14-1
Glen Oaks CC	3-2	10-7
Kalamazoo Valley CC	3-2	14-3
Lansing CC	3-2	6-10
Ancilla College	2-3	9-8
Kellogg CC	1-4	6-8
Lake Michigan Coll.	0-5	4-11

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Fiorenzi leads Madonna to a victory

Kristi Fiorenzi and Kathy Paganis combined for 52 points as Madonna University used an 11-0 run early in the first half to take control of its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game against Siena Heights Saturday, riding it to a 93-77 triumph at Madonna.

The win boosted the Lady Crusaders' overall record to 10-9; they are 5-1 in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 7-15 overall, 0-6 in the conference.

A basket by the Saints' Allison Camp with 16:25 remaining in the first half had given Siena Heights a 10-9 lead. Madonna's Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS) answered with five points, with Lori Enfield scoring four and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) adding a basket

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over the next 2:37 to give the Crusaders a 20-10 lead.

Madonna's lead was never less than seven the remainder of the game. Indeed, the Crusaders' cushion — 53-40 at halftime — was never in single figures in the second half.

Fiorenzi's career-high 28 points paced the Crusaders. She also had seven rebounds. Paganis finished with 24 points and four steals. Next best for Madonna was Enfield with nine points and eight boards; Carissa Gizicki totaled three points, seven assists and three steals.

The Saints were led by Stephanie Sprow's 19 points.

Amanda Lafontaine contributed 15 points and Tessa Taylor scored 11.

Both sides shot pretty well, Madonna making 32-of-59 from the floor (54.2 percent) and 27-of-35 from the free-throw line (77.1 percent). Siena Heights hit 29-of-66 from the field (43.9 percent) and 12-of-17 from the stripe (70.6 percent). The Saints committed 25 turnovers to 18 for Madonna.

SC 111, Macomb CC 49: National rankings were released Monday, and Schoolcraft College — after defeating fifth-ranked Delta CC last week — was in the NJCAA's top 10, ranked seventh. Delta slipped to 10th.

On Monday at Macomb CC, the Lady Ocelots proved they belonged by dominating the host Monarchs. SC raced out

to a 56-16 lead by halftime and coasted to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference victory.

The Ocelots are 14-2 overall, 7-0 (and in first place) in the conference. Macomb is 1-6 in the conference, 2-13 overall.

Six players reached double figures in scoring for SC, led by Carla Saxton with 18 points. Devin Francois added 17 points and 10 rebounds, Rachel Eley had 15 points and nine assists, Janelle Olson netted 14 points, and Kelly Grenan (from Redford Thurston) and Keysa Hamilton scored 11 points apiece. Grenan hitting three three-pointers and Hamilton grabbing 10 rebounds.

Courtney Ragbaine topped Macomb with 18 points.


SC 90, Henry Ford CC 60: It took Schoolcraft College awhile to get going

Saturday against visiting Henry Ford CC, but once the Lady Ocelots got on track they demolished the Hawks.

The Ocelots trailed 18-15 with 10:28 left in the first half when they turned things around. A 10-0 run gave them the lead for good, propelling them to a 41-28 halftime advantage. It was never close in the second half.

Four players reached double-figures in scoring for SC, led by Janelle Olson's 16 points. Carla Saxton added 12 and Angelica Blakely and Devin Francois had 10 apiece. Francois had seven rebounds, while Blakely and Saxton grabbed six apiece. Rachel Eley finished with eight points, 10 assists, eight steals and five boards.

Katie Martin topped the Hawks with 24 points, five rebounds and five steals.



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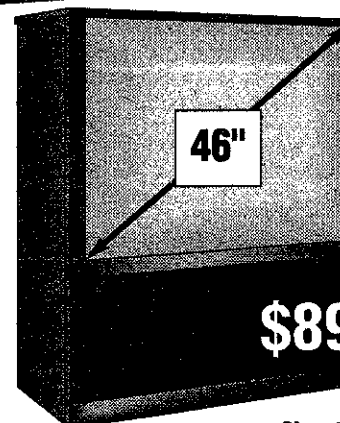
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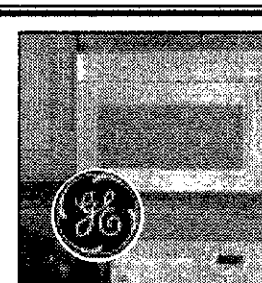


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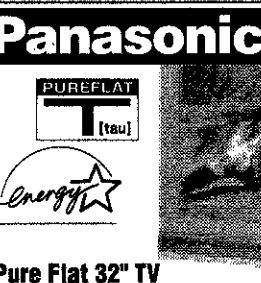
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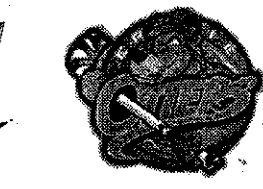


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sion while Phil Rothwell of Canton is back at 189 pounds.

Imad Kharbush of Stevenson won at 152 pounds a year ago, but is wrestling at 160 this season. Ryan Rogowski of CC is again at 171.

Kharbush brings a 26-1 record into the meet, his lone loss coming at a recent tournament.

The Spartans' Chris Coopridge won at 145 pounds last year and is wrestling at that weight again this season.

Catholic Central is obviously the team to beat." Canton's Demsick said. "We're excited about it."

"We arranged to have a dual meet with them that was cancelled because of snow. They weren't able to make the postponement date we came up with, so we haven't seen them. They're always strong."

"Stevenson should fare well, too."

The Spartans' Billy Bullock, who wrestles at 125, was hurt during the weekend, but Moreau's hopeful he'll be able to compete in the Observerland meet.

Rodriguez is holding one of his top wrestlers out, grandson Nate Rodriguez. The youngster is recuperating from a broken hand and was scheduled to have the cast removed today.

"But I'm not going to use him," Mike Rodriguez said. "I'm going to hold him out for another week. I don't want to take a chance."

CC's Jay Abshire has been wrestling well at 145 and could unseat Coopridge.

Canton, meanwhile, has depth.

The Chiefs have Kyle Pitt doing well at 119 pounds, Joe Faraoni at 152, Doy Demsick at 125, Greg Musser rated high at 140 and, of course, Rothwell at 189.

Rothwell "has had just an outstanding year," Demsick said. "He should fare well."

"We typically have been placing 11 people at tournaments. One of the things we have going for us is that we're very well rounded."

"We have Scott McKee (171), Derek McWatt (heavyweight), Shaheen Rajee (160), Mike Siegrist (145), Chris Hoxey (135) and Ozzie Wagner (215) have been strong wrestlers for us."

"In truth, we have quite a few guys capable of accomplishing a lot."

Stevenson is looking for good things from Matt Radley at 140 with Paul Bargerstock (215), sophomore Charlie Rabaut at 112 and Jason Fischer at 119.

"They'll score some points for us," Moreau said. "There are some good teams there. It's going to be a good meet."

"There are a lot of teams that are evenly matched. A lot depends on who comes in the healthiest."

Other wrestlers who have been having strong seasons for CC include Tim Mulroy (119), Mike Werner (140), Casey Hilliker (160) and Blaine Naismith (189).

"We're just starting to come on — just like last year, we're late bloomers," Rodriguez said. "We're getting much tougher."

"The competition we've had the last couple of meets is starting to show they can hold their own, compared to the beginning of the year."

The Shamrocks lost to Temperance-Bedford and Howell last weekend in a tournament, but defeated Roseville, Wyandotte and Stevenson.

"The Stevenson match was a donnybrook, a good one," Rodriguez said. "He had some people out of his lineup. We had some people out of our lineup. Bob's a good coach. He does a good job."

"It's going to be a race. Canton's going to be sitting, waiting."

"I'm not nervous about our guys," Demsick said. "I have great confidence in them. We should have a good meet. We have a lot of respect for the other teams out there."

"We dropped the ball in the first round of a tournament last week. We did a good job coming back, but weren't able to come back all the way. Hopefully we'll be a little more prepared this time."

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Kingston's Brett Clouthier. Plymouth took a 2-1 lead when Bryan Thompson scored with 5:13 left in the opening period, assisted by Ryan O'Keefe and Chad Larose.

The Frontenacs dominated the second period, getting goals from Chris Cook and Cory Stillman to take a 3-2 lead. The Whalers recaptured the momentum early in the third period with power-play goals by Tomas Kurka and Surma; Mizzi assisted on both. Surma and Stephen Weiss also assisted.

Kingston goalie Peter Hamerlik earned the win, improving to 17-11-6 with a 2.90 goals-against average. He made 26 saves. Rob Zepp took the loss for Plymouth, making 22 saves; he's 25-9-2 overall with a 2.37 goals-against average and a .911 save percentage.

On Friday at Sault Ste. Marie, the Whalers specialty-team play was exceptional. They scored twice on the power play and twice more short-handed in subduing the Greyhounds.

Weiss did a lot of the damage, getting two goals and assisting on another; the two scores gave him a team-leading 28 goals (and 65 points) for the season.

Weiss' first goal, on the power play, came 4:14 into the opening period. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and

Jarrett assisted.

Mizzi made it 2-0 just 2:15 later with a short-handed score, assisted by Surma. It was Mizzi's 18th goal of the season.

Wisniewski made it 3-0 with another power-play marker 1:31 into the second period; Weiss and Stacey Britstone assisted. The Greyhounds (16-24-4-2 through the weekend) narrowed the gap to 3-1 on a goal by Rob Chapman at the 15:03 mark of the second period.

But Weiss' second goal of the game (Jared Newman assisted) and a short-handed score by Stewart in the third period safely put the game away for the Whalers, who were 2-for-4 on the power play and successfully killed off six Greyhound power plays.

Zepp made 21 saves in goal for Plymouth. Ray Emery faced 37 shots in goal for Sault Ste. Marie.

This will be a busy weekend for the Whalers. They play at Guelph, which boasts the third-best record in the OHL, on Friday, return home for a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday against Kitchener at Compuware

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS Through Jan. 21					
East Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Belleville Bulls	27	13	3	0	57
Ottawa 67's	20	15	7	3	50
Kingston Frontenacs	20	16	9	1	50
Peterborough Petes	19	21	5	1	44
Oshawa Generals	12	25	6	2	32
Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Toronto St. M. Majors	23	14	5	2	53
Sudbury Wolves	19	18	4	1	43
Barrie Colts	18	18	6	1	43
North Bay Centennials	18	22	3	2	41
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	33	6	1	13
West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	29	7	4	3	65
Windsor Spitfires	20	15	6	4	50
London Knights	17	23	4	1	39
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	16	24	4	2	38
Sarnia Sting	15	23	6	1	37
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Erie Otters	28	8	9	0	65
Guelph Storm	26	12	8	1	61
Owen Sound Attack	23	16	5	1	52
Brampton Battalion	20	16	7	3	50
Kitchener Rangers	18	22	6	0	42

Arena, then travel to take on the Windsor Spitfires — second to Plymouth in the OHL's West Division — at 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Martin Dugas also had a two-point goal for Detroit (the game-winner); the other goal was scored by Droe Callahan. Matt Knowles and Marciano Boumann each contributed two assists.

In his two starts, Placek is 2-0; for the season, he has an 11.92 points-allowed-per-game, nearly three points better than the next best Rockers' goalie.

Kansas City got two two-point goals from Wes Wade and single two-pointers from Novi Marojevic, Alex Zoltnica and Mirsad Dzilic. Kevin

Zimmerman made seven saves in goal for the Attack, who fell to 5-15.

Detroit is 4-16.

The Rockers play at Toronto at 7:30 p.m. tonight, then return home to play the Thunderhawks at 7:35 p.m. Friday. Toronto is first in the National Conference with an 11-7 record.

Bowers top vote-getter

Detroit Rockers' defender Sean Bowers tied Wichita's Braeden Cloutier as the top vote-getter for the National Conference's all-star team in a ballot of NPSL coaches and

general managers. Bowers will start the 14th annual all-star game, which will be Feb. 14 in Buffalo.

"I am honored and excited to be representing the Rockers at the all-star game," Bowers said. "I think more of our players deserve to be there, besides me. Anytime you receive an individual honor, you have to credit your teammates as well."

"I am looking forward to making a good showing in Buffalo and, more importantly, helping the Rockers get into the playoffs this season."

Bowers is currently seventh in the NPSL in scoring with 66 points. He was named on 80 percent of the ballots cast, probably because he has scored at least one point in all 17 games he has appeared in this season (Bowers missed the last three with a groin injury).

Besides leading Detroit in scoring, he ranks second on the team in blocks with 42 (Droe Callahan is first with 45).

Bowers will be making his fourth all-star appearance.



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TB now striking at Michigan's elk herd

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



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Biologists feared it would happen, but up until recently Michigan's prized elk herd had remained unaffected by the bovine tuberculosis outbreak that has plagued our whitetail deer herd in the northern Lower

tional management hunt is taking place through Jan. 26, because this year's harvest goal had not been met following three hunts held in August, September and December.

For now the DNR plans to continue on with its TB eradication plan with hopes that, in time, we can remove this dreaded disease from our prized big game animals. It will take time and patience.

Keep your fingers crossed.

Outdoors program for women

Women interested in learning more about the outdoors should look into the DNR's Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. BOW offers classes and workshops throughout the year at various locations around the state in an effort to introduce outdoor recreation to women.

BOW is holding a three-day workshop at the Nettie Bay

Lodge in Presque Isle County on Feb. 23-25. The program will offer classes in cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing, rabbit hunting, winter survival and mushing a team of sled dogs.

Participants must be 18 years or older and there is limit of 25 participants. The registration fee, which covers lodging, meals and all instruction, is just \$125. To register and for more information contact Nancy Thurston

at (810) 392-2111. For additional information on all the BOW programs contact Lynn Marla at (517) 241-2225 or send email to marla@state.mi.us.

Winter is here to stay. You might as well get out and enjoy it.

Events/clubs

■ The Oakland County Sport-fishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of

every month at Santa Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

■ The 7th annual Sporting Flies Competition and What's New in Tackle exhibit begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Southfield Civic Center. Call (248) 652-6957 or (248) 683-3688 for more information.

Peninsula.

That all changed with the announcement earlier this week that a cow elk has tested positive for the disease. The elk, a five-year-old female, was killed by a hunter during the December hunt in Montmorency County. Mandatory tests, which are performed on nearly all of the elk killed by hunters, revealed the dreaded results.

While further tests are being conducted to positively identify the bacteria, officials close to the case are confident it is the same strain of TB that is infecting our deer.

The big question confronting officials now is what to do. The sad answer is that we are already doing everything we can, short of total eradication of the herd — an option not yet being discussed — and the disease has still surfaced.

There is already a baiting and feeding ban — two practices officials believe helps spread the disease — across the elk range because of the TB outbreak in our deer. The size of the herd is kept in balance with the carrying capacity of their range through annual hunts. Testing of the harvested animals has been ongoing since 1996. To date, 760 elk have been tested and this is the first to test positive.

Elk disappeared from Michigan in the late 1800s. In 1918, seven western elk were transported to and released in the Pigeon River State Forest area. The animals prospered and grew into a herd of some 1,500 by the early 1960s.

Unfortunately, because of several factors, the most notable of which were low-quality habitat and rampant poaching, the herd took a hit and was reduced to a mere 200 animals by 1975. Public interest grew and better management practices revived the herd to better than 1,000 animals by the early 1980s.

In 1984, the DNR held the first modern day elk hunt in Michigan in an effort to maintain a winter herd of 800 to 900 animals. Hunts have been held every year since. In fact, an addi-

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"Tochman played a great game inside for us," Brodie said. "I was also pleased with the way our sophomore point guard, Kevin Savitskie, played. He doesn't do a lot of things statistically, but he played a steady offensive game and we had him matched up against their top offensive threat on defense."

Senior guard Will Pendergrass was the lone Charger to break into double figures, netting 16.

"Will has really stepped up for us this year," Austin said. "He's been our go-to guy most of the season and he's been solid."

Salem solved Churchill's full-court pressure with ease in the first quarter and exploded to an early 16-2 lead. The Rocks improved their advantage to 24-5 with 6:10 left in the first half on a fast-break lay-up from Haar.

Following a time-out, Churchill mounted a comeback that got it back into the game at halftime. Led by Pendergrass and a smothering defense, the Chargers put together a 15-2 run late in the second quarter to cut their deficit to 26-20 at the intermission.

Salem led 35-28 after three quarters, but saw its tenuous lead shrink to 37-34 when Pendergrass nailed a twisting jumper in the lane with 6:25 to go.

Unfortunately for Churchill, Pendergrass's bucket was the last one the Chargers would convert for over five minutes as the Rocks put the game away with a series of fast-break lay-ups and inside power moves. Tochman was the top gun during the onslaught, accounting for seven points. Haar dished out three assists and had two steals during the game-deciding 18-0 run that ended with Salem up 55-34.



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Fun energetic, 23 yr old female, enjoys sports, concerts, music, and more. Looking for a male, 25 to 27, who enjoys cuddling up on the couch and watching a movie. BOX 10737

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21 yr old single white mother of two, 5'1", medium build, brown hair and eyes, looking for a trustworthy male, 25 to 34 who enjoys dining out, going out for a drink and more. Must like children. BOX 10760

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White widowed female, 52 yrs old, 5'4", enjoys country music, slow dancing, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a big tall handsome gentleman, 52 to 60, non-smoker, drug-free, family oriented, for a possible relationship. BOX 14130

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58 yr old, 4'11", 155 lbs, retired, white single female with blonde hair and brown eyes, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, animals, movies, reading, dancing and much more. New to the area. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, around the same age, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14201

REAL LOVE!

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 38, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14259

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Single white female, in her 60's, 5'5", 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. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, biking, shoot pool, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14303

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!

37 yr old, divorced white female, 5'8", full figured, long dark brown hair and green eyes, great sense of humor, loving, 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 white male, age is open, for dating 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 32686

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

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

SHOOTING STAR

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

LOVE THE OUTDOORS

Single white female, 40, 5'4", and medium voluptuous. Enjoys camping, fishing, campfires and quiet times. Seeks a white man, 38 to 45, tall, dark and handsome, with similar interest. For friendship first, possible long term relationship. Down River area. Wayne county. BOX 32001

LOOKING FOR YOU!

25 yr old, 5'2", petite build, single white female with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male, 25 to 30, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32406

HONEST & TRUE

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

SEEKING ROMANCE

Interesting, beautiful, spiritual divorced professional white female, 39, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays, and more. Seeking a single white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area preferred. Wayne county. BOX 32005

A LADY OF CLASS

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

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural red hair, and blue eyes. I do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side. Wayne County. BOX 25568

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LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

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

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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

WANTS A FRIEND

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

ZEST FOR LIFE

Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the mountains, and quiet walks. Seeking a non-smoking, single male, 40 to 50, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162

ATTENTION HARLEYS

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

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes in love, 5'6", 140 lbs, 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

TAL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", adhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks a single white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 25353

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 65, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing. Enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25991

NEW BEGINNINGS

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

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

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

FIRST TIME AD

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

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

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, fit, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as we live it. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25326

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

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 conversation. Seeks male, 52 to 68, Novi Area. Oakland County. BOX 25401

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 40 to 50, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

IT'S TIME

Not sweet, single white mom, 48, perfect, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 56, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

SOUL MATE

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

LOOK UNDER THE STARS

Single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, autism hair and blue eyes, non-smoker, financially stable, enjoys camping, long walks, games, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a female with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10700

MAN IN UNIFORM

Single 43 yr old male, hard working, smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies, flea markets, amusement parks, country music and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 10804

LOVING YOU!

Divorced white male who enjoys long drives, bowling, cooking, movies, playing card and much more. Seeking a single female, 40 to 50, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 10811

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, 5'8", 180 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, fun loving, caring, enjoys camping, hiking, motorcycling, fishing and much more, is seeking a single female, of any race, age, weight and height, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 10848

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 10851

DINNER FOR TWO!

Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendship. BOX 13750

OPEN UR HEART TO ME

Divorced 22 yr old white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, strolls in the park and more. Looking for a female, 20 to 30 with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13757

YOU SHOULD CALL

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

DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?

50 yr old, divorced white widower, 5'6", 165 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, quiet times, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14059

LET'S GET CONNECTED

Divorced 48 yr old white male, adventurous, enjoys movies, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

GIVE ME A CALL!

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

HEAVEN SENT ME

Single male, 5'11", 190 lbs, brown hair, and blue eyes, outgoing, born again Christian. Looking for a female who is attending church, and is active in the church. BOX 14107

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!

Outgoing, 5'9", 160 lbs, white wife 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

RAIN DOWN ON ME

Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

ONE OF A KIND!

19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

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LOOKING 4 A GOOD GUY

Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 160 lbs, divorced white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, 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 27492

VICTIM OF THE GAME

Professional white male, 5'5", 170 lbs, open-minded and caring, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys old cars, outdoor activities and more. Looking for a female with similar interests for companionship. BOX 32430

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 6'4", brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent professional, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is

Chiefs overcome bad start to take 4th

A bad start hurt Plymouth Canton's wrestlers Saturday at the Northwest Challenge Invitational, hosted by Jackson Northwest, but the Chiefs recaptured some of their lost momentum to still manage a fourth-place finish.

Portland won the tournament with 220.5 points. Northwest was second (186) and Trenton placed third (179.5), with Canton next (155). Following the Chiefs were Saline (122), Harper Creek (114), Owosso (109), Adrian (107.5), Chippewa Hills (94.5), Dexter (64), Allen Park (63), Albion (35.5) and Mountie (nine).

"We had hoped to do better, but we let

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down our guard and did not have a good first round," said Canton coach John Demsick. "After that, we had a team meeting and did some 'soul-searching'. Our guys really came back strong from an initial seventh-ranking to take fourth behind state-ranked Portland, Jackson Northwest and Trenton.

"We only ended up with one wrestler, Doy (Demsick), in the spot-lighted finals because of our first round, but 11 of our 14 weight classes placed in the top five places. This

was a great preparation for our up-and-coming tournaments."

Doy Demsick placed second in the 125-pound division. Greg Musser (140), Scott McKee (171) and Phil Rothwell (189) each finished third, with Kyle Pitt (119), Joe Faraoni (152), Shahein Rajae (160) and Ozzie Wagner (215) taking fourths.

Chris Hosey (135), Mike Siegrist (145) and Derek McWatt (275) were fifth-place finishers.

Canton figures to be one of the top contenders for the Observerland Invitational title Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 25

Warren Zoe at Agape, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

Greater Life vs. Agape

at Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m.

S'field Christian at PCA, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 25

Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.

Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Greater Life vs. Agape

at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.

Clarkston Tourney, 9 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 26

Canton at Novi, 6 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield

at Det. Skating Club, 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. North

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 27

Observerland Invitational

at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 27

Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 27

Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 26

Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Thursday, Jan. 25

Det. Rockers at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Toronto vs. Det. Rockers

at Compuware, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 28

Buffalo vs. Det. Rockers

at The Palace, 2:05 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 114

LIVONIA STEVENSON 72

Tuesday at Canton

Dual-meet records: Canton 4-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA.

Event results

200-medley relay: Canton (Brad Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Jon Heiss, Joe Le), 1:45.42.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:53.38; 2. Ryan Ahern (PC), 1:56.18.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:10.09.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 22.28 (state qualifier).

Diving: 1. Blake Brunner (PC), 212.30 points.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 56.17; 2. Yuhei Uno (PC), 59.86.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 48.47 (state qualifying).

500-yard freestyle: 1. Ryan Ahern

(PC), 5:14.81.

200-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Brad Nilson, Joe Le, Ryan Ahern, Matt Wisniewski), 1:36.25.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Brad Nilson (PC), 59.12; 2. Trey Gercak (PC), 1:01.69.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:06.21.

400-yard freestyle relay: Stevenson (Rob Cambridge, Joe Bublitz, Justin Ketterer, Jeff Darby), 3:36.06.

Coach's quotes: "We were planning on swimming them really strong — that was our plan from the beginning. I'm not sure they swam as strong as they could have. We wanted to win all the close races, who would finish second-third-fourth would be decisive. We came through with some great swims with our depth." — Canton's Ed Weber.

Next meet: Canton at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m. Thursday.

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Heard (8.35 on bars, 8.3 on both floor and beam, and 8.25 on vault for a 33.2 all-around); Ann Marie Zielinski, 8.15 on vault; Cammi Carnes, 7.6 in vault; Katie Waldeck, 7.55 on vault; and Jennifer Richards, 7.5 on vault.

For Livonia, Lisa Thompson took second on beam with a 9.25 and Sarah Snow had an 8.55 on floor. Kristen Polanski scored 8.05 and Melanie Hein had a 7.95 on vault.

"It was a weird meet because we started on bars and finished on beam," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "We had two falls on bars that had to count. Starting out the meet that way put a damper on things.

"We pulled through with our highest team score but improvement needs to be done on certain events. We're in the process now of breaking down our routines and clearing away the mistakes. Looking at that score and knowing so many errors could have been eliminated."

That realization could lead to bigger and better things, for both teams.

Salem competes at the Farmington Invitational Saturday.

Canton tumbles

It was a good meet Monday night for Plymouth Canton, which hosted Walled Lake in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet. But it was a better night for Walled Lake, which won easily, 138.4-133.4.

"We had a good meet," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Walled Lake have the strongest team they've ever had — this is only my second loss to them in 22 years.

"We strung some 32 all-arounds together, which was consistent and exciting for this time of year."

Best news for the Chiefs was the return to all-around competition by Amy Driscoll. She finished second with a 34.6 total, placing first in the uneven parallel bars (9.1), tying for third in the floor exercise (9.1), and tying for fifth in both the balance beam (8.95) and vault (8.25).

Audra Ahern was next best for Canton with a 32.95 all-around. She was first in beam (8.95) and had an 8.45 in floor, an 8.15 on vault and a 7.7 on bars.

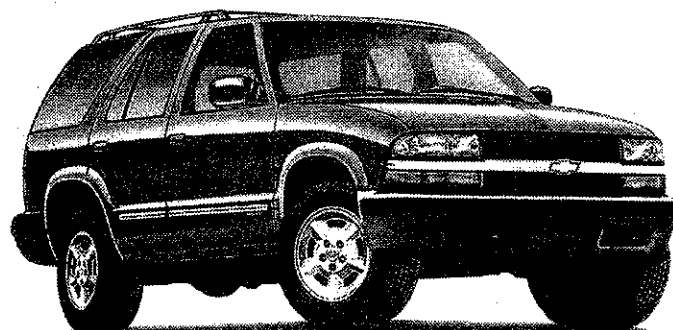
Other top scorers for the Chiefs were Jill Rakovitis (32.75 all-around) with an 8.25 (tied for fifth) in vault, an 8.0 (sixth) in bars, an 8.7 on floor and a 7.8 on beam; J.Q. Williams (32.55 all-around) with an 8.55 (tied for second) on vault, an 8.6 on floor, a 7.65 on bars and a 7.75 on beam; and Kristen Schilk (32.35 all-around) with an 8.8 (sixth) on floor, a 7.9 on vault, a 7.9 on bars and a 7.75 on beam.

Last Saturday, Canton placed sixth at the Holland Invitational with a 128.65 score. Driscoll had the Chiefs best finish, placing second on bars with an 8.5. Williams was eighth on vault with an 8.55. Other noteworthy scores for Canton: Rakovitis, 8.6 on both floor and beam; Schilk, 8.55 on floor, 8.5 on vault; and Ahern, 8.5 on beam.

Canton competes at the Farmington Invitational Saturday.

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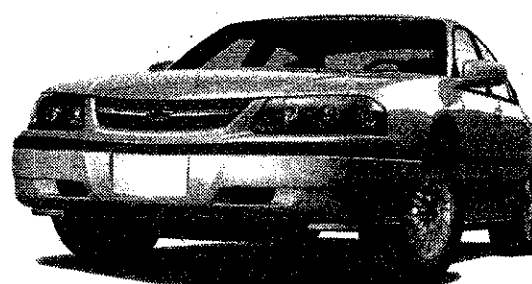
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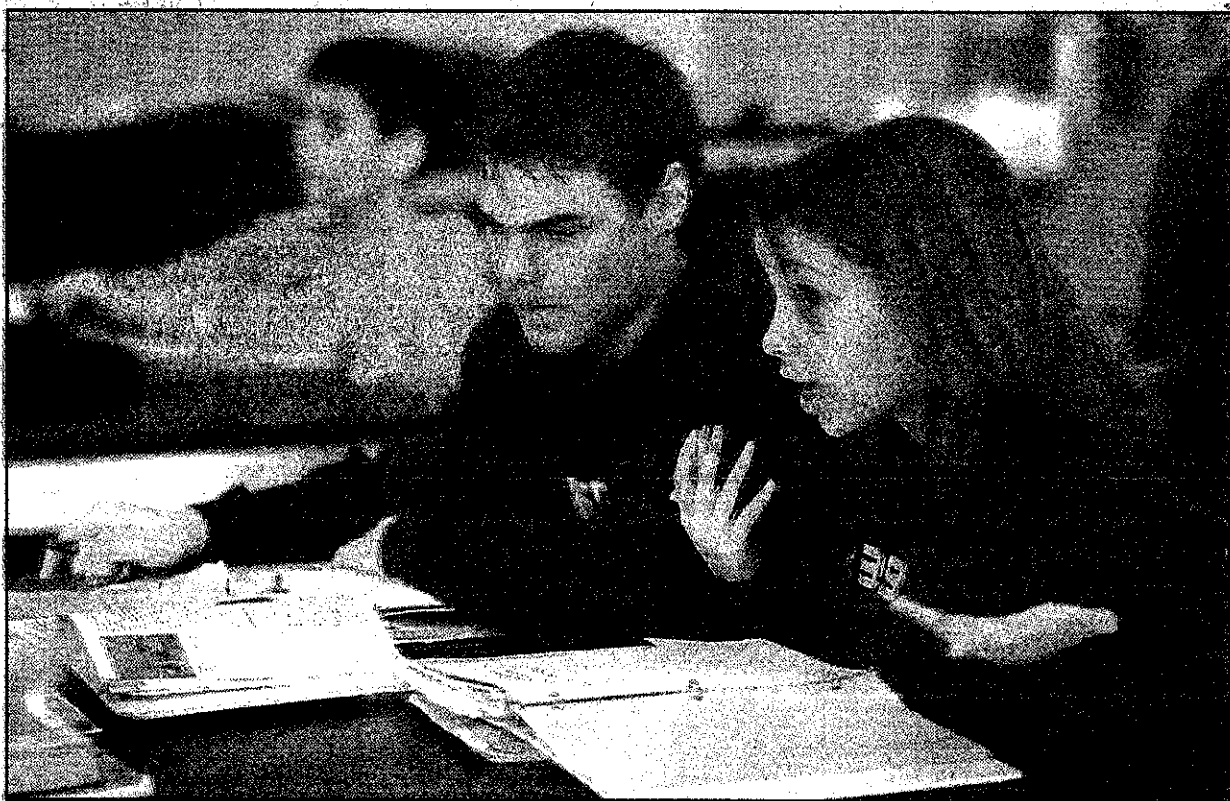
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Memories: Ashley D'Angelo (left) and Tiffany Quiroz, both 12, share some final thoughts following the Winter Dance Jan. 11. Matt Kenison and Chelsea Quiroz are behind them. In the photo at right, Naureen Haroon, 13 (center) and Sabrina Gamig, 14, (right) chat with Alicia Jonik, 13, during a basic drawing class Jan. 8.

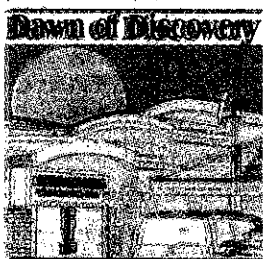


School days: T.J. Crouch, 11, listens to teacher Michelle Willing during his sixth grade Language Arts class Jan. 8. In the photo below, Diana Bartos, 14 (right) reacts to a classmate across the table in eighth grade Science class Jan. 8, as John Peterson, also 14, works on a project.



A photographer gets a firsthand glimpse as kids grow up

Has it already been half of the school year? Is it really already the end of January? Well, as they say, "Time flies when you're having fun." And, although my job keeps me busy covering the communities of Plymouth and Canton, I have to admit that often times it is a lot of fun. Especially when my assignments bring me into the schools in our communities — both public and private. The advent of a new middle school in Canton (the first in the township) induced in me a great sense of adventure. What fun it would be, I thought, to document the year in the life of a middle school. And although we had done a similar project here at



this project has been even more rewarding. There is something extra special about watching these young people, fresh out of elementary school and on the brink of adolescence. This is a wonderful time to watch grade-school kids change before our eyes into teenagers. Growth spurts, crushes and their first real taste of relation-

ships. Trying to find their own identity and also trying to fit in with their peers. It's a privilege to be a part of this time in their lives. So, every week or so, I manage to schedule some time to pop into Discovery Middle School in Canton to sit in a classroom, stroll around during lunch period or hang out at an after school event like one of the many dances.

"Why aren't you dancing?" a young seventh grader asked this 42-year-old recently, as I explained that I was there to work and that my dancing days are mostly behind me. "Come on," she and her friend begged, "you can dance with your cameras." I managed to elude the pursuit of that innocent advance, but there are several of the students who are much more persistent.

"Take my picture," I hear time and again. And again! "Put me on the front page." By this time, most of Discovery's youngsters understand that my only rule is: "If you ask me to take your picture, I won't." My purpose here is to document the development of these young people as they make their own discoveries about themselves and their education —

about life as well as academics. I want to see the triumphs, as well as the devastating blows of youth. The awkwardness of their blossoming bodies; as well as the sparks of sophistication. I'm looking forward to the second semester of this academic year. And, just think, two years from now a new high school looms on the horizon. Youth springs eternal!



Boogie fever: Heather Rivera (from left) Christina Bykowicz and Tiffany Quiroz dance together at the Winter Dance. At right, Principal Roche LaVictor makes the rounds at the dance to "make sure the boys don't have their hands where they aren't supposed to be." Here, LaVictor oversees Jeff Coogan dancing with Melissa Shrimpton (from left) and Shane Gring dancing with Imari Patel at the Jan. 11 after-school event.



Lead paint rules get tougher

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I rent out a house built in 1980. The Department of Housing and Urban Development said people who rent out houses have to make sure they don't have any lead paint, I think.

This is a timely question because property owners have to meet more stringent requirements in order to avoid liability for lead paint hazards under a new comprehensive HUD regulation.

The regulation applies to all housing receiving at least some federal assistance that was built before 1978, the year lead paint was banned based on scientific data lead hazards and the risks of lead poisoning.

There are several changes: Testing must be performed after any lead paint is disturbed to make sure that lead levels are safe. Any remaining contamination that exceeds safe levels must then be cleaned up.

Lead hazard risks must be assessed by certified risk assessors. Deteriorated paint must be stabilized in many circumstances. Special measures must be taken in most cases to reduce occupants' exposure when lead paint is disturbed, including specific measures for containing the area.

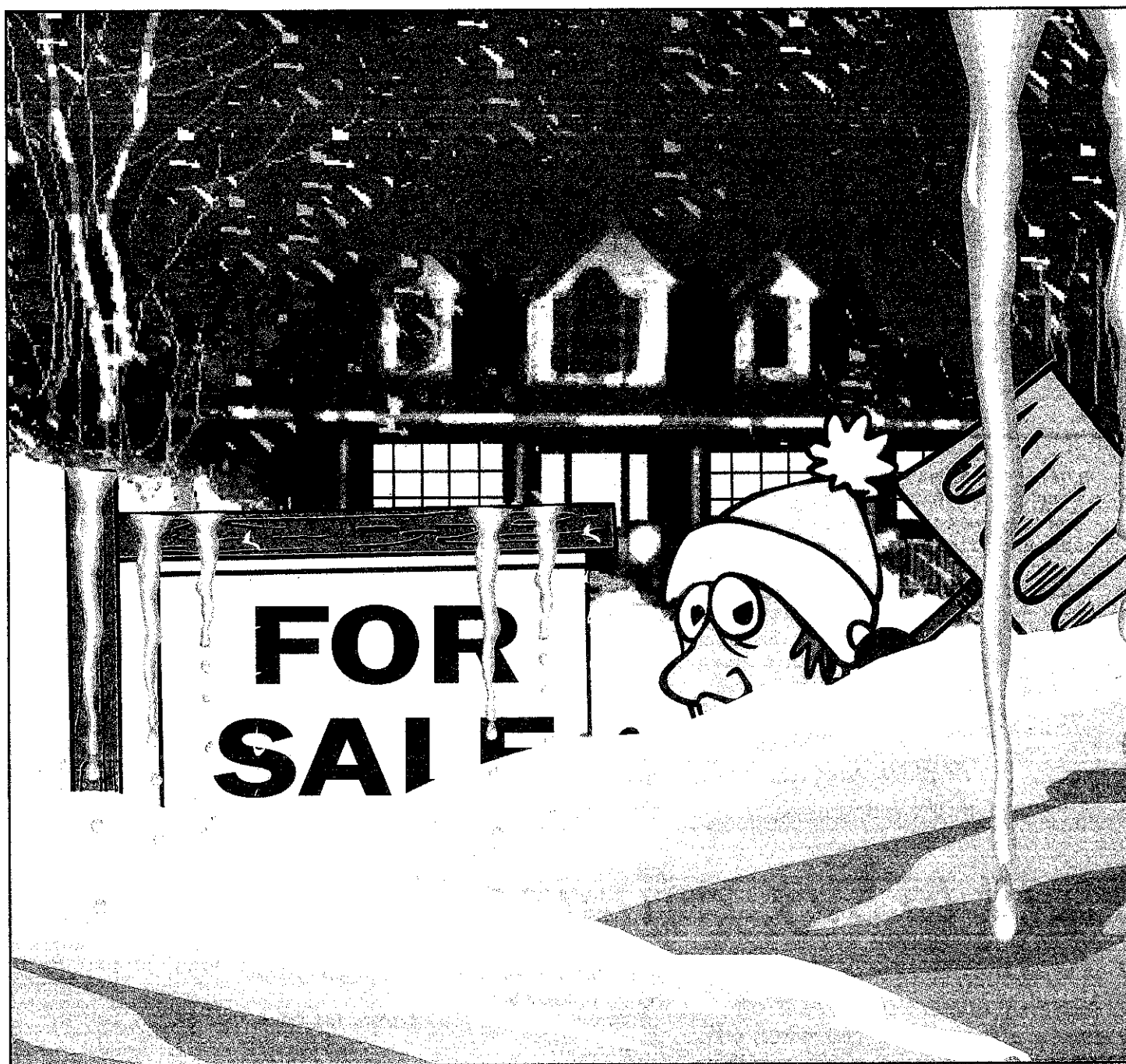
The regulation is contained in 24 CFR Part 35.

A lead-abatement contractor can tell you whether you even have lead to worry about. He can also suggest ways to handle any lead.

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HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- ☒ **SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET**
(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☒ **SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD** (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- ☒ **AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS** (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- ☒ **APPLIANCES INCLUDED?**
- ☒ **PROPERTY TAXES** (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- ☒ **MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED** (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- ☒ **CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES**



RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Winter calls for extra attention

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER
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Showing home in winter

Homes usually show best during the summer when lush lawns, beautiful flowers and the sights and sounds of children at play in the neighborhood enhance the structures, themselves.

But houses do move at this time of year.

Corporate transferees come and go, young marrieds and singles decide to exchange an apartment lifestyle for ownership, people divorce, and others figure there's just less competition among sellers and buyers now.

"It's certainly one of the more exciting times," said Carol Moreno, an associate broker with Morgan, Moreno & Milzow in Clarkston. "If someone is willing to look at a house in a blizzard in 10-degree weather, they're certainly motivated to be a buyer."

The home's exterior can and should be promoted as much as possible in the winter, too, Moreno said.

"If you have a yard, show children play there - maybe a snow fort or snowman," she said. "This is the perfect time to show off a bird feeder - anything outside to keep the attraction going for the lot and property."

If you have pictures of your spectacularly landscaped lot in summer, fall or spring, put 'em out for prospects to see. Live flowers in a vase nearby can draw visitors to the photos.

Shovel any snow

Shovel out the driveway, sidewalks and porch for safety reasons and to make the home appear more inviting and functional, Moreno added. Knock icicles from gutters.

"Most of us come in through the garage rather than the front door," said Gail Bailey, a Realtor with RE/MAX Executive Properties in Farmington Hills. "It (shoveling) is something you tend to forget."

Bailey recalled that an agent for a seller recently canceled an appointment for a transferee represented by her, in town only for a day between Christmas and New Year, because of unshoveled walks at the house.

- shovel all the snow
- remove any icicles
- show pictures of home in summer
- put live flowers in vases
- have fire in fireplace
- clean the windows
- turn on all lights
- open window shades
- straighten up the house
- set aside spot for coats
- show off bird feeder

Was a sale affected? Maybe. Who knows?

First impressions are important, and potential buyers may wonder about how the rest of the house is maintained if snow isn't shoveled.

"If grass went uncut, shrubs unpruned in summer, if the house were messy on the outside, we sometimes would find the inside wasn't to our complete liking," said William Decker, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth.

Same with winter. Clean windows are especially important at this time of year. With the cold, they're easy to ignore.

"If the windows are clean, you will have winter sunbeams dancing rainbows into the house," said Kathie Whitehouse, an associate broker with Hannett, Wilson & Whitehouse in Bloomfield Hills.

"If we get a warm day, get out there and make sure they're clean. They do get smeared by rain and sleet."

The winter's sun's rays also seem to magnify household dust, Whitehouse finds, so be sure to mop and vacuum on a more regular basis.

Sparkle is good

And let there be light, the professionals say.

"In winter, you really have to make sure it's a lot brighter," Moreno said. "I always advise to up the wattage in light fixtures, if possible. Make sure all the curtains, drapes and shades are drawn for light to come in."

Whitehouse concurs. "The house has to be really sparkling and a fireplace lit or on gives a really good feeling," she said.

Make prospective purchasers comfortable by providing a convenient place for them to leave their coats and boots when they visit.

"I always provide my clients with a little basket of hospital slippers near the door," Whitehouse said. "They're like little blue slippers. I pick them up so people don't track snow and salt in the house."

Visitors appreciate the consideration, also, Moreno added.

Clutter and messiness are a sales nemesis throughout the year. Don't let cabin fever stop you from keeping things in order.

"There's nothing that wows someone more than what looks and smells clean," Bailey said.

Realtors should take extra care looking out for themselves, too, while working in the field at this time of year.

"I have boots, gloves and a blanket in the car," Moreno said. "We're on the road a lot."

A cellular telephone would be especially advisable for Realtors who drive into remote, isolated areas. Don't let the gas level in the car get too low.

And, Realtors, don't isolate yourself by cocooning, either.

"During January and February - and this is my 31st year in the business - I tell agents what we lose in quantity, we gain in quality due to a particular need," Decker said.

An extra effort to be available and a cheerful may be more difficult to achieve in the cold and snow than on a picture-perfect June day, but it could be fruitful financially and from a business standpoint.

To lock or not to lock loan rate

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Mr. Shakespeare paced back and forth, wringing his hands and mumbling, "To lock or not to lock? That is the question."

Like hundreds of other home buyers, William knew that his decision to secure, or to "lock," his mortgage interest rate during his loan application may save him money every month if the

ensuing rates were to rise. But not locking his interest rate, or "floating" it until just prior to closing, may produce the same savings if the rates were to fall.

Buyers often ask their loan officers, "What do you think we should do?" The wisdom of knowing when to not answer speculative questions comes with experience. Face it, if your loan officer had a crystal ball, would he not be enjoying retirement on the beach instead of taking your mortgage application?

There are no absolutes in the art of deciding whether to "lock" or to "float" an interest rate for your new mortgage. All I can offer are some simple guidelines that may help you make your own decision.

First, do some homework before you apply for a mortgage. Develop a general feeling for direction and volatility of interest rates. Read this and other mortgage columns and listen carefully to the financial news on radio and TV.

Next, get a feel for the price range for relevant loan products and make sure you compare similar mortgage types. Tracking a 30-year conventional loan with no "points" will give you a great baseline. FHA, VA, and jumbo loans will track a little higher than that baseline, and shorter-term mortgages and adjustable-rate mortgages will be a bit lower.

Avoid using national mortgage rates, as rates may vary from region to region and are normally priced for large lending institutions, not individuals. You may get frustrated.

Bottom line: If you are comfortable with the rate and terms at application, take the lock then do not look back. If you decide to float, do so with a specific lock rate in mind, then lock your loan when rates hit your target. Like investing in the stock market, it's the greedy who get beat.

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.

REGIONAL TALLY

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MOUNTAIN	143,929	-2
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PLAINS	74,696	-3
SOUTH-ATLANTIC	339,547	-6
NEW ENGLAND	33,733	-6
W. SO. CENTRAL	132,881	-9
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WORKSHOPS PREVIEW

Home Building Workshops presents a series of free previews of paid seminars it provides on a variety of topics.

Free introductory sessions are offered 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 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

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

A Real Estate Sales License class will be presented 6-10 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1 - April 12 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.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

A Builder's Licensing Exam preparation course will be 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7-28, in Livonia. This course is also offered as a self-study. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Juliette Bowman of RE/MAX Classic and Mark Bowers of Colonial Mortgage host a free class for home buyers 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

To register, call Bauman at (734) 779-9977.

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, at 7:30 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, a CPA and associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty in Farmington Hills, offers a home seller's class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Orchard Lake Middle School, Bloomfield Hills.

Topics include setting price, target marketing and purchase documents.

Fee of \$30 goes to community education. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

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 playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caionline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

Increasing your conservation will head off high heating bills

(NAPSI) - Many homeowners are undertaking energy conservation and efficiency measures as heating costs are expected to rise by a minimum of 25 percent this season.

First, to keep themselves warmer, 686 respondents from a national survey by Opinion Research Corporation International said they would throw on more clothes (82 percent), drink coffee or hot chocolate (60 percent), cozy up to a spouse (55 percent), light

a fire (48 percent), exercise (35 percent) or cozy up to their family dog (20 percent).

For their homes, they'd caulk and weatherstrip windows and doors (53 percent), add more insulation (42 percent), install energy efficient windows (38 percent), install new energy efficient furnaces, and install storm windows (30 percent).

Other tips to keep in mind to conserve energy and make your home

more energy efficient include:

■ Turning down the thermostat of your water heater. Set the thermostat to 120 degrees F to save energy.

■ Using energy-saving settings on appliances. Refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers can all be used more energy efficiently when turned to energy saving settings.

■ Replacing incandescent lights with compact fluorescents. These

lamps save three-quarters of the electricity used by incandescents.

■ Cleaning or replacing furnace and heat-pump filters.

■ Putting on a jacket and crawling into your attic or crawlspace and looking at the insulation. Is there enough? It should be insulated to at least an R-38. Call a professional insulation contractor to help you add more if you need it.

■ Insulating hot water pipes and

ducts wherever they run through unheated areas of your home.

■ Scheduling an energy audit. Your utility company can give you some more expert energy-saving advice for your particular home as a whole.

For more information, contact the CertainTeed Home Institute for the free brochure "Tips To Head Off High Heating Bills" by calling (800) 782-8777.

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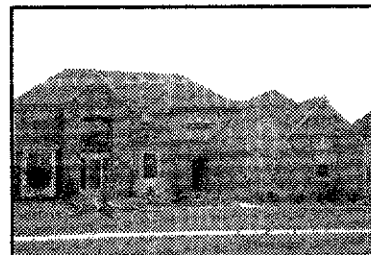
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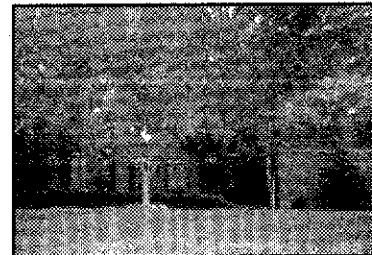
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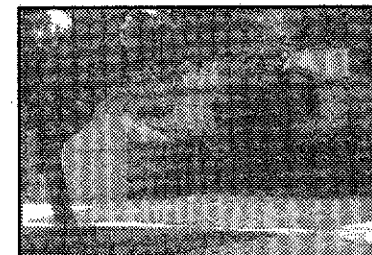
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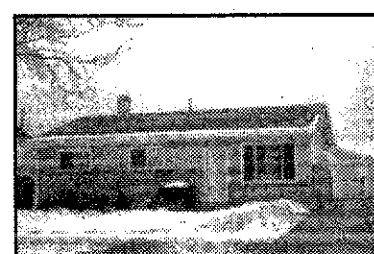
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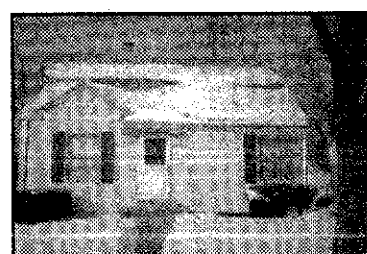
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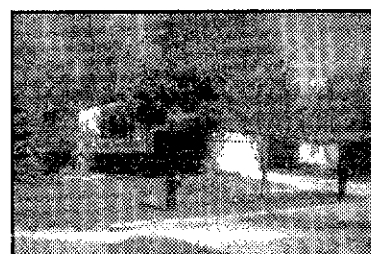
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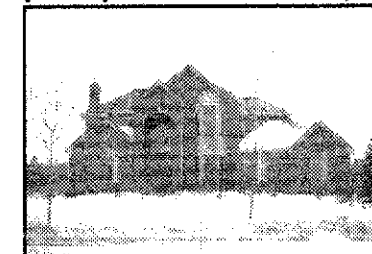
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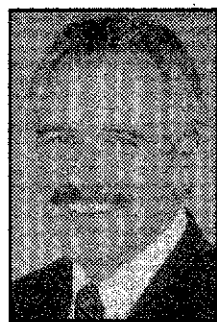
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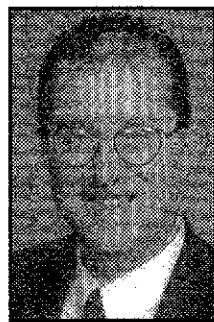
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John T. Wagner, AIA, a staff architect with TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills, has passed the state architectural licensing exam.

He joined the firm in 1998. Wagner received a bachelor of science degree from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and lives in Berkley.

Chuck Haviland and Scott D. Binkley join the real estate office of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston.

Binkley also lives in Clarkston, Haviland in Waterford.

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, located in Farmington Hills, has installed its leadership and executive committee for 2001.

Stephen J. Taglione, president, Westminster & Abbey Homes, Bingham Farms, presi-

dent; **Dan MacLeish**, president, MacLeish Building, Troy, first vice president; **Steven Perlman**, president of Huntley Homes, Farmington Hills, treasurer; and **Stuart L. Michaelson**, partner, Windmill Group, Farmington Hills, secretary.

Vice presidents include **James P. Babcock**, president of Tara Building, St. Clair Shores; **Maurice "Mike" Harris**, present, The Harris Group, Dearborn Heights; **Richard Komer**, president of Wineman & Komer Building, Southfield; and **Dominic J. Mocerri**, partner, Mocerri Cos., Auburn Hills.

Dave Kellett Sr., president of Kellett Construction, Bloomfield Hills, is immediate past president; **James S. Bonadeo**, president, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, is president emeritus; and **Irvin H. Yackness**, is executive vice president and general counsel.

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit, headquartered in Farmington Hills, donated \$10,000 to the Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center.

BOMA President **Paul Beitz** of Trammell Crow made the presentation.

The center is involved in rehabilitating children with special needs and recruiting and training families to provide safe homes for children with special needs.

Credit scoring: What you should know

(NAPSI) - There are a number of facts and fallacies about credit scoring—a quick, accurate and consistent scientific method for assessing credit risk—it would pay families who are house hunting to know more about. Here is a consumer's guide about credit scoring and its role in lending, from the experts at National Association of Mortgage Brokers:

Simply put, the result of your credit scoring is a "snapshot." It sums up what your past payment performance and current usage of credit say about your level of credit risk to the lender.

No single factor—such as a late payment or even a bankruptcy—will be the sole cause of an unacceptable credit score.

Scoring models do not consider race, gender, religion, marital

status, income, employment history or job title.

They DO include: past payment performance which is approximately 35 percent of the credit score's weight. A 30-day late by you today will hurt your score more than a bankruptcy five years ago with a clean credit since. Credit scoring also includes how you use credit and your credit history. Typically, the longer paid-as-agreed accounts have been opened, the lower the risk indications are about you.

With a broker, homebuyers get an expert mentor assisting them through the complex lending process. The broker offers the consumer extensive choices and access to affordable home loans while balancing his or her client's financial interests and goals.

Mortgage brokers represent the single largest residential loan source today, playing a singular role in the mortgage loan process.

There is no magic to improving your credit score. Credit scores automatically improve as your credit profile gets better: improving your credit profile is not always quick but here are a few things to remember:

■ Pay down all your credit card balances to below 30 percent of the available credit limit.

■ Low balances on a few cards are better than high balances on one or two credit cards. So consolidate accounts with care, and your mortgage broker's advice.

■ Keep the number of credit cards you own to a conservative number, but don't close accounts without the advice of a knowl-

edgeable mortgage broker.

Tips On How To Improve Your Credit Profile and Score

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Keep holiday plants around

(NAPS) - Now that the candy canes and fruit cakes are gone, holiday plants that were once beautiful tend to wither. But, you can keep your holiday flowers blooming year round by following these simple tips from HouseNet and the National Gardening Association:

■ **Water Evenly** - To avoid root rot, saturate plants with room temperature water when the first inch of soil is dry.

■ **Temperature** - Avoid placing plants near cool drafts or heat sources. Adequate temperature for most flowering plants is between 55-70 degrees F.

■ **Fertilizing** - The most effective fertilizer is a time-released one that supplies nutrients when you water the plant.

■ **Humidity** - When the indoor air dries out in the winter, plants will require more moisture. Run a humidifier near plants, or group plants together on a two inch layer of pebbles in a basin of water. The water should not touch the pots.

■ **Pests** - Control aphid and mealybugs with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil. It's also important to follow the specific care instructions for each of these popular holiday plants:

■ **Poinsettias** - Place the plant in an area with a half-day of direct sun, and water only when the soil is dry.

■ **Gardenias** - To promote flowering and prevent the buds from dropping, keep the

humidity high, avoid drafts and keep night temperatures between 60° and 65°F. Gardenias need four to six hours daily of direct light to flower.

■ **Amaryllis** - Place out of direct sunlight, especially while blooming. Long, leggy flower stalks indicate insufficient light. Be sure to stake the stalks if they become taller than 18 inches.

■ **Azaleas** - Azalea flowers last longest at cool temperature—typically about 55°F, and in high humidity. When flowering, azaleas need four hours of bright filtered light in a south-facing window.

■ **African Violets** - Place plants in an east-facing window, or under grow lights. Avoid watering the foliage and keep the humidity high. Yellowed leaves indicate exposure to drafts; small, light green leaves indicate too much sun; poor flowering and dark green leaves with long leaf stalks indicate insufficient sun.

■ **Holiday Cactus** - Keep the soil evenly moist and provide high humidity levels. Place in a direct light window filtered by a curtain, or in a half-day of bright, indirect sunlight.

For more valuable information from the National Gardening Association, log on to HouseNet—the leading home and garden resource on the World Wide Web (www.housenet.com).

Make wildlife winter home

(NAPSI) - Helping wildlife feel at home in your garden can make a real difference, especially during the colder months. The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program teaches people how to make that home a welcome one.

The best way to offer winter food for wildlife is by planting vegetation that produces berries, nuts or seeds. Leave heads on flowers rather than deadheading them.

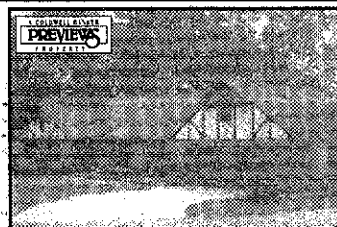
Bird feeders see the most activity during colder months when natural foods are scarce. High-calorie foods such as black-oil sunflower seed and suet can provide enough energy to help birds through cold winter nights.

■ Provide places where wildlife can find cover from cold weather and predators, especially where the land has been cleared of vegetation. Install roosting boxes.

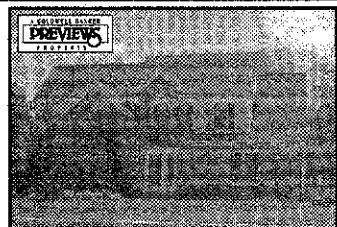
■ Create a brush pile which can provide cover for birds and rabbits and offer a hibernation place for turtles and frogs.

■ Keep your bird bath clean and free from ice.

To find out how to certify your yard as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat, visit NWF's Web site at www.nwf.org/habitats.

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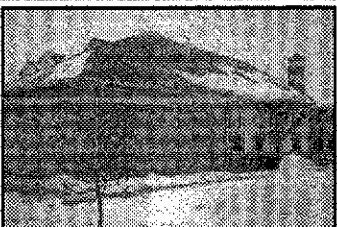
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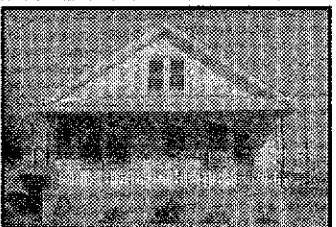
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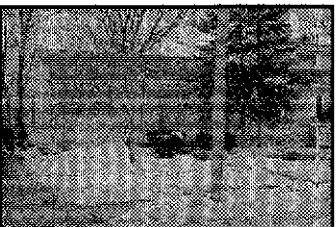
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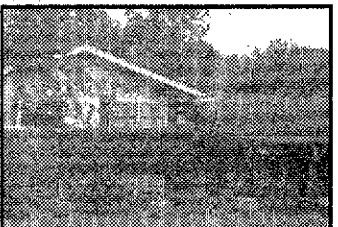
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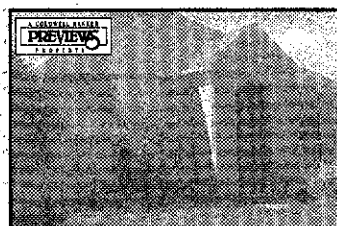
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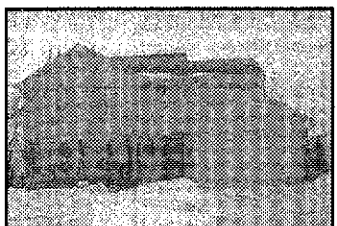
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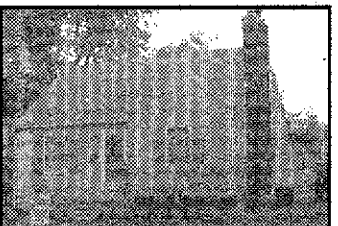
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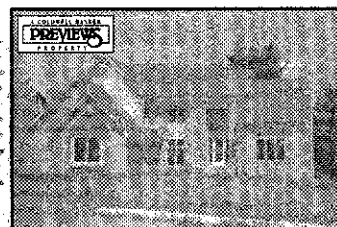
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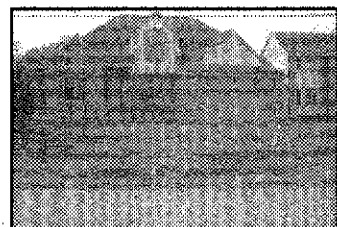
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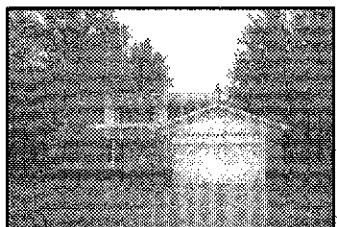
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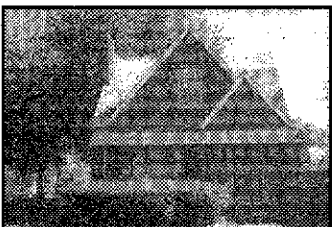
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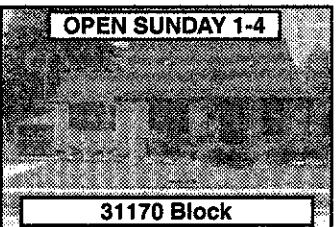
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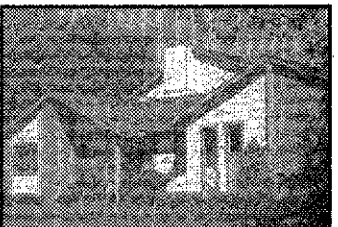
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floor laundry & 2 1/2 baths.
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rious master ste. w/cathedral
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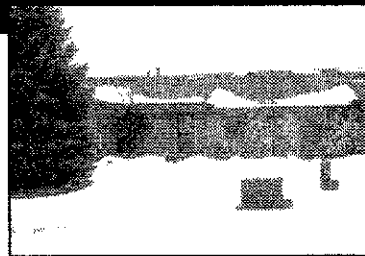
GREAT GROUND LEVEL CONDO! 2 bedroom corner unit overlooking the river. Assoc. fee covers water, gas & taxes. unit has extra storage closets. \$67,500 (3rd st) 734-455-5600



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PHASE II walkout ranch. Clean with neutral decor. All appliances stay. Extra closet storage in family room. Lower level partially finished, just waiting for your choice of use. Central air, single car garage. Clubhouse with many activities plus beach. Must see. 55+ community. \$145,000 (32LEX) 248-349-5600



MINT MOVE-IN CONDITION! A realtor's delight to show. This is a definite 10! Newer mechanics maintenance free larger yard. All the work is done! Partially finished basement to boot! \$269,000 (01CAN) 248-349-5600



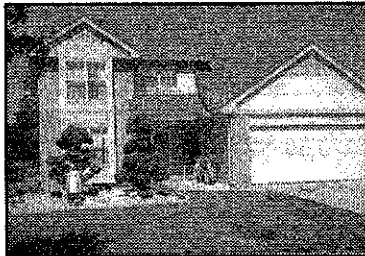
HONEY-STOP THE CAR!! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated T/O: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, exterior too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. (53FAI) \$214,999 248-349-5600



LAKE PRIVILEGES! 1994 Ranch with over 1800 sq. ft. on spacious corner lot. 2 car attached garage, basement, 1st floor laundry. \$198,500 (02ANA) 734-455-5600



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH/PRIVATE COURT! Very appealing 3 bedroom. New kitchen w/maple cabs, 1998+ windows, Many updates: electrical, paint, carpet, C/A, 1 1/2 baths. Refinished hardwood floors, home warranty. \$184,900 (50HAR) 734-455-5600



OUTSTANDING 4 BEDROOM! Cape Cod, Open floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia Schools. 1st floor master suite w/garden tub, enormous kitchen & cabinets, 1st floor laundry, loft overlooking family room, fireplace, privacy fence, sprinklers \$264,900 (48TIM) 734-455-5600



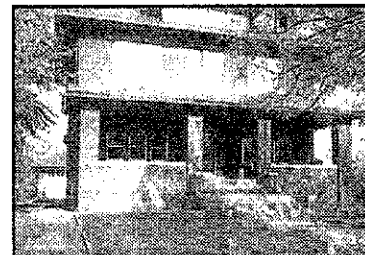
RANCH CONDO-Move-in ready. 3 bedroom condo w/lots of updates. Sharp & clean. Formal dining area, newer flooring throughout, short walk to pool, Park & lake. Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer included. Novi schools. \$119,900 (32VIL) 248-349-5600



ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT. Remodeled country kitchen with open floor plan. 3 bedroom brick ranch with finished basement and lovely wooded private fenced yard with deck. Totally updated home. Close to expressway. Pella windows throughout. \$169,900 (55FAI) 248-349-5600



WALK TO DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath tri-level with basement and enclosed porch. Large family room w/fireplace and 2 car attached garage \$194,900 (77HOL) 248-349-5600



VINTAGE COLONIAL! Worth seeing! Well kept home in Boston-Edison features. Newer: furnace, block windows, natural woodwork. Huge finished 3rd level-used at Master bedroom w/WIC. Beautiful Oak front door. \$159,900 (10ATK) 734-455-5600



WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME! Tree lined street for this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Livonia colonial with many updates. Formal dining room, library w/crown moldings, bay windows, doorwall to deck, large master suite w/bath & sunken tub, 1st floor laundry \$320,000 (69MAY) 734-455-5600





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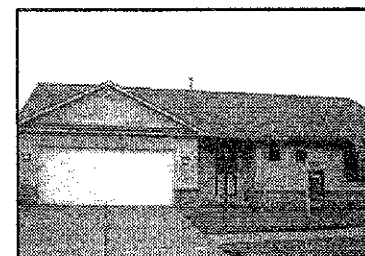
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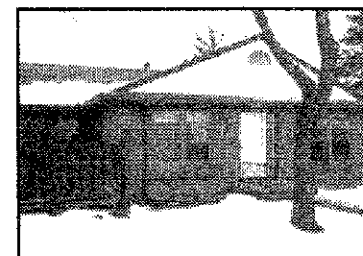
FANTASTIC COLONIAL. 1988 built home backing to your own personal park. Family room & cathedral ceilings & fireplace. Shows like a model. \$219,900 (71FAI) 248-349-5600



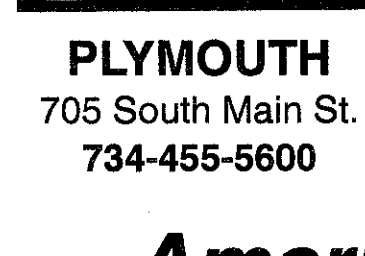
5 ACRE WOODED ESTATE. Only a mile away from town in the private home w/modern kitchen, family room, w/cozy fireplace & bar, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large deck with hot tub. Home warranty included. \$386,500 (93NIN) 248-349-5600



SHARP RANCH CONDO W/FULL BASEMENT! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage. Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, deck over looking nature preserve. Move-in condition. Neutral decor. All appliances stay. \$224,900 (45AND) 734-455-5600



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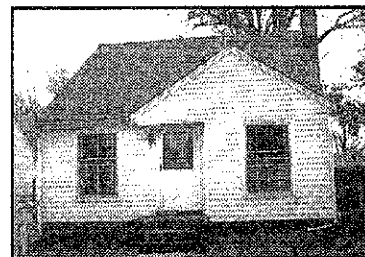
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CUSTOM RANCH - Warm & cozy w/fieldstone fireplace, 3 bedrooms & den/dining room. 1 1/2 baths, 2+ car heated attached garage. Plenty of updates & newer kitchen. Prime NW Livonia neighborhood. Walk to everything. \$214,900 (81SHA) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Desirable home w/lots of trees on double lots. Newer white kitchen cabinets, newer doors including garage door. Cozy all season breezeway. Huge deck \$158,900 (15NOR) 248-349-5600



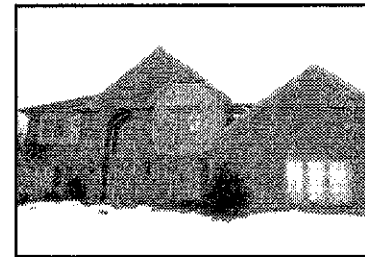
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding & a large backyard for the kids to play in and plenty of room for a garden. One half block from Crowley Park. Home Warranty included. \$99,500 (17CHE) 734-455-5600



GREAT 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH BRICK RANCH! In Popular Dearborn Heights sub. 2 1/2 car garage. Partially finished basement, C/A, vinyl windows, hardwood floors in bedrooms. Great home for the money! \$134,900 (04NOR) 734-455-5600



TERRIFIC FLOOR PLAN! Two story Foyer, 4 bedroom, 2 bath great value w/Perfect features! Updated: kitchen. Newer: Roof, floor coverings T/O, furnace. Brick paver walkway, ex. large fenced yard, master w/WIC. Home Protection Plan. \$204,900 (01UMB) 734-455-5600



WELCOME HOME. Impressive 2-story home w/4 spacious bedrooms, stone entry, den with glass privacy doors, large family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, side entry garage, prof. landscaped yard and many upgrades. Close to schools, Shops & x-ways. \$429,900 (53WAR) 248-349-5600



NEED MORE ROOM? Look no further. Large ranch offers 4 bedrooms, open floor plan, 3+ car garage with heated workshop, skylights. Pella windows & more. \$509,000 (16SPR) 248-349-5600



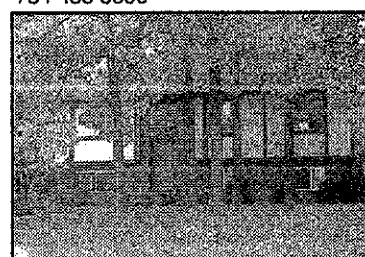
BREATHTAKING Tanglewood golf Course setting for this executive caliber home. One of the finest lots in Lyon township. The elegant interior offers solid doors T/O, skylight, crown moldings, marble entry, sauna & x-tra room for office or bedroom \$800,000 (65STA) 248-349-5600



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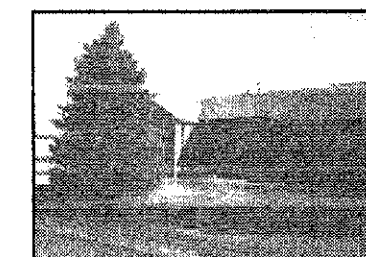
1954 BRICK DUPLEX! With 2 units. Close to downtown Plymouth & Hines Park. Spacious living room & 2 bedroom. Hardwood under carpet, kitchen w/dining area. Tenants on month to month lease. home warranty \$167,900 (40PAR) 734-455-5600



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HONEY WE'RE HOME! This lovely 3 bedroom brick ranch features 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, new roof, furnace, C/A, updated electrical & kitchen, 2 car garage, nice neighborhood, great schools. All kitchen appliances are included. \$129,900 (50ARN) 248-349-5600



ADULT CONDO ON Crooked Lake. Ranch style with garage and 2 full baths. Clean and neutral, ready to move into and enjoy the easy life. \$127,500 (52CAM) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE OFFERS: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with open floor plan, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, ceramic bath, W/O basement & 2 car garage. Northville schools. Location! Location! \$229,900 (31WAL) 248-349-5600



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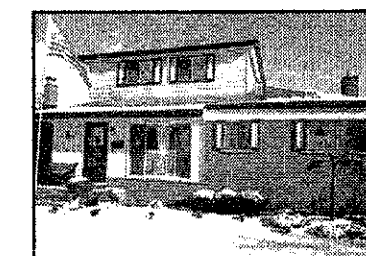
HURRY FOR THIS SUPER VALUE! Charming 3 bedroom vinyl siding ranch with large rooms. Updates incl: Roof, furnace, C/A, air cleaner, humidifier, windows, doors. Appliances stay. BAY WINDOWS. GREAT VALUE! \$94,900 (91POI) 734-455-5600



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FABULOUS HOME situated on approx. 3/4 acres of privacy, trees & space. Lower level can be in-law quarters or teenage apartment area. Newer Corian counter tops, hardwood around, built-in appliances. Open & airy for entertaining. All brick home with all the amenities. \$489,000 (05STO) 248-349-5600



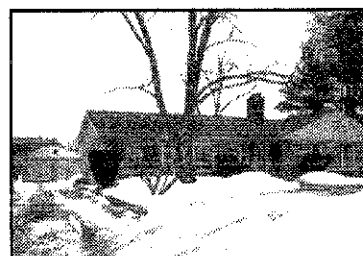
FORGET ABOUT RENTING!! Easily affordable. Good schools, taxes & easy to maintain, yet lots of room. 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Basement & 2 car garage w/loft. Nice neighborhood, close to activity center. \$139,900 (42EIL) 248-349-5600



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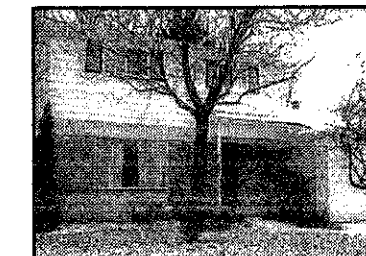
COUNTRY IN CENTRAL LIVONIA! Over 1/2 acre. 3 bedroom, 2 bath circular drive ranch home. Clean & bright, open floor plan, detail carpentry. Beautiful fireplace in center of home. Newer elect, C/A, roof. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room & hall. \$189,900 (40SCH) 734-455-5600



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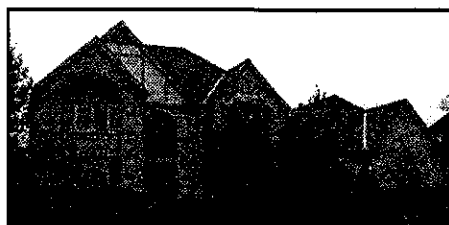
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NEW CONSTRUCTION, traditional Colonial in Livonia! Fireplace with great open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, living room and family room, completely finished basement.

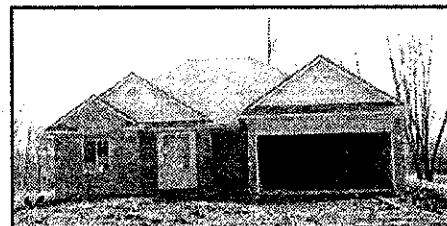
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SUPER SHARP LIVONIA BRICK RANCH. Many updates: roof, windows, furnace, air, kitchen and baths, electrical, carpet and floor. Finished basement with 4th bedroom. Screened-in porch. 2-car garage.

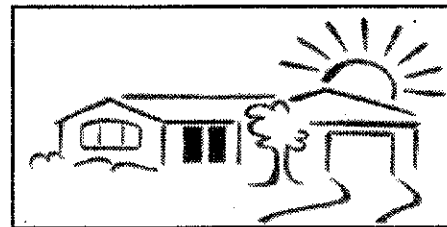
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THIS ONE SHOWS WELL. Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch with finished basement, kitchen and windows have been redone. 1½ bath, copper plumbing, C/A, sun room, garage.

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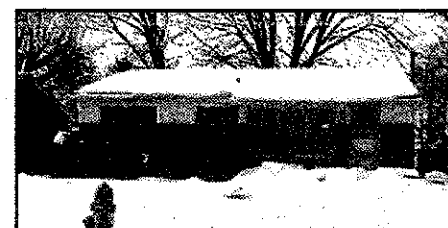
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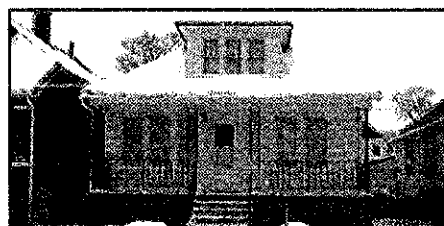
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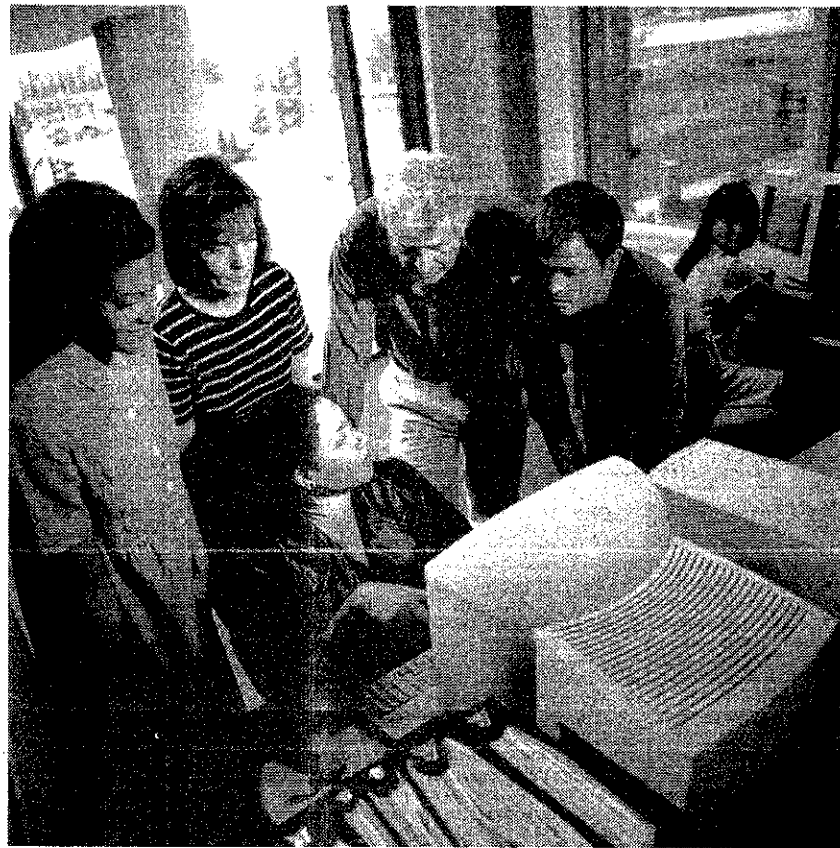
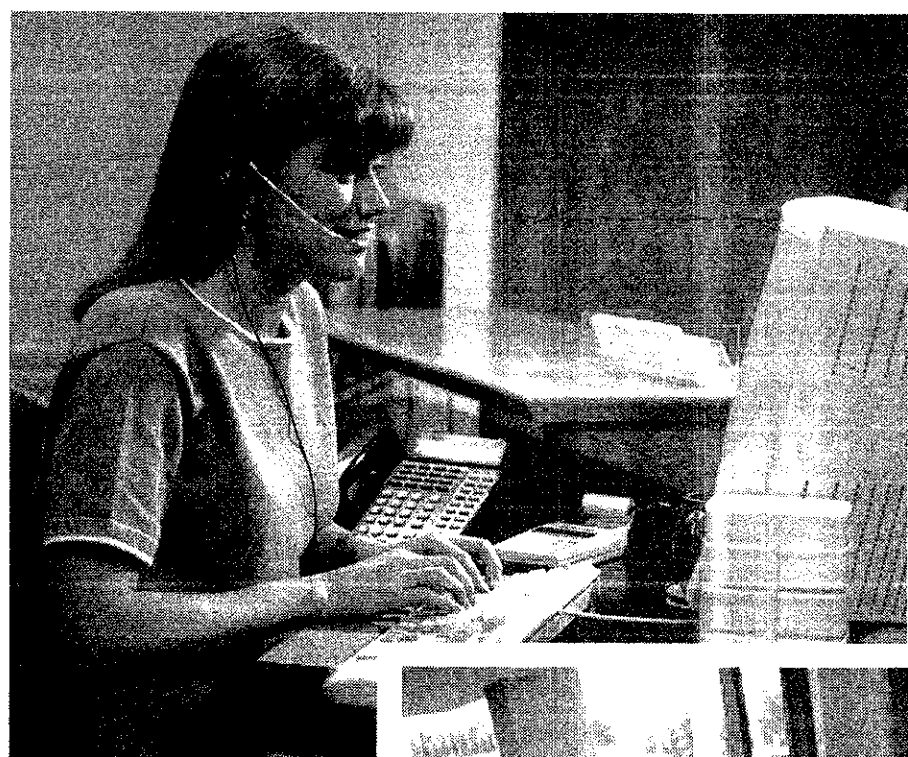
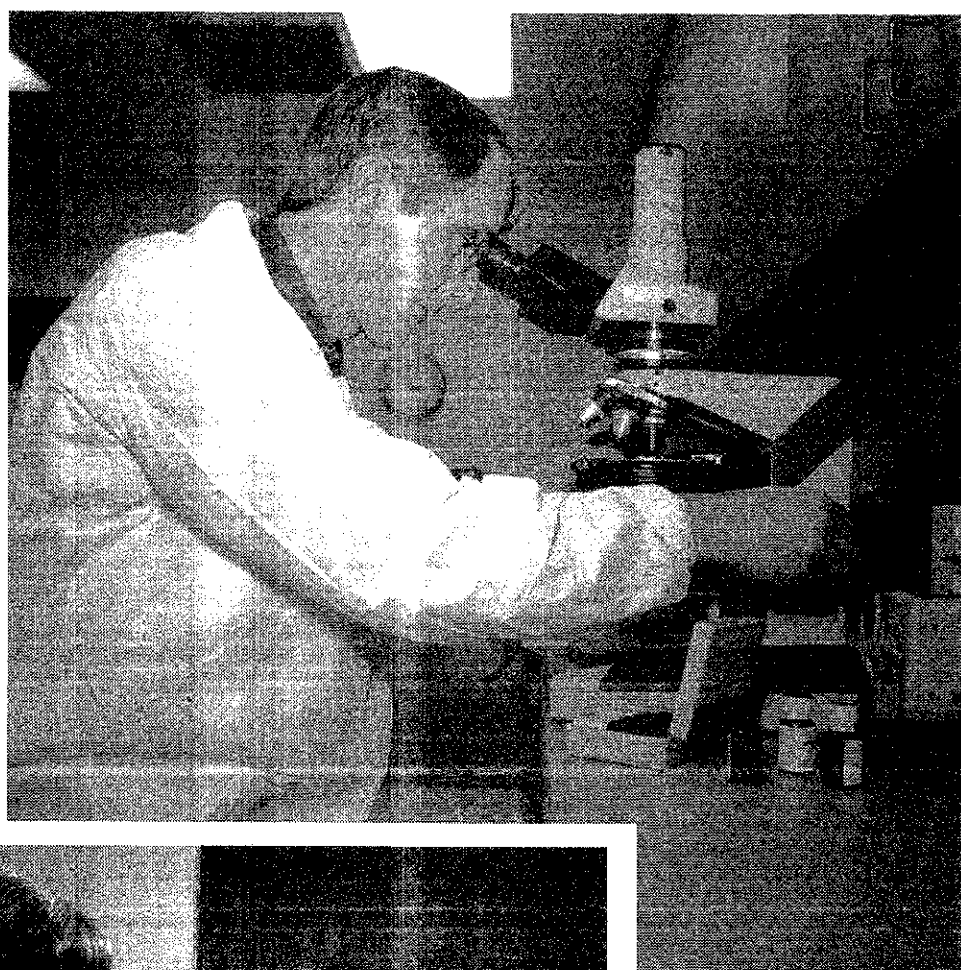
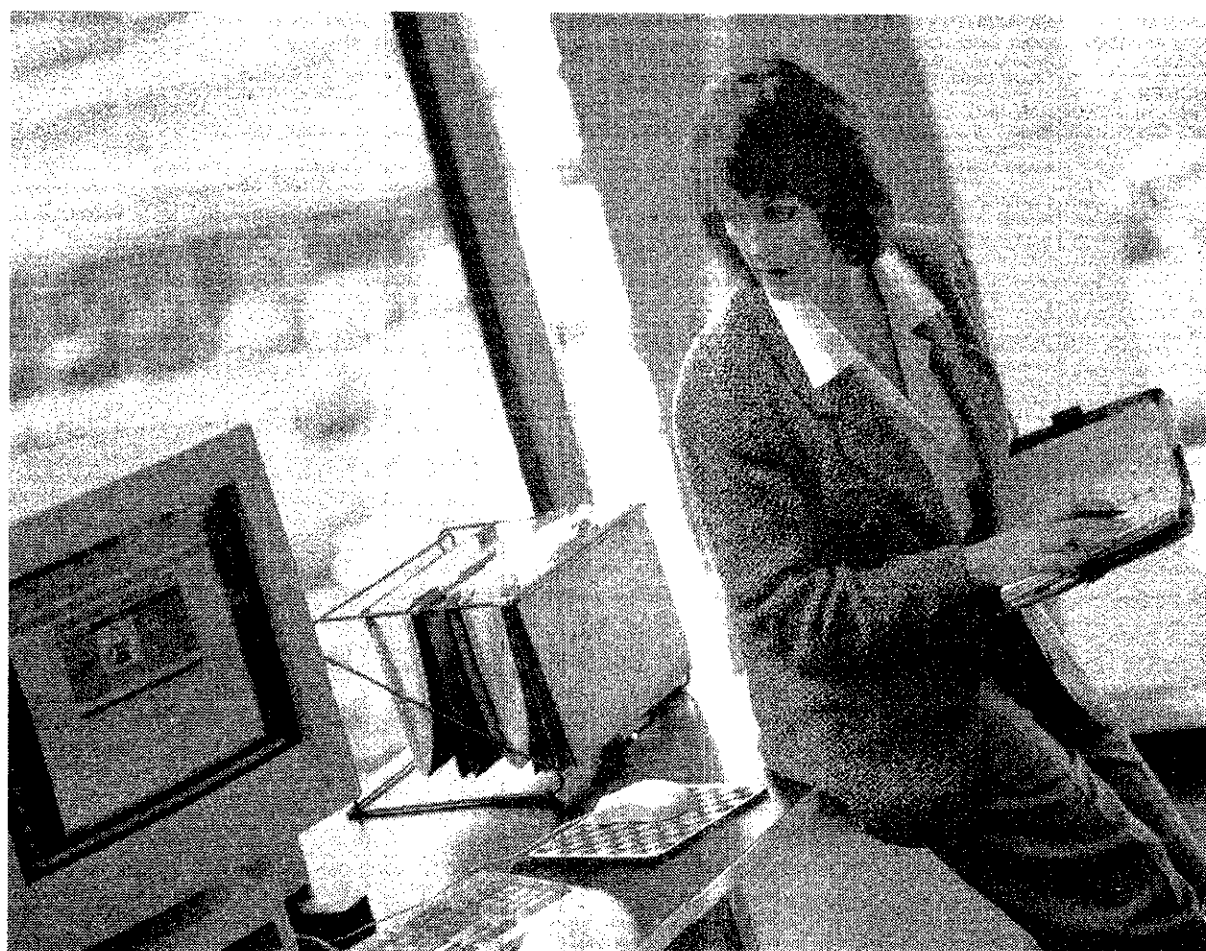
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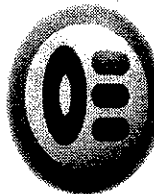
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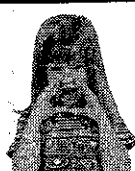
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In The United States District Court For The Eastern District Of Michigan Southern Division
Civil Action No. 00-73244 Hon. John Corbett O'Meara
Elite Technologies, Inc., Plaintiff, Vs.
Prudential Securities Incorporated, Terry Karotoglou, and John Does 1-10 Defendants
Order Regarding Service of Process
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 Karotoglou to February 13, 2001, and permitting service of process upon Defendant Karotoglou by publication.

/s/ John Corbett O'Meara
United States District Judge
Dated: November 14, 2000
Plaintiff's Attorney:
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
Published:
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LOST - Silky Terrier, silver & tan, named Ade, 1-19, Ford & Central City Parkway. REWARD. 734-286-6634

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638 Tickets

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640 Transportation/Travel

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Southfield's Premier Retirement Community, has an immediate opening for full-time marketing Director. Successful candidate must have experience in advertising, sales, event/program planning, public relations, community outreach to develop awareness, public speaking, MS Word, and excellent written and oral communication skills. Preferred candidate will be energetic, outgoing and must be working with an older adult population. Generous benefit package including 401K. Applicants may fax or mail resume to:

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Duties: air quality assessment & problem solving. Commercial HVAC duct designs. Existing system assessments. Overseeing system installation. Call 1 800 245-9080

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Position available in Livonia. Call between 9am-4:30pm. (313) 350-3616.

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SERVICE TECHNICIAN - Will

train. Must have strong mechanical aptitude & good driving record. (313) 255-7670.

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Experience preferred in a Fabrication Plant. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person at: Sure Fit Metal Products, Inc., 30999 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 734-522-9310

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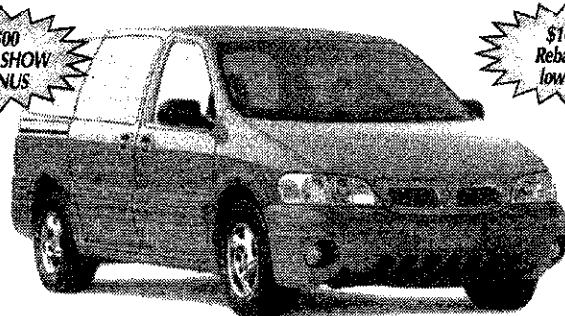


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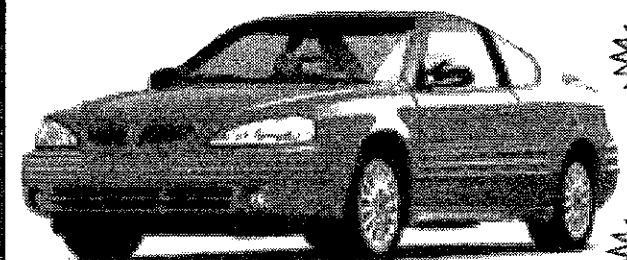
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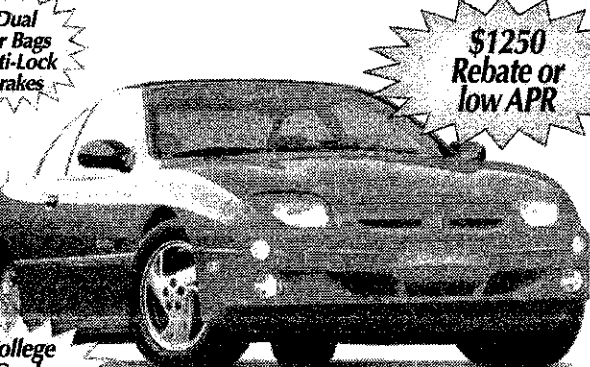
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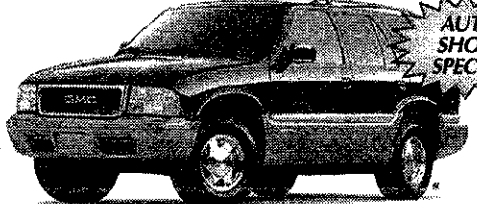
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SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
\$24,975* **\$23,787¹⁵***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$345¹⁹** **\$310³⁶****
\$549.90 due at signing \$512.98 due at signing

2001 SIERRA REGULAR CAB

was \$22,850



Split bench seat, air conditioning, locking differential, stereo cassette, recovery hooks?, HD trailer group, trailer suspension, deluxe front appearance, chrome rear bumper. Stock #1-6132

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\$19,730* **\$18,842⁹³***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$300⁷⁷** **\$272⁴⁸****
\$1,457.82 due at signing \$1,427.83 due at signing
Down Payment \$1000

2001 SIERRA EXTENDED CAB

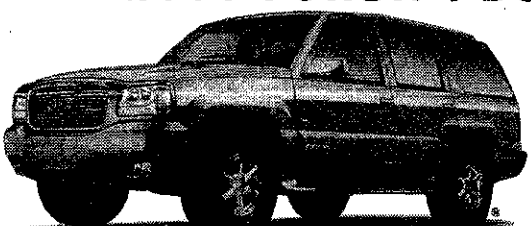
was \$33,103



4 door, deep tint glass, reclining buckets, wheel flares, locking differential, V-8, automatic, aluminum wheels, power drive & passenger seat, fog lamps, stereo cassette & CD, off road package, HD trailering pkg., SLE decor. Stock #1-6256

SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
\$29,345* **\$28,033²⁸***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$441⁴⁴** **\$400³⁷****
\$1546.93 due at signing \$1,503.39 due at signing
Down Payment \$1000

2001 YUKON 4 DOOR

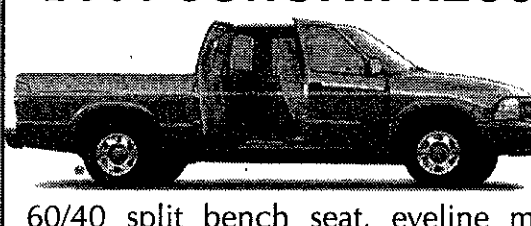


was \$33,400

2 wheel drive, buckets, V-8, automatic, SLE decor, stereo cassette/CD, power windows, power door locks. Stock #1-6030

SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
\$29,795* **\$28,340⁵⁰***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$480¹⁸** **\$438³³****
\$3,061.69 due at signing \$2,967.33 due at signing
Down Payment \$1895 Security Deposit \$525

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was \$16,099

60/40 split bench seat, eyeliner mirrors, 4 cycle, automatic, smooth ride package, air conditioning, cast aluminum wheel, stereo CD, tilt, cruise, tachometer. Stock #1-5007

SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
\$13,225* **\$12,600⁶³***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$194¹⁴** **\$176⁰⁴****
\$314.79 due at signing \$295.60 due at signing

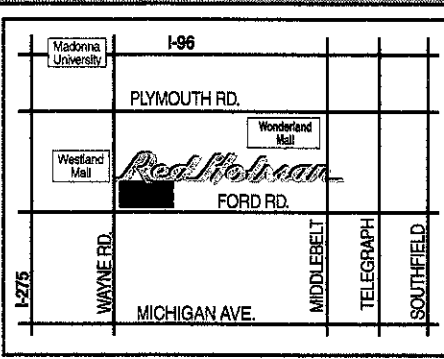
2001 YUKON XL

was \$40,115



1/2 ton, 4 wheel drive, V8, automatic, power windows & door locks, running boards, hiback buckets, climate control, air conditioning, stereo cassette & CD, heavy duty trailering package, SLE decor. Stock #1-6170

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DESIRES OF THE HEART
Divorced white female, 48 yr old, 5'3", petite, with long blonde hair and green eyes. Enjoys friends, social drinker, seeking an attractive, honest, sincere, caring, single white male, with many interests, for friendship, good times and possibly more. BOX 10424

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
Outgoing, caring, 5'4", 150 lbs, single white male with long dark hair and blue eyes, employed, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading and dancing, is seeking a caring, loving, single female, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 10453

KICKSTART MY HEART
Fun energetic, 23 yr old female, enjoys sports, concerts, music, and more. Looking for a male, 25 to 27, who enjoys cuddling up on the couch and watching a movie. BOX 10737

ENCHANTED EVENING
21 yr old single white mother of two, 5'11", medium build, brown hair and eyes, looking for a trustworthy male, 25 to 34 who enjoys dining out, going out for a drink and more. Must like children. BOX 10750

NEW BEGINNINGS
White widowed female, 52 yrs old, 5'4", enjoys country music, slow dancing, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a big tall handsome gentleman, 52 to 60, non-smoker, drug-free, family oriented, for a possible relationship. BOX 14130

YOU-ME-GOOD TIMES!
59 yr old, 4'11", 155 lbs, retired, white single female with blonde hair and brown eyes, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, and much more. New to the area. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, around the same age, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14201

REAL LOVE!
26 yr old, college educated, single white mother, who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, reading, outdoors, concerts, music, reading, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 25 to 38, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14249

DINNER FOR TWO!
Single white female, 16 yrs old, 5'5", 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. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, biking, sport pool, and much more, is seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14302

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!
37 yr old, divorced white female, 5'8", full figured, long dark brown hair and green eyes, great sense of humor, loving, 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 27482

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 friendship. BOX 27482

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 32666

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
Single white Christian female, 38, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

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

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
Single white female, 40, 5'4" and medium voluptuous. Enjoys camping, fishing, campfires and quiet times. Seeks a white man, 38 to 45, tall, dark and handsome, with similar interest. For friendship first, possible long term relationship. Down River area. Wayne County. BOX 32001

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 32406

HONEST & TRUE
Pette, 5'11", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and a professional. 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 ROMANCE
Interesting, beautiful, spiritual divorced professional white female, 39, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays, and more. Seeking a white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area preferred. Wayne County. BOX 32005

A LADY OF CLASS
Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 60's, seeking soul mate counterpart, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life is in store for us. BOX 35996

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural blonde hair, a big smile that lights up a room. Join me in my quest for transcendence. BOX 25968

I'M SANE
22 yr old, single white female, 5'6", 125 lbs, loves horror flicks and cooking. Seeking muscular, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 25393

NEVER TOO LATE
Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, single white female, 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 25991

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white mother of three, 33, brown hair and eyes, 5'7", average build. Enjoys camping, outdoor activities, movies and dinners. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

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

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

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

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

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

GREAT COMPANION
Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 60, 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 68, Novl Area. Oakland County. BOX 25401

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

IT'S TIME
Not perfect, single white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent. 50 to 56, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

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

MAN IN UNIFORM
Single 43 yr old male, hard working, smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies, flea markets, amusement parks, country music and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 10804

LOVING YOU!
Divorced white male who enjoys long drives, bowling, cooking, movies, playing card and much more, is seeking a single female, 40 to 50, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 10811

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 10923

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 10849

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 10851

DINNER FOR TWO!
Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendship. BOX 13750

OPEN UR HEART TO ME
Divorced 22 yr old white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, strolls in the park and more. Looking for a female, 20 to 30 with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13757

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

DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?
50 yr old, divorced white widower, 5'8", 165 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, quiet times, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14059

LET'S GET CONNECTED
Divorced 46 yr old white male, adventurous and romantic, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

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

HEAVEN SENT ME
Single male, 5'11", 190 lbs, brown hair, and blue eyes, outgoing, born again Christian. Looking for a female who is attending church, and is active in the church. BOX 14107

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!
Outgoing, 5'9", 150 lbs, single white father of two, with brown hair, and blue eyes, non-smoker, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, and much more. Seeking a single female. To share good times, and dating! BOX 14183

RAIN DOWN ON ME
Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

LOOKING 4 A GOOD GUY
Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 160 lbs, divorced white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, 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 27492

VICTIM OF THE GAME
Professional white male, 5'5", 170 lbs, open-minded and caring, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys old cars, outdoor activities and more. Looking for a female with similar interests for companionship. BOX 32430

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

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

ONE OF A KIND!
19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32683

HERE I AM
Looking for a slender, attractive lady, 60 to 68, for a permanent relationship. I am widowed, well built, healthy, attractive, active, and outgoing. I am 62 going on 40, and tonsome. Please call my voice, respectfully. Dearborn area. I'll answer your call. Wayne County. BOX 33683

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
45 yr old, attractive, single white Italian male, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, athletic, muscular build. Sensitive, caring, witty, humorous. Enjoys hugs, cuddling and romance. Seeking an attractive single white female, weight and height proportionate, for friendship and long term relationship. BOX 33515

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Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

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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 improvement. 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, good conversations, is seeking a single female, 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 27498

QUALITY LOVE
36 yr old, 6', 210 lbs, divorced white male with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, enjoys the outdoors, movies, the outdoors, quite times alone and much more, is seeking a fit, spontaneous, single female with a great sense of humor, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32669

ONLY YOU!
25 yr old, 6', 250 lbs, muscular build, single white male with brown hair and eyes, enjoys movies, reading, sports, the outdoors and much more, is seeking a single female, of any race and age, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32700

READY FOR ACTION!
29 yr old, single white male, childless. Seeking an adventurous single female, under 30, for friendship, and maybe more. BOX 32720

THE TIME IS NOW
Professional 43 yr old divorce white male, attractive, tall, brown hair and eyes, artistic, looking for a female counterpart who enjoys dancing, fine dining, going to art galleries, cook outs, and more for casual dating. BOX 10626

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

LET'S MEET
Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36081

WINDOW TO THE SOUL
Single white male, 39 yr old, physically fit, financially secured, enjoys camping, country music, slow dancing, shooting pool and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 10830

AS GOOD AS IT GETS
Very kind, respectful, considerate, single white male, 39, 6'5", 246 lbs, with brown hair and green eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, anything outdoors, dancing and the movies. Seeking an honest, loyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things. Children okay. BOX 15466

A NEW BEGINNING
... this new year! Handsome, healthy white male, 46. Seeks white female, to share with, fuss over, care for, enjoys the outdoors, music, travel and much more. BOX 25976

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WAITING FOR YOU
Single male, 44 yrs old, divorced without children, non-smoker, non-drinker, looking for a caring, affectionate female, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 32716

U AND I!
Very attractive, 35 yr old, 6', 190 lbs, divorced white male with brown hair and eyes, no dependents, is seeking an attractive female, with a great sense of humor, 25 to 30, to share friendship and maybe more. BOX 10920

A GREAT CATCH
Seeking 25 to 35, slim, Latin, Asian or single, white female, to share life with. I am a single, white male, handsome, loving, honest and stable. I love kids, animals and believe in a loving, committed relationship. If you are sweet of heart and want to meet a great catch, please call. Wayne County BOX 25980

READY AND WYANDOTTE
Divorced white male, 46, 6', 155 lbs. Seeking single or divorced white female, mid 30's to mid 40's, for friendship, dating and romance. Please be fit, non-smoker, like traveling and being out. Wayne County. BOX 32010

FIRST TIME AD
Divorced white male 5'9", 163 lbs, grey hair, blue eyes. Enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, movies, dancing and dining out. Open personality. Seeks a white female, 45 to 55, with similar interest, for friendship first, possible relationship, non-smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Wayne County

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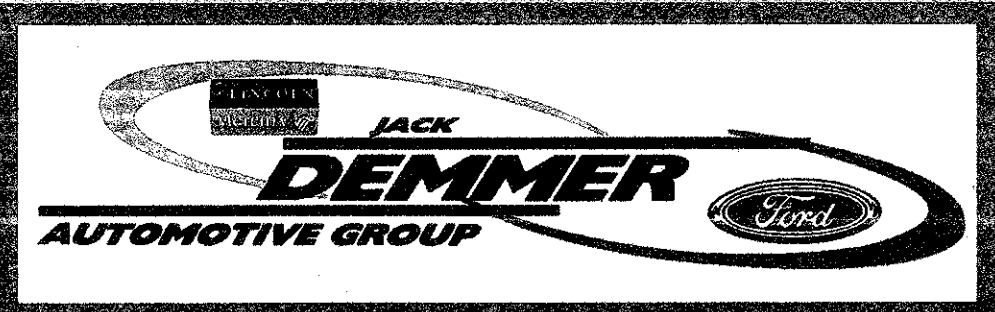


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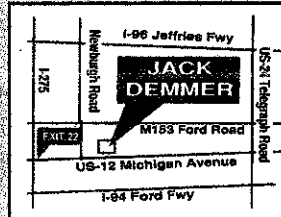
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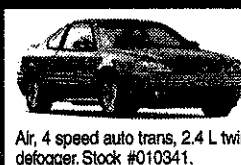
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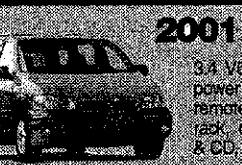
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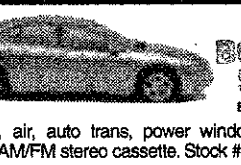
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Due at Lease Signing \$1769**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$261** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1761**



2001 BONNEVILLE SE SEDAN
3.8 V6, air, auto trans, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette. Stock #010102.

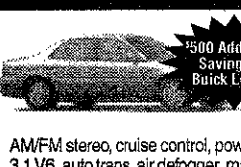
SALE PRICE \$22,495
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$299** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1799**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$275** mo.
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2001 LeSABRE
500 Additional Savings for Buick Loyalty
Power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, 3800 V6 auto air, AM/FM stereo, leather drivers seat, vanity mirrors & more. Stock #015125.

SALE PRICE \$21,703
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$397** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1925**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$368** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1901**



2001 CENTURY CUSTOM
500 Additional Savings for Buick Loyalty
AM/FM stereo, cruise control, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, 3.1 V6, auto trans, air defogger, mats and more! Stock #015073.

SALE PRICE \$17,665
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$269** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1597**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$244** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1564**

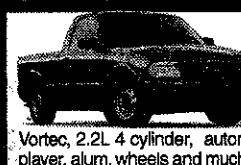


2001 REGAL LS SEDAN
3800 V6, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, air, automatic mats, visor mirrors, CD & cassette & much more. Stock #051123.

SALE PRICE \$20,599
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$307** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1946**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$280** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1919**

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Stock #	Model	List Price	Sale Price
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6525	Sierra	\$25,589	\$19,995*
6562	Sierra	\$29,761	\$22,995*
6450	Sierra Ext. Cab	\$28,276	\$22,474*
6567	SOLD - Sonoma	\$45,099	\$41,495*
6497	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6593	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6595	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6657	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6658	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6660	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6572	Safari	\$24,359	\$20,319*
6680	Safari	\$24,219	\$20,203*
6447	Savana Cargo	\$24,414	\$19,204*
6457	Savana Cargo	\$24,439	\$19,228*
6493	Savana Cargo	\$24,554	\$19,325*



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NO SECURITY DEPOSIT
Vortec, 2.2L 4 cylinder, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD player, alum. wheels and much more. Stock #013167.

SALE PRICE \$12,095
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$179** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1379**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$159** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1659**



2001 JIMMY 4x4 4 DOOR
NO SECURITY DEPOSIT
Vortec, 4300, auto trans, air, power windows/locks/mirrors/seat, AM/FM CD player and much more. Stock #013062.

SALE PRICE \$23,995
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Due at Lease Signing \$1789**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$257** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$1767**



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Due at Lease Signing \$2050**
GM 36 Mo. Smart Lease \$199** mo.
Due at Lease Signing \$2025**

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