

Daylight saving time begins

Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour at 1 a.m. on Sunday, April 1 (or before you go to bed on Saturday, March 31.)



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Everything but the sand



Back to the beach: Rula Nesheiwat, Chelsea Richter and Brian Gawronski boogie down to island tunes during the 13th annual Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner/auction Friday at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Additional photos and a column on the festivities can be found on Pages A3 and A11 in today's Observer.

Schools to be off for King

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The Plymouth-Canton Education Association and Plymouth-Canton Schools have tentatively consented to a contract stipulation that will give students Martin Luther King Day off next year, while providing teachers with diversity training that same day.

The issue is only one of many to be negotiated by the two sides as they develop a contract that will replace the current three-year pact,

which expires Aug. 31.

"Thus far we have no special format for the diversity training," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "We've had a lot of groups step forward to offer their services to the district."

"We've been asking for this to happen for five years, ever since we went to half-day classes on Martin Luther King Day," said Chuck Portelli, president of the 950-member PCEA. "We're asking for diversity training for our staff to include cultural, harassment and sensitivity training, as well as gay and lesbian issues. All of those need to be dealt with that day."

The Rev. Virgil Humes, a Plymouth resident who is pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne, has been instrumental in recent talks to bring diversity training and programs to teachers and students since a controversial editorial concerning Black History Month ran in the high school newspaper.

"We need to make sure diversity training, as well as gay and lesbian issues. All of those need to be dealt with that day."

Please see **KING HOLIDAY, A4**

Driven to help School bus driver cares for her kids

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Anna Fowler's school bus may be one of the noisiest, bumpiest in the Plymouth-Canton Community School district, but it holds a heap of steady cheeriness.

Fowler, a district employee since June 1979, who worked off and on before that, was recently nominated as an Observer Newspapers "Everyday Hero" by Maureen Beeler of Plymouth Township. Beeler's daughter, Alexandra, 11, who has cerebral palsy, rode Fowler's bus for five

years. One of Fowler's routes involves picking up special needs children who live in the Plymouth-Canton school district and transporting them to other Wayne County schools designed to educate these children.

Beeler, a home care nurse, said she sometimes ran late getting home. Alex went to McGrath School in Westland and was the last one on the bus.

"She goes above and beyond her job," Beeler said of Fowler. "Anne was able to understand

Please see **BUS DRIVER, A8**



Happy thoughts: Anna Fowler laughs while recollecting some of the memories of her bus driving career while waiting to pick up some of the children at Perrinville Elementary in Livonia.

Walgreens site plan OK

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The Canton Township Board of Trustees got a peek Tuesday at the store that will soon be Canton's most visible business.

The board approved site plans for the 14,490-square-foot Walgreens Pharmacy, which will be situated at the northeast corner of Ford and Sheldon roads in the Harvard Square shopping center, and will sit about 90 feet from Ford Road.

The vacant Kroger building will be demolished as part of the plan. The new store will include residential detailing and a drive-through pharmacy.

The board approved the plans unanimously. Earlier in March, the Planning Commission also approved the site plans, but expressed concerns over the windows, which they worried may wind up

looking like the bright blue windows in the Canton Center Road Rite Aid store.

"We find it puzzling that the bank (the Standard Federal Bank, which will be constructed on Michigan Avenue) has more glass on it than the drug store," said Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who also serves on the Planning Commission.

At previous Planning Commission meetings, commissioners had complained about retailers' reluctance to use windows on their store fronts, and commissioner Karl Zarbo had likened the no-window effect to the appearance of prisons.

Project architect Mark Drane explained his client wishes to use interior walls for display, and would not likely agree to the windows.

Drane came up with a compromise — bronze-tinted glass, which would be opaque on the bottom of the windows and clear-vision on the top.

Teacher charged with telephone bomb threat

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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A Belleville High School teacher has been charged with making a telephone bomb threat at the school last week.

Scott Ridders, 25, of Van Buren Township was arraigned Saturday in Wayne County's out-county circuit court on a charge of making a false bomb threat, a four-year felony. A not guilty plea was entered for him and Judge Patrick Cahill released Ridders on a \$10,000 personal bond.

A preliminary exam was set for 9 a.m. April 4 in 34th District Court,

Romulus. Ridders, hired last summer as an assistant band director, was placed on a paid administrative leave by the Van Buren Public Schools district, said Louise Williamson, personnel director. "We'll just have to let the legal system take its course," Williamson said.

Van Buren officials are also investigating several bomb threats believed to have been made by middle school students during the last week. Two 12-year-olds face juvenile charges in connection with those incidents, said Belleville Police Chief Paul Davis.

Please see **BOMB THREAT, A4**

Wanted

Local Elks lodge seeks new members

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The smile of achievement shows on Zachary Barshaw's face in photos which show him pedaling his new three-wheeler.

Zachary's gift came from the generosity of the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 Major Projects Committee. More than a dozen kids benefited from Major Projects funds this year.

Riding a pedal toy represents a four-year goal for Zachary, 7, who is mentally impaired, and his family.

"If you could see the smile on Zach's face when he is riding his new bike, it says it all - 'I can do it all by myself,'" said Debbie Barshaw, Zachary's mother. "Our hearts fill with joy to see him so happy and so very proud of himself."

"To some parents this would be just another milestone, but to us

it is a miracle. One of Zach's goals at home and at school has been to learn how to pedal riding toys. We have been working on this goal for four years."

For Debbie and Doug Barshaw, Canton Township residents, their gratitude is twofold.

The Elks donated both the big three-wheeler, which costs about \$700, and the \$200 McLaren stroller, which is a type of umbrella stroller for a disabled person under 150 pounds. It will help the family when they go on family outings, like the zoo, because they won't have to carry Zachary.

"I was very, very moved by the whole thing," Debbie said.

Dennis Frye, Major Projects chairman and a Westland resident, devotes his time helping disabled children 17 and under who are unable to obtain help from other agencies or whose monthly family income doesn't



Hot wheels: Zachary Barshaw of Canton takes a spin on the new tricycle he received courtesy of the Plymouth Elks.

allow the children to obtain needed treatment. "We do special needed equipment, speech and physical therapy, etc.," Frye said. "The tricycle is rather expensive for an individual to buy," Frye said. "They run from \$600-\$1,000. We have given away about a dozen of these tricycles this year. People can't believe we do the things we do. People don't like to ask. We hit the jackpot of needy people this year."

The 365-day, small change bank program funds Major Projects. "It's a penny a day for a year but people put in much more," Gibbs said. "The money is

invested and we only use the profits from it. People make donations as memorials."

The monthly Lodge newsletter tells about the multitude of other projects, too. The Lodge has an active Vets program which is reaching for the number one spot in the nation.

"We're noted for our works with veterans," said Jack Gibbs, past Exalted Ruler in 1990-91 and a Canton Township resident.

Special Olympics benefits from the Elks donation of empty beverage cans, which are turned into cash for its benefit.

Gas station robber eludes tracking dog

COP CALLS

Police responded early Sunday morning to a holdup alarm at the Clark gas station at 45230 Michigan Avenue.

The clerk was waiting in the parking lot when officers arrived. He told the officers that a man entered the store and demanded all the money from the cash register.

The clerk said the man kept one hand inside his jacket, over his abdomen, leading him to believe the thief was armed.

The cashier handed over the cash from the register and the suspect exited the store on foot.

According to police reports, a K-9 unit tracked his scent to a nearby residential driveway north of the station, but the trail ended there, indicating the suspect may have parked his vehicle there.

The suspect was described as a clean-cut white man in his late 20s or early 30s, about 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, with short dark hair and a receding hair line.

He was wearing sun glasses, a black jacket and black pants.

The robbery is under investigation and the in-store cameras documented the incident.

men entered the store early in the morning. They asked directions to Mount Pleasant, and requested some 50-weight motor oil.

While one of the men talked with the clerk, the other grabbed the cigarettes, and the two fled eastbound on Ford Road in a 1985 Dodge Omni.

Chuck E. Thief

A manager at Chuck E. Cheese restaurant, 42001 Ford Road, reported to Canton police that between December and February an employee failed to make deposits for the restaurant. The missing deposits total about \$13,000.

The manager said a review of the schedules on the days the deposits were missing revealed an assistant manager was on duty for either a closing or opening shift those days.

Police are continuing to investigate the complaint.

McArson

Canton police are investigating an arson at the McDonald's restaurant at 45510 Michigan Avenue.

Last Wednesday, passersby alerted the manager on duty that the Dumpster behind the restaurant was ablaze.

The fire destroyed a wooden storage cabinet near the dumpster. The cabinet contained chairs, tables, garden equipment and tools valued at \$500.

Investigators found no evidence of an electrical, mechanical, accidental or natural cause for the fire.

Cigarette stickup

A gas station clerk reported Monday morning two customers wouldn't walk a mile for a Camel - instead, they pilfered nine cartons of Marlboro Light and Kool cigarettes from the store. The stolen smokes were valued at \$295.

The cashier at the Clark gas station, 44404 Ford, said two

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She's a winner: Carol Miner won a basket of cash in the 50-50 raffle at the Canton Chamber of Commerce dinner/auction Friday. In the photo at right, Greg and Kathie Jahn and the other folks at their table dressed as lifeguards for the 13th annual event, which featured a tropical theme.



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residential construction site near Cherry Hill and Beck roads. According to police, Moffitt and three other men had attempted to steal 29 bundles of roofing shingles, which were valued at \$294.

The driver and passenger of the truck into which the shingles were loaded, Virgil Cagle, 47, of Detroit, and Joseph Foreman, 54, of Farmington Hills, were arrested and taken into custody without incident.

According to police, Moffitt and his passenger in the other truck, a flatbed, Joseph Respondek, 43, of Detroit, drove away from the construction area, heading east on Cherry Hill in the stolen flatbed truck at speeds from 35 to 70 mph in a 40-mph zone, running at least eight red lights before colliding with the S-10.

Canton Police Officer Scott Hughesdon, the officer who pursued Moffitt, testified Monday that Moffitt's speed fluctuated throughout the pursuit, and that he braked and slowed down to 35 mph, and steered toward the center of the intersections at every red light.

Hughesdon testified he was in constant contact with dispatch regarding the pursuit and was advised by the lieutenant to continue.

Moffitt's Royal Oak attorney, Marc Hart, argued the fact that the pursuit was allowed to continue is evidence that Moffitt's actions did not constitute murder.

Investigation questioned

Some of the information on Hughesdon's incident report was supplied by other officers who analyzed audio tapes of the pursuit, Hart said. This could affect the report's accuracy, he claimed.

Hart also questioned the validity of the statement Moffitt gave to the police two days after the crash.

Detective Michael Steckel testified he went to University of Michigan Hospital on Feb. 12 to attempt to get a statement from

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Moffitt.

Steckel, a six-year Canton veteran, has been a detective with the department for two months.

Steckel said when he arrived at the hospital at noon, Moffitt was awake, alert and sitting in his bed. He saw two doctors ask Moffitt a series of questions and determined he was coherent for questioning.

Steckel testified a nurse told him Moffitt had taken four milligrams of morphine at 5:10 a.m., and that by 10 a.m., he would be free of the drug's effects.

He also said in court the nurse told him Moffitt was not given more drugs because he was a heroin addict and could be given methadone later that day, so hospital staff was reluctant to give him more medication.

Hart asked Steckel if he is familiar with heroin withdrawal symptoms and how they affect an addict.

"In your experience as a police officer, you've been around heroin addicts," said Hart. "Do they go through withdrawal?"

"I'm not sure if they do or don't," Steckel said.

Hart argued Moffitt's rights had been violated because he was asked for a statement while he was under the influence of morphine and going through heroin withdrawal symptoms.

The judge allowed Moffitt's statement into evidence.

Steckel testified he typed Moffitt's statement from memory after he questioned him in the hospital. He said he didn't audio tape the interview and did not take notes.

Steckel said Moffitt stated he had been using heroin and crack

at Foreman's home. The four men to steal the shingles, sell them and split the money. Steckel testified Moffitt told him he fled because he had just left the scene of a larceny and was driving a stolen truck.

"He stated he got into an accident and a little boy died," testified Steckel. "He asked us to call his parents and tell them I love them. ... Tell them I'm going to prison."

Moffitt has four prior convictions including larceny of a motor vehicle, obstructing police, stalking and first degree retail fraud. He is being held at the Wayne County Jail without bond.

Respondek was charged with felony larceny and obstructing police. He waived his exam Monday and is being held on a \$10,000 cash bond. He has 14 prior arrests and eight convictions.

Cagle pled guilty to misdemeanor larceny over \$200 and will be sentenced within the next two weeks.

Defendant jailed

Last month, police reported Cagle had failed to appear for his preliminary exam. Cagle, however, was being held in Dickerson Detention Facility in Detroit. Monday was the first day since Feb. 10 he had been out of police custody. He has eight prior convictions including three for armed robbery and two for breaking and entering. Foreman pled guilty last month to misdemeanor larceny, resisting arrest and obstructing. He was charged as a habitual offender.

His sentencing will be April 9 in the Circuit Court.

CAMPUS NOTES

DEAN'S LIST

The following students from Plymouth have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 term: **Christina Brian, Zachary Bux, Lauren Gutowski, Nina Hundley, Katherine Porter, Stefanie Sennett, Bree Stokanovich, Stephen VanKerckhove, Sara Waclawek, Carrie Smith, and Jennifer Thomas.** The following students from Canton have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 term: **Derek Calzadillas, Brian Franz, Brian Haas, Bree Loverich, Melanie Mikosz, Anthony Riggs, Michael Riggs, Angela Space, Kevin Stone, Kimberly Truzzi, Joseph Tychevicz, Jared Vidovic, Candice Wallace, Scott Siediaczek, Timothy Sisler, Virginia Haddad, Carla Kittler, Carey Lawson, Jason Lee, Maureen McEachern, Jessica Montgomery, Jessica Saskewitch, and Angela Caton.**

Andrew Oleszkowicz of Plymouth has been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2000

term for Alma College. Students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term while carrying a minimum of 13 credits.

The following students from Canton have been placed on the Dean's List for Grand Valley State University for the fall 2000 semester: **Kristie J. Good, Katy B. Grainger, Adam J. Podolan, Dawn M. Putnam, Scott P. Setlock, Kristen D. Thomas, Kellie A. Titus, Jennifer E. Wrobel, and Kimberly A. Yount.** The following students from Plymouth have been placed on the Dean's List for Grand Valley State University for the fall 2000 semester: **Marueen E. Kearney, Michael C. Kress, and Christopher J. Pocock.**

The following students from Plymouth have been placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester at the University of Detroit Mercy College: **Sherry Bowerman, Amy Dupuls, George Kithas, Frederick Klein, Timothy McKernan, and Frank Zolanski.**

Jeremy M. Bauer, son of Joe and Debbie Bauer of Canton, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the fall semester.

Nicholas C. Farrell of Canton has been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont for maintaining a 3.0 GPA and who are in the top 20 percent of his class.

HONORS

Rebecca Lobenherz, daughter of Jan Lobenherz from Plymouth, has been named a United States National Award Winner in History & Government and Science. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. Becky is currently a junior at the high school and is ranked 1 out of a class of 552 students.

Alma College sophomore **Jaclyn Bernard**, daughter of Alan and Madonna Bernard of Canton, is currently studying at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

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Listen up

Here are some books on audio tape and CD available from the library:

- *Reagan: An American Story* by Adriana Bosch
- *Rosa Parks* by Douglas Brinkley
- *Ransom* by Julie Garwood
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Q and A

Q: What makes popcorn pop?
A: When a popcorn kernel is heated, the moisture inside turns to steam. As the pressure builds, it has to vent - and the kernel bursts. The explosion forms a fluffy white starch. Normal corn won't explode because it does not contain as much moisture as the special popcorn corn. Popcorn should always be stored in a well-sealed container so it will not absorb moisture from the air.

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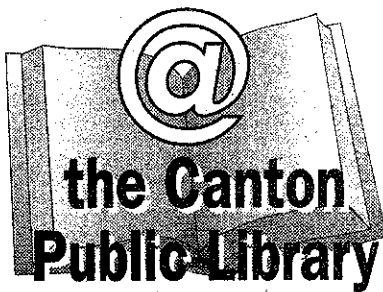
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Hot Topic of the Week

■ **April Fools' or All Fools' Day!** April 1. April Fool's Day apparently began in France in 1564. April 1 used to be New Year's Day but the new year was changed to Jan. 1 that year. People who insisted on celebrating the old "New Year" became known as April Fools and it was common to play jokes and tricks on them. The general concept of a feast of fools is, however, an ancient one. The Romans had such a day and medieval monasteries also had days when the abbot or bishop was replaced for a day by a common monk, who would order his superiors to do the most menial or ridiculous tasks.

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Did you know?

- Anesthetic was first used in surgery on March 30, 1842?
- The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France, built in 1889, is one of the world's best-known landmarks?
- April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month?
- Daylight Saving Time begins on April 1 and runs until Oct. 28?
- National Library Week runs from April 1-7?
- The first U.S. Mint was established at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1792?
- The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot in Memphis, Tenn., by James Earl Ray on April 4, 1968?

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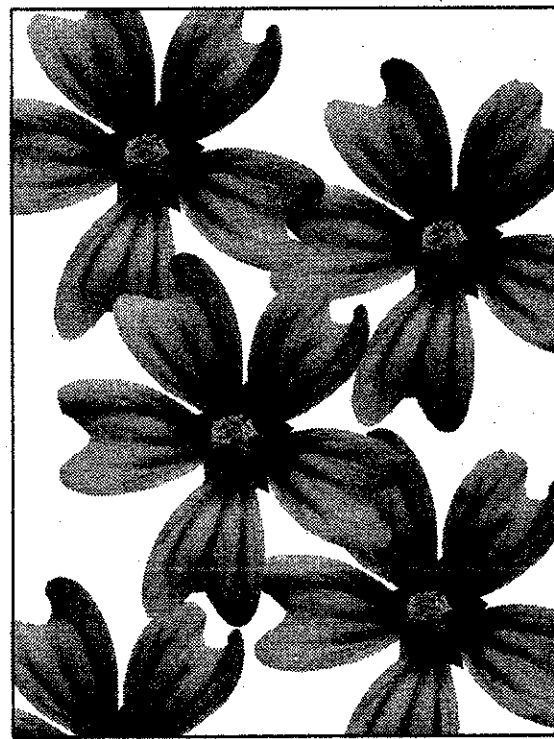
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Seminar offers crime prevention help for businesses

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Business owners, managers and other employees will be shown how to identify and prevent loss at a seminar, sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and Garden City Police Department.

An invitation to participate in all or part of the day-long seminar on Tuesday, April 3, has been extended to the business

community in Garden City, Westland, Canton, Redford and Dearborn Heights.

"The seminar is open to any business and any of their employees at no charge," said chamber director Amelia Oliverio. "They can come for the entire day, any part of the seminar or for lunch, which costs \$8."

The topics include:
■ How to recover the loss of a bad/ non-sufficient-funds check; presented by the Wayne County

Prosecutor's Office.

■ When and how to use panic alarms; protecting yourself against credit card fraud with John Mayleben of the Michigan Retailers Association.

■ A presentation on counterfeited money by the Secret Service.

■ A program on having a safe and healthy work environment.

"We're looking to get more people in here and present more topics. In the past we've presented single topics," said Garden

City Police Lt. Mel Maier, who heads the community and support services bureau.

In this area, Garden City is unusual in offering the Business Watch crime prevention program, which was started in 1993 in a joint effort with the chamber, said Maier.

"We think the meeting is not as effective as it could be. This format give the business people the ability to do the entire seminar or which parts they are

interested in," said Maier. "We're trying to meet their needs a little better. The longer format allows for more question and answer time."

Oliverio agrees, citing single-topic breakfast Business Watch meetings held last year.

"We're going to do the one-day seminar and see if we can accommodate businesses better," said Oliverio.

When the chamber announced it had information about recov-

ering money from bad checks last year, Oliverio said the response was overwhelming.

The presentation on counterfeit money is timely, since there has been a recent rash of complaints filed about funny money being accepted at local businesses, Maier said.

The department is making an effort to expand and enhance both the Business Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs, Maier said.

King holiday from page A1

training for the staff starts, and doesn't stop," said Humes. "We also need to teach young children about the world we live in, to be sensitive to those people who don't look like us."

While teachers will be receiving diversity and sensitivity training, students will get the entire day off from school.

"That's unfortunate because many students will think of it as a three-day holiday," added Humes. "We need to emphasize

to them to go out and make the community a better place to live. We should try to make it a recognition day to celebrate the work of Martin Luther King."

Booher also admitted to being concerned that students will be off from classes and not give thought to the day's meaning.

"We can still draw some attention the day before or the day after," said Booher. "It's important that we do something in a positive way for students."

Bomb threat from page A1

South Middle School was evacuated for about an hour Friday as police and school officials searched the building, finding nothing.

The incidents in Van Buren are similar to recent reports in Plymouth-Canton and neighboring districts. They come on the heels of two highly-publicized school shootings in southern California this month.

The alleged threat from a teacher was the first such incident Van Buren officials could recall, several said Monday.

Rikkers was charged after police traced a voice mail mes-

sage left at the school 6:30 a.m. March 21 to a cell phone registered to him.

"The call came in so early that nobody was in the office," Davis said. "The phone system is set up so the school can trace the number a call originated from and match it with the time of the call."

Police didn't know Rikkers was a district employee until coworkers identified the recorded voice, Davis added.

Davis said the teacher's motive for the alleged threat wasn't known. "So far, he's not talking about it," the police chief said.

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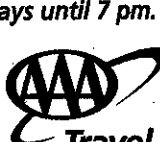
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OBITUARIES

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RUBY BROWN FREELS

Services for Ruby Brown Freels, 88, of Livonia, were held at the Sunbright Methodist Church in Sunbright, Tenn., with the Rev. Christina Baner officiating. Burial was at Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright, Tenn.

Mrs. Freels was born June 21, 1912 in Sunbright, Tenn. and died March 18 in Plymouth. She was a retired school teacher from the Clarenceville School district. She lived in Michigan since 1940, previously of Sunbright, Tenn. She attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn. She was a member of Clarenceville Methodist Church in Livonia.

Mrs. Freels was preceded in death by her husband, J.L. Freels and daughter, Clara Ruth Freels.

Survivors include her sons, Bruce (Linda) Freels of Howell, Jerry (Sherri) Freels of Oneke-ma, Dale (Sandy) Freels of Ply-mouth and Danny Freels of Chelsea; sisters Marie Human of Baltimore, Md., and Rebeh Feil, Ruth Brown and Winifred Ewan, all of Harriman, Tenn.; brother T.H. Brown, of Harriman, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or U-of-M Compre-hensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752.

Arrangements made by Ver-meulen Funeral Home.

MARGARET M. ERMIGER

Services for Margaret M. Ermiger, 91, of Canton Town-ship, were held on March 23 at St. John Neumann Church with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Ermiger was born June 27, 1909 in Detroit and died March 20. She was a homemak-er.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Ermiger.

Survivors include her sons, Michael (Julie) Ermiger and Thomas N. (Colleen) Ermiger; daughters Ann M. (Carl) Burleigh and Mary E. (David) Marx; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

ANNA BELLA PINKERTON

Services for Anna Bella Pinkerton, 76, of Plymouth Twp. were held March 23 at L.J. Grif-fin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pinkerton was born August 5, 1924 and died March 21. She was an accountant clerk for an automotive company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Pinkerton, Sr.

Survivors include her daugh-ters, Cynthia A. Hoffman; and Janice J. (Russell) Wade; son, William (Donna) Pinkerton, Jr.; sister, Jean (Robert) Denzer; and grandchildren, Kimberly, Kristi and Elizabeth.

Arrangements made by L.J.

Griffin Funeral Home.

PATRICK JOSEPH SHANNON

Services for Patrick Joseph Shannon, 55, of Canton were held March 27 at St. John Neu-mann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Shannon was born March 17, 1946 in Detroit and died March 23 in Canton. He was self-employed in the gaming field.

Survivors include wife, Debbie; children, Kristine, Patrick, Robert, Kevin, Jamie and Michelle; grandfather of seven; brother of Tim, Mary, Bob and John.

MARY CATHERINE "CATHY" NEVILLE

Services for Mary Catherine Neville, 74, of Detroit, were held March 26 at the Schrader-How-ell Funeral Home with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford.

Mrs. Neville was born Nov. 8, 1926 in Toledo, Ohio and died March 22 in Dearborn. She was a wonderful homemaker, moth-er, grandmother, wife, and friend. She and Arthur were married for 46 years. She came to the Detroit community in 1936 from Toledo. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 346. She graduated from girls' Catholic

Central in Detroit in 1946 and attended the University of Southern California in Los Ange-les. She loved to shop with friends and share her time with family. She sewed for the com-munity with her friends at the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her hus-band, Arthur of Detroit; son, Marc (Anne) Neville of Canton; daughter, Barbara Neville of Detroit; grandson, Zachary Neville of Canton; sister, Patri-cia (Richard) Normandin of South Rockwood; and brother, Michael Nevin of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michi-gan.

EDWARD JOSEPH HAAS

Services for Edward Joseph Haas, 46, of Canton, were held March 26 at St. Thomas a'Beck-et Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Mr. Haas was born Dec. 9, 1954 in Detroit and died March 23 in Westland. He was an employment counselor. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church.

Mr. Haas was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew

Haas.

Survivors include his father and mother, John and Ruth Haas of Plymouth; daughter, Melissa Haas of Commerce Township; son, Joey Haas of Commerce Township; sister, Nancy (Michael) Morency of Canton; sister, Mary K. Grendell of Canton; sister, Theresia (Jerry) Brink of Canton; and brother, John (Mary) Haas of Farmington.

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Private services will be held

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Mrs. Lightfoot was born in

1900 and moved to the Plymouth community in 1927. She was the former owner of the Main Street Market in Plymouth until the 1970's when she retired.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Survivors include daughters, Shirley Lightfoot, Joan Thompson and Susan Mullin; sons Don (Lucy), John (Judie), and Jeff (Debbie); loving grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 17; due to be a great-great-grandmother April 4; also several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076.

MARY MINCH

Services for Mary Minch, 88, of Canton, were held Friday at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Minch was born Jan. 26, 1913 in Patton, Pa., and died March 19 in Canton. She was a retired baker.

Mrs. Minch was preceded in death by her husband, Fred.

Survivors include niece and foster daughter, Elaine (George) Taro of Canton; nieces Delores (Richard) Crysler, Jacqui (Forest) Milzow, Joanne (George) Baran, Dorothy (Paul) McNulty, Barbara (Patrick) Cence, and Margaret (Ronald) Lipin; nephews Richard (Jan) Haycox and Steve (Bernadette) Haycox; 24 grand nieces and nephews; and 24 great-grand nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

ELLIS D. EHRSTINE

Services for Ellis D. Ehrstine, 77, of Plymouth were held March 27 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev. Thomas Badley officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Mr. Ehrstine was born Jan. 18, 1924 in Detroit and died March 23 in Ann Arbor. He was project manager for General Motors for 30 years. He retired in 1984.

He and Joan had been married for 50 years. They were married in Henderson Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit. They came to the Plymouth community in 1993 from Livonia, having lived there for 26 years.

He was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church for over 30 years. He was a

member of the General Motors Retirees and he was an active volunteer at Greenmead in Livonia. He was a member of the Livonia Historical Society, holding the office of president for three years. He was an active board member at Hidden Ridge Condo Association. He served with the Blackhawks during World War II in the Army. He enjoyed reading, listening to music, traveling and doing volunteer work. He was a very faithful volunteer at Livonia Friends of the Library and volunteer at Sinai Hospital for eight years.

Survivors include wife, Joan of Plymouth Township; daughter, Linda Ehrstine of Saline; son, Glenn Ehrstine of Iowa City, Iowa; sister, June Carpenter of Sun City, Ariz.; and brother, Gene (Debbie) Ehrstine of Hilton Head, S.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Newburg United Methodist Church or Greenmead in Livonia.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

VIVA NEVENE FLANDERS

Services for Viva Nevene Flanders, 89, of Plymouth Township, will be held March 30 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating.

Mrs. Flanders was born Feb. 15, 1912 in Lansing and died March 23 in Ann Arbor. She and Dr. Flanders were married for 45 years. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1934 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught English in Laingsburg, Mich., and at Monroe High School. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

She was past president of the following organizations in Monroe: Monroe County Medical Auxiliary; Camp Fire Girls; Lotus Garden Club; Monroe Thrift Shop; and American Association of University Women. Other affiliations include: Delta Delta Delta Sorority; Monroe Friends in Council and St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Monroe. She belonged to the Symphony Guild of Phoenix, Ariz., and was a member of the original planning committee instrumental in establishing Monroe Community College. She traveled to existing community colleges in Wayne County to gather information to start a college in Monroe.

Mrs. Flanders was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John

P. Flanders, and her son, Gerald P. Flanders.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia F. Payne of Tucson, Ariz., and Janis N. (Charles, Jr.) Migyanka of Plymouth; grandchildren, David W. (Nancy) Payne of San Antonio, Texas, Alisa P. (Arnold) Neave of Tucson, Ariz., Bruce E. Payne of Phoenix, Ariz., Deirdre (Edward) Flanders Heffner of Flemington, N.J., John P. Flanders II of New York, Jennifer F. D'Amato of New Brunswick, N.J., John C. Migyanka of Canton, and Susan E. Migyanka of Plymouth; great-grandchildren Mary Heffner, Tedd Heffner, Charles Heffner, Anthony Payne, Brandon Payne, Sara Helean-Payne, Erica D'Amato and Nichole D'Amato.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARGARET MARION BLUNK

Services for Margaret Marion Blunk, 82, were held in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Blunk was born Nov. 21, 1918 in Sagola, Mich., and died March 16 in Jacksonville Beach. She was the youngest of 18 children. In the 1940s, she was a co-owner of an IGA grocery and liquor store in Harrison, Mich. Formerly of Plymouth, she moved to Union Lake in June 1964. She was the co-owner and operator of Round Lake IGA, which later became Blunk's Family Center. She moved to Jacksonville Beach in 1975 with her husband, her sons, and their families. There they managed a Ramada Inn, two motels and a bar. Margaret was an excellent cook and housekeeper. She worked hard all of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Elmer Blunk.

Survivors include her children, Clyde James (Linda) Blunk of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Thomas Wayne (Marion) Blunk of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Mary Margaret (William) Frank of South Lyon; step-daughter, Virginia Cora Findley (Daryl) Bartlett; grandchildren, Carey Ann Blunk, Clyde Thomas Blunk, Charles Francis Blunk, Craig Blunk, Crissy Blunk, Scott Thomas Blunk, Connie Marie Blunk, John Henry Frank; step-grandchildren, Clyde James Findley, Donald Wayne Findley, Debbie Anne Findley, and Sheri Lynn Findley; great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

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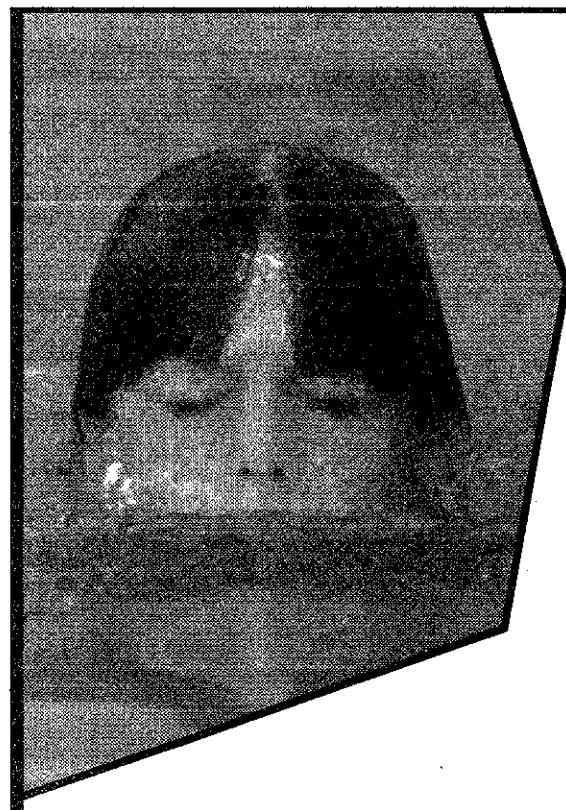
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Lawmaker looks to alter CCW restriction

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Petition passers may have just finished gathering the necessary signatures to put on the ballot a referendum of state lawmakers' "shall issue" conceal weapons bill, but already amendments have been proposed in Lansing to alter that act.

For one, state Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, has introduced Senate Bill 329 lowering the age requirement for getting a CCW permit from 21 to 18. Jaye opposed raising the age limit when it was added to the bill last year. He said he did not think it was inappropriate to introduce the bill despite the fact opponents were passing petitions to challenge it.

"People are always challenging

acts," Jaye said. "In the meantime, I still have a duty to represent my constituents, many of which were very unhappy with that aspect of the bill."

"My goodness, it just keeps coming," said Ruth Carter, spokesperson for the People Who Care About Kids Committee, the organization which sponsored the petition. "Lowering the age is just not something that I would think anybody would think is a good idea. At 18, you are still trying to figure things out, how to handle your anger. On top of that, the opportunity to carry a gun, I would think, would only mean trouble."

The committee submitted "over 260,000" signatures to the Secretary of State's office in Lansing Friday morning. That is well over the amount needed, 151,000, to get the question

placed on the ballot in November 2002. But placement is not yet assured. Julie Pierce, spokesperson for the Secretary of State, explained that because the bill contained an appropriation, \$1 million for trigger locks, it may not be susceptible to referendum. The Constitution states that spending items cannot be put to a vote by petition.

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan has said he expects the courts to let the question go on the ballot. Previous court cases had stopped lawmakers from using appropriations to try to protect acts from challenge at the ballot box.

Pierce said the Secretary of State has asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm for an opinion of whether the question should be placed on the ballot. In the meantime, the elections division will continue counting and verifying petition signatures. She said canvassing would be complete in 60 days.

Although Granholm has expressed her position on this issue, supporting the referendum drive, that did not create a conflict of interest, said communications specialist Jenna Jent. It is the attorney general's role to advise departments on legal questions and render such opinions, Jent said, so she will do that.

When the state legislature passed the "shall issue" CCW

reform last December, taking discretion out of the hands of local gun boards and requiring that permits be issued to applicants that met the criteria, proponents argued that their criteria were the toughest in the nation. Raising the age to 21, the bills also required firearms training classes and prohibited those with a criminal record or a history of mental illness from getting such a permit. The law also established gun free zones - schools, day cares, bars, sports arena, etc.

Jaye's bill to lower the age limit is pending in committee and has yet to see any action. Other bills revising the CCW law have also been introduced.

Rep. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, has introduced House Bill 4422, clarifying the rules about the purposes for which a gun can be transported. Gov. John Engler vetoed that portion of the CCW package last year.

Rep. Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, has proposed House Bill 4229 revise the purchase permitting process.

Jaye has other bills in the hopper, including SB 268 to exempt holders of out-of-state permits from the need to get a Michigan CCW permit; SB 269 to make CCW applications subject to the Freedom of Information Act; and SB 330 allowing a family member of an owner to transport a gun.

Gun owners want law to go into effect in July

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Gun owners who filed suit to block a referendum on Michigan's new concealed weapons law say they are not opposed to a public vote on the issue.

Rather, according to attorney Peter Ellsworth, the goal is to let the law take effect in July so Michigan voters can see how it works before they cast their ballots in November 2002.

"The reason for this is that history shows that the sky does not fall in when such concealed gun laws go into effect," he said. "Promoters of this petition drive say they fear there will be an increase in gun crime as a result, but that has not been the history when similar laws were put in place in more than 30 other states. If it takes effect in July, it will have been in effect one and a half years before the election and voters will see it does not have the effect promoters say it will."

Ellsworth filed suit Friday, March 23, to the Court of Appeals in Lansing on behalf of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners and three individuals. The suit names as defendants the Secretary of State and the State Board of Canvassers, but Ellsworth expects it will primarily be up to petition proponents to defend the case in court.

The People Who Care About Kids Committee submitted an estimated 260,000 signatures to the state last week to call a referendum on a law, passed last December, which states that local gun boards "shall issue" permits to carry concealed weapons to applicants who meet certain criteria. Applicants must take a training course, have no criminal record and no history of mental illness.

Ellsworth said a referendum should not be allowed because lawmakers included in the bill a \$1 million appropriation for distribution of trigger locks, and the state Constitution prohibits referendums on spending bills.

The suit asks the Court of Appeals to toss the petitions out on that basis. To put the issue on the ballot, the committee would then have to pass petitions again this time in the form of initiative legislation. Ellsworth has also asked that the Board of Canvassers be ordered not to certify the petitions until the case is settled, and that the Court of Appeals run quickly enough to allow time for appeals to the

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Mike Duggan, Wayne County Prosecutor and an opponent of the CCW legislation, has contended that the legislature can't use appropriations to protect bills from referendum, and he said the courts have ruled that way in the past.

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Bus driver *from page A1*

Alex's non-verbal communication. Everybody knows her as a genuine lady."

With just two kids on the special needs bus, Fowler could devote a little extra time. Seniority allows her to select the spe-

cial kids run.

"If her mother wasn't there, we would park the bus and go out and look at the flowers," Fowler said. "They live on a court. She would be 10 to 15 minutes late at the most. Alex is a non-verbal child. She smiles. She knows what is going on. Mrs. Beeler appreciates everything you do for her. Mrs. Beeler was one mother who I really appreciated because, if she wasn't home, she always called."

Fowler continues to give her passengers tender loving care. When she starts her bus to transport hearing and visually impaired and non-verbal children, she turns on a cassette of

children's favorites songs, a different one every day. When that refused to function recently, Fowler said she took turns singing songs with the children.

"She's wonderful," said Maria McCarrick of Canton Township. "She couldn't be any more caring for my daughter."

McCarrick's daughter, Katherine, is nicknamed K.K. because her name both begins and ends with the letter K.

"These are delightful children," Fowler said. When she picked K.K. up at Perrinville School in Livonia, K.K. began humming to a familiar tune.

Fowler earned compliments from Marvin Bartal, director of

transportation for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "She is a good, hard-working person who always takes one step more to do her job," he said. "She pitches in whenever she can."

Fowler, a Plymouth resident for 42 years, is one of a majority of female bus drivers in the growing school district. She checks all fluid levels, belts and connections before she starts the bus.

Her husband, Dan, a former district driver who is now retired, trained Fowler on being a bus driver. "You have to get used to the size," she said.

When bus drivers are absent, the others have to pick up the slack. "Most parents have to work," Fowler said. "You know you have to get there on time so they can get to work on time."

Ice on the roads spells havoc for bus drivers. When Fowler started her bus-driving career, there were dirt roads and farms west of Sheldon. "Years ago, I got in a ditch and a farmer pulled me out," Fowler said.

She also recalled how startled she was the time a high schooler

smuggled a wild bird onto the bus in the springtime and let it free.

"It was the first day I took the kids out by myself. I was a new driver, and he let that bird free. The bus was jam packed. Kids were in the aisle. In those days you didn't have to have all kids seated."

"The girls, of course, started to scream. I got flustered and pulled off to the side. I had the kids open all the windows and the bird flew off. I never found out who it was. No one would tell."

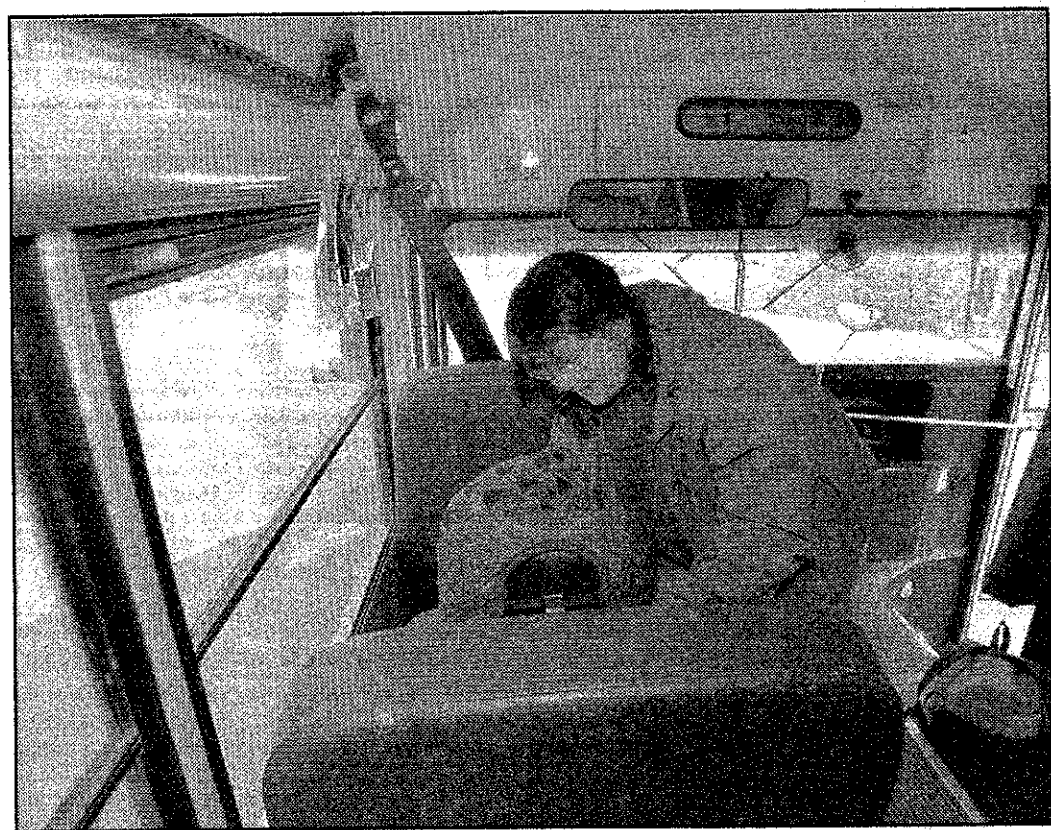
Fowler wasn't always a bus driver.

She has a physical education

degree from the University of Michigan. She taught high school completion classes in Livonia for a few years and also ran a wheelchair volleyball activity at Camelot Nursing Home in Livonia.

She is equally proud of her three daughters: Christine, a surgical nurse at St. John's Hospital in Detroit; Catherine, a dental hygienist; and Caren, who teaches special education at Harper Woods High School.

"There's 100 bus drivers out there who are making a difference," Fowler said. "I think there are many heroes out there. I really wouldn't want to do anything else."



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Helping hand: Fowler helps one of her vision-impaired students into her seat at the Perrinville School in Livonia.

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by Steve Mansfield

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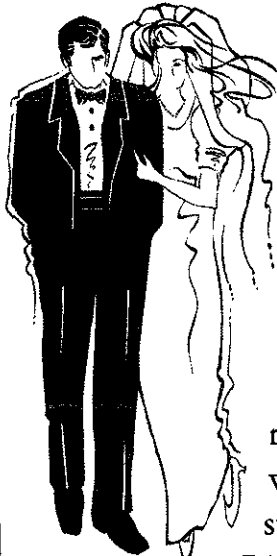
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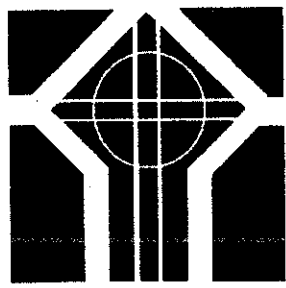
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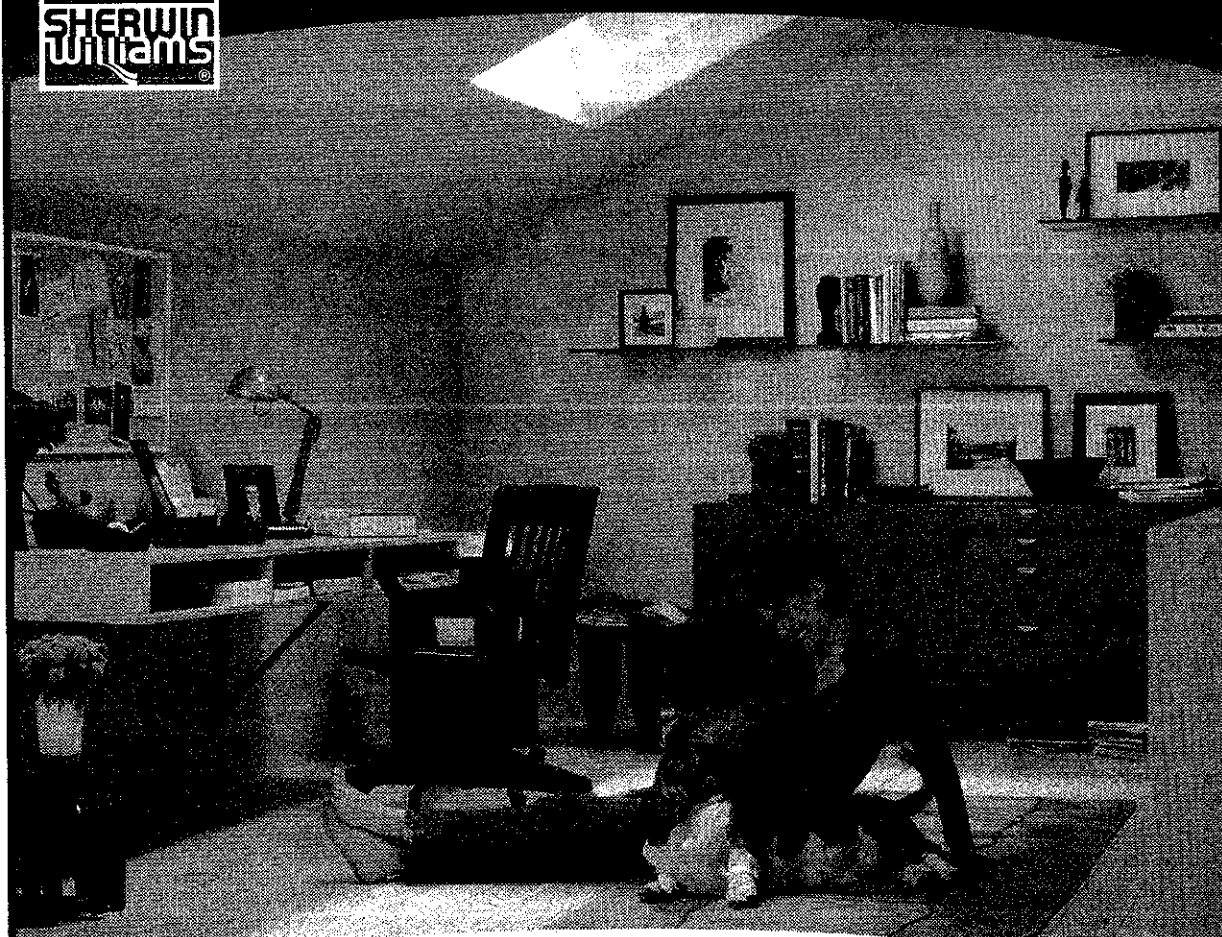
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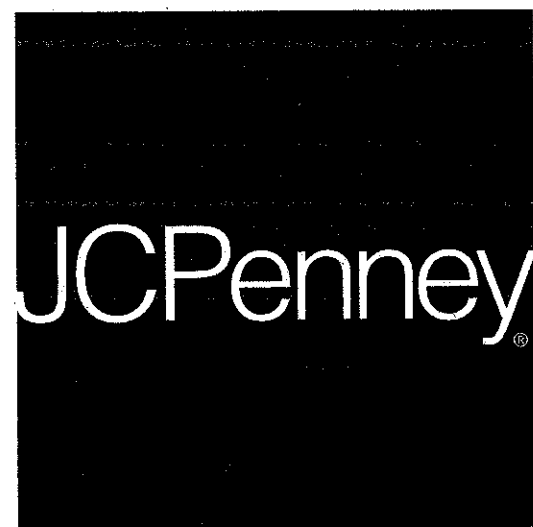
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Township should consider roadway solicitation ban

It's time for the Goodfellows to get off the streets. Same goes for the Kiwanians, Lions clubbers, VFW supporters, members of Deeper Life Christian Church and other groups who take to Canton Township's busy intersections in search of donations.

For their own safety and the safety of local drivers, the Observer believes it's time for Canton officials to consider an ordinance banning all roadway solicitation.

We're sorry it's come to that. We know these folks are only reaching out to help the less fortunate in our community. We know that contributions are likely to drop severely until people grow accustomed to alternative collection methods. Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer, for example, says an overwhelming majority of donations come during the annual newspaper sale the first Saturday in December. Last year's street sale raised \$4,200 and helped buy holiday gifts and meals for 81 local families and 30 senior citizens. "This is money from local residents going to help other local residents," Spencer said.

But the dangers are beginning to outweigh the benefits. It's been that way on Ford Road for some time. Cherry Hill, with its 55 mph speed limit in western Canton and 45 mph limit east of Sheldon, is no picnic either. Now, with the widening of Canton Center and increasing traffic loads on north-south arteries like Lilley and Haggerty, we have a hard time believing anyone would feel safe or even comfortable straddling the left-turn lane for hours on end.

The roadway solicitation issue has come to the attention of police and township officials in recent months following complaints about Deeper Life Christian Church. A story in Sunday's Observer reported that some church members have

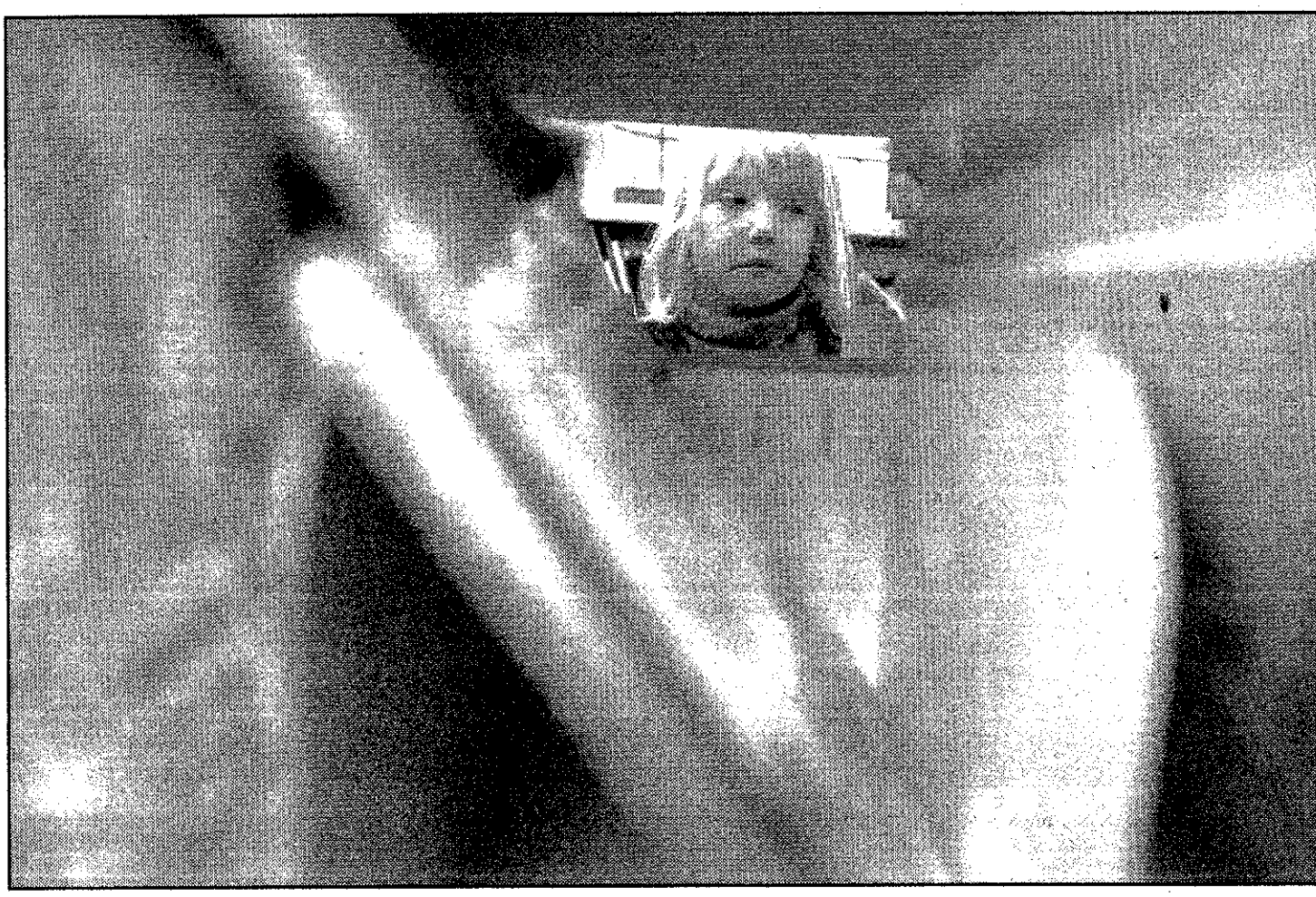
been overzealous in soliciting donations, carrying signs and banging on car windows. Solicitors have been ticketed several times since last fall, but are back out on Ford Road this spring. "This is the Lord's doing and nobody can stop the work of God," said the Rev. Danny Williams, of the Detroit church.

Currently, Williams has the law on his side too. The church, through its Florida-based parent organization, has registered as a non-profit organization with the township. Ticketing is being done only when solicitors violate the universal traffic code by stepping outside the crosswalk.

We note that volunteers working for most charitable organizations do take precautions when collecting. Most work only during daylight hours. Many wear orange safety vests and approach vehicles after traffic has cleared or stopped. But injuries aren't unheard of. Several years ago, three volunteers were injured in separate incidents in Livonia.

While solicitors are the most vulnerable, there are dangers for drivers and passengers as well. Legislation aimed at making traffic-choked roads safer for those who must work alongside them has been a trend in Michigan. Already, new laws are on the books protecting law enforcement officers stopped on the freeway and road construction workers. If municipalities and even state legislators are giving serious attention to limiting driver-initiated distractions such as cell phone use, you have to wonder about roadway solicitations, for which there are other options.

There are a lot of things Canton has outgrown as its residential and business corridors have mushroomed. Unfortunately, roadway solicitation — even for worthy causes — is one of them.



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Book break: Tyler Elementary first-grader Emily Helegdu looks for a book last week on the shelves at the Canton Public Library. First-graders from the Van Buren and Plymouth-Canton districts have been making library field trips during March, which is Reading Month.

LETTERS

UAW at forefront

Sometimes in a news story, a misconception is given as to the actual facts of the story. Most of the time this is a simple inadvertent mistake on the part of the writer: lack of sufficient facts on the subject, not interviewing all concerned, etc.

This was most certainly the case in the article regarding the community service provided from the Visteon (former Ford) Sheldon Road Plant. The fact of the matter is that most — probably as much as 90 percent — of the community service activities are generated by and driven by the UAW. Local representing the membership. Granted that they are regarded as joint programs by both the management and leadership of the union. The simple fact is that ideas such as serving the community is much more a philosophy based in the tradition of the UAW as opposed to a company such as Visteon or Ford Motor Co.

The concept of community service really has no value to add to the bottom line of any company. They have an obligation to the shareholders to increase share value. Taking time to service their community really takes away from that idea, however, the UAW is actually in that business.

The UAW is in many ways a social movement as well as a labor organization. Yes, we have an obligation to our membership to ensure adequate wages and working conditions, but we have an obligation to the community we work in and live in as well. If we cannot fulfill our obligations to the extended community as well as our membership, we have failed as an organization. We will not fail.

Our union meetings are held the fourth Sunday of each month at the UAW Local 845 Union Hall on Joy Road. Visitors are always welcome.

Dave Travis
UAW Local 845
Canton

Month not racist

Black History Month is not a racist event, it is an opportunity to share and learn about one of the many cultures that make up our society in America and the world. The focus of Black History Month is not about overcoming slavery, it is not about announcing the wrong perpetuated upon a group of people based on the color of their skin. It is not about saying that the only culture worth celebrating is the black culture. There are so many things that Black History Month is not about that one could not list them all in a single letter.

Let us instead address some of the things that Black History Month is about. It is about exposing people to the cultural history belonging to a group of our citizens. It is a celebration of the achievements of individuals from this group of citizens that have benefited all of the citizens of this nation and the population of the planet at large.

It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to those individuals that not only risked their lives, but in many cases gave their lives to correct some of the inequities in a society which claimed to provide equal rights to all. There are also too many things which it is about to list here.

Black History Month provides all of us a chance to learn about our neighbors' heritage, to share history from a different perspective, to honor the men and women that helped build our

country and have changed our society. I, for one, hope that we can continue to celebrate Black History Month and welcome other members of our community to put forth the energy, effort, and commitment to enhance our understanding of their cultures as well.

Just for the record, I happen to be of white European ethnic background.

Thanks for listening.
James K. Kivell, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Plymouth Township

Opinion valid

I think that Chris Mackinder just about hit the nail on the head with his editorial. Rights belong to individuals. "A moron is a moron, regardless of the number of geniuses who share his racial origin, and a genius is a genius, regardless of the number of morons who belong to the same race." There is no such thing as "group rights."

Setting a special month aside to exalt group ethnicity over individual achievement is destructive. Lumping individuals into non-descript, hyphenated groups results in the erosion of the pride to just be an American.

Ethnicity is a man-made catastrophe that is not sudden, like a nuclear bomb blast, but rather the result of a long, slow, gradual process — the destruction of individuality.

I am already race-blind and choose not to be dragged into the historic abyss of defining "group rights" over individual rights.

I am resentful when someone feels that he can decide for me that I am not trying hard enough to understand the long story of racism, here or anywhere. This attitude is patronizing, collective rubbish and only breeds resentment.

When will "the group" allow me to celebrate being an individual American who is generations beyond racism and irrationalism?

Glenn Kremer
Plymouth

Right of expression

The controversy in the Plymouth-Canton School District surrounding an editorial in the high school newspaper questioning the wisdom of celebrating Black History Month offers an important lesson to students and the community on the sanctity of the First Amendment and the speech it protects.

During our time as editors and staff members at the *Perspective*, we learned important lessons we still carry with us in our lives as parents, executives, business owners, lawyers and journalists. All of those lessons centered around the principle that society is strengthened by the free, open exchange of ideas.

The student's comments were certainly provocative, and it is easy to see how they could elicit a heated response from the community. The fact that the editorial sparked a healthy debate about race relations is exactly why free speech is so valuable.

What we find disturbing is that the school district did not stand up for the student's right to make the comments, nor the paper's right to run them. Instead, it has criticized and apparently reprimanded the newspaper adviser for allowing the student to make his point. The school district and the community should be aware there is an important difference between *having* the authority to exercise prior

restraint of editorial content (censorship) and actually *doing* so.

Whether or not you agree with him, the student should have the right to express his opinion. The adviser did not do anything wrong by letting him and should not have been punished.

As a community, we need to teach students how to express their views with dignity and respect, and not use censorship to avoid conflict. We hope the administration knows this and encourages discussion about all issues. In the words of the U. S. Supreme Court, "Students in the public schools do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Kevin Dilley, Providence, R.I.; Cyndi Mueller Hall, Durham, N.C.; Kyle Karinen, Missoula, Mont.; Linette Lao, Ypsilanti; Carrie Gilmore Lenz, Plymouth; Karen (Phillippi) McAmmond, Plymouth; Ashley Miller, Wilmington, Del.; Lisa (Farmer) Paul, Fayetteville, N.C.; Dan Ream, Lansing; Bryan Shultz, Denver; Renee Levay Stewart, Nashville, Tenn.; Jeff Williams, Washington, D.C.; Michael Zaretti, Troy

Former editors and staff members of the *P-CEP Perspective*

Right decision

I applaud the Plymouth-Canton School administration for allowing ninth-graders to view and discuss the films *Saving Private Ryan* and *Schindler's List*. Both films document historical events but even more, they dramatically show the impact of those events on real people. There are lessons to be learned by studying history, lessons that young minds must learn if they are to become responsible citizens of this world.

Parents who isolate their children from the realities of the past and prevent do their children and society a disservice. Their intentions may be sincere but their children may be ill-equipped when it's time to enter adulthood.

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

Notion to dip into Great Lakes for profit is all wet

Our Great Lakes water is not for sale.
Gov. John Engler
State of the State Address
Jan. 31, 2001

With that flat declaration, Michigan's governor vowed earlier this year to fight any scheme to divert Great Lakes water to any other state, region or foreign nation for any reason.

We hear you, governor. We support you. And know also that we'll be watching you and your successors and the rest of our representative government to make certain that our water — certainly more vital than oil — stays in the Great Lakes basin where it belongs.

That Great Lakes water should not be diverted to other regions is a no-brainer, you think? Well, think again. People all over the world are casting covetous eyes on our precious water.

A couple of years ago, a Canadian company came up with a scheme to "merchandise" more than 150 million gallons of Lake Superior water each year to Asia. Thankfully, that deal was scotched by right-thinking people on both sides of the border. But planners and developers in the arid Southwest, a region that is rapidly running out of water because of careless development, are looking at the Great Lakes, which contain 20 percent of all fresh water on Planet Earth, as an untapped source to slake their mighty thirsts.

The feud over fresh water has been simmering for years. But now the feud could become a battle that could turn into a war, and the politicians know it. Note Engler's statement on water diversion, delivered to a standing ovation before the Legislature. Note also that former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard, a probable Democratic candidate for governor in 2002, is out with a "Great Lakes Protection Plan." Water diversion is a coming campaign issue.

We can close our eyes and almost hear the justifications for selling Great Lakes water in the years to come:

■ *But if we sold just a little water to Japan or Arizona or Florida, we'd have money to fix these crummy Michigan roads ...*

■ *But if we sold just a little water, we'd have money to fix all the failing schools in our ailing inner cities ...*

■ *But we have so much water; we'd never miss just a little bit ... and those people out West (or down South) are soooo dry ...*

Let us hope our lawmakers, present and future, don't fall for those lines. Great Lakes water must stay here. Water is not a commodity to be sold away, any more than are the Rocky Mountains or the Grand Canyon.

Plaintive cry No. 3 will be especially galling when we hear it. The Great Lakes need the water that feeds them, all of the water. Lake levels, which rise and fall over the decades, are in a down cycle right now, as anyone who lives on the shore will tell you. Levels are said to be down more than two feet, leaving many docks and marinas high and dry along our lake shores. Low lake levels are becoming an expensive problem that will only be exacerbated by water diversion.

We're pleased that our leaders are recognizing the threat and planning action to stop it.

The shame is that Michigan residents may have to comply with new water use rules to protect the Great Lakes from diversions by others who have already abused their water resources.

According to Tracy Mehan, director of the Office of the Great Lakes, and Dennis Schornack, of the governor's office, any law prohibiting diversion or "withdrawal" of water from the Great Lakes basin that does not also apply to Michigan residents themselves would likely be susceptible to a court challenge.

And it would apply, not just to pipes laid directly to the lakes, but even to far from the shoreline that draw water from aquifers supplied by the Great Lakes. Users or diverters who take a net amount over 1 million gallons per day would have to comply with the new rules.

It all seems somehow backward. Those who choose to live in arid climates and abuse their own water supplies apparently have a right to dip into ours. The only way to prevent that is for residents here to submit to water use rules in an area abundant with the resource.

Say you want evolution: We all want to change the world

"While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years."

Abraham Lincoln
First Inaugural Address, 1861

Reflecting upon the shenanigans of the Michigan Legislature, all I can do is hope Lincoln was right.

For current wickedness, consider Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, who has introduced Senate Bill 329 that would lower the age requirement for getting a permit to carry a concealed weapon from 21 to 18.

Passed in lame duck session, CCW legislation requires local gun boards to issue permits to applicants who do not have a criminal record or a history of mental illness. Gov. John Engler, who usually has a better sense of political implication, signed the measure.

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Community Church and is, "broadly speaking, Christian."

I spent quite some time trying to make sense out of my notes from our conversation. Failing, I offer these quotes: "If you looked up in the sky and saw a cloud in the shape of a horse, you would be right in concluding that random wind currents created it. But if you look up and see 'Red Wings win the Stanley Cup', you would reasonably conclude that was the work of an intelligent, purposeful Creator."

"Evolution could be proven a bunch of hogwash; I believe it will eventually be proven a bunch of hogwash. Religion is to be found at home; the idea that evolution is the result of intelligent design is a concept that belongs in the classroom. We should all be in pursuit of the truth."

"What would be adequate proof of evolution? There is none; I doubt there ever could be. Evolution is faith; you have to believe in evolution as a faith, just like a religion. They don't have any proof for evolution and they never will. I have no evidence for intelligent design, but I know it

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Gosselin deserves a round of applause for highlighting the kinds of silly stuff lawmakers dump into the legislative hopper on slow days. In fact, I'm prepared to offer a small prize to the best entry submitted by readers as a friendly amendment to Gosselin's bill.

Just to start things off, I suggest the school code be amended to require Dalton's Theory of Atomic Chemistry be classified as "unproven theory." I have no evidence that the four elements of earth, air, fire and water are the basis of chemistry, but I sure know it when I see it.

P.S. It cannot be pure coincidence that last weekend's newspapers carried news of the death of Charles K. Johnson, president of the International Flat Earth Research Society. Since 1972, Johnson promoted the view that the earth actually is a flat disk floating on primordial waters. He regarded scientists as frauds, basing his ideas on the Old Testament and common sense observation. "Reasonable, intelligent people have always recognized that the earth is flat," he said.

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Tedd Schneider

Nothing like the Canton Chamber of Commerce Auction to separate the men from the ... women.

That became apparent early Friday evening as guests scoped out the silent auction tables around the perimeter of Westland's Hellenic Cultural Center. There was the good stuff - a box of cigars, a leather recliner, a half-cord of mixed season hardwood, a variable speed drill and 17-piece bit set, a Beavis and Butt-head costume (straight off the clearance rack at Lynch's) and enough golfing paraphernalia to open a small pro shop. Then there was the other stuff - a tanning package, nail care kit, \$25 gift certificate for a pedicure, a squirrel and bird feeder, an 11-piece "Snow Buddies" collection and a bunch of very shiny jewelry. (So who would possibly want diamond studs, anyway?)

But the biggest gender battle of all - both literally and figuratively - was over the grand prize in a separate raffle. A 55-inch slice of couch-potato heaven, enough to satisfy even the most ardent remote control owner.

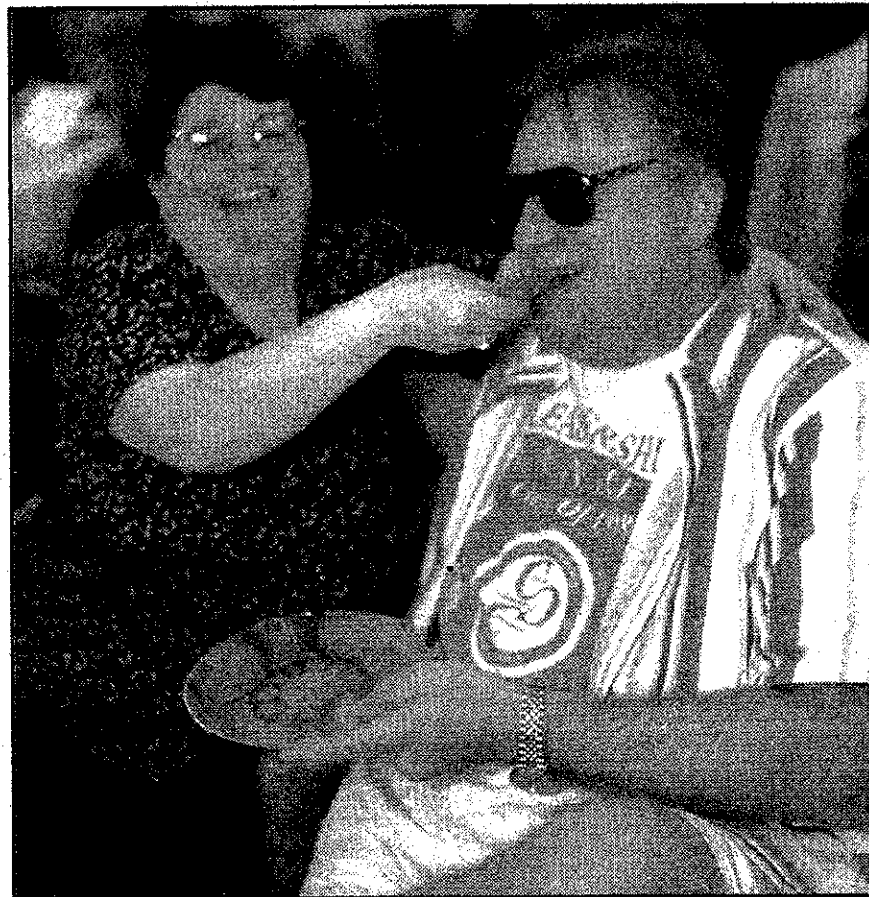
"Got to buy more chances for that TV," you could overhear husbands/boyfriends - including this one - announce at each table, although to no one in particular. "Don't think so," their partners would shout back over the din. "But we could rent that *Shakespeare In Love* DVD, put out the popcorn and cuddle on a cold winter's night," the men parry. "Yeah, right," the women respond, eyes rolling in disbelief. "Besides, where would we put that thing?"

Nicki Wilson, owner of Decorating Den Interiors was the proud (my description) winner. Not so surprisingly, husband Don, seemed a tad more excited. "I haven't won anything from the chamber for a long time. I seem to remember a power tool or something a while back," she said. Boy, some guys get all the luck.

For others, splitting up the tickets and deciding which items are worthy of bids is all part the fun. "He's taking all the \$10 tickets, which are for the better prizes and leaving me with the fives and twos," said Linda Sullivan, of husband Steve, who just shrugged his shoulders and turned away to avoid "the look."

Now, you've got to hand it to the chamber's auction committee, which this year was headed by David Griffin. Every year, they come up with a

Auction is latest backdrop in battle between genders



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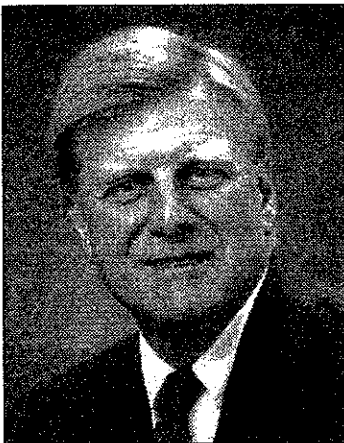
Beach-goers: Tedd and Lori Schneider goof around during Friday's Canton Chamber of Commerce auction.

great theme to put guests in a relaxing mood. A few years ago, it was cowboy chic. Friday, we were "transported" to the Caribbean, wearing sandals and sunglasses and eating island fare including conch fritters and coconut shrimp.

The auction items - both silent and live - get better each year too. Vacation condos in Florida and northern Michigan, free airfare for two anywhere in the continental U.S., a suite for an evening at Comerica Park, symphony tickets would top any list. Throw in a Bob Boyer pig roast for 200 and you've captured the essence of Canton. The auction's success, in part, means the chamber's 500 members can look forward to continued top-notch services and programs throughout the year.

All this relaxing though doesn't dull the competitive spirit among bidders or even couples, themselves. And maybe, just maybe, that's the chamber's biggest secret to driving revenues from the auction a little higher each year.

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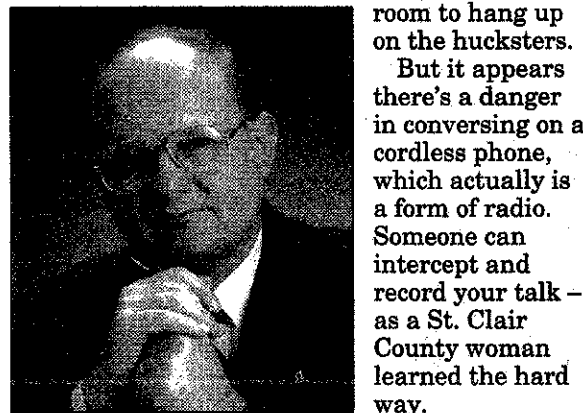
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Cordless phones have bad, good points in convenience

It's annoying enough, just after dinner, to be bothered with calls from telephone solicitors, so we got a cordless telephone. Now we don't have to walk across a big room to hang up on the hucksters.



Tim Richard

But it appears there's a danger in conversing on a cordless phone, which actually is a form of radio. Someone can intercept and record your talk - as a St. Clair County woman learned the hard way.

She was going through a divorce in 1995. Her husband, Brian Stone, had moved out of the house, but his buddy, Ron Pavlik, lived next door with his police scanner and tape. Stone told Pavlik: "Keep on top of things, tape and find out what was going on."

Pavlik learned that the woman was pregnant and planning to leave the state. The woman had told only one other close friend, but a Friend of the Court investigator revealed to her that Stone had revealed he had a tape recording of that conversation.

Suspicious, the wife contacted State Police, who got search warrants for both Pavlik's and Stone's homes. They found 15 tape recordings of the woman's cordless phone conversations with her family, friends and attorney.

Stone was charged with violating Michigan's eavesdropping statutes and bound over for trial. Defense attorney Kenneth M. Lord of Port Huron argued in circuit court that the charges should be dropped because the woman could not reasonably expect her cordless conversations to be "private."

Judge James P. Adair agreed. The prosecutor appealed, and the case of *People v. Stone* made its way to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The supremes recently ruled 7-0 for the prosecutor and the wife, and against Stone. Justice Michael Cavanagh said state law was written clearly:

"Any person who is . . . not present during a private conversation and who willfully uses any

device to eavesdrop upon the conversation without the consent of all parties thereto . . . is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment . . . for not more than 2 years or by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or both."

Even if the cordless phone user knows the call can be overheard, 'that person also can presume that others will obey the criminal law,' Cavanagh wrote.

Cavanagh wrote that a "private conversation" means a conversation that a person reasonably expects to be free from casual or hostile intrusion or surveillance."

An exception occurs when law enforcement officers obtain wiretap authorization.

The defense lawyer argued that "users of cordless telephones know that these signals can be intercepted by devices, including other cordless telephones and police scanners." Cavanagh and his six colleagues didn't buy that argument for a moment.

Even if the cordless phone user knows the call can be overheard, "that person also can presume that others will obey the criminal law," Cavanagh wrote. Moreover, Michigan law squares with federal as well as the laws of Washington and Ohio - "strict privacy protections."

Illinois and Georgia laws, however, are not as strict.

So is Brian Stone going to the slammer for two years? That wasn't decided by the Supreme Court. His wife testified she knew Pavlik could listen to police signals but not cordless phone talk. Pavlik said he told her he could. The trial court will have to decide whom to believe.

The moral: Cordless phone users' conversations may be legally private, but someone can use technology to eavesdrop if he's careful not to get caught. It's dangerous to discuss intimate details of your life over a cordless phone.

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Lawmaker proposes teaching of 'intelligent design'

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"If you looked up in the sky and saw a cloud in the shape of a horse, you would not need any further explanation than that random wind currents created it," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. "But if you look up and see 'Red Wings win the Stanley Cup,' you could reasonably conclude that was the work of some intelligent, purposeful designer."

That's the logic behind a bill that would have science teachers instruct Michigan students about the theory of Intelligent Design, as the cause shaping life on Earth, alongside the theory of evolution and natural selection.

Scientists are appalled by the idea.

House Bill 4382 would amend the science standards in the state model school code to indicate that evolution is "an unproven theory." The bill would add to the state standards the phrase: "All students will explain the competing theories of evolution and natural selection based on random mutation, and the theory that life is the result of the purposeful, intelligent design of a Creator." School districts technically are not required to adopt the state model code.

It's not creationism, Gosselin said, nor is it religious doctrine.

Intelligent design

"A growing number of respected scientists support the theory of 'Intelligent Design' as a reasonable alternative to natural selection based on random mutation. Intelligent Design might be

considered as a 'big tent' theory with room enough for fundamentalist Christians who believe that the Old Testament is literal truth, as well as cutting-edge molecular biologists who understand the utter improbability of life forming by accident."

The bill is now awaiting action in the House Education Committee, where Gosselin hopes the proposal will be the subject of future hearings. He promised scientists, as well as religious leaders, would be invited to testify. Committee chair Rep. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, is a co-sponsor of the bill.

Religious disagree

While debates may rage at the state house or in the classroom, even the religious community has struggles over the origins of life.

"Not all churches teach creationism," said the Rev. Paul Melrose, a staff therapist at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeast Michigan. "That is a major debate that divides Christians even in the same denomination."

Religion and evolution are not mutually exclusive beliefs, Melrose said. "Many Methodists understand the wisdom and genius in evolution theory and find there's a lot there to consider."

Mark Jensen, the president of the Farmington Interfaith Association, said "science and religion do not conflict," and the first two chapters of Genesis are "poetic explanations of people's faith."

To say God created the world "would support both creationism and evolution," Jensen said.

"How he did it is what we're debating."

Rabbi Sherwin Wine of the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills called the legislation "a dreadful idea."

Although proponents call it the theory of intelligent design, Wine said it's still creationism, and "creationism isn't science. There's no evidence to support creationism from a scientific perspective."

'Not a science'

"I believe creationism is not a science and should not be taught in school as part of a science curriculum," said Barb Church, Clarenceville's curriculum director who taught science in the middle school level and served as the Plymouth Canton district's science coordinator.

"Parents who hold strong religious views will, of course, impart those beliefs to their young children."

Church also sees the proposal

as a violation of church and state. So does Patricia Waeschle, who is a Clarenceville High science instructor.

"Evolution is already a difficult topic to discuss," Waeschle said. "It can be controversial without adding the teaching of creationism."

Westland parent Gena Giannuzzi, expecting her fourth child in July, supports teaching intelligent design in schools. She belongs to the Free Methodist congregation of Warren Road Church in Westland.

"What would it hurt to put another theory out there (for students)?" she asked. "What would it hurt for children to hear both theories?"

Giannuzzi believes it's unfair to teach evolution and not intelligent design or creationism.

"I feel that it's in essence an intellectual censorship," she said.

She said Christians often are accused of being closed-minded,

but she said people who want only evolution taught in classrooms are more guilty of quashing differing viewpoints.

Henry Morgan, Michigan director of American Atheists, strongly opposes the teaching of intelligent design.

"This is not science. This is religion. This is trying to inject religious dogma into a science classroom," Morgan, a Westland resident, said. "Evolution is the only explanation."

Morgan said he has made some contacts to state legislators to oppose the bill, and he plans to speak against it in Lansing.

"This is nothing but religious garbage," he said. "It is not science."

Michael Shermer, editor in chief of Skeptic Magazine agrees it is not science.

"Intelligent Design is a new version of a very old argument, called 'The Design Argument,' which was originally put forth by

a theologian named William Paley, 18th Century Brit, who made the famous Watchmaker argument. If you stumble across a stone on the beach, you assume it was made by natural processes. If you stumble upon a watch, that does not look like it was made by natural processes, so you assume there was a watchmaker and that of course is God." Shermer said. "Variations on these theories have been around since the 18th Century, and Charles Darwin put the nail in the coffin of that argument by showing that there is a process in nature that creates what looks like intelligent design when in fact it is just natural design."

But evolution does not deny the existence of God, said Shermer. There are many scientists who accept evolution yet maintain religious beliefs, including fundamentalist Christianity, he said.

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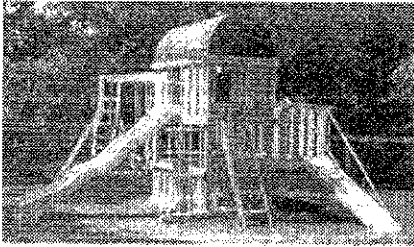
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Moshimer steps down

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"There comes a time when you have to make a decision like this."

True — but for some reason, it just didn't seem the rules of retirement applied to Tom Moshimer.

On Wednesday, Moshimer confirmed that they did. He officially announced he was leaving the position only he had held — as football coach for Plymouth Salem HS.

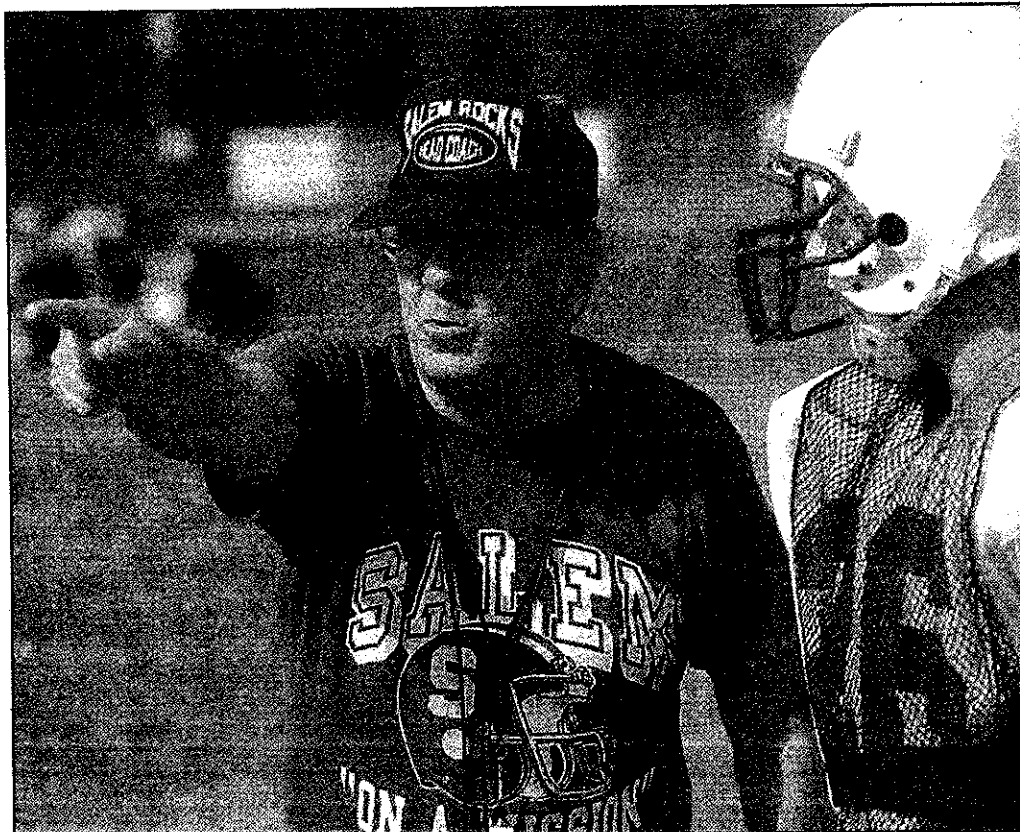
He leaves having accomplished nearly everything a coach could hope to. He was named to the Michigan High School Football Hall of Fame in 1985 and to the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994, and was an active member in the state's football coaches association, having served as president in 1991-92 and lobbied successfully for the current expanded playoff format.

Now 66 and six years removed from teaching at Salem (he retired in June, 1995), Moshimer decided the benefits of coaching — which in itself he still relishes — did not outweigh the detriments associated with it.

"It was really, really very hard to do," Moshimer admitted of his decision. "Coaching kids was still fun, the preparation was still fun.

"But you have to deal with a lot of other things now that I never had to deal with when I first started coaching."

Moshimer was quick to add that "the parents have always been great here, and the principal (Gerald Ostoin) has been great. They've been very supportive." However, in other administrative



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

A coach no longer: For the last 34 years, Tom Moshimer was football at Plymouth Salem. No one else has ever held that position at Salem.

areas, the job wasn't fun any longer.

"Decisions nowadays are made on higher-up levels than they used to be," said Moshimer. "And not just here, either."

Moshimer leaves after 42 years as coach, 34 in the Plymouth-Canton school district. He also coached at Dundee HS for eight years before taking the job at then-Plymouth HS — former athletic director John Sandmann

hired him — succeeding John McFall. Moshimer's career record: 219-146-6.

"He's an institution, in my mind," said Plymouth-Canton current director of athletics Brian Wolcott. "He'll be missed, from a personal and professional standpoint."

Wolcott's perspective is somewhat unique. He graduated from Salem HS

in 1977; although he never played football for Moshimer (Wolcott starred in baseball and basketball), he knew him well.

"He took the time with this skinny little kid, helping him in the weight room," Wolcott recalled. "That's what he did with thousands of kids."

Who will succeed Moshimer is uncertain, but he made it clear he'd like some input in the selection process.

"I'm recommending a coach on my staff," Moshimer said. "I've recommended Bob Cummings."

Cummings, son of former district AD Paul Cummings (who also coached with Moshimer), has been part of Moshimer's staff since 1986, serving as offensive coordinator the past few seasons. Other assistant coaches, in particular Tom Garrett and Jim Jarvey, have been with Moshimer even longer, since 1976. Jarvey indicated to Moshimer he would not return either.

"They've been with me for so long, I can't remember," Moshimer said.

Wolcott said Cummings, who teaches in the district, would certainly be a candidate. He hoped to have the selection process wrapped up within a month.

The past few years haven't been good for Salem football. The Rocks were 2-7 in 2000, their worst record in Moshimer's tenure; they were 4-5 the year before.

"No question, we've been frustrated as of late with our lack of success," said Moshimer. "But that wasn't the thing that made me decide."

"Sooner or later, you have to call it

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Strickland signs

Danielle Strickland, the top player on Farmington Hills Harrison's girls soccer team last season, has signed a letter of intent to attend Madonna University this fall.

Strickland, a senior at Harrison, was an all-Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division selection playing forward last spring. She was her team's MVP. She has also been a member of the honor roll every semester.

Madonna, coached by Rick Larson, was 19-3-2 last fall, winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and the NAIA Region VIII titles and reaching the NAIA semifinals.

Canton trackmen 3rd

Plymouth Canton figured to have another strong season in boys track, and if last Saturday's performance at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational at the University of Michigan track building is any indication, the Chiefs will.

Toledo Rogers won the 23-team event, scoring 53 points. Pinckney was second with 41, just a single point ahead of Canton (40).

Jordan Chapman broke his own school record in winning the pole vault, clearing 14-feet (his own old record was 13-7). Chapman also won the high jump (6-4).

The Chiefs got third-place finishes from Dane Kobus, Ricky Singh, Pawel Paszkowski and Chapman in the shuttle hurdle relay (33.2); from Brian Page, Aaron Schmidt, Marty Kane and Jerry Gaines in the 3,200-meter relay (8:30.0); and from Gaines in the 400 (51.9).

Page placed sixth in the pole vault (11-0) and Page, Singh, Doug Kurth and Gaines combined for a sixth in the 1,600 relay (3:40.8).

A winner

The Plymouth Whalers weren't the only winners in their OHL playoff-opener last Saturday against the Sarnia Sting.

Victoria Johnson, from Livonia, was the winner of two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., a giveaway sponsored by Northwest Airlines.

It was part of a special playoff giveaway at Saturday's game, with fans attending the game having their ticket stubs put into a hopper, with the winner drawn during the second-period intermission. The Whalers also gave away a golf package to Northville Hills Golf Club, gift certificates to Max and Erma's, and flowers from Vanessa's Flowers.

Final tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will conduct its final spring registration from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 31 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan between Canton Center and Beck.

Space is limited for lower age brackets due to overwhelming response to earlier registrations, so new registrants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted after this date.

Space is available for baseball 11-18 years and softball 7-18 years.

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Softball players

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GIRLS TRACK PREVIEWS

To repeat as champions, Rocks' vets must step up

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No use crying over who won't be around. For Plymouth Salem's girls track team, that would not only be futile, but it would take an extended period of time.

The Rocks have lost a lot. Gone are Tiffany Grubaugh, Rachel Jones, Brynne DeNeen, Aisha Chappell, Val Brown and Miranda White, to name a few. What those girls were part of was near perfection — they were instrumental in Salem's winning four-straight Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

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But that was then. Now it's up to coach Mark Gregor, in his 14th season, and those returning to see if they can make it five-straight.

"We do have a group of veterans, and we have a group of younger kids who will have a chance to gain some experience," said Gregor. How quickly those younger kids turn that experience into something positive could be the difference for the Rocks.

Make no assumptions — Salem isn't

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Chiefs seek to move up in the WLAA standings

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Let's face it — in girls track, Plymouth Canton has always been in the shadows of its campus rival, Plymouth Salem.

But then again, in the Observerland area, who hasn't been? Salem has won the last four Western Lakes Activities Association championships, something no other WLAA team has managed in this sport.

Well, it's a new year. Canton coach John Venning isn't about to say his team will overtake Salem and challenge for the league championship —

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the Chiefs are still top-heavy with sophomores and freshmen.

But the gap is closing. Last season, a Canton team loaded with freshmen finished seventh in the WLAA. Those freshmen are now sophomores, and the Chiefs are looking much better.

"We're still a young, growing team," warned Venning. Then he added: "But unlike last year, when I could look at our lineup and see areas where we'd

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It's now or never in Rockers' playoff drive

The Detroit Rockers saw their four-game winning streak come to a close with a 10-6 loss to the NPSL National Conference-leading Milwaukee Wave Friday at Compuware Arena, but it didn't keep them down long.

With the regular season entering its final week, every game's significance is magnified. The Rockers, who have struggled most of the season, are starting to turn that around with a late surge for the playoffs.

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On Sunday at the Palace of Auburn Hills, they took a big step in that direction by holding off the Cleveland Crunch for a 1-13 triumph.

The win actually put Detroit a half-game ahead of the Kansas City Attack in the battle for the final playoff berth. The Rockers are 13-24; the Attack are

13-25.

It won't be easy for Detroit. Their final home game of the regular season was Sunday's; the Rockers finish with three road games in four days, at Wichita Thursday, at Kansas City Saturday and at Milwaukee Sunday.

Saturday's game at Kansas City is obviously pivotal to both team's playoff hopes. If the Rockers could

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That's dominance

Whalers crush Sting, 6-2

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For nearly two periods — to be precise, for the first two games and almost two periods of the third — the Plymouth Whalers had dominated the Sarnia Sting, their first-round opponent in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

They had never trailed in the series and, with 1:19 left in the second period of Wednesday's game, played at Compuware Arena, their lead was 2-0.

The only surprise thus far was that the Sting faced only a two-goal deficit. The Whalers had pelted Sarnia goalie Robert Gheron with 31 shots to that point, many from in close; only Gheron's performance had kept the Sting within striking distance.

And with 1:19 to go in the second, that's what they did. The Sting struck.

When Nate Kiser was called for interfer-

ence, Sarnia went to the power play. Before play resumed, officials examined the stick of the Whalers' Kris Vernarsky. Ruling it illegal, they sent him to the box, too.

The Sting had a two-man advantage, and they took advantage of it, scoring twice to knot it at 2-2. Suddenly, Plymouth's stranglehold on the game — and the series — wasn't so certain.

It was time for the Whalers' top players to step up, and they did. The Stephen Weiss-Stacey Britstone-Chad Wiseman line connected for two third-period goals while the defense kept Sarnia bottled up; two empty-net scores in the final minutes gave Plymouth a 6-2 victory and a 3-0 lead in the series.

Game Four is at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sarnia. If a Game Five is necessary, it will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Compuware Arena. "We lost a lot of momentum there," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer of the Sting

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A tough spot: Whaler defenseman Libor Ustrnul tries to kill a two-man advantage penalty that the Sting capitalized on, scoring twice to tie it at 2-2.

Whalers open playoffs with pair of wins



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Two for two.

The Plymouth Whalers ran their Ontario Hockey League playoff record to 2-0 with a 6-4 win at Sarnia Monday.

In the first two games, the good news for the Whalers was their offense, which has produced 14 goals. In both games they took the lead early and, although the Sting twice fought back to tie the Whalers Monday, Plymouth never trailed.

However, there are some concerns for the Whalers. During the OHL regular season, they boasted the league's best defense, led by goalie Rob Zepp. However, they surrendered eight goals in the first two games and were victimized on 7-of-19 power-play opportunities (37 percent) — too many chances, too many goals.

Still, Plymouth is 2-0 and has converted 5-of-12 power plays (42 percent). On Monday, Tomas Kurka got the Whalers going with two goals in a 2:56 span, the first at the 6:00 mark of the opening period, assisted by Stacey Britstone and Libor Ustrnul. The second came at 8:56, assisted by Britstone and Stephen Weiss.

The Sting tied it at 2-2 before the opening period was over, however, with power-play goals from Alexander Buturlin and Dusty Jamieson.

Plymouth recaptured the lead with second-period goals from Chad LaRose (assist to Cole Jarrett) and James Wisniewski (assist to Kurka). Again, however, the Whalers couldn't hold the two-goal lead; Jamieson made it 4-3 with his team's third power-play marker at 18:14 of the second, and Buturlin tied it with another extra-man goal at the midpoint of the third.

What proved to be the game-winner came from Kris Vernarsky at the 14:44 juncture of the third, on the power play. Damian Surma and Jarrett assisted. Preston Mizzi got the clincher, scoring into the empty net (from Chad Wiseman) with 37 seconds left.

Zepp made 28 saves in goal for Plymouth. Cory Campbell had 37 stops for Sarnia. The Whalers outshot the Sting, 42-32.

Plymouth wins opener

On Saturday, the Whalers showed that what had happened a night earlier was no fluke.

They concluded their OHL regular season, boasting the league's second-best overall record, and got ready for the playoffs by hammering the Sting 7-2 Friday in Sarnia.

The same teams met in the opening round of the playoffs Saturday, only at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

While the location and relevance of the game was different, the results were not. The Whalers put five goals on the board in the opening period, two by Chad LaRose, en route to an 8-4 romp.

LaRose finished with a playoff hatrick, scoring his third goal of the game in the second period. He also had an assist.

Stephen Weiss added two goals and an assist, Tomas Kurka contributed a goal and two assists, Kris Vernarsky had a goal and an assist and Chad Wiseman had a goal. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Jared Newman each had three assists and George Nistas had two.

Plymouth led 5-1 after one period, scoring three times on the power play. The Sting got a goal from Kris Newbury. Two goals in the first 9:04 of the second period, another on the power play, allowed the Whalers to extend their lead to 7-2 midway through the period.

The Sting added two power play goals to their score (one in the second, one in the third) to narrow the gap, but not alter the outcome. Robb Palahnuik scored twice for Sarnia, with Dusty Jamieson getting a goal and an assist and Eric Himelfarb adding three assists.

Plymouth converted on 3-of-8 power-play opportunities; Sarnia was 3-of-11. Rob Zepp surrendered four goals and had 18 saves in goal for the Whalers. Cory Campbell started for Sarnia and, after giving up five goals (16 saves) in 21:35, gave way to Robert Gherson, who allowed three goals (27 saves). Plymouth outshot the Sting, 51-22.

Plymouth 7, Sarnia 2: In the regular-season finale for both teams Friday in Sarnia, the Whalers got two goals and two assists from Cole Jarrett in subduing the Sting.

The Sting finished the OHL regular season with a 28-30-7-2 record. Plymouth won the West Division with a 43-15-5-5 mark.

Plymouth had a 3-0 lead 1:13 into the second period of Friday's game on goals by Jarrett, Chad LaRose and Chad Wiseman. By the end of the period, it was 5-2 — Damian Surma and Stacey Britstone scored for the Whalers, Julius Halfkenny and Tyler Coleman for the Sting.

James Ramsay and Jarrett got third-period scores for Plymouth. Wiseman added two assists to his point total; so did Tomas Kurka. Britstone, LaRose and Surma also had assists.

Ryan Hare had two assists for Sarnia. Paul Drew made 35 saves while giving up just two goals for the Whalers. Robert Gherson surrendered seven goals and had 35 stops for Sarnia.

Plymouth was 4-of-6 on the power play; the Sting were 1-of-9.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Crusaders tumble to Shawnee State, Muskingum

A trip south into Ohio last weekend wasn't too successful for Madonna University's softball team. In fact, it wasn't successful at all.

The Lady Crusaders had a pair of double-headers swept from them, losing to Muskingum College 7-3 and 7-6 Saturday in New Concord and to Shawnee

SOFTBALL

State 8-1 and 3-1 Friday in Portsmouth.

The four losses dropped Madonna to 7-9 overall.

Against Muskingum Saturday, at least the Crusaders' offense

made a reappearance. They totaled 20 hits in the twinbill. Unfortunately, the Madonna pitchers surrendered the same number.

In the opening-game, 7-3 loss, three errors led to three unearned runs. Kristie Givens started for the Crusaders, allowing two unearned runs on three

hits and a walk in three innings, striking out one. She took the loss. Missy VanDoorn relieved and was less effective, giving up five runs (four earned) on seven hits and a walk, fanning four in three innings.

Angie Burnside got the win for Muskingum, surrendering three runs (one earned) on seven hits, striking out six.

Shelli Manson wielded the big bat for the Muskies, slugging a double and a home run and driving in two runs. Jeanna Rayman and Kristin Emanuel each added two hits and Tammy Ulrich contributed a triple and two RBI.

Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton) provided the offense for Madonna, going 4-for-4 with an RBI.

In the second game, the Crusaders never trailed until the bottom of the sixth. Again, sloppy defense was crucial; four Madonna errors led to four unearned runs.

Pam Konwinski slugged a two-run home run and Arin Fowler chipped in with two doubles and

an RBI as the Crusaders struck for five runs in the first three innings.

Muskingum countered with a four-run second inning, then tied it at 5-5 with a run in the fourth. After Madonna scored a run in the top of the fifth, the Muskies pushed across two in the bottom of the sixth to win it.

Devon Fletcher had three hits for the Crusaders, Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) had two hits, and Jamie Bobrowski contributed two hits and an RBI.

Emanuel, Mariah Holden, Jamie Shepherd and Chantelle Andrews each had two hits for Muskingum, Shepherd and Emanuel driving in runs.

Candace Morgan started and took the loss for Madonna, allowing seven runs (three earned) on 10 hits and one walk, striking out one in six innings. Elizabeth Gibson was the winner for the Muskies, giving up six runs (five earned) on 13 hits and a walk, with two strikeouts in seven innings.

Against Shawnee State Friday, Madonna managed just nine hits in the two games. Jenny Tenyer started the first game and took the loss for the Crusaders, giving up six runs (three earned) on eight hits and a walk in five innings. Erica Brickey got the win for the Bears, tossing a five-hitter, giving up one earned run.

Fletcher had two hits and an RBI to pace Madonna. Amanda Crawford had a single, double and a triple for Shawnee State with three RBI; Brandy Orborne and Joni Akers each had two hits and two RBI.

The second game was more of a pitchers' duel. VanDoorn absorbed the loss for Madonna, giving up three earned runs on five hits and three walks, striking out four in six innings. Shawnee State's Ashley Rawson outdueled her, however, allowing just one run on four hits and a walk, striking out two.

Meghan Quinn had a hit and an RBI for the Crusaders.

Madonna swept by Spring Arbor in WHAC

Not the way you want to start your league season.

In its double-header at Spring Arbor College Friday, Madonna University's baseball team got the pitching it knows it will need to succeed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Fighting Crusaders allowed seven earned runs in the two games; the defense committed three errors in the two games, not great but acceptable.

Unfortunately, the offense managed a total of just 11 hits. The result was a pair of one-run losses, 3-2 in the opener and 5-4 in the nightcap.

Madonna slipped to 3-11 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 7-8 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC.

In the first game, Madonna's

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Joel Halliday (now 1-2) allowed three earned runs on eight hits and a walk, striking out two in 5 1/3 innings; he took the loss. All three Spring Arbor runs scored in the fourth, Stanley Filiga doubling in one run, Jordan Gruppen singling in a second and Ronald Peau knocking in the third.

Madonna scored twice in the fifth, Greg Young singling in a run and Mario D'Herin driving in the second.

Justin Hahah (2-2) allowed nine singles and did not walk a batter, striking out four to earn the win for the Cougars.

In the second game, Madonna

led 3-1 after four innings, but Spring Arbor rallied to score twice in the bottom of the fifth and countered the Crusaders' run in the top of the sixth with one of its own to knot it at 4-4. The Cougars got the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh with one out.

Madonna's hits were singles by Young and D'Herin (one RBI), but they benefitted from nine walks. Halliday also had an RBI. Seth Coffing had two hits and an RBI for Spring Arbor.

Ryan Andrzejewski started and went 4 2/3 innings for the Crusaders, giving up three earned runs on four hits and two walks, striking out three. Devin Cole (0-1) took the loss, surrendering a run on two hits and a walk in one inning pitched.

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ready to step down. While the losses are great, there's plenty to build around.

Autumn Hicks, a senior who placed third in the 400-meter run, tied for fourth in the high jump and was fifth in the 200 at last season's WLAA finals, returns. A three-time state qualifier, Hicks "has a great attitude," Gregor said. "She's in super shape. She'll contribute in more ways than just the events she's in. She's a good leader."

Michelle Bonior, another senior, has similar leadership qualities. Bonior was third in the 100 and fourth in the shot put at the WLAA's last year.

Heather Whittington is a senior who, like Hicks and Bonior, is in her fourth year on the team. A cross country runner, "she's setting a good pace for the distance kids," said Gregor.

Eliken Amable, a senior in her third varsity season, will compete in the 200, 400 and high jump, while senior Katie Gerst will help in the throwing events. Cayna Carnes, a senior distance runner who started well last year but tailed off, should be a factor this season. So should senior identical twins Ashley and Amber Heard, Ashley in the pole vault and Amber in the throwing events.

"They're all good leaders," said Gregor. "I've liked the attitude they've displayed."

The team's juniors are another matter. The talent is easily apparent — the question is health. Last season, four top talents were bothered by injuries that hurt their performances.

Jessica Shamberger and Celena Davis both suffered injuries at the state regional

meet that kept them from competing in the conference finals. Both will compete in sprints and the long jump.

Melissa Drake helped the Rocks in relay events, the long jump and the 200 and 400, but a pin inserted in her foot to aid the healing of another injury hampered her all last season. April Aquino, like Drake an accomplished gymnast, missed all of last season with a knee injury suffered in gymnastics.

She'll be back this season, and at full strength. "She's an amazing athlete," said Gregor, adding he'll use her in the 100 hurdles, the high jump, the long jump and perhaps the pole vault. "We've got her in a lot of things to see what is best for her."

There's plenty of other juniors. Like Staci Schmedding in the hurdles, Jenni Jedlick in the pole vault — she holds the school record (8-feet, 9-inches) — and hurdles, Kim Brown in the pole vault and Jill Grey in the distance events.

"This is a good group," said Gregor. "We knew that a couple of years ago."

There's a few sophomores who could help at least address those massive holes in the lineup left from those who graduated. Like Susan Woodard, who competed in last season's state meet in the 4x100 relay and could run any of the sprints, and perhaps help in the throwing events, too.

Then there's Jennifer Early in the throwing events, Erin Jensen and Stephanie Hejduk in the distance runs, and Amy Master-son in the hurdles.

There are also 15 freshmen on the team, a group with "some speed in it," Gregor said.

They may get an opportunity to show it.

The freshmen to watch are Drew Franklin and Teresa Chandler in the 100, 200 and jumps, and Jordan Falcusan, a natural athlete who's also playing soccer and could be in anything from the 200 to the 800, and perhaps the pole vault.

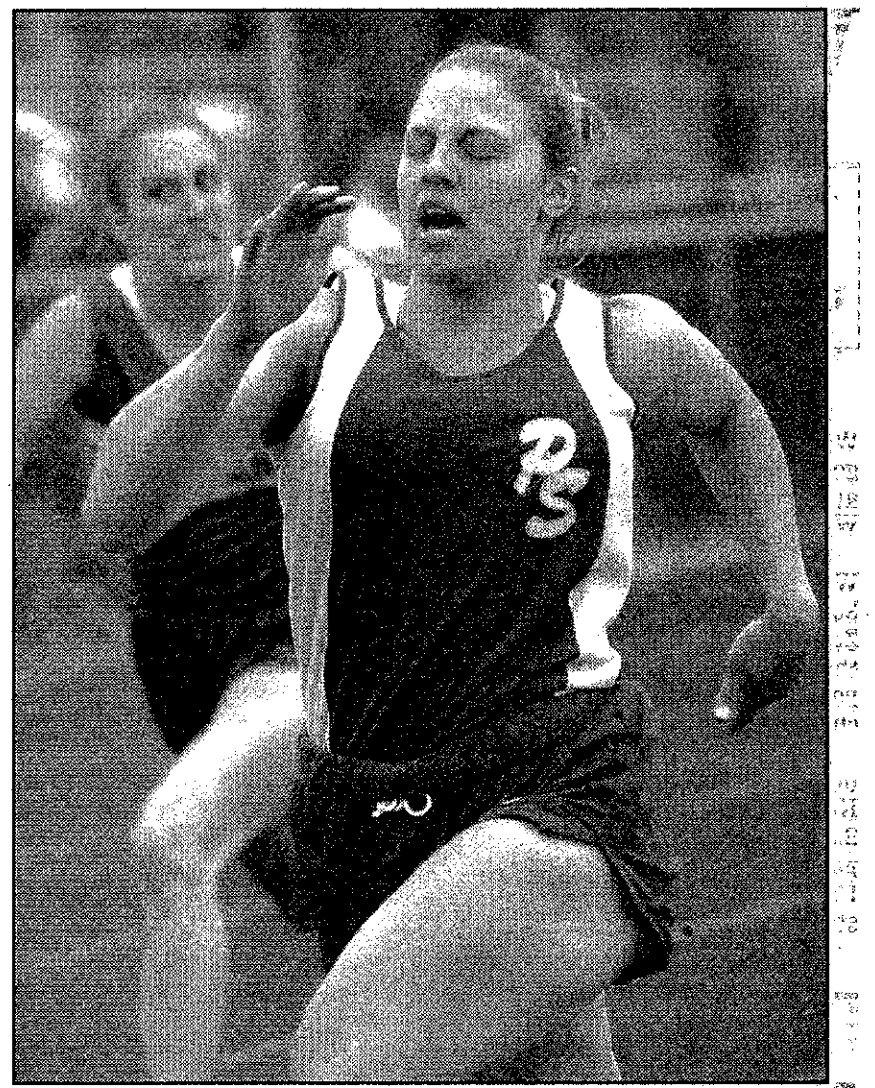
Gregor also has a pair of transfer students who figure to contribute: Vicky Rozalski, a sophomore from Dearborn Fordson, in the sprints and jumps, and Erienne Bundle, a junior from Farmington Mercy, in the 200, 400, 300 hurdles and jumps.

"Our biggest strength," said Gregor, "is the great attitude. Everybody's working as hard as we can coach them. We've tried to instill in everyone to take advantage of the short season we have."

So the question is how quickly the newcomers can adjust. "I don't think we have any real weaknesses," said Gregor, preferring to call the holes in the lineup left from the graduations as "opportunities that have opened up that need to be filled by kids who want that challenge."

"We try to build our team so that it's competitive in every event. We've got a little inexperience in certain areas. But we've got some good competition coming up. We want to see how they react to that early on."

Salem will remain near the top of the WLAA. Whether or not it can repel challenges made by Walled Lake Central, which was third last year and returns nearly every-one, and Livonia Stevenson, second a year ago, and retain its title is the question.



FILE PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Big contributor: Michelle Bonior scored at the WLAA meet for Salem in the 100-meter dash and the shot put.

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have problems, this year I don't see any holes in our lineup.

"It's just a matter of getting the kids racing experience. If they want it bad enough, they can go out and take it."

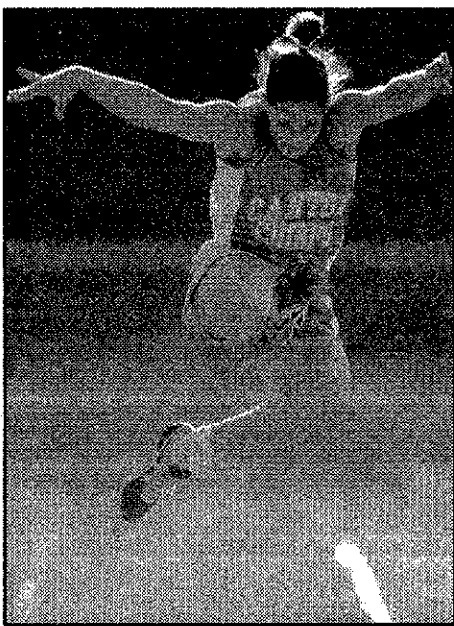
How much they can take is the question. To help address that query, many of last year's freshmen ran cross country this past fall. That training and experience must be beneficial, Venning felt.

There are certain areas of strength the Chiefs can build around. First is just about any running event Meredith Fox, now a senior, is in. At last season's WLAA meet, Fox finished a narrow second in the 400-meter run and was fifth in the 100.

She'll run anything from the 100 to the 800 this season. "I could throw her in the 1,600 if I wanted to," said Venning, quickly adding he had no plans to do so.

Another strength is the pole vault. It was feared the Chiefs may have suffered a major blow in this venue when senior Amy Driscoll, second at last season's WLAA's, suffered a torn ligament in her knee in gymnastics.

Driscoll is back, however; at the Eastern Michigan Invitational last week, she cleared 9-feet,



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Back competing: Despite a serious knee injury, Amy Driscoll will be back for Canton this spring.

6-inches. She won't be able to contribute elsewhere — the hurdles or any running events — but she'll be among the top vaulters and could be a factor in the shot put. "She's just a great athlete," said Venning.

Kristen Schilk, another senior (and a gymnast, too), returns in the pole vault, in which she placed at the WLAA's. She'll also

run the 400, and perhaps the 200 and 800.

Shiri Leventhal, a senior co-captain, has worked extremely hard as a distance runner and should be a major factor in an area the Chiefs are well-stocked.

Other returning seniors who will make an impact are Terra Kubert in the hurdles and 400; Shellie Kloeckner in the throwing events; Milyne Matheny in the hurdles; and Becky Robison in the distance events.

A senior new to the team is foreign exchange student Tina Berger, from Germany. "She will help us," said Venning, naming her possible events as the shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and sprints.

Canton's junior class isn't as large, but it has potential. Tekla Bude "is a worker,"

Venning said, tabbing her for sprints to mid-distance events, and maybe the long jump. Amy Fitzsimmons can compete "in every running event," the Canton coach said, while Julie Rotramel has experience in the sprints, hurdles and distance events. "I see 800 written all over her," Venning said of Rotramel.

Now for those underclassmen. "We're going to work with our sophomores and freshmen like crazy," promised Venning. Good reason — there's a lot to work with.

In the sophomore class, distance threats include Pam Reasor, whom Venning thought could be in the "low 12s, high 11s" in the 3,200 by season's end; Mary Maloney, who placed seventh in the 3,200 at the WLAA's last season and could compete in anything from the

400 on up, and the long jump, too; as well as Sarah McCormack, Tonda Shimbo and Erica Stoney.

Other sophomores to watch include Cindy Rotramel in the sprints, long jump and high jump; Jessica Levely in the middle-distance; Ashley Bolyard in the hurdles and pole vault; J.Q. Williams in sprints, the pole vault and 400; and Stacey Hudson, a transfer from Ohio.

There's loads of freshmen, too, including Allison Schmitz, a distance threat who ran cross country last fall. All could contribute; which ones will remain to be established.

It all spells optimism for the Chiefs. "I look for us to improve on that (seventh-place finish)," said Venning, referring to Canton's league standing last season.

"We've got a good senior class,

good leadership. They got their feet wet last year, and they had a good cross country season. They all worked very hard, and the experience they got last year will definitely help them out."

Still, while Salem may have lost quite a bit, the championship is still theirs. The strongest pre-season contenders figure to be Walled Lake Central, which returns nearly every-one from last season's third-place squad; Livonia Stevenson, another top team a year ago (second) which has several holes to fill; and perhaps Livonia Churchill, which was sixth but has also has a sizable number of returnees.

Canton has its share of veterans, too. "The beginning of this year will set the tone for us," said Venning.

How quickly they learn will be reflected in how far they advance.

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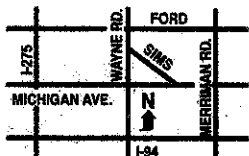
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quits. Football's been great to me. I always felt I got more out of it than I put into it."

Others might find that difficult to believe, considering how much effort he put into his profession. Still, off-the-field decisions that Moshimer thought handicapped his team's chances to succeed led to his decision.

And, although he didn't elaborate, the future doesn't necessarily look bright.

Moshimer and Canton coach Tim Baechler have lamented a lack of a middle-school football program for years. Although both Plymouth and Canton have highly successful junior football programs, they have weight limits that prevent bigger kids from playing.

Also, the opening of a third high school, scheduled for 2002, will hurt both school's football programs. For one, the present plan is for all three schools to share the same facility. With the land behind the schools, previously used for practice, already shrinking due to the new con-

struction, the situation doesn't figure to improve.

"I have no clue how they're going to work that out," said Moshimer.

His lack of input into those decisions had to rankle Moshimer, although he refused to comment on it.

"It was just a lot of different things," he said.

What wasn't difficult was figuring what he would miss the most. "Absolutely, the coaching part of it," said Moshimer.

"Being on the field. Game night was always exciting, and I really enjoyed the preparation part of it. Practice time just flew by for me."

Although recent seasons haven't been too successful — the last time the Rocks were in the state playoffs was 1991, and they've never won a playoff game — there are fond memories.

"There's been so many," he said. "Obviously, that team of '74 is one. We weren't big — we were small. But we had the high-

est playoff point total ever. "Unfortunately, that was the year of the paper playoffs."

Moshimer's Salem teams, with their option-oriented offenses, were always well-prepared and ready to play, Wolcott said.

"He got a lot out of our talent," Wolcott said. "That's the hallmark of his career."

It won't be easy to follow those footsteps.

■ "Absolutely, the coaching part of it. Being on the field. Game night was always exciting, and I really enjoyed the preparation part of it. Practice time just flew by for me."

— Tom Moshimer (right)



Rockers - D1

win at Wichita Thursday and then beat the Attack Saturday, the outcome of Sunday's match at Milwaukee wouldn't matter — Detroit would be in.

In Sunday's win over Cleveland, the Rockers first in three meetings this season over the Crunch (18-20 through the weekend), Domenic Mobilio again provided a spark — but not the only one.

Detroit led 5-4 after one quarter and 11-7 at the half. Cleveland narrowed the gap to 11-9 early in the third, but Martin Nash, who had a three-point goal in the first half, scored a two-pointer in the third to push the Rockers' lead back to four.

Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst scored fourth-quarter two-pointers to keep Detroit in command.

Mobilio finished with his seventh hattrick since joining the Rockers in a trade with the Philadelphia Kixx last month. He also had an assist for seven points.

Nash finished with five points, Matt Knowles had a two-point goal and two assists (four points), Callahan had a two and an assist (three points), and Ernst had a goal.

Hector Marinaro paced the Crunch with a three, two twos and three assists for 10 points. Tommy Tanner had two twos and an assist (five points) and Troy Dusosky had a two.

Detroit bombarded Cleveland goalie Nick DiCello with 36 shots; he made 26 saves. Alan Placek faced 18 shots in goal for the Rockers, making 12 stops.

In Friday's loss to the Wave, a lack of offense severely hampered Detroit's efforts. The Rockers trailed 4-0 at the half, Joe Reiniger and Alen Osmanovic scoring for Milwaukee.

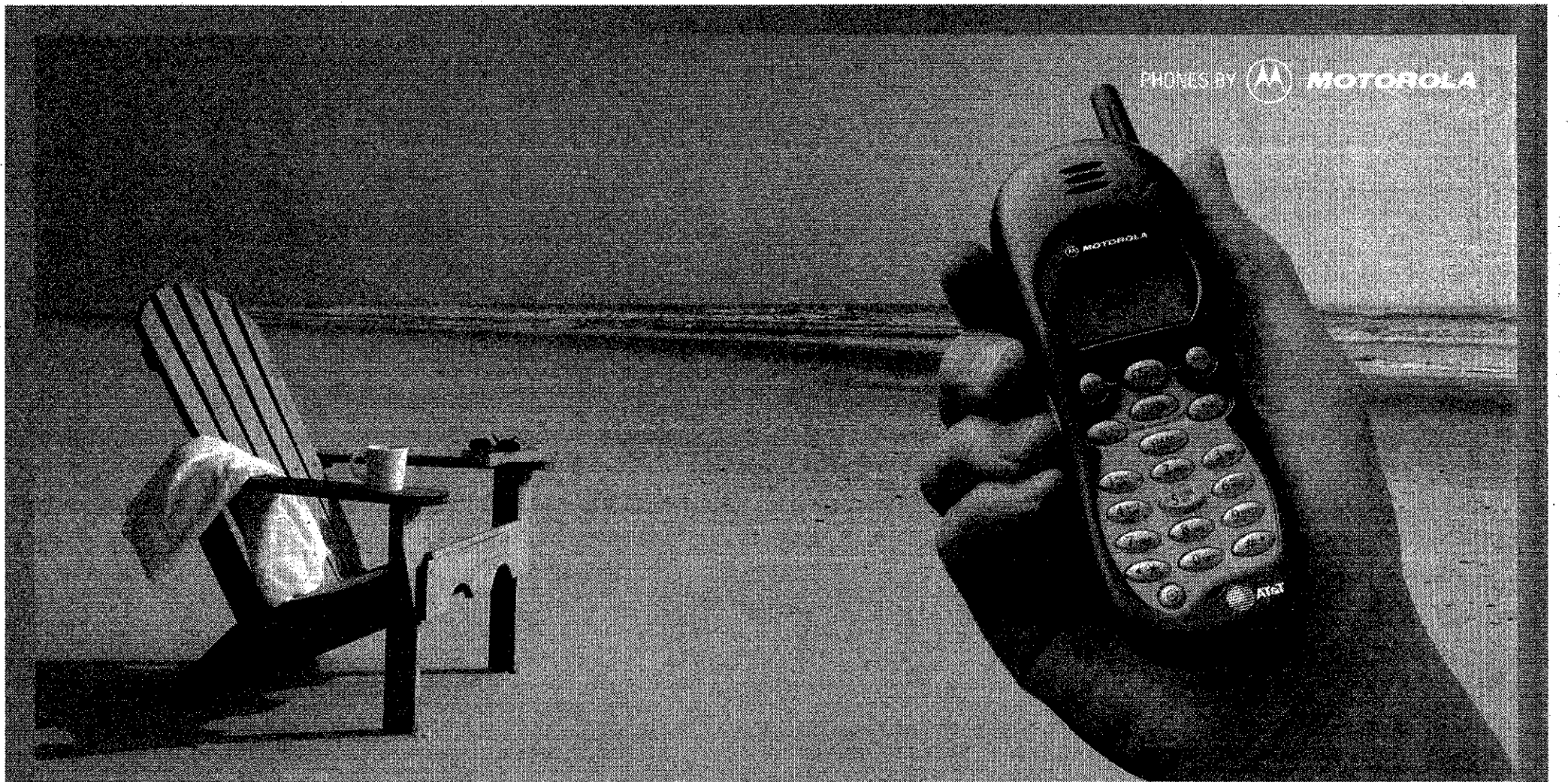
Detroit wouldn't allow the Wave to pull away, however. Nash's two-pointer narrowed the deficit to 4-2 2:27 into the third quarter.

Sipho Sibiya pushed Milwaukee's lead back to four with a two-point goal three minutes later, but again the Rockers struck back with a two by Dennis Brose, making it 6-4 after three quarters.

Reiniger's second goal of the game made it 8-4 with 5:10 left to play, but Ernst pulled the Rockers back to within two with a goal with 2:22 remaining. However, Jason Russell's two with :27 to go clinched it for Cleveland.

Joe Malachino had two assists for Detroit.

Placek faced 14 shots in goal for the Rockers, making 10 saves. Victor Nogueira turned away 22 of the 25 shots the Rockers took at Milwaukee's net. The Wave were 22-16 through the weekend.



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Game 4: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30.

Game 5: Sarnia at Plymouth, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Compuware Arena (if necessary).

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comeback. "But I thought our guys really responded well."

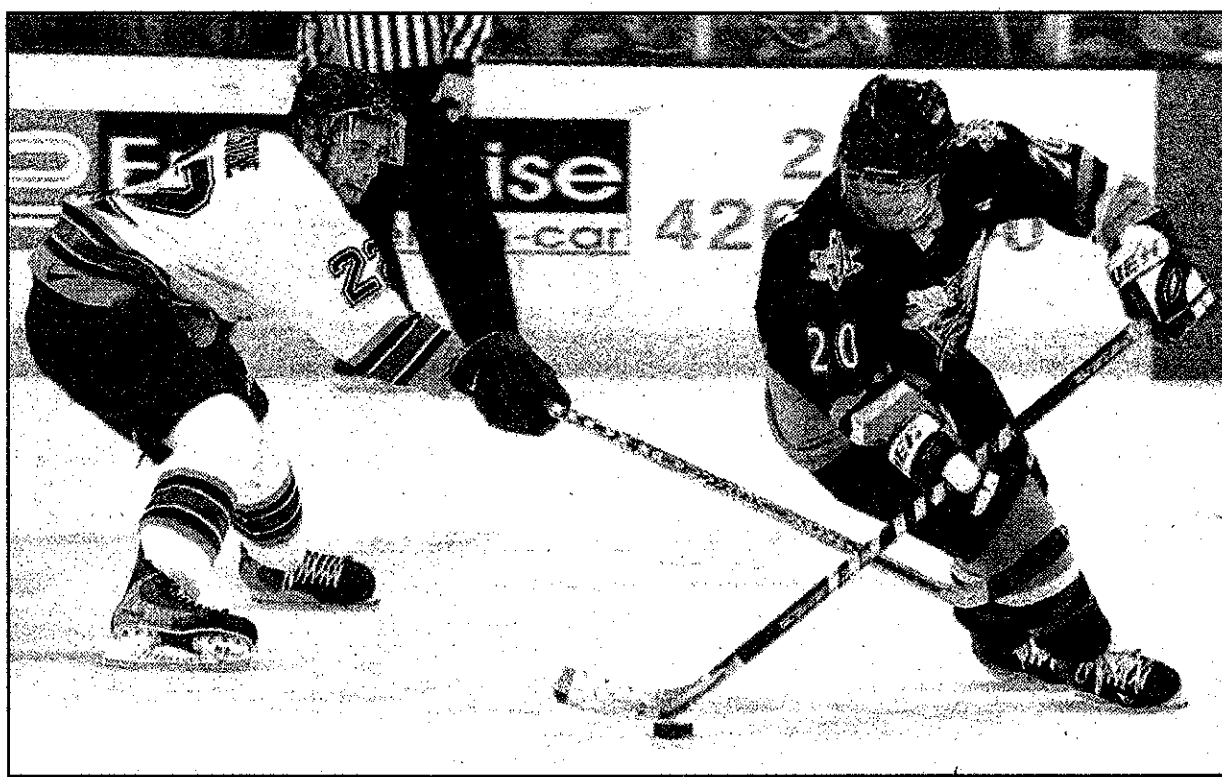
Going into the playoffs, DeBoer's greatest worry was how to get his players to respond. "We wrapped up the division so early, I thought we played complacent over the last month," he said. "That's what concerned me the most."

"I wanted them to play with emotion, as if their playoff hopes hung in the balance of every game. That's when we play our best, when we play like everything's on the line."

The Whalers started this game just as they had the previous two in the series — by taking command early. With 3:32 elapsed, Kiser took a not-particularly-hard shot from the point to the left of Gherson; George Nistas deflected it past the Sting goalie and the Whalers had a 1-0 lead. Preston Mizzi also got an assist.

Despite Plymouth's complete dominance — it was 16-3 in shots on goal after one period — it was still a 1-0 game when Damian Surma took possession of the puck which Vernarsky had kept in the Sarnia zone. Surma rifled a shot from the top of the circle on Gherson's right into the net, making it 2-0 with 14:30 left in the second period.

The Sting had offered little resistance thus far, and they did-



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No escape: Sarnia's Mike Craigen (left) tries to get past the Whalers' Stacey Britstone, which proved a difficult task. Britstone had two assists in the game.

n't until the double-penalties to Kiser and Vernarsky. With the two-man advantage, Dusty Jamieson scored from just in front of Whaler goalie Rob Zepp with 23.9 seconds left in the second to narrow the gap to 2-1.

As the second penalty expired 42 seconds into the third period, Sarnia's Alex Buturlin lifted the puck over Zepp and just under the crossbar, knotting it at 2-2.

It was a dangerous position to

be in, but as DeBoer noted, his team responded well. With 16:19 left, Weiss chased down the puck behind the Sting net and centered a pass to the on-charging Wiseman, and he placed it over Gherson's shoulder to regain a 3-2 lead for Plymouth. Britstone also assisted.

With 7:29 to play, it was Weiss' turn. Just as a Sarnia penalty expired, Weiss skated in unchallenged to just in front of the Sting net and flipped a shot

past Gherson, making it 4-2. Britstone and Wiseman assisted.

The Sting were never able to wrestle control of the game away from Plymouth. Empty-net goals by Karl Stewart (from Chad LaRose) with 2:44 remaining and LaRose (from Surma) with 1:31 to go iced it for the Whalers, who finished with a 38-15 shot advantage.

What it means is this: They are one win from the Western Conference semifinals.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, March 30
S'field Christ. at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Friday, March 31
Andover at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Dakota at Redford CC (2), 1 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Friday, March 30
Woodhaven at Wayne, 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK
Saturday, March 31
Huron Relays at EMU, 12:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Friday, March 30
Wolverine Invitational, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, March 29
Salem at A.A. Huron, 4 p.m.
Regina at Mercy, 4 p.m.
Saline at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 30
Bedford at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Woodhaven at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Milford, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Friday, March 30
Redford CC at Birmingham, 7 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Friday, March 30
Huron Valley at Farmington, 4 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Friday, March 30
Milford at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Lakeland at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.
Churchill at Dearborn, 11 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Thursday, March 29
Melvindale vs. Thurston at Warren Valley, 3 p.m.
Friday, March 30
Dearborn Invitational, noon.

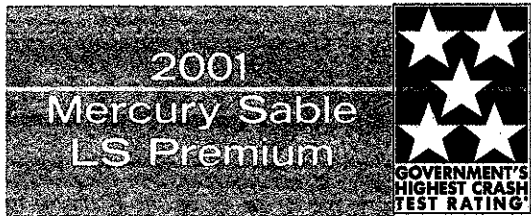
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
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Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 1
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
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Thursday, March 29
Madonna vs. Hillsdale at Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m.
Friday, March 30
Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 1
Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Thursday, March 29
Rockers at Wichita, 8:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 31
Rockers at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.
Sunday, April 1
Rockers at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
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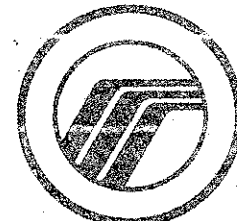
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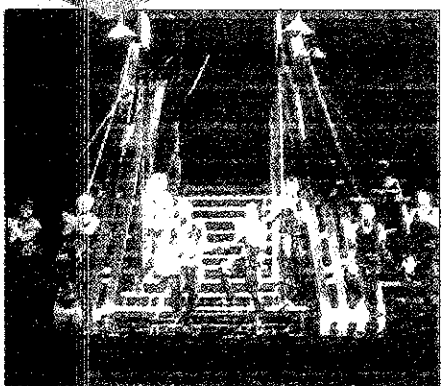
THE WEEKEND

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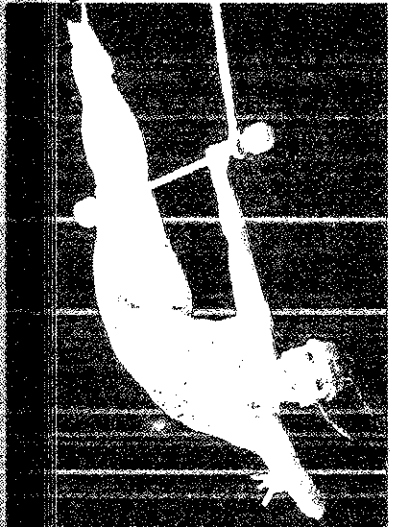
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Blow-out: The Brass Band of Battle Creek is coming to Ann Arbor Friday to present a concert.

Giving A Toot

Brass band blows into town for concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
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Brass Band of Battle Creek
When: 8 p.m. Friday, March 30
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$10-\$22, call (734) 764-2538

Dr. Jim Gray loves traditional British brass band music so much that when he no longer felt capable of playing at the same level as the rest of the group he founded with his brother William, both stepped aside. Never could they have imagined that one day the Brass Band of Battle Creek would attract musicians of the caliber of Wycliffe Gordon, trombonist with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and from England and all over the U.S. On Friday, March 30, Gordon and the rest of the band, under the direction of Constantine Kitsopoulos, will blow into town to perform a mix of marches and big band favorites as well as classics by Stravinsky and Shostakovich.

Growing up with music

"I always loved band music," said Gray, who grew up in Lincoln Park and lived for many years in Bloomfield Hills before moving to the west side of the state. Gray now plays clarinet with the Marshall Community Band during the summer. "My grandfather was a trombonist in circus bands during the Depression and my father was president of the Michigan State Marching Band in the 1940s. We listened to the New York Philharmonic and the U of M Concert Band on the record player. We wore out five of the records from their Soviet Union tour."

The Grays' early exposure to music led to the two podiatrists founding the Brass Band of Battle Creek in 1989. In 1990 they received funding from the Kellogg Foundation and were on their way.

Five members of the Brass Band of Battle Creek will fly in from England

and the sound engineer from Wales. Britain is where the sound originated.

"You might ask why all these English guys? Brass bands really got their start in England in 1860," said Gray. "If you really want to hear brass bands England

is the place to go."

Not necessarily. The University Musical Society series is making it possible to swing to the music of the 32-member Brass Band of Battle Creek in its debut performance in Ann Arbor. Gordon, a music instructor at Michigan State University, will lead a medley featuring "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "When the Saints Come Marching In." It's sure to make the audience want to get up and dance. Stravinsky's "Firebird" will stir the soul as will the band's rendition of "Lover Man."

"A brass band can perform different styles of music," said Gray. "They can legitimately play 'Firebird' and do it very well in a classic sense and then turn around and do 'Sing, Sing, Sing' and sound like a big band, or play any type of Broadway and Hollywood songs. Technically a brass band can't play 'Firebird' but come hear it and you'll see."

"There's a wide dynamic range that can pull you out of your seats. What they don't expect is the sensitive quiet pieces."

Versatility is the reason Randy Hawes joined the band three years ago. Unfortunately he won't be able to play at the Ann Arbor concert because of a scheduling conflict. The Bloomfield Hills trombonist will be performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Like the Grays, Hawes developed a love of British brass music early and later played with the River

City Brass Band in Pittsburgh.

Challenging and exciting

"The music is much more challenging and the players are top-notch from all over the world," said Hawes who taught at a brass band camp in Canton two summers ago. "Music is written mainly by British composers. It's very exciting. Some of the most difficult pieces for brass are in the British brass literature."

Gray doesn't have to worry about the difficulty of the music any more, as producer of the band he has an entirely different set of challenges from booking hotel rooms to sending out music six weeks in advance to musicians. In 1998, he coordinated the band's 10-day tour of the United Kingdom including a stop at Royal Albert Hall. While in Ann Arbor he's making sure all will be ready for the musicians to teach master classes at Cass Tech and the Detroit High School for the Fine and Performing Arts during their stay.

"Musicians aren't as difficult to deal with as a bunch of surgeons," said Gray who raised the \$200,000 necessary for the current tour of Michigan which began in Battle Creek then traveled to Interlochen Center for the Arts before arriving at Hill Auditorium.

"The hard part is raising the money. We've received grants from the Kellogg Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, plus money from tickets sales from the 2,000 seat hall in Calhoun County where we regularly play. We're planning a summer camp for ages 15 to 24 in Battle Creek for 2002. Young people are the future of brass band music whether they decide to play or are out there in the audience. Brass band music is different from what you've heard. It's rewarding when you hear the music."

DSO features guest cellist

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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E-mail is a convenient way to keep in touch with friends especially if you're a busy musician like cellist Steven Isserlis.

The chance to see a friend is one of the reasons he accepted a March 29 to April 1 engagement with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"I have a good friend in the DSO cello section with whom I have kept up the same running joke through letters, occasional meetings and now e-mails for over 15 years - and it needs a fresh infusion of ideas," said Isserlis in an e-mail interview from his home in London.

The grandson of Russian pianist composer Julius Isserlis, and a descendent of Felix Mendelssohn, Isserlis is a world renowned performer, instructor and musicologist.



Steven Isserlis

He last performed with the DSO in 1992, and will be featured on Camille Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto No. 1.

"I love the Saint-Saens concerto, and not that many orchestras ask for it, and because I wanted to play with Neeme Jarvi, with whom I haven't worked for more years than I care to remember," said Isserlis giving two more reasons why he's looking forward to performing with the DSO.

Musical background

He didn't choose to play cello growing up, his family chose it for him.

"It was needed in my family," he said. "My mother played the piano, my father the violin, my elder sister Annette was going to learn the viola, my middle sister Rachel played the violin and our dog howled so there was a vacancy for a cellist."

His warm sense of humor comes across e-mail, and it's easy to see how he could maintain a long distance

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THEATER

'Play by Play' parades across stage during marathon

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Playing around with scripts is something Heartlande Theatre Company does just for the fun of it. Unlike other groups who present the works of others, Heartlande works with writers to develop original plays that say something about the human experience.

Play by Play
What: A marathon of short plays to benefit Heartlande Theatre Company

When: Noon to midnight, Saturday, April 7. Reception in the lobby 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: The Studio Theatre, Varner Hall on the Rochester campus of Oakland University, southeast corner of Squirrel and Walton
Cost: All day admission \$20 or hour-by-hour \$5. All tickets will be sold at the door, call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1 for information, or visit www.heartlande.com

On Saturday, April 7, Heartlande is presenting a 12-hour marathon of one-act plays in the Studio Theatre at Oakland University. Each of the 24 short plays will be presented twice during the evening. Plays range in length

from seven to 15 minutes. Four are presented every hour. Most are comedies, some are absurd. Six dramas will be presented, one each hour.

"This is the only fund-raiser we do all year" said Jan Radcliff of Birmingham. "We are committed primarily to the creation, development and presentation of original works, and to the nurturing of the resident theatrical community."

Local actors and directors will present the plays submitted by playwrights from Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Minnesota, Chicago, Connecticut and Scotland.

Of the 24 plays being presented, 11 were written by Michigan playwrights.

Full day

David MacGregor of Livonia is one of those playwrights, and has been participating in the marathon for the past four years.

"It's a full day, there's nothing like it," he said. "It's almost like watching sketch TV. If you don't like what you're seeing in 10 minutes it will be different. Wherever it is people show up, and it's gradually becoming an institution."

His "Towards the Perpetuation of the Species" is typical of the plays you'll see - "short, punchy, self-contained."



Rehearsing: Cindy Hansen (left to right), Eric Franz, Kim Howe, and Mark Barerra rehearse their lines for "Accelerated Learning" by Robert Morse of Indianapolis.

A man and woman meet in a bar, and surprise, they're completely honest with one another.

"It's a comedy about the standard dating ritual," said MacGregor who teaches film writing at Wayne State University. "I'm always intrigued with the idea of truth, so much is predicated on spin. If you strip all the facades away what's left? These two people are attracted to each other, but they know each other too well; there's no mystery. So they drink too much to forget and start over."

With help from Heartlande Theatre Company, MacGregor has written two full-length plays.

"They provided directors, staged readings, actors, to hear this stuff out loud," he said. "It's useful to see the play kind of on its feet. You see what works and what doesn't."

He has a lot respect for the group, what it stands for.

"It's almost a philanthropic exercise," said MacGregor. "They put their love and heart into it for the love of theater."

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friendship for over 15 years. But joking aside, Isserlis is a serious musician who has a passion for research and expanding the repertoire for cello.

"I love finding unknown, or little known works for the cello, and playing/recording them," he said. "It is a real thrill to know that one is breathing life into a neglected offspring of a major composer — or that one is dusting off the work of a composer who has been unjustly ignored, and would have gone to the grave hoping that his or her works would one day be rediscovered."

Contemporaries

Isserlis also enjoys working with contemporary composers, and musicians like violinist Joshua Bell who performed with the DSO on Jan. 12. Bell and Isserlis have been friends for 15 years.

"We clicked musically as soon as we played together," said Isserlis. "I love playing with him because he's a wonderful artist; we also have great fun together even though we are very different people."

Bell is featured in almost all of Isserlis' major projects including his latest recording for RCA Red Seal, a CD devoted to the cello music of Saint-Saens that features the neglected Cello Concer-

to No. 2 and the second Cello Sonata.

"Recording all of Saint-Saens' output for cello has been deeply satisfying," he said. "Of course, the concerto I am playing in Detroit is well-known, but works such as the 2nd concerto, 'La Muse et le Poete' (for violin, cello and orchestra) and the wonderful 'Priere' (for cello and organ) are little known, even though they have all been recorded before, and they deserve to be just as famous as the first concerto, or 'the Swan.'"

Inspiring young musicians

In addition to discovering what he calls "Sleeping Beauties," Isserlis is committed to education, and inspiring a new generation of musicians.

He developed a collection of eight contemporary miniatures for cello designed for children and amateur cellists, and is working on a children's book about composers.

"I love playing to children and seeing their honest reactions to the music," he said. "Also, I had the privilege of being brought up in a house full of music, and as far as it's possible, I'd like to pass on a bit of that luck to other children. Also, my son plays the

cello and listens to lots of music, which does rather focus my attention on the issue."

He'd rather be performing than composing music, and believes his talents lie in interpreting, not in creating music. "I'm only a secondhand artist," he says.

But, there's nothing secondhand about him, he's an original, someone who believes "to be routine in music is a sin."

In addition to finishing the children's book, Isserlis is organizing a performance of the St. Matthew Passion by Bach in Gloucester Cathedral to be conducted by Sir Colin Davis and led by Joshua Bell, which, he says, "has been a longtime dream of mine."

Concert-wise, he goes immediately to Frankfurt to play with Paavo Jarvi after the last concert in Detroit on April 1.

If you've never seen Isserlis play, or unfamiliar with his music, why should you come to this concert?

"Because there's nothing good on TV that night," he jokes, and although you can't see it, you can feel his smile, and hear his laugh.

The all-Romantic program also includes Symphony No. 2 by Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Cesar Franck's "The Accused Hunter."

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Heartlande Theatre Company has been in existence for 11 years. Radcliff and Mary Rychlewski of Ferndale are the remaining original members.

"We ultimately do what we want to do," said Radcliff. "Outside of academic training, there's no place to go to learn how to write a play. The need rose out of just looking at the commu-

Heartlande works to develop new talent through its New Plays Initiative. Writers meet twice a month to discuss their works.

"Play by Play" is a showcase of works by new playwrights, and also an opportunity to see local directors and actors at work. Featured playwrights include Kitty Dubin of Birmingham — "Bye Bye Love," and Kim Carney

of Beverly Hills, "Dependence Day."

"We hope that maybe we can find new writers, directors and actors," said Radcliff. "It's an opportunity to see a whole group of people that we didn't know before. It becomes a community networking opportunity."

"The biggest lesson for me was because people have ownership, they do incredibly good work. You see wonderful acting and directing. When you see these plays parading across the stage, it's mind boggling."

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

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The Family Book Talk selection for April is "Dragon's Milk" by Susan Fletcher. For more information, call (734) 397-0999. There is no charge for these programs.

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Hosted by the Ann Arbor District Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (all paperbacks 25 cents each, hardcover 50 cents each). From 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 30 anyone can fill a brown paper grocery bag with books for \$4. In the Book Shop, lower level of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., (734) 327-4211.

SCREENWRITER'S SEMINAR

Bonnie Garvin, a native Detroit and successful screenwriter, will host a seminar 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at The Community House, 380 Bates St., downtown Birmingham for local movie buffs who wish to make their mark in show business. The cost is \$125 per person and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Call (248) 644-5832 to register.

WRITER'S GROUP

WaldenBooks Writers Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the store, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia. All writers are welcome. The group includes accomplished writers, beginning writers, and those who have always dreamed of being a writer. Call (734) 261-7811 and ask for Wanda if you have any questions.

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STREET SCENE

Stephen Malkmus makes it out on his own



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

"All I do is talk," announces the voice on the other end of my telephone in quite the sarcastic tone.

It belongs to Stephen Malkmus; he's been on the phone all day. So much so, the battery on his portable is dying out and he's forced to go upstairs to his cold bedroom just to talk to me.

"I don't even like sleeping up here," he says. "Downstairs, it's kids rules - the satellite dish and my stereo. Up here all there is a bed."

But he doesn't want any sympathy. "It's nice to talk to an American," he says. And I'm flattered. I'm his first American interview all day. The reason I'm calling - along with hoards of other reporters, while Malkmus might rather be enjoying his last two days of freedom before leaving his Oregon home and heading out on tour? His brand new self-titled solo album of course.

The one I can't get out of the CD player.

Released last February on Matador Records, the solo effort feels like a seamless next-step for Malkmus, formerly of Pavement. He began writing the songs just after finishing what became Pavement's swan song, *Terror Twilight*.

"I didn't really have much of a plan when I did it," he admits. "I just wrote tunes at my house in a digital studio. The people I thought about working with ended up being at the bar at the right time."

Those people are drummer John Moen (The Maroons, Elliot Smith), bassist Joanna Bolme (formerly of Calamity Jane), and new to the tour, pianist/guitarist Mike Clark (The No Nos).

"John Moen, he's the drummer, he's a local guy around here. He plays in millions of bands... We rehearsed in his girlfriend's basement. After a couple of weeks, I decided I really should ask Joanna. She works in a local studio, Jackpot. We play Scrabble. It made sense to ask her."

And so he had his line up. He had his songs. The first of which is a jaunty rock tune called *Black Book*. "That was the best one of the 12 to go first," he said, his chipper voice dipping a little. "The lyrics are kinda bad."

It's not so much what Malkmus is trying to say in these songs, as how he's saying it. In the case of *Black Book*, no matter what meaning you extract, you'll be singing it in the grocery store or in line at the bank after just a few listens. It's that contagious. "It's more of a sound," he agrees. "It's kind of a rocking sound. It's all about flow."

While this batch of a dozen new songs definitely have flow, some will work better on a stage than others. "*Phantasies* and *Jo Jo's Jacket*, we hashed it out a little more," said Malkmus. "They're more fun to play live I suppose than *Church on White*. For some reason *Discretion Grove* (the first single) is good live. *Troubble* is good. It's hard to play *Vague Space*. *Trojan Curfew* has a certain blend of instruments that is hard to recreate."

When asked if he expects some

of these songs will evolve on tour into something more friendly for performance, Malkmus responds: "It's a question of how much you care about them."

"We have a couple more songs made for a stage setting, where these initially weren't. They sound good out of the speakers." Attendees at the upcoming show should listen for a new one, *One Percent of One*. Malkmus said it's the one song everyone wishes was on this album. "We'll have to wait a year and a half," he says.

That's good news to fans, a sign that he intends to stick with this project for awhile. But he's always been into music. Malkmus picked up guitar in high school, emulating the older kids that "seemed cool," he says. His musical diet then consisted of Kiss and Devo.

Like the idols of his youth, Paul, Gene, Peter and Ace, Malkmus returns to Rock City this month. "I do like Detroit," he says. And when you hear the indie rock icon confess he's pleasantly ridden a bicycle from Greektown to Belle Isle and



Stephen Malkmus

watched preparations for the Detroit Grand Prix, you start to believe him."

Catch Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5 at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

Call (248) 645-6666.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130.

Music award nominees unveiled

PRNewswire - Triple Grammy Award winner Eminem, Kid Rock, Rochester native and superstar Madonna, Uncle Kracker, Carl Craig, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and Livonia-based The Suicide Machines are among top nominees for the 2001 Detroit Music Awards, 7 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the State Theatre in Detroit.

The DMAs are an annual presentation of the Motor City Music Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Among this year's multiple nominees in 73 categories are Alberta Adams, The Atomic Numbers, Valerie Barrymore, Buggs Beddow, Blackman & Arnold, Scott Campbell, DJ Assault, The Dungbeetles, Fred

Hammond, Lisa Hunter, Immunity, Jennifer Knapp and Livonia native, Paradime.

Distinguished Achievement Awards will be presented to Motown songwriting great Barrett Strong, of BoomTown Sound in Southfield, the late blues hero Willie D. Warren and longtime WRIF disc jockey Arthur Penhalow. The Board of Directors Award for Special Achievement will go to public television station WTVS' arts program *Backstage Pass*.

Performing at this year's show will be Alley Life, The Atomic Numbers, The Brothers Groove, Johnnie Bassett and the Butler Twins with Thornetta Davis and Valerie Barrymore, Lisa Hunter and an opening performance

drum circle led by Mahindi Masai.

Just added to the list of performers is D-12, which has instigated speculation that The Real Slim Shady himself - Eminem - might make an appearance.

Sean Deason and DJ Assault, both on Birmingham-based Intuit-Solar, will be the house DJs for the evening.

Detroit Music Award tickets cost \$10 for balcony seats, \$25 for limited mezzanine seats and \$100 for tables of four. Main floor tables and sponsorship packages are available by calling (248) 486-3424.



Count on it: The Atomic Numbers - (left to right) Zach Shipps, Tim McHugh, Jeff Hupp and Matt Aljan - will perform at the 2001 Detroit Music Awards, Friday, April 6 at Detroit's State Theatre. Tickets are on sale. Call (248) 645-6666.

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'On Golden Pond' warm, funny evening of theater

Schoolcraft College's Theater Department presents "On Golden Pond," dinner theater 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31; performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7 in the Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Dinner theater tickets \$21, performance only \$10. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5457.

By BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Schoolcraft College's current production of "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson, is a poignant story of a couple grow-

ing old. Director, James Hartman has fashioned a warm and funny evening of theater with a mostly inexperienced cast, save for the exceptional talents of Ray Van Hoeck. He plays Norman Thayer, a sometimes forgetful, often cantankerous, but always lovable old codger about to celebrate his 80th birthday.

When we meet him, he and his wife have just returned to the family's summer home at Golden Pond in Maine. (Which by the way actually exists.) Van Hoeck skillfully captures the essence of a slightly befuddled senior citizen attempting to gracefully exit this life. Norman expects it to

happen at any moment. Van Hoeck straddles the thin line between the morbidity of talking about death, and delivering comedic insights into his state of mind. For example, Norman, an avid reader, wants to finish a book before he goes, so he decides to read a "novelette." When asked how it feels to turn 80, he barks, "Twice as bad as it did turning 40!"

Doting wife

Deborah Mornewick makes her stage debut as his wife, Ethel. She is very good as a doting mate of 48 years who knows

her husband's every mood and move. The eternal optimist, she props him up when he needs it most.

Most every family has a strained relationship or two, and in the Thayer clan that is provided by their daughter, Chelsea, played by Madelaine Abernethy. She effectively portrays an estranged, divorced daughter who comes home this summer, with suitor in tow, and his 13-year-old son, to work out a lack of communication over the years.

Ben Campbell in the role of the son, Billy Ray, joyfully delivers a life-altering change to Nor-

man. At first put off by this hip-hop kid from California and his foreign language ("crusing chicks" and "B.S-ing") they learn from each other and are soon fishing buddies.

The daughter's new husband-to-be (Bill Ray) is played by James Edwin Sholtz. His demeanor is somewhat distant (which doesn't always match the lines about him) but it's consistent and works in a strange way.

Danny Patrick, in his first role, appears to have a natural comedic bent (and a most inventive, infectious laugh) as Charlie Martin, who delivers the mail by

boat (which also is historically accurate at Golden Pond).

The cast's ability to connect with the audience is especially clear near the end when Norman's ticker sends him to the floor in pain — and there is a palpable gasp — as the audience hopes this is not the end, and that perhaps another summer awaits on Golden Pond. Time may be running out, but its never too late to learn how to enjoy the many little things that life has to offer.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

Guild presents 'Fantastick' production

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Fantasticks," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, April 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 and April 8, 15138 Beach Daly, (1 block south of 5 Mile Road), Redford. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Group rates available. (313) 531-0554.

By PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you were to lock Shakespeare, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Abbott and Costello in a room together, give them a few drinks to loosen up, and tell them to collectively "think outside of the box," the result would be "The Fantasticks" as performed by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

Best described as a romantic comedy musical, "The Fantasticks" was derived from an ancient Roman comedy and adapted by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. The humorous tale, which is full of gags and audience interplay, centers on Matt (Craig Broombaugh) and Louisa (Maggie Keenan-Bolger), two young neighbors in love who have been forbidden to see each other by their parents.

In actuality, Honeysuckle (Misha Dionne) and Bellomy (Ken Wood) have built a wall between their homes to entice their children into falling in love and marrying. A little something we call "reverse psychology" in this day and age. The finishing touch to the parents' scheme is an abduction during which Matt becomes a hero, sav-

ing his beloved Louisa from the clutches of El Gallo (Steve Morgan) and various other characters.

Act Two finds the united neighbors unfulfilled with scrupulosity-they sing of things turning from scenic to cynic — so the young lovers separate to discover what other adventures the world has to offer. After the world has had its way with the naive individuals, they each return home to find that there is more to love than they originally thought, having outgrown their crush from months earlier.

Broombaugh's performance as Matt is stunning. His well-rounded talents turn the music and the character into a wonderful display of humor and passion. Similarly, Keenan-Bolger's caricature of a girl who is convinced she is a princess is exceptional.

The most hilarious pair in the production is easily Henry (Matthew Ripper) and Mortimer (Aaron McCurry). Their vaudevillian style is present throughout the show, and Mortimer's death scene is classic comedy at its best. They are major players in the "Rape Ballet" (the abduction/rescue scene accentuated with a strobe light), showing off their dying skills over and over again, though it is El Gallo who is the driving force there. Morgan demonstrates his singing talent many times throughout the production, including the familiar "Try To Remember." In "It Depends on What You Pay," he sells the

abduction-they refer to it as a rape-to Bellomy and Honeysuckle, offering them every variety of rape and singing the sales pitch: "the sort of rape you get depends on what you pay." When taken in context, it is a very funny song.

Also notable are the performances of the three mimes: Ethan Bobee, Mark Ripper and Renee Hermiz. They do everything from dress the stage to play the role of the "wall." They even have a few singing and dancing parts — a rarity for mimes, I'm sure. A constant on stage, the mimes are responsible for the simple set consisting of a bulky red box, a chair, some trees and four trellises. The

audience is left to easily fill in the rest with imagination (though the mimes do supply the glittery rain and snow).

Director Rob Papineau and Music Director Ken Pletzer have brought fun and imagination to new theatrical levels with "The Fantasticks." Every aspect of the show, from the music to the costumes, draws the audience into a frenzied world that is so obviously our own. Kudos to the cast and crew for carrying on the longest-running musical in the world with such wonderful style.

Pamela Joy McGowan is a Livonia resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

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DINING

The Sheik puts focus on fresh, healthy cuisine

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Sipping a glass of freshly squeezed carrot apple juice, Dean Hachem, owner of The Sheik restaurant, is relaxed, yet keeping a watchful eye on diners seated around him.

It's not that he's nervous, Hachem just wants to make sure everyone is happy and comfortable in the newly opened restaurant at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in industrial and mechanical engineering, but missed being on the floor of a restaurant talking to people.

"Serving fresh healthy food, this is our joy," he said. Hachem put his engineering degree to work supervising restaurant renovations with much attention to detail.

His friend, Hashim Altowil created the restaurant's mosaic murals. A magic carpet decorates the top of the bar, the chandeliers and antiques were imported from the Middle East. Inlaid wood tables were special ordered, as were the Italian chairs.

The Sheik
Where: Laurel Park Place, 37716 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-7400
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Cozy atmosphere

"We're trying to create a nice, cozy, relaxing atmosphere so people can enjoy tasting our homemade food and freshly squeezed juices," said Hachem.

A former Livonia resident, Hachem recently moved to West Bloomfield where he opened his first Sheik restaurant.

"We've been looking for a Livonia location for the last two years," he said. "It's one of the top cities in the U.S. There's a

lot of foot traffic in the mall, we'll have a summer patio."

So far the response has been very good. "Customers are coming, and going out happy," said Hachem. "Our food is fresh and exactly like you eat in a home. I try to make sure everyone has something they like."

The Sheik's menu contains the usual Middle Eastern fare — hommous, Baba Ghannooj, grape leaves, falafel, tabbouli, lamb and chicken shawarma, shish kafta, kibbee, and some surprises too.

Pita bread is made fresh on the premises, and freshly squeezed juice selections include exotic fresh smoothies made with strawberries, banana and honey, mixed with your choice of mango, guava, papaya, apple or orange juice.

There's a Caesar salad, three different spinach salads, and an almond rice salad.

Seafood

Entrees include some seafood items not traditionally found in Middle Eastern restaurants — shrimp, tuna or sword fish kabob, salmon fillet, red snapper and white fish. Sautéed shrimp and swordfish, Shrimp Scampi, Shrimp Ghallaba, Shrimp and

Swordfish Ghallaba round out the seafood menu.

You'll find lamb on the menu of most Middle Eastern restaurants, but you probably won't see baby lamb ribs, marinated and grilled with barbecue sauce, which are offered at The Sheik.

Vegetarians will dig this restaurant. A vegetarian combo for one features falafel, hommous, tabbouli, Baba Ghannooj, vegetarian grape leaves and mjadara (lentils, cracked wheat and sautéed onions) served with a salad.

Hachem points to the combos for two, the Desert Feast for Four, and The Sheik Delight for six to eight people: The combos include a variety of appetizers and are the perfect way to introduce friends to Middle Eastern cuisine.

"Our food is not spicy," said Hachem when asked to explain some of the seasonings used in Middle Eastern cuisine. "We use oregano, cumin, lemon juice, olive oil and garlic."

Chef Rudy Rammal has 25 years of experience. He attended culinary school in Lebanon and trained in Paris. Prior to moving to Michigan, Rammal worked at Al Ameer in New York City.

"We bring Middle Eastern food to a higher level with the presentation and atmosphere of the restaurant," he said.

The Sheik also has a full bar. In addition to the usual choices, the wine list includes Middle Eastern and French wines, available by the bottle or glass. There



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At your service: Dean and Andrea Hachem at the new Sheik restaurant in Livonia

are eight different beers on tap. Try Almaz-Diamond a Lebanese beer that's pilsner in style.

To recommend a restaurant to feature on the Dining page, send menu to Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor features, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

Beautiful presentation: The Sheik Delight platter serves 6 to 8 people. It includes a variety of Middle Eastern dishes, appetizers, and salad.



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THE HEAT IS OFF



Cooking with gas: While homeowners struggle through the last ravages of springtime snow, soon they will be outside enjoying grills like the Broilmaster® (left) and the Grand Hall® (below).



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Options galore: Barbecue grills often include convenient features, such as this center pan to hold and cook sauces or added chips for smoking.

But cooks are fired up about barbecuing

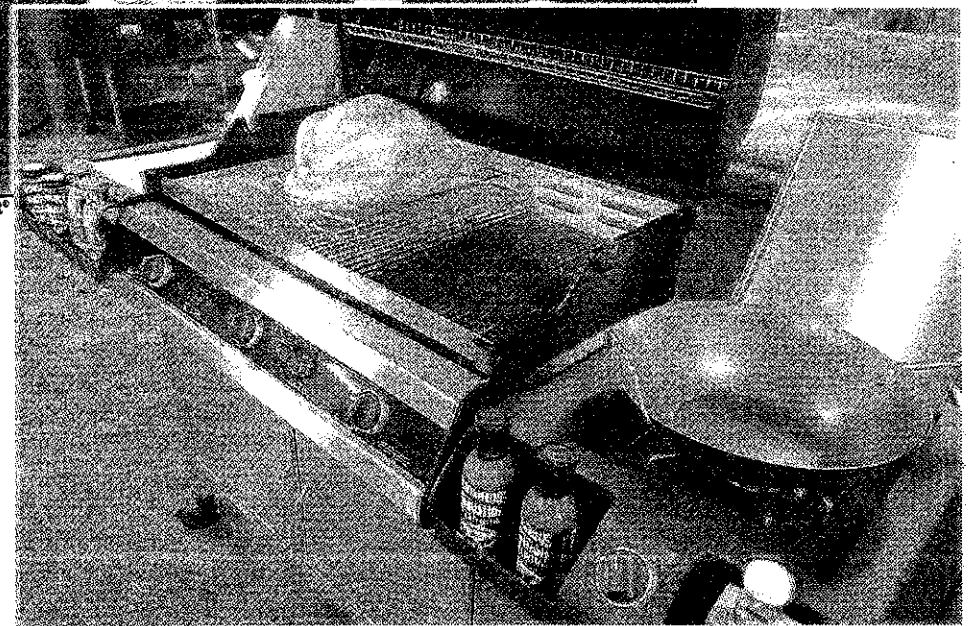


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Twenty years ago, barbecuing meant emptying a bag of charcoal briquets into a grill, giving them a squirt of lighter fluid, a light, and waiting until they turn dusty white.

Traditionalists still swear by charcoal, but many grillers today prefer to simply turn an ignitor switch. Guests might declare, "Now you're cooking with gas!" Most of us are. Americans barbecue an average of 2.9 billion times a year. Outdoor gas barbecue sales have more than doubled since 1989, according to the Barbecue Industry Association.

And with the new technology, Cro Magnon man and his rubbing sticks have met R2D2's stainless steel finish and simple ignitor switches.

These grills are the next generation and the New Wave. "People are buying higher priced grills," said Chris Talbot, manager at Town & Country Hardware in Garden City. "They like the warranties, the quality and the appearance of the grill."

"Stainless steel has really taken off. People are tired of replacing grills every three or four years."

Movin' up

Grill masters who are buying a second or third grill like to choose them like they would a house — an upgrade in size, cost and quality. "They've already bought two of these," said Gary Martin, store manager of Fireplace & Spa in Canton. (Fireplace & Spa also sells grills at stores in Southfield and Utica.) "This is their third grill and they don't want to buy another one in two years."

"They want to spend more time at home. They buy expensive grills and spas, people are going outside and enjoying their decks, and they're enjoying their patios."

You'll pay in the neighborhood of \$150 for the least expensive brand gas grill at a retail outlet or you can splurge and spend \$4,000 or more for a grill island custom-built out of tile. Many islands are displayed at the Expo Design Center in West Bloomfield. Grill configurations are designed by Dynamic Cooking Systems.

For \$7,232, you can get an island of your choice in six different tile colors with a grill and sideburner. The grills house two-sided, two-position plates to allow for variations in temperature. Ceramic radiant tubes prevent flare-ups.

High end island-style grills from TEC, available at Town & Country, can cost as much as \$4,000. These entertainment islands often include extra burners and storage.

The TEC grills house an infrared "ceramic" burner heated to a temperature of 1,600° F. The infrared heats up faster and cooks faster, company literature boasts. With the hood open, there is no hot air to dry food out, Talbot said.

"It sears in the juices," Talbot said. "It ignites the gas on the surface and it gets real hot. The infrared is the new technology in grills."

"This (grill island) is one of those things people buy because they are spending more and more time in the yard."

Not everyone is gah-gah over the infrared. Morris Ross of Four Seasons Fireplace and Barbecue in Farmington Hills thinks the infrared "isn't what it's cracked up to be." "You can go with the smokers if you want to smoke the food," Ross suggested. A special attachment can hold hickory or other wood pellets and costs about \$15.

Weber-Stephen also jumped on the upper-end bandwagon, offering the Summit® for about \$3,000. The Summit® contains 493 square inches of total cooking space and heats the cooking surface to 550° F.

OK, so you can't quite afford that kind of luxury. Still many stores offer grills in the \$500-\$1,000 price range

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"The bottom comes out for cleaning," said Martin. Prices range from \$599-\$2,199. Some models now include options that allow you to cook sauces or chili in a cast iron pan in the middle of a circular grill. "You can cook sauce or chili, then grill on the outside," Martin said.

Ross agrees that consumers look more for middle and upper-end grills, but believes that demand may slow down due to the economy.

"They're all looking at stainless steel now, but many more manufacturers are making (stainless steel grills) now," he said.

While some consumers want them installed directly to their gas lines, Ross finds customers still enjoy the portability of propane. "We find that most of them still go with the propane," Ross said. "They like that they can move it around."

But a direct gas line also can be less expensive than the repeated filling of the propane.



BROILMASTER®

Let it burn: Grills offer different options, such as these side shelves and front shelf offered by Broilmaster® for condiments, vegetables or sauces. Stainless steel is also popular with consumers.

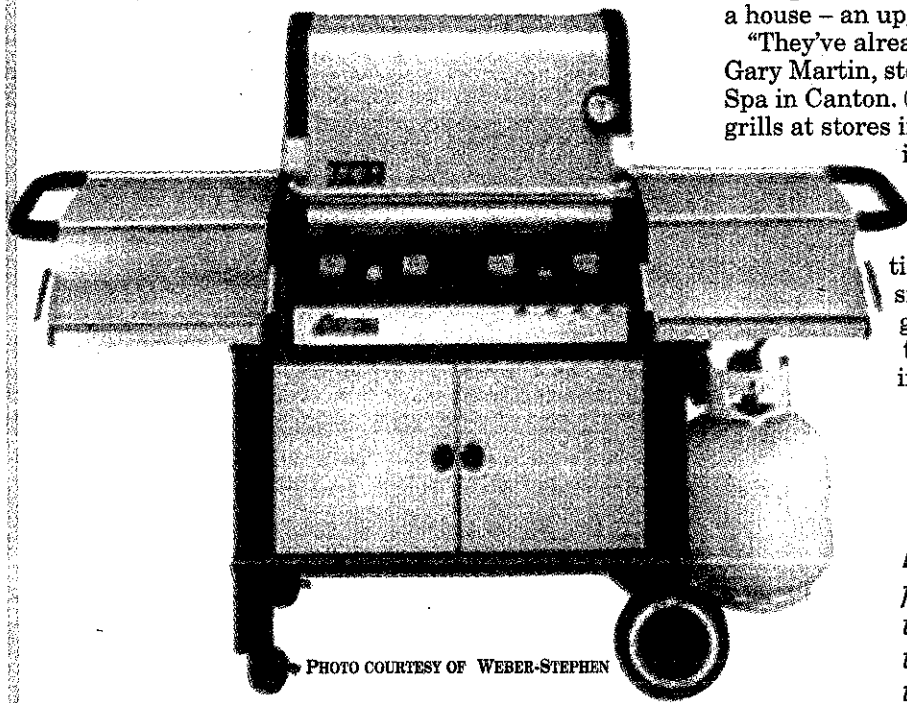


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A step up: The Summit 450® (left) by Weber-Stephen features heavy-gauge stainless steel and four burners with two side work surfaces. The Performer® grill offers the features of a kettle barbecue grill with a gas ignition system.

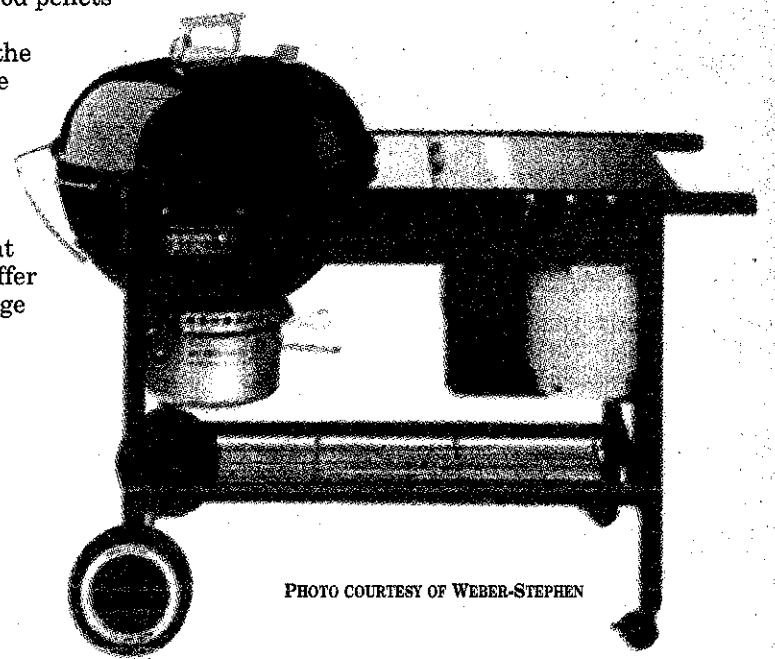


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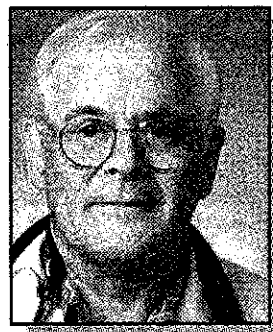


MARTY FIGLEY

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Take a look at these books, just in time for spring gardening season

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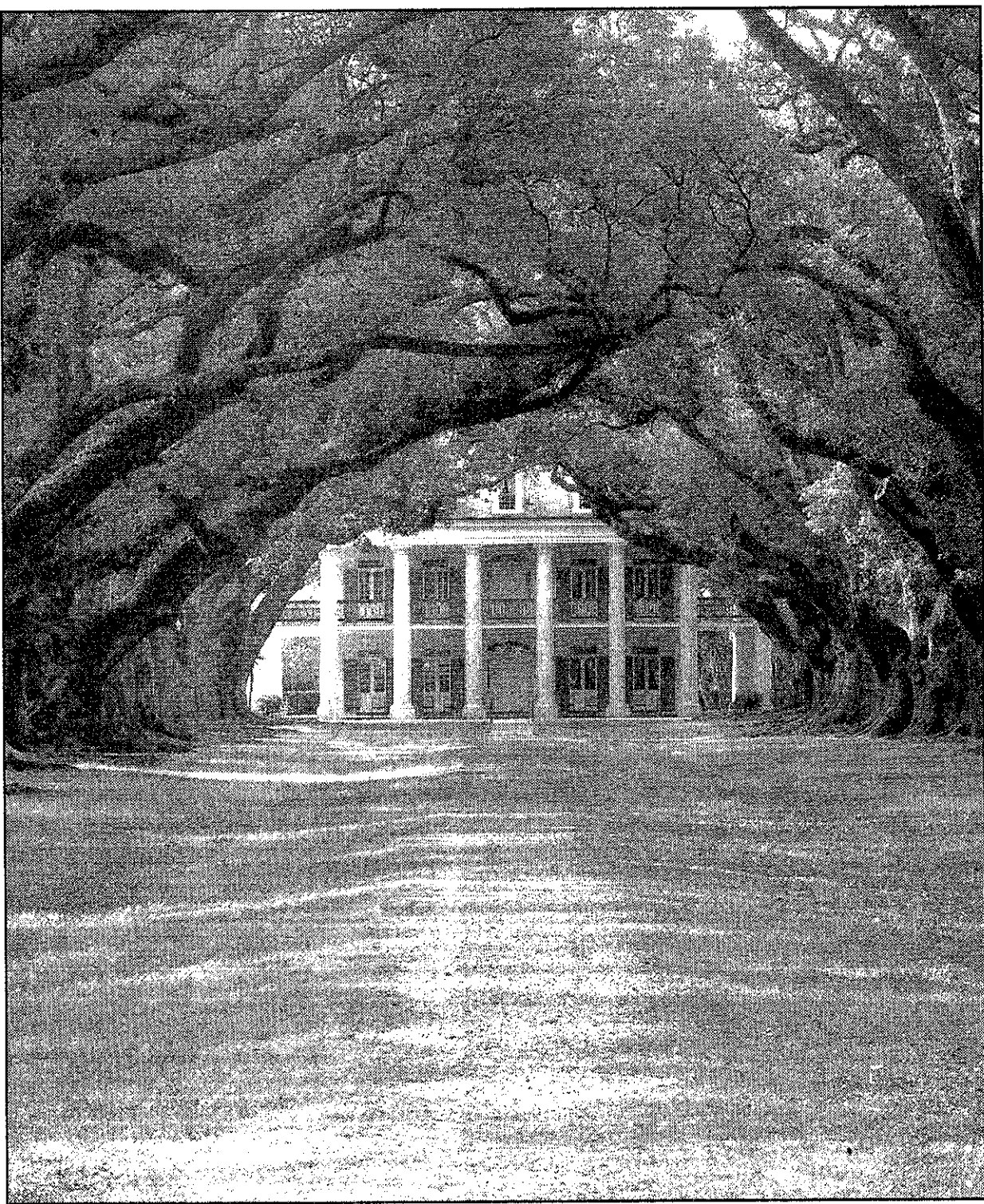
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CREATIVE LIVING



Plantation plan: After carefully studying his composition through the viewfinder, Monte Nagler concluded that directly centering The Oak Alley Plantation worked better than placing it off-center.

Break new ground, break a few rules

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Feeling a little mischievous? Want to break a few rules? With some thinking and planning and the right subject, you can do just that in your photography.

Listed below are some hints and ideas that will allow you to break what are usually steadfast photographic rules.

■ You don't always need a main subject. Abstracts and patterns can produce dramatic results. Pictures we don't instantly recognize can be stimulating and thought provoking.

■ Violate the "rule of thirds." Placing your subject in an

extreme corner of the viewfinder or even smack in the center rather than the conventional "thirds" can often add an unusual perspective to your shot.

■ Split your horizons. A horizon line directly in the middle of your picture can add interest and doesn't necessarily split the photo into two competing halves. Reflections particularly lend themselves to a split horizon line. Try it and see.

■ Photograph vertical subjects horizontally. A group of trees will often be compositionally stronger when viewed in a horizontal format.

■ Use color filters with color film. What? An orange filter with color slide film? Most definitely if shooting a dazzling sunset. You'll be amazed at the results.

■ Put some "flare" in your pictures — lens flare, that is. Try shooting with the sun just barely outside the viewfinder. You'll


get lens flare that will add an artistic "touch" to your shot. Or shoot with the sun in the viewfinder at your camera's smallest aperture and fastest shutter speed.

In other words, underexpose intentionally! The sun will appear as a "star" and any foreground subjects will be dramatic silhouettes.

■ Use a different ASA setting. That's right. Slide film, for example, when shot at a slightly higher ASA (1/4 to 1/2 stop) will produce richer, deeper and more vivid colors.

So go ahead: Be daring and break some rules. You might just end up with some exciting new photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold its first-ever Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 20 exhibitors are expected to display a range of arts and crafts items including Easter gifts, woodworking, fun cat products and handmade stuffed animals. Proceeds from the craft show will benefit St. Mary Mercy's Employee Activities Committee which is sponsoring the event. The craft show will be held in the Auditorium, located inside the hospital at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia. Call Amanda Hosko at (734) 655-8942.

TOUCH OF SPRING

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia) is sponsoring "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 150 juried crafters. Admission is

\$2. No strollers please. Babysitting, raffle and snack bar.

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.

HANDCRAFTERS ARTS/ARTS

HANDCRAFTERS will be sponsoring its 9th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 6; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 8 at the Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main Street). Over 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Lunch will be available. Admission, \$2. No baby strollers. Call (734) 459-0050.

ARTISTS/CRAFTERS WANTED

Artists and crafters wanted for the Plymouth Community Summer Festival Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. through through Sunday,

June 17, at 5 p.m. Held on the grounds of Compuware Arena, M-14 and Beck Road. Call Sandra at (313) 543-2501.

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.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

The Farmington Founders Festival will host a juried outdoor Arts/Crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application and information call (248) 477-5837.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters needed for the 15th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School (44401 w. Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri (248) 349-5344.



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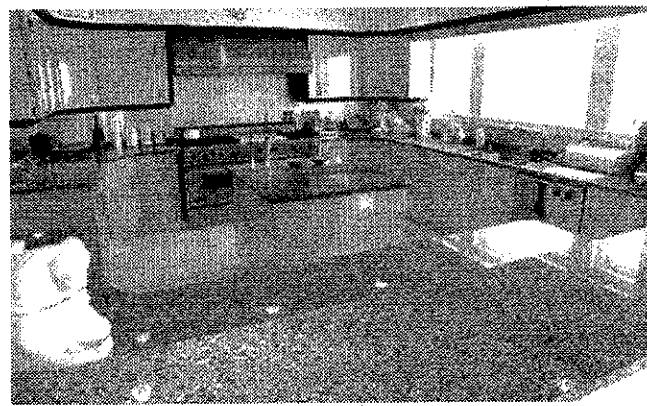
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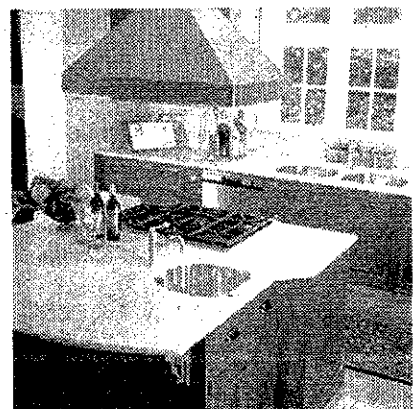


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Take a photo of your ugly bathroom and bring it into any Mathison Supply store or mail it to WJR, Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher Building, Detroit, MI 48202.

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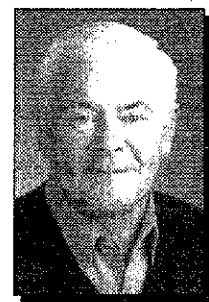
All entries become the property of WJR and must be received by April 13, 2001. No cash equivalents. Judges decision is final. No purchase necessary. Winner will be announced May 19, 2001.

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW
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HOME WORK

Paint fumes, nesting animals can smell up dryer

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

The days of summer are around the corner. Homeowners are ready to remove storm windows and the burlap wrapped around delicate trees. Soon we can put away the long winter underwear.

It's time to be outside under the umbrella of clean crisp air and start the outdoor chores which so many people enjoy. Indoor projects also begin, such as spring cleaning, painting the house or repairing the water damage caused by iced-up gutters of this winter's freeze.

Then there are those consumers who have other problems, including a clothes dryer that causes clothes to stink.

A reader writes who owns a 22-year-old gas dryer. It is described as "completely rebuilt and it runs just perfect." The machine dries clothes in the

expected time, but they smell putrid.

Folks, let me tell you that thousands of service calls are performed by the service industry on complaints, such as this one. People pay for a service call when they could service the machine themselves if only they read this column.

Open the window

Your clothes dryer needs 200 cubic feet of air every minute it operates. That air is drawn from within the house, unless you have a window in the open position. This means that anyone with a gas dryer will have that air enter the dryer's burner system and then go directly into the drum before it exits out the vent pipe.

We all know that a fire needs air to burn. If you are painting, caulking or varnishing, that odor is in the air. Those fumes can enter the dryer drum and then, through the clothes which are tumbling inside. You should always open a window nearest the dryer when using it.

Another reason for smelly clothes can come from a little critter that may have entered

Birds will build a nest just inside the vent line and sometimes one will fall all the way inside and enter the back of the dryer.

the dryer through the dryer flapper on the outside of the house. Birds will build a nest just inside the vent line and sometimes one will fall all the way inside and enter the back of the dryer. A squirrel can do the same thing and so can a few other creatures. Animals will enter inside the bottom of the dryer and set up residence without ever bothering anybody. Consumers have removed clothes from the dryer and in the dim light of a laundry room, a mouse ran up the clock or whatever. A little alarming I would say.

Watch for animals

Squirrels tend to like the smell of electric wires. Sometimes they bite into them, which can electrocute them. After these things

sit there for a few weeks, of course, they smell. That smell causes an unnecessary service call unless you take preventive action. It is now up to you to get a toothbrush and clean the hinges on the dryer door flapper on the outside of the house. Trust me folks, this has happened to some of the very people who work at this great newspaper I write for.

Now you know those little anti-static sheets that many of you use when you place a load in the dryer. When you take out the clothes, sometimes these things fall on the floor someplace. Remember the lesson learned today on how a dryer pulls in air. What if one of these little sheets was sucked inside the dryer where the flame is burning? Yes, it has happened and the whole house burned to the ground. Stay tuned.

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

Contestants can win bathroom renovation

Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures to the upcoming Spring Home & Garden Show April 5-8 at the Novi Expo Center to enter in the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio.

The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new bathtub, sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed, all of which will be on display at the show.

The show itself features gardeners and home improvement specialists.

Roger Swain, "the man with the red suspenders" as he is known to viewers of PBS' "The Victory Garden," will share gardening insights at the Garden Theater. Joining Roger is Nancy Lindley, "Michigan's Rose Lady."

Landscape flower displays will be featured from several landscape specialists. Showgoers can buy plants directly.

Trees, flowers, tools and yard accessories will be available for purchase. Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children 6-12, while children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

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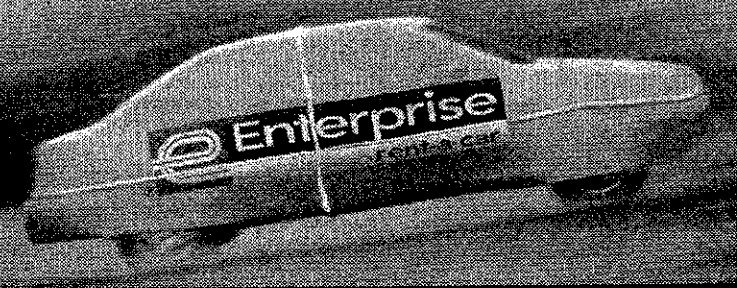
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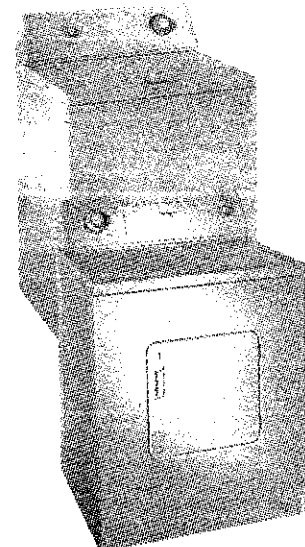
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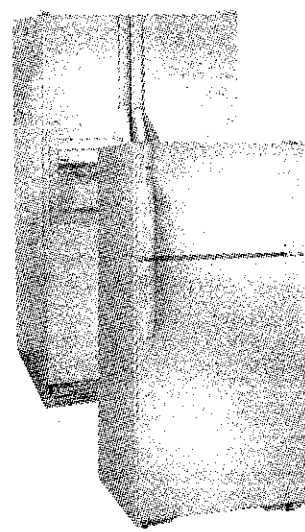
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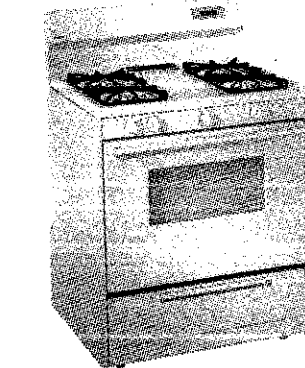
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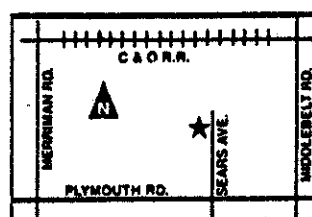
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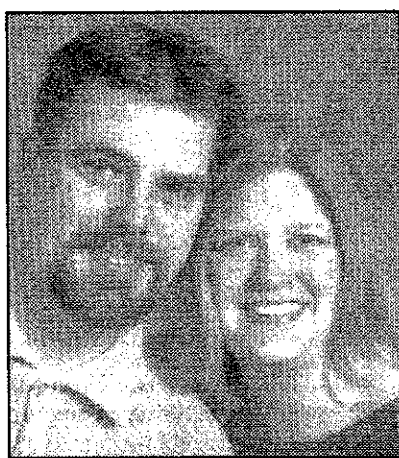
ENGAGEMENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Ryder-McPhail

Charles and Frances Ryder of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Michele, to Kenneth Roy McPhail of Kentwood.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and a 1999 Wayne State University graduate. She works for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Roy and Carol McPhail of Livonia, is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. He works at Big Buck Brewery in Grand Rapids.



A June wedding is planned for St. John's Center in Plymouth.

LaGrow-Murdock

Kathleen Wagner of Dearborn announces the engagement of her daughter, Kelly Heather LaGrow, to Kevin Dale Murdock of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned her bachelor's degree in management. She works for Blue Dot Services as an accounting supervisor.

Her fiancé, son of Max and Diana Murdock of Northville, attended the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State University, where he majored in design. He works for The Robert Carter Company Mechanical Contractors as a project manager and estimator.



A June wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Savage

Harold E. and Lois (Bingman) Savage are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this April.

The couple wed April 14, 1951 in Detroit and lived for eight years in Farmington. They are now residents of Stuart, Florida.

The Savages have seven children: Karen Zaleski, Julie Crago, Diane Brown, Lynn Peterson, Gail Tann, William Savage and James Savage.

They also have 11 grandsons and 11 granddaughters. Harold Savage has been retired for 12 years from his work at General Motors Corporation.



The couple will celebrate this occasion with a family reunion at Mountain Lake, Virginia.

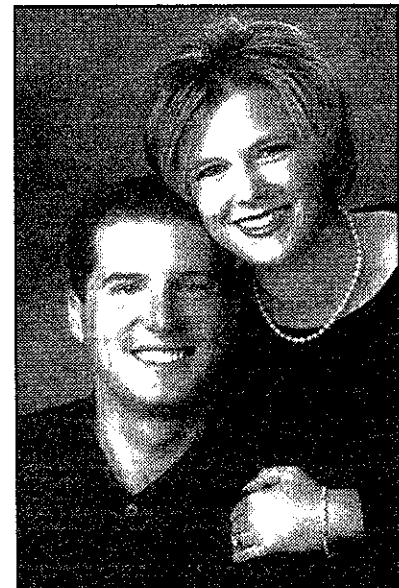
Furr-Ray

Steven and Theresa Furr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Brent David Ray of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is self-employed as a training consultant.

Her fiancé, son of Ronald and Christina Ray, is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. He is corporate vice president of a national wholesale distribution company.

A June wedding is planned at



Hans Fahren Vinyards in Calistoga, Calif.

Wilson-Deegan

Dale Wilson of Pontiac and Christine Mosack of Capac announce the engagement of their daughter, Tonja Valerie Wilson, to Jason Scott Deegan of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Capac High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is a Web site manager at Crain's Detroit Business.

Her fiancé, son of Ron and Carol Deegan of Mount Vernon, Washington and Brian and Barb Winters of Port Huron, is a Mount Vernon High School and Eastern Michigan University graduate. He is a regional editor for Student Sports Inc.



A September wedding is planned at First United Presbyterian Church of Warren.

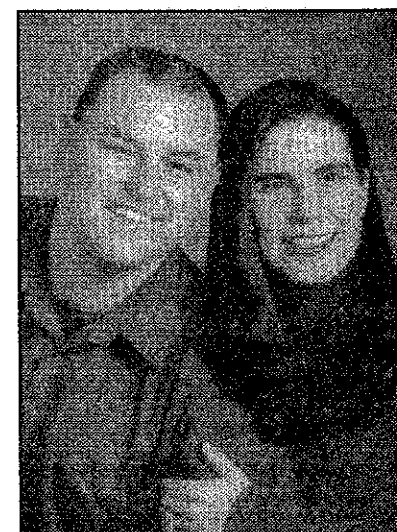
Rhein-Link

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhein of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Michelle, to Ryan Link of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a special education teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Link of Novi, is a 1989 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as an area sales manager for Ingersoll-Rand.

A July wedding is planned for Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.



Jannon-Setlock

Lawrence and Annette Jannon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Melissa, to Todd Anthony Setlock of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate.

Her fiancé, son of Todd and Linda Setlock of Livonia, is a University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate.

An October wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Church.



Cervantes-Schlaud

Rudy and Louella Cervantes of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Rick Schlaud of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a Plymouth Canton High School graduate and a graduate of Central Michigan University. She works for Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Lindsay Schlaud of Columbiaville and Kathy Schlaud of Lapeer, is a graduate of North Branch High School and Central Michigan



University. He works for the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools. A July wedding is planned at Plymouth Manor.

Shamley-Champoux

John and Carol Shamley of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne Shamley, to Andre S. Champoux of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ferris State University and works at Alcoa in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Andre and Lori Champoux of Westland, is a Franklin High School graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works at Ford Motor Company as a graphic designer.

A March 2002 wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church.



NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Leo P. and Jennifer Snage** of Redford Township announce the birth of twins **Nicholas Daniel** and **Alexandria Rose** born Jan. 8 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Dan and Sue Mahoney of Livonia and Leo and Shirley Snage of Redford Town-

ship. ■ **Eric and Renee Engelbert** of Detroit announce the birth of their son **Andrew Michael** born Feb. 3 in Garden City. Andrew joins sister Alyssa, 4. Grandparents are Michael and Linda Macerati of Garden City, Frank Engelbert of Winchester, Tenn.,

and JoAnne Engelbert of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Mike and Annie Macerati of Coello, Ill., and Jean and Bill Purchase of Clinton Township.

■ **Nancy and Sam A. Milanovich** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son

Please see **NEW ARRIVALS, C12**

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RELIGION CALENDAR

SERVICES DURING LENT

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City) will host Holy Week Services beginning April 12 at 7 p.m. with Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion; 7 p.m. April 13, Good Friday; 8 p.m. April 14 Easter Vigil service and Holy Communion; and Easter Sunday, April 15 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Resurrection with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Easter breakfast and activities for children and 11 a.m. Festival Service of Resurrection with Holy Communion.

PRE-EASTER FUN
Parents and children (2-5) can join in the fun April 3 and April 10 for a free program during Lent. Hear a story, sing a song, do a craft/activity and enjoy a snack. There will be some unstructured playtime at the end so adults can socialize. You must register by calling Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038. Event runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 w. Six Mile, Livonia).

HOLY SERVICES
Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will host Holy Communion services Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Prayer Vigil at 10 a.m. (concluding at 7 p.m.) April 13 under the direction of licensed teacher co-ordinator Joan Ham. The Good Friday Service from 1-2 p.m. will be a part of this prayer intensive and will be led by Rev. Gene Sorensen. Easter Sunday Sunrise service begins at 7:30 a.m. The service will be followed by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The two regular Easter Services will be at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Call (734) 421-1760.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER
The members of congregations of the Plymouth Ministerial Association invite the community to join in ecumenical prayer and a simple lunch of soup and bread on the Wednesdays of Lent. Offering will run through April 4 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Lunch follows after noon prayer.

LENTEN SERIES
Pastor Gregory Gibbons presents a series based on the theme "Follow Jesus" 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile Road and west of Beech Daly Road in Redford. The series will culminate in Holy Week. A Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. and two Good Friday services will be held, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Easter Celebration will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call (313) 532-8655.

FISH FRY
St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Telegraph/Northline in Taylor) will host a Fish Fry, Friday March 30 from 4-7 p.m. Call (734) 287-3866.

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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP
Holy Week worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) are as follows: Worship at 10:30 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday April 8; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service April 12. Service will include ritual foot-washing, Holy Communion and stripping of altar; 7:30 p.m. Dance-drama "The Mediation on the Cross" by Edward A. Cook, Good Friday, April 13; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 Easter Vigil; and Easter Breakfast 9 a.m. Sunday, April 15. Worship with Holy Communion and special music 10:30 a.m.

LENTEN SERVICES
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 April 4. Thursday service will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. March 29 and April 5. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal.

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.

LENTEN BREAKFAST
The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church in Garden City (6443 Merriman Road) will have their Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Their guests will be The Covenant Players. All men and women are invited to this time of prayer and reflection. Call (734) 421-8628 or Faye Myers at (734) 421-2189 by April 4 for reservations. A freewill offering will be accepted.

UPCOMING

RETRouvaille
If you're struggling in your marriage and want to give God a chance to save your relationship and family union, a Retrouvaille marriage weekend is for you. Two-year follow up surveys show that four out of five troubled marriages have been saved by attending Retrouvaille weekends. The next Retrouvaille weekends are at St. John's Life Center in Plymouth March 30-April 1 and May 4-6. Call (313) 237-6052 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

SPIRITUAL BEINGS
Men of Orchard present "Spiritual Beings, Angels and their Counterparts," at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30 in the fellowship hall (30450 Farmington Road) in Farmington Hills. Linda Wells from the DIA will be discussing and showing how artists depict the invisible in the visual arts. Everyone welcome. No charge. Call (248) 626-3620.

GUEST SPEAKER
Unity of Livonia will host guest speaker Gene Sorensen at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the church sanctuary. He will discuss "Unique Connections to Spirit." The church is located at 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

EASTER DISCUSSION
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) continues its educational series from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31. The guest speaker will be Randall Shields, campus pastor and professor at Concordia College, Ann Arbor. Shields will look at the historical Easter and its relevance to the 21st century. A continental breakfast will be offered. Cost is \$5. Please pre-register by March 28. (734) 522-6830.

CLASSICAL BELLS
The Classical Bells, a group established in 1983 who promote

handbell artistry through educational programs, workshops and concerts. They will perform at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia (30900 W. Six Mile). There is no admission charge but an offering will be accepted for the Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County organization. Call (734) 425-7861.

AN EVENING WITH SIMON PETER
Have you ever wondered what it was like to see Jesus? To travel with him? You can meet Simon Peter, talk with him and get some idea of the magnitude of Jesus' love for everyone, of his compassion and of his obedience to God's will. At 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, John Dzwonkowski will present his interpretation of what it was like to be a follower of the chosen one at St. Colette Church (17600 Newburgh Road) of Livonia in the main church. There is no admission charge, baby sitting will be available in the social area of the church and the presentation is suitable for junior high school and older children and all adults.

DARRYL SCOTT SPEAKS
Tri-City Christian Center (2020 Hannan Road) of Canton will host Darryl Scott at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2. He is the father of Rachel Scott, who was tragically

killed in the Columbine High School shootings. He will be speaking about school violence and the tragedy that took place in his life. For information call (734) 326-0330.

BLOODMOBILE
The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads) from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2 in Fellowship Hall. Call (248) 626-3620.

GRIEF SUPPORT
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center will begin a group for teens who are faced with grief after the death of a family member/friend. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday evenings beginning in May at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Youth House) - 220 Elm St. in Northville at 7 p.m. There will be an informational meeting for parents at 7 p.m. April 3 at

the Youth House. Call (248) 348-0115.

PARENTING WITH LOVE/LOGIC
Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia will host "Parenting with Love and Logic" beginning April 3 and the following Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person/couple for materials. This is the manual that you have been looking for to be a firm but loving parent. Call (734) 455-2116 to register.

A HEALTHIER YOU
Soy, flax, calcium, fruits, grains, nuts and beans. Miracle foods or hype — what's the real story? Use this Lenten time of reflection, renewal and change to become a healthier you. Join the parish health nurses at St. Colette Church (17602 Newburgh, Livonia) and a registered dietitian (Lee McDonagh) for a presentation at 7 p.m. April 3. Sample a calcium fortified dip with diet healthy fruits and vegetables. Call (734) 464-4436.



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Cheating gets you farther away from God

When I was about ten years old, I helped myself to a little glass figurine from a local dime-store. Even though I had learned the Ten Commandments in Sunday School, including the one that says "Thou shalt not steal," I didn't make the connection between the commandment and my actions.

At the time I remember thinking that the store would never miss a little glass horse (there were a lot of them there), and that someone had told me that they even planned for shoplifters, increasing the prices on items to cover stealing.

'...we can trust God to provide us with all that we need.'

Besides, I didn't have the money to buy it, and it sure was pretty! Not long after, my friend told my dad what I had done and he had quite a talk with me about the how wrong my actions were and he made me take the figurine back. Although I don't remember the specifics of what he said, what was clear to me was that this action separated me from feeling close to God. He had made me "in his image and likeness" and my job was to be that image, to express his qualities — including honesty and integrity.

I was thinking of this recently when I heard that more people are expected to cheat on their income tax returns, since the IRS is auditing far fewer people than ever before.

I think the reasons for this are similar to what I thought as a child. One may think, "I need the extra money," or, "the rich have more loopholes — it isn't fair that I have to pay so much," or, "the government won't know, or won't miss my extra dollars" or, "a lot of people do it," and even, "I'm afraid I won't be able to make ends meet without cheating a little."

All those reasons, however, pale in comparison when we know that we can trust God to provide us with all that we need.

A book that has shown me the blessings that come from obeying the commandments is "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. She says in her book "Honesty is spiritual power. Dishonesty is material weakness which forfeits divine help."

I don't know about you, but I certainly don't want to be without God's help. And what we do when we do something that lacks integrity is like saying, "in order to have what I need I have to cheat" (or lie, or evade the truth, or whatever else you might call it). And that simply isn't true. By trusting God completely with our lives we experience his blessings and protection from all evil.

Jesus said once to his followers, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12). We don't need to be concerned with what looks like unfairness or injustice. God is showering us with blessings. Our job is just to get to know him better, and see that "we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." (Ps. 100) Then our thoughts will be lifted above the suggestions of fear or lack and we will see God's abundance all around us.

In my thirty-plus years of home owning, and raising a family I have never experienced dishonesty in my dealings with others. This is proof to me that blessings come from those beloved Ten Commandments, and that rather than limiting what we can or can't do, they actually free us to experience limitless good.

Brenda Krachenberg is a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist - Plymouth and a longtime resident of Plymouth.

Arrivals from page C6

Matthew Edward born March 2 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Theodore and Jacqueline Wichorek of Novi, Dorothea and Michael Milanovich of Taylor and the late Mary A. Milanovich. Great-grandparents are Sophie Galak of Dearborn heights. Godparents are Lisa Wolf and Gregory E. Milanovich, Jr. and Mary Ann Milanovich and Gregory E. Milanovich, Sr.

Try timeout as a learning lesson for young children

Imagine yourself in the local supermarket. You're deep in thought pondering which brand of marinara sauce will be the most flavorful when your attention is drawn to a frazzled voice, "Bobby, stop hitting your sister!" You look up the aisle and see Bobby continue to gleefully bang his sister over the head with a box of cornflakes. Suddenly, the parent reacts by swatting the boy while scolding, "I told you (Whack) not to (Whack) hit your (Whack) sister."

At first this seems to be a fair and just punishment. After all, he was warned to stop ... and he hit his sister first. Besides, mom/dad's decisive reaction immediately halted his aggressive behavior. Soon, however, the absurdity of the situation strikes you (no pun intended). Even though spanking is a typical reaction to a variety of situations by countless parents, is it really the best response? The parent should consider another, more-effective alternative: timeout (T.O.) discipline.

When to call a timeout

Timeouts are brief respites during which the child sits quietly until he's told he can resume

activity. Timeouts break the cycle of undesirable behavior and allow the child time to calm himself. Older children should be instructed to reflect upon their actions during their short respites, considering how they were inappropriate and better choices for the future. The length of any T.O. depends on the severity of the infraction, whether it's a repeat offense, but primarily on the child's age. A general rule of thumb is one minute of T.O. for each year of the child's life.

Let's return to our supermarket scenario. If Bobby is unwilling to comply with a T.O. while in the store, the parent should escort him to the car and supervise him in his seat until he's satisfactorily completed his respite.

Doing so will ensure that mom/dad has Bobby's full attention and separated from any distractions. Although inconvenient and time-consuming, consistency and follow-through are critical elements to the success of T.O. discipline. Unfortunately, if Bobby's still uncooperative, you may need to drive home without the groceries in order to demonstrate your determination that

he be well behaved.

Don't be discouraged

Timeout discipline is best introduced at home. First, discuss with your child the expectations you have for his behavior and the consequences he can expect when rules aren't followed. Then be consistent. Don't be discouraged if it doesn't seem to work at first. It's not unusual to experience an increase in undesirable behaviors before elimination begins to take hold.

When children become acquainted with and are responding to T.O. discipline, it becomes easier to implement in other environments. The good news is that although this is a sometimes taxing and time-consuming method of discipline, it is also very effective when administered on a consistent basis. Most importantly, you won't try to correct bad behavior with your bad conduct.

Finally, keep in mind that it's easier to increase a desirable

behavior than it is to decrease an undesirable behavior. Give your child lots of praise and reinforcement when he's well behaved.

Kris Sangregorio is a clinical behavioral psychologist providing home-based therapy to children and adolescents from the Lifespan Garden City clinic. Her treatment specialties include parent and child relationships, anxiety disorders/panic attacks, phobias, as well as attention deficit hyperactivity disorders.

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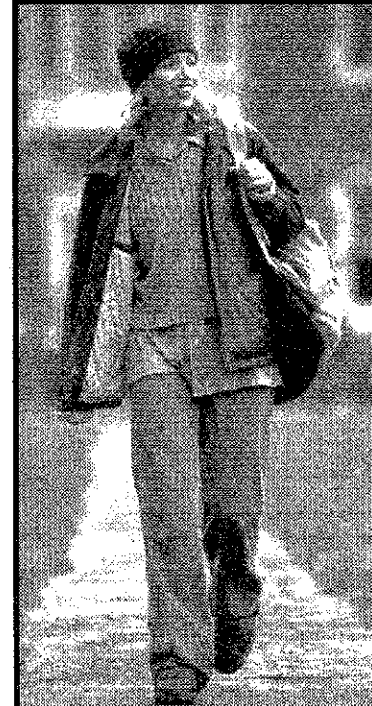
Advanced Technology Academy, an innovative public charter school, opened on the campus of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, this fall. The academy is designed to blend the last two years of high school with the first two years of college, with students earning up to a year of advanced college placement while obtaining a high school diploma.

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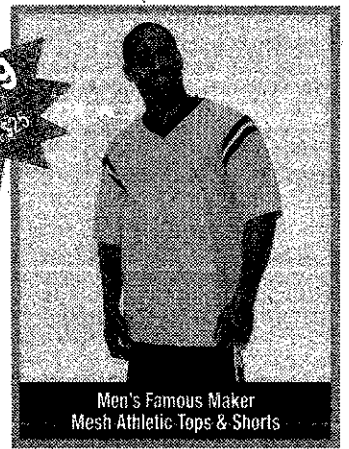
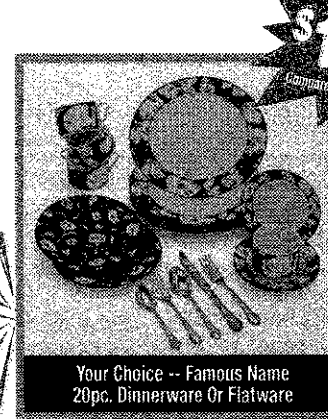
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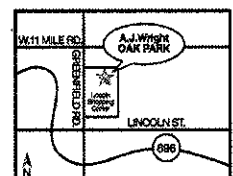
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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I have a purchase agreement I signed but it only includes the street address and not a legal description. Is it enforceable?

In a recent case out of Washington state, a buyer of land sued the seller after the seller repudiated the purchase agreement and sold to another.

The seller defended claimed the property lacked a legal description (only an address was provided.)

The court agreed that the purchase agreement was unenforceable.

While that case isn't necessarily controlling in Michigan, it's important to ensure that a full and accurate legal description is inserted in any purchase agreement.

I went to an estate sale and I liked the house. I asked if the house would be for sale in the near future, and I was informed that the house was repossessed by the bank.

What is the procedure if the bank owns the house? Does the bank do a public auction or should I check to see if the house is on the market?

If the bank has repossessed the house and the redemption period has expired, the bank likely will put the house up for sale through a Realtor.

You should find out who for certain owns the property and contact the bank directly to determine how they are going to market the property.

Presumably, the bank will sell it for fair market value, although it depends on the circumstances.

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HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- APPLIANCES INCLUDED?
- PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Here's how to bug a Realtor

BY DOUG FUNKE
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Realtors who stay at it for any length of time usually grow to enjoy their careers - doing the deal, unlimited income potential, flexible hours.

Even with a dream job, the world of work isn't always perfect. Big and little irritations dot the landscape. Professionals, through experience, learn how to read the mine field. They develop coping mechanisms.

Some things can be changed, others not.

But a little grouching never hurts. Sometimes, we can even learn from it. And by asking, you discover that nothing bugs a Realtor more than ...

"I guess phone calls not being returned in a timely manner," said Faye Moran, an associate broker with Century 21 Val U Way in Waterford.

"It can be the client, itself, the lender, the title company. We're all in business to get the end accomplished, get everyone happy. One way to do that is communication," Moran said.

"A lack of - what you would call it - a lack of loyalty on the part of buyers," said Marian Greer, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth.

"Rather than call their agent about a house they (buyers) drive by, they'll call another agent. They should contact their agent with questions. They should have their agents do searches.

"I guess agents have to do a better job of explaining their role," Greer added.

"How about non-serious buyers," said Brad Wolf, a Realtor with Hall &

Hunter in Birmingham. "They waste my time. I don't get paid for driving people around. I get paid for selling houses.

"That's the only part of my job that's frustrating sometimes. Other than that, I love what I do," Wolf said.

"Being used by people, buyers especially," said Elisabeth Less, a Realtor with Max Brook in Clarkston.

"You screen them carefully. If they're not in a position of making a move or just out for a Sunday ride, I will basically be busy with other clients. Thank God it doesn't happen often," Less said.

"Insensitivity on the part of the public," said Mike Cotter, broker/owner with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating in Birmingham.

"Insensitivity on the part of the public would be someone not really interested in buying a house, just occupying a professional's time. People out just fooling around, entertaining themselves.

"If you're good at what you do, we can eliminate that. But new agents spend a reasonable amount of time with people like that who aren't going to reach the finish line," Cotter said.

"There are some Realtors out there who aren't as knowledgeable as they should be about the property they represent," said Bobbie Reid, associate broker with Prudential Accent Realty in Livonia.

"They aren't as careful with details as they should be, details like informing you of any title concerns that may have arisen, assessments that may not have been reported.

"That's not to say there's a great amount. But there are some people

who don't follow through with the transaction. They rely on other people to do the job," Reid said.

"When people make an appointment and don't show up," said Steve Smith, an associate broker with Real Estate One in Westland. "It doesn't happen much.

"I'm a professional and out of courtesy, they can at least make a phone call. That way, I'm not waiting. I can reschedule my day. I'm not wasting time," Smith said.

"All the muddy roads," said Kristie McCaffrey, a Realtor with Red Carpet Keim Unlimited in Oxford. "You always get the car cleaned then have to go down that muddy road again.

"It's not so bad in winter because the roads are frozen, but in spring ... I probably wash the car once or twice a week, depending on where I have to go. "Dirt roads can be hard on brakes - and everything else," McCaffrey added.

"When it snows or rains when I have a showing," said Robert Khani, a Realtor with Re/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills.

"You get your clothes all screwed up. Clients don't want to go so they cancel at the last minute. Maneuvering your car through snow," Khani said.

"It would probably be a lack of knowledge of associate Realtors who haven't been trained properly to be out in the field," said Richard Sidick, a Realtor with Remerica Realteam in Troy.

"Basically, contracts," he added. "We see offers for FHA written on conventional paper (forms) and vice versa. Things like that. I assume things would be done right."

Bullish on real estate investment

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM TIMBO PHILLIPS

Having the Dow slip below 10,000 has many investors on edge. Fears of a slowing market and sliding consumer confidence are forming the basis of what appears to be a mild recession.

There is, however, a large group of private investors who may not be as shaken by the country's economic uncertainty.

If you own your own home, you may be a member of that group.

If you have owned property for a few years, you are aware of the dramatic increase in home values. Looking at the losses many investors have made in the stock market lately, your home is probably your most reliable investment. Certainly, it is among your most secure.

Real estate is a unique investment because it is a limited commodity. In the free market, a growing demand for a limited resource will force an increase in that resource's price. That's exactly what we are seeing in the housing market.

Homes around Detroit have increased in value almost 10 percent over the past couple years. Your home's equity - which is the difference between its market value and the liens against the home - is like cash in the bank. You can choose to keep your equity securely in its place, or to expand your real estate investment by putting your equity to work.

Why not increase your investment in your current home or consider expanding your real estate holdings by buying another property? With interest rates low, borrowers have a great opportunity to do either.

If you are happy with your home location, consider improving it. Generally, improved kitchen and bathrooms will give you the biggest return on investment upon the sale of your home.

If you decide to buy other properties, your Realtor and mortgage loan officer can outline your options. Your existing equity can open doors you never thought possible.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage 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.

PERMIT LEADERS

Here are the top 10 U.S. metro areas where the most residential building permits were issued in year 2000.

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1. ATLANTA	64,007
2. PHOENIX	45,070
3. WASHINGTON D.C.	38,763
4. CHICAGO	38,025
5. DALLAS	31,878
6. HOUSTON	30,672
7. LAS VEGAS	28,276
8. DENVER	26,054
9. ORLANDO	24,941
10. CHARLOTTE	23,814
15. DETROIT	18,337

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Forms are available from Deborah Hamilton at the National Center for Dispute Settlement at (248) 356-0870 or e-mail ncds-deb@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.

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE

Two Mondays and Wednesdays 6-10 p.m. beginning April 2 at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, east of Orchard Lake Road. Fee: \$175. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333. Fax (248) 489-3380. www.farmington.k12.mi.us

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County presents a program on living trusts, wills, and power of attorney 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate. Cost is \$10.

Beginning landlords interested in a free newsletter may call (313) 386-7228.

HEATING CLASS

The Remodelers Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a class, "Radiant In-Floor Heating Made Easy," 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at BIA headquarters, 330375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Topics include technical data, planning and pricing support, cost and installation.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call (248) 862-1008.

HOME SHOW

The BIA presents its fifth annual spring home and garden show Thursday-Sunday, April 5-8, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. More than 200 exhibitors are expected.

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and children 6-12 years of age. Parking is available for an additional charge.

SELL HOME CLASS

Teri Ciucci, Approved Mortgagees, Matt Kenkel, ERA Alliance, and Owen V. Lee, Professional Real Estate Title, sponsor a free seminar, "For Sale by Owner," 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake

BASEMENT REMODELING

Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, Farmington. Fee: \$80. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333. Fax (248) 489-3380. www.farmington.k12.mi.us

BUSINESS EXPO

Henry Ford Community College and several heating, ventilating and air conditioning firms take part in a free career fair/business expo 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the technology building at the college, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford, Dearborn.

Bergstrom's, Kast and Blue Dot Service Companies are expected to participate.

Call Mary Jo Plante at (313) 845-9885, or Chris Elder, (800) BLUEDOT, Ext. 213.

BUILD YOUR OWN HOME

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 8-17, 6-10 p.m. at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, east of Orchard Lake Road. Fee: \$175. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Sent a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our e-mail address is bjensen@oe.homecomm.net

Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

RE/MAX Hometown in Westland was recognized by RE/MAX Regional as the top team in Michigan, the top team in the region and ranked 56th nationally for commissions during year 2000.

The team consists of Craig Lescoe, Dennis Weese, Al Malott, Jackie Coleman, Wendi Brown, Jamie McClendon, Amy Lucas and John Toye, broker owner.

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Ford & Earl Associates, an interior architecture and graphic design firm in Troy, had 12 winning entries in the recently published annual coffee table book, American Corporate Identity 2001.

The entries included three environmental exhibit/signage projects for the Detroit Opera House, FANUC Robotics and Chelsea Community Hospital.

Etkin Skanska Construction, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been awarded construction management services contracts for the Warren Community Center, Royal South End Community Center renovation and the Lincoln Consolidated Schools new building program.

WESTLAND GREENVIEW CONDOMINIUM advertisement featuring a photo of a building, price \$59,990, and features like two bedrooms, full basement, and private yard. Contact info: (734) 728-5195.

Another Classic Move! advertisement for Christine Van Den Bosch, RE/MAX Classic, with a photo of her and contact information: 734.459.1010.

COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE

Grid of real estate listings with photos and descriptions for properties in Plymouth, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, and Redford. Includes prices and descriptions for various home types.

Phone In, Move In... advertisement for Coldwell Banker Mortgage, featuring contact numbers like 1-888-317-2530 and website www.cbschweitzer.com.

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303 Open Houses. FARMINGTON HILLS open sun 14-30710 Tanglewood Trail (S/ 14 Mile E/Halstead).

305 Birmingham/Bloomfield. BLOOMFIELD HILLS Contemporary home. Every part of this 4100 sq. ft. home has been redone.

308 Canton. AARDVARKS OWN & YOU CAN TOO! Buy the home of your dreams, \$0-\$2,495 down. Good or bad credit.

314 Farmington/Farmington Hills. EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD! Excellent home! Prime location on this 4 bedroom colonial.

HOT! HOT! HOT! HOMES IN THE HILLS. \$349,900 Attractive 2,500 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath contemporary colonial.

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306 Brighton. BRIGHTON AREA - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1400 sq. ft. colonial built 1995. 1 acre, large 2-1/2 car deck, pool, finished basement, \$174,600.

308 Canton. REMERICA HOMETOWN (734) 459-2222. VACANT LAND: CANTON 5.93 acre splitable land w/2100 sq. ft. home located W/Ridge.

321 Highland. HIGHLAND - 2 bdrm. home just about on White Lake. many updated inc. 2nd story doorwall, carpeting, newer kitchen & some painting.

323 Howell. COUNTRY LIVING on over 4 acres with stocked pond in Madison Township with Howell Schools, newer 3 bedroom Ranch, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, 2 garage, 1 attached & 1 detached, just listed, \$209,900.

325 Livonia. BRICK RANCH, 3 bedroom, on a nice site fenced lot, large deck, w/gazebo, central air, basement, motivated seller. Asking \$159,900. (77MID) ROBERT CUFFE

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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills. BEAUTIFUL TREADED LOT & "FIXER UPPER" Wonderful opportunity in neighborhood of more expensive homes. 1026 sq. ft. Come use your imagination!

323 Howell. CHARMING OLDER 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, large corner lot w/picket fence. Walk to downtown schools & churches. Living room has vaulted wood ceiling, dining room has fireplace, den, hardwood floors, 2 covered porches, rear deck, 1 1/2 car heated garage, nice garden shed. New mansard roof, gas heat, unfinished basement. Taxes \$1569. Priced at \$188,000. appointments only. (517)546-1067

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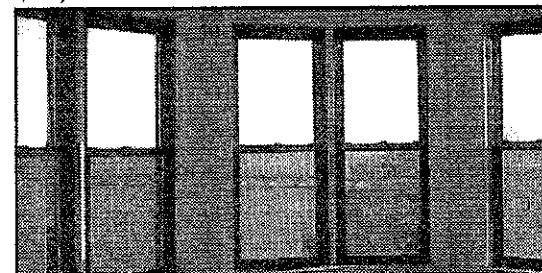
BEVERLY HILLS RANCH. 3 BR's, 3 1/2 baths, new dream kitchen opens to the family rm. w/a doorwall to the deck. New master suite w/walk-in closet, master bath w/slate floor. New windows, furnace & circular drive. Beautifully landscaped. \$564,000 20074517SYL 626-8700



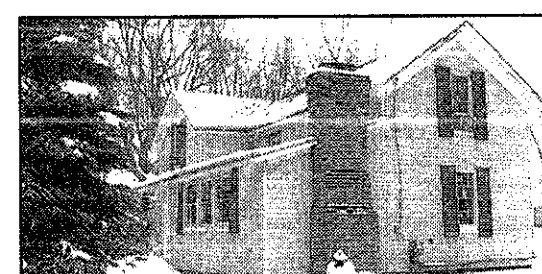
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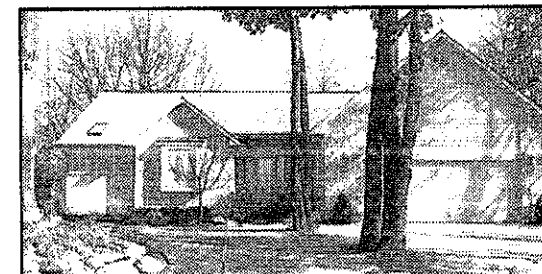
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GREAT CONDO! Beautiful second floor end unit with new windows, kitchen and bath all in last two years. New hot water heater, neutral decor, common basement and common pool. All appliances stay. \$150,000 ETO 647-0100



2.5 ACRES IN THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS. 5 br's, 4 1/2 baths, nanny suite w/sitting room & bath, formal living room, dining room & family room, sweeping staircase, original leaded & stained glass windows. A wonderful opportunity for renovation. \$1,950,000 20036958COU 626-8700



BIRMINGHAM NEW CONSTRUCTION. 4 BR, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. Kitchen w/wood cabinets & granite counter tops, large family room & library, master w/Jacuzzi & shower, large closets, 3 car garage. Still time to make a few choices! \$734,900 20081294BAT 626-8700



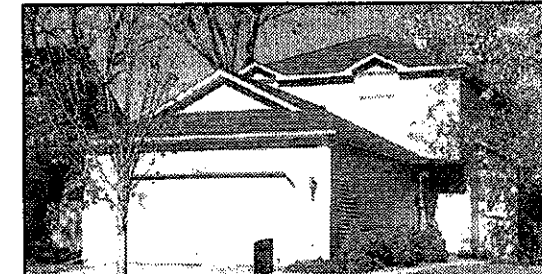
FRANKLIN VILLAGE ESTATE LOT. 2.3 acres w/4 BR's, 2 1/2 baths, updated kitchen, finished basement & fabulous closet space. Peaceful, serene & tranquil country setting. On a street of multi-million dollar homes. \$595,000 21019500OAK 626-8700



WING LAKE PRIVILEGES! Sharp redone ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fpls., great room & living room. Gazebo with hot tub. Workshop/exercise room off garage. Updated master bedroom with stunning bath & giant walk-in closet. Turn-key! \$449,000 THU 647-0100



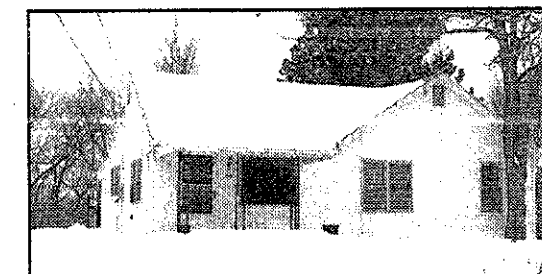
HILLS OF LONE PINE. Waterfall lot in a fabulous gated community w/pool & tennis courts, jogging paths & putting green. Lush landscaping, total privacy, pond, lake & more! Build your dream home. \$325,000 21012031WOB 626-8700



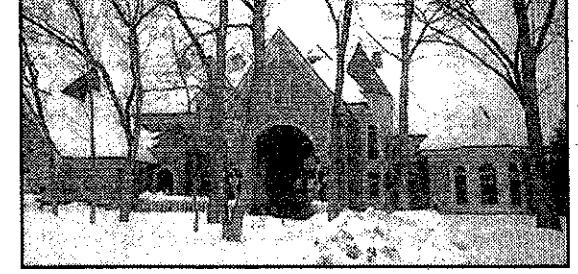
ALMOST NEW CONTEMPORARY COLONIAL. Spacious floor plan w/neutral decor, 3 BR's, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, skylights & attached 2 car garage, finished basement. Close to downtown Birmingham. \$262,500 20074851HOL 626-8700



THIS IS IT! Ranch style condo that looks new! Open floor plan. Great room with cathedral ceiling with skylights, gas fireplace. Large kitchen has light oak cupboards. This end unit is quiet, yet handy to I-75 & shopping. \$199,000 BAV 647-0100



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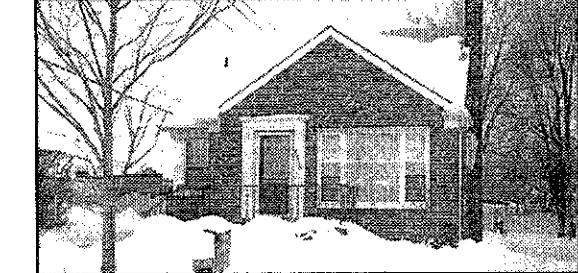
LAKE PRIVILEGES Dramatic renovation w/top of the line detailing throughout. French limestone & fireplace. Fantastic kitchen. 2 MBR suites. Slate front entrance and wonderful landscaping. Privileges on Walnut Lk. \$430,000 WEN 855-2200



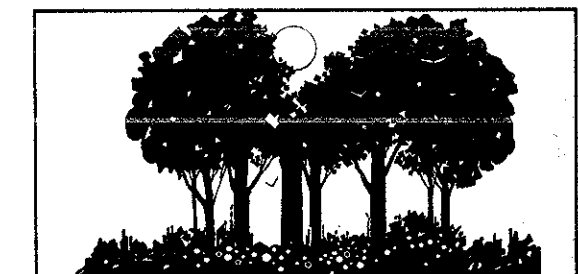
GORGEOUS LOT. Meticulously maintained ranch home w/3 BR's, 2 baths, family rm. w/bleached pine, updated kitchen, Anderson windows, newer roof, electric, driveway. In an area of increasingly expensive homes. \$314,898 20067658PEM 626-8700



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Friendly, progressive office...

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ALLERGY OFFICE - LIVONIA
MA - Full or part-time available...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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Professional receptionist needed...

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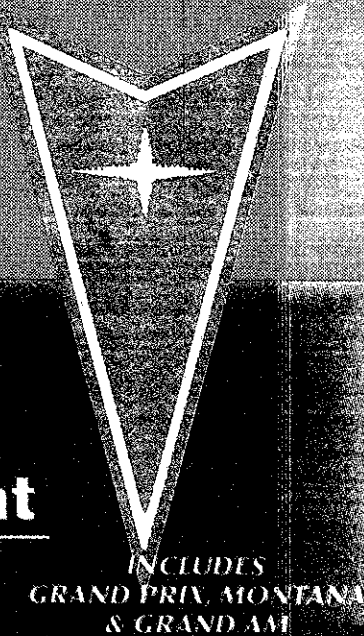
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- power seat
- keyless entry
- theft deterrent
- aluminum wheels
- remote trunk
- Stock #1-4474

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\$299⁹⁹** **\$283¹⁵****

48 mos.

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- power windows
- power locks
- keyless entry
- cruise
- CD
- luggage rack
- cycle wipers
- Stock #1-3286

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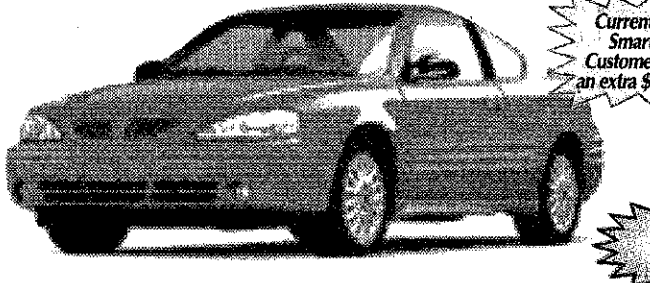
\$355⁵⁰** **\$327⁰⁰****

36 mos.

NEW 2001 GRAND AM 2 DR. COUPE

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- 2.4 engine
- power steering
- power brakes
- 4 speed automatic
- air conditioning
- dual air bags
- ABS
- rear defog.
- Stock #1-2270

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Dual Air Bags Anti-Lock Brakes

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RED'S PRICE **GM PRICE**

\$22,999* **\$22,136⁷⁵***

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SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

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\$209³²** **\$188⁴⁵****

36 mos. 36 mos.

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SAVE NOW!

2002 ENVOY

was \$33,090



SLE premium package, locking differential load leveling suspension, stereo cassette/CD, theft alarm, power passenger seat aluminum wheels, Stock # 2-5030

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

\$30,122²⁸* **\$28,963⁷³***

LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**

\$484³³** **\$419⁴⁹****

36 mos. 36 mos.

\$3384.73 due at signing \$3240.36 due at signing

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2001 SAFARI PASSENGER VAN

was \$27,228



All wheel drive, bucket seats, V-6, automatic rear heat, rear air conditioning, dutch doors, defogger, drivers power seat, stereo cassette/CD. Stock #1-5088

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

\$23,999* **\$23,336***

LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**

\$370³²** **\$335¹⁸****

36 mos. 36 mos.

\$2502.24 due at signing \$2440 due at signing

2001 SIERRA EXTENDED CAB PICKUP

was \$32,758



Deep tint glass, high back buckets, locking rear differential V-8, automatic, aluminum wheels, power driver & passenger seat, SLE package, stereo/CD, Off road package, HD trailer package. Stock #1-6289

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

\$27,515* **\$26,230***

LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**


\$351¹⁸** **\$310⁴⁵****

36 mos. 36 mos.

\$3152.95 due at signing \$3084.82 due at signing

2001 YUKON

was \$38,948



Third seat, running boards, sunroof, lift gate, locking rear differential, V-8, automatic, HD trailer group, SLE decor, Stock # 1-6317

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**

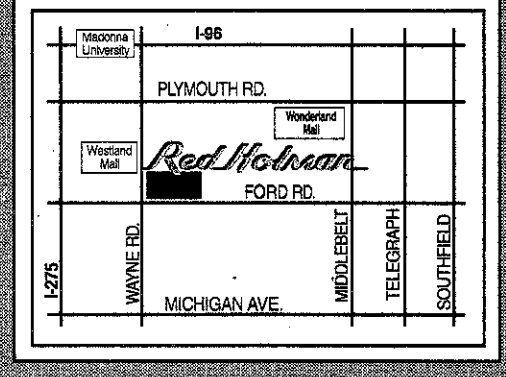
\$34,395³³* **\$32,996⁶¹***

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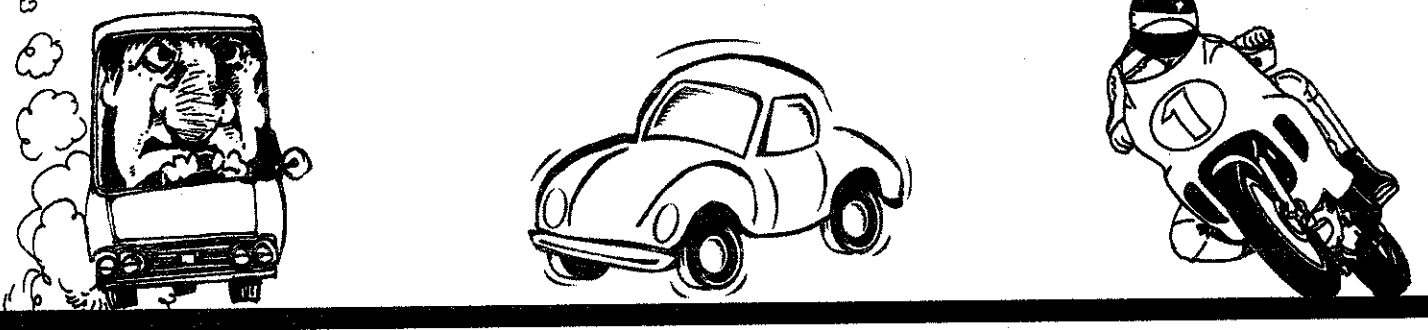
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