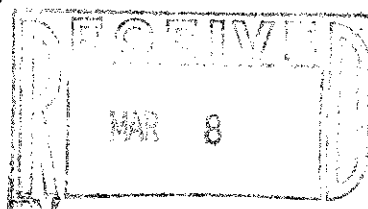


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Prom primping at Canton High School

Dressing up: Mandy Koran gives a teasing look to her escort in the Plymouth-Canton Education Park Prom Fashion Show Tuesday at Plymouth Canton High School. See what high school students will be wearing at the prom this spring. The annual fashion show should make the decision process easier for some. For more on the show, please turn to Page C7.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Campus confronts race issue

■ Questions remained for African-American parents and students after Plymouth-Canton school officials met with them Monday to discuss the fallout from a controversial opinion piece in the student newspaper.

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"There are a lot of angry people here whose concerns are not being addressed," Pastor Joe Stevenson of Canton said in a soft-spoken voice to Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Boohar after an emotional three-hour meeting Monday night. "Classroom issues are not being addressed. Teachers need to listen."

The meeting between approximately 150 mostly African-American students and parents, with the administration of the Plymouth-Canton Schools, centered on a column written in the high school newspaper which many considered racist.

Editorial comment, A8,A9

In the end, many left feeling they didn't get what they came for — answers — and it appeared the tension between the African-American community and the school district became even more evident.

The meeting in Salem High School's cafeteria drew a crowd that was mainly upset with the column written by Salem senior Chris Mackinder of Canton and printed in the *P-CEP Perspective*, which questioned the validity of Black History Month. Most of those in attendance viewed the column as racist, and they were frustrated from what they considered the lack of answers to their questions.

"I just want to know what's going to happen to the teacher (Mary Lou Nagy, adviser to the *Perspective*)," asked Mitzi Gaines of Canton. "She allowed a public statement to be made in regards to racism, and she threatened the black race. And, we want to know what's happening to the young man."

Please see RACISM, A6

Superstore center gets initial OK

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Though the Grand Sakwa commercial development has been in the planning stage for more than a year, this month will be a mad dash to the finish.

The Canton Township Planning Commission Monday passed the baton after reluctantly finishing the first leg of the race. The commission voted 4-3 to recommend approval for a Planned Development District for the site at

CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION

Ford, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads.

Commissioners grappled with the 300,000 square-foot, \$42.5 million development's concept, which includes a deviation from the township's master plan.

The site is zoned for community shopping. But Grand Sakwa's plans include a 150,000-square-foot Lowe's

Hardware, a regional shopping use, which would attract shoppers and traffic from outside the township.

"There's no question that over time retail has changed," said Bryan Amann, Canton attorney representing Grand Sakwa, noting most of the surrounding retail development is more than 20 years old. "But when was the last time anyone asked you for more

mom-and-pop-type shops or tanning salons? They want national stores, such as Bed, Bath & Beyond."

Speedy planning

Causing even more discomfort than the break from the master plan was the project's speed.

Amann said in order to meet the center's largest tenant's March 30 deadline, action on the PDD was required Monday so that the Canton Township

Please see SUPERSTORE, A4

Speech provides peek at Canton's future

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Take a look at the good life in Canton, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack in his 12th State of the Township address Wednesday.

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The address was also the kickoff of the township's "Take a Look" marketing campaign, and Yack encouraged the community to reflect on the township's progress over the last 12 months when he spoke at the Canton Chamber

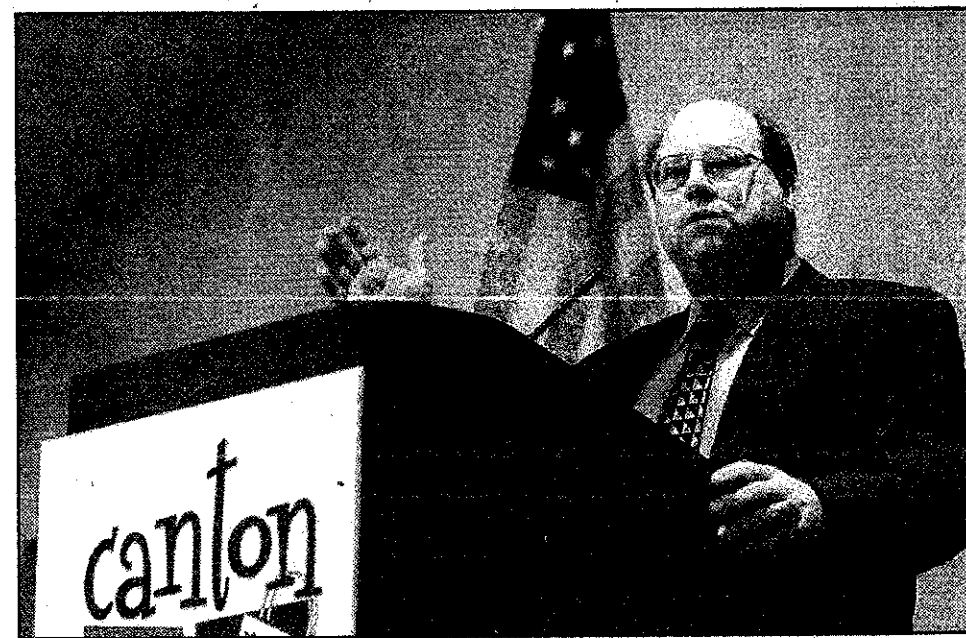
of Commerce luncheon, which hosted the address.

Yack said Canton, at a population of 80,000 and growing, continues to attract more people because it offers a high quality of life.

Yack emphasized the community's safety and prosperity, reporting that Part I offenses — or more serious crimes — dived by 1,000 last year.

Further, he said more than 90 percent of Canton residents surveyed said they feel safe in their community and rated the police department as "good" or "excellent."

Please see YACK SPEECH, A3



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Looking ahead: The township's new marketing logo adorned the podium in front of Supervisor Tom Yack Wednesday.

9 facing charges in summer vandalism spree

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Nine people face criminal charges in what police say was a months-long spree of vandalism, burglary and theft at area golf courses and building sites, including Canton Township.

The suspects, many of them recent Livonia Stevenson High School graduates, are accused of breaking into construction trailers and stealing tools,

playing demolition derby with heavy equipment and trashing golf courses, including two in Livonia.

The theft and damage estimate in the communities affected by the spree totals \$400,000, said Lt. Ben McDermott, supervisor of the Livonia Police Department's detective bureau. In all, nine communities were targeted by the vandals.

"It was just their idea of fun," McDermott said Monday at a press

conference following the 16th District Court arraignments of eight of the nine suspects. "This was the way they got their kicks."

Police say two tips and the arrest of one of the suspects late last year, when stolen tools were found in a vehicle he was driving away from an unfinished subdivision off of Seven Mile, began the investigation and helped detectives Officer Tim Larion and Sgt. Patrick Moug piece the case together.

Ron Reinke, supervisor of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said he was pleased with the police effort. The Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses, both city owned, were vandalized in August, and Whispering Willows was also hit in June.

"Last summer was the worst" in terms of golf-course vandalism, Reinke said. "There was significant damage here, more than just the misdemeanor

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Relay for Life kickoff rally set for Monday

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The American Cancer Society and Canton are teaming up once again to bring the Relay for Life to the community. The 24-hour event will be held at Heritage Park beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 19.

In preparation for the annual event, the Summit will host a kickoff rally at 6 p.m., Monday, March 12.

"It's just going to be a fantastic event," said Debbie Zevalkink, administrative assistant to the township supervisor, and event coordinator.

The American Cancer Society

Relay for Life is a community event that allows people to celebrate life for survivors, to remember loved ones lost and to rally together as a community to fight cancer.

Zevalkink said when the American Cancer Society contacted her about coordinating an event in Canton, she jumped at the opportunity.

"They just happened to get hold of the right person because I had been looking for a community fund-raiser for a while, and it happens that my son is a cancer survivor," she said, explaining her 25-year-old son has been in remission for three years after his diagnosis of lymphoma.

■ For information about the third annual fund-raiser, scheduled for May 19-20 in Heritage Park, call (734) 394-5185.

The event is a 24-hour-relay, in which team members take one-hour turns circling the track.

"You can run, you can walk, you can jog," said ACS Community Development Director Mary Partin. "However you want to get around the track."

Partin said she had no doubts Canton would produce a successful event.

"The community has such a

large sense of giving and it's such a young, growing upbeat community," she said.

Last year, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life held in Canton raised more than \$94,500 and brought more than 800 people to Heritage Park. This money is used to fund cancer research and local education and community outreach programs.

"The Canton area has shown tremendous enthusiasm for this event the past two years and we are looking forward to another great relay this year," said

Partin. "Relay for Life is a 'community hug' from the American Cancer Society and provides awareness for the many programs and services we offer throughout the greater area. It lets people know that we are here to provide hope, progress and answers in the fight against cancer."

Kicking off the relay will be a victory lap around the track for cancer survivors. As the sun goes down, luminaries line the track in remembrance of those touched by cancer and to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contribution.

At dusk, participants will enjoy a concert by The Secrets, followed by a movie after dark.

"We are going to have one big party," said Zevalkink.

As the American Cancer Soci-

ety's national signature event, Relay for Life is the most successful not-for-profit event in the country, with more than 20 events in metro Detroit alone, raising more than \$169 million last year nationwide. The money funds programs and research, providing hope for the future, progress toward a cure and answers to cancer questions and concerns.

The informational meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating or learning more about the 24-hour relay. Event coordinators are also seeking cancer survivors to participate in the Saturday morning victory lap. For more information, contact Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5185.

Donut shop reports theft

Canton police were called to the Tim Horton's at 41276 Ford Road when the restaurant's district manager reported a larceny.

The manager said the shift supervisor who worked on Feb.

■ COP CALLS

23 took two bank deposit bags containing \$3,900, and was supposed to deposit them the following morning.

He reported the deposit was never made.

The employee was supposed to work the following Tuesday and Wednesday, but did not show up or call either day.

Another shift supervisor told police the suspect had been fired from a Madison Heights fast-food restaurant "for doing the same thing." Police are still investigating the complaint.

Overdose emergency

Police were called early Friday morning to a Canton residence by a grandmother who reported her grandson's friend needed help.

When police arrived, they found a 26-year-old Plymouth man, nude, on the bathroom floor.

His friend, a 26-year-old Canton biochemist, said the two had bought one-quarter gram of morphine at a party, and had taken

it to his grandmother's house, where they snorted the drug.

At about 6:30 a.m., the Canton man awoke to find the victim wasn't breathing. He took his friend into the bathroom to try to revive him.

The Canton man would not tell police who sold them the morphine.

Semi-trailer larceny

On Feb. 28, AD Transport Express, 5601 Belleville Road, reported a semi-trailer had been stolen from its parking lot during the day.

The man who reported the theft said the empty, \$16,000 trailer had been leased from a South Bend, Ind. leasing company.

Tool theft

A South Lilley Road business reported \$4,500 worth of tools had been stolen from a locked truck.

The theft occurred between Feb. 26 and March 2. The truck was parked in a fenced yard, and the truck's lock had been broken.

Police have no suspects.

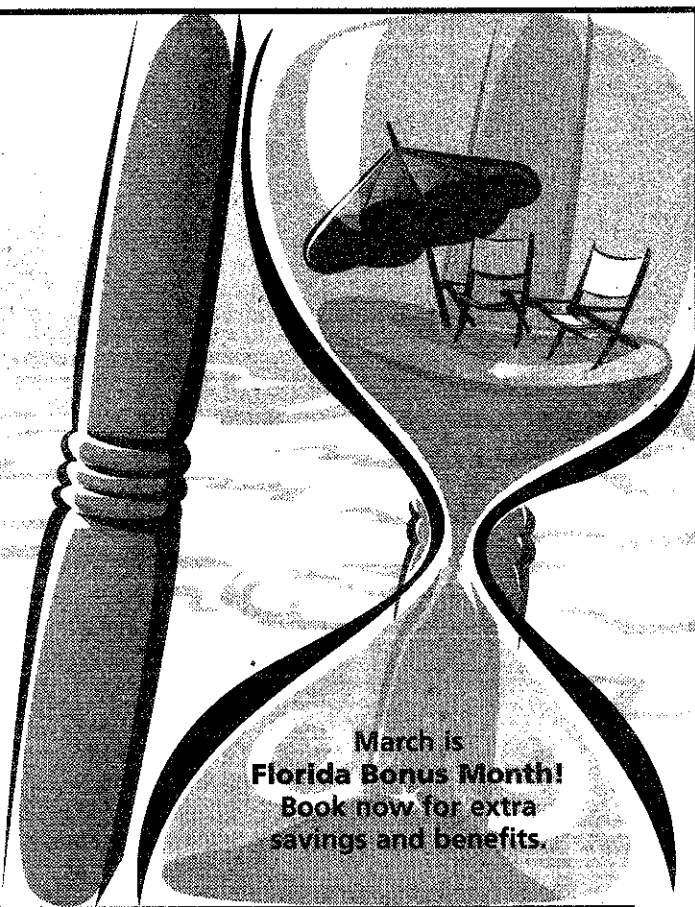
CLARIFICATION

The map of the redistricting of Plymouth-Canton elementary schools that appeared in the March 1 edition of the Observer should have indicated the road marked as "Lilley" as "Morton

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Salem cheerleaders win national honors

The 2000-2001 Plymouth Salem Varsity Co-ed Cheer Team squad finished eighth in the country at the 2001 National High School Cheerleading Championship held at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Feb. 10.

The eighth-place finish is Salem's highest in the nine years of participation in the competition.

The varsity co-ed team qualified for the national competition by winning the Wolverine Regional at the University of Michigan in December. The squad further prepared for the national competition by taking First Place at the Mall of America in Minneapolis in January.

Meanwhile, in the Co-ed Partner Stunt Competition, Pat Johnson and Harmony Howard finished in the sixth spot.

In the All Girl "Four" Stunt Competition, Megan Perrin, Amy Tremonti, Ashleigh Klimek and Rachel Hardy finished with 17th place.

The competitors in the partner stunting categories qualified by being selected from nearly 100 entrants who submitted their routines on videotape in December.

Members of the squad are Heather Burbo, Alisha Cieslak, Rachelle Frusti, Stephanie Gagleard, Gavin Gismondi, Stephanie Hall, Rachel Hardy, Harmony Howard, Pat Johnson, Ashleigh Klimek, Dave Lake, Nicole Marrone, Megan Perrin, Brittin Pollack, Raven Ramsey, Aaron Schneck, Kristen Schmiedel, Justin Sondergaard, Anna Sowinski, Jacqui Storey and Amy Tremonti.

Five members of this year's

■ The eighth-place finish at the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Fla. is Salem's highest in the nine years of participation in the competition.

squad have been offered positions as staff at Universal Cheerleaders Association, one of the main sponsors of the National High School Cheerleading Championships.

Meanwhile, the 2000-2001 junior varsity squad finished 12th in their division at the Championships. This is the JV squad's highest finish in their five years of participation.

The junior varsity cheer team qualified for the national competition by winning their division at U-M in December. The squad further prepared for the national competition by taking third place at the Mall of America in Minneapolis in January.

Members of the Junior Varsity Squad are Natalie Beattie, Melissa Deleo, Lydia Dobson, Meghan England, Jenna Hilderley, Hillary Kind, Kristen Koehler, Janine Korovesis, Melissa Mestrovich, Katie Morgan, Christin Nycek, Kim Peterson, Lisa Stemmerman, Danielle Teper, Ashley Travers and Brandy Wanniger.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Getting ready: The 2000-2001 Plymouth Salem Varsity Coed Cheer Team squad rehearses in the Salem gymnasium Feb. 7 for its national competition. Topping the formation are Brittin Pollack (from left) Rachel Hardy, Nicole Marrone, Harmony Howard and Stephanie Hall.



Showtime: About 300 people attended the speech and multi-media presentation at Summit on the Park.

Event is tribute to CC grad

A priest who is also a Catholic Central High School graduate, will be honored with the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Fr. Arthur Thomas Hathaway will receive the Fr. Canning F. Harrison Distinguished Alumnus Award on March 22 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

The award was established in 1990 and is given each year to an alumnus or a Basilian who has exemplified the philosophy and mission of Catholic Central High School - "Teach Me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge."

For more than 40 years, Fr. Hathaway, more familiarly

known as Fr. Tunney, has devoted his life to the Basilians and Catholic Central High School.

After graduating from Catholic Central in 1944, Fr. Tunney furthered his education at St. Michael's in Toronto and Assumption College in Windsor. He then began teaching with the Basilians, including in Detroit at Catholic Central.

During his years at CC, Fr. Tunney taught religion, history, English, science and driver's training.

He also coached football, basketball, tennis and skiing.

After leaving Catholic Central in 1967, Fr. Tunney continued

post-graduate work at the University of Detroit and taught at Aquinas Institute in New York and Assumption College in Ontario. For the past 40 years, he has engaged in pastoral work throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit as well as in Owen Sound, Ontario. For the past 14 years, he has been a chaplain at hospitals and senior citizen homes where he did counseling and rehabilitation work.

For ticket information about the event, call (313) 354-3368 or e-mail pschulte@catholiccentral.net.

Yack speech from page A1

Canton's seen a sizable economic growth too, said Yack. He said a year ago, the township's State Equalized Value increased by \$190 million, and the community has become attractive to industrial and retail companies alike.

"The market here is mature enough," Yack said, "to justify any major retailer to come to the community."

Yack said major retailers such as the soon-to-be-built Wal-Mart confidently open their doors in Canton, knowing they won't have to attract any customers from outside the community in order to succeed.

Yack said the success of "box stores" in Canton has illustrated a consumer trend that steers away from malls and main streets.

"Every community wants a Main Street, but if you look closely at Main streets, they've had to remake themselves," Yack said. "If you look at most Main streets, you see they've become nothing more than entertainment centers," adding successful cities have attracted restaurants and entertainment to keep their downtown areas vital.

Canton residents are realizing their individual successes as the average price of a resale home in Canton rose to \$210,000 last year, and single family home values appreciated 8 percent.

At the same time, he said, Canton maintains a low, stable tax rates, which he claims is "one of the lowest in the state," and is this year lower than it was in 1984.

Yack credited Canton's capa-

ble staff and hard-working volunteer government, boards and commissions for much of the community's success.

"We've been blessed with stable government," he said. "As you look to our east and as you look to your north, you see a lot of communities in shambles." Yack said Canton's government avoids internal bickering by coming to a consensus before issues are brought to the public.

Yack said the township's future goals include an emphasis on "the culture of Canton," which will be helped along by the building of the new performing arts center in Cherry Hill Village.

Recreation will also address community wishes, and the township is examining an outdoor aquatic center and community walking paths.

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Q&A

Q: Who started the art of toasting?

A: The practice of making a toast originated in 17th century England where pieces of spiced toast were placed in a carafe of wine or individual glass to improve the taste. It was polite to eat the toast so as not to offend the host. The toast has since been omitted and just the wine consumed.

Source: 10,000 Food Facts

For teen readers

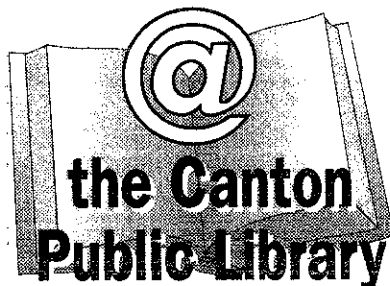
Here are some books for teens and young adults:

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- *Picture Frames in an Afternoon* by Kaye Evans
- *I was a Teenage Professional Wrestler* by Ted Lewin
- *Jewel: Chasing Down the Dawn* by Jewel

Hot topic of the week

■ Library re-opens! The Canton Public Library has finished its 22,000-square-foot expansion project. It re-opened on Saturday, March 3. Come take a look at the wonderful "new" library. We're sure you will like what you see.

@ The Canton Public 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 (734) 397-0999.



Did you know?

■ Rare stamps, hand-painted figurines and old coins are three of the most commonly collected items?

■ The Barbie doll debuted in stores on March 9, 1959? More than 800 million dolls have been sold to date.

■ Wine glasses should only be filled between half and two-thirds full? You should leave room to swirl the wine to release its full flavor and aroma.

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Superstore *from page A1*

Board of Trustees can approve it next Tuesday. The project will then go to the planning commission on March 19 for a site plan recommendation and to the township board on March 27 for final approval.

In order to meet the filing deadline for the planning commission's March 19 meeting, the revised Grand Sakwa plans needed to be turned in at noon today.

"This planning commission has waited for this for a long time," Amann said of the township's desire for commercial development at the site. "I can't honestly say that if we don't hit these deadlines that we'll be back...If there's such discomfort that you're willing to take that risk, that's okay."

"I'm not afraid of the project. I'm not afraid of its size," said Commissioner Karl Zarbo. "Lowe's is not a bad neighbor. You could do much worse. My fear is not in doing it. It's in doing it wrong."

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin echoed Zarbo's statement, saying, "It's a big project, an important project...You better have your ducks in a row because

I have a lot of concern when we have a recommendation to table this. I want it pressed and ironed and steamed and hung on a hanger."

Amann argued the commission's goal on Monday was simply to approve whether they agree with the PDD concept. The details would be worked out in site plan review.

"After tonight, the burden's on us," Amann said. "If there's a failure, it's going to be our failure."

Nervous neighbors

Amann addressed citizen comments from homeowners in the Carriage Hills subdivision, which abuts the northern portion of the PDD and attempted to reassure homeowners.

Amann said last year, he drove through the neighborhood, collecting addresses of every nearby home. He then sent four letters to the homeowners, informing them of Grand Sakwa's plans.

He then met with some 30 homeowners last June, listening to their concerns about the development, which included noise, flooding, visual impact and traf-

fic.

"There's no question we understand the sensitivity of this area," said Amann, who was also involved in the new Farmer Jack on Canton Center and Cherry Hill, which is adjacent to homes valued up to \$500,000.

Amann said Grand Sakwa will do everything the Michigan Department of Transportation Department allows to address traffic concerns, and will pay for road improvements and traffic signals, if allowed.

The plan also includes screened delivery truck wells, the absence of exterior trash bins, and 50 feet of undisturbed trees and vegetation between the development and Carriage Hills.

Voting to recommend PDD approval Monday were McLaughlin, Zarbo, Catherine Johnson and Vic Gustafson. Voting no were Robert Wade, Sue Dodson and Ron Lieberman.

Wade stated he was not opposed to the plan itself, but was more concerned about the rushed timeline. Lieberman stated he did not agree that regional commercial use fits in with the neighborhood's character.

Figure skaters take to ice

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For the first time, figure skaters from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park competed in the Michigan High School Figure Skating Championships, held last Saturday at the Birmingham Ice Arena.

The P-CEP Figure Skating Team, which officially became an affiliate of the school district Jan. 30, completed its first year of competition with its participation in the state championships.

"Until we became affiliated with the school district, there was no way our kids could skate and represent their school," said Ellen Kolarik, who along with a handful of parents spearheaded a two-year effort to get figure skating approved as a high school sport in the Plymouth-Canton school district. "Some skaters spend years practicing 2-3 hours a day, but when they get to high school there's no team for them to skate on and represent their school."

Skater Brandi Reed, a senior at Salem High School, was runner-up in Senior Freestyle in the statewide championships. Senior Freestyle is the highest level a freestyle skater can achieve, and is

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the level nationally-ranked skaters, like Michelle Kwan, compete.

Reed said she's happy in finally being able to skate for her high school team.

"Many times the skaters had to join other sports in order to participate for their school and get a letter," said Reed. "Some of us didn't want to give up skating to do that. Now, we have the opportunity to skate for our school and be recognized."

Unlike traditional sports of football, baseball and soccer, figure skaters don't practice as a team. Instead, Kolarik said each skater has his own individual coach, and brings their skating skills to the five meets during the year. Skaters are assigned various skating maneuvers within a category, and the team receives a combined score based on how well each member performs. Skating teams and individuals can then qualify for the state competition.

Kolarik said the P-CEP Figure Skating Team did not qualify as a group for state competition. However, five of the 13 team members

competed in Birmingham. They included Reed, Christin Nycek and Renae Kolarik, all of Canton; and Michelle Manery and Amy Caudill, both of Plymouth.

Currently, there are 23 high school figure skating teams in Michigan that compete in three districts. The P-CEP Figure Skating Team is part of the Western District, which includes teams from Northville, Novi, Farmington/North Farmington, Divine Child, Mercy, Ladywood and Ann Arbor Huron.

Kolarik said she expects the P-CEP team to increase in numbers next year.

"Our numbers this year were affected by short notice to skaters," said Kolarik. "Some skaters felt they couldn't be ready to compete this season, and others had already committed to other activities."

The Plymouth-Canton school district became an affiliate of the United States Figure Skating Association in order for the P-CEP Skating Team to compete. The team is funded by participants, and doesn't receive any funds from the school district. The cost to join the high school team is approximately \$200 per season.

Vandalism spree *from page A1*

stuff."

At Fox Creek, a pickup truck was driven into a pond, a sprinkler control box was smashed with a golf cart and turf was torn up, among other damage.

In June at Whispering Willows, trees were knocked out of the ground, flagpoles were damaged, portable toilets were tipped over and a fence was run over by a golf cart, which was found partially submerged in a creek.

"It shows, in my mind, a tremendous lack of respect for the property of other people," Reinke said.

Break-ins and vandalism took place also at several construction sites, including Millennium Park on Middlebelt and Victor Corporate Park on Victor Parkway, McDermott said.

Police on Monday displayed photographs of allegedly stolen and vandalized goods, some taken as evidence photos and others, including some of night-

time joy rides in heavy machinery, taken by someone acquainted with the suspects.

In one photo, a piece of equipment is taken through an impromptu car wash - the spray from a fire hydrant it had smashed into, police said.

"They were really brazen," McDermott said.

One of the suspects allegedly stole a front-end loader, during daylight hours, from Commerce Township and parked it behind his brother's house in Canton, McDermott said.

Another joy ride nearly turned tragic when one of the suspects was almost decapitated by a bulldozer, he said.

Some of the stolen equipment and tools have been recovered, but not all, police said.

The suspects face a range of charges, including malicious destruction of property, breaking and entering, receiving and concealing stolen property and vehicle theft.

Charged Monday were George D. Dimovski, 18, Brent M. Hoyer, 20, Brett J. Redington, 18, Eric Eickhoff, 20, Charles T. Kaier, 21, all of Livonia and Steven M. Holden, 18, of Commerce Township. Also charged were Erin Pravoto, 20, of Farmington Hills and Brian T. Williams, 22, of Garden City.

Judge Kathleen McCann entered not-guilty pleas for the suspects. Approached after the arraignments, several refused to answer reporters' questions.

A ninth suspect, though informed of the pending charges, is vacationing in Cancun and will be charged later, police said.

Seven of the eight suspects arraigned Monday posted bonds; Dimovski is in a Wayne County juvenile facility on an unrelated matter.

McCann scheduled a preliminary hearing for Tuesday, May 1.



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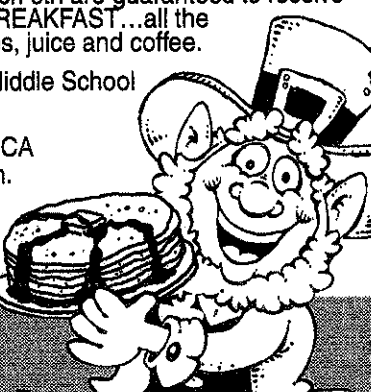
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OBITUARIES

GERARD (JERRY) A. POLI

Services for Jerry Poli, 56, of Canton, were held March 4 at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Robert Schultz of St. Michael Lutheran Church, officiating.

Mr. Poli was born Aug. 13, 1944 in Detroit and died March 2 in Southfield. He was a field engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Terry; sons, Alexander and Jeremy; father, Bruno Poli; brothers, Donald (Sandy) and Robert (Ann); and sister, Kathleen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cystic Fibrosis & Cerebral Palsy foundations.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Homes Canton Chapel.

PHYLLIS G. LESAR

Services for Phyllis G. Lesar, 74, of Canton Township were held March 5 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Hunter officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mrs. Lesar was born March 31, 1926 in London, Ontario, Canada and died March 1 in Livonia. She was raised in Windsor, Ontario and moved to the southeastern Michigan in 1976. Living in Detroit, Dearborn Heights and then Canton. She worked for a pharmaceutical company in Windsor. During World War II, she worked alongside her mother wrapping pistons. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She met her husband, Enoch, in 1948 at a church picnic. They married that year.

Before her illness, they enjoyed traveling. She enjoyed gardening and reading as well.

Survivors include husband, Enoch Lesar of Canton; sons, E. Aaron (Leslee) Lesar of Roseville, and Mark A. Lesar of Canton; grandchildren, Jennifer (Steve) Dyke, Sarah Lesar, David Lesar, and Jonathon Lesar; and brother, William (Wilma) Toole of Tennessee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association or The Arthritis Foundation.

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ELIZABETH CATHERINE RESCH

Services for Elizabeth Catherine Resch, 84, of Plymouth, were held March 5 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Resch was born May 20, 1916 in Cleveland and died March 2 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was raised in Cleveland.

Mrs. Resch was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. She was married for 55 years to William J. Resch. They wintered in Venice, Fla., where they enjoyed golfing, swimming, and walking on the beach. Her special interest was home design and decorating.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Robert E. (Janet) Resch of Ypsilanti, and William J. (Mary) Resch of Madison Heights; grandchildren, Jeff (Linda) Resch of Madison Heights, and Eric (Marlene) Resch of Madison Heights; great grandchildren, Max Jeffrey Resch, and Chloe Resch; sisters, Jean Shafts of Cleveland, and Peg Horrigan of St. Marys, Ga.

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CYNTHIA MARIE MURDIE

Services for Cynthia Marie Murdie, 31, of Canton, were held March 3 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Andy Webster officiating.

Cynthia was born June 25, 1969 in Detroit and died Feb. 28 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Gregg; son, Brendan; mother and father, Dolores and Edward Czerniak; brothers, Steven Czerniak and Jim Czerniak; mother and father-in-law, Robert and Joyce Murdie; and sister-in-law, Chris Murdie. A daughter, Ashley, died shortly after birth.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Brendan Murdie Trust Fund.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

DWAIN PARK

Services for Dwain Park, 60, of Whitmore Lake (formerly of Canton), were held March 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Richard J. Alberta and the Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Park was born Dec. 8, 1940 in Detroit and died Feb. 28 in Superior Township. He lived in Whitmore Lake for six years. He was a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. He enjoyed NASCAR racing, and he, himself, raced at the Flat Rock Speedway. He was a member of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where he was very active in music ministries, play-

ing piano and vocal music. He retired in 1998 after 31 years at Ford Motor Co.-Sheldon Road Plant, where he had worked as a supervisor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maurice Park.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia Park of Whitmore Lake; daughter, DeAnna Park of Hamtramck; son, Michael (Becky) Park of Taylor; mother, Ruth Henning of Plymouth; sister, Marilyn (Bob) Bonga of Plymouth; brothers, Mike (Susan) Park of East Lansing and Herbert (Diane) Park of Pinckney; mother-in-law, Frankie Cox of Plymouth; and pet Yorkie (Max).

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Evangelical Presby-

terian Church, Children's Music Ministry, 9455 Hilton, Brighton, MI. 48116 or First Baptist Church of Plymouth, Children's Music Ministry, 45000 North Territorial, Plymouth, MI. 48170. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

WILLIAM C. SPOUTZ

Services for William C. Spoutz, 71, of Canton, were held March 7 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Spoutz was born July 2, 1929 in Detroit and died March 3 in Canton. He was a meat cutter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy.

Survivors include daughters, Lynn (Dennis) Brown, Leslie (Charles) Stanford, Loretta, and Marie (Mark) Meyers; sons, Brian (Jennifer) and Richard (Melinda).

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

DONNA K. CHARTIER

Services for Donna K. Chartier, 78, of Canton, were held March 7 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac, MI.

She was born Oct. 5, 1922 in Cadillac and died March 3 in Canton. She was a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clinton.

Survivors include daughter, Denise L. (Ronald) Bobola.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

ANN LAIR

Services for Ann Lair, 82, of Plymouth, were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John Bishop officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Lair was born Nov. 4, 1918 in Whlrm. Pa. and died March 2 in Plymouth. She was an accountant.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garin Lair; mother, Mary Holod, father, Peter Holod; and sister, Catherine (Keith) Martin.

Survivors include daughter,

Sharon (Douglas) Eldridge of Plymouth; sisters, Margaret (Richard) Smith of Sterling Heights, and Helen Eades of Novi; brother, James (Beverly) Holod of Livonia; grandson, Douglas (Patty) Eldridge; granddaughters, Elizabeth Ann (Bart) McLean, and Julia Lynn (Gary) Wind; great granddaughter, Heather Ann Eldridge; great grandsons, Douglas John Eldridge, Brandon Gregory Koch, Blake Douglas McLean, Bradley Alexander McLean, and Garin Joseph Wind.

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YOU'RE SOMEBODY SPECIAL

Students: Racial incidents are a fact of life at P-CEP

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It appears a column in the *P-CEP Perspective* about Black History Month isn't the only act perceived as racism by parents and students of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

While Monday's meeting of school district officials with approximately 150 mostly African-American students and parents centered on the editorial written by Salem High School senior Chris Mackinder, students and parents say there are other incidents of racial discrimination at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"There was a paper under my desk with my name on it. I thought it was from a friend, because we always pass notes," said Nina Ewing, 16, of Canton. "I opened it up and it said 'The KKK should kill all n-----s' ... and that we 'shouldn't have been allowed to come to America.'"

"At first, I was completely speechless," added Ewing.

"How do you respond to something like that? I gave it to my teacher, but she threw it away. I felt upset because it was a serious matter and should have been given to the principal. In the halls we hear people calling us 'n-----r,' and telling us we shouldn't be allowed to come to this school."

"When we stand in a group, one of the security guards tell us to get to class," she said. "But, she doesn't do it to the group of Caucasian students."

Nina's mother, Vicky Ewing, said at first she didn't believe the stories her daughter was telling.

"But when the editorial came out in the newspaper, I knew then she wasn't lying," Vicky Ewing said. "You have students who won't even tell what's happening to them because they know the administration isn't going to do anything."

Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin suggests students who feel they are being discriminated against talk with security guards.

"We need to somehow clear the air with the perceptions we have of each other," said Ostoin. "The security people we have here are diligent, hard working people. Kids are relatively safe here."

"When we stand in the hallway, they (security) think we're up to something," added Deonna Sturges, a Salem ninth grader who lives in Canton. "We just want to talk to our friends. I don't feel that I'm safe at school."

Superintendent Kathleen Booher said she hasn't had many complaints of racism reach her office.

"I haven't been in situations where I've encountered that, but I certainly believe it happens in the schools," she said. "The district is always financially challenged, but we must recognize this is a priority for our young people and we need to support it. We must develop a positive plan on how we're going to work on issues of diversity in this school district."

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An apology by Mackinder appeased some.

"I just want to say from the bottom of my heart ... I wasn't trying to be racist," Mackinder told the group. "I am deeply sympathetic to your feelings, and by no means is this what I intended by writing this article. Looking back, I see how I could have worded it differently. Nothing in the article was meant to be offensive."

Promises from Booher that the district would work with parents and students about problems concerning diversity in the district were also welcomed by most of the gathering.

"Problem solving is what must come out of this work together," said Booher. "We must build a future that has the characteristics that lead together in vision."

While many in the group welcomed the chance to work on committees designed to make changes, they were frustrated at having a six-hour meeting Friday and another three-hour session Monday with no answers.

"We have a right, and they have an obligation, to give us answers because our kids are afraid," said Geraldine Ford-Brown of Plymouth Township, who has a daughter at Salem. "What's the harm in telling us what's going to happen to the teacher and the young man?"

Booher cited the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, as well as the contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, as reasons for not discussing discipline.

"I will not discuss the student's discipline, which is the

'We must build a future that has the characteristics that lead together in vision.'

*-Kathleen Booher,
Plymouth-Canton superintendent*

same privilege you would have under federal law," said Booher. "The teacher did receive disciplinary action. But, because the teachers in this district have a master contract agreement, employees have a right to the privacy of the content of their discipline. We are sharing responsibility for correcting what we may have misjudged in an effort to move forward."

Nagy reportedly will help put together the next issue of the *Perspective*, but will not handle her regular teaching duties for the time being. Booher would not comment on any possible disciplinary action Mackinder might face.

In the end, many parents signed up for the committees to help combat several key issues. They include a district-wide initiative for diversity training; recruitment and staffing of African-Americans; a K-12 history and language arts curriculum review; parent patrol in the schools; and programming for Black History Month and the Martin Luther King holiday.

"The committees are definitely needed," said "I think diver-

sity training on a regular basis is needed, and should be required for all students. I'm not just talking for Black Americans, but all nationalities, because Canton is a diverse community."

"The teacher's union has been lobbying for years for diversity training for our staff, but our requests have fallen on deaf ears," said Mike Chimento, a PCEA leader and teacher at West Middle School. "I think it shouldn't only be one day a year on Martin Luther King Day, but incorporated into our curriculum. I would hope it would be at all levels, not just Black, but Hispanic, Asian and the invisible minority of gay and lesbian kids."

Florence Washington said she's been begging the school district and the teachers association to recognize Martin Luther King's birthday.

"People have questions, and we need to learn from this to prevent this type of thing from happening again," she said. "It's time to wake up and work with the kids, adults, staff, management and teachers."

Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin said a special edition of the *P-CEP Perspective* will be printed next week.

"Students will be allowed to submit their editorials to the paper," he told parents and students. "There will be a look at Black History Month and why we have it, and the issues relating to Black History Month. There will also be an apology from the adviser (Nagy) and the student (Mackinder)."

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Bubble about to burst on natural gas prices

BY RICHARD PEARL
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It's no April Fool's joke: Come April 1, the "bubble" will burst for customers of one of Michigan's largest natural-gas suppliers.

Consumers Energy's three-year voluntary price-freeze – begun at a time when the country was enjoying a natural gas glut (called a "gas bubble" in the industry) – is to expire.

And, with natural gas now in short supply nationwide, customers in much of suburban Wayne and Oakland counties could see prices as much as double.

On the other hand, customers of MichCon, the other major supplier serving parts of Wayne and much of Washtenaw counties, may also notice an increase. But theirs could be offset in the short run by a proposed rebate.

Both companies have presented their cases to the Michigan Public Service Commission, which is expected to issue its rulings shortly.

The situation – which, incidentally, will bring Michigan in line price-wise with the rest of the country – has kept officials of both companies busy explaining to legislators and the media what's going on and what customers can do.

Suggestions from Consumers, besides "dialing down" their thermostats, include the Gas Customer Choice program, which on April 1 will allow up to 600,000 the option of shopping around for a lower price.

Another is Consumers' budget plan, enrollment for which begins in May. It allows customers to spread their gas costs over 12 months, rather than pay higher prices in winter.

A third is the various weatherization "do-it-yourself" programs about which the company provides information.

English emphasized that its proposed price hike – which he said could see consumers' bills jumping 40-60 percent or higher – will be strictly a pass-along of what Consumers is paying for the gas. The company's profits will come from its charges for processing and distribution, not the raw material, he said.

"Our rates will reflect what's going on in the marketplace," English told a group of Observer editors and reporters recently. "That means an increase of \$20 to \$30 a month, on average, for the typical residential customer using about 120,000 cubic feet of gas a year."

He said Consumers' rates "will still be below the market price thanks to existing long-term supply contracts" and the Jackson-based company's underground storage system. "That system is one of the best in the nation and allows us to buy gas during summer months when prices are usually cheaper."

The gas-price freeze, known as Consumers' Gas Customer Choice program, began with MPSC approval April 1, 1998, and held the cost of gas to its customers to \$2.84 per thousand cubic feet. Cost since then spiked at around \$10 in January but are "now down to around the \$5-6 range, where it will ultimately settle while new supplies are being found," English said.

He noted that Wisconsin's natural gas customers have been paying at the \$10 rate.

Consumers' customers are likely to see increases "probably more in 40-50 percent range."

"But even that obviously is beyond most people's reasonable thinking for what can happen to any kind of product, much less one as essential as natural gas,"

he acknowledged.

Incidentally, he noted, Consumers will have lost \$45 million as of this year, as well as thousands of customers.

The problem, he said, is that government kept prices low 20 years ago, discouraging exploration and drilling. This past November and December – coldest in Michigan in 40 years – didn't help.

The industry is now deregulated, allowing for supply and demand to reassert themselves

and establish prices, he said.

But with deregulation, it's possible that gas-users will get supertime telephone calls from Consumers' competitors, offering them deals, English said. However, he noted, Consumers' chief rival, Energy America, found going door-to-door was better and may continue to do so.

"We don't have a strategy to keep or lose customers. If anything, we're encouraging customers to look at the market" and decide if staying with fluctu-

ating prices or signing three-year, fixed-price contracts are in their best interest.

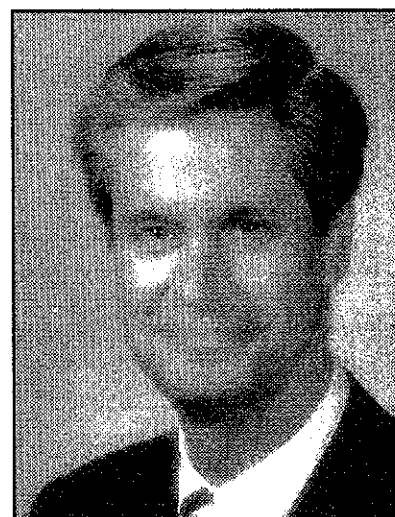
He said it's possible the country will see a return to coal-fired electric-generating plants, but natural gas is cleaner, more environmentally friendly and can be fired up at peak demand times. Coal, he said, must be burned constantly to remain efficient.

Consumers customers can call 1-800-477-5050 for more information regarding programs and

plans.

Cheryl Conway at MichCon said that company has asked the MPSC to let it out of its fixed-price program nine months early. Its cost of gas would increase from \$2.95 to \$5.17 per thousand cubic feet, she said, but a rebate credit plan "will in effect wash out the increase."

For more information, look up MichCon on-line at www.michcon.com or call the Detroit customer service number, (313) 965-8000.

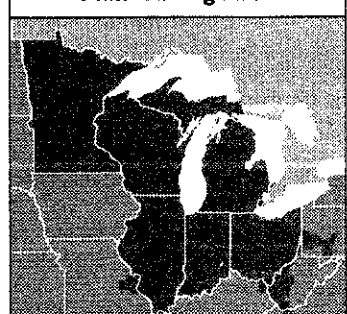


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Incident could expedite racial progress at park

That loud *thump!* you heard last week was the sound of a ton of bricks falling on the heads of Plymouth-Canton school district officials.

The reaction to an opinion published by a student in the latest P-CEP Perspective, and the backlash against a district with a reputation for turning a blind eye to racial problems, may finally have awakened the district from its multi-cultural hibernation.

We're not saying the school district is insensitive to issues faced by its minority population. The district includes students of many different cultures — African-American, East Asian, Indian, Hispanic and others — and so must by nature pay attention to the needs of those students.

In the face of this most recent incident, however, it's the *level* and *sincerity* of the attention coming under scrutiny. Unfortunately, as we all know, perception more often than not becomes reality and, in the minds of minority students and their parents, the perception is that the Plymouth-Canton School District simply doesn't care.

Don't believe us? Ask the 200 or so parents and students, mostly African-American, who crowded the Plymouth Salem cafeteria Monday night for a special meeting, facilitated by the Rev. Virgil Humes, in an effort to discuss these issues.

Unfortunately, most of the people who turned out simply wanted two heads on a platter: that of Chris Mackinder, the Canton senior who wrote an opinion piece about Black History Month, and Mary Lou Nagy, the newspaper adviser who allowed the piece to be printed.

Thankfully, they got neither. There's no indication of punishment Mackinder might face, and he shouldn't face any. He published an opinion in an appropriate place in the school newspaper, a First Amendment right he enjoys like the rest of us. The teacher, Nagy, apparently received some form of discipline, although Dr. Kathleen Booher, the school superintendent, isn't revealing any details, thus respecting the teacher's rights and the union contract.

That's not the answer most of the throng wanted Monday night, but it was the right answer. We don't believe either the student or the teacher deserve punishment. The school district should be enlightened enough to know that opinions are to be valued and discussed — and learned from.

Could Nagy have advised Mackinder on a kinder, gentler way to express his opinion? Sure. Should either of them be vilified because the column got in the paper as is? Not a chance.

The district may have bigger fish to fry. An African-American student reported last week a note left on her desk said "all n-----s deserve to die, and the KKK should kill all of them." The teacher to whom the student reported the note threw it in the trash without attempting to determine who wrote it or stuck it to the desk. Salem principal Jerry Ostoin said the matter has been turned over to Canton Township police, but the folks at the Monday meeting clearly don't think enough is being done to combat such racism.

Booher is at least attempting to change that. There is now talk about diversity training for teachers, about a "parent patrol" and programming to commemorate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. There is discussion about forming committees to investigate ways to eliminate any form or trace of racism in the school district.

In the face of yet another school shooting, this one near San Diego, Calif., these are good discussions to undertake. Although that shooting apparently had nothing to do with race, it did reportedly have something to do with a kid who felt picked on and ostracized, feelings many minority students in Plymouth-Canton appear to experience.

Mike Chiumento, an openly gay teacher at West Middle School, said Monday teachers have long asked for diversity training, requests he says have, in the past, fallen on deaf ears.

Hopefully, whatever progress was made Monday night shows the district is finally listening.

Power play: Questions remain on deregulation

If there's anything we've all taken for granted, it's our utilities. We turn on the heat on a frigid Michigan evening, and our abode warms. The tap runs hot and cold with water and when we toss the remains of dinner in the sink and turn on the garbage disposal, it all goes away.

But things are changing. The folks at the gas company are deregulating a la Ma Bell, and the city of Detroit water and sewer systems are in need of improvements.

The bottom line is rate hikes for all. That flush in the bathroom is going to cost more and keeping the old home toasty will cost 40-60 percent more next winter.

Detroit is hiking its water and sewer rates for two reasons. The water system is in need of repairs and the sewer system needs improvements to keep it from spewing more pollution into the Great Lakes.

Water rate hikes of about 10 percent are expected in most suburban communities because the city of Detroit is in the midst of a \$5 billion overhaul of its water treatment facilities. The system itself is thought to be one of the largest in the country.

While Detroit has often been difficult to deal with, the worth of our water system is taken for granted. Southeastern Michigan has been blessed with one of the best sources of clean, fresh water in the world. It has helped this region become an industrial giant that supports a population of 4 million or so folks.

Those who balk at the water rate hikes should be reminded that suburban communities wouldn't exist if city of Detroit taxpayers hadn't reached into their pockets in the first place to build the water system.

Sewer rate hikes are in store for some communities as southeastern Michigan starts coming in line with federal standards for sewage released into the Great Lakes basin. Again, like the water, southeastern Michigan communities can

consider themselves lucky. We've been upstream in the Great Lakes of towns like Toledo and Cleveland, which have been getting our discharges in their faces for years. It's time for the Detroit area to make sure the water it returns to the Great Lakes is as clean as possible.

The rates in gas prices being proposed by MichCon will push our heating bills up by \$20 to \$30 monthly by next year. The reason given us is deregulation. The gas company folks say the price of gas has been kept low in an agreement to test deregulation and that the gas companies have been eating the wholesale price increases. And it's now time to make them up.

It's understandable that MichCon and Consumers Energy, which serve most of Michigan, want to make a decent profit for their investments.

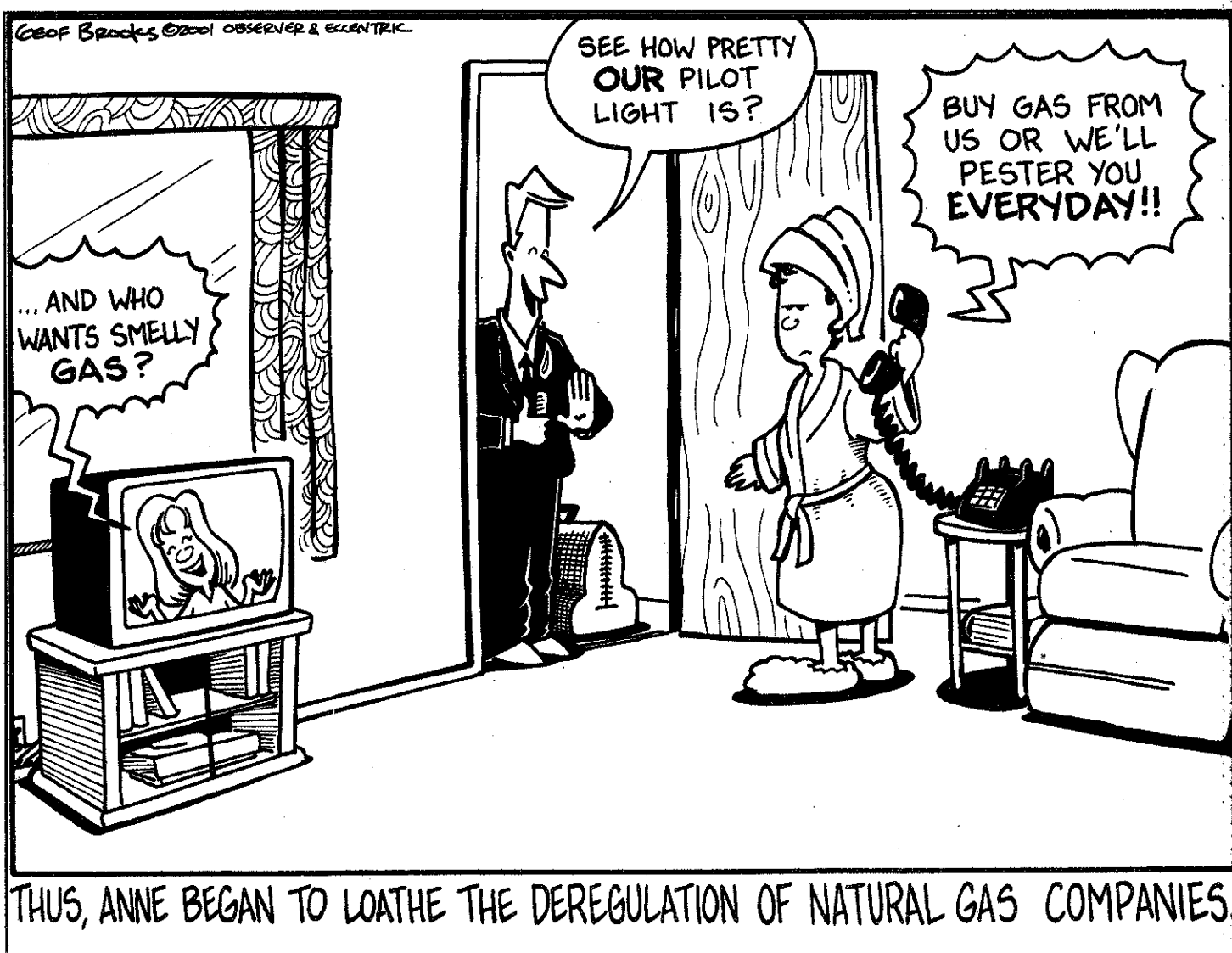
However, deregulation of power companies is a scary thing especially in light of the power problems in California. We certainly don't want to end up like our West Coast countrymen.

Deregulation also makes many wary in the wake of the breakup in the 1980s of the phone company and the ensuing confusing competition that has put many phone bills under a cloud of suspicion. There has been slamming of phone bills and phone solicitation calls to homes that have enraged many.

Phone company deregulation was supposed to save us money because there would be more competition for our phone dollars. However, it's never been proven that phone bills have ever gone down. There's just the wimpy response that phone bills could have gone higher if there hadn't been deregulation.

It has put a sour taste in our collective mouths, and makes us suspicious of deregulation. It raises the question: Do we want to turn over the power sources in our homes to the same process used on the phones?

It will take some convincing.



LETTERS

■ Apology unnecessary

It is interesting that an article in a school newspaper can cause such a furor. This country was founded on differing beliefs, but it seems these days that it has degenerated to only those things that are "politically correct."

There are many things published in current papers that offend me, but I am not so thin skinned to believe that those people do not have a right to their opinions. If there is a fault in this, it is that the school does not make it clear enough that the school newspaper is not a "real" newspaper, and thus, controversial subjects are not to be published.

This is within the right of the school, but it should be specifically stated that this is only a paper and it is not allowed to publish anything that might offend anyone at all for any reason. In other words, real opinions not allowed. I don't necessarily agree with the editorial or its tone, but I also do not believe that it is appropriate to demand an apology for an opinion. If there is any fault, it is with the school staff that did not make sure the students understood the "rules."

Dan Donaldson

■ Paranoia?

My New Webster's Dictionary gives the definition of paranoia as "a tendency on the part of an individual or group toward excessive or irrational suspiciousness and distrustfulness of others."

If ever Mr. Webster wanted an example to demonstrate the meaning of this word, the present flap over the Salem High School article concerning Black History Month, written by Chris Mackinder, would be a perfect example.

The article was written as Mr. Mackinder's opinion, not as school policy, not teacher advisor Mary Lou Nagy's opinion, but just Mr. Mackinder's.

This paper reported that "nearly 300 parents and students, most of them African-American, stormed Salem High School to protest the printed editorial in the P-CEP Perspective, the high school newspaper."

The rage, you go on to say, is expected to lead to disciplinary action against the teacher advisor.

I would not expect any school or community newspaper to print hate material of any kind but I can't help wondering if the writing of this Letter to the Editor, which also gives only my opinion and is even without the benefit of a teacher advisor to take the blame, will result in another 300 parents and students storming your newspaper office in angry protest because you printed an opinion contrary to theirs.

Charles E. VanVleck
Plymouth

■ Tolerance needed

Where is Mrs. Booher's tolerance? Or diversity of opinion? How can she say this teacher will face repercussions before an investigation? How is it due process when before meeting she says discipline is in progress?

Sounds like she cannot be fair and should step down. The teacher did nothing wrong and should not be punished for somebody else's intolerance.

Walter Kwiathowski
Plymouth

■ CCW ignorance

Once again the ability to carry a concealed weapon has come under attack. I have one question for anybody that opposes the lawful carry of a concealed weapon. Have you researched states that do allow it? Paranoia spawns from ignorance. The following are quotes from prior opponents of Right to Carry laws.

■ "I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn't happened. All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it's worked out well, and that says good things about citizens who have permits. I'm a convert." (Glenn White, President of the Dallas Police Association, Dallas Morning News, Dec. 23, 1997.)

■ "Some of the public safety concerns which we imagined or anticipated a couple of years ago, to our pleasant surprise, have been unfounded or mitigated." (Fairfax County, Va. Police Major Bill Brown, The Alexandria Journal, July 9, 1997.)

■ "The concerns I had — with more guns on the street, folks may be more apt to

square off against one another with weapons — we haven't experienced that." (Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., Police Chief Dennis Nowicki, The News and Observer, Nov. 24, 1997.)

Michigan's new CCW law is the most restrictive of CCW laws. To make it illegal to carry a concealed weapon into a restaurant just because it has a liquor license is the equivalent of forbidding a person with a driver's license to go into the same restaurant. That assumes the individual will consume alcohol and drive their car. If they do they're breaking the law, if they don't they're not. Simple isn't it?

Food for thought. Man walks into a factory carrying an AK-47 and starts shooting. Man with CCW pulls out gun and shoots man with rifle. Lives saved. Won't happen here though, will it?

Jeffrey A. Vivrette
Ypsilanti

■ Teaching respect

I haven't been able to go out in public with my kids lately without observing a disturbing trend: mothers who don't mind their children. As Canton is a town overflowing with kids, I've seen it at public parks, shopping malls and more recently at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant here in town, my 3-year-old daughter's favorite haunt.

A toddler whose mother was blissfully unaware of her boy's whereabouts bit my son in the face there. This boy, probably 18 months old, wandered freely around the restaurant, repeatedly approaching my son and attempting to touch him. Just as it appeared the other boy was going to give my son a hug, CHOMP!

While it did break the skin, the bite was superficial. The mother, of course, apologized profusely. It came as no surprise when she told me, "I have five boys. He's the youngest and the only one who bites." Five kids? I'm thinking she should have stopped at two or three.

I'm not saying my children (3 and 18 months) are perfect. But from an early age, they've been taught to respect other people's personal space. Amazingly, they do! Moreover, I follow them around wherever they go, even if it means I can't catch up on the latest gossip with my friends. I would feel terribly guilty if either of my children ever bit someone. But that's not

why I watch them so closely when we're out. It's because my kids are my responsibility, at least until they turn 18. Rather than filing a frivolous lawsuit against this neglectful mom, or getting angrier than I already am, I've decided to appeal to Canton moms (and dads) — and you know who you are — please keep track of your children. Don't assume some guardian angel is following your child around, keeping him safe from harm. That's your job.

Hillary Clinton once said, "It Takes a Village" to raise children. I beg to differ.

Mary Asselmeier
Canton

■ Tower a bad idea

Bruce Fisher has applied for a waiver from the Plymouth Township Planning Commission to erect a 190-foot communication tower behind his dental office. This is inappropriate and must be stopped for several reasons.

His dental office is located in the middle of a residential area. In addition, the Plymouth-Canton Montessori School is directly across the street, the PCEP is located diagonally across the street, and Isbister Elementary School is within a quarter-mile.

Currently, the government states that the effects of RF waves on human beings are undetermined. Please remember that in the recent past tobacco and asbestos were initially considered to be safe substances. Further research has proved those assumptions wrong. The truth is we do not know for certain what the long-term effects will be. I do not choose to have my family serve as guinea pigs.

The area Fisher proposes to build the tower on is wooded. Birds, squirrels, rabbits, woodchucks and other creatures live there. The tower will destroy their home.

The height of the tower requires flashing lights day and night to warn aircraft. This structure will be an eyesore. A tower in our neighborhood will lead to decreased property values for homeowners.

Please don't let Fisher's desire for additional money ruin our neighborhood and compromise the safety of our children.

Donna Harder
Plymouth

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About time: Governor race heating up both parties

Michigan politics have been frozen in place for years, a tribute to the long-term dominance of Gov. John Engler. But Engler will leave office at the end of 2002, and things are heating up all over.

Media attention has focused mostly on things Democratic, where at least three strong potential candidates for governor – former Gov. James Blanchard, present Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Rep. David Bonior – are all maneuvering for position. Also scurrying about are State Sens. Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith, with Geoffrey Fieger looming unaccustomed in the wings.

But things are just as interesting with the Grand Old Party, where the race to succeed (certainly not replace) John

Engler is well under way.

Originally, it looked like a horse race between Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Secretary of State Candice Miller. But it's now clear the Republican establishment has organized itself to back Posthumus for governor and cut Miller a reapportioned seat in Congress that squeezes Bonior out.

So how does gubernatorial candidate presumptive Posthumus fare? Not particularly well, according to early polls. In last month's EPIC/MRA survey, Posthumus got whopped by both Granholm (53 percent - 29 percent) and Blanchard (53 percent - 32 percent). Bonior and Posthumus were practically even.

So what's Posthumus' problem? He's a nice guy, both thoughtful and very conservative (though who in the GOP isn't, these days?). He was on the ballot with Engler last time around and has been featured as lieutenant governor in various administration publicity stunts.

But puzzlingly, he's not particularly well known. The same EPIC/MRA poll that found Blanchard's name ID well above 90 percent (with Granholm's at around 25 percent and Bonior at 35 percent), showed Posthumus' name was unfamiliar to 41 percent of Michigan voters.

This suggests Posthumus has not yet carved out a political identity distinct from that of a generalized Republican politician. Political insiders are talking about Posthumus' lack of "traction." That's a big problem, as a recent poll, conducted by Neil Newhouse, found that a plurality of all Michigan voters (42 percent) identified themselves as independents, with self-identified Democrats at around 33 percent, just a few

points above Republicans.

And the independent voter problem comes to a head especially in Oakland and western Wayne counties, where suburbanites (especially women) are deserting the GOP for two main reasons. First, they don't like the hard anti-abortion position that is now a litmus test for Republicans; second, they're scared of the "shall issue" concealed weapons permit legislation the GOP rammed through the legislature last year.

It's not for nothing that as smart a politician as Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson has taken direct control of the Oakland County party, trying to moderate the party's hard-right image and in the process displeasing some of his more rigidly conservative friends. If Posthumus can't run well in Oakland and western Wayne counties, he isn't going to build a winning statewide presence outside his western Michigan base.

So that strange sound you hear in the distance is caused by other Republicans dashing around to see what can be put together. State Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow isn't denying interest. Another GOP senator, Bill Schuette, is raising money for a run for something.

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The best potential alternative is state Sen. Joe Schwarz, who has said he'll decide by June 1 whether to run. Schwarz is considered adequately conservative by his party, but he hasn't been afraid to take on Engler on certain issues. While Engler ran George W. Bush's Michigan campaign, Schwarz backed U. S. Sen. John McCain; McCain won big time. Schwarz also favors campaign finance reform, a subject regarded as too hot to handle by the GOP establishment.

A practicing physician, Schwarz sees the opening Posthumus' lack of traction provides. "I'm a radical middle of the road," he said. "The Republican Party in Michigan has slipped a little farther to the right than the middle mass of voters would like to see. As a result, for example, we lost Oakland County in the last two presidential elections, and we see women who would normally tend to vote Republican sitting on their hands."

Stay tuned. It should be a mighty interesting year.

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State of Township speech informative, if not moving

Great speeches, it seems, have gone the way of family dinners on Sunday and vinyl record albums. Almost never witnessed in person and seldom replayed on radio or TV, the idea of a riveting speaker captivating an audience is pretty much a relic from another time.

Most of us though fondly recall being mesmerized by the power of the spoken word at some point in our lives. Whether it was a classroom lesson, a minister's sermon or even a political speech, we sat up and took notice. We might even remember vivid details about it years later. Sometimes, when the event was on the world's stage, the phrases make it into the history books. FDR's "a date that will live in infamy," or JFK's "ask not what your country can do for you..." being the most familiar examples.

No, public speaking these days seems to fall into two distinct categories – the carefully-honed, sound-bite laden

political appearance or the corporate presentation, a dry recitation of facts and figures punctuated by the ever-present Powerpoint slide show. While neither is awe-inspiring, I much prefer the latter. It may not be as polished but it usually offers something the glib political speech doesn't – information.

Which is why when Canton Supervisor Tom Yack delivered his State of the Township Address on Wednesday, it was easy listening for me. And, for the most part, the 300 people attending the annual Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon liked what they heard.

That's because the supervisor knows his audience as well as his job. The topics covered Wednesday were things that interest most residents and businesses. The township's growth, new housing opportunities and economic stability were on the list. As were public safety and recreation. It is those quality of life issues that resonate most and the area where Canton continues to stake its reputation.

As usual, there were a few newsy tidbits dropped into the speech. The township is talking about a network of paths to link various neighborhoods and a new industrial development is possible in the Haggerty Road corridor.

On the commercial side, Yack said the Ford Road DDA district will realize \$100 million in new commercial development once projects such as the Wal Mart (at the former AutoNation site) are complete.

Yack has been giving this particular speech for 12 years now. Well, not the exact same speech but you get the idea. His style is relaxed, informal and informative, which the supervisor says has taken several years to perfect. "You can see the

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way I've changed over the years, from standing up at a podium to going out into the audience," he said before Wednesday's address. "I try not to over prepare and just respond to what people are interested in," he said.

"That way, I don't end up talking for 40 minutes like Bill Clinton," the longtime Republican quipped.

To be fair, when then candidate George W. Bush spoke in the same building before the Feb. 22, 2000 Michigan Republican presidential primary, we heard uninspiring lines like these: "My message here today is to keep fighting the fight" and "This mission is to begin the beginning of the end of the Clinton-Gore era in Washington, D.C."

I'll take Yack's narration of charts and graphs over that kind of stilted rhetoric any day. So, I'm sure, would most of the people at Wednesday's speech.

Tedd Schneider is the Canton Observer community editor. His favorite speech is one given by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Ala. in March 1965, which included the phrase: "A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice." Reach him at (734) 459-2700 or via e-mail at tschneider@oe.homecomm.net.



Hugh Gallagher

I don't remember the first story that was read to me. I don't remember the first book I mastered on my own. But I do know that from that day to this I have always had a book or two or three going at the same time, feeding my endless curiosity, restimulating my imagination and comforting me in troubled times.

Robin Hood was the first "character" who grabbed my imagination. Those stories opened me to the magic of books – an outlaw living on the land with his buddies who robbed from the rich to give to the poor. (Some might argue that my politics haven't changed much from the days when I first read Robin Hood).

I love books, magazines and newspapers. History, government, nature studies, bicycle maintenance, mystery novels, sci-fi, plays, classic novels and serious novels, poetry, architecture, baseball, outdoors adventure – everything into the blender. The clash of ideas helped me form ideas, not always as precisely as I would have liked, but always with the understanding that all ideas are open to question.

And one day I discovered that we are privileged here in the United States, because there are very few other countries where books and ideas are so cherished that we preserve the right to freely publish, distribute and read what we choose with minimal restrictions.

But that precious freedom is in grave danger, both from declining use and from a misunderstanding of what that freedom implies.

We know that children are reading less. The television and the computer compete for time with the friends on the corner. Reading takes a backseat; even required reading gets skimmed. And we're all the poorer for it.

Coolidge Elementary School in Livonia invited my participation in its "Real Life Readers" program this week, part of National Reading Month. Adults from many walks of life were invited to read a story to children at the school and share their feelings about the books they've read.

The third-grade class was attentive as I read Patricia Polacco's "My Ol' Man" and had a lot of good questions about what I do. I hope the reading that we did helped stimulate children to become readers and stay readers.

Ms. Polacco's brightly illustrated story touches on some sensitive themes – divorce and unemployment – but is warm and not controversial.

But sometimes what you write, and what you

The importance of ideas has a place in our education, too

read, can be uncomfortable. As children grow from elementary school to high school they are expected to test their ideas against the ideas of others.

Last week a Plymouth Salem High School student, Chris Mackinder, got into hot water for expressing some unpopular ideas. He wrote an opinion piece questioning the need for Black History Month and concluded his piece with some inflammatory language: "If it's a race war that they want, keeping things the way they are will sure get them one. By creating a month to make a group of people happy, the battle of which color is supreme will be taken to the extreme."

The parents of black students reacted and the school administration reacted by "disciplining" the teacher adviser. Mackinder apologized for his insensitivity.

End of story.

Not so fast. At the high school level, students must be challenged to think and to question their thinking. A school newspaper is, within clearly defined limits, the place for that kind of debate. Young Mr. Mackinder did not pass those limits.

While I agree that the column was insensitive and ignorant about why special months are devoted to black history and to women's history, Mackinder had a right to his opinion. The result should have been a lively debate that would have shown Mackinder where he was wrong. It might also have stimulated some discussion among the faculty that might have helped them to explain about how blacks and women have been marginalized from traditional history textbooks.

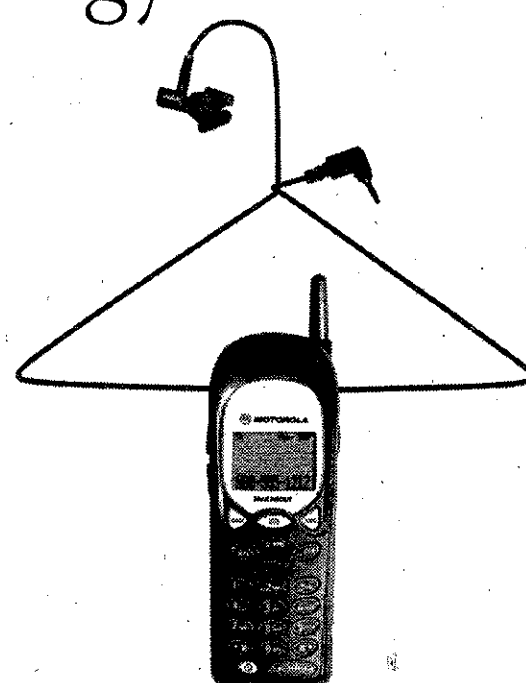
Instead we've taught Mackinder and other students to keep quiet, don't raise questions and believe that there is only one correct point of view.

The teacher was perhaps lax in not questioning why Mackinder wrote as he did, but the more important lesson was that he had a right to express his view and have it challenged, not censored.

It's wonderful that schools are promoting diversity. But they should promote a diversity of ideas as well as a diversity of cultures.

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Lawmakers take up issue of living wage laws

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For businesses, union representatives and lawmakers, it was déjà vu all over again when the House Employment Relations, Training and Safety Committee began work Tuesday, March 6, on a bill to overturn local "living wage" ordinances.

Last year, an outcry over legislation to override local governments in 14 areas of law, living wages included, set off the petition drive that led to Proposal 2, Let Local Votes Count, on the November ballot. Last December, an attempt to pass the override failed on the last day of the legislative session. It fell about five votes short despite the fact the voting board was left open for more than an hour.

In part, the bill died because of concerns of its impact on "prevailing wage" laws. Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, sponsor of the House Bill 4327,

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*Rep. Andrew Richner
R-Grosse Pointe*

this year included wording in his proposal stating that it would not affect prevailing wage laws. Unions still believe it could and are opposing the bill.

Living wage ordinances require that any business that contracts with the city government must pay their employees at a certain rate over the poverty level, more if they do not give health benefits.

The version enacted in Detroit would require firms to pay \$8.50 per hour, \$10.50 without health benefits. Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Ferndale, Warren and Ann Arbor have all passed such living wage ordinances, but all

require pay at different rates.

Richner argues that there is already a minimum wage in Michigan, \$5.15 per hour set in state law.

"Until 1998, when Detroit passed the first living wage ordinance in the state, locals deferred to the state and federal law," he said. "They realized that it would be detrimental to the economy. We have 1,800 units of local government in Michigan and if each adopted their own minimum wage standards it would create a hodge-podge that would be a nightmare."

"If locals have decided what the minimum wage should be in

their area, what right do businesses and stockholders have to dictate otherwise?" asked Rep. Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon.

She noted that a recent study concluded, in some areas of the state, a single parent raising three kids would need to earn \$27,000 annually "to even make it." That translates to \$19 per hour.

"Some people make more than they need," said Rusty Merchant, spokesman for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. "Many people make less than they need. But I will tell you this, no one is paid based on need. They are paid based on skills."

Merchant argued that living wage ordinances hurt the very people they are intended to help. As the minimum wage increases,

businesses have to hire more highly skilled people to make it worth their while employing them. That makes it more difficult to for less skilled workers and those starting out looking for their first jobs to land employment.

Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber said Detroit's living wage ordinance makes it more difficult to attract new businesses to the area. She said Detroit has "an image problem" and that some businesses have said they would look for locations elsewhere specifically because of that ordinance.

Dennis countered that didn't jibe with the recent announcement that the state has received a Governor's Award for attracting more businesses than any other state for the fourth year in

a row.

Lawmakers also have introduced several proposals to curtail the prevailing wage laws, which require that state contractors pay wages that match rates of pay in the area of the state in which the work is done. House Bills 4327, 4329 and 4382, by Rep. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and Bob Gosselin, R-Tröy, would exempt road builders and school construction contractors from prevailing wage laws.

Bruce Burton, of the Detroit area's International Brotherhood of Electrical Contractors, said the bills would effectively gut prevailing wage laws. He said they would undermine unions. Unionized contractors provide better training, better pay and better safety programs than non-union shops, he contended.

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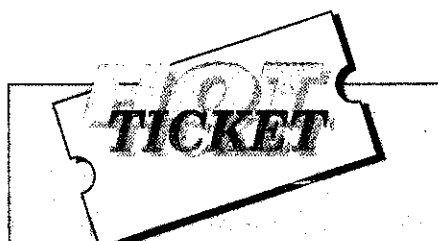


Composer/guitarist Spencer Barefield and his trio, plus an eight piece string ensemble, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10-\$25, call (734) 769-2999.

SUNDAY



Lisa DeWaele (left to right), Daniel Roth, and Michael East star in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 2 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$8-\$10, call (313) 577-2960.



Grammy Award winner Larry Gatlin stars in "The Civil War," a new American musical playing through Sunday, March 11 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$55, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. For show times and other information, call (313) 832-2232.

'Get thee to Ann Arbor'

The Royal Shakespeare Company's staging of eight historical plays hailed by U of M and University Musical Society

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Even the *New York Times* saw a good story in a partnership between the University of Michigan, University Musical Society and Royal Shakespeare Company.

An article about the London theater company's three-week residency in Ann Arbor, and performances March 10-18 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, appeared in the Feb. 25 edition of Sunday's *Times*. Regrettably, the focus was astonishment that such a prestigious show would be taking the road to Ann Arbor.

Then again, Ann Arbor, and not the Big Apple, is the only city in the United States where the prestigious company plans to perform a large portion of one of its most significant artistic undertakings — contemporary stagings of William Shakespeare's History Plays. In fact, associate director Michael Boyd's new *Richard III* is making its international debut at the Power Center.

Once more, staging the dramas, which are rarely performed in a cycle and cover England's history from the



Bardian embrace: Fiona Bell portrays Queen Margaret and Richard Dillane portrays the Duke of Suffolk in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Henry VI, Part II* in Ann Arbor.

late 14th to the late 15th centuries, would not be possible without a \$2 million investment by the University of Michigan.

Bold project

"It's bold. It's a big project, but it is worthy," said UMS President Kenneth C. Fischer, who along with U of M President Lee C. Bollinger, orchestrated the venture and then worked with the area's arts and academic communities to develop some 70 education and outreach programs to round out the company's residency. Featured are two free public discussions, including one in which President Bollinger interviews company Artistic Director Adrian Noble.

"This collective effort should afford the University and the community a rich marriage of scholarship and theatrical performance," Bollinger said of the project.

What: Royal Shakespeare Company performs four of William Shakespeare's History Plays (*Henry VI, Parts I, II and III* and *Richard III*) in three complete cycles as part of three-week residency.

When: March 10-18

Where: Power Center in Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$108-250 for all four plays; tickets for individual performances, if available, will be sold at the door; call UMS Box Office at (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org

Information: For performance details and a full schedule of education events presented as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company's residency, visit www.umich.edu/pres/shakespeare

And that's not an overstatement. Programs presented in an academic setting reach beyond the Ann Arbor campus to other universities and colleges, local high schools and area community groups.

Programs open to the public are extensive and include interactive workshops aimed at giving audiences a look behind the scenes, a live musical performance, a community acting workshop, several lectures and two exhibits, one of which features a leather glove reputed to have belonged to Shakespeare.

The residency is part of the first UMS International Theater Festival. The ambitious project was launched with news that the university planned not only to offer more live theater, but also build the

Arthur Miller Theater. The Power Center is also celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The work behind the residency program began three years ago when Fischer learned that the company was

Lectures and other events

■ **Engendering History — Women, Gender and Shakespeare's History Plays:** 12 noon Friday, March 9, Rackham Assembly Hall.

■ **From Jerkin to Jacket — Changing Styles in Shakespearean Costume Design:** 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11; 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15; and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 18, U of M Special Collections Library, Hatcher Graduate Library.

■ **Costuming Shakespeare's History Plays:** Features prints, photographs and drawings of costumes from productions of the History Plays since the late 18th century, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, through April 14, U of M Special Collections Library, Hatcher Graduate Library, call (734) 764-9377.

■ **Shakespeare on Campus:** Features images and documents from the many theatrical, musical, dance and scholarly interpretations of Shakespeare's works by University of Michigan drama groups, visiting performers and faculty, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, through April 30, Bentley Historical Library (North Campus), call (734) 764-3482.

■ **Keynote Interview:** University of Michigan Professor of English Ralph Williams interviews Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Director Michael Boyd, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor.

■ **Keynote Interview:** University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger interviews Royal Shakespeare Company Artistic Director Adrian Noble, 3-4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor.

■ **The Art of Acting and Directing Shakespeare:** University of Michigan Professor of Theater Leigh Woods interviews actors and directors from the Royal Shakespeare Company, 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, March 16, at the U-M Alumni Center, corner of Fletcher and E. Washington, Ann Arbor.

interested in building "relationships in the Heartland" and met with its artistic director in Washington, D.C.

"I hit it off with Adrian Noble," recalled Fischer. "And in this business, it's all about your relationships with people. So that started a series of exchanges and meetings. It wasn't clear what would be done. They needed to see our theater. They needed to know where we were, where the hell is Ann Arbor?"

Viable project

Another issue was the viability of putting on Shakespeare's History Plays. "That's when we sat down and said 'these are the History Plays, these are not the sexy plays, these are not the plays where you get the corporate sponsors.' And here Lee (Bollinger) and I are saying that's perfect. That's exactly the kind of project a university ought to be undertaking."

The approach reflects a larger philosophy toward the arts and arts programming, said Fischer. "We've learned how to develop audiences here for more obscure sorts of things. We tend to say 'it's a great art form, let's look at how we're presenting it.'"

After company members visited and gave the green light, the problem became a financial one: The company needed \$2 million to help stage the plays here and in London. "That's when things go fairly intense, when things get pretty sobering," said Fischer. "I knew this was a very challenging amount."

In the end, the UMS board agreed to proceed with the project as long as there were guarantors. "So," says Fischer, "Lee Bollinger committed both to

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COMEDY

The truth, that's what comedian Jackie Mason wants to know

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Jackie Mason has been called "the king of Jewish insult humor," a master of the put-down.

So it is with some trepidation that I pick up the phone and dial his hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. at 9 a.m., our designated interview time.

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A soft spoken man answers the phone? Did I get the right room? "Good morn-

ing." I introduce myself, and yes, the person on the other end is the king himself, Jackie Mason.

"Why haven't you been to Detroit for 15 years? Don't you like us?" I ask.

"Nobody asked me to come," he answers. "You don't make a trip just because a city has sidewalks. They have sidewalks in New York."

And we're off, talking, bantering back and forth, and laughing a lot.

One man show

Mason has some trepidation of his own about coming to Detroit (March 12-25) to present his one man show, *Jackie Mason — Much Ado About Everything!* at The Second City-Detroit Theatre.

I tell him about the redevelopment that's going on in downtown Detroit, how he won't recognize the place. He quizzes me about redevelopment, wants to know what it means. "Do you feel safe walking the streets at night," he asks. I hedge, try to duck the truth. "Why'd it take you five minutes to tell me that you don't feel comfortable walking the streets at night," he demands to know. "Maybe I should



Comedian: Jackie Mason is bringing his humorous perspective on politics to the Second City Detroit Theatre.

bring a body guard." The truth, only the truth, no matter how brutal, that's what Mason wants

to know. He's proud to be called the "king of insult humor, someone who believes you should be able to laugh at everybody and everything."

"A lot of things in life are fake," he tells me. "There's a lot of deception and unfairness in society. A lot of people aren't given a fair chance, they're disenfranchised, and it's good to have someone to stick up for them."

The son of a rabbi, Mason was born in Sheboygan, Wis., and grew up on the Lower East Side of Manhattan surrounded by rabbis.

Mason was a cantor until the age of 25 when he was ordained a rabbi. His three brothers are rabbis. His grandfather and great-grandfather were rabbis.

But Mason decided to leave the synagogue because, as he jests, "someone in the family had to make a living." Yet, there's something special about this man, almost spiritual.

He admits, "I'm preaching morality in the form of jokes. I try to make a mockery of the self-deceptions in society. I put a light up to it. I have a point

Please see **MASON, B2**

COMMUNITY THEATER

'All My Sons' showcases talented cast, production crew

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Arthur Miller's "All My Sons" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the theater, 21730 Madison, (south of Outer Drive and Monroe). Tickets \$11, all seats reserved, senior and student rates available, call (313) 561-TKTS. For more information, visit www.playersguild-ofdearborn.org. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn delivers an emotionally stirring production of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*. Set at the end of World War II, the story follows two families, the Kellers and the Deeveres, whose factory shipped defective airplane parts during

the war causing the death of many pilots.

Of the business partners, Joe Keller was exonerated while Deever, pleading innocent, was jailed. The Kellers' son, a pilot, is missing in action. His fiancée, Ann Deever, is mutually attracted to Chris, the surviving Keller son. The tension between the individuals, and Joe Keller's possible guilt, create a highly dramatic story, which director Nancy Wolter makes the most of with a strong cast.

Amazing transformation

Rich Bullerias as Joe Keller takes his character through an amazing transformation, from the easy going neighbor who

takes the time to tease children, to a guilt-tortured man trying to cope with his incriminating secrets.

Chris is skillfully played by Lance Abke of Plymouth. Abke takes the role of the frustrated son, who doesn't want to believe his father's guilt and builds toward an inevitable confrontation. Abke manages to balance the suppressed anger of his character with the tenderness he feels for his fiancée, letting us see the full measure of the character.

Linda Hammell takes on the sad role of the mother, Kate Keller, with a skillful balance of practicality and delusion. Though her character appears

calm and ordinary, she is desperately clinging to the belief that her son is still alive even though it's been three years since his plane went down. She doesn't want her other son to marry the missing son's former fiancée.

Emily Trybyon successfully creates in Anne Deever a character able to challenge Mrs. Keller's denial without alienating the audience or coming across as cold and unfeeling. Trybyon's character must also cope with the stress of her father's conviction and her brother's violent opposition to her marrying Chris Keller. Trybyon is strong without being shrill, and soft without being weak.

Small but significant role

Ron Williams Jr. of Redford Township turns in a strong performance as George Deever, the son intent on proving his father's innocence and preventing the marriage of his sister to a Keller. The role, small but significant, showcases his talent.

Producer Valerie Haas brought together many technical talents to support the strong performances on stage. Clemence



On stage: Emily Trybyon as Ann Deever and Lance Abke of Plymouth as Chris Keller in a scene from "All My Sons."

and Floyd Bell's set design, the exterior of a typical American home in the late 1940s, is simple yet elegantly rendered.

Paul Vandevent's lights and sound crew create effective day and evening lighting, the night sounds of crickets, and realistic interior lighting for the house during the night scene viewed from the yard.

Mary Calder's costumes are true to the period, down to the seams in the ladies' stockings. Mark and Annette Ripper's

props fit seamlessly into the production, from the juice glasses to the cast iron lawn furniture.

With a talented cast and strong production values, the Players Guild of Dearborn skillfully transports us to the post-war tension of two families torn by regret, disbelief, broken dreams and sorrows.

Sue Suchyta is a Dearborn resident who writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.



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"This is a president getting it," said Fischer of Bollinger. "Here is a president seeing a special role for the university in culture and in the community."

Building an audience

That the Royal Shakespeare Company's residency extends beyond the campus and includes

outreach programming for the general public is no doubt a treat for Michigan students and residents.

It's also a lesson in arts programming; a model for how to build an audience.

When it came time to organize the residency programs, "we cast as wide a net as we could," and invited members of arts and academic communities from across the state. We said "come on down, this is not an exclusive club," said Fischer.

The outcome was a 52-member residency committee comprised of representatives from various regions and groups in Michigan, a diverse line-up of outreach and education programs and numerous channels through which to

reach potential ticket buyers.

Since Wayne State University's theater department is doing a residency project, for example, it's likely many of the school's students and teachers will attend the Ann Arbor performances.

The university-based, but community-wide approach, also reflects the changing nature of arts programming, said Fischer. "If you think about performing arts presentation today, we're not just putting on shows," he said. Like universities, where the mission is to teach, research and serve, "we're involved in education, creation and presentation. You see, our roles are intertwined with the university's roles."

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of view, something to say. Most every joke I'm telling has a purpose."

Don't worry, Mason knows people are paying good money for jokes, and he promises not to disappoint. "People come to see a comedian," he says. "I like manipulative humor."

Much Ado About Everything! is his sixth one-man Broadway show. His first, *The World According to Me*, played to sell-out, standing-room-only crowds for two years. In 1989, Mason earned a special Tony Award for Outstanding Theatrical Achievement, his first Outer Critics Circle Award, Ace Award, Emmy Award and Grammy nomination.

The man banned by Ed Sullivan was back, a success. "Everything I've said about my talent was proven true," he said. "They call me the Jewish Mark Twain. People appreciate me."

Listen for the lesson

If you listen close, you'll find a lesson, a purpose to his humor. It's like the joke is on you - stupid - but it's OK. Did you learn something?

Take coffee for instance. "People pay \$3 for coffee latte at Starbucks," he says. "How stupid to pay a fortune for coffee."

Sexual revolution, what revolution? he demands to know.

"Women fight for equality, but when the check comes, they never have money. Equal opportunity is when the check comes. It's nothing more than a selfish tradition. The man is the boss, but women are making the same money."

Hypocrisy, phoniness, just nonsense, these are the things that fuel his humor. He studies, he reads, and comments on the ridiculous.

Restaurants are a favorite topic. He's even written about them - "Jackie Mason and Raoul Felder's Survival Guide to New York and Los Angeles Restaurants," was published by Dove Books in 1996. Guidebooks are planned for Chicago, Washington and Florida, places he says he visits, a lot.

"I'm a single guy. I eat in restaurants all the time. Since I'm so busy offering my opinion, I figured I'd write about them."

Want to impress Jackie Mason? Don't take him to a fancy restaurant. He prefers unpretentious places where people aren't standing around waiting on you.

"Usually the more you pay the more food you get," he says explaining that's not the case in expensive restaurants.

"It's no accident that there are no lights in elegant restaurants.

There's no food either. If they rob you, they call it elegant."

"Who are you going to pick on now that Bill Clinton's out of office?" I ask. He chuckles.

"I talk about what's fresh as today's news. I talk about whatever is on their minds. What's provoking, conversational, in the headlines, what's occupying people. It could be about anything."

"Like why can't Bush talk English? He got a job and he doesn't know how he got it. He can't believe he's got it. 'How did I get here?' he wants to know. 'This is the last place I expected to be.'"

Comparing Bush to Clinton, Mason believes that "Bush is a legitimate person. His hot line is to Russia, not the next girl."

What's *Much Ado About Everything!* about?

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STREET SCENE

Two music festivals, one weekend stirs controversy



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

You've got a decision to make. And it won't be easy.

If you want to see the best bands the Detroit area has to offer, you'll either be heading to Hamtramck or downtown Detroit this weekend. The more ambitious local music supporters might trek out to both cities to catch a glimpse of more than 150 bands vying for a little hometown support.

On March 8, 9 and 10, Hamtramck clubs and bars host the fourth annual Hamtramck Blowout, a local music showcase sponsored by the *Metro Times*. A portion of the proceeds from the Blowout benefit the Motor City Music Foundation, which produces the Detroit Music Awards. About 80 of the 99 Blowout bands are new to the list this year.

Organizer Anthony Morrow said the event stays true to its vision: "Each year attendees have the opportunity to catch acts before they get big. Acts who wouldn't normally be given much exposure are thrust into the spotlight."

The spotlight shines also this weekend on a group of local musicians who dared to introduce a rival event, the first-ever Mid By Midwest Music Fest. The

Detroit-centered benefit will raise money for HAVEN—a Pontiac-based nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse through prevention and counseling. With more than 55 performers in six downtown venues, this two-day festival has managed to get the local music community talking.

Exposed

Atomic Numbers guitarist Zach Shippis said he supports the idea behind both festivals. "Honestly, anything that gets more exposure to more Detroit bands is good," said Shippis. "And there are some great bands on both schedules."

Shippis and bandmate Jeff Hupp will join the line up for The Mood Elevator to play Mid By Midwest, along with special guest Brendan Benson. TME frontman Christopher Plum sounded excited to get the band together for this special show, after going on hiatus in 2000. "Since I knew the people promoting this show, I felt very much a piece of it," said Plum.

Chris Johnston, singer of 19 Wheels, has signed on for the Blowout, but considers both festivals a sign of "rejuvenation" in the scene. "This is the 'good' kind of competition. It's not about stuffing ballots, it's about trying to get people to come to your show. It puts a tremendous amount of focus on the local scene for one solid weekend.

Now we just have to maintain the feeling."

Blush's Amy Anselm isn't at all conflicted. Her band is scheduled to play both festivals. "This weekend is one that people shouldn't miss, even if you're not a big local music fan," she said.

In a way, Mid By Midwest is an evolution of the concept created by the Hamtramck Blowout. Its creators and participants are musicians well-rooted in the music scene. The festival celebrates their solidarity.

"Both events have their positives," said Willy Wilson, radio host at WDET. "The Blowout was started as a way to get people to come out and check out local bands in an area where they could go from club to club and see bands they always wanted to see. I loved that idea."

"The thing I like about Mid By Midwest is that the money raised supports a local charity instead of an awards show, that in the past hasn't really represented what is happening on the local music scene."

DMA's

The Detroit Music Awards are meant to honor and offer exposure to local performers each year. But some musicians, like Jasper Unfriendly of the punk rock outfit The Unfriendlys, question the decision-making process. Opting for Mid By Midwest because of its line up, he too feels the Awards are out of touch and tend to nominate and

honor the same musicians year after year. "If an outsider was to look over the nominees and winners of the Music Awards in the past, one would think the city has made no progress and has no new talent to offer," he said.

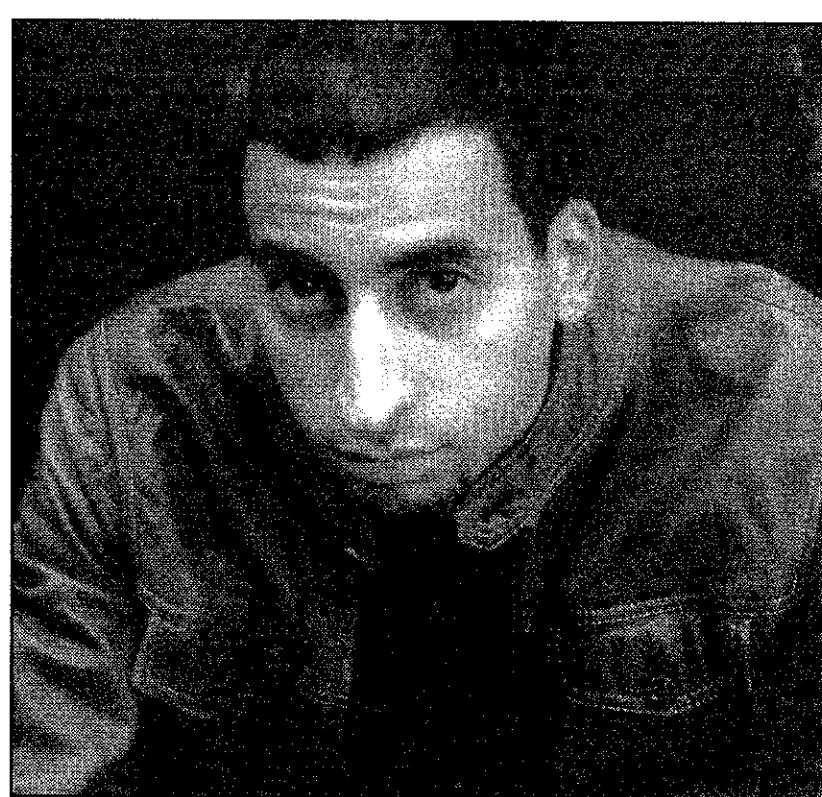
Radium's Tabatha Predovich, however, supports the Detroit Music Awards. Her band was nominated for an award last year. "Everyone can get together at the State Theatre and meet and hear other local musicians," she said. "Plus, there's industry people there. Anything to promote the local scene is good."

Morrow, who admits he isn't a fan of awards shows in general, had this to add: "Mid by Midwest is a direct result of a group of people feeling like they have been ignored. Is what they're doing the most constructive way to remedy the situation? Time will tell."

Mid By Midwest is a break from the established ways of promoting local music. Neil Yee, owner of Detroit's Gold Dollar and MXMW organizer, isn't afraid to admit it—calling this something of a "hippie move."

"Indie cred and the Detroit Music Awards don't go together," said Yee. "Rock is supposed to be rebellious."

Veering away from the politics, the loyalties and the hype surrounding the Detroit Music Awards, perhaps the most difficult decision this weekend will be mapping out a plan to catch the most music possible in just



Beats: *Ibex* (Tony Olliviera of Planet E Records) will spin at Detroit's Lager House this weekend for Mid By Midwest and at Hamtramck's Motor for the Blowout.

three days. Whether its Caniff or Cass Avenue, these events are bound to bring some great musicians out of the dark.

The Hamtramck Blowout runs Thursday-Saturday March 8-10 in eight Hamtramck venues. A schedule of performers can be seen at www.metrotimes.com.

The Mid By Midwest Music

Fest, runs Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 in six Detroit venues. For details see www.mxmw.com.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Film revisits 'Love Story' theme

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Every generation needs its own *Love Story*. Baby boomers had ours with Erich Segal's 1970 five-hankie job and its dumb theme line, "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

As a *Love Story* for the new millennium, you could do worse than *Sweet November*, but a great deal better. Especially considering its own, even dumber line, "You don't need to understand me, you just have to let it happen."

Based on the same-titled 1968 film starring the late Sandy Dennis and Anthony Newley, *Sweet November* offers up lanky Charlize Theron as Sara, a San Francisco free spirit, and Keanu Reeves as Nelson, the tightly wound A-type adman, which is a triple redundancy if there ever was one.

They meet at the Department of Motor Vehicles in one of a dozen plot holes not adequately filled. Twirling her crocheted scarf and baggy sweater sleeves, Sara lets him know she's got him figured out from the get-go: "You live in a box. I can lift the lid and let in some light." How? "Come live with me for one month. No

conditions." Why? "I have my reasons."

In short order, she's got this soulless workaholic frolicking by the Golden Gate Bridge, rescuing puppy dogs and sharing bubble baths. End of story? Don't be silly, that's just the first reel.

She takes an Advil soon after and it seems the whole Bay area except Nelson is clued in on what's really with Sara and where this is headed. What's worse, we are, too. The road that writer Kurt Voelker leads us down has no detours, no exit ramps, not even a curve. It's just a straight shot to the emergency room.

Theron and Reeves costarred in "The Devil's Advocate," but here, it's hard to advocate such a pairing. She's irresistible; he's in real need of a personality overhaul. Together promoting their current film on a morning news show, she carried him through an embarrassing interview during which he acknowledged his inability to answer a question with more than one syllable.

This mismatch is evident on the big screen, as well.

More importantly, the film's newer version still oozes "summer of love" hippie banality

that's ancient history to and out of synch with the audience most likely to see it. They can set *Sweet November* in whatever month they want; it wouldn't have hurt to get the century right.



'Sweet November': Charlize Theron and Keanu Reeves star.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Mind Games* continues through July 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

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

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: *Fame*, Tuesday-Sunday, March 13-18. \$55, \$35, \$25 and \$15. (248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: *Ragtime*, the musical opens March 27 and continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45).

FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: *The Tropical Pickle* continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: *The Civil War* starring Larry Gatlin Thursday-Sunday, March 8-11 (\$19-\$55); *The Phantom of the Opera* opens Wednesday, April 25 for 5 weeks (\$16-\$68), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Killing Time* continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary. \$21-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666; discussions: "From the Theater to the Death Bed: The Issues in Review," a panel discussion, noon Thursday, March 8 on the Meadow Brook Theatre stage. Free.

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: *Struggling Truths* opens March 16 and continues to April 8, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Perform a cycle of Shakespeare's history plays *Henry VI, Parts I, II and III* and *Richard III* Saturday-Sunday March 10-11 and 17-18 and Tuesday-Thursday, March 13-15, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$30 to \$80 (stage seats), 4 play cycle seats \$108 to \$250 (stage seats). (734) 764-2538

COMMUNITY THEATER

NOVI THEATERS: *The Music Man* 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 and 11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$15. (248) 347-0400

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 and 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11 and all seats are reserved. (313) 561-TKTS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: *Carousel* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterglow included. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: *Crimes of the Heart* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24 and Thursday, March 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527. Benefit performance to assist Lighthouse of Oakland County 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (7 p.m., refreshments). \$50

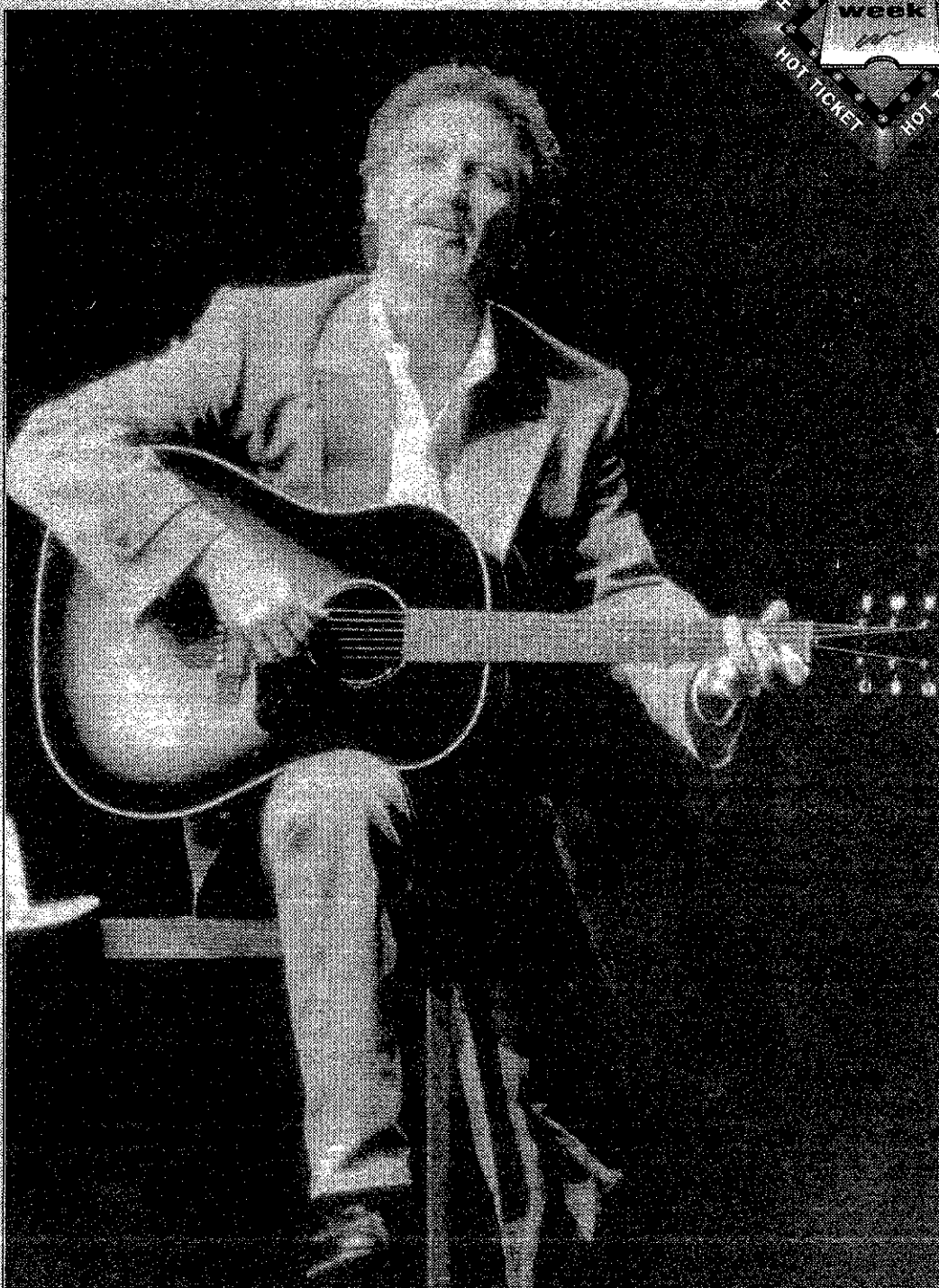
VILLAGE PLAYERS-BIRMINGHAM: Agatha Christie's suspense masterpiece *Witness for the Prosecution* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24 and Thursday, March 15, a 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the playhouse, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075 for ticket information.

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* March 9-11, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

HILBERRY THEATRE: *Picnic* opens Friday, March 9 and continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10; Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* through April 5;

Antigone by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972



New musical: Larry Gatlin stars in "The Civil War," a sweeping new American musical playing through Sunday, March 11 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Written by Frank Wildhorn, Gregory Boyd and Jack Murphy. "The Civil War" played on Broadway in the spring of 1999 and received two Tony Award nominations. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$19-\$50 Thursday and Sunday evening; \$27-\$55 Friday-Saturday evening, and Saturday-Sunday matinees, available at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 832-2232.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Wizard of Oz* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 and 31 and April 1, 7-8, 21-22 and 28-29, and Monday-Friday, April 16-20, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. Children under age 3 not admitted. (248) 349-8110

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE: Presents the comedy, *Skidding*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17, and Sunday, March 11, at the Berwyn Center, Dearborn Heights. \$8 adults, \$6 students 18 and under/senior citizens. Reserved seating, call (313) 277-7900

PONTIAC THEATRE IV: *Up the Down Staircase*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24, Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, students/seniors, \$6. (248) 656-7730

PUPPETART: *Purim Shpiel* a rod puppet musical based on the Biblical Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

SEPTEMBER PRODUCTIONS: The Reluctant Dragon, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, March 8-9, Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$5 (\$4 for groups of 20). (248) 615-0414

SPECIAL EVENTS

CELEBRATE THE ARTS: The Livonia Mall is celebrating the arts with a variety of concerts and art forms through March 14. The Ladywood High School choir kicks off the celebration Monday, March 5 followed by Danny Williams playing jazz and a range of music. Jim Buckingham will play folk on March 7. The music continues with the Schoolcraft Jazz Combo March 12, and the Redford Madrigal Choir, March 13. The celebration is a great way to experience art, some in a visual way, some hands-on. Call (248) 476-1160

DAVID COPPERFIELD: Performs March 23-25, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. (313) 983-6611

CHAMPIONS ON ICE: Featuring Michelle Kwan, Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko, Nicole Bobek, Rudy Galindo and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25-\$55. (313) 983-6606

FAMILY SKATE PARTY: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, the Southfield Sports Arena. \$5 residents, \$7 non-residents. Pre-register by calling (248) 354-9603

MARCEL MARCEAU: To perform briefly during the Ford Honors Program paying tribute to him 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows. (734) 764-2538

PEVABIC POTTERY FAIR: Winter Antique & Contemporary Art Tile Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 South Woodward, north of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (313) 822-0954. Free antique tile appraisal services and tile installation demonstrations are scheduled

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 is Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are followed by the wedding, an authentic Polish feast and entertainment by MuzaMix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations due Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings).

REDFORD THEATRE: *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

BENEFITS

ANGELS' PLACE CONCERT: Features Manfred Drellech, and Mark Tisdall and Barbara Ogar performing a variety of music 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. A free will offering providing Christian homes and services for adults with developmental disabilities. (248) 350-2203

MASKORAIDE FOR COTS: A gala evening, including a mask auction, buffet dinner, live music and dancing, to benefit homeless people in metro Detroit 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle. \$125, \$200 patron. Ccall (313) 576-0219

ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60. (734) 416-4278 The evening features an musician Matt Watroba as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction, sumptuous meal and the auction will be followed by dancing. A preview of items will be 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

LIGHTHOUSE OF OAKLAND COUNTY: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: Presents a benefit performance of *Crimes of the Heart* 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (7 p.m. refreshments), at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$50, proceeds go to help low-income families, seniors and individuals in Oakland County. (248) 644-0527

RESTRING 2001: Live band extravaganza and silent auction presented by the Musicians Relief Fund 2-10 p.m. Sunday, March 11, features bands such as 2XL, Vizitor, Austin, the Forbes Brothers, Jello Shots and Immunity, local comedian Dee Proffitt will emcee, at the Boathouse Tavern & Grill (formerly Bogeys), Walled Lake (248) 669-1441. \$15. Proceeds will go to pay medical expenses for local musician Pat Murphy who severely injured his leg in a construction accident. Call (248) 879-9378

SHAMROCKS AND SHENANIGANS:

A 5 K charity run 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, also a children's run, Irish music, dancers and food will be provided, at 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Proceeds support Mott's "Save-a-Heart" at the University of Michigan Hospital. (734) 665-2968

WAYNE RESA: Taste, Toast, and Teach, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the Detroit Opera House. Jazz artist Alexander Zonjic is honorary chairperson. \$50. Benefits Wayne RESA Future Teachers Scholarship Program. (734) 334-1624

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, a playful look at poets, pianists and other animals in music by Saint-Saens, Brahms and Haydn, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$17-\$30, discounts for seniors/children under age 12 and students. Family concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, also at the Michigan Theater, \$10, \$5 children through grade 12. (734) 994-4801

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Voices and Strings, featuring the Musicale's Choral Ensemble and String Ensemble, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Birmingham Community House. (248) 641-1705

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Trio Fontenay, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Seligman Performing Arts Center, campus Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills. \$18 to \$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

OU COMPOSERS FORUM: Features members of the Contemporary Music Ensemble and music showcasing undergraduate and graduate compositions 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-2032

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Young Artist Competition for middle and high school instrumental and piano students March 12-14, cash prizes. For an application, call (248) 645-2276 or visit the Web site at www.bbsocompetition.org

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only, ages 16 and older. Call (248) 55205001 for audition time. \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN ANNEX: Raggedy Ann & Andy auditions, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15, (ages 10-14), The Novi Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Performances Friday-Sunday, May 18-20. Actors must pay \$125 participation once cast. (248) 347-0400

VSA ARTS OF MICHIGAN: The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15. Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities. For more information or applications, call (248) 646-8347. The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan is also looking for applicants for a scholarship (up to \$500) to assist a person with a disability to further their creative talent in the areas of visual, performing or literary arts. To be eligible artists must be 13-years-old and up (includes senior citizens) and must reside in the counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County. Deadline for application is Tuesday, March 20. An application must be prepared by the artist or someone assisting them. To apply, call Cindy Babcock at (248) 543-9158 or send e-mail to Cindybab@aol.com.

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: Is looking for playwrights to feature in its One Acts-travaganza. Scripts accepted until Thursday, March 15. Mail scripts for consideration to: The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. (313) 531-0554

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Female keyboardist/singer needed for understudy role in the interactive theater show in Detroit's Harmonie Theater. Need to read sheet music and chord charts for pop/jazz/wedding music. Acting ability a plus. Equipment provided. Compensated performance. Call for audition (248) 388-2700

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)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents its Pops Series with Debbie Reynolds 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 576-5111 or via the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com

HFCC BIG BAND: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 845-6470

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

COMMUNITY BAND

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: A Little Bit of Irish cabaret concert, featuring the Straw Hat Band with Dave Falvey, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Birmingham Groves High School cafeteria. 13 Mile Road at Evergreen, Beverly Hills. Refreshments served, no charge, but donations to the band's Interlochen scholarship fund, welcomed and appreciated.

CHORAL

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Presents David Fanshawe's *African Sanctus* 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Fanshawe will give a pre-concert lecture, at Bethel AME Church, Warren and St. Antoine, Detroit. \$12 advance, \$15 at door. (313) 341-3466

VOICE OF THE SPIRITUAL: 11 a.m. Sunday, March 11, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, Southfield. (248) 569-2972

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD TRIO: Plus 8 piece strings 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, at Kansas City Grill, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900

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

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

TIM FLAHARTY TRIO: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, at Rosie O'Grady's, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

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

MIKE KAROUB'S DIXIE SYNCOPATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, March 16, at Fishbones, St. Claire Shores. (810) 498-3000

SHEILA LANDIS/RICK MATLE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9 (free), at Borders, Dearborn. (313) 271-4442; 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at Wood-Ruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Lily's Seafood Brunch, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With trumpeter Louis Smith 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

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MAYSA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. \$25, general admission, \$37.50-\$100. (248) 645-6666
OPEN BLUES JAM: With Barefoot Mary 9 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Cowleys' Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
SUNNY WILKINSON: First of 3 sets begins at 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JULIE AUSTIN/DAVID MOSHER: Children's music 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 763-TKTS
WILL DANFORTH: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690
JOHN GORKA: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$16. (734) 763-TKTS
LEO KOTTKE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 11-12, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS
RICHARD SHINDELL: With Lynn Miles 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS
TODD SNIDER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

AFTER PARADE PARTY: Featuring Michael O'Brien and the Distractions 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. \$5. (313) 885-5618
CEOLTOIRI COLEMAN: A group of musicians, singers and dancers visiting from Ireland will be playing 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. Proceeds go to the Coleman Heritage Center, a non-profit group promoting traditional musical and dance heritage in Western Ireland. (734) 761-1451
FINVARRAS WREN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, at Cowleys' Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish folk)
PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690 (Irish)

DANCE

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE: Wolverine Silverspur Dancers, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 744-9148, dj@home.com. Free lesson, snacks.
JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions for modern/jazz dancers, age 18 and up, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, throughout the month of March, at the theater, 22715 Plymouth Road, between Telegraph and Outer Drive, Detroit. (313) 534-0301
M OON-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
POLKA BOOSTER DANCE: 3-7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, Dearborn Heights. \$12. (313) 937-1316/(313) 928-1822
U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Ben Creed Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

EDDIE GRIFFIN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$60. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Blake Clark Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at Paisano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

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

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Wiggle Giggle Workshop series continues 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 with a Culture of India Workshop for children ages 5-12. \$3 per child, preregistration recommended. (313) 833-1262.
"Antiques in Your Attic" lecture series presents Kenneth Katz, a local painting conservator 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11 (\$5) (313) 833-1419. Museum admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 seniors/children ages 12-18, no charge for children 11 and younger.
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: March is Family Fun Month, "Crafty Capers Weekend" Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

LIVE MUSIC

ACDC: Stiff Upper Lip Tour, with Slash's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)
ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
ARAB STRAP: Saturday, April 14, The Shelter, Detroit. Details to come.
A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)
A THOUSAND TIMES YES: With O.death, Audra Kubat, Thursday, March 15, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Fridays, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651
JEFF BECK: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515 (guitar rock)
BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: CD Release party, with Francisco Mora Jazz Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030
BON JOVI: "One Wild Night Tour 2001" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre (Formerly Pine Knob), Independence Township. \$26-\$56. \$3 parking. (248) 645-6666
SARAH BRIGHTMAN: La Luna World Tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666
THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10:30 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
BS 2000: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700
LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 27, Motor Detroit, details to come.
THE BUZZARDS: With Cheater Slicks, Nearly Deads, Saturday, March 17, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, March 12, 19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
CHARM CITY SUICIDES: With The Boldness, Thursday, March 8, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. www.beatdownsounds.com (house)
MIKE CLARK'S PRESCRIPTION RENEWAL: Featuring Charlie Hunter, DJ Logic and Robert Walter, with special guest Sugarman 3, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 advance. (248) 544-3030
CHRIS CODISH TRIO: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
DELTA 88: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Xhédos Cafe, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946
JASON DENNIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
DISCO BISCUITS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700
DISMEMBERMENT PLAN: With The Climax Divine, Judah Johnson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700
THE DONNAS: Bratmobile, The Mooney Suzuki, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)
DRIFTWEED: 10 p.m. Friday, March 9, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067

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)
ENGLISH BEAT: Featuring Dave Wakeling, with Serum, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030
EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)
TERRY FARMER: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757
GODSMACK: With Staind, Cold & Systematic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666
THE GO: With Neil Hamburger, Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700
THE GOSSIP: With The Von Bondies, Stroker Ace, Thursday, March 1, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
GRAND FUNK RAILROAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$9.47-\$22. (248) 645-6666
DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. Details to come. (singer-songwriter)
GUTTERPUNK: With Multigrain, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700
DJ MATT HANCHON: Alternative from 1980's and 90s on "Love Factory" Fridays, and alternative dance Saturdays at The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m.; also 13th anniversary on Saturday, March 24 at the club (248) 589-3344.

THE HENCHMEN: With The Numbers, Ko & The Midnight Intruders, The Mood Elevator with Brendan Benson and special guests, The Buzzards, Ghostworld, 7 p.m. Friday, March 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

AL HILL: Al Hill Trio, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 8-9, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; With The Love Butlers, 10 p.m. Friday, March 9, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; Performing solo 6-9 p.m. Monday, March 12, Mac's Acadian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Zydeco Louisiana Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 14-15, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500; 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 16, Zydeco Louisiana Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600.

DJ ERIC HINCHMAN & JOHN ARNOLD: Techno and house, Wednesdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
BRIAN HODGE: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
IDLEWILD AND BRASSY: 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700 (rock)
BOB JAMES: With Keiko Matsui, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666
THE KING BROTHERS: With The Grackels, Wolfman Band, 9 p.m. Monday, March 26, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700 (wild Japanese rock)
MARK KNOPFLER: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$60. (248) 645-6666
KUZ: With Souldozer, Thursday, March 22, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

PATTI LABELLE: With Dave Hollister, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$50.50-\$75.50. (248) 983-6611
DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room beginning this month, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
LEFTOVER SALMON: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, The Majestic, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700
BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, March 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680
GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25-\$50. (248) 645-6666
DJ MAC D: Funka and Hip Hop, Thursdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
MAGGIE, PIERCE & E.J.: 10 p.m. Monday, March 19, 26, Town Pump, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 961-1929
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Macy Gray, 6 p.m. Sunday, June 3, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets \$49.50 on sale, March 10. (248) 645-6666
LARRY MAXWELL: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
STONEY MAZAAR & THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700

PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
KENNY MEEKS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.
MID BY MIDWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL: Featuring performances by The Buzzards, Climax Divine, Clone Defects, The Come-Ons, The Dirtbombs, Driftweed, Fletcher Pratt, Freddie Fortune & The Four Gone Conclusions, Ghost World, The Gore Gore Girls, Hemigod, The Hentchmen, Judah Johnson, Ko & The Midnight Intruders, mHz, The Mood Elevator, Murder City Wrecks, New Grenada, The Numbers, The Octopus, Outrageous Cherry, The Paybacks, Pirahnas, Soledad Bros., Stroker Ace, Stun Gun, Taboo, Them Wranch, They Come in Threes, The Unfriendlys, Variac, Waxwings, The Wildbunch and more, Friday-Saturday, March 9-10. Details to come. Proceeds benefit HAVEN, a shelter for battered women in Southeast Michigan. The festival is produced by and for Detroit's music community, The Gold Dollar, The Majestic Complex, The Old Miami, Bittersweet Cafe, Octane Grande and Living Endustries Productions. See www.mxmw.com.

MOE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700
ANNE MURRAY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515.
N2 SUBMISSION: With Dragon Tears Decending, Black Purl, Juan Valdez Love Machine, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 20, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues variety).
OUTKAST: With Ludacris, Slimm Calhoun, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$50. (248) 433-1515.
OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY: With The Dirtbombs, The Junk Monkeys, Gore Gore Girls, Soledad Brothers, Stroker Ace, Saturday, March 10, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar, upstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 543-1964 (techno)
PAIK: With Lab Partners, Halon, Friday, March 23, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

PARADIME: With Sun, Jocaine, Black Magic Crossing, 9 p.m. Friday, March 9, Hamtramck Blowout. Details to come.
MACEO PARKER: Saturday, April 28, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666
MICHELLE PENN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (singer-songwriter)
PIERCE PETTIS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
THE PROMISE RING: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700
RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues duo)
RADIUM: With Blush, 10 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Motor, Hamtramck.
RAINER MARIA: With Aloha, New Granada, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700
ROCKET 465: With The Wildbunch, Freddy Fortune, Bogue, Blush, New Grenada, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700
MIKE ROE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$13-\$15. (734) 464-6302
ROOMFUL OF BLUES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030. (blues)
JOE SAMPLE: With Layla Hathaway, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$36-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666
DJ SHORTROUND: Spins house along with hosts El George and Kegger from Motor Detroit, for Sunday Night Rehab, 10 p.m. Supdays, Town Pump Tavern, Detroit. (313) 961-1929
RONI SIZE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666
STEVE SOMERS & VALERIE BARRYMORE: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
RJ SPANGLER TRIO: Featuring Odessa Harris, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
STING: With Jill Scott, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$89.50. (248) 645-6666

THE SUN MESSENGERS: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Tuesday-Wednesday, March 13-14, Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18, The Apollo Lounge, Greentown Casino, Detroit. (313) 223-2999
SUPERDOT: With The Bomb Pops, 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. (313) 833-9700
TANTRIC: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030
CARL THOMAS: With Sunshine Anderson, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$31. (248) 645-6666

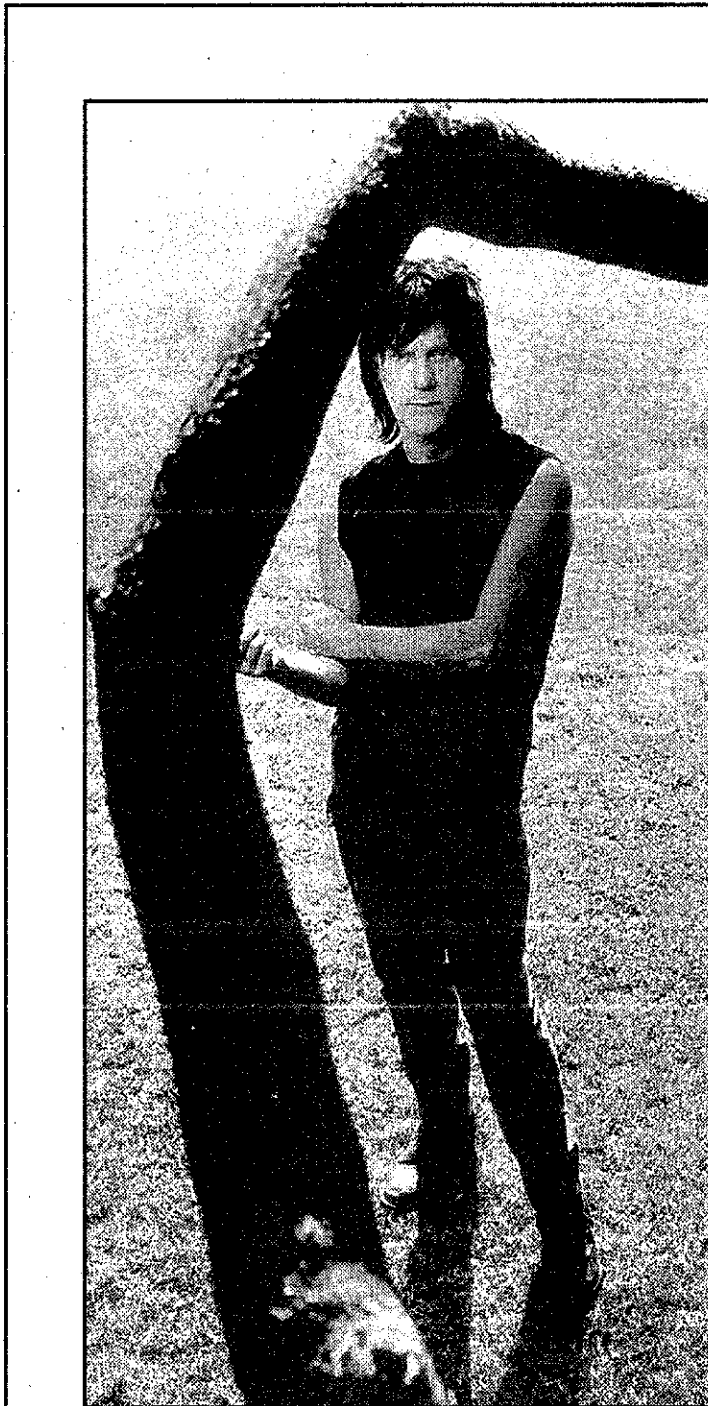
THREE MEAT SALAD FESTIVAL: Featuring Motor City Burgers, Pork Barrel Salamander, Tastes Like Chicken, Friday, March 16, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

TICKELPENNY CORNER: With Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Xhédos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 399-3946
U2: With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666.
RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
THE WAXWINGS: With Climax Divine, Fletcher Pratt, They Come in Threes, Judah Johnson, Taboo, Friday, March 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

THE WHITE STRIPES: With the Von Bondies, Drum Buddy Badass, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

WRISTROCKET: With Blindshot, Multigrain, First Come Second, 10 p.m. Friday, March 9, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 962-7067



Updated Beck: *Guitarist and hot-rod mechanic Jeff Beck comes to Detroit's Fox Theatre 8 p.m. March 13 to promote his latest recording that proves techno and aging guitar gods can mix – to a surprising appeal. On "You had it coming," Beck continues to strangle unguitar-like sounds out of his Strats. He lets loose his technical prowess over samplings, drum machines and other studio wizardry. Mixing time signatures on power chords on the lead cut "Earthquake" is hard rock candy, while "Nadia" displays his talents in producing far-East tones from a guitar. The song "Rosebud" sounds rather Robert Frippish with its speed-driven scales. Beck is accompanied by some guest vocalists that usually reserve their chores to the background on a few cuts. This is above all a guitar record with a bite. While too many techno songs leave a plastic taste in your mouth, Beck attacks the genre with as much energy as a Kansas tornado. The result is tasty indeed. Tickets \$32.50-\$50. Call (248) 433-1515.*

DINING

DaVinci's emphasizes simple, fresh Italian cuisine

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DaVinci's Market — the name sounds Italian, but until recently this cozy little jewel tucked inside the Hilton Novi was just another hotel restaurant trying to please everyone.

"The look is definitely Italian," said Hector Gonzalez, hotel food and beverage director. "We felt we needed to be committed to one venue. We're really focused on an Italian theme."

Gonzalez and executive chef Beat Richei of Farmington started the process of creating new menu items and training staff in October.

"It's an Italian restaurant, but there's something for everyone's taste. People come here from out of town and want whitefish, which Michigan is known for. The public still likes steaks and potatoes," said Richei, who has incorporated his heart-healthy pasta entrees, along with southern style Italian foods, into the new menu. The emphasis is on freshness and lightness. "Everything is cooked to order, nothing is pre-made," he added.

Richei received his culinary apprenticeship from a five-star hotel in Zurich and traveled through Europe, including Italy and the Far East, studying with cooks of all backgrounds. He came to the United States in 1962 and began working for Westin Hotels and Resorts. He

DaVinci's Market

Where: Inside the Hilton Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, (one block north of Eight Mile Road), (248) 349-4000.

Open: 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. daily for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch; 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, dinner. Brunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Menu: Emphasis on Italian cuisine. Lunch menu offers soups, salads, Italian specialties and sandwiches. Some vegetarian items.

Cost: Moderate, entrees \$9.95-\$21.95; lunch \$8.25-\$14.50; Sunday brunch \$19.95 adults, \$10.95 for children age 5-10; no charge for children under 5.

Reservations: Recommended for parties of six or more, and for Sunday brunch.

Credit cards: All majors accepted

Highlights:

■ Pasta Luncheon Bar — 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Cost \$8.95 per person.

Also inside the hotel:

The Sports Edition Lounge — Offers a variety of appetizers, soups and salads, sandwiches and pizza. It's open 3 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and until 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday.

On Friday a DJ spins Top 40 records and takes requests 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Relax to the jazzy sounds of Charles & Gwen Scales 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. Admission \$7 per person on Saturday.

opened the Renaissance Center's Westin Hotel as executive chef in 1977. Richei also served as executive chef at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital Heart and Vascular Institute before joining the Hilton Novi in May 1997.

While Richei is busy in the kitchen preparing a sampling of dishes for me to try, Gonzalez explains that Sunday brunch is very popular, but that they're working to build the luncheon and dinner business.

A pasta luncheon bar was introduced on Feb. 26. It includes a full salad bar, freshly prepared soup, three pasta choices with

three accompanying sauces, vegetable, warm garlic bread, soft drinks or coffee, all for \$8.95 per person.

Our server soon brings out two appetizers, crab cakes, which are offered at lunch, and Fritti di Mozzarella — fried fresh mozzarella cheese with a balsamic tomato relish — offered at dinner. The crab cakes are delicate, lightly grilled and served with a Dijon mustard sauce. The mozzarella is fried in a light tempura batter and served with a tomato relish that tastes like summer.

Next, the salad — Insalata Caprese. It consists simply of plum

tomatoes, romaine lettuce and fresh mozzarella cheese dipped in pesto and served with a balsamic vinaigrette.

Looking over the pasta selections on the menu, Gonzalez recommends Tagliatelle con Salsa Mare e Monti — chicken and shrimp sautéed with fresh herbs in a light tomato broth, served over tagliatelle pasta — and Tortellini con Pomodori Secchi, Prosciutto e Funghi — cheese tortellini tossed with sun dried tomatoes, prosciutto and portobello mushrooms.

Salmone al Forno con Cozze e Spinaci — broiled salmon with mussels over a bed of sautéed spinach — is a feast for the eyes and palate. The salmon, garnished with julienne vegetables, is served on top of the spinach, which is sautéed with a little garlic and a light sauce. A few mussels placed on the plate add another delicious component.

The atmosphere at DaVinci's is relaxing and cozy. A highlight is Sunday brunch, which features waffles, an omelet station and



Taste of Italy: Executive Chef Beat Richei (left) and Hector Gonzalez, food and beverage director, present some of the items on the menu at DaVinci's Market.

other breakfast items, two carved items such as ham and prime rib, a pork and chicken dish, full salad bar, fresh fruit tray, dessert table and a sundae bar.

"A lot of people come every Sunday," said Richei. "It's a good spread with a lot of variety and a

nice atmosphere."

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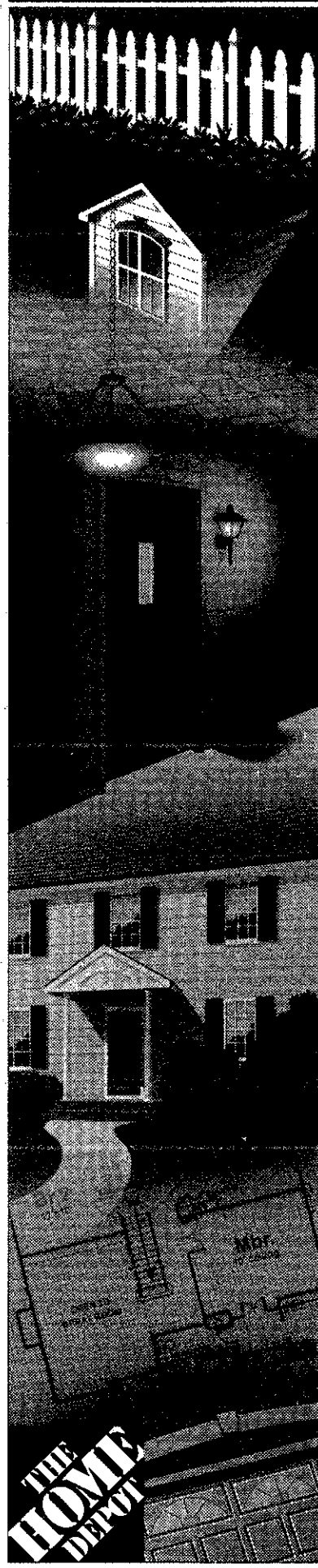
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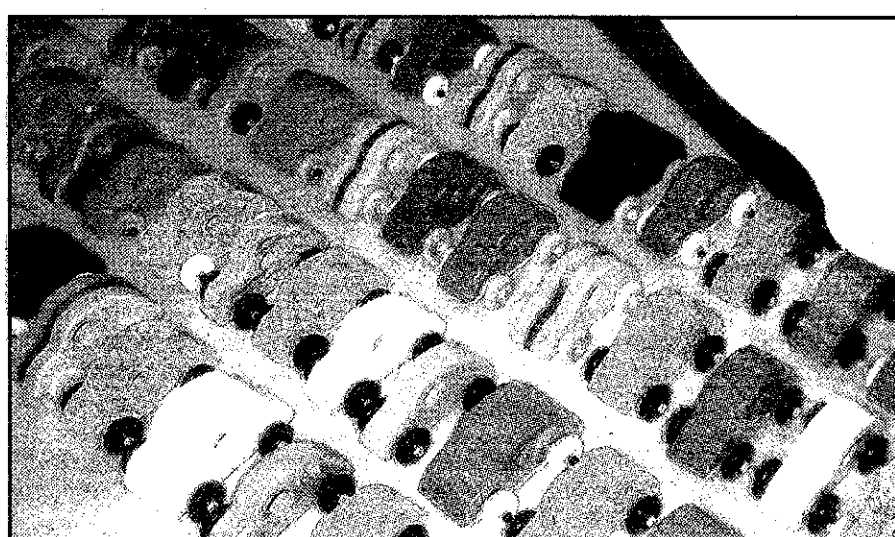


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Toy factory: Ken Wolf of Canton works on a fun woodworking project creating and painting one of several toy cars for children at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Each year volunteers from the Michigan Woodworkers Guild create hundreds of toys for the children. Wood 2001 helps the Guild raise money to purchase wheels and other supplies to build the toys.



Woodworkers
carve out
relaxation,
along with
toys and
furniture

BUILDING BEAUTY

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK • STAFF WRITER

Quiet, relaxing and rewarding, these are the things Ken Wolf of Canton likes about woodworking.

He has built everything from a doll's bed to shelf units for stereos, kitchen cabinets and storage chests.

"(Woodworking is) a pleasant change of pace from the pressures of day-to-day jobs," he said. "You come home and get away from the computer and meetings."

Wolf eventually joined the Michigan Woodworkers Guild and its 300-plus members who enjoy transforming blocks of wood into works of art or play.

They'll show off their craftsmanship and projects at the "Wood 2001" show noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the Livonia Senior Center.

The woodworkers will display curio cabinets, hutches, grandfather clocks, woodcarvings and other items. Furniture displays will reflect different time periods, styles and types of wood. There is no admission charge, and parking is free.

Creative release

Bill Rigstad, president of the Michigan Woodworkers Guild and a Canton resident, said many retirees enjoy woodworking, but it acts as a release for working people.

"A lot of people do it for the relaxation," Rigstad said. "They get home from the office and work for a couple of hours to relieve the stress."

"These guys get raw lumber, they plane it, and when you end up with a piece of furniture, there's a lot of pride in that."

Woodworking is "great for people just to engage themselves in that activity," said John Sanchez of Dearborn. The show helps promote the group and helps obtain new members.

"Sometimes we'll get 20 or 30 new members who want to work with wood and need that push to join the group," he said.

Building your idea

Ed Stuckey of Detroit won an award in 1996 from American Woodworker magazine for his 18th Century secretary desk.

"It's relaxing to me and creative," Stuckey said. "I can design and build what I want." Stuckey has built beds, a table, coffee table and clocks.

"It provides a social avenue for woodworking, because it's a solitary hobby, and the guild helps you meet with other woodworkers," Stuckey said. "I enjoy sharing that knowledge and tips with other woodworkers."

Some woodworkers even turn the hobby into a business, Rigstad said. "You may be looking (at woodworking) to create a diversion, and there is an opportunity for retirees to do as much as they want or as little as they want," Rigstad said.

Toys hold a special place in woodworker's hearts. Guild member Tony Pietrzak initiated the toy program about 10 years ago.

In late summer and early fall, the woodworkers build hundreds of toys for patients at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Last year they delivered about 500 toys.

The woodworkers work at developing more efficient and productive methods. Last year Wolf created a master template. "That's so we could create more cars," he explained.

Sanchez added: "The sanding process is very critical because you don't want the kids to get splinters. It

is very time-consuming to sand it. We use acrylic paints that will be absorbed in the wood."

Rigstad remembers delivering the hand-crafted wooden toys in December.

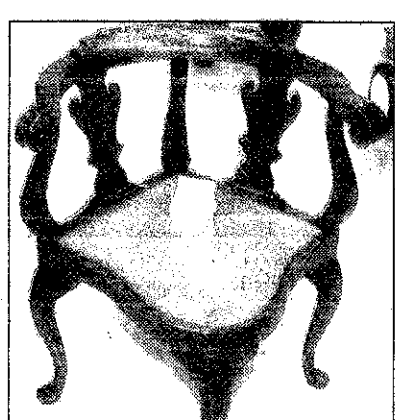
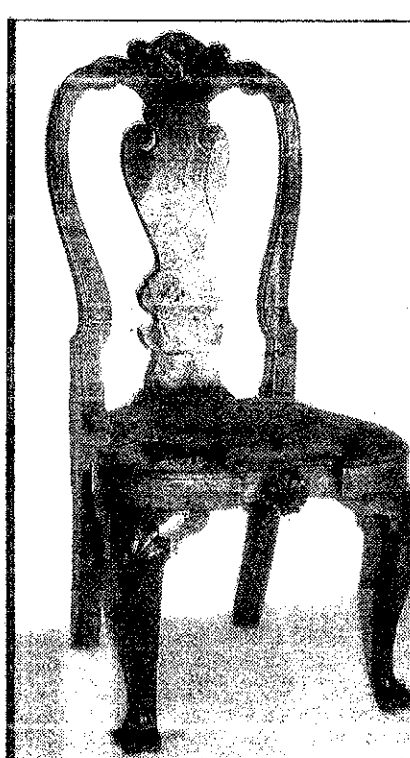
"It's very gratifying," he said. "We started working on them in August, and to take them down and present them, it was very gratifying."

"You see a lot of sick kids and a toy can brighten their day a little bit."

A silent auction of toys and raffles of woodworking items Sunday will help the guild pay for axes and wheels for toy cars, buses and tractors.

"It's great because the kids will benefit," Wolf said. "And the other thing about the show is the fellowship with the other woodworkers of the Guild. We learn from each other."

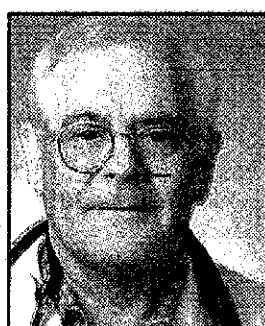
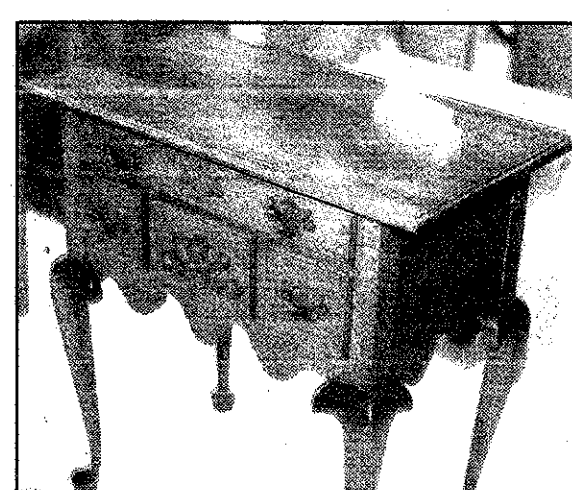
What: Wood 2001, a showcase of custom woodworking presented by the Michigan Woodworkers Guild, a non-profit organization.
Where: Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile Road, Livonia.
When: Noon-5 p.m., Sunday, March 11.
Admission: No charge. Parking also is free.
Highlight: A silent auction of toys will benefit Children's Hospital. Raffle tickets for \$1 will be available for prizes each hour.
■ The guild meets once a month in either Livonia or Royal Oak. Call Bill Rigstad at (734) 459-3374 for more information.



Have a seat: Dan Reahard highlighted his two chairs with soft curves and decorative cuts and carvings.



Finishing touches: Visitors can view furniture created by guild members at Sunday's Wood 2001 show in Livonia. At left, Paul Doelle created this fine chest of drawers, Al Omand detailed a desk, right, and Ed Stuckey's table, upper right, also shows the 18th Century style he prefers in his furniture.



JOE GAGNON

Dishwasher explodes

An explosion on a U.S. Naval base had investigators looking at hydrogen, which sometimes collects in unused hot water systems.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Picking plants

The National Garden Bureau has declared 2001 the year of Basil and Centaurea.

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HOMETOWN LIFE:

Prom fashions:

Students from Plymouth Canton High School modeled the latest in prom gowns.

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HOME WORK

Hydrogen gas can build up in unused hot water systems

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

article was titled "The Dishwasher Exploded."

That's the call a fire department received last winter from a base-housing inspector who conducted normal bi-monthly checks of vacant units. As part of that check, the inspector ran the cold water in the kitchen sink, activated the dishwasher, then went upstairs to flush the commode and run the water in that bathroom. About three minutes after she started the dishwasher, it exploded. The blast propelled the dishwasher out from under a kitchen counter, across the kitchen, which damaged the cabinets, plumbing and walls.

The explosion splintered the face of the rear door to the housing unit and blew it open, destroying the lock. Pieces of the dishwasher and cabinets scattered over 20 feet. The blast dislodged an access panel to the attic on the second floor and blew open a front door.

Tests conducted

At first, investigators thought water in the "S" trap evaporated and allowed sewer gas to seep into the dishwasher and explode. The next day, Navy Occupational Safety and Health technicians tested all kitchen-sink drains in

vacant units for signs of sewer gas, but results were negative.

During the investigation, a maintenance worker in the housing department pointed out a paragraph in the dishwasher owner's manual to the specialist. It stated that under certain conditions, hydrogen gas may be produced in a hot water system that has not been used for two weeks or more. The manual advised that if the hot water system was not used for such a period before using the dishwasher, turn on all hot-water faucets and let the water flow.

The safety specialist returned to three vacant housing units and ran the hot water to test for emissions of hydrogen gas. Meter readings went off scale in these units. Then he ran hot water in three occupied units and got zero readings. When he ran hot water in an upstairs bathroom in the unit where the dishwasher exploded, he got an extremely high reading.

After NAVOSH personnel made several calls to Frigidaire about the incident, a person from their legal department returned a call and told him that Frigidaire was sending two engineers to investigate the exploding dishwasher. The engineers and NAVOSH personnel tested hot water in two vacant units.

Testers placed clear garbage bags over the faucets to sample for gas contents. The first test, resulted in the bag filling with about one to two quarts of water and a cubic foot of gas. They suspected the bulk of the gas was a combination of hydrogen and oxygen, which was generated by electrolysis in the hot-water heating systems.

One of the engineers explained that there is no way to stop hydrogen gas from forming in hot-water heaters because of the

metals used in constructing the tanks. Hydrogen gas isn't soluble in water, so it remains in the water-heater plumbing system as a gas under pressure.

In most homes, the gas migrates to the upper levels of the house, where it harmlessly expels from water faucets there. Occasionally, it can end up trapped in the plumbing lines. In that case, when a lower level faucet (or dishwasher) is turned on, the gas is pushed through the outlet rather than finding its way to the upper level.

Next week: How homeowners can prevent similar dangers in their homes.

Readers write

Margarete Bruno asks: "I have a Sharp Microwave with a turntable. The paint is bubbling in the bottom of the unit and is completely worn away in the groove where the little plastic wheels move to cause the turntable to revolve.

"Is the unit safe to use? Is there a way to fix it or should I replace it?"

A: Yes, it's safe. A little sanding and heat-resistant spray paint will do the trick.

Sally Doty asks: "We have a GE Profile. The icemaker is not making ice. It is dispensing water. Do you have a check list we could go through to check for possible problems or do you have any other suggestions?"

A: Replace the water valve in back of the refrigerator.

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Change faucet's water valves to correct a dripping problem

ASK DAD

HARRY JACHYM
plumber.

It's usually as simple as changing the valve washer and sometimes, as in Sue's case, resurfacing the valve seat.

We'll look at how to resurface the seat and replace a washer on a typical compression faucet. Compression faucets have separate stem valves for hot and cold.

What you'll need

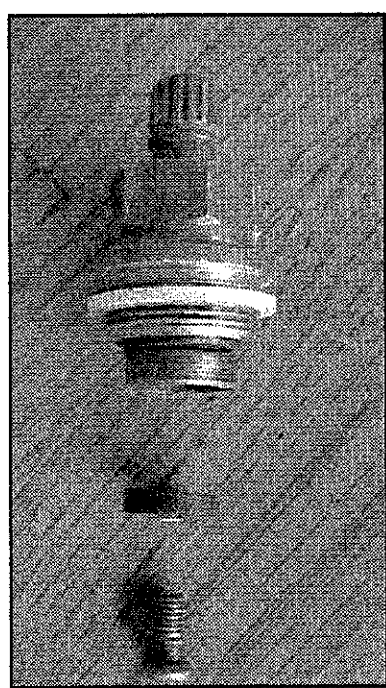
Since every manufacturer builds faucets a bit differently, the tools needed for this job will vary. In most cases you'll need flat and Philips screwdrivers, Channel-lok pliers, adjustable wrench, a deep well socket with ratchet or a plumbing hex-wrench of the proper size and a seat dresser or seat wrench, depending on whether the seat is replaceable.

If you don't know whether or not the faucet has replaceable seats when you start, you'll find out as you progress.

The fix

Obviously you'll need to shut off the water supply to the fixture. If you are lucky, there will be independent shutoffs near the fixture. If not, you may need to turn off the house water.

Since every faucet is different, it's difficult to say exactly how to disassemble the valves. Start by carefully removing



Plumbing parts: A stem valve washer and screw can be disassembled.

the faucet handles and any trim. In most cases, the handles are held in place with screws that are often beneath a decorative cap. Before prying or using pliers on decorative pieces, check for setscrews and remove them. If a trim piece needs to be unscrewed and won't budge by hand, cover it with one or two layers of duct tape before putting pliers on them.

Once the decorative pieces are removed, you should see the hex head of the stem valve. Unscrew it with an adjustable wrench or deep well socket wrench. Be certain to use the appropriate sized wrench and watch for corrosion-stuck parts — otherwise the soft brass parts may be damaged beyond repair.

Bathtubs faucets are usually set behind the wall, which requires a deep well socket or plumbing hexagon wrench (usually inexpensive and found at a hardware store) to remove the stem. You may also need to

carefully chip some of the wall tile to access it, but be careful so you don't have to replace tile, too.

Stem valves have a neoprene washer which seals against a "seat" (a metal surface inside the faucet that meets the washer when closed). As these seats corrode, they become rough and quickly wear the washers.

Once the stem is removed, feel or look at the seat and check for roughness. If it is rough, it will need to be replaced or resurfaced.

A square or hexagonal hole in the seat indicates you should be able to replace it. (This square or hexagon shape may merely be indentations in a round hole). A round hole, with no indentations, means the seat is probably not replaceable.

To remove replaceable seats, you will need a seat wrench. This inexpensive tool is an "L"-shaped steel rod with a tapered hex on one end and a tapered square on the other. Insert the proper end into the seat and carefully turn counter-clockwise to remove the seat. Again, watch for corrosion stuck parts.

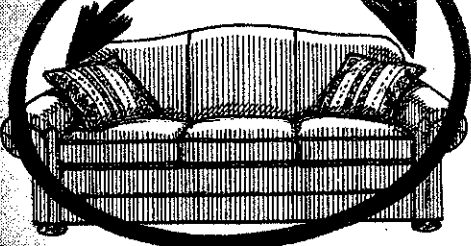
Remove the screw holding the washer in place. Take the washer and old seat with you to a hardware store for a proper match up when purchasing the new parts.

Replace the washers and clean all threads before putting everything back together in the reverse order. Be careful with reassembly. Brass threads are easily damaged.

If you find a non-replaceable seat after removing the valve stem, it will need to be resurfaced rather than replaced, using a fairly inexpensive tool called a seat dresser, available at most hardware stores. Follow the instructions that come with the tool. Reassemble the faucet as above.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth.

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GARDENING

Basil, centaurea are garden picks of year

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

The National Garden Bureau has deemed 2001 "The Year of the Basil" and "The Year of the Centaurea," so there's something for the tummy and something for the soul.

Basil is a very popular plant both in the garden and in the kitchen. Its many varieties can add their own flavor and fragrance to many dishes.

The genus name of sweet basil, *Ocimum*, is from a Greek verb that means "to be fragrant." The species name, *basilicum*, comes from the Greek *basileus*, which

means the "king of herbs," and it does command respect for its versatility.

The most commonly grown of the 30 different species of basil is *O. basilicum* and its subspecies, such as holy basil, *O. sanctum*, a sacred herb of India used in religious ceremonies. With its pink flowers, it is often grown as an ornamental.

The culinary basil includes the sweet green basil mentioned above, dwarf basil, *O. b. "Minimum"*, also known as bush basil — "Spicy Globe" and "Green Bouquet" are dwarf types.

Purple-leaved basil (*O. b. purpureum*) are very ornamental. "Dark Opal," "Purple Ruffles" and "Red Rubin" are very popular varieties. Their ruffled, frilled or deeply cut leaves are very pungent.

Then there are scented-leaf plants, such as lemon, cinnamon and anise, to name a few.

Sow seeds indoors starting about mid-April, following package directions. The soil needs to warm up to about 55 degrees or more (day and night) before seeds can be sowed outdoors.

If you sow it every three to four weeks, you will be assured of having enough through the summer. Many nurseries also carry the plants.

With the various foliage colors, basil makes a pretty picture in the garden. It likes a sunny spot and will grow well either directly in the ground or in containers. Basil needs about an inch of water a week.

It is highly recommended that the flower stalks be cut off, as they deplete the plants' energy, resulting in fewer leaves. I always say, ABBPOF (Avoid Bitter Basil: Pinch Off Flowers).

Go blue

The flower of the year is cen-

taurea, annuals sometimes called other names (see below). We called them ragged robins in southern Ohio.

The genus name, *Centaurea*, has its basis in Greek mythology. Chiron, one of the centaurs, is said to have used the flower to heal wounds including his own after battle. Peaceful Chiron is credited in myth with teaching mankind about the healing powers of herbs.

Modern herbalists consider a decoction of the leaves useful as an eye lotion.

There are a number of species, but the most readily available are cornflower, *Centaurea cyanus*; bachelor's button, *C. americana*; basket flower; and mountain bluet, *C. montana*, also called perennial cornflower.

The flowers have been on Earth many years. Cornflowers did and now grow wild in cornfields in Europe and the United

States. Bachelor's button were worn in the buttonhole of a suit or shirt when bachelors went courting. The origin of mountain bluet is from France. The ray-like outer petals of basket flowers make the blooms look as if they are set in a shallow basket.

Some are hardy in our zone, others aren't. Look on the seed packet to be sure. It may be necessary to buy seeds, as the taller varieties may not be available at nurseries.

In our zone, sow seed of the annuals outdoors in early spring; perennials in early spring or fall. Keep the seedbed moist until germination occurs.

To have flowers throughout the summer, sow two to three times at two-week intervals. Another sowing in spring may be necessary if you sowed in the fall. Follow directions on the package for indoor sowing.

Centaureas look great when

planted with red poppies and snapdragons or mixed with daylilies in a border. They work very well in an informal setting.

Pinch the plants when necessary to encourage more branching, bushier growth and more flowers. Fertilize monthly with a balanced fertilizer or use a slow-release product at transplanting time.

The National Garden Bureau supports youth garden grants and matching funds programs, and there are two growing programs for classrooms. The bureau also supports the GWAA Plant-A-Row for the Hungry. Visit it on its Web site www.ngb.org

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

GARDEN SHOW CALENDAR

Here is a list of upcoming Home and Garden shows:

ANTIQUES MARKET

The fourth annual Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market displays antiques and accessories for the home, garden and personal adornment in an antique garden setting. Selections include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, birdbaths and benches, ornamental iron and garden gates, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses and perfumes. Show hours are 2-9 p.m., Friday, March 16; noon-8 p.m., Saturday, March 17, and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen (located at 10 1/2 Mile Road). Admission is \$6 with ads or listings or \$7. One paid admission is good for all days of the show. Children under 12 admitted free. For information, click on www.antiquenet.com/M&M

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The public can participate in "Plants on Parade" with forced bulbs, bonsai, houseplants and miniatures. Children can participate in garden workshops and major landscape displays, vendors and a greenhouse will be featured.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 1, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 5-12. For information, contact the Ann Arbor Spring Garden and Flower Show at (734) 434-8004 or e-mail: AAflowershow@aol.com

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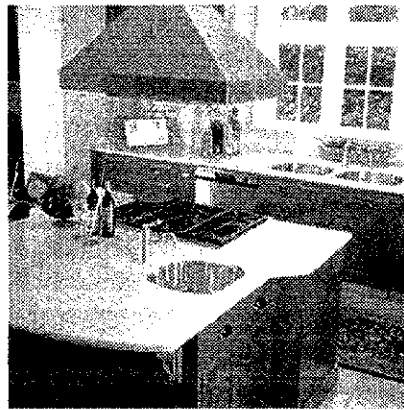


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GARDENING CALENDAR

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

FLORAL STUFF

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 herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17, and a patio pot workshop, Saturday, May 5. Call (734) 397-0800.

ORCHID SHOW
Plant sales, raffle and growing tips about orchids will be available at the Palm Sunday Show 2001, presented by the Michigan Orchid Society, April 7 and 8, at Laurel Park Place Mall at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. Admission is free. Call Gail Liff for membership information at (734)

971-4117.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING
The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience:
Pruning Trees and Shrubs will be taught on two Mondays, starting March 19. Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines presented on two Wednesdays, March 14 and 21 and one Saturday, March 17. Garden Maintenance Workshop taught for four Wednesdays starting on March 28. Other classes include: Water Gardens, meets on two consecutive Thursdays, starting April 5; Choosing Trees and Shrubs, four Thursdays, starting April 5; Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, four Wednesdays, starting May 2; Difficult Sites Part I on wet and

dry sites, two Thursdays, starting June 7; Difficult Sites Part II, starting Thursday, June 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigan.gardening.com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN
Learn how to choose the best trees and shrubs to enhance the year-round color and interest in your landscape. Learn the pros and cons of various plant materials available to landscape the yard. Class is scheduled 9-11:40 a.m. Saturdays, starting March 10. The class is offered through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program. Other courses include Basic Perennial Gardening, 7-9:40 p.m., Wednesdays, starting March 14 and Hands-On Landscape, offered three days, 7-10 p.m., Thursday, April 19 and 26, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Call (734) 462-4448.

HERBS AND PLANTS

NEW PERSPECTIVES
Bodil Drescher Anaya, a horticultural therapist master, will discuss "Starting a Program in Horticultural Therapy" at the 23rd annual conference of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association Friday, March 9, at the Plant and Soil Sciences Building at Michigan State University. Anaya has 22 years experience in establishing such programs.

Sessions include Adaptive Gardening, HT with Seniors, HT with the severely physically disabled, hands-on craft workshops and other topics. Also featured are the annual Seedy Character contest, displays, exhibits and an optional tour of the Michigan State University Butterfly House. Fees are \$45 for members and \$55 for others. Annual membership is \$15. A box lunch is available for \$6. For information, call Patrick Lewis at (616) 337-3300 or Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969.

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

FLOWER SALE

AFRICAN VIOLETS
The Michigan State African Violet Society presents its annual Spring Display and Sale of African violets, gesneriads and supplies 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is free.

Assess your backyard for 'wildlife-friendliness'

Now is a good time to assess backyard gardens to see how "wildlife-friendly" they are - or could be - with a little human help.

Since 1973, the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program has helped people across America save a place for wildlife in back yards. By providing food, water, cover and places for wildlife to raise their young, backyard gardeners can make a difference.

During the colder months, most critters are gearing up for spring by searching for high energy food, reliable water sources for drinking and bathing, and safe shelters from harsh weather and predators. Winter gardeners provide needed habitat elements for creatures that stay active in winter, like cardinals, black-capped chickadees, squirrels and the eastern cottontail, as well as critters sleeping through the winter months that we tend to forget about, like reptiles, amphibians and even insects.

The easiest and best way to offer winter food for wildlife is to plant vegetation that produces berries, nuts or seeds. The Great Lakes region has a variety of dogwoods, oaks, and native wildflowers and grasses that provide essential winter food for grosbeaks, finches, nuthatches, as well as white-tailed deer, raccoons and squirrels. Leave seed heads on wildflowers rather than deadheading them - this will provide visual interest in a winter garden and feed the wildlife at the same time. Many mammals and bird species depend on these plant foods for sustenance.

Remember to use plants that are native to your area - they will adapt to your soil and climate conditions and are the best way to provide habitat for wildlife. Once established, native plants require less water and fertilizer, making them watershed-friendly landscaping choices, contributing less pollution to our rivers and streams.

Bird feeders, of course, see the most activity in winter when natural foods are scarce. High-calorie foods like black-oil sunflower seed and suet can provide

enough energy to help birds through cold winter nights. Suet is a favorite of nuthatches and the elusive brown creeper. Place feeders where they will be protected from the wind and are close to the house for easy viewing.

Remember to keep feeders clean to protect from the spread of disease caused by moldy seed or seed contaminated by droppings. Feeders can also provide food for squirrels and field mice - and even indirectly provide for predators like foxes and owls that might feed on smaller, seed-eating creatures.

Providing cover from cold winter weather and predators is equally important for backyard critters - especially in new suburban developments where the land has been cleared of vegetation.

Planting native evergreens like eastern white pines and white spruces will provide this much needed cover. They will provide year-round shelter from cold, rain and snow as well as provide hidden places for nests.

Planting evergreens on the north side of your property will help protect feeders from the north winds and absorb the low southern sun. This will create a warm mini-habitat for wildlife. If they pose no hazard, dead trees can be left standing to provide safe cavities for wildlife. You can also install winter roosting boxes.

Plans for roosting boxes are available from many books such as *Woodworking for Wildlife* by Carol L. Henderson and can be purchased from your local bird shop or bookstore.

Winter is also a great time to create a brush pile. By collecting yard debris like branches, twigs, and fallen leaves, you can create cover for birds and small mammals like the eastern cottontail and gray fox, and at the same time, offer a hibernation place for the eastern box turtle and the mourning cloak butterfly. The mourning cloak butterfly overwinters as an adult in woody debris and may use your brush pile. Many butterfly species and other insects will lay their eggs or overwinter as pupae in brush piles.

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Henry Ford Academy, an innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science and technology, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about this unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade in the fall of 2001.

Henry Ford Academy Open Houses

Tuesday, March 6th Dearborn • 5 to 7 pm	Henry Ford Academy entrance is located on the west side of the Henry Ford Museum facing Oakwood Boulevard.
Sunday, March 11th Dearborn • 1 to 3 pm	For more information, please call 313.982.6100 x 2901 www.hfacademy.org
Monday, March 12th Dearborn • 5 to 7 pm	Henry Ford Academy is a partnership between Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village® and Ford Motor Company and is chartered by Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.
Thursday, March 22nd Dearborn • 6 to 8 pm	Henry Ford Academy 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, Michigan 48124-4088

INTERIOR DESIGN

HGTV's Duvall to demonstrate crafts

Carol Duvall, host of Home and Garden Television's (HGTV) "The Carol Duvall Show" will make a homecoming to the Detroit area in March during Henry Ford Museum's Family Fun Month.

On Saturday, March 10, Duvall, who got her crafts start in Michigan, will give five craft demonstrations, highlighting some of her more popular crafts featured on her shows over the years. Show times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Demonstrations will take place in the Great Hall of the museum and cover kids crafts, and upcoming holiday crafts for the whole family. Duvall will give the demonstration and then take questions from the audi-

ence. (The demonstration is free with admission to the museum).

"We are very excited to welcome Carol Duvall back home to Detroit," said Tom Stoll, special programs leader for Henry Ford Museum. "With the popularity of crafts in today's hobby industry, we are expecting a lot of her fans to come out and meet her in person."

Carol Duvall has held the reign of "Craft Queen" on television for 40 years as the original craft demonstrator, entertaining and encouraging millions of do-it-yourselfers. She began her career as host of a children's television show in Grand Rapids. In 1962, she moved to Detroit television and spent 18 years hosting and co-producing a talk show, writing and producing

specials, co-anchoring the news, and hosting and producing her first craft-oriented show, "Here's Carol Duvall."

In the 1980s, she brought crafting to national television on ABC's "The Home Show." In 1994, she became host of "The Carol Duvall Show" on HGTV.

After they see Carol Duvall, children and adults alike can put their knowledge to the test, during the "Crafty Capers" weekend demonstrations on March 10 and 11. Visitors can try their hand at such museum craft projects as:

■ Paper to Fly and Wear - Make hats and airplanes out of paper. All day.

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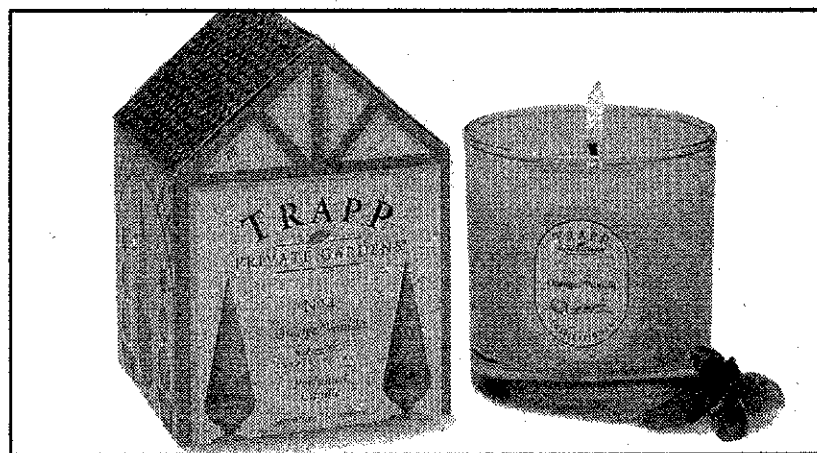
■ Land of Make-Believe - Craft a paper and yarn doll or pipe cleaner animal. All day.

■ What Do You See? - Come together for a group sketching activity for children eight and older. 1 and 2:30 p.m.

Henry Ford Museum, in Dearborn, is open 9 am to 5 pm, seven days a week. The museum offers free parking and is located at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

For more information, call (313) 271-1620 or log on to www.hfmv.org

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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

CRAFTERS WANTED
Livonia Mall will be hosting a craft show by Bill Johnson March 16-18. Crafters come join us that weekend. Table available. Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA
Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn) will be the host site of the Spring 2001 Arts & Crafts Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24. For applications and or informa-

tion call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Class of 2001 and the yearbook groups. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and there is plenty of food for here or to go.

CRAFT SALE
A craft sale will be held March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (555 S. Wayne Road) in Westland. For space call (734) 729-1605. Stop by to browse or buy.

CRAFTERS WANTED
Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia - just west of Farmington Road) presents our Spring Spectacular Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 100 crafters, concession lunch available, strollers welcome. Call Barb (248) 478-2395 or Debbie (248) 476-0315. Lunch runners

available for crafters. Admission \$2.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The dates of the show are June 23 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and 24 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for an application submission is April 16. Call Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studio's at (734) 453-3710.

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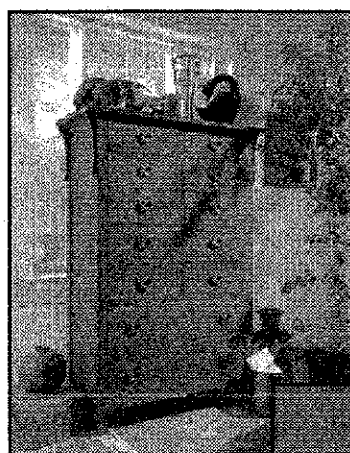
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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Karwan-Elwartowski

William and Jeanette Karwan of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter Diana Louise, to Ted Allan Elwartowski of Livonia.
 The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Divine Child and a 2000 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in resource ecology. She is a remote sensing and geographic information systems analyst for Pacific Meridian Resources in Ann Arbor.
 Her fiancé, son of Ted and Diane Elwartowski of Dearborn, graduated from Divine Child in 1996 and attended Michigan State University. He is a computer administrator and engi-



neer for VSI Holdings, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.
 The couple married in October, 2000 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.

Porath-Risch

John and Jan Porath of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Lynn, to John Joseph Risch of Royal Oak.
 The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1995 graduate of Hope College. She works for Accenture Consulting.
 Her fiancé, son of John and Julie Risch of Laingsburg, is a 1991 graduate of Bath High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He works at Ford Motor Company and is completing his master's degree in business administration at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
 A July wedding is planned at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church



and a reception will be held at Glen Oaks Country Club.

Lewis-Huebel

Richard and Julie Lewis of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Maureen Anne, to Jason Rodney Huebel of Plymouth.
 The bride is a graduate of Oakland Community College, where she earned her associate's degree in liberal arts. She graduated with honors from Madonna University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and Spanish. She is a 2000 graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned a master's degree in psychology. She works as a clinical therapist for a community mental health agency and an independent contracting psychologist for a local mental health clinic.
 Her husband, son of Richard and Leta Huebel of St. Joseph, is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences and marketing. He works as a business analyst at the marketing and communications center of Ford Motor Company.
 The couple wed Sept. 30 at Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church before the Rev. Robert McGrath. The bride was attended by maid



of honor Gina Priebe, friend of honor Steve Ponisiaci, bridesmaids Jessica Huebel, Melissa Godush and Tracy Lewis.
 The groom was attended by best man Rob Smith and groomsmen Art Briney and Rick Lewis. Greeters were Mikki Foster and Kevin Kline.
 The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia and took a wedding trip to Walt Disney World and a Disney Cruise. They will make their home in Plymouth.

Barney-Green

Bruce and Janet Barney of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to Ryan Green.
 The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Battle Creek Central High School and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan in 1997. She will graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Detroit-Mercy's McCauley's School of Nursing in May. She works at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.
 Her fiancé, son of Mick and Rosanne Green of Livonia, is a 1991 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University in 1995. He earned his master's in business administration from Wayne State University in 1998.



He is finance manager for Visteon, Corp. in Dearborn.
 The couple met on a date arranged by mutual friends. They will wed in Dearborn in May.

Celusta-Fitchett

Paul and Patricia Celusta of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Alicia Marlowe, to John Brian Fitchett of Canton.
 The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and earned her associates degree in arts from Schoolcraft College in 1997. She graduated from University of Michigan in 1999 with degrees in political science and philosophy. She works as a partnered staffing manager for Kelly Services/Ore Creek.
 Her fiancé, son of Brian and Sharon Fitchett of Canton, is a 1995 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. He attended Schoolcraft College and earned his degree in computer engineering from University of Michigan



in 2000. He works as a cost estimator/product analyst at Yazaki North America in Canton.
 An October wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia and a reception at Laurel Manor.

Pankow-Polkowski

Kerry and Carol Pankow of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, to Ryan Anthony Polkowski of Farmington Hills.
 The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University, where she earned her degree in mechanical engineering. She works for Ford Motor Company.
 Her fiancé, son of Bob and Sue Polkowski of Plymouth, is a graduate of University of Michigan and Seton Hall Law School. He is an attorney.
 A May wedding is planned at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth.



Pohutski-Machnik

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pohutski of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Faye, to Aaron Machnik Jr.
 Aaron's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Courtney of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Machnik of Ann Arbor.
 The bride-to-be is a graduate of Detroit College of Business and is employed as a technical support representative at Compuware Corporation.
 Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed at Compuware as a product coordinator.



The couple plans to wed in August.

Betts-Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Betts of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. James Kiley of Waterford, formerly of Troy, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to Raymond R. Hall III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hall II of Royal Oak.
 The bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School and Oakland University. She is an office manager at Max Broock Realtors in Birmingham.
 Her fiancé is a graduate of Kimball High School and Wayne State University. He is a teacher



in the Warren Consolidated School District.
 A July wedding is planned at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ Alicia and Robert Maturen of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter Meadow Louise born Feb. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Jim and Jana Conger of Brooklyn and Karen and Bob Maturen of Saginaw. Meadow was named after her great-grandmother the late Phyllis Louise Hochlowski.
 ■ Tim and Cindy Tsiang of Canton announce the birth of their son, Nathan Ren-Liang Tsiang, born Jan. 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Kay and Paul Dake of Walled Lake, Dan and Siew Tsiang of Henderson, N.V. Great-grandparents are Reg and Carol Huebner of Pinconning, Mich.
 ■ Jim and Norma Johnson of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Caleb James, born Jan. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Caleb joins brother Luke, 8. Grandparents are Beth and Karl Lundeen of Grand Rapids and Paul and Sheila Johnson of Plymouth.
 ■ Jim and Amy Peregord of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Alexa, born Jan. 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Lou Hollman of Livonia, Jerry and Barb Lenard of St. Lucie, Fla. and Tom Peregord of Sandia Park, New Mexico. Great-grandparents are Helen Patterson of Yatesboro, Penn., Anna Hollman of Rural Valley, Penn., Bernice Longton of Wyandotte and Lawrence and Lucille Peregord of Wyandotte.
 ■ Chrissy and Carl Decker of Westland announce the birth of their son Christopher Decker born Feb. 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Christopher joins siblings Kaelee, Danny and Carl. Grandparents are Paula Hood of Westland and Sylvia Earls of Wyandotte.
 ■ Gregory and Sandra Thompson of Westland announce the birth of their daughter Sophie Diana born Feb. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Sophie joins sister Kendra Kay. Grandparents are the Rev. Lester and Barbara Blankenship of Westland and Mary and Ralph Thompson of Inkster.

■ Chris and Camaro Moreno of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their daughter Kayly Lynn born Feb. 25 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Kayly joins siblings Zachary and Jacob. Grandparents are Ron and Brenda Clark of Westland, Rick and Pauline Moreno of Florida and Russ and Sharon Johnson of Hart.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

RACING COLLECTIBLES

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will be the host site of a Racing Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 (1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland). Proceeds will benefit the Veteran Relief Fund. Admission is \$2. Under 12 free. Call (517) 467-2376.

RED WING ALUMNI GAME

Staffers from United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit will lace up their skates to challenge a team of Detroit Red Wing alumni in a charity hockey game at 4:30 p.m. March 11, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center (formerly Adray Arena). The charity hockey game will benefit UCP/Detroit. The Red Wing team will feature alumni such as Alex Delvecchio, Nick Libbet, Dennis Hextall and other greats. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Children ages four and under will be admitted for free. All proceeds from this event will be used for programs and services that assist people with disabilities and their families. The Dearborn Ice Skating Center is located on Ford Road between Greenfield and Schaefer in Dearborn.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Youth Group of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 16. Adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; children (5-12), \$4 and kids under four free. The proceeds will help fund their mission trip to Henderson, KY. Our facility is handicapped accessible-public welcome. Call (734) 721-4801.

GATHERING FOR THE GOAL

The McCarty Cancer Foundation's fourth annual "Gathering for the Goal" gala sponsored by MotorCity Casino, will raise

money for multiple myeloma cancer research at the Ritz Carlton (Dearborn) at 6:30 p.m. March 20. The evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and an 8 p.m. dinner followed by a live auction and dancing. A Mandalay Bay Hotel package in Las Vegas, sports memorabilia, jewelry and more will be auctioned off. "Gathering for the Goal" will benefit the McCarty Cancer Foundation and fund multiple myeloma research. Tickets are \$300 per person and corporate sponsorships are available. Call (248) 336-2500.

FRIENDS' BALL

Providence Health Foundation "Friends' Ball" will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds will benefit The Providence Cancer Institute and the emergency department. Textron, Inc. is the sponsor. Call Sherry Licata for reservations (248) 424-3087.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. A clown will be on-hand to provide free face painting and balloon animals. Maternity through infant and pre-teen clothes, toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch and child care. Bake sale. Hot dogs, chips, Kool Aid and coffee. Call (734) 422-0149.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Newburg United Methodist church will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28. NUMC is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Actor translates Gospel of Mark

Television and film star Frank Runyeon will bring his acclaimed performance of the Gospel of Mark to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth this spring. Runyeon's one-man show "Afraid!" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. April 4.
 Runyeon starred opposite Meg Ryan on "As the World Turns" and has appeared on TV shows such as "L.A. Law," "Melrose Place," "Santa Barbara," "Falcon Crest," and "General Hospital."
 "Afraid!" presents the Gospel of Mark, translated into contemporary American speech, told in the present tense with audience interaction. Set in the catacombs of Rome by candlelight, "Afraid!"

engages the audience with flashes of humor and all the dramatic suspense of great theater. The play is appropriate for the entire family, including grade-school children.
 The April 4 performance of "Afraid!" at St. John's Episcopal Church (574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth) is open to the public. There is no charge for the event but a freewill offering will be collected. Seating is limited and advance reservations are required.
 Call (734) 453-0190 ext. 5. Runyeon will be available after the performance to greet the audience and videos of the play are available for purchase.

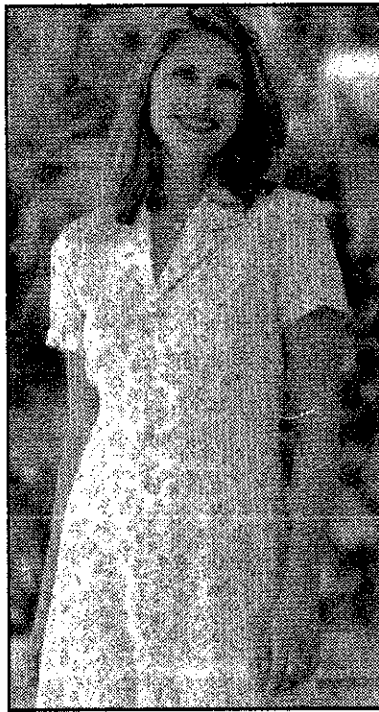
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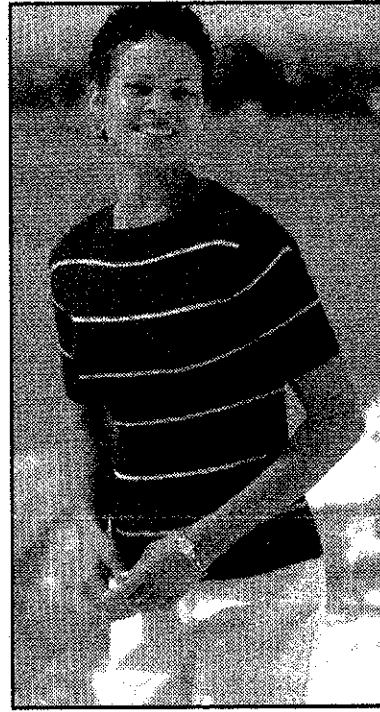
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Programs are a necessary reality check

'Tis the luck of the Irish, they say when fortuitous things happen to people ... and yet, is it really? What about when a person's car is repossessed? Or a family loses their home in a foreclosure? Lots of times, life isn't about luck alone. It is about good planning. I recently had a chance to be part of a terrific experiential workshop for teens that taught them a great deal about planning as well as about life's ups and downs.

Called the *Reality Store*, and sponsored by the Wayne Business and Professional Women's Organization, Wayne-Westland high school students had an opportunity to walk through a menu of activities related to managing their future income.

The high school math class helped set up the project by selecting a number of possible careers and figuring out how much the job salary would be. Careers ranged anywhere from real estate agent to FBI agent; from dancer to landscape architect.

For instance, a chef would make \$45,600; a carpenter, \$36,300 per year. Students selected a job commensurate with their grade point average and their goals. With their chosen career in hand, they marched their way into the *Reality Store*. Each player would begin by tossing the dice to see whether they would be married or single, parents or non-parents. Thus began their journey through "life."

The cost of living

Reality stations included places where all of us pay bills to on a regular basis: grocery store, utilities, child care, insurance, reality check (OOPS - you need new tires for the vehicle) car lot, clothing, medical and dental bills, personal care, savings/investments, entertainment, and the ever-present loan institution.

As adult volunteers from organizations such as Family Independence Agency, Social Security, ETDI, and the school board manned the booths, students walked from station to station to figure out just how much money they would have to spend and how much money they would have left over. Incoming income rarely surpassed income going out and the four bedroom colonial and fire red Camaro were often crossed off their list when they saw the payments tied to them.

This nifty game allowed students to see that life isn't about luck; it's about hard work and planning. It reminded me of my daughter looking at her first pay check, when she realized how much money goes towards taxes. Suddenly, \$7 per hour doesn't seem like so much. Hasn't every parent said to their teen, "Get used to it, kiddo. That's life."

And how many of us would like to get a bundle of money in an easier way? How about trying out for *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* show? Or play the lottery - maybe slots in downtown Detroit? Or perhaps become a *Survivor*, and go for that cool million. If those don't work, remember there is always Publisher's Clearinghouse's Ed McMahon who might show up at your door one day.

Yes, we all dream of being "lucky" and winning our fortune, which we all know we deserve! But in the meantime, if you find yourself in debt, or see that your credit cards are maxed out, some of the following resources can help you put your financial house back in order. And remember, the mint makes it first. It's up to us to make it last.

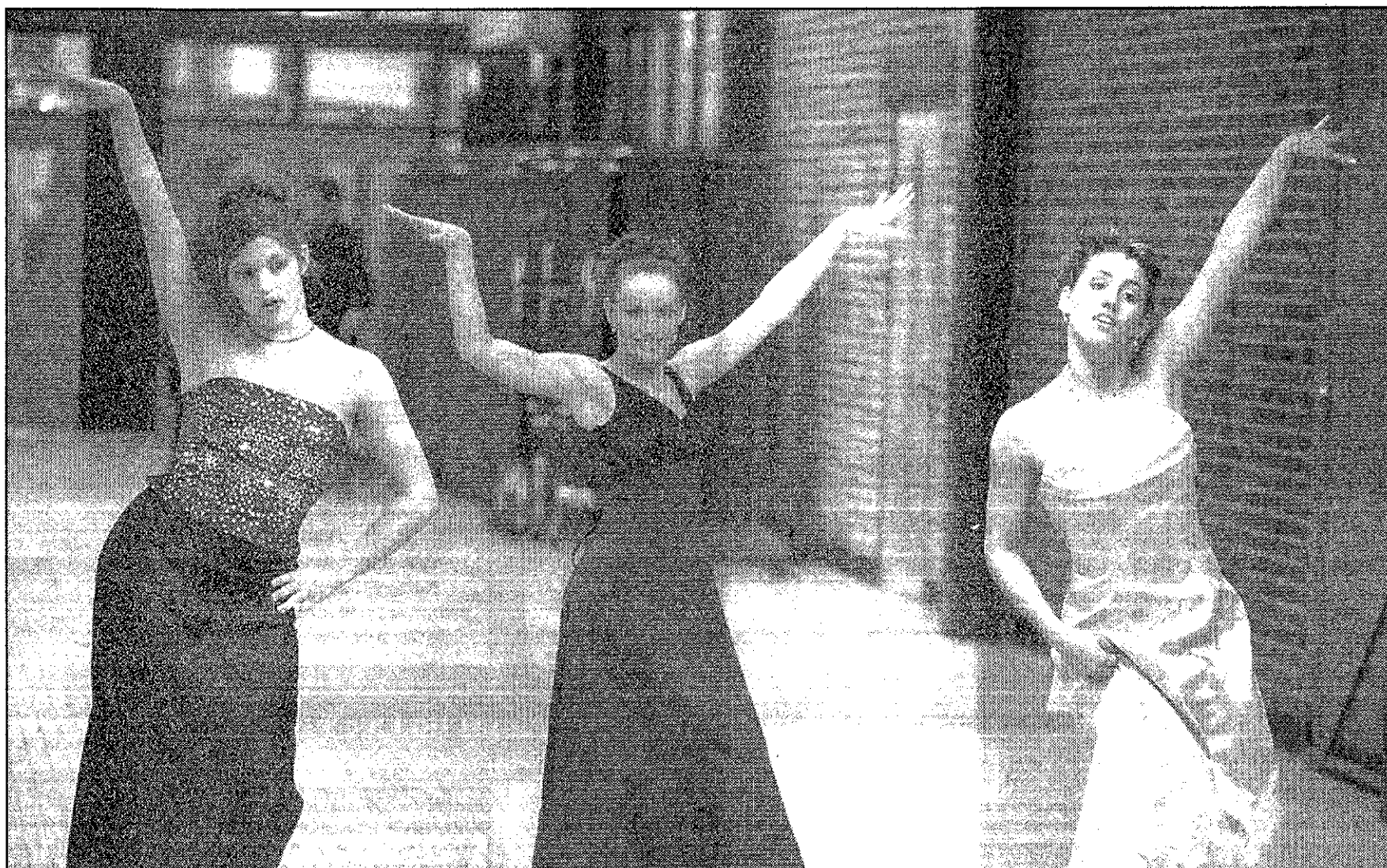
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Jacquie Martin-Downs maintains a private counseling service in Livonia and is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland. Call (734) 595-2279 for additional information and resources.

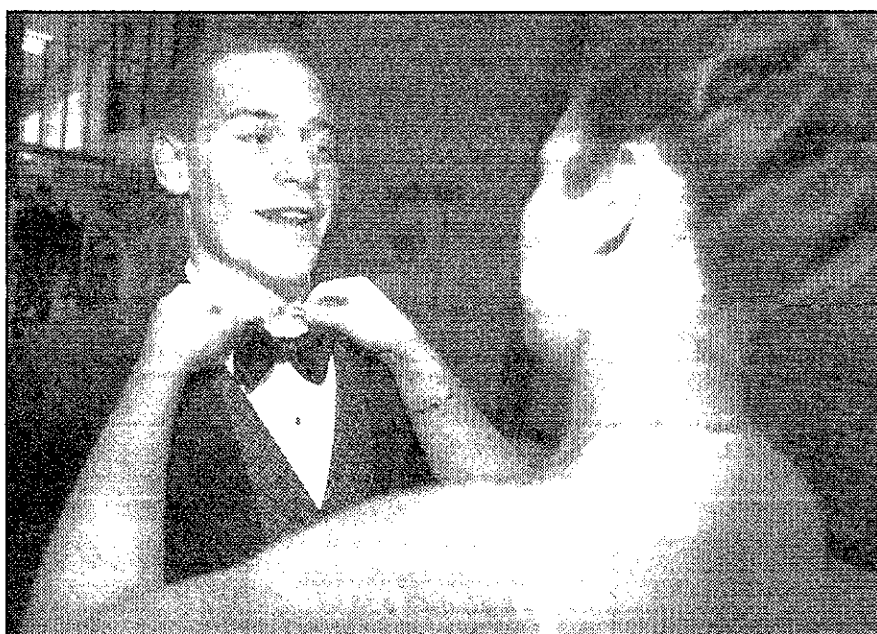
Plymouth-Canton style

Students model the latest prom fashions



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Prom divas: Jenny Becker, from left, Sheri Grubaugh and Jessica Leadford practice their best moves in the hallway backstage prior to the show.



Last minute: David Lake gets a little help with his tie from model Kristy Barber.

Glitz, glam rule the runway

The immensely popular Prom Fashion Show at Plymouth Canton High School went off flawlessly Tuesday night as student models slipped into the hottest formal wear this season and took to the runway.

Popular because it takes some of the guesswork out of what the trends are this season - the fashion show included men's formal wear - top hats and tails - and the floor length gowns young women will wear.

Organizers estimate 500 people attended the event.

After agreeing to coordinate the show that was on the verge of being canceled, student organizer Julie Patterson hit the ground running. The event was sponsored by Youth Empowerment Source (Y.E.S.) of which Patterson is a member.

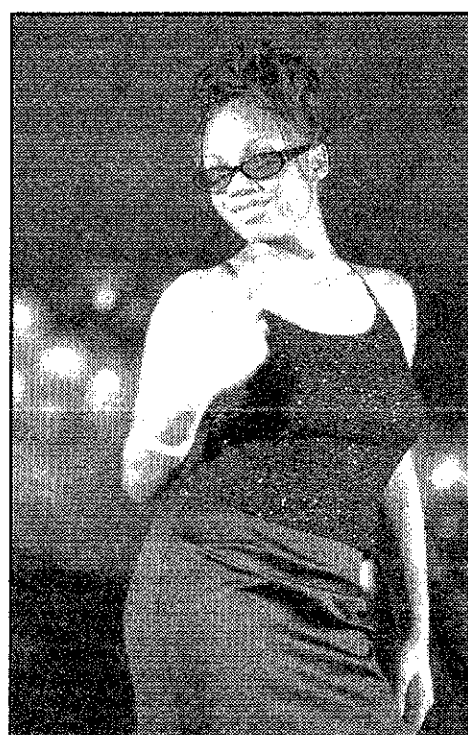
"The adviser that was involved was retiring and couldn't do it and when I heard that it made me very sad," said Patterson. "The Prom Fashion Show is one of my favorite things in the whole wide world."

Patterson, a junior, said approximately 131 students auditioned for the chance to be a model and rehearsal's for the choreographed event began months before. The 15 boys and 15 girls that were selected (six alternates) practiced two days a week for up to two hours to ensure the event ran smoothly. Ginger Binder worked closely with Patterson to coordinate choreography.

"We really put our all into this. It's a huge show and it's always been well supported," said Patterson.

The event is supported not only by the students and the administration but also by local retailers who allowed the models to wear their dresses and tuxedos the night of the event.

Scott Ross from Julie's Bridal Imports said of the 17 dresses students wore from their Plymouth store, two piece and midriff baring dresses, were popular in vibrant colors such as coral



Attitude: Kirby Miles sashays for the audience.

and purple haze.

"All of the dresses were floor length and many were designed by Le Gala by Mon Cheri," said Ross.

Melissa Bowman-Daniels, store manager of David's Bridal of Westland, and Shirley Parker, assistant store manager, found student models chose similar gowns from their store.

"The two-piece look and romantic full ball gowns remain popular," said Parker of the 30 or so dresses worn from the Westland retailer. "We have a wide range of styles but the girls this year are still favoring the romantic poofy gowns."

Iridescent and metallic fabrics were also a popular choice by the models who were able to choose two dresses to wear the night of the event.



Backstage: Tricia Curmi, (above left) and Sheri Grubaugh show off some Prom fashions. (Left) Kirby Miles, clockwise from front left, Lauren Christiansen, Jessica Leadford and Mandy Koran pray backstage, hoping that they don't fall during the show.

The tuxedo continues to be the hallmark of formal wear for men. Styles can include short and long coats, vests, bow ties, ascots or the traditional tie and primarily black, white and beige pants and coats accented with colors to match their date.

Local tuxedo stores that donated their clothing included After Hours (formerly Tuxedo World, Ford Road), Randazzo's (Plymouth Road), Canton Tuxedo Shop (Ford Road) and Steve Petrix (Forest Ave., Plymouth). Ran-

dazzo's also provided free limousine service to the models after the show who traveled to Mongolian Barbecue for dinner.

A Mary Kay consultant provided make-up tips and Images Salon donated 10 complimentary hair styles.

"I couldn't be happier," said Patterson. "It was a wonderful show and a great turnout. The models did the best job I've ever seen. I had so much fun I'd do it again."

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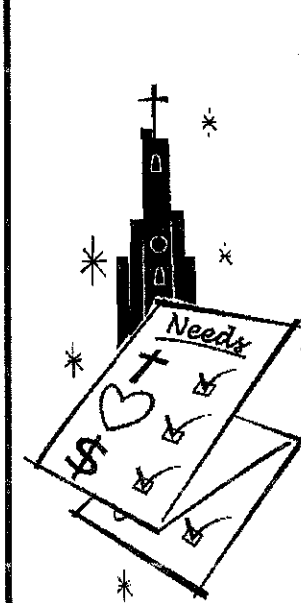
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WHAT WE NEED IN LIFE



For someone to be content, joyful and at peace in this life, I believe that they need the following: faith and trust in God, to give love and be needed, meaningful work, and something to look forward to. One could argue that this is only the tip of the iceberg, and that there are many other things that should be included if we are to be content with our lives, such as good health, money, etc. There are relatively few people in life with perfect health or a lot of money, but true happiness is indeed a blessing from God. Our awareness and gratitude for all the good things that have been given to us should bring joy and happiness to our hearts, and we should always give thanks to our Heavenly Father for how much He loves us. We can be confident that God wants His people to be full of joy and to have peace in their lives. The Bible tells us that He will protect those who love Him, and they will be truly happy.

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R.S.V. Romans 15:13

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LENTEN SERVICES

Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) will be held every Wednesday in March and April 4 at 7 p.m. We will also be having a soup supper at 6 p.m. before the service. Call (734) 427-3660.

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St. John's Lutheran Church (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of Schoolcraft) will hold mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Each service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Wednesday services at 10 a.m. will be March 14, 21, 28 and April 4. Thursday service will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal.

COFFEE HOUSE

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) invites young adults (18-35) to a time of food, fun and fellowship from 7-10 p.m. March 9. We'll have coffee, cookies, pie, and an microphone for all to share songs, drama, and or encouraging word. Call (734) 421-0472.

FREE CONCERT

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an authentic Irish meal and enjoy a step dancing performance at noon, Sunday, March 11 at Gutherie Hall, Newburg United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under 5. This is a fundraiser for the church's youth choir tour. Tickets can be purchased until March 8 after worship or by calling the office at (734) 422-0149.

REVIVAL

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) will hold a "Back to the Bible Revival" by noted evangelist Bill Oakley March 11-14 at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. From Monday through Wednesday Oakley will teach a Bible study at 11 a.m. and revival services will be at 7 p.m. Call (734) 421-0472.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent, St. Sabina hosts a Fish Fry featuring fish and chips, pierogi, shrimp or macaroni dinners, 4-7 p.m. in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 561-1977.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The International Christian Education Association will present its 55th Leadership Training Institute Friday, March 9, 16 and 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Costs are reasonable. Instructors are professionals drawn from church and college staffs. Call (248) 557-5526.

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH DINNER

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■ 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11 (What Happened to the Human Race)

■ 7 p.m. Monday, March 12 (East Meets West: The Christian Stake in Alternative Medicine)

■ 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 (Playing God: The Christian Stake in Genetic Engineering)

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (A Christian Manifesto in a Culture of Death).

FISH FRY

St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Telegraph/Northline in Taylor) will host a Fish Fry, Friday March 16 and 30 from 4-7 p.m. Call (734) 287-3866.

BRONCO MCKART

Bronco McKart, motivational speaker and two-time world boxing champ, will share his testimony on Tuesday, March 13 at revival services being held at Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) at 7 p.m. Call (734) 421-0472.

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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 Chap-

ters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

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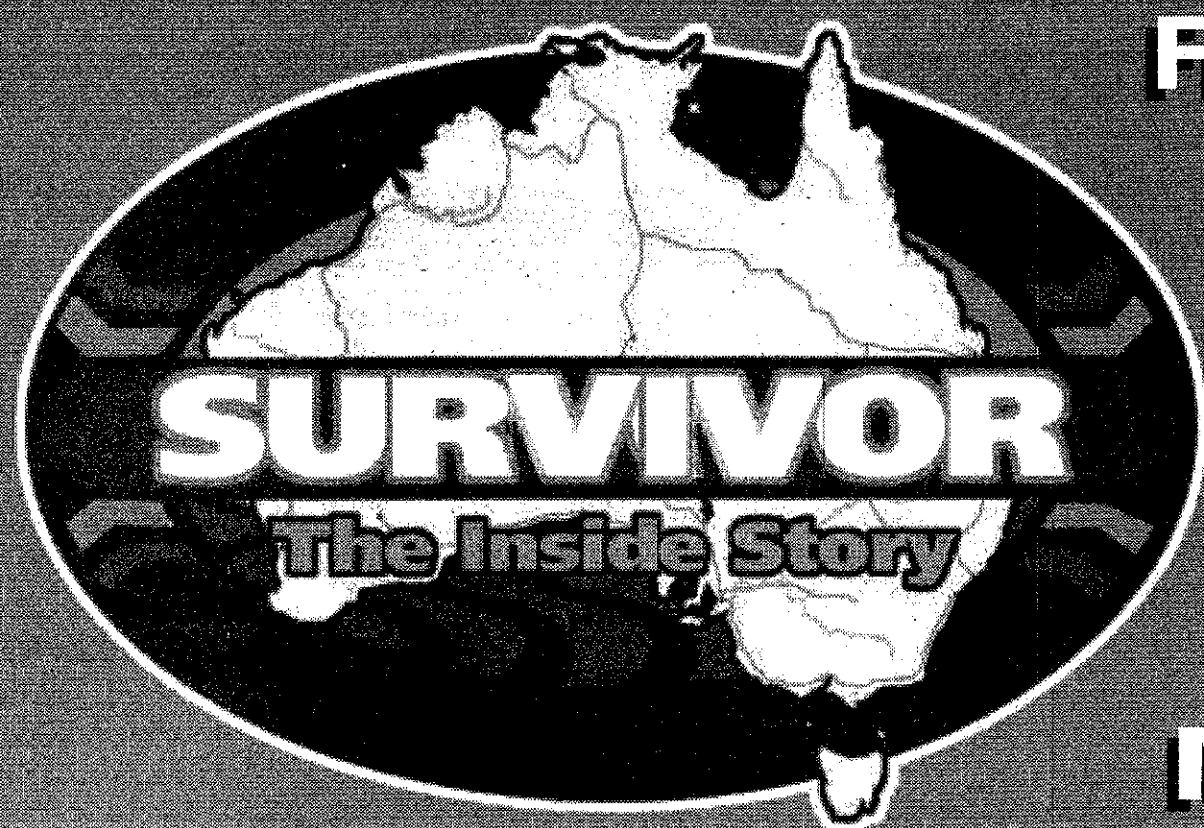
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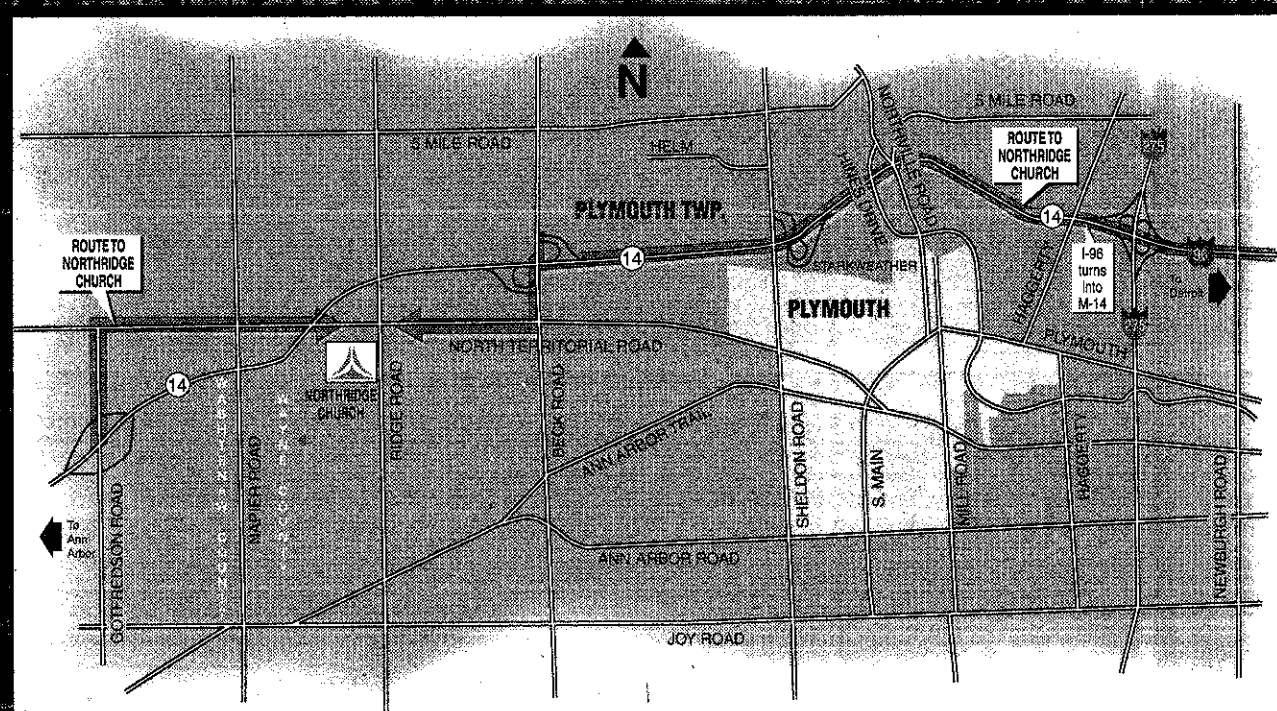
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Masters standouts

Leslie Greeneisen splashed to four first-place finishes in the women's 40-44 year-old division and Brian Foust recorded three in the men's 50-54 division at the sixth annual West Bloomfield International Masters Swim Meet.

Greeneisen's wins came in the 50-yard breaststroke, the 200 freestyle, the 50 free and the 100 free. Foust was a winner in the 50, 100 and 200 backstrokes. Both swim for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Masters Swim Team.

Other fine Cruiser performances were turned in by Abigail Briggs in the 30-34 division, with firsts in the 50 breast and 50 free, and a second in the 100 free; Scott McGee in the men's 35-39 division, with a first in the 50 breast and seconds in the 50 and 100 free; Jon Jopping, who had seconds in the 50 back and 100 breast and a third in the 50 butterfly; and Kim Scott in the 25-29 division, with seconds in the 50 breast and 50 free and a fourth in the 100 free.

Later this month, several Cruiser Masters members are planning on competing at the state championship in Holland.

Top Chippewas

Central Michigan University's indoor men's track team placed second at the Mid-American Conference Championships Feb. 23-24 at CMU's Jack Skoog Track, and a couple of Canton residents played key roles in that finish.

Ian Searcy, a junior from Plymouth Salem, was first in the 800-meter run in 1:52.64. Jared Biniecki, a senior from Plymouth Canton, was fifth in the mile in 4:15.34.

Searcy was a first-team all-MAC selection.

Tiger Shark champs

The Plymouth Tiger Sharks, a Mite B hockey club, made their trip to the International Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament Feb. 10-11 a successful one, returning home with the title.

The Tiger Sharks opened by beating the Farmington Hills Cobras 10-1. They followed that with a 4-4 tie against Woodhaven and a 7-1 triumph over Sylvania (Ohio).

That lifted the Sharks into the championship game opposite Woodhaven on Feb. 11 at Dearborn's Canfield Ice Arena. The Sharks emerged with the title, beating Woodhaven 4-1.

Defensemen Eric Madill, Derek O'Flynn, Christopher Perkovich, Matthew Skicki, Kyle Stokfisz and Leo Willer were named tournament MVPs.

Other team members are Daniel Bleyaert, Zachary Cox, Joshua Dickson, Kyle Herndon, Brandon Hope, Shawn May, Joseph Mitchell, Connor Moran, Ryan Quigley and Sean Smiatcz. The team is coached by Dave Smiatcz, Bob Hope, Rick May and Steve Willer.

Cardinals tryouts

The Canton Cardinals, an under-10 boys travel baseball team, will have tryouts for the upcoming season at 10 a.m. March 17 at Pioneer Middle School. The Cardinals play about 35 games in the Little Caesars League and in tournaments, including the state tournament.

For further information, call (734) 495-9767.

Senior golf

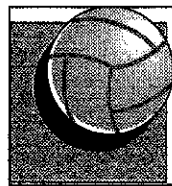
The Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association will, once again, conduct five 18-hole medal-play tournaments at Detroit-area golf courses for those men 50 and older who wish to participate.

Golfers are divided into two handicap levels: 17-and-under, which is group A, and 18-and-over, which is group B. Because of the number of participants, it is necessary to schedule the A and B tournaments at different locations. All scheduled tournaments will be on Saturdays.

Also, the MPSGA hosts a State Championship for seniors at Shanty Creek Resort, near Bellaire. The competition is open to all male golfers who meet the age requirement, reside in Michigan and are available to validate an established handicap. Last year, 286 seniors played in the state championship.

Senior golfers interested in either or both of these opportunities MPSGA at P.O. Box-Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

Salem tops Churchill for district title



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Third time's a charm? More like three times is enough.
Plymouth Salem's volleyball team

Never easy, having to play a team for a third time, with the whole season hanging in the balance. Plymouth Salem managed it — twice — at Saturday's district tournament, beating both Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill.

has played Plymouth Canton and Livonia Churchill each three times this season, the third time for both at last Saturday's Class A district tournament, hosted by South Lyon.

The Rocks have won all those matches, but it's become progressively harder

each time.

Churchill, in particular, has been a difficult foe for Salem to handle. Last Saturday, the two fittingly tangled in the district final and, typically, it took three games before Salem emerged with the victory, 13-15, 15-3, 15-7.

Now 33-7, the Rocks advance to the regionals at Saline Saturday. Their first opponent will be eighth-ranked Adrian, a team Salem beat 16-14, 10-15, 16-14 at the Temperance Bedford Invitational Feb. 10.

The other regional semifinal features Livonia Ladywood against Belleville.

"We had some great rallies against them," Salem coach Tom Teeters said of the Churchill match. "Some of the best rallies I've seen this year."

As for the third time playing the Chargers, Teeters said, "I don't want to see them again. We had to play better each time we played them."

The difference this time came from a

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Short a point
Mustangs stop Rocks in districts

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A "Cliff Notes" version of Plymouth Salem's 2000-2001 basketball season was written in the fourth quarter of Wednesday night's Class A district semi-final game against host Northville.

The eight-minute span -- which began with Salem trailing 49-48 -- included several elements that epitomized the hard-playing, hard-luck Rocks' year: a two-minute meltdown, an inspiring comeback, and never-say-die emotion.

However, typical of Salem's season, it ended with a sobering 75-74 loss to the Mustangs (12-10), who move on to play Detroit Henry Ford in Friday night's district final. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. in the Northville gymnasium.

Salem rebounded to finish 9-12 following a dismal 0-7 start.

"This team's mark all year has been to never give up, and that's the way they played tonight," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, referring to how his team erased all but one point of a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit. "They played hard right up until the last shot (a long three-pointer by Stevland Davis) and the last second."

"It was the second straight tough year for our five seniors. The records weren't that good, but they weren't indicative of how good these seniors are and how hard they played."

Based on the play of Salem sophomore forward David Hoskins, the Rocks' future is bright. The 6-3 leaper closed out his first full varsity season with a team-high 24 points, 14 rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals.

"Dave did a lot for a sophomore this season," Brodie said. "He's a real good player right now. If he keeps improving and working hard, there's no telling how far he can go. And one impressive thing about David is that he hates to lose."

Salem senior forward Nick Tochman ended his high school basketball career in style with 22 points and six rebounds. Senior guard Jeff Haar was the only other Rock in double figures (10 points).

Northville was paced by senior forward David Gregor, who poured in 22 points, 12 of which came in the decisive fourth quarter. Fellow senior Brandon Langston added 16 points and junior 7-0 center Tom Knapp contributed 14.

"This is an old team that is led by three seniors -- Langston, Gregor and (Aaron) Redden, who have played on the varsity for three years," said Northville coach Scott Baldwin. "It was that senior experience and poise down the stretch that was the difference. These kids have been in tight games before, so they

knew what to expect and how to handle it."

Baldwin also praised the clutch performance of a player who was playing in only his second varsity game -- sophomore guard Adam Konst, who was promoted from the Mustangs' junior varsity contingent on Monday.

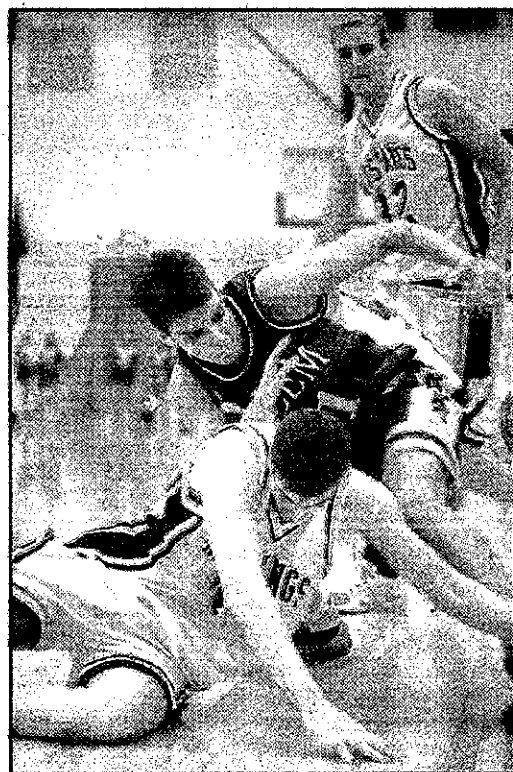
Despite playing just 10 minutes, Konst contributed 11 points, including a momentum-swinging four-point play in the final seconds of the first half.

"I think Adam is too young to feel the pressure he should have been feeling tonight," Baldwin chuckled. "He really hit some big shots for us tonight at the end of the first half and down the stretch."

The lead sea-sawed back in forth for much of the first half until Salem went on a 10-0 run mid-way through the second quarter to secure a 24-15 advantage.

When Davis completed a three-point play by convert-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN



Not quite enough: Salem certainly gave host Northville all it could handle in Wednesday's district semifinal, displayed by Nick Tochman (above) as he scrambles for a ball. But in the end, the bench was left dumbfounded.

Chiefs battle, but can't catch N'ville

BY C.J. RISAK
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Bottom line is, Plymouth Canton simply ran out of comebacks.

Yes, the Chiefs basketball season is over, but it didn't end without a prolonged battle, one that Northville was finally able to survive. The home-court Mustangs withstood a couple of late Canton rallies in Monday's first-round state district game to post a 56-46 victory.

It didn't come easy, this win. Northville had more than the game's location in its favor. A late-season

CANTON BASKETBALL

surge had carried the Mustangs into the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament championship game; they entered the post-season with a .500 record (10-10).

They were also much bigger, with seven-footer Thomas Knapp and a pair of 6-foot-6 standouts in David Gregor and Ben Jacobs. And then there was leading scorer Aaron Redden, who was an all-WLAA selection.

Indeed, the biggest question concerning

Northville was how it only won 10 games.

Canton (a 9-12 final record), by comparison, started just two players over 6-foot tall: 6-2 Jerry Gaines and 6-5 Andrew Holmes. Hardly equitable.

But the toughest obstacle facing the Chiefs occurred a day earlier. In practice Sunday, starting senior guard Oliver Wolcott came down awkwardly on his foot.

No big deal. At least that's what they thought at the time. "We all watched a movie together last night, and Oliver was there," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "He never said there was a prob-

Please see CANTON HOOP, D5

Salem bid for state meet
berth comes up just short

So very close.

It was a bitter disappointment for Plymouth Salem's gymnasts, to miss going to the state meet as a team by a mere .175. There was some consolation from last Saturday's state regional meet, hosted by Plymouth Canton: at least three of the Rocks will advance to state in the all-around competition.

Canton, competing without top gymnast Amy Driscoll, still managed a solid performance, scoring 132.325 to place ninth.

After a mid-season surge that saw Salem score in the 140s, hopes soared. But the Rocks slipped a bit in February, finishing a disappointing sixth out of nine teams at the Western Lakes

GYMNASTICS

Activities Association championships.

"It wasn't really a struggle, we just couldn't get back up to the 140s," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "But we had a really good meet Saturday. All of our top girls stuck their beam (routines), and I think that's the first time they've all done it at the same time this year."

Still, Salem's efforts fell just short. Northville-Novis won the region title with ease, scoring 145.875. Next best was Adrian with 139.925.

Please see GYMNASTICS, D4

SC routs Kirkland to set
up final with Vincennes

The showdown that's been anticipated for weeks is now upon us, thanks to Schoolcraft College's trouncing of Kirtland CC and Vincennes handling of Lansing CC Wednesday night at SC.

The two teams will battle for the NJCAA Division I Region VII championship at 7 p.m. tonight in SC's gym. The winner plays an inter-regional game Saturday, with a trip to the 16-team NJCAA Tournament at stake.

SC takes a 29-2 record into the final. Vincennes is 26-4.

Kirtland (15-of-16 for the season), coached by former SC coach Glen Donahue, gave the Ocelots a fight for a half. At the intermission, SC led by just 36-28.

SC BASKETBALL

That changed in the second half.

Using phenomenal three-point shooting, the Ocelots blew the Firebirds out in the second half with a 72-39 scoring surge. Mike Peek led the burst, scoring 17 of his team-high 25 points after the break. Peek nailed 4-of-5 three-pointers and grabbed seven rebounds.

Sam Hoskin (from Redford Bishop Borgess) contributed 22 points and nine boards, Derek Bird scored 16 points (4-of-6 on threes), Dave McGlown had 15 points and nine

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Whalers stay in OHL title hunt



With six games left in the Ontario Hockey League's regular season, the Plymouth Whalers moved to within two points of front-runner Erie with a 5-2 victory over the Sarnia Sting Tuesday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

The win pushed Plymouth's record to 40-13-4-5 for 89 points, two behind the Otters. Both teams have six games left; the Whalers have already clinched first place in the OHL's West Division.

Chad LaRose gave the Whalers an early lead, scoring his third goal in two games at the 2:57 mark of the opening period off a rebound of a Tomas Kurka shot. Cole Jarrett also assisted.

Plymouth made it 2-0 with 2:55 left in the first when Rob McBride dug the

puck out of the corner in Sarnia's zone and slid it from behind the net to Bryan Thompson, who knocked it in.

The Sting narrowed the gap to one goal 14 seconds later on a Kris Newbury goal, then knotted it early in the second period on a goal by Maxim Rybin.

But the Whalers regrouped, getting a fluke goal from Preston Mizzi, whose centering pass from behind the Sarnia goal bounced into the net off a Sting defender. Karl Stewart and Stacey Britstone assisted.

Ryan O'Keefe made it 4-2 less than a minute later, with 3:32 left in the period, scoring on a delayed penalty call. Stewart again assisted.

Kurka contributed an insurance goal in the third period. Rob Zepp made 21 saves in goal to get the win for Plymouth.

Whalers get a weekend split

The Whalers bounced back from a disappointing loss Friday against the London Knights to defeat the Ottawa 67s 4-2 Saturday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Saturday's game against Ottawa (27-21-9-4 through the weekend) started the same way Friday's game went. The 67s scored twice in the game's first 3:15, getting goals from Joe Talbot and Brett McGrath. Talbot's on the power play.

But all that changed quickly. The Whalers countered Ottawa with two goals of their own before the period was over, George Nistas scoring at 11:05 with assists from Chad Wiseman and Damian Surma and Chad LaRose netting the first of his two power-play goals in the game at 19:28, with assists from Ryan O'Keefe and Bryan Thompson.

Plymouth broke the 2-2 tie at 14:45 of the second period when Preston Mizzi got a goal, assisted by Nistas

and Karl Stewart.

LaRose's second power-play goal, from James Wisniewski (Canton) and Wiseman, pushed the Whalers' lead to 4-2.

Rob Zepp made 35 saves in goal to earn the win for Plymouth. Seamus Kotyk and John Ceci combined to make 21 stops in goal for Ottawa.

Zepp made 22 saves in goal for the Whalers Friday, but it wasn't enough — thanks to the superb effort put forth by London's Aaron Molnar, who blanked visiting Plymouth and made 30 saves.

The game was scoreless for two periods. Logan Hunter got the game's first goal 4:53 into the third period to give the Knights a 1-0 lead; Daniel Bois made it 2-0 with a power-play goal with 2:53 left.

Ryan Held assisted on both goals for London, which was 22-32-5-3 through the weekend.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS Through March 6						
East Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Belleville Bulls	33	20	4	3	73	
Ottawa 67s	27	21	9	4	67	
Kingston Frontenacs	27	22	11	1	66	
Peterborough Petes	27	26	7	2	63	
Oshawa Generals	17	33	6	5	45	
Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Sudbury Wolves	32	21	6	1	71	
Toronto St. M. Majors	31	21	7	2	71	
North Bay Centennials	28	26	5	2	63	
Barrie Colts	26	25	7	3	62	
Miss. Ice Dogs	8	46	7	2	15	
West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Plymouth Whalers	40	13	4	5	89	
Windsor Spitfires	30	21	7	4	71	
Sarnia Sting	26	27	7	1	60	
London Knights	22	32	5	3	52	
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	22	33	4	3	51	
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Erie Otters	40	11	10	1	91	
Quehgh Storm	30	20	9	2	71	
Brampton Battalion	29	21	9	4	71	
Owen Sound Attack	28	24	7	2	65	
Kitchener Rangers	24	32	6	0	54	

THE WEEK AHEAD

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT
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CLASS A
at ROMULUS

Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7

p.m. (Winner advances to the Lansing Sexton regional semifinals 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 vs. Sexton district champion.)

at NORTHVILLE

Friday, March 9: Championship final, 7

p.m. (Winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional semifinals 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 vs. Berkley district champion.)

at NORTH FARMINGTON

Thursday, March 8: Bloomfield Hills Lahser

vs. West Bloomfield, 6 p.m.; Farmington vs. North Farmington, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the West Bloomfield regional semifinals 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 vs. Detroit Northern district champion.)

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Thursday, March 8: Detroit Redford vs. Redford Catholic Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 10: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Dearborn Fordson regional semifinals 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15 vs. Dearborn district champion.)

CLASS C

at REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS

Friday, March 9: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the New Haven regional semifinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 vs. Harper Woods district champion.)

at DUNDEE

Thursday, March 8: Romulus Summit Academy vs. C-D winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 10: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the New Haven regional semifinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 vs. Almont district champion.)

CLASS D

Thursday, March 8: Det. Charlotte Forten Academy vs. Academy of Inkster, 6 p.m.; Canton Agape Christian vs. St. Agatha, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Hillsdale Col-

lege regional semifinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 vs. Adrian-Madison district champion.)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
REGIONAL PAIRINGS
CLASS A

Friday, March 9
at TROY ATHENS

Semifinals: Walled Lake Central vs. Farmington, 5 p.m.; Birmingham Marian vs. Troy, 6:30 p.m.

Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Walled Lake Central vs. Grosse Pointe South regional champion.)

Saturday, March 10
at SALINE

Semifinals: Plymouth Salem vs. Adrian, 10 a.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Belleville, 10 a.m.
Championship final: 11:30 a.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center vs. Temperance Bedford regional champion.)

CLASS C

Saturday, March 10
at NEW HAVEN

Semifinals: Lutheran Westland vs. Almont, 10 a.m.; Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett district champion vs. Royal Oak Shrine district champion, 11:30 a.m.
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center vs. Clinton regional champion.)

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2nd half rally boosts CC

Livonia Stevenson started fast, but Redford Catholic Central finished faster as the host Shamrocks used a pressure defense to wind up with a 71-55 win in a Class A district opener on Tuesday.

"They were well prepared and made it difficult for us to score," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "We had to rely on stopping them to create any offense for ourselves. We picked up the tempo defensively, and forced 16 turnovers in the rest of the game."

After falling behind 17-13 after the first quarter, CC had turned that into a 34-32 lead at half. But the Shamrocks (17-4) rolled out to a 23-12 advantage in the third quarter and held them at bay in the fourth.

"We finished up strong," said Mulroy. "They went about the first five minutes of the fourth quarter without a point and scored all 11 points in the last three minutes."

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Ryan Celeskey led Stevenson with 23 points and had five 3-pointers, while Tom Jakacki had 16, Mark Willoughby had 12. Coratti had eight. Matt Bartnick led Stevenson (7-14) with 15 points, while Nick Ehlerdt and Lindon Ivezaj had nine each.

The win sets up a meeting at 7 p.m. tonight between CC and top-ranked and Detroit Public League champion Detroit Redford.

Tom Jakacki's putback off a missed shot by Mark Willoughby with 1.5 seconds left proved to be the margin of victory as Catholic Central edged Detroit Central, 72-70, in the Operation Friendship consolation game at Calihan Hall on Saturday.

"We had the ball with 22 seconds left and worked down for the last shot," said

Coratti. "We got the shot off, but missed. Tom got the rebound and gave us the win."

Jakacki and Ryan Celeskey led all scorers with 22 points each, while Willoughby added 13. Cecil Hood led Central with 18 points, Curtis Williams had 17 and Kevin Fenner had 13.

Forten flattens Huron Valley

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-18) hung around for a half before losing to Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy in a first-round Class D district game Monday at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Forten led 18-16 after one quarter and 35-26 at halftime before outscoring the Hawks 43-15 in the second half.

Forten guard Antonio Armstrong led Forten and all scorers with 30 points. Chris Crawford added 10.

Sophomore guard Dan Schultz tallied 10 for the Hawks.

Salem hoop from page D1

ing a lay-up and an ensuing free throw with 1:40 left in the half, Salem's lead was 27-18, but it would be short-lived.

The Mustangs reeled off a 21-2 onslaught by scoring the final nine points of the first half and 12 of the first 14 of the third quarter to take a 39-29 lead. The surge was led by Langston, who drilled a trio of three-pointers from the corner that ignited the Northville rally as well as the mostly pro-Mustang crowd.

The Rocks scored the final five points of the third quarter to close to within 49-46 heading into the climactic final stanza.

Haar connected on a three-point shot from the top of the key to knot the game at 51-51 with 7:05 to go.

Northville then pieced together a 14-4 uprising over the next two minutes to regain a comfortable lead, 65-55, with 1:30 left to play.

The resilient Rocks stormed back, despite Northville's red-hot free-throw shooting down the stretch. The

Mustangs drained 13-of-15 free throws in the fourth quarter. Gregor made eight-of-nine from the stripe in the final two minutes.

With 22 seconds to go, Salem trailed 71-66 when Nick Tochman converted an offensive rebound while getting fouled. He canned the free throw to cut the deficit to 71-69.

Konst then calmly swished two free throws before Hoskins completed a baseline-to-baseline drive to make it 73-71 with 9 seconds left.

Gregor iced the game with two free throws with 7 seconds showing on the clock. Davis finished the scoring by sinking a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

Salem outrebounded Northville, 28-22, but committed more turnovers (17-14) than the Mustangs.

The Rocks scorched the net from the field, hitting 30-of-56 shots (53 percent). Northville shot just 45 percent from the field (23 of 51), but excelled from the charity stripe (21-of-26).

Shamrocks show no mercy against Stevenson

Redford Catholic Central wanted to send a statement to Livonia Stevenson in Saturday's Division 1 regional final at Redford Ice Arena.

Outshooting the Spartans in the first period 23-1 was a pretty strong statement. Winding up with a 7-2 win was an even stronger one.

"We felt we were a little bigger and stronger than they were and we certainly wanted to make sure we finished every check and we did that," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "(The team) was kind of given a schedule to play with before they took over. And the non-league games were nothing close to the speed and strength of the game we have. It

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took them a while to get adjusted and that's what happened."

Top-ranked CC (25-0-2) led 4-0 after the first period and "it could have been 8-0 if it wasn't for their goalie, Kevin Marlowe," said Johnson. "He made some phenomenal saves."

Rick Buttery scored the first goal for CC (assisted by Derek Genrich and Eric Giosa), while Jared Ross (from Brandon Naurato and Genrich), Ryan Lasecki (from Jim Spiewak) and Brett John (from Naurato and Steve Nelson) added the rest.

"Marlowe was under siege, especially in the first period," said Stevenson coach Ed Shepler as his team ended the year at 21-2-4. "We stood still and watched. They played their game. We were prepared, but we didn't play our game. We wanted to fit into a system and utilize it around theirs. The slow start really hurt us."

The Shamrocks upped the lead to 6-0 in the second with goals from John Perkovich (from Lasecki and Jeff Davis) and Bryan Genrich (from Ryan O'Dea and Jake Norwood, before Bobby Zagata scored an unassisted shorthanded goal to cut

the lead to 6-1.

Zagata scored again early in the third to make it 6-2. But John scored again (from Sean Genrich) to close out the scoring.

"I told them in the first intermission) to keep their spirits up," said Shepler. "I told them we still had a chance and that 4-

0 was not a loss. We had to show some heart and keep playing."

CC outshot Stevenson for the game, 43-12, and Marlowe had 36 saves, while Andrew McCoy and Jimmy Blanchard combined for 10.

"We had a great season, no doubt," said Shepler. "Two losses

is not shabby. It's one of the best records any Livonia school has ever had. We hope to build something into a bigger and better program. After the game, I thanked them for giving me the respect and the respect they gave to the Stevenson uniform."

BASEBALL

Pitching fails Crusaders in season opener

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger wanted a tougher slate of games on the team's trip to Florida this spring, and in the Crusaders' opener Saturday, he got it.

Anderson (Ind.) College scored six runs in the first four innings and limited Madonna to five hits in rolling to an 11-5 triumph in Daytona Beach.

Madonna was supposed to play twice Sunday, but both games were rained out.

Brian Williams, a freshman center fielder from Livonia (Redford Catholic Central), provided one of the few highlights for the Crusaders when he slugged his first collegiate home run in his first at-bat in the first inning. His sacrifice fly in the fifth earned Williams his second run batted in in the game.

Mario D'Herin (Livonia/CC) had two hits, including a double, to lead Madonna. Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had a single and an RBI.

The loss went to Eric Williamson, who started and surrendered four earned runs in 1 1/3 innings.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF POLK IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 01 SP 10

CHARLES ALLAN PRUETTE, Administrator of the Estate of RUTH FREER-DECORTEZ, Deceased,
Petitioner,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS of Ruth Freer-Decortez, Deceased.
Respondents.

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Volleyball *from page D1*

rather unanticipated source: Jordan Falcusan, who usually rates as the fourth option in the Salem offense.

"The player that came through for us, unexpectedly, was Jordan Falcusan," said Teeters. "Especially in the second and third games."

Churchill's defensive strategy was to bottle up Katie Good, the Rocks' top hitter. That left Falcusan open on the other side of the net, and Salem pounced on the opportunity.

In the Rocks' 15-8, 15-8 district semifinal win over Canton, Falcusan had just five kill attempts; she converted two of them. Against Churchill, she had 19 chances, making eight with a team-best kill percentage of .316. Falcusan also led the Rocks with four service aces.

It was a much-needed offensive boost. Kelly Jaskot stepped up offensively as well, recording team-high 12 kills to go with two aces and a team-best 16 digs.

Good had 10 kills and six digs, and Mary Lou Liebau totaled eight kills. Jill Dombrowski finished with three kills, three aces, eight digs, two blocks and 32 set assists.

Churchill finished the season with a 32-11-6 record.

The Canton match wasn't as difficult for Salem, thanks in large part to the performances of Dombrowski and Liebau. Dombrowski did a bit of everything — again — and she did it well, collecting three kills, five aces, nine digs, two blocks and 18 set assists.

Liebau spearheaded the

Rocks' offense with nine kills without an error, a .643 kill percentage. She also had six digs and two blocks.

Jaskot and Good each had four kills, Good getting nine digs and two blocks and Jaskot adding five digs. Falcusan had a team-high 10 digs.

Now comes another test for Salem, and another rematch — against Adrian.

"We played three close games against them," said Teeters. "They're much taller than us."

"We use speed. We've speeded up our attack in the last few weeks. We use a fast attack with Jill and Mary Lou. We've improved steadily."

As tough as the road's been thus far for Salem, it surely won't get any easier from here on out.

Gymnastics *from page D1*

Ann Arbor Huron edged the Rocks for the final team position, scoring 138.875 to Salem's 138.700. Livonia Consolidated was fifth with 137.150. See statistical summary.

"It's hard for them to swallow," said Hopson. "We had one of our lower team scores of the year in (uneven parallel) bars, but we did great on floor (exercise) and were good on vault and beam, and they had a great attitude the whole day."

"It was tough competition, one of the toughest regionals in the state."

The Rocks best performance came from Bethany Bartlett, who competed in Division I and finished third in the all-around with a 36.50. Bartlett was fourth in vault (9.15) and balance beam

(9.25), third in bars (8.9) and tied for fourth in floor (9.2).

In Division II, April Aquinto placed fifth in the all-around (34.7) and Melissa Drake was sixth (34.55), earning both berths at state meet.

Aquinto was at her best in beam, in which she placed second (9.175), and in floor, in which she tied for fourth (9.05). Drake's best showings came in bars, a fifth (8.625); in floor, a title for seventh (8.9); and in beam, a ninth (8.675).

"I'm happy with that, that we have three girls going to state," said Hopson. "I think they can do well. They each have their own strong event. Any one of them could place in the top 10 in their events."

The state final will be hosted

by Rockford (team competition is Friday, individual competition Saturday), which doesn't have a spring mat for the floor exercise — a detriment to those used to competing on that type of surface, such as the Salem and Canton gymnasts.

Still, Hopson thought the Rocks best chances were with Aquinto on beam, Drake on bars and Bartlett on beam and bars.

Canton's best all-around finisher was Audra Ahern, whose 33.275 was 16th in Division II. Ahern did qualify for state in the bars, placing 10th with a 8.325.

The Chiefs had one other state qualifier: Jacquie Bennington in vault, with an 8.6 that tied her for eighth. Jacquelyn Williams narrowly missed qualifying in vault, tying for 12th with an 8.5.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Football boosters

The Plymouth Canton Chiefs football boosters club will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Canton HS.

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For further information, call Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120.

Rugby recruits

The Oakland Highlanders, a new rugby club in the Midwest and Michigan Rugby Football Unions, is currently recruiting new members of all skill levels for the spring season.

The team consists of men 18-and-over. Experienced rugby players as well as amateur athletes looking to explore a new sport are welcome. The team competes against other clubs in

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STATE REGIONAL GYMNASTICS RESULTS

STATE REGIONAL GYMNASTICS
March 3 at Plymouth Canton HS
Team standings (top three advance to state): 1. Northville-Novi, 145.875 points; 2. Adrian, 139.925; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 138.875; 4. Plymouth Salem, 138.70; 5. Livonia Consolidated, 137.150; 6. Westland John Glenn, 134.00; 7. Saline, 133.75; 8. Napoleon, 132.375; 9. Plymouth Canton, 132.325; 10. Jackson County Western, 131.575; 11. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 131.050; 12. Hillsdale, 124.75; 13. Jackson Lumen Christi, 123.325; 14. Jackson Northwest, 119.175; 15. Coldwater, 119.025.

Division I results

All-around (top six advance): 1. Martina Totkov (S), 36.75; 2. Megan Samhat (N-N), 36.575; 3. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 36.5; 4. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 36.325; 5. Katie Braine (N-N), 35.575; 6. Katherine Brown (AAH), 35.25; 7. Michelle Wimberly (L), 34.875; 8. Ari Aycock (AAH), 34.35; 9. Kristin Kelley (AAH), 34.3; 10. Divya Ammanath (AAH), 34.2.

Vault (top 10 advance): 1. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 9.225; 2. (tie) Megan Samhat (N-N), Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.2; 4. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.15; 5. Martina Totkov (S), 8.925; 6. Ari Aycock (AAH), 8.9; 7. Katie Braine (N-N), 8.725; 8. Michelle Wimberly (L), 8.65; 9. (tie) Katherine Brown (AAH), Laura McCann (S), 8.55.

Balance beam (top 10 advance): 1.

Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.625; 2. Katie Braine (N-N), 9.525; 3. Martina Totkov (S), 9.5; 4. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.25; 5. Sara Wilchowski (N-N), 9.225; 6. (tie) Kristin Kelley (AAH), Divya Ammanath (AAH), 9.0; 8. Katherine Brown (AAH), 8.95; 9. (tie) Amanda Swartz (S), Kelly Ostrosky (L), 8.8.

Uneven parallel bars (top 10 advance): 1. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 9.15; 2. Martina Totkov (S), 8.925; 3. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 8.9; 4. Katherine Brown (AAH), 8.85; 5. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 8.75; 6. Michelle Wimberly (L), 8.725; 7. Kristin Kelley (AAH), 8.65; 8. Ari Aycock (AAH), 8.6; 9. Jessy Meyerhoff (AAP), 8.575; 10. Megan Samhat (N-N), 8.55.

Floor exercise (top 10 advance): 1. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 9.6; 2. Martina Totkov (S), 9.4; 3. Katie Braine (N-N), 9.3; 4. (tie) Megan Samhat (N-N), Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.2; 6. (tie) Katherine Brown (AAH), Ari Aycock (AAH), 8.9; 8. Michelle Wimberly (L), 8.8; 9. (tie) Divya Ammanath (AAH), Kelly Ostrosky (L), 8.7.

Division II

All-around (top six advance): 1. Jennifer Garcia (A), 38.05; 2. Meaghan Jusick (N), 35.825; 3. Julia Brown (A), 35.3; 4. Nichole Simonian (JG), 34.925; 5. April Aquinto (PS), 34.7; 6. Melissa Drake (PS), 34.55; 7. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 34.5; 8. Kristen Constantino (JG), 34.45; 9. Monica Fink (N-N), 34.025; 10. Sara Chapin (C),

33.925.

Vault (top 10 advance): 1. Jennifer Garcia (A), 9.25; 2. Nichole Simonian (JG), 9.0; 3. Monica Fink (N-N), 8.825; 4. (tie) Mary Moreau (L), Melanie Kay (A), 8.8; 6. Meaghan Jusick (N), 8.75; 7. Julia Brown (A), 8.7; 8. (tie) Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), Kristen Constantino (JG), Jacquie Bennington (PC), 8.6.

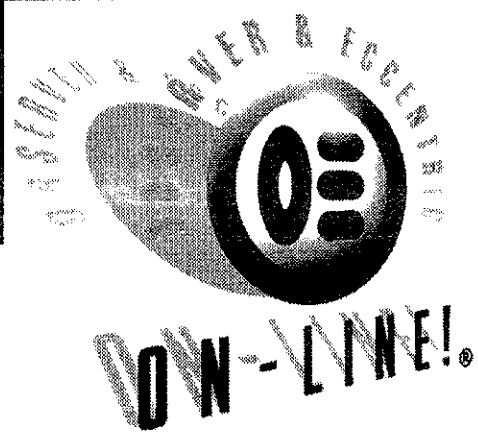
Balance beam (top 10 advance): 1. Jennifer Garcia (A), 9.25; 2. April Aquinto (PS), 9.175; 3. Meaghan Jusick (N), 9.15; 4. Lisa Thompson (L), 8.8; 5. Nichole Simonian (JG), 8.775; 6. Mary Moreau (L), 8.725; 7. (tie) Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), Maureen Warfield (A), 8.7; 9. Melissa Drake (PS), 8.675; 10. (tie) Monica Fink (N-N), Jennifer Gwin (JCW), 8.65.

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Floor exercise (top 10 advance): 1. Meaghan Jusick (N), 9.25; 2. Julia Brown (A), 9.15; 3. Jennifer Garcia (A), 9.1; 4. (tie) April Aquinto (PS), Alison Gillette (N-N), 9.05; 6. Kristen Constantino (JG), 9.0; 7. (tie) Nichole Simonian (JG), Melissa Drake (PS), 8.9; 9. (tie) Sara Chapin (C), Erica Patterson (A), Gina Maceri (L), 8.8.

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lem."

But when Wolcott got home that evening, the pain worsened. A preliminary exam revealed he may have broken a bone in his foot; he was definitely out of Monday's game.

Wolcott had been playing exceptionally well down the stretch, averaging 12 points a game in his previous five. He provided the Chiefs with their most consistent outside scoring threat.

Going against a team with size like Northville's made an outside offensive presense a necessity. Knapp showed why single-handedly in the opening quarter, swatting away three Canton shots. The junior center finished with six blocks.

"Thomas had his best game of the season," said Northville coach Scott Baldwin. "He always helps us defensively. When he puts up something offensively, we are very difficult to beat."

Knapp was a major factor on both ends of the floor, combining with Gregor to score 23 of the Mustangs' 25 first-half points. It was needed, since Canton's Billy Gazsi and Rian Barker combined to eliminate Redden offensively — at least for three quarters.

The Chiefs' largest lead came in the game's opening minutes. They led 6-2 midway through the first quarter, but Northville managed to overtake them and take an 8-7 lead into the second.

The second quarter was a disaster for the Chiefs. They connected on just 3-of-9 floor shots and 2-of-4 free throws, committed seven turnovers and allowed Knapp and Gregor to dominate inside in getting outscored 17-8.

Canton failed to cut into that

10-point halftime deficit in the third quarter; the Mustangs led 35-25 going into the fourth.

But it wasn't over yet.

"We knew (a comeback) was coming," said Baldwin. "It always comes. It can be hard to play from ahead."

"Canton's kids played incredibly gutsy, knowing (Wolcott) was out. But we expect it out of Canton. They always play hard."

Two baskets by Gazsi, two free throws and a basket by Gaines and the Mustangs' 10-point lead was whittled to two. Redden, who had scored just two points in the first three quarters, hit 1-of-2 free throws to make it a three-point game, but Gaines answered with another basket and Northville's lead was down to 36-35.

In the next minute, however, the Mustangs seemed to answer the Chiefs' rally by scoring five consecutive points (four by Knapp), pushing their lead back to six with four minutes left. End of the line for Canton, right?

Not quite. Time for Rally No. 2.

A three-point play by Gaines and a basket by Holmes in a 10-second span trimmed the deficit back to a single point, 41-40, with 3:50 left.

"We were right there, weren't we?" Rheault said. "We went into a full-court man press (to start the quarter). We counted on our defense to do it for us again. It's been doing it for us all year."

"Our defense got us back into the game."

But the tank was running low. A basket by Gregor extended Northville's lead to three and, after Canton twice failed to narrow the gap, Redden supplied

what was, in retrospect, the knockout punch: a three-point basket — the first by either team in the game — with 2:15 left.

After that, it was a free throw-shooting contest, and the Mustangs made 'em. In the final 2:03, they hit 10-straight from the line, dooming any further Canton comeback efforts. For the game, they were 17-of-24 from the line (70.8 percent); the Chiefs were 9-of-19 (47.4 percent).

Gregor led all scorers with 22 points; he also grabbed 11 rebounds. Knapp netted 16 points to go with his six blocks. Redden finished with 10 — eight in the fourth quarter — and Tim Ferng had eight. They were the only four players to score for Northville.

Gaines totaled 17 points for Canton. Holmes was next best with eight.

"We had to knock down the big shots," summarized Rheault. "They did."

SC basketball *from page D1*

assists, and Keanan Weir totaled 13 points.

Kirtland got 24 points and six rebounds from Monte Tucker. Dmitry Popov added 19 points.

For the game, the Firebirds were a very solid 9-of-19 on triples (47.4 percent), but it was no match for SC, which converted 16-of-29 threes (55 percent).

Vincennes 94, Lansing 74: Andre Horton connected on eight three-pointers to lead the Trailblazers to an easy win over outgunned Lansing Wednesday.

Horton finished with a game-high 30 points. Omonivi Makun and Jon Knoche each contributed 13 points, and Tim Harris scored 12 for Vincennes.

Lansing, which finished its season at 12-17, was led by Travis Meister with 26 points. Terry Reddick and Jason Kibby netted 17 points apiece for the Stars.

Vincennes 84, Cincinnati State 69: Cincinnati State, going without four key players, could not match Vincennes in the Region

VII opener Tuesday at SC.

Marshall Williams and Omonivi Makun led the Trailblazers with 17 points apiece. Tim Harris scored 12, Andre Horton totaled 11 and Amadou Koundoul finished with 10.

The Surge, which ended its season at 21-9, got 20 points from Jamaal Crenshaw, 15 from Johnny Cox, and 13 from both Joell Heidelberg and Pacome Ble.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 27, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, February 20, 2001. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: Kirchgatter
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2001. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the study session meeting minutes of February 20, 2001. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

General Fund	101	\$	419,628.74
Fire Fund	206		26,917.42
Police Fund	207		51,648.93
Summit Operating	208		47,331.39
Golf Fund	211		22,062.83
Cable TV Fund	230		3,242.41
Twp (Community) Improvement	246		16,899.75
E-911 Utility	261		523.44
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$	3,389.92
Federal Grants Fund	274		160,831.50
Auto Theft Grant	289		1,661.27
Downtown Development Authority	294		1,662.72
Post Employment Benefits	296		449.54
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403		54,540.79
Building Auth Construction	469		87,740.90
Water & Sewer Fund	592		408,922.03
Total - All Funds			\$1,307,453.58

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve blanket purchase orders for Parr Emergency Products Supplies in the amount of \$25,000.00 and for Metropolitan Uniform Co. in the amount of \$65,900.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to re-appropriate 2000 funds for the construction and funding of the police range. Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:		
Fund Balance Appropriation	#207-000-699-0000	\$332,525.00
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay-Equipment	#207-301-977-0000	\$332,525.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the following budget for the Federal Grants Fund for the FY 2001: Motion carried by all members present. Revenues: \$1,197,707.53 Appropriations: \$1,197,707.53 This establishes the Federal Grants Fund Budget for FY 2001 at \$1,197,707.53.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Waltonwood at Cherry Hill Marketing Trailer. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to approve the site plan for Plymouth High School. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the Special Land Use and Site Plan for Calvary Baptist Church Youth Building. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the agreement with Metricom and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached Right-of-Way Permit and Facility Use Agreement. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the attached Traffic Signal Agreement and authorize the estimated costs of \$65,988.00 to be paid from the Road Paving Transfer Fund for the installation of Mast Arms at the Geddes and Beck Road intersection. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for the 2001 Canton Liberty Fest Inflatable Attractions for June 21-22, 2001 to the lowest

bidder, "Out of the Box Productions, Inc." in the amount of \$6,900.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of one (1) Lifepak 12 defibrillator/monitor with accessories for the cost of \$9,770.30 and waive the bidding process and award the purchase of one (1) defibrillator/monitor to Physio-Control Corporation, Redmond, WA for the cost of \$9,770.30. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of eight (8) Colt AR-15 Rifles from C.M.P. Distributors, Detroit, Michigan for an amount not to exceed \$6,056.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve sending a school resource officer to the National Association of School Resource Officers Conference in Miami, Florida for a cost of \$1,600.00 coming from account no. 207-301-951-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award a one year extension of the radio systems maintenance agreement to Mobile Communications Sales & Service, Inc., 34411 Industrial Road, Livonia for a total cost not to exceed \$15,804.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve awarding the contract for dismantling and re-assembling modular units in the Public Safety facility to Built Rite, Sterling Heights, Michigan for a cost of \$8,550.00 with a contingency of \$855.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award a contract to McDowell & Associates for geotechnical consulting services for the proposed Public Safety Gun Range. The costs are not to exceed \$8,400.00 from account no. 207-301-977-2000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Community Improvement Fund to appropriate funding for contractual architectural services for the Performing Arts Center: Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:		
Transfer from Public Improvement Fund	#246-000-676-2450	\$714,000
Increase Appropriations:		
Contracted Services-Performing Arts Ctr.	#246-760-818-0000	\$714,000

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$2,565,000 to \$3,279,000.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund to appropriate \$714,000 to transfer to the Community Improvement Fund: Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#245-000-699-0000	\$714,000
Increase Appropriations:		
Contracted Services-Performing Arts Ctr.	#245-265-965-2460	\$714,000

This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$1,355,266 to \$2,069,000.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the inter-fund transfer of \$714,000 from the Public Improvement Fund to the Community Improvement Fund to cover the estimated costs for architectural services for the Performing Arts Center. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the price quote from National Wholesale Printing for \$7,450.00 for printing the Community Resource Guide and Calendar. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby support and endorse the creation of a third judgeship for the 35th District Court. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly that the Board of Trustees extend, at the request of Delcor Development Group, a one time 180 day extension of the inspection period for the township owned 10 acre parcel at the southeast corner of Palmer and Haggerty and as described in the agreement, the \$25,000 Ernest Money will become non-refundable. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held Tuesday, February 27, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of March 13, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

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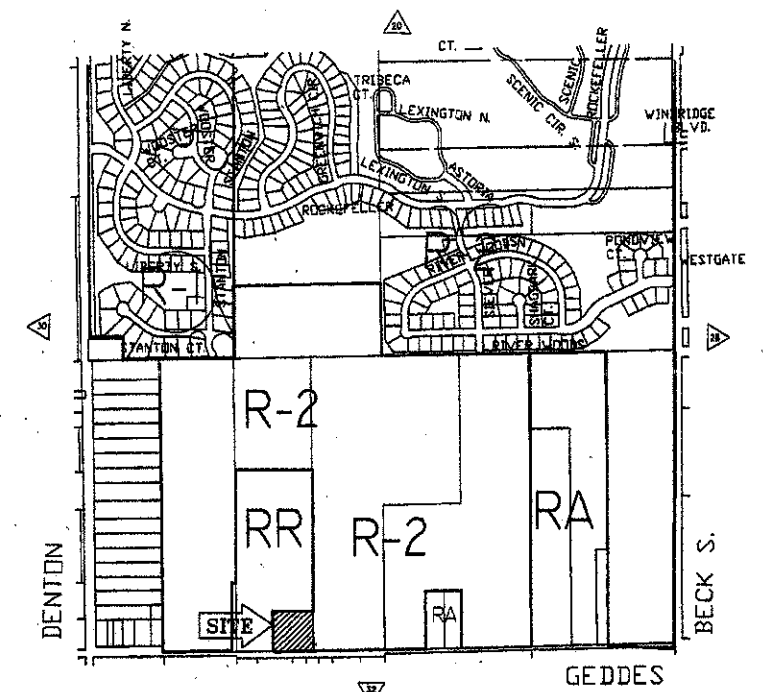
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 19, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

REAL LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NO. 115 99 0003 702. Property is located on the north side of Geddes Road between Denton and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 15, 2001, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 29

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Ocelots state title hopes derailed by Lake Michigan CC

Schoolcraft College's bid for a state championship in women's basketball was thwarted Friday night when Lake Michigan earned a 73-71 semifinal win at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron.

Lake Michigan (25-4), the Western Conference runner-up, went on to win Michigan Community College Athletic Association title with a 53-42 win over Kalamazoo Valley in a game played Saturday at St. Clair CC.

Eastern Conference champion Schoolcraft (22-5) moves into the NJCAA Region 12 District H tournament at 1 today at Delta. The Lady Ocelots, seeded No. 1, will face the winner of Wednesday's game between Kirtland and Lakeland (Ohio).

Lake Michigan won the state semifinal matchup by putting four players in double figures.

Alyse Shier and Marcie Pahl each scored 14 points, while

WOMEN'S HOOP

Amanda Warnke added 12. Stephanie Hardy chipped in with 10.

Lake Michigan enjoyed a 41-26 halftime lead before the Lady Ocelots closed the gap in the second half. The Indians shot 61.7 percent from the floor (29 of 47), including five of eight from three-point range.

Guard Rachel Eley and forward Ra'Sheida Edwards each scored 19 points to lead Schoolcraft. Eley also had eight steals and four assists.

Shafawnda Smelley added 10 points, while Angelica Blakely grabbed 10 rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot just 43.1 percent (25 of 58) from the field, just two of 10 from beyond the arc. But the Lady Ocelots made 19 of 21 free throws (90.5 percent).

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For the second time in three years the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team can hoist a state championship banner.

The Ocelots erased all doubt about who's No. 1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association following Saturday's convincing 90-59 victory over Grand Rapids in the finals at Ballenger Fieldhouse on the campus of Flint Mott.

Schoolcraft, riding a 15-game winning streak, improved to a school-best 28-2 overall.

"We're playing well right now and this is the time of year you want to be playing well," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, who is 102-21 in four years and was named MCCAAC Coach of the Year. "It's good to win a second championship (the other was 1999). We knew we were good enough to win it and it shows we were not under-achieving. I'm not only proud of our players, but also I appreciate the support of our administration has given us, along with the LAC (Learning Assistance Center). That all plays into it."

After trailing 16-9 with 13:20 left in the opening half, Briggs went to his bench and inserted the guard combination of Mike Peek, Javon Clark and Colin Wilkinson into the lineup, along with Windom and 6-8 forward Nick Evola.

The group played stifling defense and began to solve Grand Rapids' zone defense. The result was a 15-0 run and by halftime the Ocelots were ahead 46-28.

Grand Rapids, an upset 89-61 semifinal winner Friday over host Mott, got as close as

SC MEN'S HOOP

nine, 58-49, on a basket by Eric Chess with 9:40 left in the second half before Schoolcraft exploded down the stretch keyed by the play of guard Derrick Bird, who finished with a team-high 24 points.

Bird, an Ypsilanti High grad and transfer from Central Michigan University, had 16 to lead the second-half effort.

Point-guard David McGlown added 16 points, five assists and no turnovers in 31 minutes. Dwight Windom, a 6-4 forward, contributed 14 points on seven-of-seven shooting from the floor to go along with nine rebounds. And 6-8 center Sam Hoskin finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Schoolcraft's bench outscored Grand Rapids, 26-6.

Grand Rapids got a game-high 25 points from guard K'Brio Kimble, while 6-9 center Tom Curtis (Garden City) had 11 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Derek Reynolds added 10 points, but was only three of 14 from the floor.

The Raiders, Western Conference champions, shot just 22 of 68 from the floor (32.4 percent) and committed 20 turnovers compared with Schoolcraft's 36 of 70 shooting (51.4 percent) and only 13 turnovers.

"What goes around, comes around I guess," said Grand Rapids coach David Selmon, whose team is 24-3 overall. "We just got outplayed. My hats off to Schoolcraft. They were the better team today."

The victory erased some of the sting of last year's one-point defeat in the MCCAAC final to host Mott.

For Windom and Evola, the lone holdovers off that 2000 state runner-up team, winning this year's conference and state titles was particularly satisfying.

"I just wanted to come in and give it my all, but treat it like any other game," Windom said. "When we play hard and play with intensity on defense, we can beat just about anybody."

Added Evola: "It means all the hard work paid off going back to last summer. Nothing feels better than this. Tonight we accomplished two of our goals tonight, but the third is the regional."

After watching Grand Rapids dismantle Mott the night before, Briggs had cause for concern.

"I knew it was not going to be a cakewalk," he said. "Tonight I thought our guard play was pretty good. Dave (McGlown) did a good job of controlling the tempo and handling the ball without turning it over."

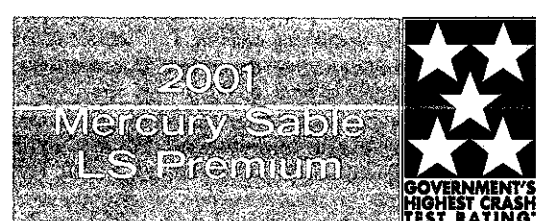
"Guys like Colin (Wilkinson), Tico (Clark) and Mike Peek did a good job off the bench. And I thought Sam (Hoskin) played very unselfish. People don't give him credit, but he's a smart player. He just doesn't score and rebound, he knows the game."

The win was also particularly sweet for Briggs, a former SC All-America who resurrected the struggling program after coming back from an assistant coaching job at a high school in Waxahachie, Tex.

"It was good to see my former college coach (Rocky Watkins) here tonight," Briggs said. "I learned a lot from him and I owe him a lot. It was good to see a smile on his face."

Schoolcraft vs. Vincennes in Region 12 final, D3.

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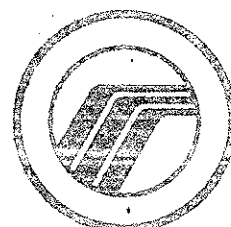
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What can we do on Detroit waterfront?

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

While I'm not particularly excited about the prospect of casinos in downtown Detroit, I am wondering if you have any experience as to what other cities have done on their waterfronts that could be adopted in the Detroit area. I'm thinking about opening a commercial enterprise and am looking for a developer to assist me in that regard.

Detroit is doing something, but development of our waterfront is a struggle. The Detroit casinos want to build an area along the waterfront, but much more can be done.

A recent visit to "Bayside" in downtown Miami shows how a riverfront can be developed.

With the construction and opening of the new American Airlines area adjacent to Bayside, it offers the tourist an opportunity for restaurants, shopping, boating, fishing and entertainment and is similar to the type of development in downtown Baltimore.

We could do something like that here.

The area in question draws patrons because of adequate parking and safety, as well as a great view of the water and access to various amenities, including the balance of the downtown area.

It is hoped that such a development could take place in Detroit, taking advantage of the Detroit River scenario.

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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



RANDAL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Neat means more money

BY DOUG FUNKE
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You can count on it, Realtors say. Clean, uncluttered, updated homes sell quicker and at a higher price than dirty, messy and disrepair.

It matters not the location nor the season of the year. It holds true for larger, more expensive houses and for more affordable, starter homes.

It's as simple as one plus one equals two. But some folks just don't get it.

"I've been in houses that smelled so badly, I can remember what it was like five or 10 years after I've been there," said Nancy Austin, an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth.

"I can remember going into a house where we went upstairs and we had to literally kick a path through laundry the entire way from front to back," Austin said. "It smelled terrible. We couldn't wait to get out."

Marilyn Chicorel Megdell, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield, recalls the time she was asked to help sell a house after a divorce.

"The house was a mess. It was dirty, dog hair, and all kinds of garbage in the garage," Megdell said. "I couldn't sell it until they cleaned it up. I said, 'If you want to sell, it may be worth spending the money to have a maid service come in.'"

Richard Gasperowich, affiliated with Real Estate One in Clarkston, said he got a deal on a house he purchased for himself a couple of years ago after it had been on the market for a while.

"It showed terrible," he said. "The walls were dirty, there were a few gouges. It wasn't picked up."

Folks who live in a house for a long time often get used to the wear-and-tear that would bother a prospective buyer. Those sellers tune things out like dirty walls, frayed carpeting, drippy faucets.

But the good news, Realtors maintain, is that while you may have to spend some money to make money, most houses can be put into showing condition without a major expenditure.

"There's a range of value in a home between the highest and lowest and it can be several thousand dollars," Megdell said.

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Nancy Austin

associate broker

Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth

"When a house is cleaned up with fresh paint, new carpeting, clean windows, you get rid of clutter, then you will attract the highest dollar range," she said.

This is no time to remodel the kitchen, replace the concrete driveway or install new windows.

But it may be time to hire a

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Marilyn Chicorel Megdell

Century 21 Town & Country

in West Bloomfield,

plumber to fix all the drippy faucets, the slow running drain and the balky toilet. Or a handyman to deal with crumbling porch steps and cracked/missing floor tiles in the basement.

Homeowners with some mechanical aptitude probably can do much of the what needs to be done, themselves.

"For \$100, you can get a beautiful storm door that opens, closes and latches," Gasperowich said. "Paint the front door. You only get one chance to make a first impression."

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Richard Gasperowich

Real Estate One in Clarkston,

"Changing hardware on cabinets is a good one," Austin said. "Go to Home Depot and get new light fixtures. It will give the kitchen an updated look."

Almost everyone can attack mess.

"Get rid of clutter on countertops anywhere in the house - in the kitchen, dressers in bedrooms, buffets and china cabinets," Austin said. "And personal items in the bathroom - put them away."

"All glass has to sparkle - windows and mirrors," she added.

"Someone moving into a home often is coming from a smaller one," Megdell said. "The buyers want to believe they have room to grow. If they come in and see things spilling all over the place, they may think there's no room."

So clean closets thoroughly. Donate usable clothing to charity. Store some furniture.

"A lot of people have a zillion magnets with notes attached to the refrigerator and lots of things on top of the refrigerator," Gasperowich said.

Get rid of that.

"Have furniture arranged so you have an easy flow when you come in the front door," he advised. "Maybe instead of replacing carpeting have a professional cleaner come in."

A few other reminders:

■ Don't forget the basement and garage. Clutter and mess break out there, too, and can be just as irritating to would-be buyers.

■ Dust, dust, dust - furniture and especially in corners where walls and ceilings meet.

■ Make sure all beds are made daily, closets orderly, especially in kids' rooms.

A Realtor can often get through to teens better than parents the necessity of keeping things neat and the need to temporarily remove posters visitors might consider offensive, Austin said.

■ Old newspapers and magazines tend to accumulate and take on a life of their own. Discard 'em on a regular basis.

The bottom line, according to Gasperowich: "There's usually something to be done. We stress the best value is get everything painted and clean, clean, clean."

FHA loans not just for kids anymore

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM TIMBO PHILLIPS

It is sometimes tough to change our minds about things with which we have become accustomed. Personally, I have difficulty watching Captain Kirk of the U.S.S. Enterprise, trying to sing about Internet buying services. Fortunately for us all, some change is for the better. Of note, recent changes in FHA lending guidelines may well play to your benefit.

There is an old paradigm that FHA mortgages are just for first-time buyers and for the fiscally impaired. This is wrong. More than ever before, homeowners are using FHA mortgages for their second and third purchases and for refinances. That's right. The FHA will help you refinance, too.

Conventional lenders usually allow homeowners to take "cash out" of up to 80 percent of their home's value during a refinance. The FHA allows for up to 85 percent. Creditworthy borrowers can get non-FHA refinances of up to 90 percent, but they will normally pay a higher interest rate for the luxury.

Borrowers with credit blemishes are especially good candidates for FHA mortgages, whether for purchases or for refinances. Even borrowers with bankruptcies and paid collections may qualify for an FHA mortgage as long as their recent credit history is very good and they have a reasonable explanation for their bad credit. No guarantees, of course, but certainly a much better chance of an approval than with a conventional loan.

With mortgage interest rates nearing a 20-year low, FHA loans make incredible sense for savvy homeowners who plan to sell their homes within the next dozen years or so. Why? Unlike most conventional loans, FHA loans are assumable. If interest rates climb - like they probably will - FHA borrowers will have a selling advantage.

Rather than buying a home with a new high-rate mortgage, prospective buyers may simply qualify to assume the FHA-funded homes at their existing low interest rate.

If a conventional mortgage or refinance is not working out, or you simply want to explore alternatives, ask your loan officer about the FHA. It's certainly not just for kids anymore.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a full-time loan officer in Plymouth. 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.

Going & Coming

Here are the number of homes sales reported last year by selected real estate boards in Michigan.

LOCATION:	SALES	% CHG.
Macomb	17,510	+17%
Saginaw	2,444	+16
Downriver	4,514	+8
BRRSOAR	8,087	N.C.
Grand Rapids	10,076	-1%
Lansing	6,553	-3
Livingston	2,386	-4
No. Oakland	4,188	-6
Traverse Area	2,234	-7
WWOCAR	11,523	-8
Upper Peninsula	1,799	-9
Flint	4,839	-11

Source: Michigan Association of Realtors

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded Dec. 18 - 22, 2000, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

42136 Addison Ave	\$168,000
41744 Hanford Rd	\$176,000
6941 Harvard Ln	\$109,000
7325 Heron Way	\$427,000
44826 Kirk Ct	\$210,000
43821 Nowland Dr	\$251,000
1950 Oakview Dr	\$164,000
6932 Poppleton Rd	\$357,000
7690 Rutherford Ct	\$137,000
591 Terrace Ct	\$384,000
41736 Wayside Dr	\$190,000
2457 Westgate Ct	\$271,000
48856 Wildrose Dr	\$330,000

Livonia

32018 Bretton St	\$146,000
9372 California St	\$174,000
36512 Dowling St	\$161,000
36523 Dowling St	\$155,000
30190 Joy Rd	\$129,000
19669 Rensellor St	\$127,000
18260 University PrkDr	\$155,000
31329 Wentworth St	\$254,000
30048 Westfield St	\$165,000
16801 Yorkshire St	\$315,000

Plymouth

46626 Arboretum Cir	\$450,000
9039 Ball St	\$166,000
50777 Chestwick Ct	\$295,000
9932 Dorian Dr	\$273,000
1251 Hartsough St	\$174,000
39718 Suzan Ct	\$219,000
45135 Turtlehead Dr	\$272,000
51225 W Hills Dr	\$334,000
51037 Weston Dr	\$410,000

Redford

26235 Elba	\$188,000
9281 Jerome	\$140,000
9940 Mercedes	\$127,000
18262 Norborne	\$147,000

Westland

7501 Bison St	\$160,000
34729 John Hawk St	\$129,000

Severe weather hits existing-home sales

■ 'We're using seasonal factors adjusted by several consecutive mild winters, but a yellow flag has been raised over deteriorating conditions in the general economy - when you look at overall market conditions and indicators, the outlook for housing now is mixed.'

David Lereah
NAR's chief economist.

Sales of existing single-family homes fell December, but 2000 was the second-highest year on record, according to the National Association of Realtors. A rebound is likely, but the association is concerned it may be short lived.

Existing-home sales dropped 7.4 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.87 million units from an upward-revised level of 5.26 million units in November. Last month's sales activity was 5.3 percent below the 5.14-million unit pace in December 1999. However, 2000 tallied the second-highest sales total on record - 5.03 million units, down 3.2 percent from the 5.20-million record in 1999.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, blamed unusual weather for the drop in sales. "Although existing-home sales rates are adjusted for seasonal factors, abnormal cold and harsh winter storms hit sales in every region of the country," he said. "In addition, we're using seasonal factors adjusted by several consecutive mild winters, but a yellow flag has been raised over deteriorating conditions in the general economy - when you look at overall market conditions and indi-

cators, the outlook for housing now is mixed. On the positive side, the Mortgage Banker's Association's purchase index is up, on the negative side, construction permits are down and builders' confidence is waning."

NAR's home sales forecast has been revised, NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall said. "With continuing declines in mortgage interest rates, existing-home sales could rise 2.1 percent this year to a total of 5.14 million - if we can avoid a recession. We expect the 30-year fixed mortgage

interest rate to average around 6.75 percent in 2001, and that certainly will help the market in the short run," he said. According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 7.38 percent in December, down from 7.75 percent in November; it was 7.91 percent in December 1999.

The national median existing-home price was \$140,000 in December, up 4.7 percent from December 1999 when the median price was \$133,700. The median is the midpoint - half the homes sell for less, while half sell for more. For all of 2000, the median price was \$139,100, up 4.4 percent from \$133,300 in 1999. "This year, we're forecasting the median existing-home price to rise 5.2 percent to \$146,300," Lereah said.

Housing inventory levels rose 1.9 percent at the end of December with 1.60 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 3.9-month supply at the current sales pace. Inventory levels are 6.7 percent above the 1.50 million homes available in December 1999. "Although inventory is up slightly, we're still below normal levels," Lereah said.

In the Midwest, homes were reselling at an annual rate of 1.00 million units in December, down 14.5 percent from November; they were 10.7 percent below December 1999. The median price in the Midwest was \$121,700, up 2.1 percent from a year ago.

Home resales in the West slipped 2.1 percent from November to an annual rate of 1.43 million units in December; the pace was unchanged from December 1999. The median existing-home price in the West was \$188,200, up 8.9 percent from the same month a year earlier.

The existing-home sales pace in the South declined 6.6 percent in December to an annual rate of 1.85 million units; they were 6.1 percent below December 1999. The median price of an existing home in the South was \$130,600, which was 8.3 percent higher than December 1999.

In the Northeast, existing-home sales fell 10.6 percent from November to a pace of 590,000 units in December; the rate was 4.8 percent below December 1999. The median existing-home price in the Northeast was \$139,800, up 0.2 percent from a year ago.

Mortgage rates fall on consumer confidence

Mortgage rates around the country edged down this week as consumer confidence continued to decline.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 7.03 percent, down from 7.12 percent last week, according to a nationwide survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, 30-year mortgages aver-

aged 8.27 percent and were rising. Rates hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent in mid-May of last year.

Consumer confidence fell in February, the fifth monthly decline, the Conference Board reported Tuesday.

"Lower confidence translates into slower consumer spending. Less spending means less growth and less growth means less inflationary pres-

sure, keeping mortgage rates affordable," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, declined to 6.58 percent last week, down from 6.69 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.84 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mort-

gages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.39 percent, compared with 6.43 percent the week before. Last year, one-year ARMs averaged 6.68 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged around 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

How to rent an apartment with marks on your credit

"Credit problems can translate into renter problems," says Mike Kidwell, co-founder and vice president of Myvesta.org, a non-profit financial services organization.

"A less-than-perfect credit history could keep you from living in the home you really want because many rental agencies and some private landlords do credit checks before offering you a lease," Kidwell said.

To help renters find new ways to deal with imperfect credit histories, Myvesta.org has written a free guide called "How to Rent an Apartment with Marks on Your Credit."

The publication outlines eight strategies:

1. Offer a larger deposit to show that you can afford the rent and have a handle on your money.

2. Get a cosigner who has a good credit history. Note that the cosigner becomes equally responsible for the rental payments and other charges.

3. Check your credit report for inaccuracies so that the landlord has an accurate picture of your credit history.

4. Don't be late with or skip out on rental payments. It will come back to haunt you. Landlords have credit bureaus that share information about tenants' payment histories.

5. Rent through a private landlord, rather than a large rental agency. They sometimes have less restrictive policies. Be sure to have character references ready.

6. Try a fixer upper. Offer to trade your

sweat equity for a reduction in the rent or deposit.

7. Get a roommate. Sharing expenses with a roommate can cut your bills in half. But, be sure to get all agreements in writing to avoid misunderstandings when the bills arrive.

8. Trade housing for chores. Contact a local senior center for leads on elderly people in your community who are willing to share space in their homes in exchange for help with chores and upkeep.

"If you have a troubled credit history, be upfront with your landlord," Kidwell says. "Explain the issues and be prepared to show how you've

improved your finances. Also, don't blame the lenders. Landlords don't want to hear excuses or they'll wonder what kinds of excuses you'll use when the rent is due."

Myvesta.org's programs and services include debt management, crisis resolution, online bill management, creditor problem resolution, coaching and Financial Recovery Counseling.

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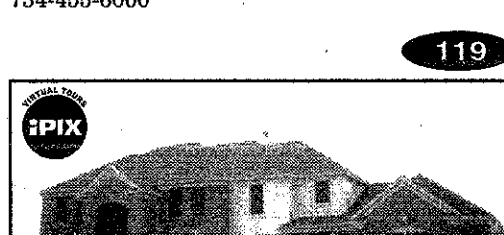
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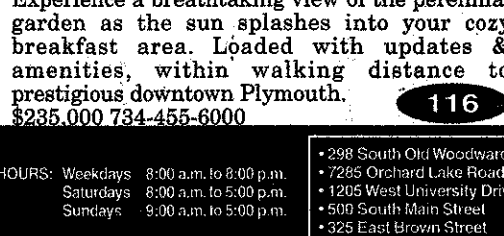
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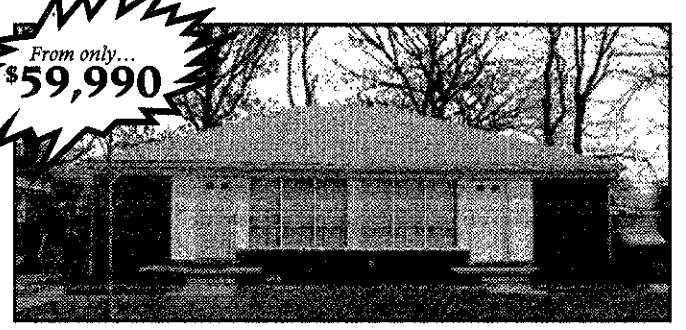
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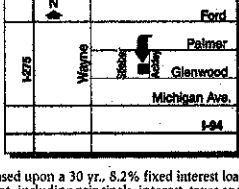
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BUY HOME CLASS

Standard Federal Bank and Light-house Community Development sponsor a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at Lighthouse Community Development, 46156 Woodward, Pontiac.

To register, call (248) 920-6200 Ext. 2402.

VALUE CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Clarenceville Community Education give a 16-hour class, "Getting the Most for Your Home Building Dollar," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 13-22, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Cost is \$165, plus \$25 for textbooks. To register, call (248) 473-8933.

CAREER SEMINAR

Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke presents a free real estate career seminar 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at its Plymouth office, 500 S. Main.

Topics include licensing requirements and training programs.

To register, call Pat Stokes at (734) 455-6000.

SUCCESSFUL SELLING

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Successful Selling Strategies," 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 14, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$79 for sales and marketing council members, \$99 for BIA members and \$129 for others. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Sean Cragg, senior mortgage adviser with Approved Mortgages, and Darlene Hubenet, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic, sponsor a free seminar for

first-time home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

For reservations, call (734) 455-5120.

DREAM HOME

Prepare for Your Dream Home class offered 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 14-21, in Livonia. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

NOVA AWARDS

The Construction Innovation Forum hosts its annual Nova Awards dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The awards honor quality and cost improvements in the construction industry.

Speaker: W. Michael Hawes, deputy associate administrator, NASA, on "Construction of the International Space Station."

Cost is \$200. For reservations, call (734) 995-1855.

GRI CLASS

The GRI-II class, one of three required for the Graduate Realtor Institute designation, goes 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19, 21, 27, 28, 29 at the Southfield Holiday Inn.

Sponsors include Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors and Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Cost is \$320. To register, call the Michigan Association of Realtors at (800) 454-7842, or Davia Sturm at (248) 879-5730.

BUY HOME CLASS III

Keller Williams Realty of Livonia presents a free workshop for buyers, including a free credit report, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile just east of Farmington.

Refreshments provided. For reservations, call (734) 452-1184.

CAREER SEMINAR II

Real Estate One presents a free residential real estate career open house noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at its office, 7499 Middlebelt, at 14 Mile, West Bloomfield.

Topics include licensing, training

and evaluating a broker.

To register, call Steve Leibhan, (248) 851-4100 Ext. 105.

REMODELERS COURSE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a Certified Graduate Remodelers course 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

CGR is a designation program that emphasizes management skills and business aptitude.

Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$125. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

HOME BUYER SEMINAR

Free presentation on how to buy a home and get a mortgage and how to save thousands of dollars after you have your mortgage. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville. To reserve your seat, call (734) 779-9977. Sponsor: Juliette Bauman with RE/MAX Classic and Mark Bowers with Colonial Mortgage Inc.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Sculptor Helen Escobedo gives a free lecture, "Ephemeral versus the Permanent," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the college of architecture auditorium at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

Call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880 for information.

BUILDERS SHOW

The 83rd annual GMC Builders Home & Garden Show runs Thursday-Sunday, March 22-25, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children 6-12.

Parking is available for an additional charge.

YOUR OWN HOME

Buying and Selling Your Own Home class offered 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, March 28-April 18, in Livonia. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

RENTAL PROPERTIES

Making Money and Reducing Taxes on Your Rental Properties class offered 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

MECHANICAL INSPECTORS

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan conducts its annual spring conference Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek.

Cost is \$250 without hotel room, \$430 with. To register, call (248) 649-5443.

GARDE AWARDS

The Great Lakes Construction Alliance is looking for nominations for the sixth annual Gender And Race Diversification Excellence Awards for promoting racial and gender diversity in the construction workforce.

Forms are available from Deborah Hamilton at the National Center for Dispute Settlement at (248) 356-0870 or e-mail at ncdsdeb@aol.com

Nominations are due by March 30.

BUILDING LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour seminar to prepare participants for the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 2-11, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for a textbook and sample test questions.

To register, call (734) 523-9277.

FOR LANDLORDS

Risk Management for Landlords class offered 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, in Livonia. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

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.caonline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

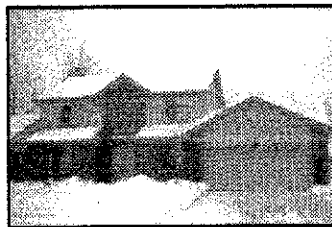
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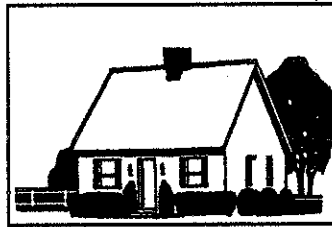
TOTAL MOVE IN CONDITION! Sweet - clean ranch in Canton offers newly added updates - kitchen - baths. Along with wood floors and professionally finished basement with full bath. \$184,900 (\$29CA)



BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Five bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths and picture perfect! Backing to commons, finished walkout, two Jacuzzis, over 4,750 square feet of living area. Corian counters, and tons of updates, 3 car garage and more! \$479,900 (\$73WV)



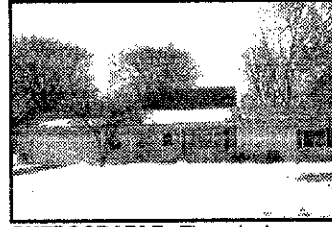
LIVONIA SCHOOLS. Almost new and all of the work is done. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, family room w/fireplace, first floor laundry and den. Great location in a wonderful neighborhood. \$249,900 (\$67CH)



MAINTENANCE FREE. Great house for that first time home buyer. Freshly painted throughout, new carpet, new hot water heater, newer roof last two years, basement, 2-car garage, nice size lot with large back yard. You can't go wrong! \$84,900 (\$73DA)



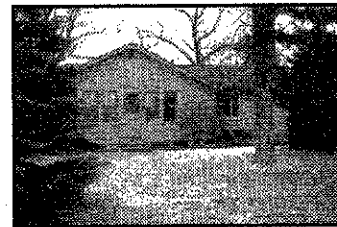
BEAUTIFUL LOCATION. Move right in - lovely ranch with huge basement, garage, and three season's room. Lots of updates, well maintained home in nice neighborhood. Call for an appointment today. \$279,900 (\$68NO)



OUTDOORABLE. Three bedrooms, 2 full bath home, nestled among trees on approximately 1/2 of an acre in Farmington Hills. Many updates since 1991, neutral decor, 2 1/2 car garage. A must see! \$189,900 (\$25RH)



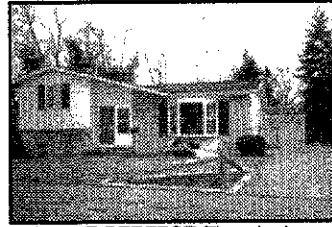
"ONE OF A KIND". Custom built walkout ranch in Livonia backing to premium wooded ravine w/stream. Beautifully finished walkout with large rec room and second full kitchen. This is a must see! \$439,900 (\$205VA)



BRING YOUR BIG SCREEN T.V. There's plenty of room in the large living room of this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with loads of updates including the roof, kitchen, bath and more. This home has a breakfast room, a beautiful gazebo, 3 season sunroom and a 2 car garage with workshop & electricity. \$154,900 (\$47BO)



CANTON COLONIAL. On a low traffic court is a 4 bedroom updated colonial ready for your inspection. Newer windows, roof, central air, hot water heater, electrical, kitchen cabinets, wood dining room floor. \$214,900 (\$283H)



PICTURE PERFECT. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath tri level. Expanded dining area, french doors to deck. All kitchen appliances stay. Central air, sprinklers, 2 car garage, occupancy negotiable. \$198,900 (\$19MI)



JUST MOVE IN & ENJOY. Immaculate 3 bedroom colonial with Livonia schools! Newer carpet, roof, hardwood in kitchen, countertops, and siding. Cozy family room with new Anderson doorwall leading to deck and nice sized yard. Finished basement with recreational area and fourth bedroom. Put this one on your list. \$234,900 (\$18A)



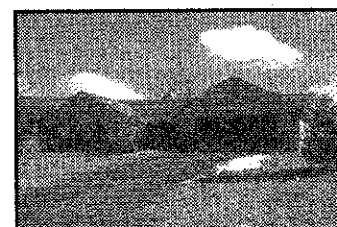
GO FOR IT. Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial offers Pergo flooring, upgraded carpet, island kitchen with white cabinets, doorwall to large deck, sprinkler system, 2 car attached garage and built in 1976. \$225,000 (\$752NO)



ON THE WATER. Water front 2 story colonial, updated kitchen, light and neutral colors throughout. Mature trees with west/northwest exposure. Newer siding and shingles. Quality improvements throughout. \$349,900 (\$25PO)



THIS HOME IS EXCITING! You'll never get bored with all the amenities in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 1/2 half bath contemporary home with 3 story atrium, oak spiral staircase, 2 fireplaces, sunroom, and more. The lower level includes a full kitchen, sauna, hot tub, mirrored exercise room and in-ground pool. \$749,900 (\$77WE)



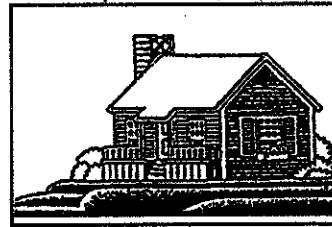
PEACE & QUIET Spacious ranch with open floor plan. Large family room with cathedral ceilings. Natural fireplace. Brighton schools, central vac, sprinklers and deck. Call for a showing! \$259,900 (\$967ME)



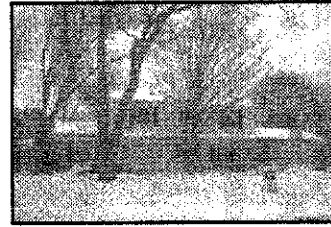
CANTON COLONIAL. This one is cozy, decor is pastel tones. Many updates have been done. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, partially finished basement. Call quick on this one! \$207,900 (\$13RO)



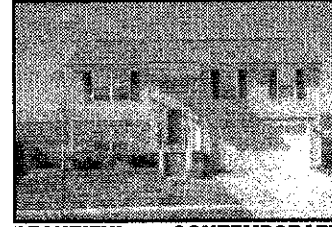
PERSONALITY PLUS! A delightful offering! Pheasant Run beauty boasts 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, stupendous master suite, gourmet island kitchen, private library w/French doors, hardwood flooring, spacious family room w/cathedral ceiling, professionally landscaped yard and patio! Golf course community. \$369,900 (\$56CR)



HARD TO FIND AN ACRE IN THE CITY. Nicely updated 3 bedroom bungalow on a beautiful acre. Possibilities for the land are endless. \$194,000 (\$16ME)



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. Updates include - new windows (97), newer carpet, new hot water heater, sump pump, new countertops, sink and faucet, ceramic tile in kitchen, oak cabinets. Walking distance to schools. Hardwood floors. \$274,900 (\$36NO)



BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY. Circle as a must see! Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, built in 1993. Two story Bi-level, custom upgrades, 2 car attached garage, wooden fenced backyard and large patio. Much more! \$164,900 (\$12ST)



LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Cradled in paradise! What a perfect location for this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Princeton colonial! Two story foyer, hardwood flooring, island kitchen, family room, gas fireplace, custom two-tone paint throughout, stunning master suite. Just one look!!! \$279,900 (\$757PO)



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Albert Kahn Associates, an architecture, engineering, planning firm in Detroit, announces two hirings.

Matthew Kraft joins as project manager in the automotive/industrial group, where he will be responsible for development of client contracts and coordination of drawing information.

He comes to Albert Kahn from Gensler, where he was a project manager.

Kraft is an active member of the American Institute of Architects. He earned bachelor of science and master of science degrees in architecture from Lawrence Technological University.

Kraft lives in Redford.

Lee Sun joins as senior mechanical engineer in the commercial/financial/interior design group.

He brings more than 20 years experience, previously with the Limited where he was an engineering manager.

Sun is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Chung Yuan University in Taiwan and a master's in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Sun resides in Troy.

Members of the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit have selected their board for 2001.

Cynthia M. McDonell, RPA, general manager of Colonnade Properties, is president. **Marilyn Wilbarger**, RPA, vice president/district manager with Grubb & Ellis Management Services, is vice president.

Paula Goldman-Spinner, vice president/director of office building management with Schostak Brothers is treasurer. **James Jonas**, executive vice president with REDICO Management, is secretary.

Directors include **Paul J. Beitz**, vice president, Trammell Crow; **Michael Fetzner**, owner/sales manager, Trane Co.; and **Robert C. Keller**, RPA, FMA, SMA, facilities manager with CB Richard Ellis.

Also, **David A. Mott**, RPA, manager, corporate real estate services with AAA Michigan; and **August Olivier**, director, non-manufacturing facilities, General Motors Worldwide Facilities Group.

Kim F. Sulek, RPA, senior property manager, Grubb & Ellis, is governor.

Steve Donet joins Delcor Construction in Milford as superintendent, where he will organize and oversee subcontractors. He previously was affiliated with Crystal Glass.

Donet lives in Fowlerville.

Duce Simmons Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm in Troy, has been recognized by *American School & University* for work on two projects.

The Administrative Services & Conference Center renovation at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn was recognized for interior design excellence.

The law school/library expansion/renovation at Wayne State University in Detroit was honored with an outstanding building award for educational design excellence.

2001 Spring Tree order form

Age: first number, years as seedling. @nd number: years as transplant
Size: tops only, not including roots. P1 = greenhouse-grown seedlings

Species	Age	Size	Price per:			Quantity	Price
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Austrian pine	3-0	8"-12"	\$21	\$31	\$41		
White pine	3-0	6"-12"					
Blue spruce	3-0	8"-12"					
Norway spruce	3-0	6"-12"					
Red oak	3-0	6"-12"					
Green ash	3-0	6"-12"					
Sugar maple	3-0	6"-12"					
Mountain maple	3-0	5"-10"					
Redosier dogwood	3-0	6"-12"					
Silky dogwood	3-0	6"-12"					
Ninebark	3-0	6"-12"					
Homeowners packet							\$20
Planting bar							\$25
Tree guide							\$10
American wildflower mix							\$ 5
Bird and butterfly mix							\$ 5
Root gel 4 oz							\$ 6
Marker flags	10 for \$1	25 for \$2.50	50 for \$5	100 for \$9			

Transplants			5	10	20
Balsam fir	P1+1	5"-10"	\$7.50	\$13	\$21
Fraser fir	p1+1	5"-10"			
Blue spruce	2-1	6"-12"			
White cedar	2-1	6"-12"			
buffaloberry silver	2-2	12"-18"			

Fully stemmed barerooted tree				
Redbud	3 yr	2'-3'	\$10	each
Bald Cypress	4 yr	3'-4'	\$12.50	each
Elderberry (black)	3 yr	2'-3'	\$ 8	each
Tulip tree (tulip poplar)	3 yr	3'-4'	\$ 8	each
White flowering dogwood	2 yr	1'-2'	\$ 5	each
Sugar maple	3 yr	2'-3'	\$ 5	each

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Tree sale

The deadline for the annual tree and plant sale for residents of Wayne County is April 2. Seedlings can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the district office, 12717 Inskster Road, Livonia.

Tree seedlings are intended for conservation uses: reforestation, soil erosion control, windbreaks or wildlife habitat improvements.

Seedling survival rates are not guaranteed. Once the trees are picked up, their survival is the responsibility of the owner.

Tree-planting instructions will be given on the day trees are picked up.

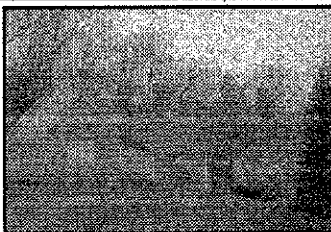
Questions? Call the Wayne County Conservation District at (734) 525-3461 during normal business hours.

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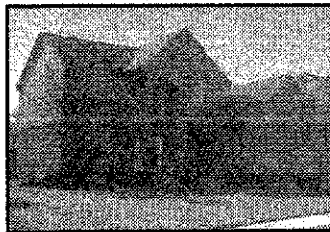
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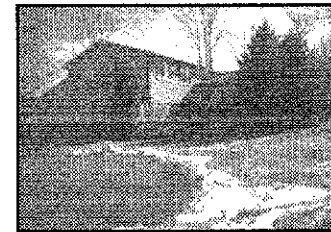
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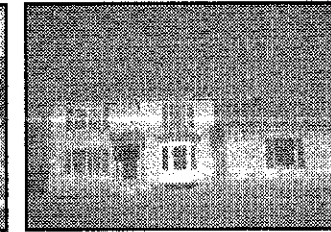
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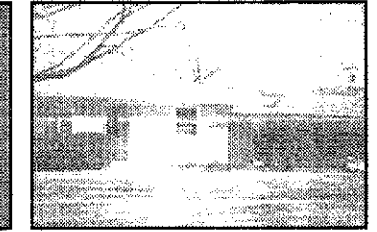
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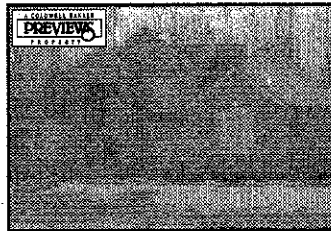
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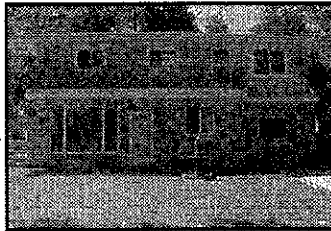
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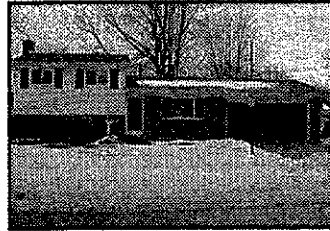
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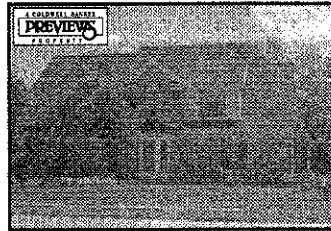
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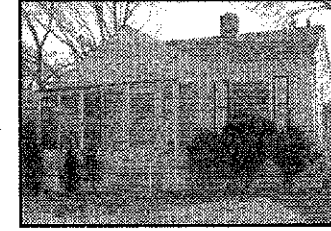
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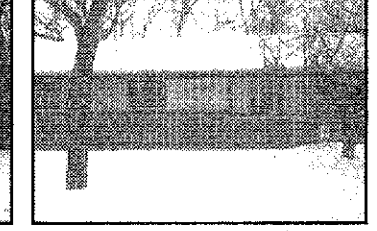
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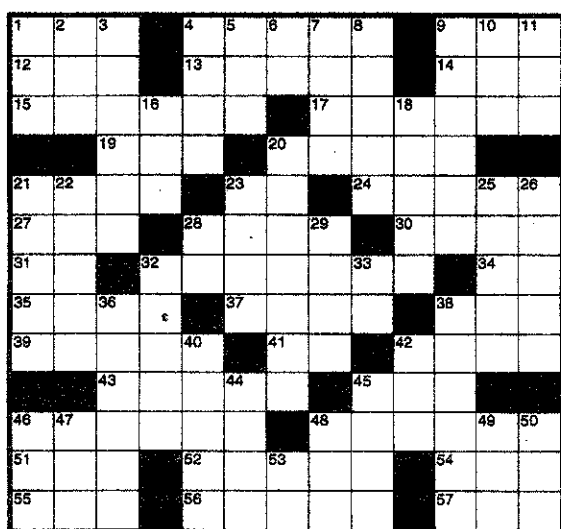
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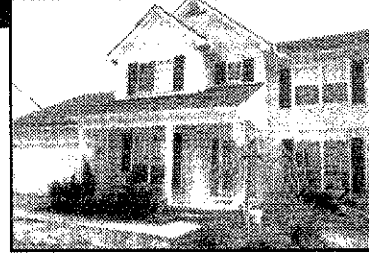
SHARP RANCH CONDO W/FULL BASEMENT! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage. Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, deck over looking nature preserve. Move-in condition. Neutral decor. All appliances stay. (45AND) \$224,900 734-455-5600



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WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! Sprawling Ranch sits atop a hill on 3+ acres. Open floor plan. Lots of full length windows. 4 car attached garage. Finished basement. Fireplace in living room. (50SOU) \$249,900 734-455-5600



POPULAR STRATFORD MODEL. This sharp colonial features: 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, living/family rm w/plc, dining rm, 1st flr laundry, finished LL, attached 2 1/2 car garage w/additional storage. Nicely landscaped w/deck & brick paver walk. (44STR) \$259,900 248-349-5600



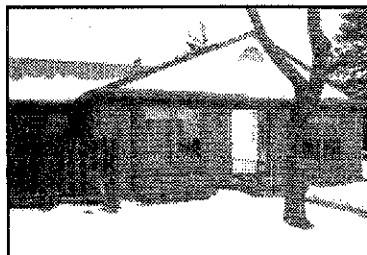
GROWING FAMILY? You'll want to see this original owner. 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA colonial that offers many updates - kitchen, roof, windows, furnace/AC and more. Finished LL has 5th BR/office. This home raised one family and is ready for yours. (89CLE) \$359,900 248-349-5600



NEED MORE ROOM? Look no further. Large ranch offers 4 bedrooms, open floor plan, 3+ car garage with heated workshop, skylights, Pella windows & more. (16SPR) \$499,000 248-349-5600



YOU MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! 4 BR, spacious and totally updated. Open floor plan. Mirrored dining room wall, new kitchen w/bar, Pergo floors. Newer: baths, roof, C/A and windows. Florida RM, above ground pool. HW. (46AYR) \$184,000 734-455-5600



SPECTACULAR 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA Ranch Condo! New 2001 light Oak kitchen w/dbl ceramic sink, appliances, doorwall to private deck, newer windows T/O, updated main BA, mstr BR w/WIC. Family rec rm w/dry bar. (36NEV) \$134,950 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE CONTEMPORARY BEAUTY! 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA clean & bright. Huge mstr br, private deck off huge eat-in kitchen. Loft overlooks great room. Daylight fin bsmt w/bedroom & full bath & entertainment area. Circular drive. (69STA) \$399,900 734-455-5600



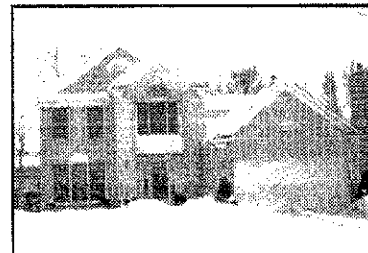
BRICK COLONIAL w/walkout. Seller hates leaving their newer 4 BR home that sits on a beautiful lot backing to protected lands. Hardwood flrs, neutral carpet, light Oak cabinets, island kitchen, double staircase and 2-story foyer. (08HID) \$304,500 248-349-5600



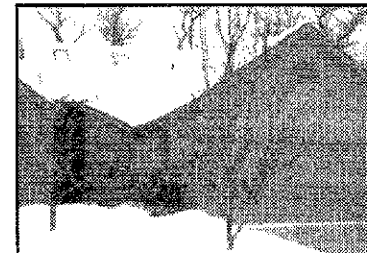
CANTON DOLL HOUSE. Super clean 3 bedroom ranch with many updates. A car lovers dream with oversized 2 car heated garage & attached 1.5 car garage. (58WHI) \$169,900 248-349-5600



GREAT HOME in Dearborn. Three bedroom Cape Cod w/3 full baths, 3 fireplaces, finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, 1st floor laundry & a very open floor plan. Kitchenette in basement. (50ORC) \$248,900 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL! Homes & Gardens 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA located in Glengary Sub. FM w/FP, bay window in formal DR, doorwall from kitchen to custom low maint. deck. 1st fl. laundry, master suite, full bsmt. (69BEN) \$289,900 734-455-5600



PRISTINE BRIGHTON CONDO! Many upgrades: Merrillat cab, kit cab, Oak flrs in foyer, mstr bath w/ceramic tile & Jacuzzi. Cathedral ceilings in GR, open loft w/sky lights, extra deep bsmt, deck overlooking wooded lot. (06PIN) \$229,000 734-455-5600



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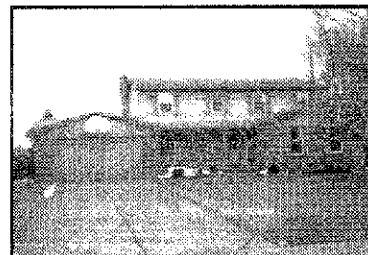
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HEY! CHECK IT OUT! Many updates on this Plymouth Ranch! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Totally redone full bath w/custom cabinets & counter. 2 story pole barn/7' ceilings upstairs. 2.5 car attached garage. Huge FR, FP in LR. (48CLE) \$249,900 734-455-5600



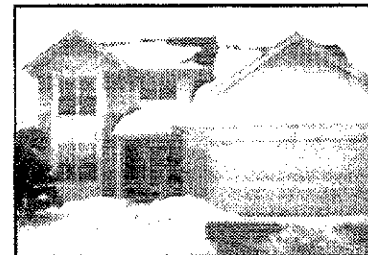
AFFORDABLE PLYMOUTH PERFECT! Clean & bright 3 BR Ranch. Freshly fin bsmt w/full bath. New doorwall to deck. Fenced yd. Updated Cu plumbing, electrical, windows, roof. Neutral decor. Attached garage. (49PRO) \$178,500 734-455-5600



CHARMING NORTHVILLE COLONIAL! Backs to park-like commons. Wonderfully maintained 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath w/numerous updates: sprinklers, doors, windows, deck & more. Cozy family room gas fireplace. HPP (75CUM) \$299,999 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH! 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath. LOADS OF UPDATES: Windows, carpet, roof & bath. Finished basement - great for entertaining. Terrific fir plan. Deck & fenced yard. Fresh paint T/O. (30SEL) \$157,500 734-455-5600



OUTSTANDING 4 BR! Cape Cod, open floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia Schools. 1st flr mstr suite w/garden tub, enormous kitchen & cabinets, 1st flr laundry, loft overlooking FR, showpiece fireplace, privacy fence, sprinklers. (48TIM) \$259,900 734-455-5600



CUTE 2 BR HOME w/nice country feel. Bring your decorating touch. Super Florida room, nice backyard with lots of shade. Don't forget your fishing poles, fun in the sun with your full lake privileges on all sport White Lake. (16HIL) \$134,900 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL WOLVERINE LAKE is the perfect setting for this stunning 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home w/partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Many updates including baths and kitchen. Newer Berber carpet, furnace & hardwood flooring. (60DEL) \$1219,900 248-349-5600



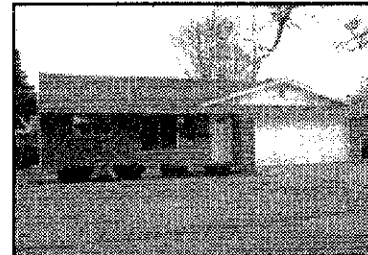
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED. This home has newer vinyl windows, roof, furnace, garage built in '96, w/loft storage. Oak kitchen w/ceramic floor, updated baths, new driveway, 2 decks and pool. (29EHA) \$104,900 248-349-5600



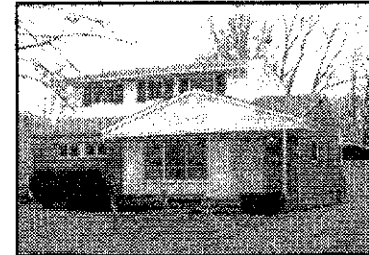
CUTE, CLEAN & READY TO GO! Many updates within the past 5 years! Remodeled kitchen w/new appliances, water heater, carpeting, window treatments, updated bath, 2 1/2 car garage, fenced yard. Call Today! (33FIL) \$109,900 734-455-5600



GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH RANCH HOME! Renovated & redecorated. Newer: windows, kitchen, roof, vinyl siding, doors, furnace & central vac. Family room in basement, open floor plan, deck, covered patio. Call Today! (29SHE) \$179,900 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL UPDATED HICKORY KITCHEN! 3 BR Ranch home w/family rm fireplace. Updated baths, newer doors, heated garage. Custom garden workshop. Private backyard. Home Warranty! Half bath in finished bsmt. (50TON) \$164,900 734-455-5600



RECENTLY RENOVATED T/O! Beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial 2/2 bath colonial w/2 car garage and basement. Freshly painted thru-out, hardwood flrs, newer maple kitchen & formal DR, newer roof, windows & furnace. (25WOO) \$204,900 248-349-5600



WAYNE-3 BEDROOM UNDER \$90,000. Three bungalow w/full basement, newer windows, steel doors, enclosed porch, hot water heated, plaster wall w/cove ceilings, quiet street Wayne-Westland schools. (90WIN) \$89,900 248-349-5600



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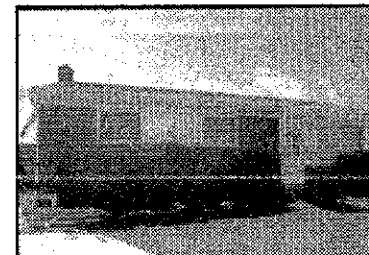
SPACIOUS RANCH W/GREAT ROOM! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, fresh paint T/O. Country kitchen hardwood floors, bay window, doorwall to private deck. Leaded picture window. Lt. stained woodwk. Beautiful! (56GLE) \$269,900 734-455-5600



LOCATION! 2 blks from Dntwn Plym-outh! Private treed deep lot! Spacious LR & DR w/bay win. Remodeled kitchen w/newer cabinets, ctr & pantry. Mstr BR w/WIC, updated 1/2 BA. Fam rm opens to paver brick patio. Perennials & garden house! (22SHE) \$259,000 734-455-5600



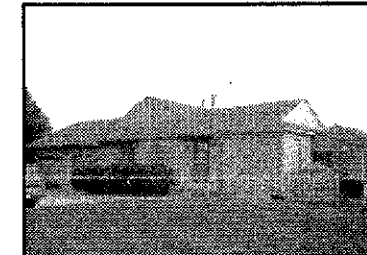
1ST LEVEL 2 BR 2 BA RANCH CONDO! Remodeled to create more spacious living. Updated kitchen, premium location & backs to pond. Relax on your private patio. Swimming pool, clubhouse, tennis cts. Laundry rm w/storage unit next door. (96WOO) \$89,900 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL RANCH. 3 bedroom brick home with finished basement. This home has newer roof gutters, siding, C/A, newer neutral carpeting, large kitchen w/neutral counters & floor. Vinyl windows & doorwall. (51BIR) \$134,900 248-349-5600



COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY. Updated 3 bedroom Cape Cod. 2 full baths, huge family w/FP, hardwood floors, updated electric, newer shingles, attached 2 1/2 car heated garage. Newer furnace with C/A. Fenced yard. Finished LL. One year home warranty. (77SMO) \$334,900 248-349-5600



RANCH CONDO. Fresh paint, carpet and more in end unit with attached garage & Florida Room. Enjoy club house and beach on Crooked Lake. (44ARL) \$114,500 248-349-5600



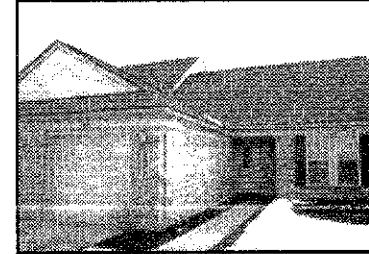
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! 3 BR, hwd flrs, french drs, LR & DR, gorgeous remodeled bath w/heated marble fir, clawfoot tub, partial fin bsmt, deep fenced yd w/mature trees & perennials. HPP (09HAR) \$174,900 734-455-5600



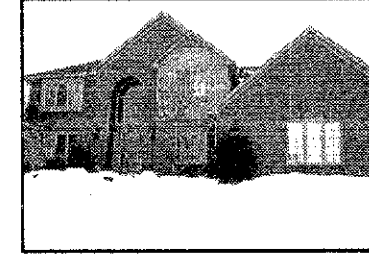
OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Calif Fieldstone nat FP w/raised hearth in FR. 4 BR, 2 BA Ranch w/newer vinyl windows & ceramic tile. Doorwall to deck, lower finished bsmt w/walkout. Merrillat cabs, bay window, storage galore, HPP (51SOM) \$199,999 734-455-5600



COLONIAL IN WONDERFUL AREA! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA w/updates: Windows T/O, Oak kitchen. Entertainment sized fam rm, nat flrc, wet bar & doorwall to oversized deck. Main BA w/ceramic fir & jetted tub. Mstr BR w/private BA. (10YOR) \$219,900 734-455-5600



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WELCOME HOME. Impressive 2-story home w/4 spacious bedrooms, stone entry, den with glass privacy doors, large FR w/rplc, 1st floor laundry, side entry garage, prof landscaped yard and many upgrades. (53WAR) \$419,900 248-349-5600



SUPER RANCH IN HOWELL. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/finished basement with possible 4th bedroom, full bath also wet bar. Built on 1.5 lots w/bg fenced yard. Full lake privileges on all sports lake. (03SOU) \$159,900 248-349-5600

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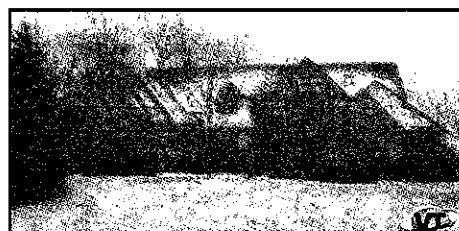
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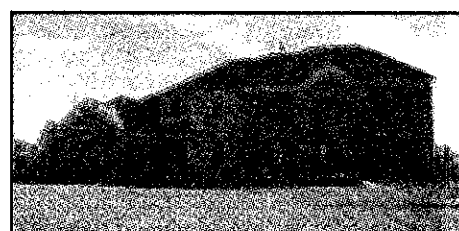
NORTHVILLE \$565,000
WALK TO NORTHVILLE from this beautiful home on wooded lot in Shadbrook! 4 BR, 4.5 baths, finished lower level, library & 3-car garage.

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PLYMOUTH \$549,900
BOASTFULLY SPECTACULAR! 4 br, 3.5 bath, brick colonial w/custom amenities and upgrades. Fin w/o bsmt, gorgeous 2 tier deck, fin & wired 3.5 car gar, outdoor light, sprink sys, & alarm.

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PLYMOUTH \$549,900
SEEING IS BELIEVING! Call this home! 4 bdrms, 3 baths, 2 lavs. Liv, din, lib. Kit w/dual gas frplc, oak cabinets, island & hrwd flooring. 4 car gar, sprinklers. Almost an acre!

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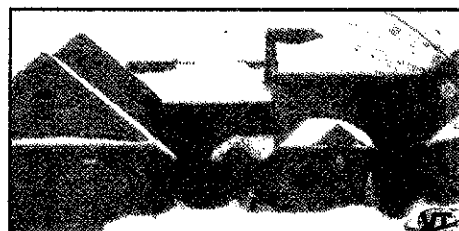
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CHARMING HOME! Nice entry, FR w/french doors, cathedral ceiling, FP & doorwall to deck, 4 BR, 2.5 baths, library, deck & quick possession.

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CANTON \$296,000
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO! Spectacular view of Golf Course/10th hole & pond. 2-way FP & lg deck, cathedral ceilings, c/a, 2.5 bths, 1st fl mstr, 1st fl laun, some hrwd flrs.

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COMMERCE \$284,900
SELLER'S HATE TO LEAVE THIS BEAUTY! Gorgeous Cape Cod, built in 2000 w/over 2,200 SF and neutral, 3 BR, 2.5 baths, open floor plan & lots of upgrades.

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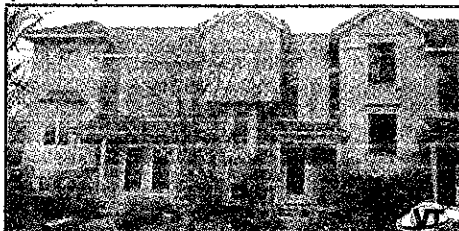
CANTON \$254,900
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BEAUTIFUL HOME IN GREAT LOCATION! Soaring ceiling in great room, light oak kitchen cabinets, master bath features whirlpool tub, neutral decor, near shopping, express way.

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JUST LISTED Wonderful Kimberly Oaks location accents this updated 4 BR colonial. Original owners have lovingly maintained & updated t/o. FR w/tp and more.

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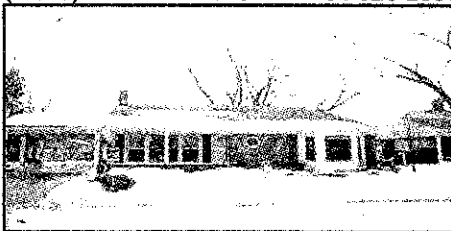
LIVONIA \$214,900
GREAT FAMILY HOME! Fantastic sub backing to trees. Lots of hardwood flooring, finished basement, sliding doorwalls from lg FR w/natural fireplace. One year home warranty.

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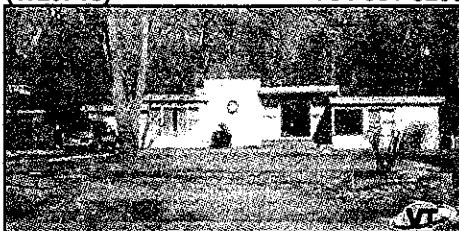
CANTON \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL 4 BR, 2 BATH QUAD This home features oversized 2 car att. gar, updated oak kit w/eat-on island, huge mstr suite w/tp & jacuzzi tub, new roof(00), office w/skylight and much more!

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LIVONIA \$186,900
APPROX. 2000 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA Split level home with eight rooms - 1.5 baths and ample storage. Newer windows, entry & kitchen flooring, and more.

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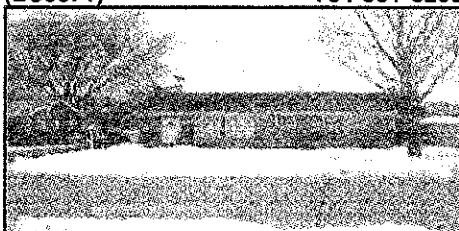
LIVONIA \$185,300
1600 SQ FT CONTEMPORARY BRICK RANCH Quality, value, and charm. A park like 1/2 acre setting, new kitchen and 1.5 baths, family rm, living rm w/tp, and att'd garage.

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HURRY! WON'T LAST! Nice floor plan. Livonia ranch features 3 BR, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, some newer windows, home warranty.

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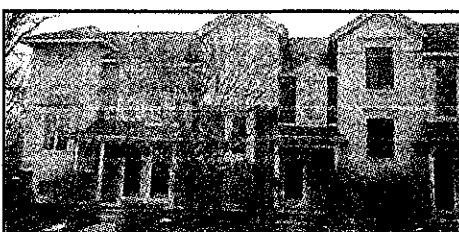
LIVONIA \$156,900
LOVELY LIVONIA RANCH Well maintained, clean & comfortable. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, finished 500 sq ft lower level, new windows, carpet & doors, immediate occupancy.

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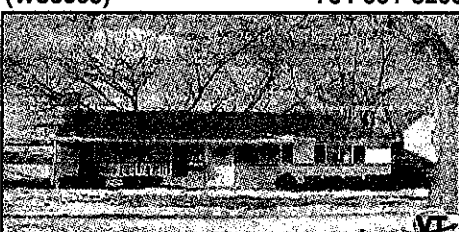
PLYMOUTH \$154,900
PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET First class development built in 1988 offers downtown living, 2 BR, 2.5 baths, 2 car att'd garage, 2 decks, bsmt, & more. move in condition.

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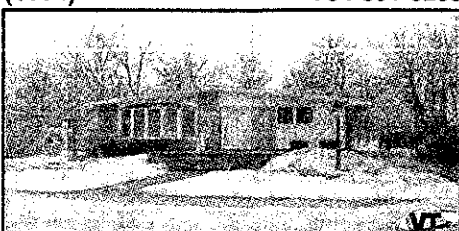
WESTLAND \$139,900
WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR Ranch! Finished basement, 2.5 baths, circle drive & 2-car garage.

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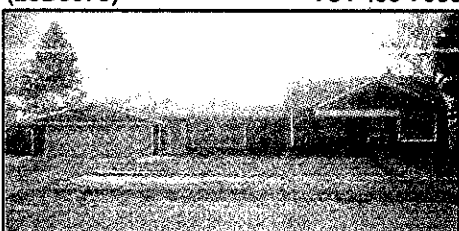
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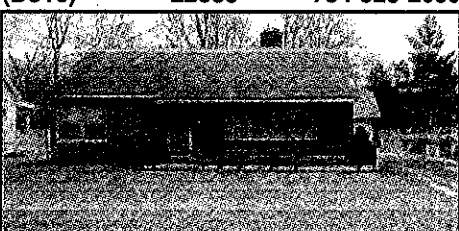
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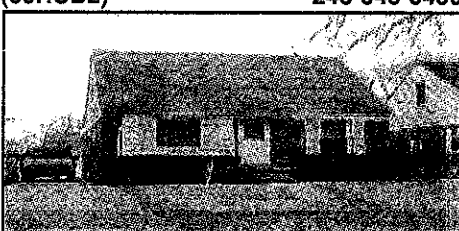
REDFORD \$124,900
AN AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH Updated kitchen - family room w/separate heat - 2.5 car garage - double lot - partially fin bsmt - close to elementary

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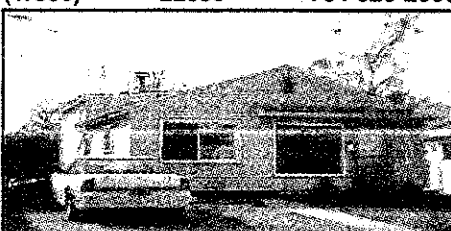
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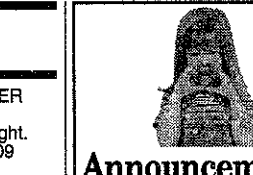
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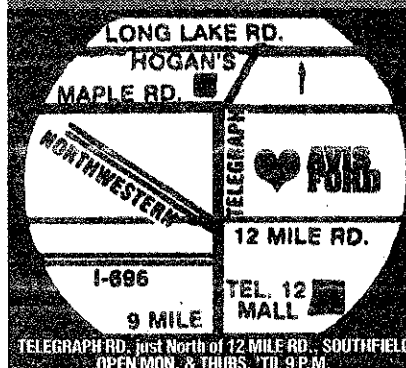
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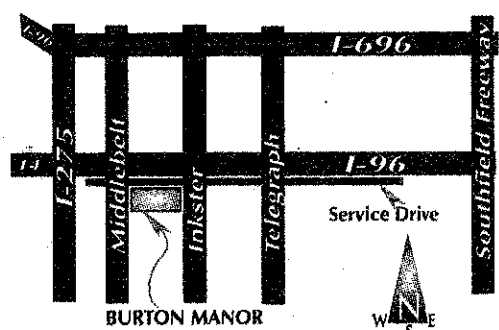
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