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Board grants HRC request on MLK Day

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Canton Township's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration proposal turned out to be different than what most had imagined, but it was more than the Human Relations Commission had hoped for.

"What the township is about to do is cutting edge. It's

what other communities should be doing," said Human Relations Commission chairwoman Mary Lehnert.

The commission recommended the board give township employees a paid holiday on King's recognized birthday, the third Monday in January. The commission also suggested the township offer diversity training and host cultural events for its employees.

Best practices

"We thought if all we could get was a day off (for the employees), we'd have

to settle for that," Lehnert said. The commission's original proposal was never presented in public, for fear it may have been too lofty. Their ideal proposal included training and events on the holiday.

What the board approved was exactly what the commission had hoped for several months ago. Canton's non-essential service offices will be closed to the public on the third Monday in January. Employees will report for a full day of training and cultural celebrations.

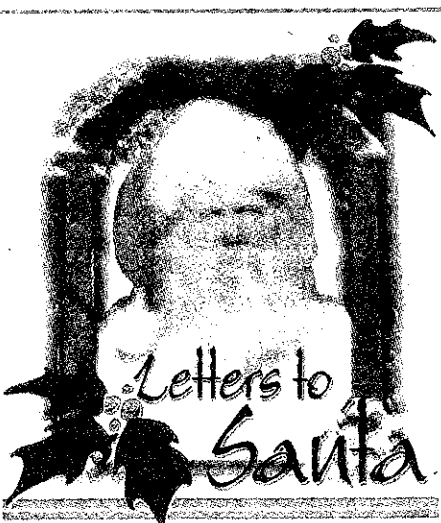
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"We feel this is on the cutting edge because not only are we giving our employees the day off, but we are educating them...giving them the tools they need," Lehnert said.

The commission was formed last January in response to citizen requests regarding the King holiday. The board

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All boys and girls, naughty or nice, know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas list - and checking it twice. That means Canton youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and headed to the North Pole.

Once again this year, the Canton Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with their school photo to appear in the Sunday, Dec. 23, edition. To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole, get the letters to us no later than Monday, Dec. 17.

Send your letters to Santa, care of the Canton Observer, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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New business: Chick-a-D's is on Cherry Hill in Canton. We have the full story on Page A5

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First Day: Crossing guard Karen Rogers holds her stop sign so that Dodson Elementary students can cross Beck Road Monday on the first day that children were required to walk to school.

Dodson walkers

Some students must now hoof it

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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The Plymouth-Canton School District stopped busing about 175 of the 600 students at Dodson Elementary School in Canton Monday.

Because of road work and a lack of sidewalks, all students had been bused since the brand new school opened in August at Beck Road and Cherry Hill Road.

Two new crossing guards are working the corner, but for some parents of the new walkers that is not enough. Ann McDonald, a Dodson parent, said traffic on the two busy roads is not under control, and that,

even with the road work and sidewalk construction being completed, one more step remained.

"Why didn't they wait until the school traffic control signs were up. There is one more step in this process. I feel we should wait until the speed limit signs are up on both roads. It's still unsafe. Cars are flying by."

McDonald said the Dodson principal had empathized with her but could not do much else. Normally the county posts blinking 25 mile per hour school zone signs to slow traffic. The current limit is 45 on these two roads.

"I respect the process and the decision. But until all the steps are taken, including these signs, don't put our kids at risk. We could wait a few days or a few weeks for the signs," McDonald said.

Cheryl Clason, principal at Dodson, said her main concern was safe drop-off and pickup in the Dodson parking lot and that she had directed her efforts toward that.

The school has a separate bus loop and parking lot. Parents got letters last spring and again a few days ago warning that if their child lived less

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Man, 20, charged in Web case

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A 20-year-old Westland man was arraigned Tuesday on charges of using the Internet to commit criminal sexual conduct. He allegedly tried to solicit sex from three Canton children - two 12-year-old girls, and a 13-year-old boy who represented himself as a girl.

Jeremy Kapla was charged at the 35th District Court in Plymouth with one misdemeanor count of possession of child pornography and three counts of using the Internet to commit or attempt to commit first-degree criminal sexual conduct. Each count carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, if Kapla is found guilty. He pleaded not guilty.

Kapla was arrested in August after

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Pilot arrested for drug fraud

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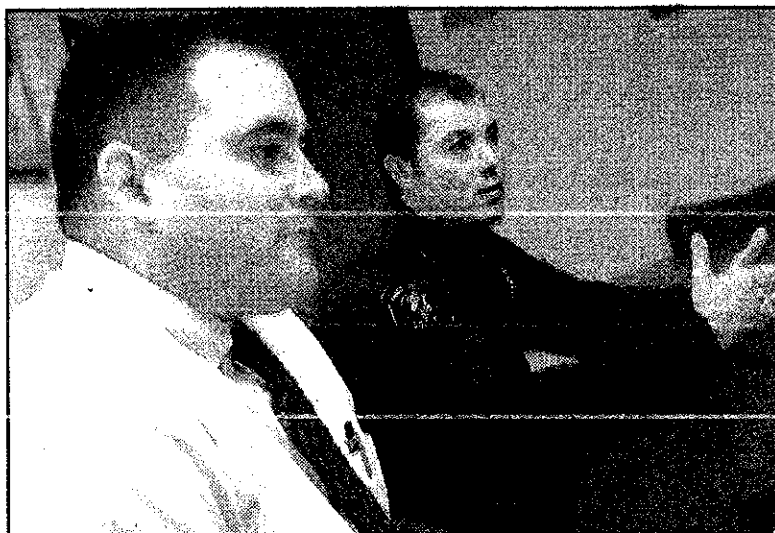
A local pilot was charged with three counts of prescription fraud following an arrest in Canton Tuesday.

John Robertson, 39, of Canton, pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned Wednesday afternoon at the 35th District Court in Plymouth on three felony counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

According to police reports, Robertson allegedly filled at least eight fraudulent prescriptions for codeine at the Rite Aid at 180 S. Lilley, between May 22, 2001, and Nov. 27, 2001. He was arrested Tuesday outside the pharmacy.

Robertson, who is considered a flight risk because he is a commercial pilot for Spirit Airlines, is being held on a

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER

Training Day

Police learn awareness of other cultures

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For more than a decade, diversity training has been a part of every Farmington Hills police officer's education.

What started with Chief Bill Dwyer's tenure has become an integral component in a department that serves an increasingly diverse community, said Commander Pat Brown.

The training, he said, is designed to make officers aware of different behaviors or customs in other cultures that could affect their encounters.

"A lot of our job is communication," he said. "The more information we can impart, the better."

Training officer Brian Bastianelli believes every officer should have a knowledge and awareness of diversity. "To be a professional, you have to

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Trained: Farmington Hills Officers Brian Bastianelli (left) and Suroor Shamoun have both participated in diversity training.

Area suburbs have experienced many challenges as a result of growing diversity. Communities are working to address concerns and encourage tolerance.



Neighborhood watch

Suburbs work together to defeat racism

BY JEFF COUNTS
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As suburban communities in the Observer's coverage area have grown in size, they're also facing a growing diversity and issues of tolerance. Recently in Canton Township, officials appointed a

Human Relations Commission, after residents raised concern over the official observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. In Farmington Hills, an increasing diversity led to the formation of a Multicultural Multiracial Community Council a decade ago.

Based on recommendations from the Canton commission, the township's

board of trustees approved a unique proposal Tuesday that would close township offices and engage staff in diversity training on the third Monday of each January.

But the MLK Day controversy was only the beginning of the Canton

Police are being asked to help question Middle Eastern men/A3

Township Commission's work, said member Rev. Eric Moore.

"It will be a long-standing commission, but that was their first priority," he said. The commission has recommended the township observe the holiday.

"I wouldn't necessarily say there are any 'hot button' problems," he added.

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Police checking on break-ins; drunk cycle driver charged

A Canton woman reported to police someone broke into her home in the 41000 block of Williamsburg last week.

The woman left her house at 6 p.m. and did not lock her dead-bolt lock. When she returned two hours later, her deadbolt lock had been secured.

She discovered \$4,500 worth of jewelry and \$100 worth of cash missing from her night stand.

She told police this was the second time her home had been broken into.

Police could not find any footprints outside the home, or fingerprints on the window through which the thief gained entry to the home.

Breaking and entering

A man broke into a neighbor's Brook Park apartment when he thought he heard his wife screaming inside.

Officers found the man at 1:30 a.m. Sunday in the parking lot outside the apartments. He was bleeding and agitated, stating he was concerned about the welfare of his wife.

He told police he had broken into the neighbor's apartment after he heard his wife screaming from inside the residence.

Police found no one in the apartment. Officers went to the man's apartment and found his wife sleeping in bed, unaware of what had happened.

Drunk driver crash

Canton officers arrested a 48-year-old man after he crashed his motorcycle Sunday just after 2 a.m. at Warren and Lilley.

A witness told police the man was lying in the middle of Warren, got back on his motorcycle, drove a few blocks and fell off the bike. He got on the cycle again and wiped out in the middle of the intersection at Lilley and Warren, and remained in the roadway until officers arrived.

When officers got to the scene, the man did not respond to the officers, who were yelling for him to wake up. He finally awoke after being shaken.

Officers noted he smelled of intoxicants and could not com-

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plete a field sobriety test.

He was transported to the hospital for treatment, where he told a nurse there was nothing wrong with him except that he had too much to drink. Police then arrested the man for operating under the influence of alcohol and he was taken to the Canton Police Department.

Purse snatching

A 74-year-old Byrum, Mich., woman reported her purse was stolen from her car while she paid for gas.

The woman fueled up at the Total station at 45350 Ford Saturday afternoon. She left her purse, containing more than \$500, on the front seat of her car.

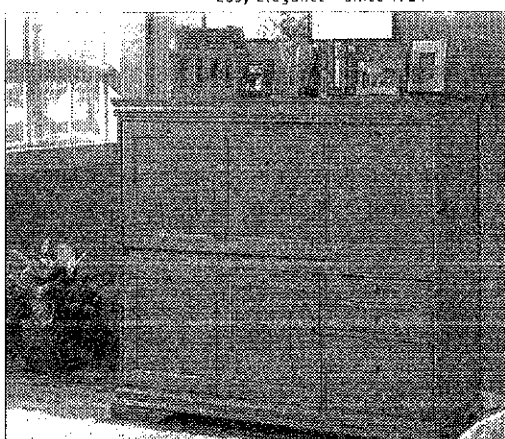
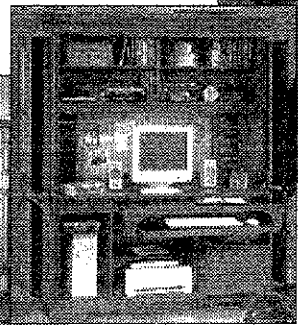
While she was in the gas station, an unknown person took her purse.

Police have no suspects, but are examining the store's security video tape.

- Carol Marshall

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CANTON CONNECTION

Goodfellows need help

Canton Goodfellows Christmas Project 2001 is in full swing. This year, more than ever, they need the help of the whole community. The group expects to help 89 families; the families include 252 children and 25 seniors who need food and gifts this year.

They will be asking for donations at Holiday Market (Lilley/Cherry Hill), Richardson's Super Drugs (Lilley/Ford), Farmer Jack (Canton Center/Cherry Hill), Kroger (Canton Center/Ford), ACO Hardware and AlphaGraphics (Morton-Taylor/Joy) and on sidewalks throughout Canton on Saturday, Dec. 1. The Goodfellows need people to be paper sellers on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you are able to give some time during that period, come to Canton Township Hall and they will give you papers and canisters.

Goodfellows organizer is Nancy Spencer at (734) 397-8975.

A Canton Christmas

Here are some upcoming holiday events in Canton Township:

■ Chamber of Commerce holiday party at Keller and Stein Florist and Greenhouse Friday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

■ Canton Girl Scout troops will host a "make and take with" craft fair on Friday, Nov. 30 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Erickson Elementary gym. Girl scouts of many ages will run booths with a variety of crafts; they will teach you how to make them on the spot.

■ Brunch with Santa at the Summit is Dec. 2 and Dec. 9.

■ The Canton Rotary Club will offer a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Roman Forum on Ford Road for \$10. A representative from Canton police will provide all children with a free ID kit (fingerprints and picture). Kids can sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken as they talk to him.

■ Holiday dinner dance sponsored by Leisure Services

is Saturday, Dec. 1.

■ The annual tree lighting ceremony for Canton Township will be Monday, Dec. 3 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Canton fire headquarters, 1100 Canton Center Road.

■ Santa's Elves workshop is Dec. 1 at the Summit; drop your child off for a day of swimming and holiday crafts while you shop.

■ The Canton Historical Society bake sale is Dec. 1.

■ The annual St. Nick Frolic for seniors is Wednesday, Dec. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Summit. Includes turkey dinner. The seniors went to Domino Farms Wednesday evening Nov. 28 for a dinner and tour of holiday lights.

Books for the needy

The Canton library will collect new, unwrapped books now through Dec. 7 for the Detroit area "Gift of Reading" program. Books are for toddlers through second grade. Contact person is Marcia Barker.

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\$100,000 cash bond.

During the video arraignment, Canton Police Detective Debra Newsome said she had spoken with a doctor Wednesday afternoon who advised there would be additional charges in numerous jurisdictions including Wayne, Belleville, Livonia and in Florida.

Robertson's attorney had requested he be court-ordered into a treatment program immediately, said Newsome.

"He certainly has some major problems and needs some help," the Canton detective said in court.

Although Magistrate Eric Colthurst advised Robertson not to speak at the arraignment,

Robertson said he has been battling prescription drug addiction for years.

"I went almost two years and did well," he said. Robertson added he took more than a year off from flying, then later returned to become licensed again.

Court warning

He later injured his back, and was off work for four weeks, he said.

"When the doctors couldn't find anything physically wrong with me, they basically cut me off. I tried alternative methods of dealing with the pain," he said. "I tried to get myself help and

straighten out and fly right."

Colthurst again interrupted Robertson and reminded him everything he said would be on the record, and that it was inappropriate to reveal this information at this arraignment.

If found guilty, Robertson could serve up to four years or pay \$30,000 for each count. Because he has been charged on the offense for the third time, he is considered a habitual offender and could serve double prison terms. According to Newsome, Robertson has two prior convictions in Texas for prescription fraud. Robertson will return to court Dec. 10 for a preliminary examination.

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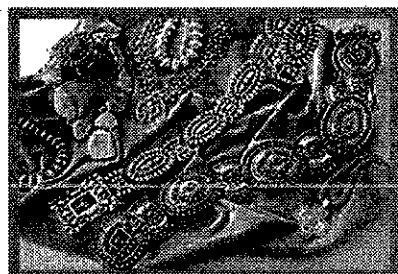
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Voluntary interviews

Local police asked to help question Middle Eastern men

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Local police departments asked to help federal officials interview dozens of men from the Middle East say they'll cooperate with the effort.

Police chiefs, representatives from multicultural groups and even some Arab-Americans say they understand the reasons behind what U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Collins calls "voluntary" meetings. Reportedly, the men will be asked about their travel plans and whether they are sympathetic with terrorists, among other questions.

In a letter dated Nov. 26, which was sent to men in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Troy, Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Detroit, among other communities, Collins wrote:

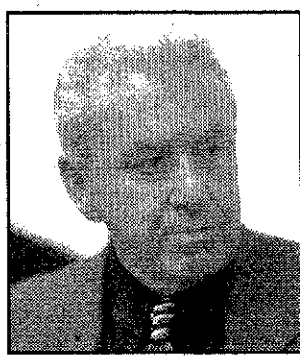
"Your name was brought to our attention because, among other things, you came to Michigan on a visa from a country where there are groups that support, advocate or finance international terrorism. We have no reason to believe that you are, in any way, associated with terrorist activities."

"We will attempt to assist them... I'm fairly certain it will be within what we'd be willing to do."

*Lt. Ben McDermott
Livonia Police
Department*

able for the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"These are non-immigrants here on visas," said Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer, who is also a mem-



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*William Dwyer
Hills Police Chief/president Michigan Assoc. of Chiefs of Police*

ber of an Anti-Terrorism Task Force and serves as president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. "Our country is at war, and these persons may have valuable information."

Dwyer said local police were asked to help because the interviews are on a "fast track." He said departments would assign an officer to team with a federal agent for each meeting.

Six men living in Farmington Hills and two in Farmington received letters. The majority went to Dearborn (217), Ann Arbor (79) and Detroit (57).

Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss said his department will help. "I think every police agency wants to cooperate. We're going to do whatever we have to support the effort."

Livonia Lt. Ben McDermott said he received a letter requesting assistance with the interviews late Tuesday. He hadn't yet determined whether anyone in his community had gotten interview letters. However, he believes his department will cooperate.

"We will attempt to assist them in whatever capacity we can do that," McDermott said. "I'm fairly certain it will be within what we'd be willing to do."

Garden City Police Chief David Harvey said that he had just received a request from the U.S. Attorney's Office. The head of the detective bureau will

be the contact person and assign a detective to assist with the interviews.

Harvey had no details about how many people would be interviewed or what it would entail.

"I really don't have any reservations about this. We'd do it for any law enforcement agency that requested our assistance," he said. "We do that on a regular basis."

Because the interviews are voluntary, Karen Bolsen of the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council of Farmington and Farmington Hills said council members have not seen them as an issue.

"The people do have opportunity for legal representation and they can choose the location," she said. "Our country is looking for any information we can. We're at war."

For Hashim Al-Tawil, outreach coordinator with the Arab-American and Chaldean Council, today's headlines bring back memories a decade old.

"To me, it's kind of like I've been through this before. In 1990, when the war with Iraq was about to start, there was a similar action by the FBI," he said.

Then a graduate student at the University of Iowa, Al-Tawil was informed because he was Iraqi, all of his student records would be turned over to the government.

"It was OK with me, because I thought 'I have nothing to hide,'" he said. "I look at it from a personal point of view. When anything comes to a national security concern, I think the authority

has the right to take these measures." "Of course," he added, "it doesn't sound like America."

Dwyer said he knew some would protest the requests for interviews; however, he stressed this action was not "racial profiling," the singling out of individuals by law enforcement based on racial or ethnic characteristics.

"It's not profiling. These are people here from terrorist countries who are being asked to come in voluntarily," he said. "I know the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) is going to have problems with this."

Al-Tawil believes this action is a sort of profiling, but he sees a deeper effect on people who have come here to make a new life.

"All of a sudden, the world looks very narrow. We have looked at America as a refuge, where people come to seek freedom and liberty. People have already lost their homeland. Now they feel they are about to lose their liberty, even though they don't know whether that's true."

The world has completely changed since Sept. 11, Dwyer said.

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— staff writer Leanne Rogers contributed to this story

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Arab-American and
Chaldean Council*

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understand the community you're policing, especially with the diversity in Farmington Hills."

In some cultures, for instance, an officer won't get anywhere unless he speaks to the head of the household. That could be the father, grandfather or other elder.

The most important aspect of the training for Officer Suror Shamoun, who is Chaldean, has been learning how to approach people and "read between the

lines."

People who are Hispanic, for instance, will come right up close to an officer while they're talking. Officers learn in police academy to keep a distance from the people they encounter, for safety reasons.

"We have to ask people to move back," Shamoun said. "We're nice about it."

Born in Iraq, Shamoun came to the U.S. when he was six or seven years old. He became a citizen 10 years later and worked

long hours in his parents' stores. A self-described "people person," he saw and heard about incidents that led him to study law enforcement.

"I thought if I could become a police officer, I could help out and give a better understanding," he said, adding he has accomplished that goal by assisting directly or interpreting for other officers.

In addition, Shamoun has brought in people from the Chaldean community to help

with diversity training. Other speakers have represented the Japanese and African-American communities and the Jain Society, as well as the elderly population.

Bastianelli, who coaches wrestling in Southfield, said virtually all of his wrestlers are African-American. What he does for a living generally comes as a shock.

He asks his new recruits to close their eyes and picture an officer. Their usual response is a

vision of a young, white man in uniform chasing, kicking or beating someone — which he dispels by telling them about his profession.

"It's very powerful," Bastianelli said. "These kids have no idea they've been coached by a police officer."

The department supports his coaching activities, Brown said. "There's a benefit to law enforcement and to the community with him interacting with those young men. It's breaking down

the stereotypes we all have."

That also applies to diversity training, Bastianelli said.

"When you put on the blue uniform, you treat everyone the same way and with the same respect you want them to treat you or your family."



PHOTO BY BRESLER
Pat Brown

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"I think overall, we are dealing in our country with a chronic problem of race, and Canton's like any other community."

In the 10 years since the last census, the community's white population dropped from around 92 percent to 83 percent, Moore added. A similar shift has happened in Farmington Hills, although racial problems there surfaced more than a decade ago.

Karen Bolsen, co-chairwoman of the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council, said incidents in the schools led school and city officials to sit down with parents and talk about the city's increasing diversity in the late 1980s. A formal council convened in the early 1990s.

"We had the initial and sustained support of two city councils and the school board," she said. "But it was more of a grass roots effort. There was participation with the parents, the business community...I think we've got the ideal situation."

A similar effort has been underway in Livonia since 1992. PLAID is People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity, which aims to promote acceptance of all people "because a community's diversity is a strength." The group isn't large right now, but sponsors the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in conjunction with the school districts and the city's Human Relations Commission.

That commission was created by the city council in 1966 and meets regularly to focus on resolving racial, religious or ethnic complaints, civil rights enforcement and more. The group also awards residents and groups for encouraging and fostering diversity with its annual Honor Roll Awards.

A blend of citizen and government efforts has also worked in Redford Township, which has faced the diversity issue head on with a program that sets neighbors down in small groups to talk about their differences.

The first round of such grassroots community meetings were conducted this past summer, and more are scheduled for early next year.

The meetings were the brain child of Kevin Kelley, Redford Township supervisor, who saw an increasing trend of African-Americans moving into the community.

Census change

"In the 1990 census it was less than 2 percent and it was 8 in the last one," he said.

The sessions last summer helped some residents find a common ground, he said. Kelley has extended diversity training to the township police department.

"We do have a changing community," said Shelly Katz, community development director, who runs the program.

The diversity training isn't expensive. It's just

people meeting. But it's a "major commitment," said Katz, adding that the sessions are three hours in duration. Those who attend are expected to participate, she said. But there are rewards. "People realize they have the same goals, to live in a nice community," she said.

Some new residents felt excluded, but on the other hand, longtime residents weren't certain how to react to newer residents. But in the end, "people realized they have the same goals," she said. "People are shooting for the same things."

Sept. 11

While the Sept. 11 attacks have put a new emphasis on diversity training, Redford officials had included Arabic issues prior to the events.

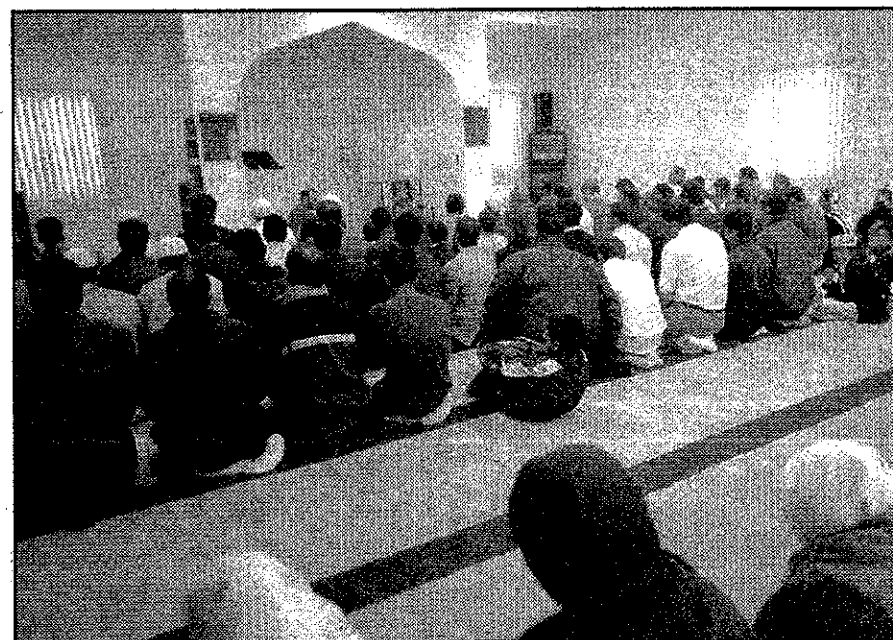
An agency from Dearborn composed of Pakistan natives helped plan the Redford diversity meetings. Things can get personal and intense during the sessions. Katz found herself drawn in when a question was asked. It was: "Where were your grandparents born?"

"Most everybody's were born here, mine weren't," she said.

The training goal is to have a group of 30 to 40 people and then break it down into smaller groups. "Everybody gets to know everybody," she said. "You have to be willing to express yourself and be open. Sometimes it's hard to reflect on certain things in your life."

Apart from winter sessions, Redford Township is looking to reach out and is looking for clubs, churches and groups that want to participate in the training. There will be a tangible result of the program at the township's annual Old Fashion Christmas celebration on Dec. 6. There will be a display of different religious cultures in the township hall near where Santa will be holding court.

"It's a start," acknowledged Katz. —staff writers Dave Varga and Joni Hubred also contributed to this story



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Reaching out: Mosques in Canton and Farmington Hills have hosted open houses to encourage understanding.



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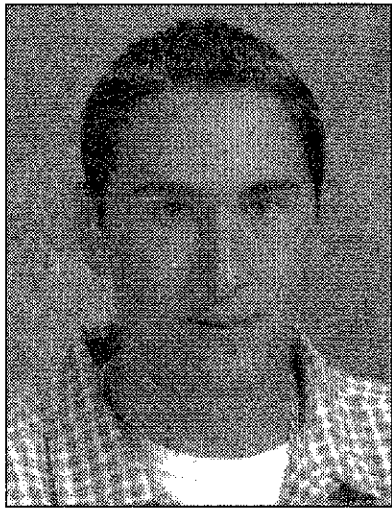
CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

Jeremy Sams, 15, is the Canton Observer's Carrier of the Month for November. The son of Jim and Jeri Sams, he has one brother, Justin, 16, and one sister, Sara, 14.

A tenth-grader at Plymouth-Canton High School, his favorite subject is science. His hobbies are football, archery, wake boarding, water-skiing, paint ball, swimming, boating, fishing and taking care of exotic animals.

He likes meeting the new people on his route and earning his own spending money. His future plans include going to college.

He feels that being an Observer carrier has taught him how to deal with money and to commu-



Jeremy Sams nicate with a variety of people. It has taught him responsibility.

If you want to be a Canton Observer carrier, please call 591-0500

Community invited to Canton mosque

The Canton Mosque will open its doors Dec. 2, and is inviting the community to share a meal during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The community is invited to join the mosque for *Iftar*, the meal by which Muslims break their Ramadan fast at sunset. Following the meal, there will be

a short talk followed by a question and answer session.

Everyone is welcome to join in the *Iftar*, but it is essential to R.S.V.P. by Nov. 29. Interested people may reserve space by calling (734) 340-3388. The *Iftar* will be held Sunday, Dec. 2, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Mosque, 40440 Palmer at Lotz.

Youthful Canton skater tries for big-time success

BY LILLY A. EVANS
SPECIAL WRITER

She has the mindset of a champion and dreams to go for the "Gold."

Ten-year-old Justina Spinale of Canton is competing in her first U.S. Junior National ice skating competition with no fear - just self-assurance and focus.

"I feel happy and confident. I think of what I am going to do and how I am going to do it," Justina said.

Justina recently competed against 167 juveniles from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee and Kentucky. She was one of four that's going on to a national competition.

The Erickson fifth-grader will be flinging her skates over her shoulder on Dec. 12, and traveling to Chicago to compete in individual figure skating with girls 10 to 13 years old from across the country.

"It's a big thing to make it," Justina's mother, Kerry Spinale, said. "It's a lot of dedication on her part. Not a lot of kids her age are focused enough."

Annette Bowman, Justina's coach, said she thinks the same.

"Her concentration level is above and beyond any other 10 year old I've dealt with. She really applies attention to what she looks like."

Focus and practice are intrinsic to her daily routine; she gets good grades in school and says that's from her ability to focus away from skating. Her practice schedule is about 18 hours a week. She's

at the rink by 6 a.m. every day before school and three hours on Saturday and Sunday.

"I love it. I am use to getting up. It really doesn't bug me," Justina said.

She started taking skating lessons in Wayne when she was 4 years old. Her mother said she was a natural, so they continued lessons. Now, she skates at Garden City Civic Arena.

Justina's favorite feat on the ice is a double Lutz which entails skating backward and doing a spin. When she does it, she has a formula for success:

"I think about everything I have to do when I am going to do the jump, I get ready to go, do my stuff and I feel confident," she said.

Justina's workout isn't limited to ice skating. She does ballet for grace, Pilates for flexibility and jump rope for strength. The mental strength comes from her and her coaches.

"I just hope I win, and if I do, and I hope I do, but if I don't, I can always make it again next year. That's what my coaches told me," Justina said.

"It looks very promising (for her to win), but I don't want to jinx myself," Bowman said.

If she places in the nationals she will compete in international competitions.

Justina's father, Sid Spinale, is very proud of his daughter but said figure skating is costly. He would like to find a sponsor for Justina.



Justina Spinale of Canton, above and left.

"It can literally put you out of your home. For one year it costs between \$20,000 to \$25,000 for skates, sharpening, ice time, coach fees, ballet, Pilates and choreographing. I wish someone could help us out," Sid said, "My wife works a factory job and every penny has gone to skating. She (Kerry) doesn't have money to go to the mall like most women."

Sid doesn't see the cost letting up since Justina's dream is to win a gold medal in the Olympics. For more information about sponsoring Justina call (734) 844-0884.

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New eatery fulfills longtime dream

Shaky economy worries owner

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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There has been little doubt that one of the casualties of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has been business. Although Americans have been urged – and have tried their best – to carry on with their lives, Maria Solstad of Canton remains frightened her fledgling business may not survive.

"It's been terrible," said Solstad, who opened her restaurant, Chick a D's, only two weeks after Sept. 11. "The day we started bombing in Afghanistan, not one person came in until 6 p.m."

Solstad was nervous about opening her restaurant in September, but was hopeful when the first two weekends brought hundreds of customers, filling the restaurant to capacity.

"I thought I was going to need to buy four more broasters, we were so busy," she said. Solstad's good fortune has been unpredictable since.



Foods up! Terese Spittler of Westland delivers a four-piece meal of broasted chicken at Chick-a-D's on Cherry Hill in Canton recently.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

"The customers we've had come back, and they keep coming back, but whenever something happens in the news, people just stay home and they don't want to eat out."

Her dream

Opening the restaurant

was, for Solstad, the result of a 15-year dream. Chick a D's niche menu item is broasted chicken, but the restaurant also serves ribs, seafood and burgers.

"I thought about it a lot over the years," she said. "I was studying business and then started taking extra classes to

learn about restaurants, and I thought this was something I'd really like to do. Besides, Canton needed a really good chicken restaurant."

Paying attention to details when dining out, Solstad decided Chick a D's would be her place to do things right.

"I like doing the things I would like when I go out to eat. I like cooking and giving people something that's nice, bringing extra napkins or a fresh salad and homemade dressing," she said.

Once she made up her mind to open her own business, she waited for the right location. Solstad signed a lease for her spot in a Canton strip mall at Cherry Hill Road and Sheldon Road three years before it opened.

"I waited a long time for this location," she said. "I picked something close to home, and we live in Canton."

Location, location

After Solstad found the location, pursuing a loan for a new business was the next challenge.

"You wouldn't believe how hard it is to get a new business loan," she said.

Solstad and her husband did as much of the work to

■ The new owner was nervous about opening her restaurant in September, but was hopeful when the first two weekends brought hundreds of customers, filling the restaurant to capacity.

decorate the restaurant as they could, calling in contractors only when they got in far beyond their levels of experience.

"We had to do a lot of it ourselves to save money, but it almost killed us," she said. "We both decided we just could never do this again."

While business has been promising at times, dismal at others, Solstad remains hopeful.

"It's been nerve-racking, believe me," she said. "Things will be slow when something happens in the news, but then last weekend was our best weekend so far, so maybe things are looking up."



The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club.

Opening the Cheer Club to new and returning "members" is one of our favorite holiday traditions. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth during business hours.

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 14, when we turn them over to the good folks at Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

The idea is to make the holidays special for everybody, not just the lucky families where people have plenty to spend.

So if you're out doing your Christmas shopping and have a few minutes to look for another toy or maybe a gift of warm clothing, your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. Of course, you may remain anonymous if you prefer. Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

Internet from page A1

two Canton children led police to him. He has been out on bond since.

The Canton Township police give the following account of the case:

A 12-year-old Canton girl told police she had been corresponding on the Internet with a man for two weeks. She became frightened when he began urging her to meet him, even though she told him she was just 12 years old.

The girl told her friend, a 13-year-old Canton boy, about the man. While the girl was at the boy's house, he sent the girl's Internet pen-pal an instant mes-

sage, and told the man he was a 13-year-old girl.

The two corresponded for an hour. The teenager called Canton police while he was chatting online with the man. When police arrived, the officer observed a conversation taking place on the screen.

Officers went to the school and awaited the man's arrival.

After the suspect's arrest, police obtained a search warrant, and seized three computers from the home where he lives with his parents.

A preliminary examination date has not yet been set.

MLK Day from page A1

had been approached by two pastors, and the board held a study session to discuss the holiday.

The board subsequently approved the formation of the Human Relations Commission, which would examine not only the King holiday, but a host of diversity and cultural issues in the township.

"It is appropriate for Canton to acknowledge Dr. King and his accomplishments. Closing for business will align Canton with many other governments who already close in recognition of the day," according to Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "I also believe that engaging our staff in development activities associated with customer service is in keeping with Dr. King's legacy."

Yack said he wished he had approached the commission with this proposal earlier, because the commission's goals were more closely aligned with Yack's opinions than anticipated.

Missing the mark

A few residents criticized the board for what they thought was a compromise, because the commission had publicly asked to give employees the King holiday off.

The King holiday has not been a controversial issue, said the Rev. Brian Smith, of Canton.

"It was really advanced by a small group of people," he said. "The real controversy has been about bird feeding. The real con-

trovery has been about the water park. Part of me grieves about this."

He told the board he is disappointed that an honest dialogue about race relations never occurred.

"The response has been from the board that giving the bureaucrats a paid day off would be hollow or lack substance," he said, adding the diverse Human Relations Commission made the recommendation to give employees the holiday, but the board modified the proposal in order to make it acceptable.

Canton resident Jerry Gaines called the township's proposal a small step in the right direction, but added the township will eventually need to more closely align with the commission's suggestions, and give employees a paid holiday.

The Rev. Joe Stevenson, one of the residents who originally asked the township to recognize the King holiday, was very critical of the board, calling their modified proposal, "the assassination of the dream."

He said it was "reprehensible and inconceivable," and "abuse of power," that the board would not approve the whole recommendation of the Human Relations Commission.

"The next time you form a Human Relations Commission, let them know that their labor will be in vain," he said.

Dodson from page A1

than a mile away they would have to walk – or be driven – to school

"Parents knew that this busing was temporary when we opened. I understand they got used to busing because all the Dodson students were bused last

year to either Hulsing, Bentley or Hoben. This is new to them and it's scary," Clason said.

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Dec. 10 is deadline to seek vacant school board seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Thus far four people have announced intentions to fill the Plymouth-Canton school board seat being vacated by Trustee Steve Guile.

Joann Lamar, Fred Libbing, Marcy Staley and former trustee Roland Thomas have all indicated they will seek to fill the position until the annual school board election in June 2002.

The Board of Education is seeking letters of intention from

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interested school district residents until noon on Monday, Dec. 10. The district must make an appointment within 20 days of the date of Guile's resignation, which is Nov. 30. The board plans to interview candidates on Dec. 11, and possibly Dec. 17, depending on the number of applicants.

Anyone interested in being appointed to Guile's position can write board secretary Darwin Watts at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call the community relations department at (734) 416-2755.

The departure of Guile, who will become city manager in Beaverton, Mich., means there will be three board seats to fill in June. The four-year terms of Susan Davis and Darwin Watts will end. Davis, who will have served eight years on the school board, has already announced she will not seek re-election. Watts has yet to indicate if he will run for a second term. The election to fill Guile's board seat will be for the remaining one year of his term.




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P.S. Stationary bicycling, which keeps joints active and mobile, is a good form of exercise for arthritis sufferers, as well as for conditioning the thigh muscles to maintain their strength and protect the knee joint from further injury.



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Museum will hold Santa talk Dec. 2

The folks at the Plymouth Historical Museum believe everyone needs a little Christmas, especially this season, and they think they've got the answer.

The museum's new exhibit, "We Need a Little Christmas," runs through Jan. 31. The holiday exhibit features antique and collectible toys from the 1890s through the 1930s. Buddy L. trucks and wagons, toy trains, sleds, dolls and other '20s and '30s vintage play things will be featured as part of the display.

A special Christmas open house will be held at the museum 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Dr. Weldon Petz will talk about the "History of Santa Claus" at 2 p.m. Special music will be provided by Sweet Adelines. The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students (5-18). Family rate is \$7. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

CANTON OBITUARIES

CHARLES C. HARRIS

Charles Harris, 62, of Wayne died Nov. 21 in Wayne. He was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Pontiac. He worked in assembly in the automotive field.

Survivors include daughter, Susan L. (Edmund) Miller; sisters, Gwen Phylliaere and Sharon MacGillis; and brothers, Ronald and John.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

MARGARET J. SHAPOE

Services for Margaret Shapoe, 82, of Canton, were held Nov. 27 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Mrs. Shapoe was born June 11, 1919 in Bad Axe and died Nov. 23 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter J. Shapoe; son, William W.; and son, David E.

Survivors include son, Robert D. (Annette) Shapoe; one brother; one sister; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

ELIZABETH CATHERINE DEPOY

Services for Elizabeth DePoy, 71, of Farmington Hills, were held Nov. 11 at Clarenceville Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev. Lester McCabe officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. DePoy was born March 27, 1930 in Czar, W.Va., and died Nov. 22 in The Woodlands, Texas.

Survivors include husband, Kensel DePoy of Farmington Hills; son, David (Diana) DePoy of Canton; son, Howard (Cindy) DePoy; daughter, Joan (Dennis) Noricks of Canton; son, Kevin (Dianne) DePoy; son, Brian (Loretta) DePoy; son, Kerry (Judy) DePoy; brother, Glen (Marie) Smith; brother, Paul Smith; sister, Ruth Snyder; sis-

ter, Bernice Morgan; and 13 grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

DOYAL LEE GRAY

Services for Doyal Gray, 71, of Plymouth were held Nov. 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Weiser officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Gray was born Jan. 24, 1930, in Hornbeak, Tenn., and died Nov. 21 in Plymouth. He was an iron worker. He served in the Army during the Korea and Vietnam wars.

Survivors include wife, Beatrice C. Gray of Plymouth; son, Gary Lee (Kathy) Gray of West Dundee, Ill.; daughter, Cathy M. (Mark) St. Charles of Brighton; nine brothers and sisters; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tribute Program, Dept. 77-3969, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE J. FECCO

Services for Lawrence Fecco, 94, of Plymouth were held Nov. 20 at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Mr. Fecco was born Nov. 8, 1907, and died Nov. 18.

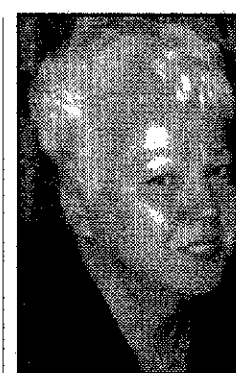
Survivors include sisters, Mary (Tony) Ross of Livonia and Ida (Nestor) Leshan of Warren.

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LINDA "JO" GORLITZ

Services for Linda Gorlitz, 54, of Plymouth will be Nov. 30 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with her nephew, the Rev. Larry R. Gorlitz, officiating. Visitation from 2-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Gorlitz was born June 5,



Mrs. Gorlitz

owner/operator of California Toning of Plymouth 12 years ago. She was also a partner with her husband in the apartment rental business.

She was a lifelong Plymouth resident and graduated from Plymouth High School. Over the years she kept busy with her hands in many projects from teaching ceramics in her home, to gardening, landscaping and making her own flower arrangements. She had a creative nature that took her in many different directions. She was on the go all the time. She and her family enjoyed many traveling adventures together, especially in Hawaii and Florida. It was always a family affair. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband, Fred, says, "I lost my best friend."

Survivors include husband, Fred W. Gorlitz of Plymouth; daughter, Ronda (Raymond) Oakman of Plymouth; son, Fred J. (Candi) Gorlitz of Plymouth; grandchildren, Thyra, Samantha, Callie, Lindsey, Chelsea, Freddie, Hunter and Savanna; brother, Al (Pat) Pearson of Salem Township; and sisters, Earlene (Al) Levi of Lapeer and Georgie Pearson of Livonia.

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

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Canton will help you sell sports gear

Are you looking for a great way to sell your used sports equipment? Maybe you need hockey gear but don't want to pay athletic store prices.

Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring its annual used sports equipment sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton Softball Center at 46555 Michigan Avenue in Canton. Due to the increased participation in this popular event, the sale

had to be moved to a larger location.

The public is invited to bring in their used sports equipment on Thursday, Nov. 29 (today), between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Items will be priced and tagged at that time for the Saturday sale. Skates, golf clubs, bowling balls, tennis and exercise equipment are just a few of the sporting and recreational items participants may want

to sell. Clothing items are limited to two per person.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2001

Regular meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.
Present: Tom Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of regular meeting of October 22, 2001 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$767,676.80 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for October 2001 - received and filed.
Director's Report for November 2001 - received and filed.
4th Quarter Revenue/Expenditure Report (FY 2000/2001) - received and filed.
Audit Engagement Letter; Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2001 - approved.
Lower Rouge Pump Station; Pump #5 Repairs - approved.
Security Survey - reviewed and discussed the security survey report by VISTA Investigative Services.
Redirection Project - Certificate of Substantial Completion - approved.
Sewer Use Ordinances and Delegation Agreement Updates - received and filed.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Chairman,
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, 22nd Judicial Circuit Family Division, 2270 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, Phone: (734) 222-6900. Case No. 01-25072NA. Petition: 001

Date: November 8, 2001

ORDER FOR PUBLICAION OF NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: Dante Moers DOB: 6/02/01, [MOTHER:] Grace Moers

TO: Grace Moers
A Termination petition has been filed regarding the above child(ren) and a hearing on the petition will be conducted on December 20, 2001 at 1:30 PM at 2270 Platt Road, Ann Arbor.

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Schoolcraft to toast 40th anniversary at staff reception

By TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER
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Schoolcraft College is celebrating 40 years of progress while simultaneously looking to the future in the potential development of property on the south end of its Livonia campus.

As for the past, the 40-year mark is being toasted 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the Waterman Campus Center even

Airport supports fed policy

Wayne County officials continue support of the zero tolerance policy recently set by U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, even as President Bush decides whether to sign a new bill that would make airport security screeners be under the jurisdiction of the federal government.

"We want to encourage travelers to take to the skies," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "It has never been more apparent than it is today of how vital our air transportation system is to the economy of our country."

"We recognize that our passengers need to feel comfortable that their travel experience is safer than ever before."

McNamara added that - until Bush signs the impending security bill - passenger screening checkpoints remain under the airlines' jurisdiction. But the county executive emphasized support of Mineta and "his no-nonsense policy of putting safety first."

On Oct. 30, in his address to the National Transportation Security Summit in Washington, D.C., Mineta outlined his stance on airline passenger screening checkpoints at the nations' airports.

"Let me be specific," Mineta said. "If secure areas in airports have been compromised, we will take corrective actions to recheck passengers - including re-screening passengers. If a secure area is breached, FAA agents will empty the concourse, re-screen passengers and if necessary, hold flights."

When Metro Airport's new midfield terminal opens, reportedly between next March-June, passengers will go through any of 12 screening stations.

As of now, airports and airlines divide security responsibilities, as outlined by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Airports are responsible for the following: airfield security, problems at airline checkpoints, computer controlled security card access system, airport closed circuit security cameras, common area security.

Airlines must oversee the screening of passengers, luggage, cargo and aircraft security.

Airline offers holiday tips

Because thousands of holiday season passengers have not traveled via airplane since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, they might not be aware of some of the recent changes.

Northwest Airlines, the hub carrier at Metro Airport, offers the following tips to passengers:

- Make sure you have government-issued photo identification. A passport is required for international travel, including Canada;

- Place identification on the outside and inside of each piece of luggage;

- Carry-on luggage will be limited to one piece per person, plus a handbag or briefcase;

- Pack all cellular phones, pagers, keys and coins as well as medicine, jewelry, business documents or other valuables in a carry-on bag prior to reaching the security checkpoint;

- Do not carry wrapped holiday gifts loose or in a carry-on bag as items are subject to search;

- Do not carry any sharp objects in your carry-on bag;

- Call ahead to verify flight departure times. Northwest passengers can call 1-800-441-1818 or visit www.nwa.com. Have your flight number available.

though the actual anniversary was Oct. 24. But next week's program will not be open to the general public.

"Right now there isn't a separate public event planned, but we are exploring the possibility of working the anniversary theme into other events, including some that are public," according to Schoolcraft spokesman Marty Heator. "The Dec. 4 event is an annual holiday reception for employees; this year we're adding an anniversary/history theme to it."

Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress - who noted that past

trustees and college founders would be touted Dec. 4 for their contributions over the years - said today's Schoolcraft is much different from that of 1961 or even when he arrived there in 1982.

"There have been a lot of changes," Jeffress said. "Changes in the corporate culture at Schoolcraft, changes in the curriculum, changes in the way the college sees itself in relation to other educational organizations and the business community."

"All these fairly significant changes have happened over the last 20 years and they've made Schoolcraft... a pillar in the

community."

And a pillar viewed as a public asset "rather than a place or a user of taxes."

As for the future, Jeffress sees the development of 45 acres near Six Mile-Haggerty as ensuring long-term financial stability.

"What it will mean is the college will be more and more self-sufficient," Jeffress said this week. "We will not be running back to taxpayers for millages if all that development works out."

The board of trustees will meet in January to discuss various proposals for the parcel and decide the ultimate course of action, Jeffress added.

The for-employees-only pro-

gram Dec. 4 will feature displays of each decade of Schoolcraft's history, composed of photographs and other artifacts.

Several emeritus and honored employees also will be honored.

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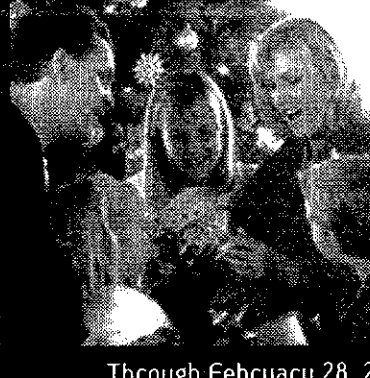
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Canton takes a first step with MLK Day plan

Dr. Martin Luther King would be bemused and probably not really surprised that 33 years after his death and 15 years after arch-conservative Ronald Reagan made his birthday a national holiday, Canton Township trustees are still struggling with giving their paid employees the day off.

Many companies, organizations and governmental units across the country have made the commitment, and more are added each year.

In some ways this movement started in Michigan. U.S. Rep. John Conyers proposed the legislation a few days after King's assassination in 1968. It was finally passed by both houses in 1983 despite the efforts of Jessie Helms, North Carolina senior senator, who lead a well-publicized fight against it. Reagan signed the bill that year and the first observance was in January 1986.

The decision Tuesday night by the Canton Board of Trustees to close the township offices and to offer the employees the chance to go to township-sponsored MLK programs and training is better than nothing. It will not be a paid holiday.

The township's Human Relations Commission supports this current plan, although they asked at a recent board study session for the paid holiday in addition to training and events.

The board has moved a long way on this issue in the last 12 months and their action Tuesday aligns with the hardworking HRC.

This is a step in the right direction, but it is not everything we would have hoped for.

The *Canton Observer* has steadfastly advocated a full paid holiday and other appropriate observances for MLK Day.

It's in Canton's self-interest to figure out how the administration is going to

Thinking about other holidays – Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day – leads us to believe MLK Day could be our most valid holiday because it recognizes our country's real heritage, a multicultural, multiracial nation built and sustained by a much-admired Constitution and the American dream.

be inclusive. Demographics show Canton to be a diverse community. MLK Day should not be something we should be afraid of. It's something we should be excited about and celebrate.

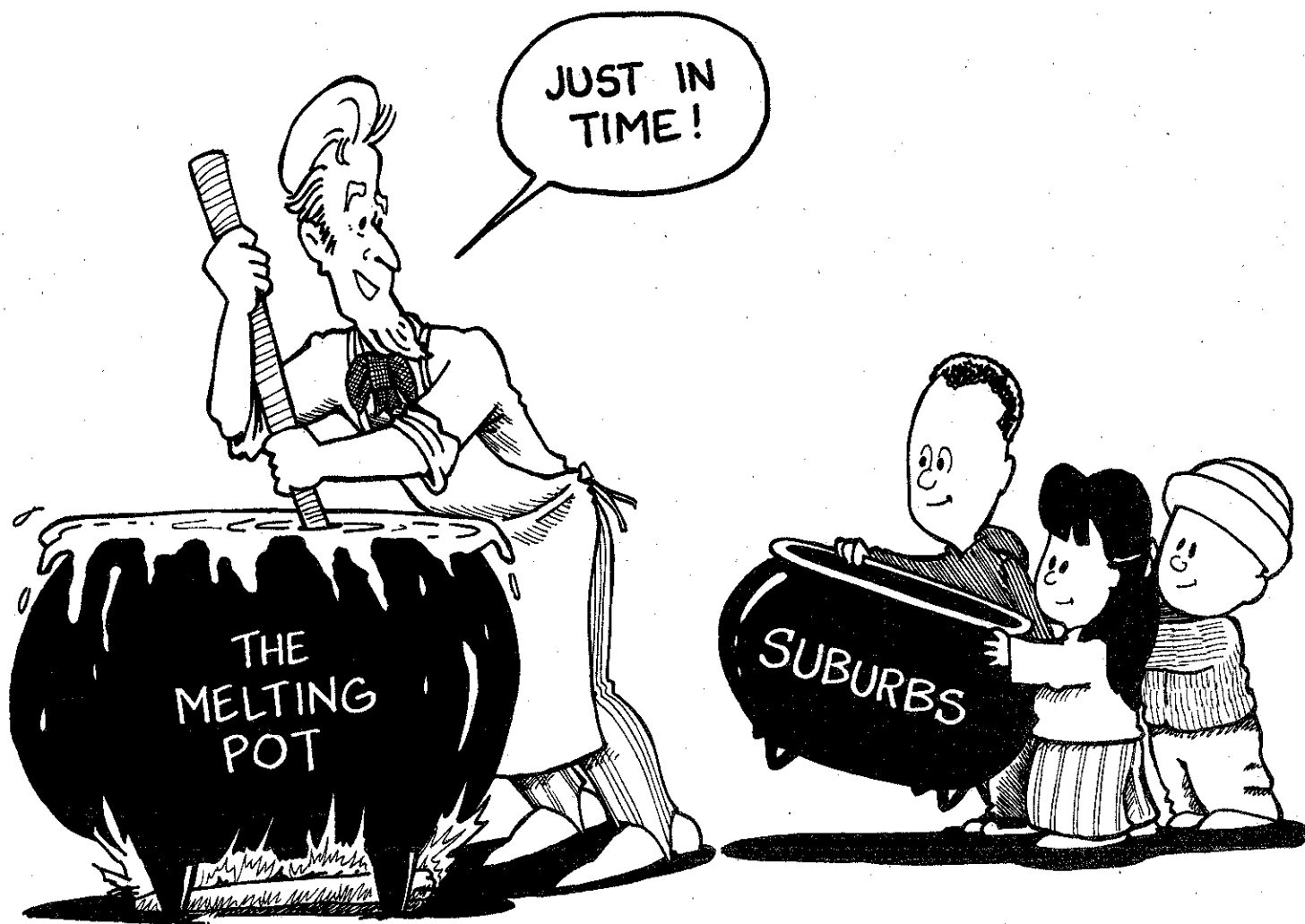
For some MLK Day is the first real holiday in our country that says diversity needs to be embraced.

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Let King say it for us: "I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream."

Let's give the Canton plan a chance to succeed.

We will see how it works on Monday, Jan. 21, 2002. King preached tolerance and patience and so will we.



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LETTERS

More coverage

I am currently in the Army as an active duty soldier and I was present at the ceremony on Sunday (on Nov. 11) at the Summit. It was a very moving experience to say the least. However, when I got the paper that I thought would have covered the sacrifices and the memories of those fallen in the name of freedom for their country, all I got from your paper (*Canton Observer*, Nov. 15 front page) was a three-picture spread with captions. Not even highlighting the fact of the pictures playing second fiddle to a story about bird feeding rules; this is appalling.

All of the veterans either dead or alive are or were, in the employment of the Armed Forces in order to better the society that you now take for granted. I am personally offended that all the years that my grandfather, my father, and myself have served this fine country have warranted such a response from your paper and this community.

I am serving, not because I cannot do anything else, but because others refuse to bear that cross themselves. I stand beside our flag to hold it up for those that are unable to. I realize that it is a thankless job, and I have accepted that over the years, but the amount of patriotism in your community today is enough to make veterans cry themselves to sleep at night.

We live in the hardest of environments and endure things that you cannot possibly imagine in order to bring home the very freedom that people take for granted. And, quite frankly, if that is how the community feels, hop in your American made car, grab your kids, and move to a third world country.

Maybe you will appreciate your freedom when it is really gone.

Staff sergeant Daniel E. Walters
US Army recruiter
Westland

Editor's note: The Canton Observer's coverage included two front page stories in advance of the event in addition to the three pictures on Page One following the event. A fourth picture and commentary ran on the Nov. 22 editorial page.

Kroger is fine

It really irks me to see the Canton Planning Commission criticizing Kroger stores for their appearance when they allow so much other unattractive construction in the township, such as the gaudy Las Vegas-style sign in front of the township. I often shop at the Kroger store at Canton Center and find it well maintained and attractive. They typically limit outdoor presentation to their covered three-season patio area. This is not the case with blight along Ford Road and in particular the Meijer store.

I am beginning to become very suspicious that every other business seems to come under close scrutiny when permits are required while Meijer gets away with "improvements" that make Frank Lloyd Wright roll over in his grave.

Do the planners actually consider the year-around fenced area, plastic sheet building and outdoor storage in the Meijer parking lot attractive? Several "remodels" have been approved for this store over the years and it continues to be an eyesore.

Come on, commissioners, everybody knows you use permitting as leverage, but be fair with your public comments.

Larry Reed

Backs Canton HRC

I laud the efforts of the Human Rights Commission formed by the Canton Township Board of Trustees to assess the community's sentiment and feelings on how Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday should be celebrated. The commission, a group of men and women of various ethnic groups, represented Canton's diverse population. With nearly a year of deliberation, discussion, and debate, the Human Rights Commission returned a unanimous recommendation on how the day should be celebrated. The commission's efforts should be applauded and commended.

A unanimous recommendation on such a sensitive issue surely did not come without struggle. It is my absolute hope that the board of trustees, whose very duty to represent this community is a trust, would accept the Commission's recommendation.

Should the board refuse to accept the recommendation of the very commission it appointed to study such a delicate issue, the board of trustees may in fact be mirroring the personal preferences of its individual members and not what should be implemented as best practice by the board.

The Human Rights Commission presented to the board of trustees a unanimous decision, perhaps due to the nature and diversity of the group, and recommendation of what should be implemented as best practice on how Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday should be celebrated. The lack of diversity on the board of trustees ought not to be the controlling sentiment on how Dr. King's day ought to be celebrated.

A diverse Human Rights Commission has certainly paved the way.

Therefore, I urge the board of trustees to trust the wisdom of the Human Rights Commission, a commission the board itself organized.

Rev. Joe Stevenson
Pastor of the
New Liberty Baptist Church

For The Birds

As a long-time resident of Canton Township, I've been just as worried as our city fathers have about the status of the numbers of invasive species of birds that inhabit our community. Indeed, I was very gratified that our township leaders, in their infinite wisdom, have chosen to propose an ordinance that would police what types of critters inhabit my back yard.

Therefore, to quell the controversy surrounding the "bird feeder" law, I propose to our learned body of trustees the following alternatives:

1. Declare open season on such pests as mourning doves and the like that have the sheer audacity to fly into people's yards to feed at feeders (it brings to mind what the American Army officer in Vietnam once said, that they had to destroy the village to save it); or
2. Hire a flock of "bird feeder ordinance officers" immediately by emergency decree. I would think one per

street should be enough. Charge these keepers of the neighborhood peace with the responsibility for going from back yard to back yard to make sure only the right kind of bird feeds at bird feeders, and either shoo off the offenders, or shoot 'em so these feathered carpetbaggers – only the ones we don't want, understand – don't disturb the peace and tranquility of our fair township; or

3. Make available free to any township resident tiny "no doves and like species allowed" signs small enough to be able to be placed on bird feeders so the dastardly offenders know they aren't welcome, or

4. Find something worthwhile to occupy their time rather than wasting the taxpayers' money working on such stupid laws to protect us; or

5. Elect a flock of new trustees who will find better things to do than fight a cooing dove in my back yard.

Bill Semion,
Canton

Bird feeders

Please let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who called, wrote or e-mailed the Canton administration in opposition to the proposed bird feeding ordinance.

Clearly, one can "fight city hall" when voices are united in a cause.

To everyone who took time to attend the Nov. 13 (Canton Township) board meeting and to be a voice for God's littlest creatures, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

You shared your knowledge, concern and caring for those who have no voice to speak for themselves.

Let us hope that the township will use the ordinances already on the books when needed and will consult experts to solve problems rather than to let attorneys draft ordinance in which they have little background.

We must remain vigilant to protect the "little ones" in our township.

Thank you all – God bless you.

Nancy Spencer
Canton

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Avoid hysteria in the search for terrorists here at home

After all the talk about embracing diversity over the past three or four decades of America's history, we are now being forced to look hard at the very core of those beliefs.

The first terrorist attack on American soil has put us at war with a group of extremists who use their religious beliefs to justify barbaric behavior and violent intolerance of anyone who opposes them. We all understand that we are dealing with the Taliban, with Osama/bin Laden. We know in our hearts not every Arab citizen in the world took part in or condones these terrorist acts.

But how are we, as a nation, responding?

In the days following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, people of Middle Eastern descent faced the prejudice of those who failed to understand the Taliban doesn't represent their interests any more than Timothy McVeigh represented every American's point of view.

Since then, our nation has tightened its grip on immigrants and visitors of Middle Eastern heritage. In a land where our Constitution guarantees citizens the right to a fair trial, government officials have given themselves free rein to try suspected terrorists at sequestered military tribunals.

Local police departments have been asked to help with "voluntary" interviews that target Middle Eastern men. In Detroit, federal officials have agreed to soften this procedure by sending letters to the men, rather than knocking on their doors.

The ever gracious Kenneth Starr, who made a name for himself investigating a president, has suggested we might want to torture suspected terrorists, to get them to tell us the truth.

Torture?
In America?
Why not?

Our government has decided it's OK to institute different standards of "fairness" based on ethnic heritage. When will it be OK to round up all people of Middle Eastern descent, "just in case" one of them might know something or might have a relative or friend who might know something about the Sept. 11 attacks?

Where is the line we will not cross? More importantly, who draws it?

Those of us in quiet suburban communities, where no one was beaten and no one was shot after Sept. 11, where citizens and governments are aware of an increasing diversity and are working to build understanding, may not be able to do much to stem this rising tide of suspicion and intolerance.

Perhaps we can agree that desperate times call for desperate measures. We may believe the horrifying tragedy our country has endured and the continuing threat of terrorism are reason enough to risk these encroachments on rights as endemic to our nation as the soil upon which it was built.

We are a nation still suffering the after-effects of grief. We face the additional threat of what federal officials have said is likely domestic terrorism – the anthrax scares that have struck with a frighteningly random and deadly force.

We are angry. We are afraid. We have a thirst for vengeance most of us dare not admit in public. All these things color our efforts toward improving "homeland security" and provide an internal justification for unreasonable actions against a group of people who have, themselves, done nothing wrong.

As those who enjoy the relative peace and comfort of suburban life, we have a responsibility to carefully examine the actions our government proposes and respond to them by asking our elected leaders to stand against intolerance and carefully watch every step they take toward the kind of hysteria that led to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Since the dawn of the civil rights movement, we have worked to build understanding and tolerance among all people, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, ethnicity or religious belief. Clearly there is more work to do, but we have made tremendous strides, as evidenced by the continuing work of governments and citizens in our communities to foster goodwill and address difficult issues as they arise.

We cannot allow these acts of terrorism, no matter how painful, to take all that away from us.

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



MURRAY CLOSE

Oscar-winning performer Hilary Swank stars in *The Affair of the Necklace*, opening today.

SATURDAY



ED SCHENK

Detroit's Queen of Blues and Alligator Records recording artist, Alberta Adams performs 7 p.m. at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. No cover, call (248) 644-4800.

SUNDAY



CYNTHIA D. MURRAY

The Focus: Hope Holiday Music Festival features Ron Coden, Barbara Bredius, Josh White Jr., Ortheia Barnes, Kitty Donohoe, Matt Watroba, Robert James, Jan Krist (pictured), Charlie Latimer, Al Ayoub, David Reske, Jelly's Pierced Tattoo, 3 p.m. at North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. Tickets \$25, call (313) 494-4438.



Painter Bob Burdette will present his works, including *Make Everyday Better* (above), for the first time in Detroit when his exhibition, *Secret Agents, Lovely Ladies*, opens 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at CPOP Gallery, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Admission is free. Call (313) 833-9901.

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Wild Winter

at the zoo



DETROIT ZOO

Close encounter: Come face to face with a polar bear during Wild Winter days at the Detroit Zoo.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
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Don't be surprised if you see a mime pretending she's a polar bear during Wild Winter days at the Detroit Zoo.

That more than likely will be Cathy Huber, one of the Mercy Mimes from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The mimes perform 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in

Wild Winter

What: See the animals and enjoy an array of activities and performances

Where: Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, off I-696, Royal Oak

When: Saturday, Dec. 1, to Thursday, Feb. 28. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

Admission: \$8, \$6 seniors/children age 2-18, under age 2 free. Call (248) 398-0900 or Wild Winter Events Hotline at (248) 541-5835 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org

the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

Last year, Huber and the rest of the troupe imitated animals and snakes during another *Wild Winter* at the zoo. This year they join an array of performers, including vocal groups such as the Mercycyaires 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, and Livonia Churchill High School Choralation 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, for the festivities taking place between December and February. Walk around and watch Henry Ford Community College students carve animals and everything imaginable from ice. Then head over to the new 4.2 acre Arctic Ring of Life exhibit where seven polar bears and several grey, harp and harbor seals swim around visitors inside the 70-foot long acrylic tunnel.

Indoor exhibits like the Penguinarium and National Amphibian Conservation Center provide a place to warm up after seeing the polar bears and arctic foxes who are now wearing their white winter coats. And don't forget to stop in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery where Huber and the Mercy Mimes, under the direction of

Kathy Sill, tell the story of

The Night Before Christmas. Huber doesn't imitate one of the reindeer in Clement Moore's tale, but eight of the other girls in the troupe do. The 17-year-old senior especially enjoys the gallery where hummingbirds and butterflies light on greenery in the tropical garden on the first level.

"Last year we walked around and looked at different art and artifacts upstairs in the gallery and reacted to them, then mimed after seeing how visitors would react to them," said Huber, a 17-year-old senior at Mercy High School. "We play off other people's reactions. Some with little kids would stop and watch for awhile. I don't know if they understood what we were trying to do because they were so young but they would sit with a smile on their face."

The gallery is just the beginning of what the zoo has to

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MUSIC

Doo Wop Fest drives '50s, '60s music back home

BY MIKE MURPHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Faces change, but the songs remain the same.

And the Reflections, a group of five Detroit-area vocalists who broke out nationally in 1964 with *Just Like Romeo and Juliet*, keep on singing them.

"It's taken us a long way," said Reflections' baritone voice Gary Banovetz of the 1964 hit.

The Reflections will appear Friday at Clarenceville Auditorium along with Gene Chandler, The Tokens, The Crystals and The Dubs as part of the Doo Wop 50 Tour.

Just Like Romeo and Juliet wasn't the only Top 40 hit that the group recorded for Golden World, a local label that was later bought out by Motown.

They also hit the Top 40 with *Poor Man's Song*, *Shabby Little Hut*, and *Just Like Columbus Did*, which sounded similar to *Just Like Romeo and Juliet* but didn't have the same impact.

Just Like Romeo and Juliet was the one that stuck in the minds of millions of listeners and the one that earned the group a spot on the One-Hit Wonders wall at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

"It was a monster," Banovetz said. "It was the only American song that held its own through the British Invasion."

When *Just Like Romeo and Juliet* hit, Banovetz was part of The Larados,

What: The Doo Wop 50 Tour, featuring The Tokens, The Crystals, Gene Chandler, The Dubs, The Reflections and the Tommy C Band.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30

Where: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

Tickets: \$30-\$40, call (800) 434-5776

another Detroit area vocal group. The two groups merged in 1977, and they've been busy playing trade shows, conventions and oldies shows ever since.

"God has given us the talent to persevere throughout the years," Banovetz said. "We give credit where it belongs. There's no other logical reason why guys our age would still be singing."

While Banovetz is not an original Reflection, two of the quintet's current members - Tony Micale and John Dean - are.

The three other original Reflections - Ray Steinberg, Don Bennie, and Phil Casterdale - will be at the Clarenceville show, although not as performers, Banovetz said.

"People owe it to themselves to come," Banovetz said. "They will remember it for a long, long time."

Florida-based tour promoter Eddie Morelli said that the Doo Wop 50 Tour



CRYSTAL PRODUCTIONS

Da Doo Run Run: The Crystals are among a bevy of performers coming to Livonia this weekend to revive the sounds of Doo Wop.

has been highly successful nationally and that the groups all contain at least one original member.

"I never knowingly present acts that don't," Morelli said. "There are a lot of bogus groups out there, but I would rather pay a little more and have the respect of my peers."

Some, like Gene Chandler, best known for *Duke of Earl*, would be hard to duplicate.

Chandler broke the charts a half dozen times after the success of *Duke of Earl*. His career went through soul and disco phases, but he's now back singing his 1950s treasures.

"Gene does a magnificent job," Morelli said. "He is just a fantastic showman."

Morelli, who emceed the '50s shows, began promoting the package tours in Florida less than two years ago. Doo Wop is undergoing a resurgence in popularity, due to the recent PBS special series on the music, he said.

The Crystals, who hit with a slew of songs produced by Phil Spector, including *Da Doo Run Run*, *He's A Rebel*, and *Uptown*, will be coming off a stint on a cruise ship when they appear at

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Polar fun:
It's going to be a wild winter of bear sightings at the Detroit Zoo.



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offer in winter. Snow monkeys soak in their hot tub while river otters frolic in the water. Every where there are colorful red pandas, striped tigers and strange-looking ant eaters ambling around the zoo.

"I liked walking around and looking at the animals as a mime," said Huber. "We were in the Reptile House with the snakes and we'd pretend we were afraid of snakes. They're watching the animals and you. It's kind of like being an animal at the zoo."

Sill believes the zoo is a magical place and 12 seems to be a magical number for the Mercy Mimes. Sill founded the 12-mem-

ber mime troupe 12 years ago and they're performing in Wild Winter days at the Detroit Zoo in the 12th month. But before they do, the mimes take to streets of Franklin Village 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Performing in community venues is one of the benefits of making the troupe composed of juniors and seniors at Mercy High School. Dancing and acting students audition at the end of Acting II, an intermediate acting class, for the honor. An extra curricular activity, the students practice after school.

"We went to Gilda's house last December in a blinding storm to entertain cancer patients,

arrived late and literally trudged through knee-deep snow but it made us feel good. The girls were very appreciated," said Sill, a Commerce Township resident now in her 26th year of teaching acting at the high school.

"We've done the zoo several years. The mimes roam at will. I think it's a wonderful way to entertain. It brings so much joy to people. Little kids they may be frightened at first, but the girls get down on ground level and act just as shy. Everybody loves the zoo. As a mime you become one of the animals, just a higher form."

So look for the Mercy Mimes in their black bowler hats, red bow ties, white gloves - and white face. They'll be the ones imitating the polar bears and people at the Detroit Zoo.

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Clarenceville.

"I do these shows all over, and they all sell out, wherever we go," Morelli said. "These people are such fanatics. They can tell you what Larry Chance of The Earls wore at the Apollo in 1957."

Morelli said that, for many, the appeal of the music is in the memories it's associated with. "People met, fell in love, got married and had kids by this music," Morelli said. "It's great music."

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FINAL DAYS

Farmington Artists Club member Staci Miron exhibits her paintings in a one woman show through November at the Farmington Public Library, 23500 Liberty Street. Call (248) 474-7770.

Part of the paintings were produced while dreaming about her father's homeland, Malta. Others depict scenes in France and Kensington Metropark. For more information, call (248) 668-1718.

YOUTH THEATER

The Whistle Stop Players present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction.

Tickets are \$5; advance purchase recommended. Call (734) 416-4278.

Adapted from the fantasy by Roald Dahl by Richard George, the 50-minute play will be performed by children ages 5-15.

SEASONAL CONCERT

Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble presents its winter concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the community room of the Radcliff Center, 17512 Radcliff Street, Garden City.

Admission is free. Call (734) 462-4417.

The program includes a selection by Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich and American Alfred Reed's *Russian Christmas Music*.

DANCING TOGETHER

Detroit Dance Collective and Ann Arbor Dance Works perform a concert, "Together," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the third floor of the Old Main Building (Warren and Cass) at Wayne State University, Detroit.

Tickets are \$10. Seating is limited. Call (313) 965-3544. Special two for one tickets are available from the Michigan Dance Council and ArtServe Michigan members.

The program includes the premiere of Detroit Dance Collective's *Karangan*, a new work inspired by the music of Colin McPhee. The collective's artistic director Barbara Selinger, a Farmington Hills resident, choreographed the work.

CHAMBER MUSIC

The Chamber Music at the Scarab Club series features compositions by Lennox Berkeley and Ernst von Dohnanyi 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Belian Art Center, Rochester.

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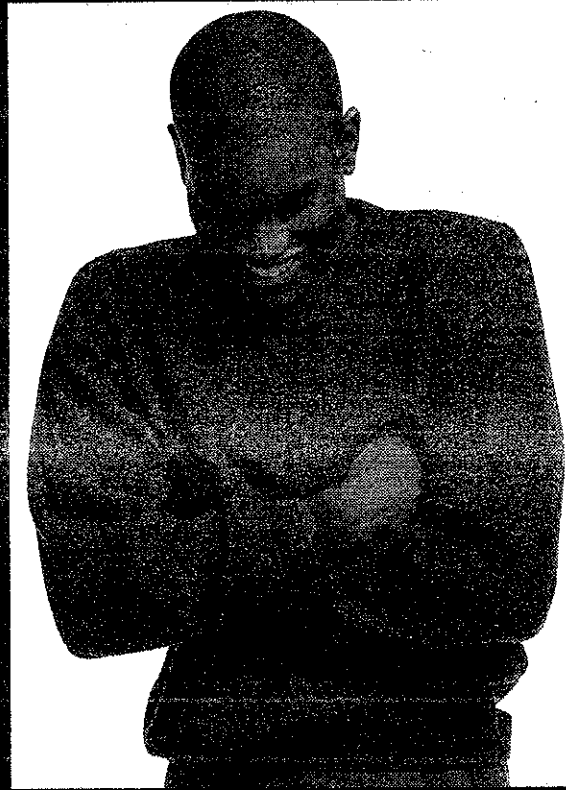
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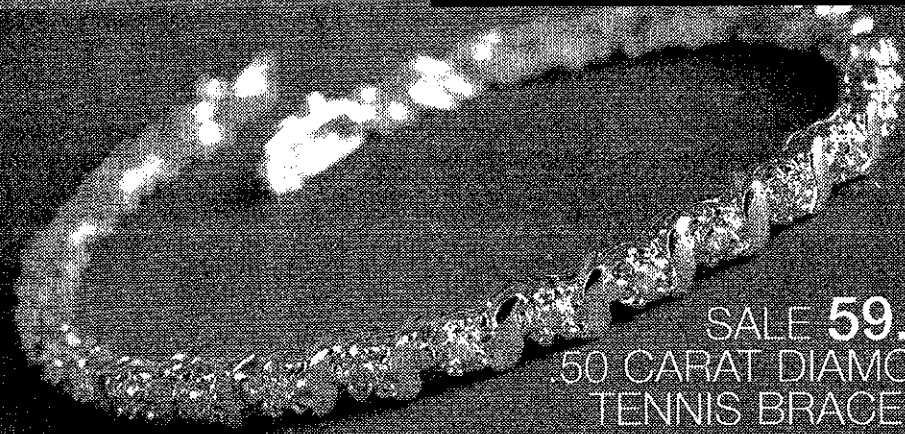
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THEATER

'The Learned Ladies' earns laughs with its quirky characters

BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Not often does one production combine the beauty of classic literature with physical comedy and modern music. The Wayne State University Department of Theatre has done just that with its performance of Moliere's *The Learned Ladies*.

Les Femmes Savants, translated into English verse by Richard Wilbur, takes place in a 17th century bourgeois Paris home. This unusual household is very obviously run by Philaminte (Jennifer Tuttle), the family's educated matriarch. When her daughter Henriette (Nikki Ferry) chooses to marry instead of study philosophy and literature like her sister Armande (Christi Marsico), Philaminte takes it upon herself to at least marry her off to her favorite educated man, Trissotin (Kristopher



Witty romp: The Hilberry Theatre presents *The Learned Ladies* starring Eddie Collins (Clitandre) and Nikki Ferry (Henriette).

Yoder) who is really just a self-involved fool who thinks himself a great poet.

Meanwhile, Henriette has given her heart to Clitandre (Eddie Collins), and she must rely on her father Chrysale (understudy Stephen Massot) to stand up to her mother so that she may marry the man she loves.

The actors do an excellent job bringing out the quirky and humorous personalities of these

characters. Tuttle's uptight Philaminte stands tough as she fires the servant Martine (Shelly Gaza) for having bad grammar, as if it were a contagious disease, and Massot successfully takes his character from spineless to forthright and back again.

The most comical performances would have to be those of Yoder and Trisha Miller who plays Henriette's Aunt Belise. Belise is pink. Her clothes are pink; her big hair is pink (and at

one point has a book in it). The perfect color for someone who pretends to be educated and thinks all men are deeply smitten with her. She is one of the three learned ladies entranced by Trissotin's poem about a princess with a fever. Yoder's character dramatically recites - and recites again - the silly poem, drawing the women to

repeat his words and chant: "Say what they will, the wretch must go."

Also notable is the talent of Chad Patrick Smith as the Greek scholar with a speech impediment, Vadius. His part is small, but his exchange with Trissotin, which turns from a contest of compliments to a battle of insults, is quite funny.

Beautiful sets and costumes alone are worth admission. Director Greg Trzaskoma and crew have put together a wonderful version of a classic piece of literature. Though I'm sure Moliere knew nothing of the Macarena and Michael Jackson's Moonwalk, it adds a unique touch. You will have to see it to believe it.

Rockettes bring back holiday spirit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Parading into Detroit's Fox Theatre last Friday, 18 pairs of long, lean legs, were saluted by the U.S. Coastguard and serenaded by the sounds of the Cass Tech Choir. For the fifth year, The Radio City Rockettes ushered in the joy of the holiday season as stars of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*.

Dressed in dazzling winter whites, the world's most famous dancing troupe glided with ease and grace on opening night, Friday, Nov. 23. Rockettes with local ties included Demise Caston of Clarkston, Krystle Richeson of Farmington Hills and Allison Roller of Rochester Hills.

The show began with a time-honored Christmas tradition as WDIV's Devin Scillian sat stage right to read aloud the classic tale *The Night Before Christmas*.

The lights then dimmed to reflect the appearance of falling snow on a red velvet curtain.

The curtain revealed an energetic cast sporting a candy-colored array of costumes and singing "We need a little Christmas" - a sentiment that couldn't be closer to the truth these days.

Like a signal to Santa Claus, the man in red magically appeared to kick off this Broadway-style music extravaganza. Blending classic carols like *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas* with modern songs like *Santa's Gonna Rock n' Roll*, the show paid homage to Christmas's past while keeping an eye, and line of tap-dancing feet, toward the future.

Audience members young and old knew every word to *Let It Snow*, *Silver Bells* and *Deck the Halls*. The crowd let out "oohs" and "aahs" as the Rockettes precisely treaded out dressed as toy soldiers, all destined to fall like a line of dominoes, or ambled together like a bevy of rag dolls ready for delivery to all good girls and boys.

Still the highlight of the 2-hour show came at the end as

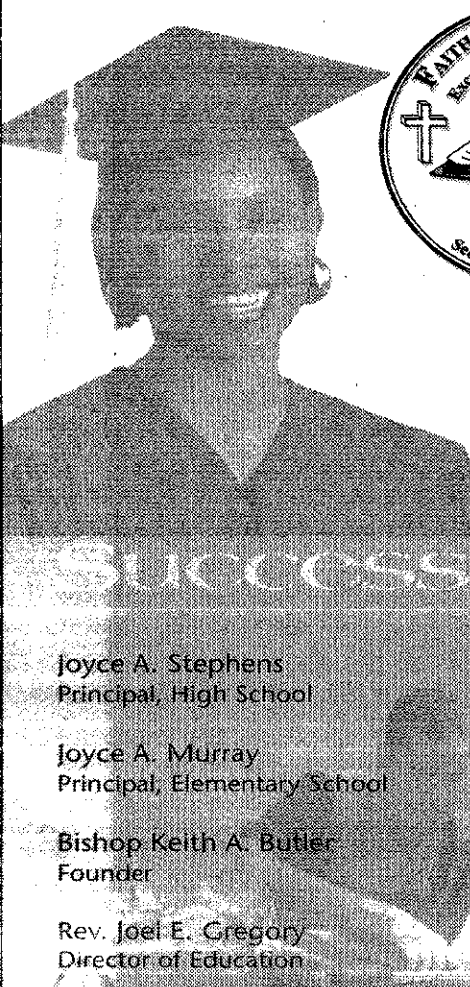
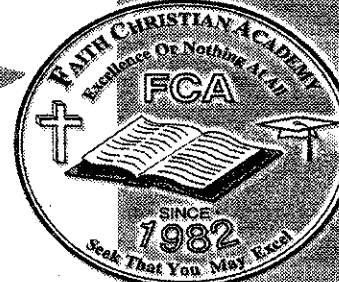
the cast re-created *The Living Nativity*. The giant manger filled with wise men bearing gifts of gold, frankensense and myrhh, shepherds accompanied by real sheep, and even live camels. Though the animals seemed more interested in the audience than in than Mary and Joseph's miracle, the four-legged cast members, which also include donkeys and a dog, evoked a little laughter.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular offers a special way to commemorate this season. The show is appropriate for children and adults and serves as a lively reminder that the holidays are a gift and a chance to celebrate and appreciate family and friends.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular runs through Saturday, Dec. 29 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Weekend performances feature a chance to get a snapshot with Santa in the Fox Theatre Lobby before the performance for a nominal fee. Tickets \$15-\$57.50, call (248) 433-1515

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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *Missizy and the Angel Tree* continues to Dec. 30, 8:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 3 and 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

ELEPHANT PRODUCTIONS: *Party* continues to Sunday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at 1515 Broadway, Detroit. Warning: contains nudity. \$20 (\$18 Nov. 1-2). (313) 598-4654 or www.Partyontour.com

GEM THEATRE: *Dinner with Friends* continues 2 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$27.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Talley's Folly* continues to Dec. 30, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, Dec. 5-9, 12-16, 19-23 and 26-30, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, Dec. 19. No evening performance Dec. 19. \$16-\$28. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* continues to Sunday, Dec. 23, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$28-\$40. Ol' Ebenezer Scrooge asks audiences to learn from his lessons and bring non-perishable food donations to the theater during the run of *A Christmas Carol*. (248) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: *The 1940s Radio Hour*, a nostalgic musical by Walton Jones, Dec. 7-9, 14-16 and 21-22, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. \$13. (248) 608-9077

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CIVIC THEATRE: *Good Tidings of Great Joy* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, south of Warren, west of Beech Daly. \$5 plus bring a canned goods or non-perishable food item to be donated to the Good Fellows Christmas food basket collection. (313) 561-1275

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: *The British farce Habeas Corpus* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8, and Thursday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, West Bloomfield Civic Theater inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile. Note: Due to sexual innuendo not recommended for children under age 12. \$13. (248) 219-0800

MORRICO ART THEATRE: *The Odd Couple* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at A2CT Downtown, 408 West Washing Street, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (734) 996-2549

PUPPETART: *Journey to Asamando, the Land of the Dead* features actors, dancers, Senegalese drummer, singers, and puppets, based on West African folk tale 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$10, reservations suggested. (313) 961-7777

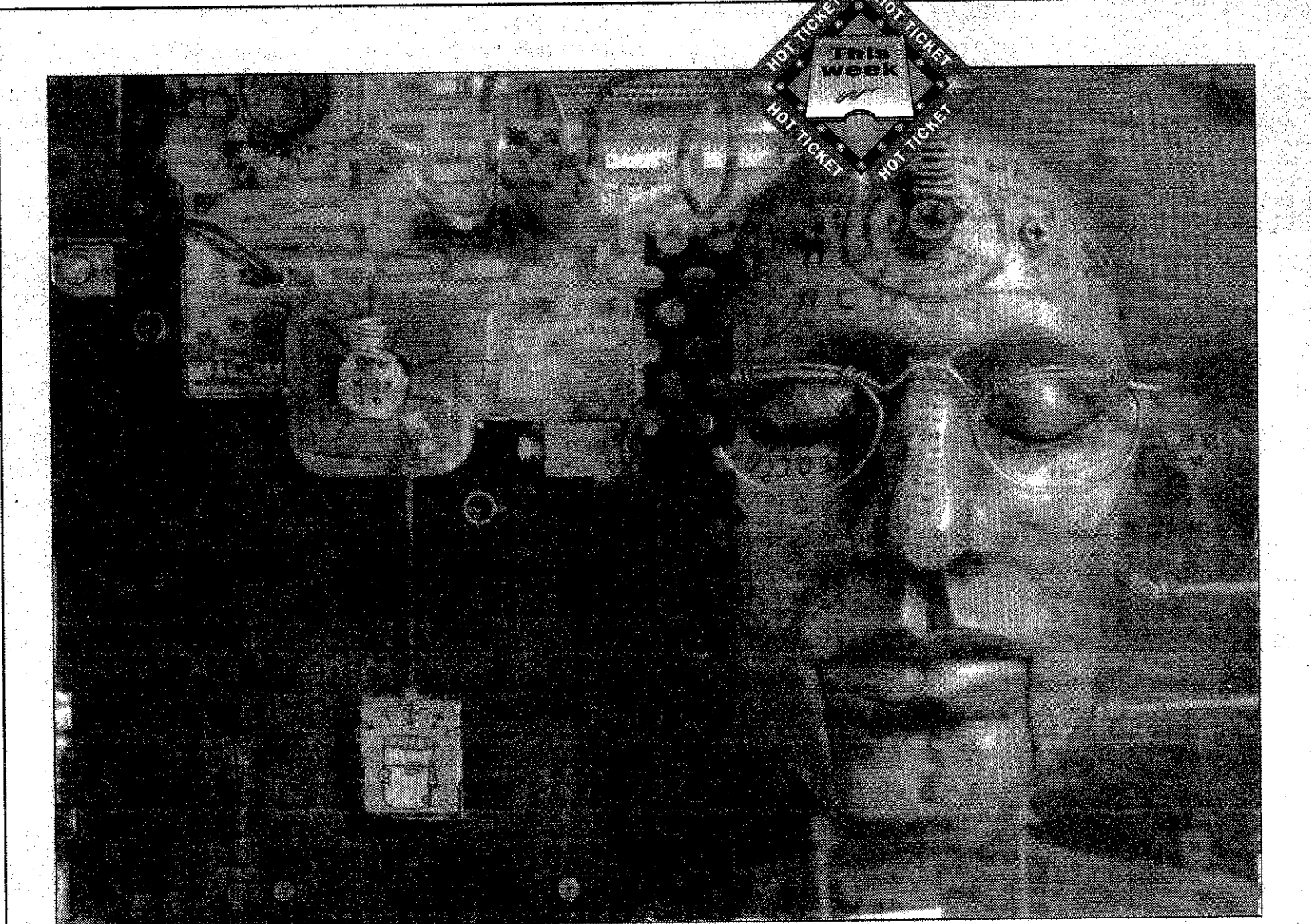
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ANGEL FOOD CAFE: *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916: An Evening of Historical License* 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the restaurant, 6 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti. \$39.95 and include a gourmet 3-course dinner. Advance ticket purchase and meal selection required. (734) 483-0135

COLLEGE THEATER

EMU THEATRE: *The Glass Menagerie* Nov. 30-Dec. 2 and Dec. 6-8, 8 p.m. except for Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m., in Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HILBERRY THEATRE: *The comedy Season's Greeting* continues in rotating repertory to Feb. 2; *A Doll's House* continues in rotating repertory through Dec. 15; *The Learned Ladies* continues to Nov. 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972



Fantasy world: See the new works of New York artist Richard Borge during his exhibition opening 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at CPOP Gallery, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Painter Bob Burdette will also be featured in a solo show at the gallery. Admission is free. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and refreshments will be provided by Ferndale's Woodward Avenue Brewers. Call (313) 833-9901 for more information.

OCC THEATRE: Oakland Community College's newly established Orchard Ridge Theater Company presents its first production, Neil Simon's comedy *The Good Doctor*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, directed by theater artistic director Carol King, *The Good Doctor* is a series of sketches adapted by Simon from the work of 19th century Russian playwright Anton Chekhov, in Smith Theatre on the college's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. \$7, \$5 students/seniors. Call (248) 522-3667

THEATRE COMPANY: *The Last Train to Nibroc* continues to Dec. 2, in the OnStage Theatre on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy. (313) 993-6461 or (313) 993-1130

WSU THEATRE COMPANY: *The Sty of the Blind Pig* Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Nov. 29-Dec. 1, and 6-8, at the theater downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre, Cass and Hancock, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE: *Cinderella*, a marionette ballet version of the popular story, 2 p.m. Saturdays in December, at the theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7771

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE: *Winnie-the-Pooh* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the college, Dearborn. \$8, \$4 students age 16 and under, \$3 for groups of 10 or more. (313) 845-9817

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Charlotte's Web* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 29-30, and Jan. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110

MICHIGAN THEATRE: *Goodnight, Opus* brings the whimsical penguin to the stage, performed by The Mermaid Theatre Company of Nova Scotia 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS or (734) 668-8397, ext. 30

NOVI THEATRES: *A Christmas Carol* Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9, at the Novi Middle School Theatre, 11 mile and Wixom Road. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *Stuart Little* Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 1-2 and 8-9, Saturdays lunch at noon, show at 1 p.m.; Sundays lunch at 1 p.m., show at 2 p.m., at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. \$8.50 includes lunch. (810) 344-7774

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE WIND ENSEMBLE: Presents its winter concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, program includes a selection by Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovich and American Alfred Reed's Russian Christmas Music... in the community room of the Radcliff Center, 17512 Radcliff Street, Garden City. No charge. (734) 462-4417

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction. \$5; advance purchase recommended. (734) 416-4278

SPECIAL EVENTS

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: Theatrical presentation of an old-time radio broadcast, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, 15-16, Second City Theatre, Detroit. \$8-\$12. (248) 645-6666

NOEL NIGHT: 40 performance groups entertain, horse-drawn carriage rides, reindeer, carolers, sing-along, 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the University Cultural Center, Detroit. (313) 577-5088

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR: Starring the Rockettes, times vary, continues through Saturday, Dec. 29, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$57.50. (313) 471-6611

REDFORD THEATRE: *Oliver* Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 with guest organist Lance Luce and Detroit 300 film slides, 8 p.m. Friday, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the theater 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Redford. \$3. (313) 534-1954

TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST: Presentation on Iceland 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center. No charge but a Metropark vehicle entry permit is required. (810) 781-4621

WWF LIVE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$20-\$40. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS AND STRINGS: Holiday Brass and sing-along, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, Christ Church, Grosse Pointe. Sing-along 45 minutes before concert. Tickets \$22, \$18 for students and seniors, available at the door. (248) 559-2095.

BENEFITS

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents its annual Sing-along with Santa benefit 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 children, \$25 families, \$50 patrons. (734) 994-4801

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE: The French manor home continues on display through Dec. 9 in Bloomfield Hills, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Nov. 22. Last tour of the day starts at 3 p.m. \$20 at door, \$18 advance. (313) 576-5154 or (313) 576-5155

JAMMIN' FOR MY BROTHERS: Chuck Shermaturo and the Jim Wyse Quartet perform two concerts Saturday, Dec. 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and 9p.m.-1 a.m., for the New York City Firefighters Disaster Relief Fund, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. Suggested donation \$10, \$7 students, \$25 for both performances. (734) 662-8310

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Gala Evenings kick-off annual Holiday Walk program and begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktail reception and tour of the mansion, dinner at 8 p.m. with entertainment by Charlie Gabriel and Friends, dancing and cordials Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1. \$200-\$275, for the preservation and interpretation of the historic property. (248) 370-3140

CLASSICAL

CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE SCARAB CLUB: Features the music of Lennox Berkeley and Ernst von Dohnanyi 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Belian Art Center, Rochester. \$18 at door, \$15 advance. (248) 477-1487

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Baroque Favorites with conductor/harpisichordist Rinaldi Alessandrini 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1; Handel's Messiah opens Holiday Festival with University of Michigan Chamber Choir 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$62. (313) 576-5111

KIROV ORCHESTRA OF THE MARIINSKY THEATRE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$50. (734) 764-2538

LES ARTS FLORISSANTS: Present Christmas Music of Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. \$35-\$40. (734) 764-2358

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY:

Opens its season with a holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, program includes Christmas carols and patriotic songs such as Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America, in Our Lady of Loretto Church on Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. No charge. (313) 538-1652

VIVACE SERIES: Presents pianists Allen Brings and Genevieve Chinn 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Farmington Hills. \$18, \$15 seniors/ students. (248) 788-9338 or (248) 661-1348

OPERA

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS: Present Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, Livonia. Free will offering. Other performances are 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 West 13 Mile, Royal Oak (tickets \$8 at door); 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 West Pike, Pontiac (\$10 at door), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge.

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: "Musique de Noel" concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, Troy; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Christ Episcopal Church, Dearborn/ \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$10. (810) 632-4067

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: The 48-voice choir presents winter concert 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Admission is free. (734) 425-1749

THE MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Old St. Mary Church, at St. Antoine and Monroe in Greektown, Detroit. \$15-\$18. (810) 465-5973

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: The 135-voice chorus presents its 29th annual holiday concert *Christmas Tapestry* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. \$10. (734) 455-4080

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Handel's *Messiah* 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, Detroit. \$12 advance, \$15 at door. (313) 341-3466

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORUS: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward, Detroit (no charge), and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Donations accepted. (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435

UMS CHORAL UNION: And the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah* 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$20. (734) 764-2538

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN: Performs a cappella Renaissance madrigals, carols, pop and classical pieces; PRIME vocal jazz, directed by Steve SeGraves, entertains audiences with a blend of swing, bebop, pop and classics in *An Olde Jazzy Christmas* concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Donations will be accepted following the concert. (248) 682-6562

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: Looking for new musicians for the 65-member adult band, all instruments welcome especially low brass and percussion, rehearsals on Wednesday in Groves High School bandroom. (248) 474-4997, (248) 647-7586 or visit the Web site at birminghamconcertband.com

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: If you are a musician in grades 1-12 with at least one year of experience and interested in playing with a youth orchestra, the Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions for its winter semester beginning Jan. 5, openings available in most sections. (734) 591-7649 or online at www.LYPM.org

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

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

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Holiday Magic with the DSO Pops* 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$62. (313) 576-5111

JAZZ/BLUES

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

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

TUTU JONES: Thursday Nov. 29, at the Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-9090

BRETT LUCAS BAND: 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3-6 p.m. every other Saturday, at S.K. Brewer's Food and Spirits, Southfield. \$6 cover. Food available during show and dinner hour. (248) 476-2674

FOLK/ ACOUSTIC

DAROL ANGER: With Mike Marshall, Tony Rice and Todd Phillips 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, at Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 West 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road. (248) 647-7747

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 seniors/students and members. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

PAT MCDUNN: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

8 days a week

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

DANCE

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE: With Livonia Symphony Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$16, \$10 students/children. (734) 425-4855

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: With the Ann Arbor Dance Works 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Maggie Alessee Dance Studio on the third floor of the Old Main Building, corner of Warren and Cass on the Wayne State University campus. \$10, special 2 for 1 tickets for members of the Michigan Dance Council and ArtServe Michigan. Seating is limited. (313) 965-3544

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Performs its newly-created holiday concert titled *The Land Of Nod*, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Selligman Performing Arts Center, Beverly Hills. \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students. (248) 559-2095

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY: Present *The Nutcracker* with guest artists from Ballet West 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Mercy Auditorium, 29300 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$16, \$12 children/seniors. (248) 334-6964

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile. \$5. (248) 967-1428

MT. ZION SCHOOL OF DANCE: Present *The Nutcracker* 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. \$6-\$12. (248) 620-4900, (248) 391-6155

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY: With Plymouth Symphony Orchestra present *The Nutcracker* 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$18, \$10 children. (734) 451-2112

ROSE MARIE FLOYD CONTEMPORARY BALLET COMPANY: *The Nutcracker* with guest dancer from New York Jeffrey Ballet Ensemble 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple at Cass. \$5. (248) 641-9063 or (313) 831-7072

RHYTHM N' SHOES: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the club, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0299

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Darwin Hines Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 9-Dec. 1, and Elliott Branch Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Present an evening of comedy with Mark Knope, Chrissy Burns and Jesse Lundy, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. \$15. (248) 625-8811

FOX THEATRE: Rick Smiley headlines the Def Comedy Jam, with Mike Epps, Ricky Harris, Honest John and DJ Showtime, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$42.50. Tickets for Sept. 15 performance will be honored. (248) 645-6666

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mitchell Walters Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, and Tim Jones Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 6-9, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Manny Shields Thursday, Nov. 29, and Joey Kola Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

MICHIGAN THEATRE: Janeane Garofalo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY: New on Tuesdays *Law & Disorder* and *Standing on Ceremony*; Jammin' Wednesdays features *The Best of Second City*; *Mayor-Go-Round* showtimes on Thursday-Sunday at Second City-Detroit. Ticket prices and showtimes vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Fabulous Friday Holiday Celebration 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 features tours of Cranbrook and Saarinen houses (6-8 p.m.), exhibits at Art Museum (gallery talks 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.), "Make Your Own Music" at Institute of Science (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), tickets \$10;

Mostly Music, a hands-on, interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and dissonance, tone and pitch, and rhythm and synthesizers, continues to Jan. 6, at the museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 adults; \$4 children ages 4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older; free for children ages 3 and younger. 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *Polish Presence in Detroit* exhibit continues, at the museum. Free with regular museum admission. (313) 833-1419

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Continues its Friday night programming 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at the museum. (313) 833-9900

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Enjoy walking through the village at night during the Twelve Nights of Christmas, lit by glowing lanterns the walking tour features eight historic buildings where traditional holiday cooking is ongoing, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday from Nov. 29 to Dec. 22 \$12, \$8 for children through age 12), IMAX movies 'N Sync and Super Speedway continue at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Gala Evenings kick-off annual Holiday Walk program and begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktail reception and tour of the mansion, dinner at 8 p.m. followed by dessert and entertainment by Charlie Gabriel and Friends, dancing and cordials Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Tickets \$275, \$200, call (248) 370-3140; Tours continue through June 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, teas 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required); Family Fun Days, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at the hall in Rochester. \$4 (Family Fun Days), reservations required. (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

LIVE MUSIC

AFROMAN: With Metaphysical Jones, 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

AL HILL TRIO: Solo performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500

AMERICAN MARS: CD release for *No City Fun*, with openers Judah Johnson, Saturday, Dec. 15, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

BARENAKED LADIES: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

B.B. KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$37.50. (248) 433-1515

BILAL: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (248) 645-6666

BLISS 66: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Emerald Theatre, Mount Clemens. All ages. \$5. 21 and older. (586) 913-1920

BLUE CAT: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

BLUE OYSTER CULT: With Foghat, April Wine, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666

BLUE RODEO: With Tim Easton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666

BRILLEHOUSE: With Yellow #5, Inner Recipe, Friday, Dec. 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555

THE BUTLER TWINS: 1 p.m. open jam, band begins 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, Music Menu Cafe, Detroit. \$5. (313) 964-6368

CATCH 22: With Riddlin' Kids, Student Rick, Lucky Boys Confusion, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (248) 645-6666

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE HOUSE: Featuring drama, music, spoken word, storytelling and performances by Delta 88, Del and the Roughcuts, Katie Geddes, David Nefesh, Paul Murphy & Heather Dean, Trip the Light Fantastic, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8-\$10. (734) 464-6302

CHROME FLIES: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666

CINDY BULLENS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302

THE CLIMAX DIVINE: With Nice Device, Atalaya, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$7. (313) 833-9700

CONCERT FOR A LANDMINE-FREE WORLD: With Emmy Lou Harris, Bruce Cockburn, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Nanci Griffith, Steve Earle, Patti Griffin, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, State Theater, Detroit. \$35-\$55. (248) 645-6666

THE CULT: With Like Hell, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. 21 and older. \$20. (248) 645-6666

DANIEL JOHNSTON: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$10. (313) 833-9700

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$16-\$19. All ages. (248) 645-6666

DAVID MOSHER: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8-10. (734) 464-6302

DELIVERY BOYS: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, Major Tooley's, Northville. (248) 465-1680

DETROIT COBRAS: With Dirt Bombs, Ko & The Knockouts, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700

THE DIAMOND DUKES: Featuring Virgil Varner, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, Fox & Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800

DILATED PEOPLES: 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666

DJ FOOD: 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, Motor Lounge, Hamtramck. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666

DRUMS & TUBA: With Joe Brown, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666

ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE: Featuring Jay Z, Craig David, Jessica Simpson, 112, LFO, City High, Willa Ford, Jamie Lynn Sigler (HBO's *Meadow Soprano*), and more, with host MTV's Brink McFayden, satellite guests Pink, Enrique Iglesias, O-Town, Saturday, Dec. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.31 and up. (248) 645-6666

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

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

DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

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

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

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

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

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

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

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

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

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

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

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

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-9700

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95.5 JINGLE BALL: Featuring Train, Nelly Furtado, O-Town, The Cranberries, Five for Fighting, Jewel, Blu Cantrell, Michelle Branch, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out

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MICHAEL ROSE: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and older. \$18-\$20. (313) 833-9700

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MOVIEOLA: With Outrageous Cherry, Royal City, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Detroit Contemporary, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit. \$6. (313) 898-4ART

NIKKA COSTA: With Miranda Lee Richards, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666

NO ALTERNATIVE: CD release party with guests Caulfield, One Hump Chump, Last Place Champs, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 313.JAC; upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

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MOVIES

Redford and Pitt team up in edge-of-your-seat thriller

BY SHEILA NORMAN-CULP
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - From its first moments - a heart-pounding rescue in a gritty Chinese prison - to its last, director Tony Scott's *Spy Game* is a high-octane thriller featuring dream matchup of leading men, Robert Redford and Brad Pitt.

The nonstop action sprints through key hot spots of the last half-century - Vietnam, Berlin, Lebanon, China - as Redford, a CIA agent, postpones his retirement to rescue a former protege.

This is the role that Pitt was meant to play, the role that Redford himself honed to such a fine art in *Three Days of the Condor*. Forget all that sensitive man

stuff.

There are dirty jobs to be done, assassinations or covert operations that may save lives but require cold calculations by men who think on their feet, dodge the minefields and don't let any emotion get in the way of a successful mission.

"We killed this man!" Pitt's Tom Bishop shouts after a failed Berlin Wall crossing. "We used him and we killed him!"

Redford's Nathan Muir points out that the operation failed because their contact was also spying on the Russians - but it was not a total loss because Bishop himself followed his orders and got out alive.

"This is a whole other game. It's serious, it's dangerous, and

it's not one you want to lose," Muir said. "You had better take a long hard look at your profession. If you go off the reservation, I will not come after you."

Wrong. Of course he will.

Muir, a longtime field operative on his last day at the CIA, is more than ready to leave, disgusted after seeing his agency being taken over by smarmy political types like his boss, Troy Folger (Larry Bryggman).

But since Bishop managed to get captured by the Chinese, charged with spying and has 24 hours before he's executed, Muir is dragged into a high-level CIA conference on what to do.

He quickly figures out that the agency is not going to waste any energy rescuing Bishop, who was

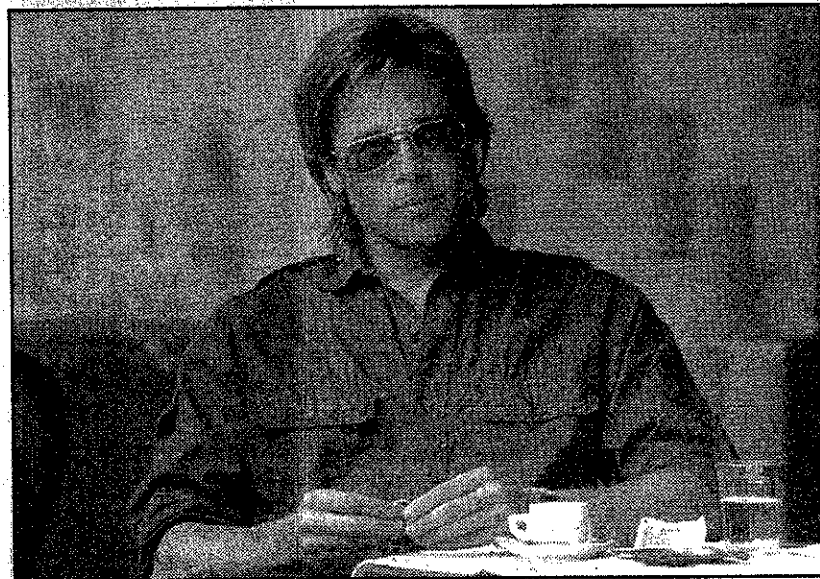
on his own free-lance mission to rescue a former lover, aid worker Elizabeth Hadley (Catherine McCormack).

Hence, Muir's agenda is set: Foil his bosses, keep his clearance for one more day and get Bishop out of China.

Bryggman offers a delightful foil, the frustrated boss who knows Redford is up to something. An old theater standby - in-one-door-and-out-the-other choreography - is executed with precision for maximum laughs, helped along by Marianne Jean-Baptiste, who turns in an engaging performance as Redford's loyal secretary.

The musical score is a nostalgic romp that matches each battlefield to the hard rock of its era, ratcheting up the tension as Scott once again executes his famed aerial effects.

While Redford shines for his quick wit, Pitt exudes a mesmerizing screen presence, whether in a grimy t-shirt in an urban battlefield or a snappy uniform



Playing games: Brad Pitt (above) stars in the new drama *Spy Game*, opposite Robert Redford.

at a U.S. ambassador's party.

The chemistry between the two men makes the fictional retirement in the movie almost feel real, as if Redford is handing over his leading-man baton with

a wry, go-to-it-pal shrug.

Written by Michael Frost Becker and David Arata, *Spy Game*, released by Universal Pictures and Beacon Pictures, runs 115 minutes.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 30

TEXAS RANGERS
In the frontiers of Texas following the Civil War, a group of young wild men form a new justice agency, the Texas Rangers. To clean up the dangerous territories. Stars James Van Der Beek, Rachael Leigh Cook, Oded Fehr, Derek Flores, Eric Johnson, Matt Keeslar, Ashton Kutcher, Marco Leonardi and Dylan McDermott.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES
Gabriel Macht and Owen Wilson team up for an action drama about a pilot and a naval flight officer who are shot down while flying their F/A-18 Super Hornet on a combat mission over Bosnia. In the movie, Macht and Wilson are attached to the aircraft squadron VFA-163 deployed on board USS Carl Vinson. With time running out, Reigart (Gene Hackman), commander of the Carl Vinson Battle Group, goes against orders to carry out a desperate rescue mission. Featured among the ensemble is David Keith as Reigart's right-hand man.

THE AFFAIR OF THE NECKLACE
Billed as a romantic drama, the story is based on the controversial true story of Jeanne De La Motte Valois, as countess whose name was stripped from her by the royal family during the late 18th century. The story of her fight to restore her name and proper place in society is filled with mystery, intrigue and desire, with an infamous diamond necklace at the center of it all. Featured players include Hilary Swank, Adrien Brody, Jonathan Pryce and Christopher Walken.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 7

OCEANS 11
A gangster by the name of Danny Ocean rounds up a gang of associates to stage heists of three major Las Vegas casino's (Bellagio, The Mirage, and Treasure Island) simultaneously during a popular boxing event. Stars George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan, Don Cheadle, Elliott Gould and Eddie Jerimov.

NO MAN'S LAND
Billed as a satirical tale, the story tells of two enemy soldiers, Ciki and Nino, who find themselves stranded in No Man's Land during the 1993 Bosnia conflict. As Ciki and Nino try to figure out a way out of their bizarre predicament, a UN sergeant goes to help them, despite being ordered not to intervene, and the world's press follow, turning the incident into an international news story. In a tense stand-off between the many sides involved in the conflict, Nino and Ciki desperately try to negotiate for their lives amidst the insanity of war.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 14

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This irreverent comedy shows no mercy as it skewers the cliches of the genre. Join Janey Briggs, an aspiring artist who is outcast by her classmates for wearing glasses, a ponytail, and paint covered overalls; and Jake Wyler, the all-American football star who makes a foolish bet to turn Janey into a prom queen, in a risqué romp with an assortment of twisted takes on classic teen characters and movies. Starring Lacey Chabert.

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Nikka Costa's musical fate seemed to be sealed early on. "My house was always filled with musicians, my father being one of them," said the redheaded singer. "It was great growing up. I guess that kinda helped make it not so (unusual) when I decided to be a musician."

Her father, Don Costa, was a producer, arranger and ABC Artist & Repertoire man, best known for his work with Eydie Gormet, Steve Lawrence and Frank Sinatra. He died of heart disease in 1983.

Nikka Costa carries on her father's penchant for song. She began singing at the tender age of 5, a time when she could be

found crooning songs from Annie. At 10, she sang lead on a song her father wrote, titled *Out Here On My Own*, which sold 3 million copies. By the time she became a teenager, soul music had captured her heart. When she began collecting records herself, Nikka's varied taste shined through. From Aretha Franklin to the Beatles, Led Zeppelin to Pink Floyd - there were no boundaries to music.

"I just like a lot of different kinds of stuff," said Costa, speaking from her tour bus on Friday, Nov. 23. "I know so many people with the same kind of diverse taste. There are so many different moods you go through in one day. Music is there for all those moods."

Costa's Virgin Records debut *Everybody Got Their Something*,

evokes clear-cut influences in soul, disco, rock and funk. "I didn't think I had to pick one (style)," she said. "I made a record I like."

It took Costa a total of 2 years to complete *Everybody Got Their Something*, which was recorded in studios in both New York and Los Angeles. "It was a blast," she said. "It was a really good time."

Though it required some patience, the quality of the record proves its worth. It's easy to appreciate an album that can move seamlessly from the funky fury of a song like *Hope It Felt Good* to the quiet reflection of the ballad *Nothing*. Musical breaks to keep the pace, each titled with tongue-in-cheek names like *Nikka Who?* and *Nikka What?* Nikka Costa's "something" is surely a combination of her powerful voice and

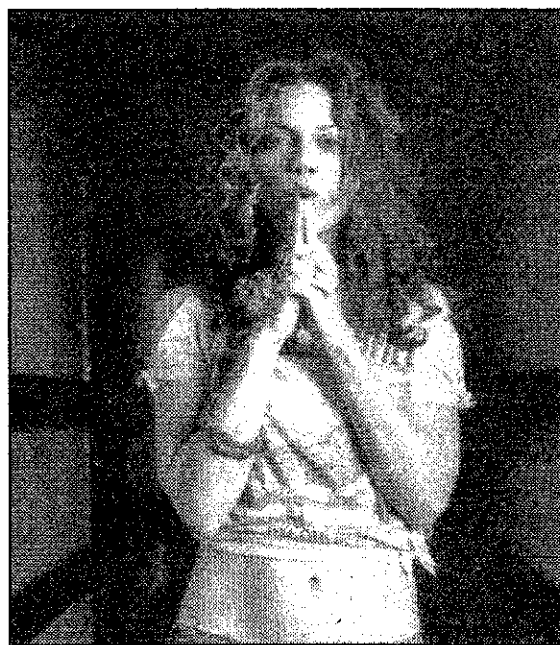
stunning stage presence.

Live, she's like the long-lost child of Janis Joplin. The non-stop energy features a bevy of talented musicians, a variety of instruments and that unforgettable voice, echoing front and center.

"It's definitely a stamina thing," she said of performing. "I try to kind of take care of myself. I don't smoke and stuff. I get a lot of energy from the audience."

Whatever energy Nikka Costa derives from the crowd, she gives it all back. And that's something.

Don't miss Nikka Costa with Miranda Lee Richards, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$10 for this all ages show. Call (248) 645-6666. See her Web site at www.nikkacosta.com.



She's on fire: Nikka Costa returns with her explosive live act in support of the album *Everybody Got Their Something*. The singer is a fan of bands like Coldplay, and artists like Rufus Wainwright, Bjork, Fela Kuti and Stevie Wonder

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The pageantry begins at 7:30 p.m. as the Madrigal Singers enter in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season. Each of the courses will be presented with trumpet fanfare and ceremony. The menu includes mulled cider, Yorkshire pudding, an array of gently handled vegetables and a regal dessert of royal plum and cranberry pudding with brandied hard sauce.

Throughout the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Neighbors All provide music on period instruments, the Schoolcraft College Madrigals Singers, directed

by Jerry Custer, intone the songs of the season, and Steve Ryder, the court jester, amuses guests with magic and juggling.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, just west of I-275. Proceeds benefit the student scholarship fund. For information or to reserve your place, call (734) 462-4670.

DaEdoardo Grille opens

Olympia Entertainment owners Mike and Marian Ilitch are proud to welcome a new restaurant to Detroit's sports and entertainment district. DaEdoardo Foxtown Grille opened Tuesday, Nov. 20 in the historic Fox Theatre office building.

The new 132-seat eatery, owned by the Barbieri family, is located on the corner of Columbia and Woodward. The new Fox Theatre restaurant marks the third location of the popular DaEdoardo restaurants. Other locations include Grosse Pointe Woods and Grand Blanc. Designed with a comfortable and casual urban look, the new

DaEdoardo Foxtown Grille will offer a full-service bar and lounge where cocktails and Italian and California wines will be served.

The menu includes DaEdoardo signature entrees like Chicken Marsala, Veal Saltimbucca and several pasta dishes. Other entrees available for lunch and dinner include steaks, chops and seafood items. All entrees are served with a fresh vegetable and an appropriate starch. Appetizers on the menu include individual pizzas and one of the Barbieri's most treasured recipes, the Minestrone soup, a creamy version of the Italian favorite.

Menu prices range from \$7-\$18 for lunch, and \$14-\$32 for dinner.

"It is wonderful to have the Barbieri family and their great restaurant tradition become part of the thriving Foxtown area," said Denise Ilitch, president of Ilitch Holdings. "The delicious DaEdoardo cuisine and elegant family atmosphere are sure to be a hit with downtown patrons." DaEdoardo's proud patriarch,

Edoardo Barbieri, immigrated to Detroit where he found work at the Diplomat restaurant on Second Avenue.

In 1951, he became co-owner of Luigi's Restaurant. In 1959, he opened La Lanterna in downtown Detroit and 13 years later his son, Ed, joined the business. In May 1978, father and son opened DaEdoardo in Grosse Pointe Woods, carrying on the tradition of serving guests cuisine prepared from the family's special recipes.

"We are very excited about opening a new restaurant in Detroit," said Ann Barbieri-Kolinski. "My grandfather immigrated to this country in the late 1940s and worked for, and owned, restaurants in downtown Detroit. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring back the Barbieri tradition and be a part of the exciting downtown development scene."

Ann Barbieri-Kolinski and

Eddie Barbieri III, owners and managers of the new restaurant location, are keeping the family business growing. Both third generation Barbieri's honed their skills working along side grandfather, Edoardo Barbieri, and father, Ed Barbieri II having bussed and waited tables and washed dishes in their early teen's at the 23-year old DaEdoardo Grosse Pointe Woods location.

Barbieri-Kolinski has managed the family's Grosse Pointe Woods restaurant for seven years while her brother has managed the DaEdoardo North location in Grand Blanc. Jason Hartland - who has worked with the Barbieri family since he was 14 at the Grosse Pointe restaurant - has joined on as a partner for the Foxtown location. Hartland currently assists in overseeing kitchen operations management in Grosse Pointe and Grand Blanc and supervises the

Da Edoardo retail division that produces and sells three pasta sauces to 35 metro area food markets.

DaEdoardo Foxtown Grille, 2203 Woodward Ave., Detroit, will be open Mondays-Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturdays 5-11 p.m. Hours of operation will be extended for performances and events playing at the Fox Theatre, Comerica Park, Joe Louis Arena and Cobo Arena.

Reservations are encouraged and may be made by calling (313) 471-3500. Valet parking, surrounding area paved and well-lit parking lots and the Fox Theatre parking structure, on Montcalm, are available to guests. The restaurant offers smoking and non-smoking areas and is wheelchair accessible. It is also available for special events and off premise catering.

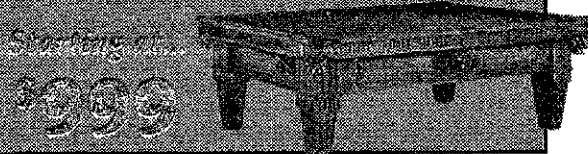
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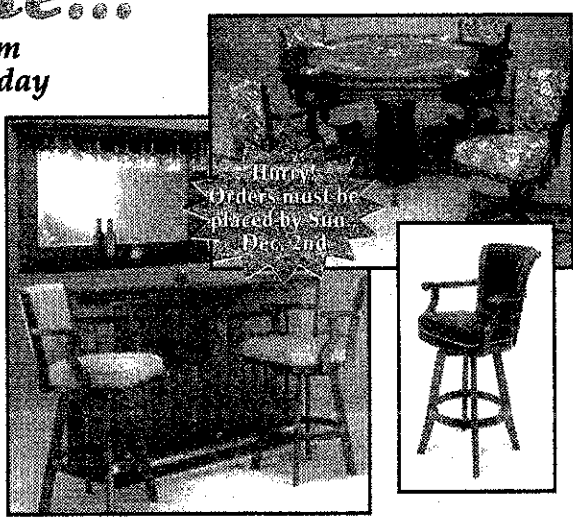


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DSO Showhouse

designers work with style on grand scale

BY MARY KLEMIC
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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council's Designer Showhouse in Bloomfield Hills has elements of magic.

Designed by Mark Johnson and Associates Architects and constructed by John Richards Homes of Birmingham, the French manor home — with five bedrooms and 10,000-plus square feet — was built in only about 10 months in the residential enclave of Turtle Lake.

And more than 20 area designers worked their own magic with the decor, mixing classical and modern, comfortable and luxurious, and fun and functional features in grand harmony.

The showhouse, the DSO Volunteer Council's 11th, is open to the public through Dec. 9.

The residence's classic ambiance is seen in the foyer by Julie Baba of Julie Baba Designs, Teri Main of Main Design Innovations, and Kim Turner of KTP Interiors, at Michigan Design Center in Troy. Colors are green, gold and wine. Here, as elsewhere in the house, the walls are Venetian plaster mixed with marble dust for a textured look.

In the round sun room, Amy Brodsky of B Design Group LLC of Birmingham created a relaxing look and feel. Broad horizontal stripes in pastels adorn the walls. The burlap covering the table features bodice style lacing. The backs of the chairs are lyre shaped; the seats are "upholstered" with wheat grass. A topiary at a window, a centerpiece of bamboo, and a sculptural chan-

delier are other elements of decor.

The butler's pantry and bar by Dulce Fuller of Woodward and Maple of Birmingham is dressed in cabinets of dark wood. The sink, with a curved divider, was made by a Detroit company of a "soft" silver nickel alloy that won't break china dropped on it.

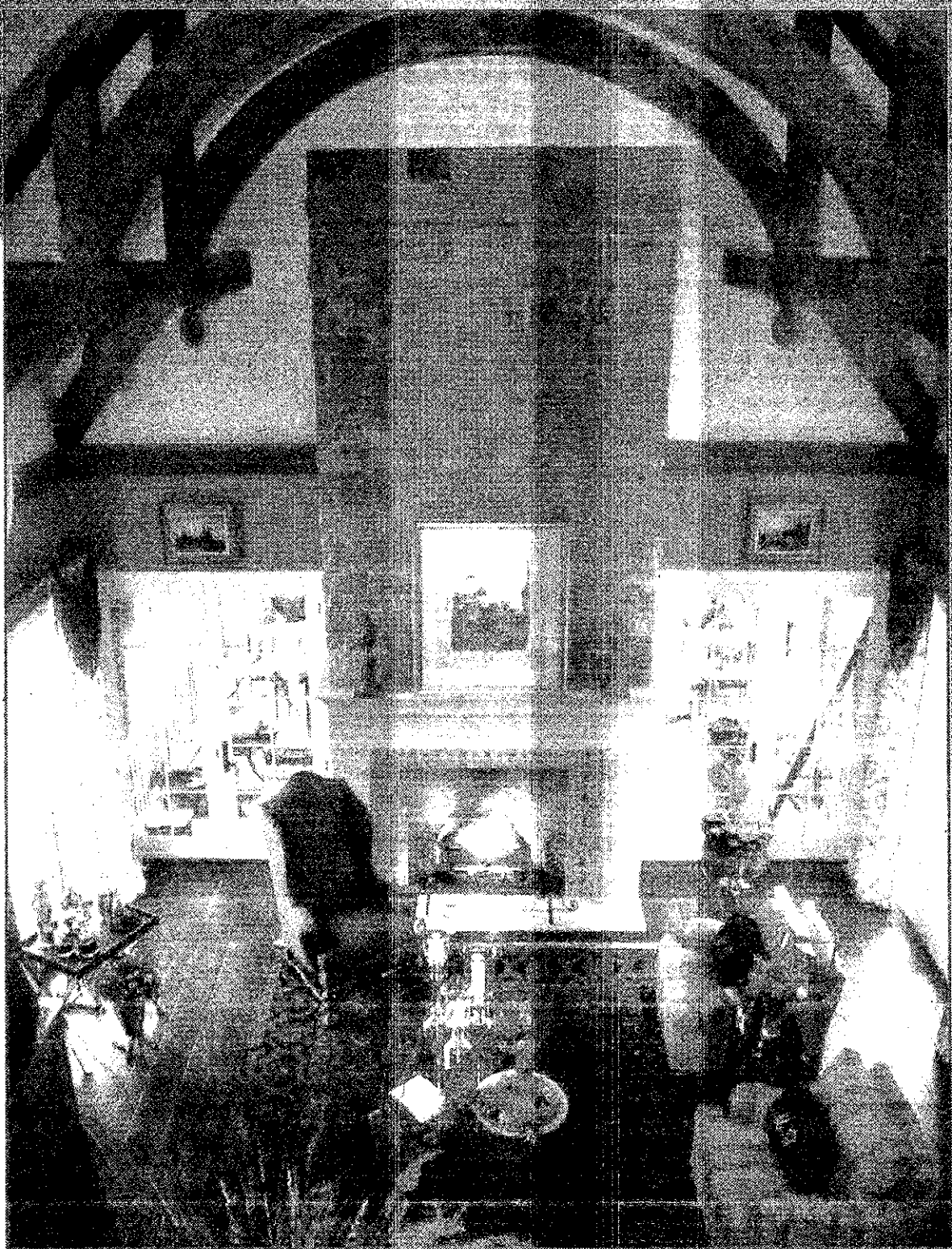
The family room is by Brian Ashburn and Alyssa Baenziger of Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio of Southfield and Troy respectively. A country ambiance is conveyed in the wooden table with large boards, the cupboard-like armoire, the lamp with a rooster-shaped base, the rooster accents along a shelf.

In the double living room, Daniel Clancy of Perimeter-Forswald Inc. of Franklin arranged lush and plush furnishings, including a giant ottoman with tapestry fabric. The space serves as a living room and a library.

A girl's bedroom by Sharon Holton of Sharon Holton Interiors of Plymouth is gentle and genteel, with soft hues. Former Plymouth artist Lisa Sanderson came from Atlanta to paint this room. A harlequin pattern of diamonds covers the walls. Raffia ties hold back the light drapes at the canopy bed, at the foot of which are two stools made by triangle forms. Custom tassels feature tiny jade turtles.

Wendy Alterman of Alterman Interiors of Bloomfield designed the master bedroom and bath to be restful and elegant. White, off-white and celadon are the colors, complementing the antique marble.

A boy's bedroom by Gerri Obrecht of Stoney Lane Interiors of Rochester is cozy and comfort-



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Grand scale: Brian Ashburn and Alyssa Baenziger of Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio decorated the family room of the DSO Designer Showhouse.

able, with chenilles and plaids, and colors of tan, sage and bittersweet. Animal figures are on the area rug and swirling branches on the headboard fabric. Roman shades are at the alcove.

Phyllis Berg of Paylus-Berg Art Interiors of Bloomfield Hills applied a retro look to a guest bedroom, including a silver and glass table. The trundle bed serves as a sofa during the day. A melon-colored phone adds a tangy splash.

Randie Federman of Maxwell-Ross Associates at Michigan Design Center brings in the outdoors to the upstairs landing. The area features greenery, and three large mirrors that reflect the windows. Benches provide a place for a different kind of reflection.

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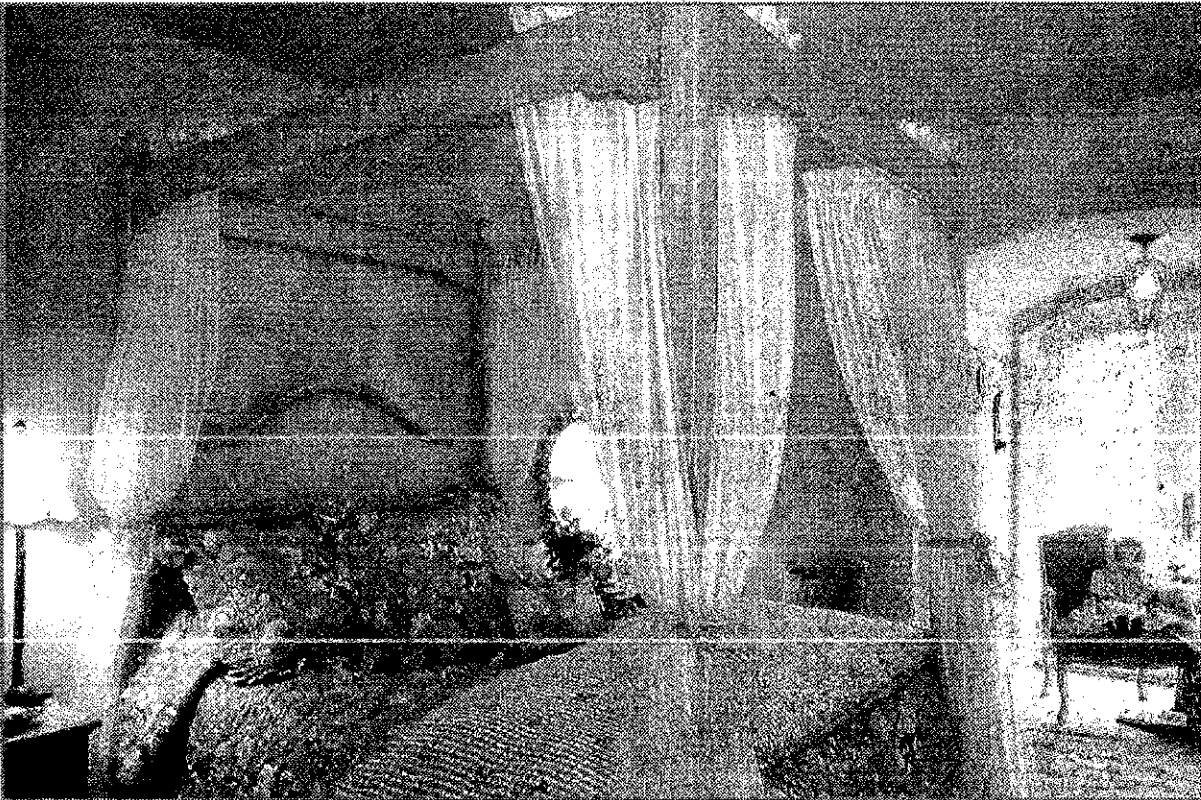
Showhouse tickets are \$20. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last entry 3 p.m. For more information, call the Designer Showhouse Information Line at (313) 576-5177.

Among the ticket outlets are Blossoms, 33866 Woodward, and La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple, in Birmingham; all five English Gardens stores, including locations at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and 4901 Coolidge Highway in Troy/Royal Oak; Franklin Grill, 32760 Franklin Road in Franklin; Parks at Stonewood, 6201 Stonewood Drive in Clarkston; Scott Colburn's Boot and Western Wear, 20411 Farmington Road in Livonia; the concierge at the Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy; Turtle Lake, 2500 Turtle Lake in Bloomfield Hills; and the DSO Box Office at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

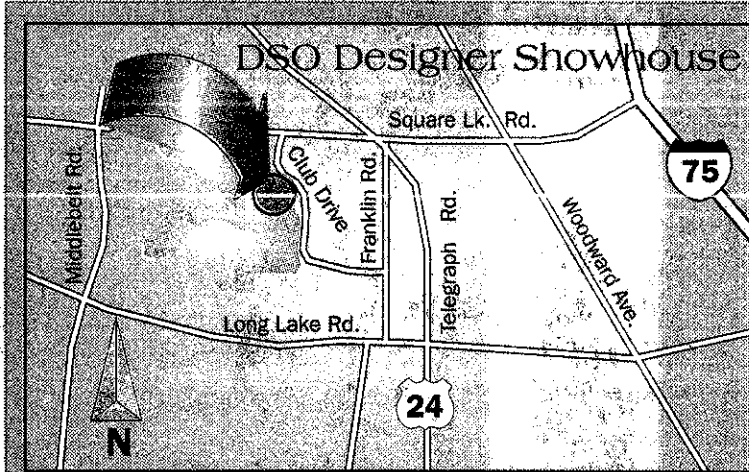
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Sunny outlook: The round sun room by Amy Brodsky features broad horizontal stripes on the walls, and chairs with seats of wheat grass. Bodice style lacing is on the burlap table covering.

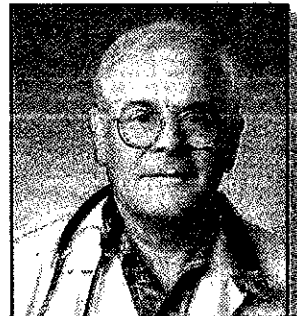


Dreamy: A girl's bedroom by Sharon Holton of Sharon Holton Interiors of Plymouth is gentle in its decor, with light drapes at the canopy bed and soft colors on the fabrics and walls.



The showhouse is at 2716 Turtle Ridge Drive. To get to the showhouse, take Square Lake Road to Club Drive (west of Telegraph) and turn south on Club Drive; or take Franklin Road (north of Long Lake Road) and turn west on Club Drive to the Turtle Lake entrance.

INSIDE



JOE GAGNON

A potential problem

The Appliance Doctor says a microwave-hood combination may be a kitchen hazard. See Home Work, Page 2



MARTY FIGLEY

Early garden plans

Check out these books to help you get started on ideas for next spring. See Garden Spot, Page 3



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Competitive:

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HOME WORK

More than 40 million Americans celebrate Christmas with a real tree

More than 40 million American families will celebrate the holidays with a real Christmas tree.

Fir trees are the most popular and generally the longest lasting cut trees for the holidays. Keeping real Christmas trees beautiful safe and fresh throughout the holidays is always a challenge.

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used, protected from sun and wind to prevent them from losing moisture.

Before bringing the trees inside, make a fresh cut across the base of the trunk, an inch from the end, to break any sap seal that may have formed when the tree was originally cut.

When choosing a spot for the tree, be sure to set it away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, radiators and heat vents. Keep the tree away from TV sets and other major appliances as well.

Once the tree is inside, place it in a stand that holds at least

1 gallon of water. Check water level daily and never let it drop below the cut end of the tree. The drier a live tree gets, the easier it is to ignite. Be sure to check the branches for brown, dry spots.

Use only decorative lights and cords that are UL-approved. Do not use outdoor lights on an indoor tree, as they will generate too much heat.

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Microwave-hood combinations pose potential hazard for owners

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

be expensive to repair nonetheless.

There was the General Electric and Hotpoint recall of 3.1 million dishwashers with a defective energy saver switch on models between 1983 and 1989. Don't forget the defective dip tubes of two years ago in hot water tanks, affecting 22 million consumers. Sears also had a problem with the new Calypso washer made for them by Whirlpool. Models affected were made between August and December 2000. General Electric produced a

washer with a possible defective transmission between August 1995 and May 1997. Maytag and Magic Chef produced a gas range which gets too hot during self-cleaning, recently made between September 1999 and April 2000. Temperatures on the outside surface of the range can reach 172° F.

Here is another one

Here is a new one. As of this writing, the manufacturer has not figured out how to fix it. Whirlpool has sold 1.8 million of these over-the-range microwave-hood combinations. They can catch fire. As of now, homeowners are told to spend \$100 for a portable microwave and use it, instead of their under-the-counter unit. Send Whirlpool the invoice and they will reimburse you. It must be a serious problem if they are willing to spend millions to buy these consumers a new microwave oven.

What bothers me is service technicians will not fix the units when they visit your home. Instead, they will pull the internal fuse so you can't use it. Do

you have one? Check the serial number behind the door, and if it starts with XC, you've got it. These microwaves were sold between January 1998 and September 2001.

What you read in this column is only a small part of what goes on in the service industry. There are hundreds of field repair bulletins sent to service companies to fix products when they don't perform as they should. Many times consumers pay for service when they shouldn't. Manufacturers should be held accountable for products they design with built-in flaws.

This is one of the few publications that attempts to educate an unsuspecting consumer. Maybe someday others will follow in putting the flashlight on each and every problem, which actually is the responsibility of the companies making these products.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

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GARDENING

Books help plan for next year's gardens

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

As the season comes to a close, there will be more time to study books and plan the gardens for next year. Here are some publications you might consider:

The Potted Garden and Gourmet Herbs are

two new offerings from the 21st Century Gardening Series from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (\$9.95 each).

The Potted Garden, edited by Scott Appell, takes you through the steps necessary to succeed in container gardening, from selection of containers to new plant combinations.

Beautiful flowers, grasses, herbs, miniature vegetables and many other plants are suitable

for containers and this book tells all.

Gourmet Herbs, Beth Hanson, guest editor, introduces some new and exotic herbs from around the world and tells how to grow and use them. Beginners and more advanced herb growers will glean much from this book.

Garden design, seed starting and an encyclopedia of gourmet herbs make this book all-inclusive. Mail-order sources for seed and plants will help in the quest for something new and different.

Recipes

My Favorite Herb: How North America's Great Chefs Savor the Flavor of Herbs, Laurel Keser (Callawind Publications, distributed by Firefly Books, \$19.95, paper), contains some very interesting recipes from chefs such as Emeril Lagasse and Alice Waters. Each chef has submitted several recipes using a variety of herbs.

I prepared Roland Liccioni's (LeFrancais Restaurant, Wheel-

ing, Ill.) Chicken Breasts with Lemon Thyme and Grilled Vegetables. It was easy to prepare and excellent. Waters' Sugar Snap Peas with Brown Butter and Sage was another good one and a winner. She is the chef/owner of Chez Panisse Restaurant and Cafe and Cafe Fanny in Berkeley, Calif.

Three Seasons of Summer: Gardening with Annuals and Biennials, Ethne Clark (David and Charles, distributed by Sterling, \$29.95), opens a whole new concept about gardening with these lively and colorful plants.

Marijke Heuff's outstanding photographs ably illustrate the plants in many garden designs while Clark's descriptions explain how the plants are used.

From the humble marigolds to exotic foxgloves, each has a special place in the garden. The book takes us through each season from the blue of forget-me-nots in spring, to the hot bright colors of zinnias and other flowers in summer and the subtle

colors of fall.

Along the way we are reminded of seasonal chores, i.e., seed sowing, planting out, deadheading, color scheming, seed collecting, and plant recommendations.

The author explains that light is important for seed germination, "to illuminate the garden and giving definition and depth to the plan and the plants." Much great information in a beautiful package.

Going global

The Looking-Glass Garden: Plants and Gardens of the Southern Hemisphere, Peter Thompson (Timber Press, \$39.95), takes us to another world of gardening with plants from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Chile and other countries where we learn about their native plants. Some of these tropicals can be grown successfully in our climate with proper conditions, and Thompson inspires us to try.

Notes from an Italian Garden,

Joan Marble (William Marrow, \$25), is the story of the author and her sculptor husband, Robert Cook, and their trials, successes and failures as they made a garden in a challenging environment in a small hamlet north of Rome.

They learned how to work with local laborers as they gained the trust of their neighbors. We meet interesting people and struggle with the couple as they achieve their goal. Quite entertaining.

Landscaping with Herbs, James Adams (Timber Press), is now available in paperback. Extensive charts and tables include the life cycle, growth habit, moisture requirements, etc., for more than 600 species and cultivars of herbs. Each design features a list of plants used.

I like the way Adams describes the plants and tosses in a bit of folklore along the way. The book includes some recipes.

The greenhouse at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield

Hills, will have an open house 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at which many plants will be available for sale.

A wide selection including flowering bulbs, orchids, Christmas cactus, blooming houseplants, ferns and other unusual plants will be offered.

Park across the street at Christ Church Cranbrook and take the complimentary shuttle to the sale. Come and enjoy choosing appropriate gifts for the season.

Proceeds will be used to maintain and improve the 40 acres of gardens that surround Cranbrook House, for the upkeep of the greenhouse and preservation of sculpture in the gardens.

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

GARDENING CALENDAR

Submit items for garden calendar at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

NATIVE WEST

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, presents its 12th Annual Art & Jewelry Festival, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2. Navajo painter R.C. Gorman will be present, and Jonathan Cox will have Native American jewelry from the Southwest. For information, call Native West at (734) 455-8838.

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Julia Dingle, an instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, will speak at the Christmas luncheon of the Farmington Garden Club 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 3, at the Longacre House on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Call (248) 615-3616.

GREAT GREENS

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, between Geddes and Plymouth roads in Ann Arbor, will offer a holiday workshop 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 8, in which participants will create a small space holiday tree on a 42-inch metal topiary using a variety of greens. Great Greens will be fresh cut before the workshop and include Rocky Mountain White Fir, Colorado and Serbian spruces, Pfitzer juniper and others. Mary Pulick and Alfa Colley, flower show judges from the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, will lead the workshop. Bring pruning shears and gloves. Some tools will be available for sharing. The workshop will be in the auditorium. Workshop fees are \$35 for the general public and \$30 for members. Due to space limitation, early registration is suggested. For reservations, call (734) 998-7061. Classes also begin at Matthaei, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 1, with a winter celebration workshop for the whole family, where participants will make tree decorations, gift wraps, note cards and gifts with nature's treasures. Fees are \$15 for all ages. Children's programs include Children's Tea and Story Time on Wednesday, Dec. 12, Tuesday,

Jan. 15, Tuesday, Feb. 12 or Tuesday, March 19 for children aged 3-5 and their caregiver; stroller romp, ages 1-3, Wednesday, Jan. 9, Feb. 6 or March 13, and printmaking, Monday, Jan. 14 for ages 5-8. To register or inquire about any of these classes call (734) 998-7061 or visit the web site at www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW
Plymouth's Holiday Doll Show returns 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, to the Plymouth V.F.W. Hall, 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth.

The show features vendors, collectors and doll artist selling new, used, antique and collectible dolls and their accessories. Admission is \$5, kids under 10 are free with an adult. For show information, call (734) 455-2110.

GARDENING CLASSES

The Michigan School of Gardening offers morning and evening classes weekdays and Saturdays at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia and Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, and Saturday classes in the His-

toric Detroit Garden Center (Moross House) in Detroit. Level 1 core classes offered in Livonia include Common Problems and Critter Control, three Wednesdays, starting Jan. 16, and one Saturday, Jan. 26; Ins and Outs of Plants, three Tuesdays, starting April 16; Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing, three Mondays, starting May 6, and one Saturday, May 18; Practical Gardening, four Wednesdays, starting June 5 and one Saturday, June 22, and Focus on Design, four Mondays, starting June 3. Children's programs are also available. Call (248) 4-GARDEN, or visit www.michigan-gardening.com, for more information or a complete schedule. Advance

registration requested. Some classes have pre-requisites.

GARDENING

Wayne County's Michigan State University Extension Services will offer the master gardener class 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the extension office's sixth floor at 640 Temple in Detroit. Classes will be taught for 12 consecutive weeks covering plant science, flower gardening, indoor plants, pest management, vegetable gardening, woody ornamentals, soils for plant growth, household pests and wildlife, lawn establishment and care, backyard fruit, diagnosing plant problems and composting and vermiculture. To

become a certified master gardener, participants must pass weekly quizzes, the final examination and volunteer 40 hours within one year of completing the class. Fees are \$200 for a Wayne County resident, \$240 for a resident outside of Wayne County, \$300 for two members of the same household and \$220 for a horticulture professional. To have an application mailed to your home, call (313) 833-2925.

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Nautical memorabilia featured

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to the marina, from Jefferson Avenue turn south toward the river at St. Jean Avenue. Turn right on Freud and watch for the Harbor Hill Marina gatehouse on the left. For more information, call the Dossin Great Lakes Museum at (313) 852-4051.

Be on the lookout for the unexpected

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

unexpected. Oftentimes it's right there in front of you. What you need to do is develop your skills at seeing the unusual and then produce that image on film.

Begin by really "seeing" as you look through the viewfinder. A keen photographer's eye can isolate a small detail or a striking manmade or natural design that will result in a photograph of unusual quality.

An early morning or late afternoon backlit shot can turn an ordinary subject into an unexpected and exciting silhouette. Or a splash of unexpected color may be just the ingredient for that special picture.

For vacationers, put your traveler's vision in high gear and be on the lookout for the unexpected.

One good way to improve and add impact to your photographs is to always be on the lookout for the unexpected. On a recent photography workshop in Italy, one of my top students, Ilene Cohen, was preparing to take a picture of the famous David statue. Unexpectedly, a bird appeared and found a perch right on David. Ilene's "photographer's adrenaline" began to flow. She quickly switched to a telephoto lens and was able to capture this interesting picture on film.

Using your camera's controls creatively can also add an unexpected element to your pictures.

Slow shutter speeds can blur the action and give a misty, dreamlike appearance to subjects such as waterfalls and rapids. Fast shutter speeds will, of course, freeze the action at its peak.

Remember, your camera's aperture controls depth-of-field that in turn can be used to obtain an unusual and unexpected look in your finished shot.

Being on the lookout for the unexpected will reward you with photographs that will carry the stamp of your own individuality.

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. His fax number is (248)644-1314.



Bird's eye view: Ilene Cohen was unexpectedly rewarded with this "bird in the hand" on the famous statue of David. Being alert and ready rewarded her with this shot.

Holiday Walk is jazzy

This year's Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall, Flappers and All That Jazz, will run Dec. 1 through Dec. 20. It will display items from Meadow Brook Hall collections that aren't regularly on view, focusing on the 1920s. Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus, off Adams in Rochester. Elegant gala evenings are scheduled Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, with reception and touring 6:30 p.m., dinner 8 p.m., and dancing and afterglow following dinner. Cost per person is \$200 patron, \$275 benefactor. Advance reservations are required, and black-tie attire is preferred. Holiday Walk hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (last admittance 4 p.m.), 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday (last admittance 8 p.m.). Admission which includes: admission during daylight hours to Knoie Cottage, the completely fur-

nished playhouse where Santa Claus will greet visitors - is \$12.50 for adults; \$10 for adults in groups of 20 or more with advance reservations; \$6 for ages 3-12, and OU affiliates with ID; \$5 per student for school groups; and free for under age 2. Dec. 13 is OU Night, when OU affiliates may bring their families for the OU price. Seatings for holiday group lunches will be 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A minimum group of 20 is required; the maximum is 48 in any one group. Cost is \$25, adults or children, including lunch, tax, gratuity and tour. Advance reservations are required. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. Meadow Brook Hall was the home of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson and their family.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michaud-Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Michaud of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Mary, to Ethan James Adams of Ferndale.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Ann Michaud of Livonia and the late Earl Michaud and Walter Rabchuk Sr. of White Lake and the late Mildred Rabchuk. She is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University. She is a project management analyst for Integrated Management Systems, Inc. at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Adams of Gainesville, Ga. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Krieger and the late Mr. and Mrs. Pide Adams of Hobart, Okla., is a



graduate of Michigan State University and works as a software engineer at Covisint in Southfield.

A May 2002 wedding is planned.

Place-Goffett

Richard and Sharon Place of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, to Peter Roy Goffett of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Eastern Michigan University for two years. She works in Cable/Internet sales.

Her fiancé, son of Ann Goffett of Redford, is a 1992 graduate of Northville High School and attended Schoolcraft College for two years. He works as a supervisor at UPS, and at a plastic injection molding company.

A July 2002 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



Pruemer-Steinhebel

Larry and Patty Prumer of Teutopolis, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ellen, to Jason Todd Steinhebel of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Teutopolis High School and Eastern Illinois University.

Her fiancé, son of John and Betty Steinhebel of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Michigan State University.

The couple is currently making wedding plans.



NEW ARRIVALS

■ Jeremy and Emily Florence of Canton, announce the birth of their son Luke Jeremy Florence born Nov. 9 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Luke joins brother Robert, 3.

Grandparents are Robert and Martha Waszak of Lansing, Murry and Terri Florence of Coleman, and Cindy Burns of Saginaw. Great-grandparents are Murry and LaDonna Florence, Hazel Burns and Shirley Wilbur, all of Coleman. Also Betty Beardsley of East Lansing and Anthony and Lillian Waszak of Caro.

■ Beth and Mike Stout of Westland announce the birth of their son Brendan William born Oct. 16 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Brendan joins siblings Zachary, 7; and Kiersten, 5. Grandparents are Bill and Mary Stout of Plymouth and Oscar and Laura Dedeckere of Clare.

Upcoming holiday activities

HOLIDAY ART CLASSES

■ D&M Studios in Canton is taking registration for its holiday fine-art workshops for children and adults. Children three through teenage will create fine-art gifts using watercolors, plastercraft, ornament making, felt designs, woodcrafts and more. Adults will be creating their own holiday cards. Call (734) 453-3710 for further information.

CHRISTMAS BREAK CAMP

■ The Livonia Family YMCA is gearing up for its annual Christmas Break Camp. Fun activities include sports, leadership games, and swimming, which all help to develop fitness and character. Camp days are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 26-28. Ages 5-14. Registration is going on now. Call Christy Nolan (734) 261-2161 ext. 3325.

Woods-Esser

Woody and Robin Erlichman Woods of Montclair, N.J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Diana Grace to Charles William Esser of Newark, N.J.

Natalini-Whitmore

Ernie & Jill Natalini of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffani, to Greg Whitmore of Palm Springs, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Canton High

School and a 1999 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in movement science. In 2001 she earned her master's degree from U of M in engineering.

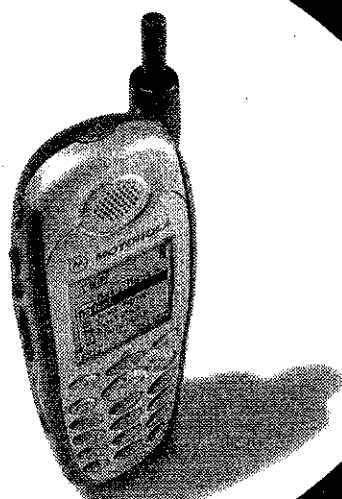
Her fiancé, son of Brenda J. Simmons of Ypsilanti, is a 1995

graduate of Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities. He works for Kushner Company in Florham Park, N.J. and is pursuing a career as an independent film producer.

A July wedding is planned in Montclair, N.J.

graduate of Belleville High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan's School of Music, with a degree in music education.

A July 2003 wedding is being planned.



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SQUEEZE THE DAY



LYNN WALDSMITH PAWLIK

Talking the talk of a 2-year-old

Talking with a 2-year-old is a lot like talking to a miniature drill sergeant — albeit a kinder, gentler one with a very inquisitive mind. Take, for example, the command repeated incessantly by most toddlers, especially following acts of tickling, dancing or general horseplay.

"Do it again!"
After you've complied for the dozenth time and are on the verge of collapse, you sense that maybe, just maybe, she has finally had enough too. But 2-year-olds only need about two seconds to get their second wind.

"Do it again!"
Another phrase uttered perpetually throughout the day by our 2-year-old is, "What's this?"

It's a wonderful, innocent question that reflects how her mind is thirsting for and developing with new knowledge. It's also a query I hear at least 56 times a day.

"What's this?" she says, pointing to a picture in a magazine. After I tell her, she points to another object on the page, then another, and another. "What's this? What's this? What's this?"

Children learning to communicate through language at this age possess a vocabulary that expands exponentially by the day. Yet they always come back to their favorite word: "NO!" Erin's other one-word words of choice are: "Pass!" Translation: "I want my pacifier."

"Blanka!" Translation: "I want my blankie."

"Me, me, me!" Translation: "I want whatever my sister has." She's also extremely fond of the word, "Yeah."

"Erin, did you have fun at the park?"

"Yeah."

"Did you ride on the swing?"

"Yeah."

But over time, the one, two, or three-word phrases gradually evolve into longer sentences that are based on constant repetition of everything you say.

The answer to "Erin, did you have fun at the park?" is now, "Yeah, I had fun at the park."

A reply to "Did you ride on the swing?" is now, "Yeah, I ride on the swing."

Unfortunately, when you put it all together — the broken record syndrome, the one-word and two-word commands, and all the other trademarks of the terrible twos — it often makes for unpleasant dinner conversation.

"Eat your chicken Erin."

"No."

"Drink your milk."

"No. I want juice. I wanna watch Tubbies. Top off!" Translation: "I want someone to remove the top from my sippy cup so I can drink my milk like a big girl."

After this latest demand is ignored, she sets the cup down and tries a calmer approach. "P'ease?"

Touched by this genuine display of politeness following a string of demands, I decide, against my better judgment, to give in.

"All right Erin. I'll take the top off of the cup but you be careful, OK?"

"Kay. I be careful. Mom. I be careful," she says excitedly.

Less than three minutes later, she spills the milk, prompting her big sister to laugh. Erin, teary-eyed and hurt, glares at her and yells, "Time-out!" It's the punishment she believes her sister deserves for making fun of her.

The sheer honesty and repetitive nature of a 2-year-old's language is simple, but effective. Sometimes I even find myself borrowing my daughter's repertoire of favorite phrases. Like the time when she was in the car seat kicking her feet 100 miles per hour against the upholstery. I glanced back over my shoulder at her and asked: "What's this?"

Translation:

"What are you doing?"

"My feet are dancing mom!"

"Your feet are dancing?" Suddenly it struck me as the funniest, cutest thing I'd ever heard — at least on that particular day anyway.

"Do it again Erin," I said. "Do it again."

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Score! John Addison, a member of the Jo Brighton team, points to family and friends as he celebrates scoring a goal.

Poly Hockey results

Females: Southgate Titans 1st, NW Arc Hot Shots 2nd

Juniors: Southgate Titans 1st, Arc Wings 2nd and Arc Red Wings 3rd

Seniors: Division 1 & 2: Ply-Cant. Wolverines 1st, Southgate Titans 2nd and Dearborn Wildcats 3rd; Division 3: Arc Wings 1st, Ply-Cant. Star 2nd and Wayne-Westland Condors 3rd; Division 4: Wyandotte JoBrighton Silver Bullets 1st, Wayne-Westland Falcons

2nd and Arc Stars 3rd; Division 5: Ply-Cant. Shooting Stars 1st, Wayne-Westland Ravens 2nd and Dearborn Garfield's 3rd

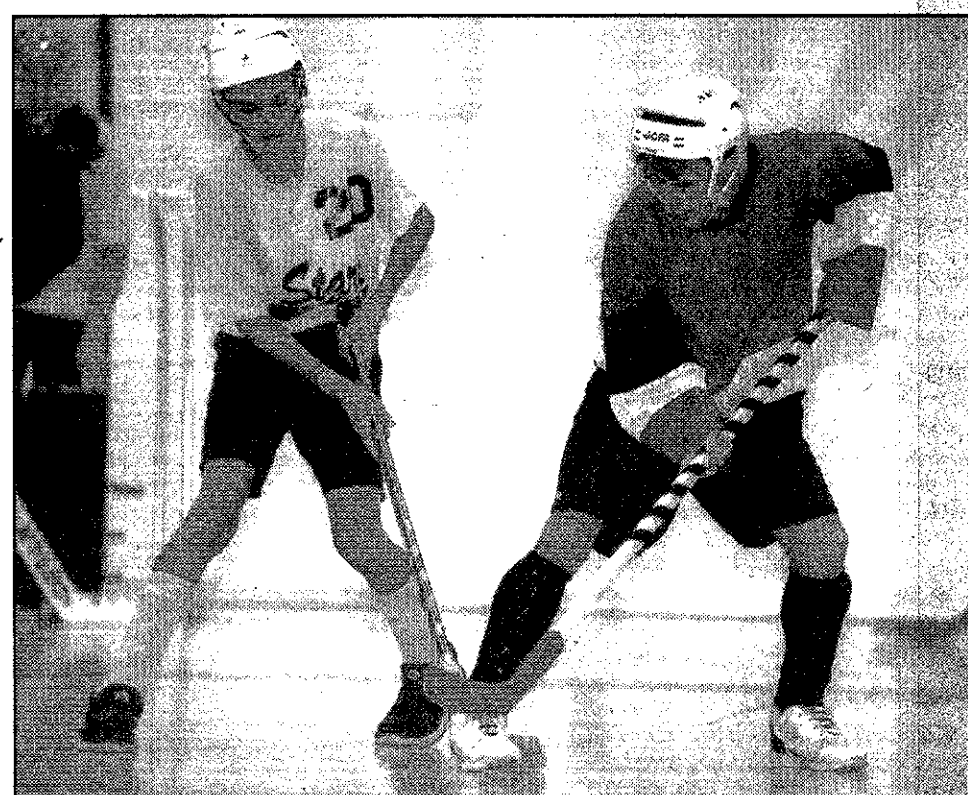
State Games

1st Place: JoBrighton Silver Bullets

2nd Place: Plymouth-Canton Shooting Stars

3rd Place: Wayne-Westland Ravens, Wayne-Westland Falcons, Dearborn Garfield's

4th Place: Wayne-Westland Condors and the Dearborn Wildcats.



Opponent: Scott Stoner (left) guards the puck for Plymouth-Canton against Daniel Kosmalski, playing for Westland.

Special Olympics athletes face off

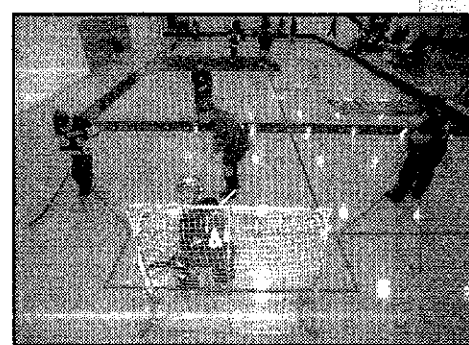
Area Poly Hockey Special Olympics teams faced off, not on the ice, but the gymnasium floor of Franklin High School Nov. 10 for a shot at the prestigious state title.

Several local athletes competed including teams representing Plymouth-Canton, Southgate, Jo Brighton of Wyandotte, Arc of Northwest Wayne County (Livonia, Garden City, etc.), Wayne-Westland, Redford and Dearborn.

According to Special Olympics Assistant Area Director of Competition, Terry Jobbitt, the tournament earlier this month was the culmination of 8 weeks of games played between 15 area teams. Of those teams less than a dozen made it to the state level.

"They train at least once a week and play games against local and area teams and even out of the area just so they can get some experience," Jobbitt said. Jobbitt is a member of the Plymouth-Canton team who has been involved with Special Olympics in Wayne County since 1976.

Aside from poly hockey, Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to be involved year-round in games, competitions and tournaments at the



Skilled: Poly floor hockey.

area/local and state levels. Jobbitt said the annual schedule includes soccer in the fall, poly hockey, winter games in January (cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure/speed skating, downhill skiing), basketball, bowling and finally summer games (track and field events).

"Talking and wheelchair athletes. "This is a true love for me," said Jobbitt. "The athletes always enjoy themselves, but I think in the case of the tournaments they get the most out of playing as a team, rather an individual sport, because there's someone right there to share their joy."

Friday's Child reaches for the stars

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
SPECIAL WRITER

Megan Hoepner of Livonia cannot predict the future. She had no way of knowing the fundraiser she would plan, organize and oversee would be so successful — six years after the idea first came to her.

"I was looking to raise at least \$200 for First Step," said the Livonia Stevenson High School junior. "We actually raised about \$600."

The money was collected through Christ the King Lutheran Church, where Hoepner and her family are members. The congregation was invited to bid on items over four Sundays last month in a silent auction. Items included celebrity signed pictures and pillows.

Hoepner, 16, began sending out explanatory letters and swatches of fabric in 1995 to celebrities in the acting, singing and sport worlds. She planned to turn the signed fabric squares into pillows, which she would ultimately auction off. Her grandmother, Carole Jahnke, helped her to stuff and sew more than 15 pillows.

"I sent out about 200 swatches," she said. "Only about half of them sent it back (signed)."

Six months passed before she got her first response from Nancy Kerrigan, former Olympic silver medalist in figure skating.

"I was shocked. I didn't really expect them to respond," she said.

Days, even years passed, and the return pile got larger and larger. Actress Jennifer Aniston, actor/comedian D.L. Hughley, singer Gloria Estafan, Stephen Collins and basketball player Scottie Pippen were among those who lent their autograph to what would eventually become pillows.

Celebrity signatures

Actor Tim Allen, Red Wings head coach Scotty Bowman, actress Ashley Judd, actress Beverly Mitchell and actress Patricia Richardson helped the cause with signed autographs.

She even received letters from Princes William and Henry of England commending her efforts, though they declined to participate.

All the items sold, three at the highest bid of \$25. Autographed photos from Matt LeBlanc, Melissa Joan Hart and Scotty Bowman were top money-makers.

Hoepner was inspired to raise money for First Step of Plymouth, a shelter for abused women and their



Resourceful: Megan Hoepner of Livonia shows off some of the autographed photographs and pillows she sewed to benefit the FirstStep Shelter for women and children.

children, after reading a magazine article. She is being recognized as an Observer Friday's Child for her outstanding commitment to her fund raising project.

"In 1995, as a fifth grade student at Marshall Elementary, Megan noticed an article about a few young girls who made a quilt out of fabric patches autographed by celebrities," said her parents, Tim and Debby Hoepner, in a statement given to Christ the King Church members.

"That article and Megan's love of movies and interest in celebrities sparked a journey that (concluded) this fall at Christ the King Lutheran Church."

Ricky Brogdon, Christ the King social ministry leader, was excited about Hoepner's idea when she first approached him last May.

"It gets my adrenaline flowing to see youth get involved," he said, "and she has carried this thing pretty much on her own."

Calling Hoepner a role model, Brogdon said she hasn't approached him with any other ideas yet, "but I hope she does, and I hope she brings someone with her."

Hoepner admitted that she really had not planned to follow up with another fund-raiser, but she is not opposed to it if she can get some help.

"I would need help getting addresses," she said. Names for last month's silent auction were obtained mainly through teen magazines. A friend also provided a few names.

"It's a lot of work," she admitted, "but I'm glad I did it. It makes me feel good knowing that I'm helping someone."

Aside from Hoepner's commitment to charity work through the church, she is an honor roll student and member of Stevenson's varsity swim team.

Next year, she plans to attend drama/film school although she has not yet decided on a college.

RELIGION CALENDAR

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Canton Calvary Assembly of God invites the community to attend their services throughout the week. Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday; home groups every second/fourth Sunday 6 p.m.; family Bible study the Royal Rangers and youth group 7 p.m. Wednesday; Power Prayer Friday 7 p.m. Nursery provided at all services. Call (734) 455-0820 or visit the church at 7933 North Sheldon in Canton.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council 21st Annual Advent Communion is 8 a.m. Dec. 1 at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Stewart L. Tubbs of EMU college of business will be the guest speaker. His topic is *Leadership and Spirituality*. A breakfast served by Troop 111 Boy Scouts of America from the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be offered. \$7 per ticket. Call (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin (734) 425-3024.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Breakfast with Santa, traditionally a community wide festivity, will take place 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets at the door. Call (248) 626-3620.

ADVENT WORSHIP
Senior Pastor Timothy P. Halboth will preach on the theme *Are You Ready For This?* Sunday, Dec. 2, based on Matthew 24:42. Special music by our choirs and instrumentalists will begin a month long celebration of Christmas.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
Taize Prayer Service *Lift Up Your Voices, the Lord is Near*, will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy, Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

EXISTENTIAL THOUGHT
Rev. Alexander Riegel of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington presents *The Gospel According to Calvin and Hobbes: An Introduction to Existential Thought*, Dec. 2. Services, Sunday School, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

HANDEL'S MESSIAH
An evening of Handel's Messiah will be presented at Northville Presbyterian Church 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Accompanying the soloists will be The Northville Concert Chorale and The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor. Advance ticket prices are \$12/adult; \$10/senior (65 and older), \$10/children (12 and under). Tickets are \$15 at the door. Call Dr. Kuperus (248) 349-0911 for advance tickets.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
The Beit Kodesh sisterhood will have their paid-up membership luncheon 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2 at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Entertainment will be a musical program featuring vocalist, Louise Lazarus, well known for performing in the Jewish community. Call Rae Offerman (248) 474-8051.

BEREAVED TEENS
New Hope Center for Grief Support is sponsoring a six-session series for bereaved teens ages 12-15 beginning with an informational meeting Tuesday, Dec. 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth House in Northville. The group will meet twice a month 7-8:30 p.m. from December-March. To register call (248) 348-0115.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth will present *The Glory of Christmas, Christmas Day ... again*. Dates include: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8; 3 p.m. Dec. 9; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15; and 3 p.m. Dec. 16. Tickets are \$10. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.ticketsplus.net. Tickets on sale 9 a.m. Nov. 12. No refunds or exchanges.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
The Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will host a fellowship luncheon 12:15 p.m. Dec. 7 at Nardin Park United Methodist church, 20887 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington. Cost, \$7.50. Call Bonnie Chrysler (313) 278-0036 by Dec. 3. Babysitting reservation only.

CHRISTMAS WALK
Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, will host a living nativity with narration and music 6-8 p.m. Dec. 7-8. Call (734) 421-7249-34

ADVENT RETREAT
Madonna University will hold a Marian advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 8 with the theme

Mary, Model and Prophet of Freedom. Rev. John Riccardo, from the St. John Center for Youth and Family, will lead the activities which include prayer, small group sharing, conferences, lunch, and a liturgy. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Staff, faculty and students are \$10. Call (734) 432-5419 or e-mail frxavier@madonna.edu

LITTLE CHRISTMAS
St. John's Lutheran Church will host *Little Christmas* a program featuring guest choirs and special music reflecting our ethnic diversity. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the church, 13542 Mercedes,

Redford. Refreshments and fellowship. Call (313) 538-2660.

BIRTH OF JESUS
Celebrate the birth of Jesus. St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, will host a birthday party for Jesus 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 15. The free event is designed for 4 year olds through sixth graders. Enjoy crafts, games, songs, cake and special treats. You must register by calling Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038 by Dec. 9.

THEOLOGIAN TO LECTURE
Theologian Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. will be speaking on the topic of Christian moral virtues at an

all-day conference at Trinity Church in Livonia, Saturday, Dec. 15. He will be inaugurated as president of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids in January. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 15. Advance registration is \$20 (\$5 more at the door) and includes the cost of lunch. Group rates available. Call Trinity Church (734) 425-2800. Trinity Church is located at 14800 Middlebelt, just south of Five Mile in Livonia. Plantinga will also preach at



Plantinga

Trinity Church's Sunday morning worship service at 10:45 on Dec. 16.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Welcome the Child, featuring the St. Damian Adult and Youth Choir. Directed by Stephen C. Siemion and accompanied by Johnny Kash will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 16 at St. Damian Catholic Church, 30055 Joy, Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY
Members of Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, will portray scenes from the Christmas story along the outer edges of the church parking lot from 6-9 p.m. Mon-

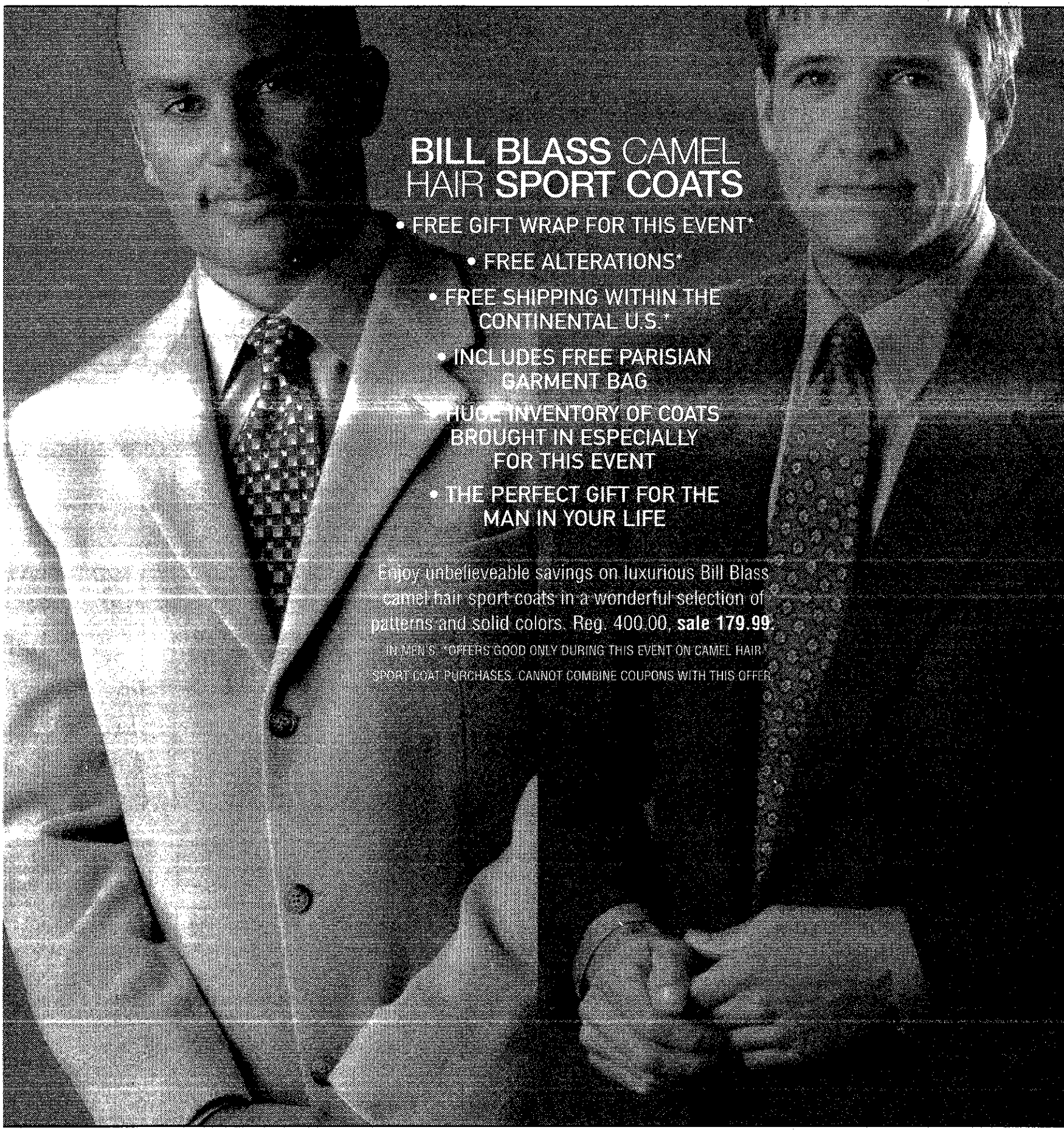
day, Dec. 17. Everyone is invited to drive the road to Bethlehem and experience the Christmas story with music, pantomime and live animals. No charge. Call (248) 626-3620.

FAITH IN COMMUNITY
Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City will host a series of intergenerational workshops designed to encourage and support faith-nurturing relationships among people of all ages. Two-hour session begins at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 with large and small group discussions, activities and crafts. A soup supper will follow. There is no charge. Call (734) 427-3660.

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Grace and Gratitude

The words "grace" and "gratitude" both come from the Latin word "gratus", which means favorable or pleasing, and from which we get the expression "gratis", which means a gift or favor that is freely given. We see the connection between God's grace and our gratitude in 'saying grace', which is expressing our gratitude for God's freely-given gift of food. How easy it is to forget, and thus to be unwittingly ungrateful for, all the wonderful things in our lives that come to us freely by the grace of God. Our families and friends, our health and wellbeing, indeed our very lives and the world we inhabit are truly gifts from our heavenly father. These are given freely to us and our Lord expects nothing in return, except our love and gratitude. Surely, this is a testimony to God's overflowing and abundant love for all of us. We do well to remember the ultimate source of this great bounty-our loving and gracious God. In turn, we should imitate his love through our charity to others.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endureth for ever.
 King James Version - Psalm 118:1



SINGLES MINGLE

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BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
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■ New Year's Eve Dance Dec. 31 at St. Robert Bellarmine. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets will be \$20 if purchased in advance. \$25 at the door.

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
Every Friday WestSide Singles

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Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
■ Concert tickets, Philips, Craig & Dean at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$5 and on sale now.

■ Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in the sanctuary. The trio of Christian melody - Phillips, Craig & Dean Concert. Tickets are \$5 and childcare will be provided.
■ Christmas caroling, 7 p.m. Dec. 21. Call the SPM office.

■ Classic Senior Singles 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11 in Parlor C317. A Christmas celebration buffet dinner followed by a white elephant gift exchange and then singing Christmas carols. \$10.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALE
The Livonia Jaycees are selling the discount coupon Entertainment Books through November as a benefit for the club's annual Children's Christmas Shopping Spree. Cost is \$30, a discount of \$10 from previous years. Call (734) 542-0997 to order.

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The Canton Public Library will once again serve as a local collection site for the *Gift of Reading* holiday program which places new books in the hands of children (toddler through second grade) who would not have access to them otherwise. You may bring your new, unwrapped books to the library through Dec. 7. Call Marcia Barker (734) 397-0999.

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TREE OF LIFE
The Angela Hospice annual Tree of Life will be on display at Laurel Park Place in Livonia Nov. 24 through Dec. 31. An opening ceremony will take place at noon Nov. 24 in the mall to include holiday tunes sung by the Angela Hospice choir. The tree extends its branches to those who wish to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an angel wing ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased. If you are unable to attend call (734) 464-7810.

HOLIDAY DECORATION SALE
The 26th annual *St. Joe's Odyssey Ball* will begin 5 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor. This year's ball will

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COMMUNITY HOSPICE RAFFLE
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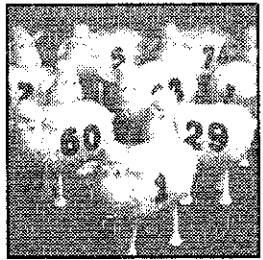
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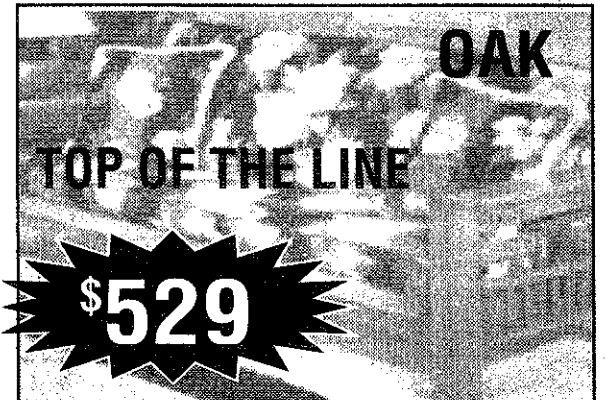
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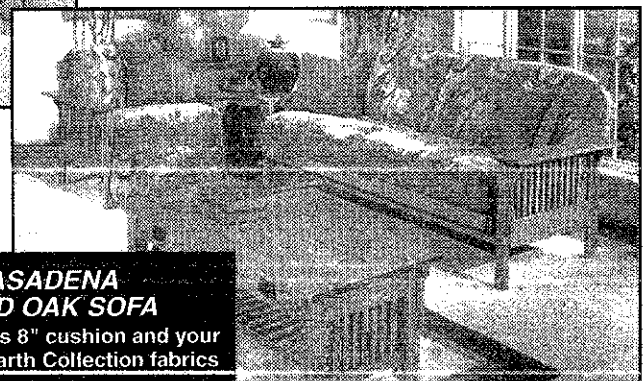
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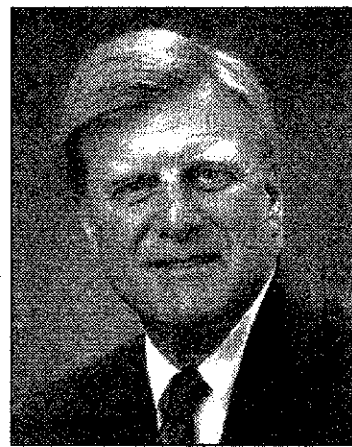
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New U-M center gives hope to those suffering depression

This is a hopeful column on a sad subject. Depression as an illness is ranked by the World Health Organization as one of the top four most debilitating ailments in the world. As many as one in five women and one in eight men are at high risk of experiencing depression sometime in their lives, regardless of race, education or income.



Phil Power

Symptoms include sadness and hopelessness – a big case of the “blues” – coupled with energy, sleep and appetite loss, restlessness and despair. Victims of depressive illness lose their ability work, enjoy life and relate to friends and family. It may rob them of their will to live. It is an insidious disease, sometimes difficult to diagnose, often more difficult to cure. It is no respecter of persons, striking the old and the young, the successful and the struggling, those with happy families and those alone.

I know this all too well. My late wife, Sarah, suffered from severe depression, ultimately committing suicide. And my friend, Heinz Prechter, a charismatic force of nature who created from scratch a successful sun roof company and who owned a group of respected community newspapers serving the Downriver area, committed suicide earlier this year, after a long struggle with the disease.

Now there is some hope on the horizon. The University of Michigan is launching the nation's first comprehensive center devoted to treatment, research and education in depression.

The new U-M Depression Center will bring together and expand the university's existing programs in patient care, laboratory and clinical research, patient and family education and training for health care professionals and students.

“The time is right to focus all the resources we can on understanding and defeating this illness, and the social stigma that it carries, so that we can help the 18 million Americans who suffer from depression every year,” says Dr. John Greden, the center's executive director.

The center will work with depression in patients of all ages, as well as with various aspects of the disease: postpartum (after birth), bipolar (manic-depression) and treatment-resistant forms. Recent advances in medication and in

talk therapy have made depression more treatable than in the past. But only 10 percent of all people with depression receive adequate treatment, according to Greden.

- The center will focus on the following areas:
- **Laboratory research:** Researchers at the center will explore the ways in which depression is caused by inherited genes, as well as the neurochemical signals within the brain.
 - **Clinical research:** Doctors at the center will test new medications and treatment methods and measure how patients do under various treatment strategies.
 - **Treatment:** Patients at the center will be treated by specialists in many fields, often within the same visit, using various approaches tailored to their individual diagnosis.
 - **Early diagnosis:** A big problem in treating depressive illness is the difficulty of early diagnosis. Free depression screenings for the community will be available through the center beginning

Anybody who has experienced the agony of a friend or relative with depression will be given new hope by the new Depression Center. In recent years, considerable advances in diagnosis and treatment have taken place, together with improved patient and family education.

next year.

■ **Education:** Both doctors and other health professionals will be exposed to diagnostic and treatment strategies. Equally important, workshops for patients and families will be offered beginning next February.

Anybody who has experienced the agony of a friend or relative with depression will be given new hope by the new depression center. In recent years, considerable advances in diagnosis and treatment have taken place, together with improved patient and family education.

With progress taking place on so many fronts, now is a perfect time to bring them all together.

For information and to register to participate in depression workshops at the center, call (734) 764-0267.

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Mike Malott

Cybercourt proposal on track for fall approval

By the end of this year, Michigan lawmakers may well formulate an entirely new court, one unlike anything in operation anywhere in the country.

It's known as “Cybercourt.” The idea, as put forward by Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield) and Gov. John Engler, would be to create an electronic, high-technology forum for resolving legal disputes between businesses. The Cybercourt could be used by companies located anywhere in the country. Briefs and filings could be submitted to the court via the Internet. Hearings could be conducted by video conference.

A key feature of the court would be its so-called “rocket docket,” a speedier schedule for hearing the cases and reaching decisions. The court would be for business disputes only. For example, cases involving trade secrets, non-compete clauses and confidentiality agreements are the types of cases that could be heard in Cybercourt.

Disputes over software development, business insurance and commercial banking could be taken to the court. And the court could address disputes over commercial real estate or shareholder rights.

Specifically prohibited from being heard in Cybercourt would be tort cases, malpractice cases, employer/employee arguments, landlord/tenant disputes and criminal matters.

Having already received the approval of the House of Representatives, the bill to create the court – H.B. 4140 – is expected to pass the Senate by the end of the year, and the court could be in operation next year.

If the point of creating such a court is lost on many Michigan residents, that's understandable. It is not an easy concept to grasp.

When Engler unveiled the idea earlier this year, he talked about making the state more technology-friendly, improving the state's reputation among high-tech businesses and making Michigan a trend-setter in the New Economy.

Ultimately, he explained, his hope was that the creation of the court would spur high-technology firms to move here. Engler and Shulman pointed to the success of Delaware at attracting businesses through the adoption of favorable corporate law and having a court set up specifically to deal with corporate law. Delaware has been so successful at it that today 250,000 corporations are registered in Delaware.

Companies registered in Delaware may be located elsewhere, but the spin-off has been a boon to that state's economy.

By creating Cybercourt, Shulman and Engler are hoping to do for Michigan, as it seeks to attract high-tech firms, what liberal corporate laws and the Court of Chancery have done for Delaware.

If it seems strange that companies might pick a state in which to locate based on the availability of a court and their ability to get before a judge to resolve legal disputes, you have to keep in the mind several characteristics of the high-tech world today.

The idea would be to create an electronic, high-technology forum for resolving legal disputes between businesses.

For one – as lawyers and law professors are quick to point out – intellectual property rights is an area of law that has not been well defined. Rules of intellectual property and copyright, devised in the past for print and patents, don't always work well when applied to intern publishing and software development.

Disputes unique to the high-tech world – such as the recent case against Napster – have to be concluded quickly. Entire markets come and go, open and close, in the course of a couple years, less time than it now takes most complex business litigation to wend its way through our present court system.

So a technology-savvy court, able to issue good, solid decisions on the complicated issues surrounding technology law, could be real benefit to entrepreneurs and fast-moving tech firms, in turn benefiting the state.

Lawmakers are still trying to work out details as to how, exactly, the judges for the court would be appointed to the position and how the judges and court clerk would get paid.

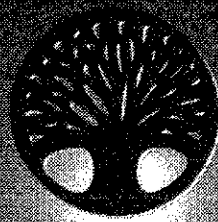
But overall the concept is sound. And it holds a great deal of potential for the state, even if the benefits aren't tangible or aren't always easy to spot.

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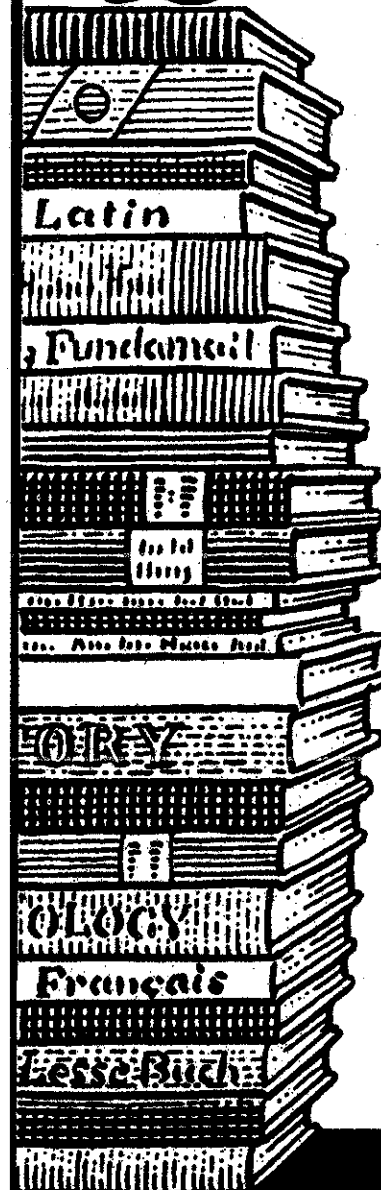
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New medical examiner likes solving tough mysteries

BY CAROL HOPKINS
SPECIAL WRITER

Canton's Dr. Francisco Diaz is something of a private detective. Wayne County's newest Assistant Medical Examiner describes his work as much like solving a mystery.

"With autopsies, it's not the end, it's the beginning. You are not guessing any longer about what happened. An autopsy gives everyone closure."

The Dominican Republic-born Diaz didn't start out as a forensic pathologist. He began his career as a general practitioner in his island nation, but in 1994 decided to come to the U.S. to further his education.

Diaz got his first real-world experience dealing with actual forensic investigative work in western Pennsylvania, where he was doing a residency in pathology.

"There they have a system where communities contract with local hospitals for autopsies," explained Diaz, who worked as a hospital pathologist and was often required to go to death scenes. He noted, "It was interesting, delving into exactly what happened."

The experience changed his life. He selected a forensic pathology curriculum at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and was accepted as a fellow at Philadelphia's Medical Examiner's Office. There the office's



Medical detective: Dr. Francisco Diaz of the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office likes the challenge of solving life and death mysteries.

caseload numbered 7,000 cases a year, with approximately 350 homicides a year.

Mystery solved

The affable 34-year-old remembers a case in Philadelphia where investigators found an African-American male with no identification. "Police found him near a railroad track wearing plain clothes and a watch. He had decomposed so there was not a lot of soft tissue to work with." Morgue officials followed all of the normal procedures, but they were unable to find anyone

to identify the man. The one thing they noted was he had had previous surgery.

Then Diaz read a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer about a man in his 20s, who was concerned that his father had been missing for some time.

Something clicked with Diaz. He contacted the young man and arranged to meet him. Once they were together, he asked if his father had had surgery? The son was unaware of this, because he and his dad had been estranged for years.

Diaz asked about the watch, if

Fast Facts About Medical Examiner's Office

- The facility has the largest caseload in Michigan, handling an average of 10-12 deaths a day, or 3,500 to 4,000 annually.

- 50 persons are employed at the facility, which is manned 24 hours a day.

- The Medical Examiner's Office fields 12,000 reported cases each year.

- Annually, 500 homicides are autopsied a year.

- Five members of the staff are doctors (pathologists) like Diaz.

that was anything the son recalled. He did not, but he went back to where his father had been living and found a receipt for a watch purchase. The store checked the serial number and it matched the number on the dead man's watch. Diaz remarked:

"The son was grateful we went the extra mile to solve the case. It gave him closure."

Drug deaths

Diaz is also interested in drug-induced deaths, and what the drug culture can do to a community. "Drug deaths are particu-

larly painful for families because they are often in denial about what has been happening (to a loved one)," he said.

He believes all medical examiners should be strong advocates in public health issues, letting the proper authorities know if certain drugs are becoming problems or if an epidemic might be occurring.

He was hired as a Wayne County Assistant Medical Examiner in July. His work life also includes going to court and testifying in cases such as homicide. "There I've learned you should be a good listener. It's not a contest and I've learned you shouldn't be afraid to ask (the lawyer) questions. It's going to have consequences on the case."

Now residing in Canton Township with his wife and young son, Diaz is anxious to dispel the misconceptions about his profession, especially in the way it is portrayed on television or film.

"You'll see an actor who is a medical examiner in court testi-

fy and talking of the time of death, and the actors will say 8:45 or 9 p.m. That is just not possible. I try to tell the jury that there are multiple aspects which affect the situation, such as where the body was found and the manner in which the person died. We have to explain to the jury and family."

Sometimes medical examiners can't give instantaneous answers, he said. "We need to see tissue under a microscope, wait for lab results, and those things take time."

But the public is becoming more informed in other ways, he said, and that is good. "On the positive side, movies and television do show our work is important. We see it in how families are more informed about what we do, and in many cases, even asking to have an autopsy done."

The writer, Carol Hopkins, works for the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office.

Madonna registers for winter

Madonna University's registration for the winter 2002 term continues through Friday, Jan. 4, for new and returning students.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with

the exception of Dec. 17 and 20 when offices will close at 5 p.m. All offices will be closed for Christmas, Dec. 22 to Jan. 1. Classes begin the week of Jan. 7.

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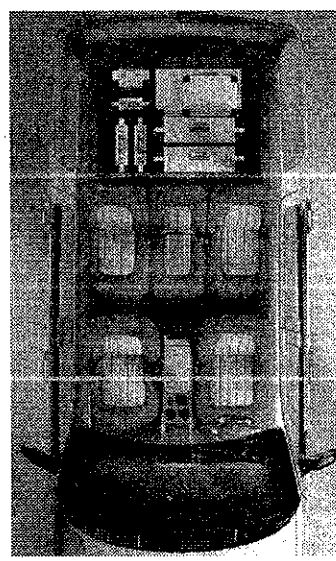
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Madonna clipped

An abysmal first-half performance left Madonna University's men's basketball team facing a 19-point deficit at halftime — far too large for this team to overcome as it lost at Albion College 87-55 Tuesday.

The loss dropped the Fighting Crusaders to 3-4. Albion is 5-1.

The Britons' 44-25 halftime bulge was built on exceptional shooting. They converted 15-of-30 floor shots (50 percent) and 5-of-10 three-pointers (50 percent), while Madonna made 12-of-30 from the field (40 percent) and just 1-of-6 threes (16.7 percent). Also, Albion was 9-of-14 from the free-throw line (64.3 percent); Madonna was 0-for-2.

It didn't get any better for the Crusaders in the second half. After Albion's Eric Sarges converted two free throws with 19:37 left, the margin was never less than 20 points.

Joe Kofahl paced Madonna's scorers with 14 points on 7-of-10 floor shooting. Steve Horn added 11 and Noel Emenhiser scored nine, while Aaron Cox totaled eight points, seven rebounds and four steals.

Sarges' 21 points topped Albion. Andrew Neidlinger contributed 17 and Brett Quayle netted 14.

Madonna was outshot (51.6 percent to 39.1 percent), outrebounded (47-26) and outplayed (22 turnovers to Albion's 18). It didn't help that the Crusaders were without 6-foot-8 center Tony Jancevski, who was out with a muscle pull.

All-Region soccer

Madonna University's men's soccer team had three players named to the NAA's all-Region VIII team, including first team selection Patrick Griffin.

A sophomore midfielder from Plymouth (Redford Catholic Central HS), Griffin was Madonna's leading scorer with 12 goals and nine assists (33 points).

Also named to the first team was Siena Heights' senior midfielder Andy Power, a Plymouth Salem graduate. Power was second on the Saints in scoring with 12 goals and 10 assists (34 points).

Named to the second team were Madonna's Mike Healy, a junior forward from Troy, and Dan Kurtinaitis, a sophomore defender from Dearborn. Healy was second among the Crusaders in scoring with nine goals and six assists (24 points); Kurtinaitis had four goals and five assists (13 points).

Ambassadors split

The Compuware Ambassadors traveled to Sault Ste. Marie to take on North American Hockey League division rival Soo Kewadin Casino Indians last weekend, and they managed to earn a split in their two-game set.

The Ambassadors won the opener 4-2 last Friday thanks to a goal and two assists from Dan Knapp, the NAHL's leading scorer, and 33 saves by goalie Justin Tobe. In Saturday's game, Compuware took a 2-0 lead in the opening period but could not hold it, losing for the first time this season by a 6-3 margin.

The Ambassadors remain the top team in the NAHL with an 18-1-2 record.

Paige commits to Irish

Jason Paige, a member of the Compuware Ambassadors Tier II Junior A hockey team, has committed to attend the University of Notre Dame for the 2003-04 school year. Paige is the third Ambassador to sign with an NCAA Division I school.

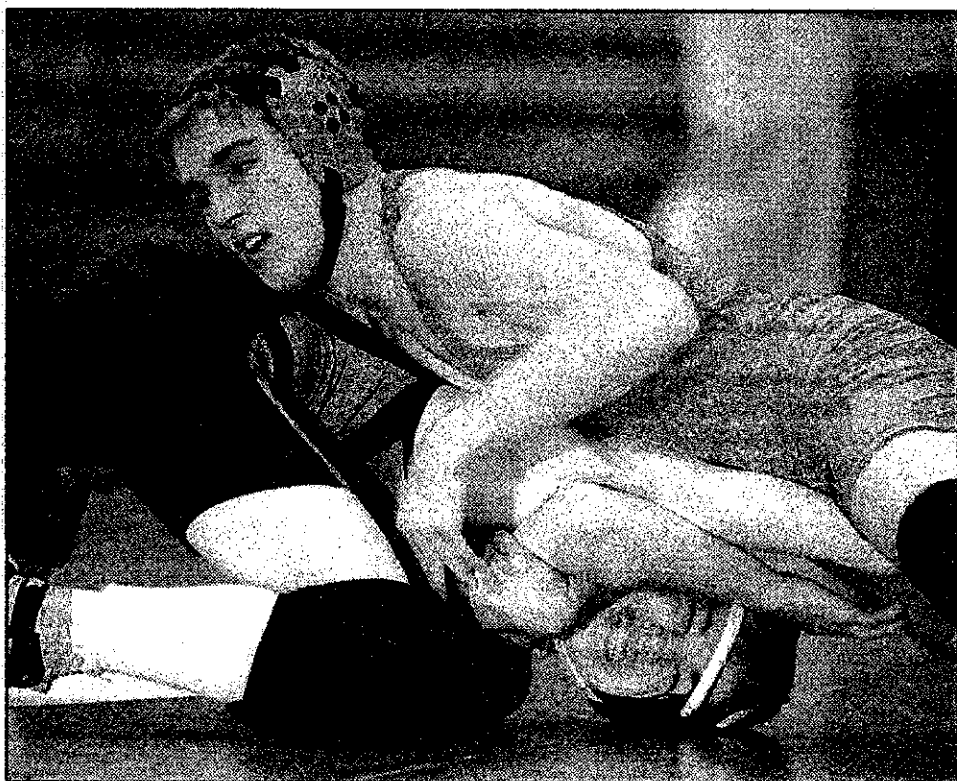
"We are extremely proud of Jason and what he has accomplished in his time with our team," said Compuware general manager/coach Todd Watson. "I am ecstatic for him to attend Notre Dame. He is a quality person who is well-respected by his teammates and will be a great addition to the Fighting Irish hockey program."

Paige joined the Ambassadors as a 16-year-old underage selection last year.

PCJBA registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school boys from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at East Middle School. This is for boys in grades 9-12. Cost is \$120.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.



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Among the best: Canton's Doy Demsick (top) reached the final eight at state meet before he was sidelined by a broken elbow.

Numbers are down, but Chiefs will shine

BY C.J. RISAK
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There are only 35 wrestlers on the Plymouth Canton squad this season. Last year, the Chiefs started with 55 on the team.

That's the bad news, at least for Canton. The bad news for the rest of the Western Lakes Activities Association is that much of the team that was responsible for the Chiefs posting a 15-5 dual-meet record, placing third at the WLAA Finals (Walled Lake Western edged them for second by a point) and winning the Observerland Tournament, is back.

"We're not as well-rounded a team as last year," said Canton coach John Demsick, "but we have a lot of seniors and they look pretty good."

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"A lot of these guys have been in the battle and know what it takes."

There are several seniors who deserve additional attention, including Doy Demsick, the coach's son. One of the Observerland's top wrestlers last season, Doy reached the quarterfinals at state meet before suffering a broken elbow. With more than 100 match wins in his high school career, Doy will move from the 125-pound division to 130.

Greg Musser has been a constant for the Chiefs, wrestling last season at 140. "He has continued to be a strong part of the team," said Demsick, adding Musser will wrestle between 145 and

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Rocks should rank with league's elite

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It's a fact of life: The older you get, the bigger you become.

Plymouth Salem's wrestlers have realized it. Last season, the Rocks were strong in the lower weights with a team that had just one senior in the starting lineup — James March at 152 pounds, and he missed the last half of the season with an injury.

They still managed to finish fourth at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships (they were the top-finishing Lakes Division team). And therein lies the good news, because the team that completed the season has returned nearly intact.

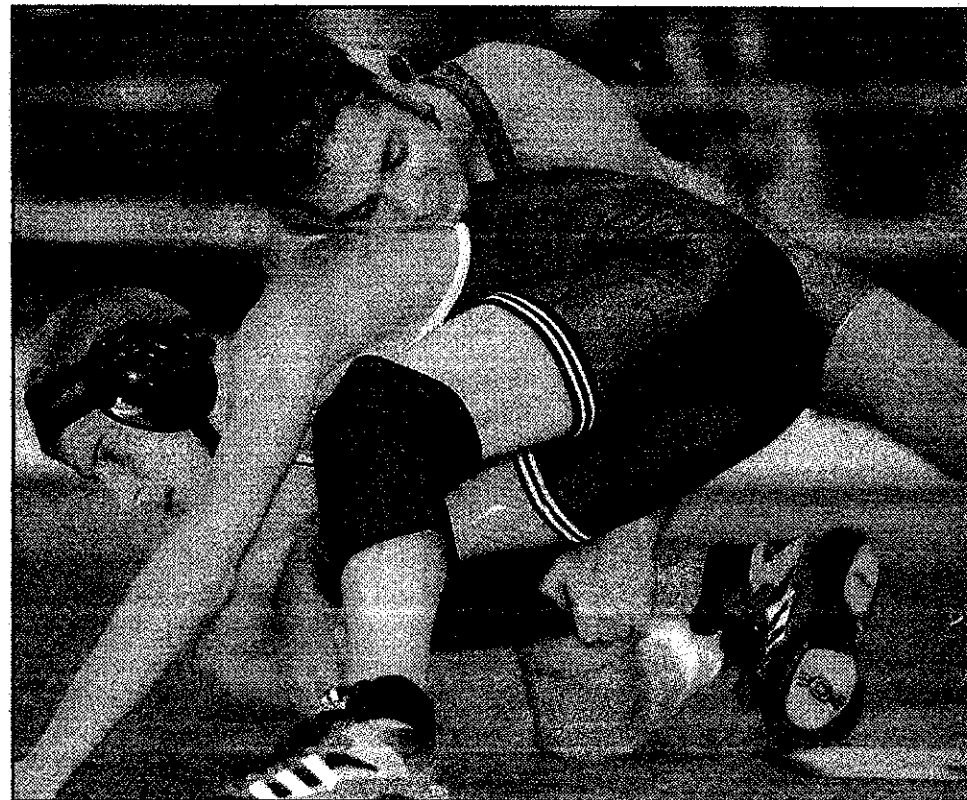
"The kids are a year older, a year more experienced," said Salem coach

SALEM WRESTLING

Greg Wochuk. "They're hard-working. We have some good seniors, and some strong juniors, too."

Among the key returnees are seniors Tony Kennard, the reigning WLAA champ at 135 who qualified for the state meet as a junior (he'll wrestle at 145); Nathan Dillard, among the top finishers at nearly every tournament last season at 125 (he'll be at 135) and "one of our more talented kids," according to Wochuk; Zak Jensen, a strong performer at 215 who should be even better this season; Craig Blair, who wrestled at 160 last season (160/171 this year) and "should be one of our

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FILE PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Return course: Salem's Brandon Sammut (on top) was headed to the state regionals last year when he injured his shoulder.

Is Salem ready?

Improved Rocks want to challenge for league crown

BY C.J. RISAK
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The preliminaries are over. Now comes the real stuff, one of the biggest games of the new season for Plymouth Salem's hockey team.

On Friday, the Rocks take on their greatest rival, a team they've never beaten: Plymouth Canton. The cross-campus foes meet at 8 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

Perhaps this description seems a bit overstated, considering Salem has already turned in a pair of impressive performances in a 6-3 win over Walled Lake Central and a 3-3 tie with Livonia Churchill.

Still, one must understand that the Rocks are 0-3-1 against Canton. And in a rivalry like this one, that is not acceptable.

"We try to keep it like it's just another game," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "But that's tough to do."

"There's a lot of rivalry there, that's for sure."

Certainly the Rocks best chance for victory in this series, as it enters its third season of existence, will be this year. Salem struggled for wins last season, getting eliminated in the opening round of the state tournament. Canton, meanwhile, had a winning record and came very close to upsetting second-ranked Trenton in the regional semifinals.



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Back in goal: Scott Stukel started in goal last season for Salem. He'll share time with Shane Breest this year.

That could turnaround this year. The Chiefs lost a lot; the Rocks have most of their lineup back.

Key losses for Salem are Steve Nagel, the team's leading scorer, and Mike Thackaberry, one of their top defensemen.

Returning are 16 players who saw action last season. And only six of them are seniors.

"We're still a young team," noted Feiler. "We're predominantly a sophomore-junior team."

Among the top returnees are juniors John Schultz and Mark Nagel, both forwards who will flip-flop between left wing and center. Nagel has three goals and two assists thus far this season. Junior Bryan Young, who scored a goal against Churchill, is also back at center.

The defense is led by seniors Steve Jacobs and Brad Proodian and sophomore Andy Thackaberry. In goal, junior Scott Stukel returns, but he will share duties with sophomore Shane Breest.

A key addition to the Salem lineup is senior center Kevin Wilson, who played in the Little Caesars AAA Midget program last year. Wilson has a goal and two assists thus far.

"He moves around really well, and he handles the puck well," said Feiler of Wilson. "We were fortunate to add him."

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Shamrocks win title

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Tom Mach reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out something that wasn't even there a week ago.

Quarterback Tom Jakacki threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Wrcbleski on fourth down Saturday to give Redford Catholic Central the state Division I football championship with a 24-21 victory over Utica Eisenhower.

Mach order up a pass on fourth down and short?

That's nearly as unthinkable as a hamburger with no meat.

"I learned my lesson last year," Mach said, recalling last season's 14-13 loss to the same in the Division I semifinals.

"They shut our running game down," the Shamrocks' veteran coach said. "We didn't start passing until the second half."

"We wanted to use a little more balance this year, use the run and pass."

Catholic Central reached Eisenhower's 3-yard line when Mike Banaszak bulled 11 yards on first down.

But then he lost a yard, sophomore Derek Brooks made it back to the three and then the two on successive running plays.

The Eagles, with 1:31 to go, called their third timeout of the 40-yard drive. Mach knew instantly what he wanted to do.

He was going to call a play

Please see CC FOOTBALL, D7



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Jubilant: CC's Jeff Globish (left) and Kevin McKee share a hug after the Shamrocks' victory.

Impossible! CC passes its way to a championship

At the beginning of the year, the very first practice in fact, Redford Catholic Central quarterback Tom Jakacki and his coach, Tom Mach, were joking about the upcoming season.

"Coach Mach and I have been talking," said Jakacki. "He's going to let me throw 30 times a game."

Now, anyone who knows CC football knows that Tom Mach would rather shave his head and paint it orange and black before he'd have

Please see BEAUDRY, D6



PAUL BEAUDRY

Best of the bunch

Co-coaches lead way for All-Observer team



Tavio Palazzolo
Plymouth Salem
Matt Stafford
Catholic Central
Jon Nettles
Livonia Franklin



J.T. Katikos
Livonia Stevenson
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Plymouth Salem
Nick Houdek
Plymouth Canton



Matt Konopinski
Farmington
Luke Juncaj - coach
Farmington
Lars Richters - coach
Livonia Stevenson



Jamie Miller
Livonia Stevenson
T.J. Djokic
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John Kaczmarek
Plymouth Canton



Mike Leach
North Farmington
Nick Ramirez
Farmington
Ben White
Livonia Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS, DAN O'MEARA
PAUL BEAUDRY AND C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITERS

Livonia Stevenson's Lars Richters and Farmington's Luke Juncaj have few regrets following the 2001 boys soccer season.

If the coaches have one, however, it's that a state title eluded each of their teams.

Otherwise, both had banner years for which Richters and Juncaj have been chosen Observerland Co-Coaches of the Year.

Richters' Spartans finished 21-2-1, won district and Western Lakes Activities Association titles and knocked off several top 10-ranked teams.

Stevenson dominated this year's All-Observer boys soccer team, placing four on the first team and two on the second team.

"The only thing missing was walking away with a state title," Richters said. "But it's a team I won't forget because of all the accomplishments, all the thrills and all the lessons they taught me along the way. It was a very talented group."

The 32-year-old Richters is used to winning. The 1987 Stevenson grad played on back-to-back state championship teams (1985-86) and helped the Spartans to a runner-up finish in 1984.

The all-stater went on to play and graduate from Yale University (1991). He also spent seven years in the National Professional Soccer League with the Detroit Rockers before going into club and high school coaching.

In four years at Stevenson, Richters is a fine 69-10-4.

"We have a lot of kids back next year, but we have several who will be sorely missed," Richters said. "We need several to step up and fill spots with some hard off-season work."

Juncaj, who has a career record of 118-79-19 through 11 seasons, earned the Observer coaching honor for the second year in a row.

He led Farmington to the Division 2 state semifinals last year and the state final this year, losing to Grand Rapids Christian in the championship game, 1-0.

The Falcons, who have two players on the All-Observer first team and two on the second, were 18-4-2 — their only other losses being to Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Churchill — and boast a record of 36-9-4 over the last two years.

"It was supposed to be a rebuilding year after losing seven starters," Juncaj said. "I think we accomplished more than anybody expected us to do."

"Many people expected us to be somewhat weak, but we had some talented players coming back and several others who stepped up and played well. They made it possible for us to have a great season."

"We had so many important positions where we had new people. To play as well as we did was a great achievement. We feel really good about what we did this year."

The Falcons are looking forward to next season when 14 players will return, including nine starters.

"We're going to have a very solid team," Juncaj said. "We're

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| DEF-Jon Nettles, Sr., Liv. Franklin | DEF-Brian Enrick, Jr., Liv. Churchill |
| DEF-Mike Leach, Sr., N. Farmington | DEF-David Novara, Sr., Liv. Stevenson |
| DEF-Nick Ramirez, Sr., Farmington | DEF-Brent Kwiatkowski, Sr., Canton |
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going to have a lot of seniors on that team. If everything goes the way we expect, we should be (state) contenders next year."

FIRST TEAM

Tavio Palazzolo, Sr. GK, Ply. Salem: There was a great deal of pressure on the three-year starter, what with an entirely rebuilt Rocks' defense playing in front of him, when this season started, and he handled it as capably as a hard shot on goal.

"He was that," answered Salem coach Ed McCarthy when asked if Palazzolo was the backbone of the team. "Early on, he was the only player keeping us in games, giving us a chance to win."

With Palazzolo in net, the Rocks did a lot of winning. In his three seasons on varsity, he collected 47 wins, and 35 of those were shutouts. This season, Palazzolo — a second-team all-state selection and the team's most valuable player — allowed 1.05 goals per match, recording five shutouts. He was selected as the Western Lakes Activities Association keeper.

Matt Stafford, Sr. Def., Redford CC: While the Shamrocks struggled on offense all year, defense was rarely a problem as CC gave up just 21 goals in 16 games, with seven goals coming in two of them. And Stafford, an All-Catholic selection, was a big part of the team's defensive prowess.

"He was always defending the other team's most dangerous player," said CC coach Dana Orsucci. "He was probably the most aggressive player in back in terms of tackling. Overall, our defense was great and he was the catalyst. He has great one-on-one skills and offensively dribbles with speed. He was a fantastic leader."

Stafford was also one of the leading offensive players on CC, such as he could be on a team with just eight goals all year. But Stafford had one of the eight and added an assist on a team that faced the 2000 Division 1 co-champs Brother Rice and De La Salle twice and 2001 champion University of Detroit-Jesuit three times.

Jon Nettles, Sr. Def., Liv. Franklin: The senior proved to be the Cal Ripken of Franklin soccer, starting and playing in 79 straight games.

"He never missed a game because of a card and he was never injured," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "He's the best kid I've coached in seven

years. He's got some of the best distribution skills out of the back and has a great touch. He's not super fast, but he's smart."

This season, Nettles had four goals and three assists. Nettles is a two-time third-team Division I All-Stater. He also is Franklin's two-time MVP, two-year captain and is a two-time all-WLAA selection. He is making a visit to Butler and is also being recruited by Oakland University and Michigan State.

Mike Leach, Sr. Def., N. Farmington: Leach was a four-year starter for the Raiders, who chose him as their MVP the last two seasons.

His competitiveness and tenacity served him well as the North Farmington sweeper. He employed good technique and athleticism to shut down opposing forwards and led his team with 114 defensive saves.

Leach also earned all-area honors in basketball and as a hurdler in track earlier this year. He made the all-WLAA soccer team this year, too.

"He's one of the best all-around athletes I've coached," North Farmington's Ron Messinger said. "He was the heart of our team and a very unselfish player."

"He could've played offense or mid-field but chose to play defense, because that's where he knew the team needed him most. In that respect, he was the consummate team player."

"His first touch on the ball was good. He had very few misplayed balls. He was just a real solid player back there."

Nick Ramirez, Sr. Def., Farmington: Nick Ramirez, defender, Farmington: A four-year starter, Ramirez played stopper and was instrumental in the Falcons posting 10 shutouts and holding opponents to one goal in nine other games this year.

The all-WLAA defender also handled free kicks, throw-ins and penalty kicks. Ramirez, who scored the winning goal in a 3-2, regional win over Grosse Pointe North, had eight goals and 11 assists.

But his greatest asset to the team might have been his role as Farmington's emotional leader, the rock who rallied the Falcons.

"Nick plays the game with a lot of passion," Juncaj said. "He really loves the game, and he makes everybody around him better because of the way he plays. He was the most experienced player on our team. He was involved in the midfield a lot and on set plays; he scored some very important goals for us. In the state tournament, Nick was probably our most valuable player."

Ben White, Sr. MF, Liv. Stevenson: The senior made first-team All-State in Division I in addition to being named All-WLAA, All-District and All-Regional.

He was second on the Spartans in scoring with 16 goals, including a diving header in a 2-1 regional final loss to eventual state champion University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The senior finished with 10 goals and 11 assists as he made second-team All-State in Division I. He was also named All-WLAA, All-District and All-Region.

He was voted Stevenson's MVP by his teammates.

"Jamie was one of the fastest players in the state this year," Richters said. "And we counted on him, game after game, to create attacking chances for us. When all else failed, Jamie typically came through at both ends of the park."

T.J. Djokic, Sr. MF, Liv. Stevenson: The senior co-captain, who scored eight goals and tied for the team lead with 15 assists, was named All-Western Lakes and All-District.

Djokic spent three years as a varsity starter.

"T.J. is a very technical player," Richters said, "and this year he was an emotional leader for our team on and off the field. He has a future in the game if he choose to pursue it."

John Kaczmarek, Sr. MF, Ply. Canton: There are few players in the state who can match Kaczmarek's ball-handling skills, which is one reason why he was a member of the state's Dream Team.

"He was our workhorse in the middle," said Canton coach Don Smith. "He was marked heavily, but he did what he had to do — he moved the ball and made things happen."

Kaczmarek did the quarterbacking for the Chiefs' offense, picking up four goals and 11 assists in the process. A tri-captain, he "motivated others to work hard," Smith said.

"He was like the Energizer bunny out there."

J.T. Katikos, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The three-year varsity player made first-team All-State (Division I), All-Region, All-District and All-WLAA.

His 23 goals led the team and the WLAA. He had several game-winning goals, including a dramatic late goal to beat state runner-up Rochester Adams, 1-0. He also tied for the team lead in assists with 15.

Katikos, Stevenson's leading scorer the past two seasons, has over 40 career goals. He carries a 3.25 GPA.

"J.T. has an incredible ability to get behind the opposing defense and create scoring opportunities for himself and his teammates," Richters said. "He was widely regarded as one of the most dangerous players in the state this year."


Kevin Savitskie, Jr. F, Ply. Salem: The Rocks' fortunes changed when Savitskie switched from a defensive position to an offensive one. After going 3-5-1 in the season's first half, played primarily with Savitskie as a marking defender, Salem went 8-3-1, with Savitskie as their leading scorer.

"He made great progress from his sophomore to his junior year," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "He was one of the most dangerous offensive players we've seen this year. He was by far our most dangerous offensive player."

Savitskie finished with 11 goals and five assists. An all-WLAA selection, Savitskie was also named to the all-state second team.

Nick Houdek, Sr. F, Ply. Canton: One major reason Canton had the successful season it did — the Chiefs were 18-3-1, reaching the WLAA title game once again — was the emergence of Houdek at forward.

"He was a pleasant surprise," admitted Canton coach Don Smith.



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Gymnasts sparkle

Several members of Euro Stars Gymnastics in Plymouth competed at the Sulaki Meet in Illinois earlier this month, and they did quite well.

Brittany Young, an 11-year-old from Canton and a sixth-grader at West Middle School, captured top honors in the Level Seven all-around, scoring 35.65.

Young finished first in the uneven parallel bars (9.4), was second in the vault (9.2), seventh in the floor exercise (8.9) and eighth in the balance beam (8.15).

Christie Music, a 14-year-old ninth-grader from Westland, was fifth in the vault (8.4) and sixth in the beam (8.7), fifth in both the floor (8.7) and bars (8.15), and sixth in the vault (8.45).

Kortney Meadows, an 11-year-old sixth-grader from Ypsilanti, was fifth in the vault (8.4) and sixth in the beam (8.5). She scored 9.0 in floor and 8.35 in bars, with a 34.25 in the Level Eight all-around.

Ocelots edge Owens Tech

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It's been about as expected, the start of the women's basketball season featuring two teams that could very well meet again — and when they do, the loser will be done for the season.

For the second time in 12 days, Schoolcraft College collided with Toledo Owens Tech. Last time, the Lady Ocelots lost by two points in their own gym; on Sunday in the final game of the Owens Tech Tournament, SC came out on top, beating the host squad 66-62.

The Ocelots, who won all three of their games in the tournament, improved to 4-2. Owens Tech fell to 3-3.

"Owens is the Ohio team we feel we'll have to go through to get to the nationals," said SC coach Karen Lafata.

If their next meeting is anything like their first two, count on a last shot winning the game. On Sunday, neither team led by more than a half-dozen points.

COLLEGE HOOP

SC trailed by four with four minutes left.

Kera Hill converted two free throws with 1:10 left to give the Ocelots a one-point lead; 20 seconds later, Rachel Eley's basket off a feed from Hill put them up by three, a lead Owens could not overcome.

Devin Francois, injured in the season-opener against Windsor, returned to action this weekend and paced SC against Owens with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Hill finished with 16 points and Eley had 10 points and six assists. Krystal Dennis (from Redford St. Agatha) came off the bench to collect four points, 10 blocked shots and seven rebounds.

Owens got 14 points from Angie Phegley and 10 from Erin Gallagher.

SC opened the tournament with an 85-72 win over Edison CC (Dayton, Ohio) on Friday,

then beat Columbus (Ohio) State 75-57 Saturday.

In the win over Edison, Pam Wingate topped a group of four Ocelots who scored in double figures; she had 19 points. Hill had 15, Eley 12 and Keysa Hamilton netted 11. SC led 40-30 at the half and coasted from there.

It was much the same in Saturday's win over Columbus State. Wingate, a 6-foot-1 center from Southfield-Lathrup HS, again dominated inside with 29 points and 13 rebounds. Eley contributed 11 points and five steals.

The Ocelots led 41-32 at the break and were unchallenged in the second half.

SC plays at Olive Harvey CC (Harvey, Ill.) Friday.

Madonna splits

Madonna University got off to a strong start at the Taylor University (Upland, Ind.) Tournament last weekend, routing

Olivet College 84-58 Friday and taking a two-point lead into the second half of Saturday's championship game against the host Lady Trojans.

But the Lady Crusaders could not maintain their lead, eventually losing to Taylor 79-74. Madonna slipped to 4-2; Taylor is 4-5.

The Crusaders got off to a fast start against Taylor, leading 19-8 in the first half. But the Trojans closed to within 42-40 by halftime and eventually built a 63-55 advantage in the second half before Madonna closed the gap.

Kathy Panganis led the Crusaders with 17 points. Carissa Gizicki added 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists, and Nikki Blaszk collected 11 points and five boards.

Four players scored in double figures for Taylor: Liz Plass and Bridget Carlson with 18 apiece,

and Lydia Harris and Melanie Brumbaugh with 15 each.

The difference came at the free-throw line. Taylor was 24-of-32 (75 percent), while Madonna made 12-of-17 (70.6 percent).

In Friday's win over Olivet, the Crusaders took command from the outset, leading 38-24 by halftime and never letting up. Panganis led with 19 points; Loriann Tschirhart had 12, with Lindsay Simmon and Blaszk getting eight apiece. Everyone played and everyone scored for Madonna.

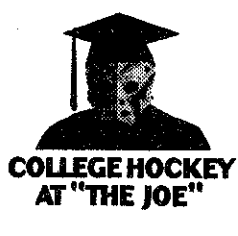

The Comets were paced by Louisa Grill's 23 points. Emily Fix added 13.

The Crusaders forced 27 Olivet turnovers, which helped them convert 33-of-66 floor shots (50 percent). Olivet was 23-of-54 (42.6 percent).

Madonna plays at the University of St. Francis (Fort Wayne, Ind.) Saturday.

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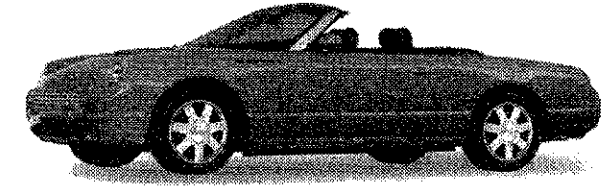
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Salem hockey *from page D1*

Also, to shore up the defense, junior Brandon Wilcox has moved from forward to defenseman.

Teamwork seems to be the key word in Salem's vocabulary. "They worked hard in the off-season," said Feiler. "And there's a willingness to work together. This team's pretty unselfish."

Has that transferred to on-ice performance? Feiler believes it has, and will continue to do so.

"Our goal is to try and win our division (in the Western Lakes Activities Association)," he said. "Livonia Stevenson is always tough, and we'll try and knock them off, and Farmington

What: Salem vs. Canton hockey
When: 8:10 p.m. Friday
Where: Plymouth's Compuware Arena, located on Beck just north of M41.
Records: Canton split its first two games at the Redford United Tournament; Salem had an impressive tie with state-ranked Livonia Churchill after opening the season with a win over Walled Lake Central.
Series Record: Canton leads, 3-0-1.

always has a good program." But the Rocks are much

improved, too. "We're definitely quicker than we were last year," acknowledged Feiler. "If we can stay focused on what our assignments are, if we can stay healthy and stay out of the penalty box, we'll be in the hunt."

Although the Rocks have played well in their first two games, they haven't been perfect. "You look at our first two games and we've taken our share of penalties," noted Feiler.

To win in the WLAA, mistakes like that will cost a team. They're the kind of errors a young Salem squad can't afford to make if it truly wants to make a title run.

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WHALERS HOCKEY

Whalers take 2

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The Ontario Hockey League-leading Plymouth Whalers don't like to lose, particularly at home — which is just what they did last Wednesday, falling 5-2 to the Sarnia Sting at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

It didn't take them long to rebound from that setback. The Whalers knocked off the Guelph Storm 8-4 Friday in Guelph, then defeated the North Bay Centennials 5-2 Saturday at Compuware.

The two weekend wins improved Plymouth's record to 19-4-3-1, first in the OHL's West Division. The Whalers' 42 points is six more than the next best team in the OHL, and in their own division; the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are 16-9-4-0 (36 points).

Through the weekend, Guelph was 15-9-2-0 (32 points), tied for first in the Midwest Division. North Bay slipped to 8-14-5-0 (21 points).

In Friday's win, the Whalers answered a game-tying goal scored by Guelph's Colin Power 3:16 into the second period with five unanswered goals. Damian Surma and Chad LaRose each finished with two goals in the

victory, with Greg Campbell collecting a goal and two assists and Stephen Weiss picking up four assists. Jonas Fiedler, Karl Stewart and Kris Vernarsky also scored goals.

Jason Bacashihua stopped 37 shots in goal for the Whalers. Andrew Penner and Dwight LaBrosse combined to make 22 saves in goal for the Storm.

On Saturday at Compuware, a pair of third-period goals by Stewart insured Plymouth's victory over North Bay. George Nistas assisted on both; he had three assists in the game.

LaRose also had a goal in the game, while Brad Yeo contributed a goal and an assist. Libor Ustrnul had one goal and Vernarsky got two assists.

Paul Drew stopped 22 shots to get the win for the Whalers. Jeremy Day made the same number of saves for the Centennials.

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better kids this season"; Quentin Arndt, one of the smaller 189 pounders last year (he's closer to 170) who's added some bulk this season; Ryan Bedoun, who was in and out of the lineup at 152/160; Adam Schaefer, at 152; and Matt Morency at 135-140.

There are a couple of other seniors who figure prominently in the Rocks' plans: Brandon Sammut at 130 and Phil Portellos at 171/189. Both endured season-ending injuries last year and have been slow to recover, Sammut hurting his shoulder before the state regional meet (which he had qualified for) and Portellos first suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in one leg and then having a non-cancerous tumor removed from the other.

Woochuk figured both are currently at about 80 percent of their capabilities. If they fully regain their strength, Salem should indeed be formidable.

Especially with returning juniors Pete Bobee and Mike Goethe. Bobee finished second at 112 at the WLAA Finals and advanced to the state regionals last year, while Goethe won the 119 class at the WLAA's last year and reached the third round at the regionals. He'll be at 130 this season.

Still, there are holes in the

lineup. Brian Mervyn, a starter as a sophomore for Salem at 103 last season, is out until at least January after suffering a broken ankle in three places that required a plate and four pins to be inserted.

The lighter weights, a Salem strength the past few years, are currently lacking in experience, and the upper weights — a question mark last year — are still in doubt.

"In our upper weights, with Phil's knee, it's a bit of a weakness," said Woochuk. "Our first three weights have always been strong, but that will be a little different this year. We'll start picking up at about 119."

With Bobee and Goethe growing and moving up in weight, the middle weights are well-stocked for Salem, including underclassmen like juniors Alan Mlynek (135), Nick Moniodis (125/135) and Joey Thompson (140), and sophomores Will Schultz (152/160), Justin Chizek (103) and Jeremy Walker — oops, Walker's out until Christmas with a knee injury — and freshman Ryan Stump (103).

Woochuk is concerned about his team's depth, or lack of, particularly with injuries taking so many key performers out of the lineup. That should improve as they

return, which means it may take until the start of the WLAA season before a Salem team at full strength emerges.

Speaking of which: Defending league champ Northville has been hurt by graduation, but should remain tough. The team to beat, however, appears to be Walled Lake Western, which placed second at the WLAA meet last season. At least according to pre-season predictions.

Woochuk also noted Westland John Glenn's impressive depth and a large number of returnees at Livonia Churchill. "It's going to be an interesting year," the Salem coach said.

Yes indeed, it should be. And it starts today, when Salem meets Plymouth Canton and Monroe in a double-dual at Canton.

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152 this year.

Then there's Phil Rothwell, a 189-pounder who moved up to wrestle at 215 at the Observerland Tournament and managed to finish first. A regional qualifier, Rothwell's "not only physically strong, but mentally as well."

Senior Chris Hosey, a 135-pounder last season who will wrestle at 140, shares the captain's duties with Doy Demsick, Musser and Rothwell. But if the Chiefs need more senior leadership, there's plenty to call on.

Such as: Shahein Rajae, who wrestled at 160, will be at 189; Mike Siegrist, 145 last year, will be at 152; Mike Bonner, 152/160 last year, will be at 160/171; Dustin Armer, who moved up to 130 last season, will be at 125 this year; and Derek Robinson, 130 last year and 135 this season.

That core group of seniors gives Demsick a strong structure to build around. Add to it impressive talents like Rob Schnettler, a junior who was at 103/112 last season and will be at

112/119, and Steve Hogg, a sophomore who was Canton's Freshman Wrestler of the Year, at 103.

There are others, their roles have not been determined quite yet — which means that Canton will have some lineup holes to address.

"We will have a few stars, but we'll also have some guys who will have to fight and struggle with the type of schedule we have," said Demsick, noting non-conference meets that include state powers like Temperance Bedford, Davison, Novi and Hartland, among others.

"But we'll hold our own. I'm not making any promises, but I like the way we work. We will have a strong team."

As for those holes in the lineup, Demsick said, "We don't have much experience at heavyweight, and we're finding out what we have to work with at 112, 119 and 135."

Taking into consideration what the Chiefs have lost from last season's squad — gone are four-year standout Kyle Pitt (119), Derek McWatt

(heavyweight), Scott McKee (171), Ozzie Wagner (215) and Joe Faraoni (152) — the question is, can they make a run for the conference crown?

"Walled Lake Western is very strong," replied Demsick. "And Walled Lake Central has a lot of juniors and seniors. (Defending WLAA champ) Northville will be a little younger this year and might not be as strong. Salem is up and coming — they did not lose much."

"We'll just have to see. We have real strong hopes that we'll have a stronger team than last year. The guys will put in the time and work real hard."

With Northville changing coaches and graduating many of its better wrestlers, the race for the WLAA title could be wide open, with any one of six teams in the chase.

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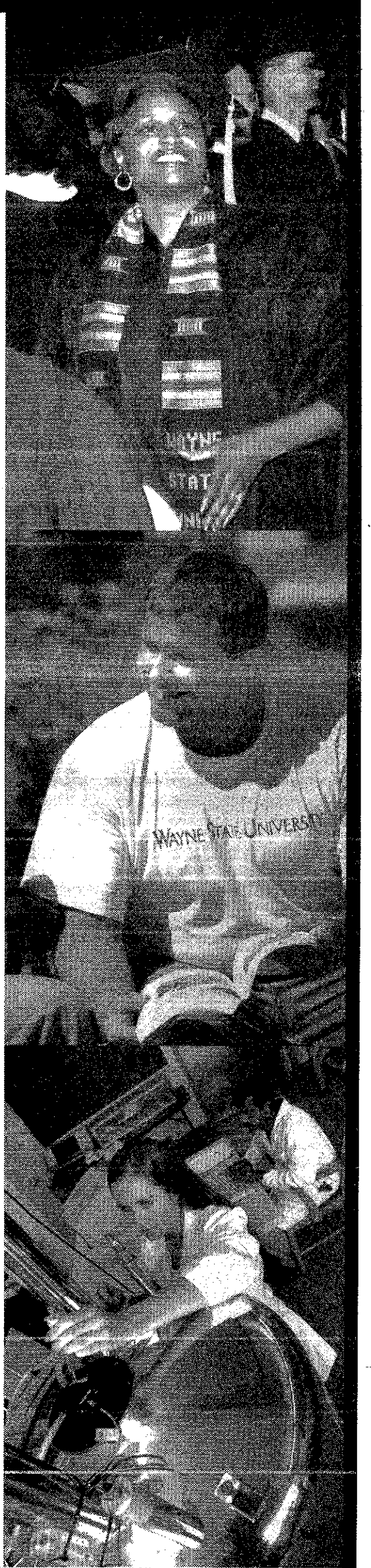
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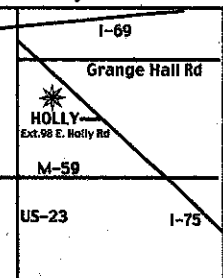
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his quarterback throw 30 times a game, every game, all season. But in an ironic twist, the forward pass became the defining play for CC's state title. It was just a simple little pass that floated to Ryan Wroblewski for a 2-yard gain. It should have been batted down — and in fact was tipped at the end. But that simple little pass defined CC's

season because it produced the touchdown that gave the Shamrocks a 24-21 victory over Utica Eisenhower and the state Division I title. It wasn't crisp. It wasn't sharp. It got the job done. Right after the University of Detroit loss when we fell to 3-3, it would have been easy for us to

give up," said Jakacki. "We were struggling and nothing was going right. Coach Mach was watching that film and said 'It's time.' And we threw out everything we learned up to that point and went back to CC football." For Jakacki especially, the win was vindication from last year's semifinal loss to Eisenhower. Like this year, the Eagles shut down CC's running game — holding the Shamrocks to less than four yards a carry. And while Jakacki had a better day passing this year than last — at least in terms of numbers — the quality of the plays and the maturity of the player made a bit of a difference.

"We were close to the seniors last year and I think we wanted it for them," said Mach. "We wanted to win the title, and I think we wanted to beat Eisenhower in the finals especially. We always thought we'd get here." The last statement was met with understandable skepticism. After all, there haven't been a lot of 3-3 teams that have gone on to win the state title — especially when the three losses were because of play on the field and not forfeits. "Honestly? I really did believe



On the money: CC quarterback Tom Jakacki completed just six-of-15 passes for 116 yards, but two of them went for TDs, including the game-winner.

Brad Jarzembowski, Jeff Globish) kept stressing that we had to believe we could do it. We knew we had the talent. It's a matter of putting it all together." Even Mach knew it could be done. But even if the Shamrocks fell short, he knew what the strong point of the team was — the team itself. "Before the Walled Lake Western game, I wrote down the greatest achievement of the season," said Mach. "It wasn't winning. It was the way players never gave up, the way they stayed focused. And that's a credit to our seniors

and our captains." Players like Jakacki, Rogowski, Wroblewski, Globish and Mike Banaszak are going to be the ones that people notice. Hey, they're the starters and the starters get all of the glory and the attention when they win.

But just as important are the players who don't start and are never in the spotlight — players like senior Hekmat Dahabi, all 5-foot-8, 165-pounds of him. Players who practice just as hard as everyone else, but rarely if ever get in the game; players who are hopeful to play in games like a 45-6 first-round win over Cody, but aren't going to get a sniff in a state title game; players who make the starters better because they are out there every day trying their best. It's not about which team has the best players.

If that was the case, Eisenhower should have won the game because quarterback/safety/kick returner Joe DiGiorgio was probably the best player on either side of the ball. It's about which players can become the best team. "When people look back on this game," said Mach. "They'll say it was the greatest comeback in CC history." The same could be said of the Shamrocks' Lazarus-like recovery from a 3-3 start. The reason? The best comeback in CC history might have come from one of its best teams.

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The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.
The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.
MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
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the Shamrocks put in at the start of the practice week.

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"We worked on it this week specially," Mach said. "They hadn't seen that play before because we'd never shown it before."

"That was the play that crossed my mind — but after that about 25 other plays crossed my mind."

"I was sure we were going to Ryan on that play because he's been doing stuff like that all year."

Wroblewski cut from his left receiver spot straight for the left corner of the end zone.

Jakacki took a couple of steps and floated a high pass that tipped off a defender's hands before nestling gently onto Wroblewski's fingertips.

"They stuffed us three runs in a row," Jakacki said. "We had to pass. It was amazing, that catch."

Wroblewski juggled it momentarily with his arms outstretched, then took a couple of safe steps backwards to show he had possession with 1:26 showing on the clock.

Eisenhower's superlative quarterback Joe DiGiorgio, who should be nicknamed 'Eggs' for his ability to scramble, sandwiched three incompletions around a 1-yard gain and that was the game.

"When we lined up," Wroblewski said, "I didn't think it was going to work. DiGiorgio was (standing) right over me."

"A kid did get his hands on the ball but I felt like if I touched it, I was going to catch it."

"I tried to get it real high," Jakacki said. "I knew if Ryan got his hands on it, he was going to catch it."

"I can't look at this as a negative," said Coach Bob Lantzzy of Eisenhower, whose team has lost in the Division I finals three seasons in a row. "It came down to the wire."

"We made a great goal-line stand. If that pass had been knocked down we would have won."

Returns from injury

It was semi-amazing that Wroblewski was even in the game at all. He gotten his bell run on a helmet-to-helmet hit late in the first half.

He said his entire shoulder was numb but that one of his teammates performed a little home remedy — squeezing Wroblewski around the shoulders while stretching it out — until he felt decent enough to return to action.

Wroblewski caught four passes for 50 yards while Ryan Rogowski grabbed a pair for 66 yards, scoring on the first and setting up another first-quarter touchdown with the second.

Jakacki was just 6-for-15 but for 116 yards and the two touchdowns.

Banaszak gained 75 yards with 21 rushes while Brooks was 15-for-74.

DiGiorgio gained 148 yards

with his 8-for-20 passing and also ran the ball 14 times for 59 yards.

His value lay in tiring out the Catholic Central defenders who were chasing him and in keeping the field open for Eisenhower runners and receivers to operate in.

Paint him silver and he looked just like an errant pinball, the way he was bouncing off guys.

"He's one the best quarterbacks I've seen anywhere," Mach said. "He was so hard to stop."

The Eagles never led until DiGiorgio hit Lance Long with his third touchdown pass of the game, a 13-yarder that came three plays after Rob Sarah stripped Jakacki of the ball and recovered it on the Shamrocks' 17.

The score and extra point by Jasper Scuito made it 21-17.

Drive sets up finale

Catholic Central drove the ball out to its 42 but a third-down incompleteness was negated when Eisenhower was flagged for pushing the Shamrocks' receiver.

That penalty gave Catholic Central first down on the Eisenhower 44.

Jakacki was hurt taking a 3-yard loss on second down but Brooks bolted 15-yards up the middle on a draw play when everybody in the world knew backup quarterback Steve Wasil wasn't going to be throwing the ball.

That drive, DiGiorgio said, was the critical one.

"They had two penalties to give them field position (actually one)," he said. "That was the key right there."

"The pass (where pushing was called) wasn't even long enough to get a first down (if it had been completed)."

CC had to punt, but good field position set it up for its winning drive. The Shamrocks got the ball back on the Eagles' 40 with 4:02 left and ran the ball into position for the fourth-down pass.

"We thought it might go down to the wire," DiGiorgio said. "We've got a lot of guys going both ways so we were a little tired."

DiGiorgio threw two interceptions at the start of the second

half. The first was just poorly thrown and Landon Langham stepped in front of it and returned it 44 yards to the Eagles' 11.

Sophomore Jason Gingell kicked a 21-yard field goal with 6:47 on the clock to break the 14-14 halftime tie.

Jakacki's third down 19-yard touchdown pass to Rogowski gave Catholic Central a 7-0 lead with 6:57 left in the opening quarter.

Rogowski caught a 47-yard third-down pass two possessions later to place the ball at the Eisenhower 11. Banaszak ran it over from 9-yards out two plays later, skirting left end untouched thanks to two nice blocks.

Eisenhower did not get its initial first down until the second play of the second quarter. But DiGiorgio then showed why you don't play long toss with eggs.

He scrambled just long enough to allow his receivers to get open on the back side, hitting Long with a 56-yard scoring strike that cut the deficit to 14-7.

Two possessions later he found Long for a 33-yard scoring pass just 45 seconds from halftime.

NOTEBOOK: The winning play was a variation of a play the Shamrocks have used before.

"We usually go to the right side on that," Mach said. "This was to go left. We ran a 'fly' left. ..."

This was the sixth Division I or Class AA championship for Mach-coached Catholic Central teams since 1990 and his seventh overall. His teams have lost three times in the finals. ...

The third straight loss in the Division I finals was tough for Rob Sarah to take.

"We've been here three times since I was a sophomore," he said, "and I still haven't haven't got a state championship. It almost seems unfair. ..."

Mach gave a nod to his team's desire as it won eight straight games from a 3-3 record.

"We set a goal then to be state champions," he said. "But we didn't want to tell anyone because it would look like we were crazy."

"We knew we had all the things necessary to win. We have guys who can run and guys who can throw."

"I had great confidence when we got that ball the last time."

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PATRICIA J. McMILLEN Plaintiff vs. LESLIE RAYMOND McMILLEN, Defendant.

EX PARTE ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTE SERVICE

At a session of said Court held in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, on November 14, 2001

Upon the Plaintiff's ex parte Verified Motion for Substitute Service, the Court being fully advised.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Plaintiff be allowed to effect constitutional service of her Complaint for Divorce against Leslie Raymond McMillen by publishing a copy of this Order allowing substituted service in a newspaper established, published and circulated in Wayne County, Michigan for three consecutive weeks, and by mailing a copy of this Order to the Defendant by registered mail, return receipt requested, and by ordinary mail, both addressed to his last known address. This should be accomplished before the last publication.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendant is hereby notified that he has 28 days from the date of final publication of this Order to file an answer or take other action as permitted by law at the Wayne County Circuit Court, located at Two Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a failure to file such an answer or take other action as permitted by law within the time specified above may result in a default being granted and the Plaintiff being granted a Judgment for the relief requested.

LITA MASINI POPKE, Circuit Judge
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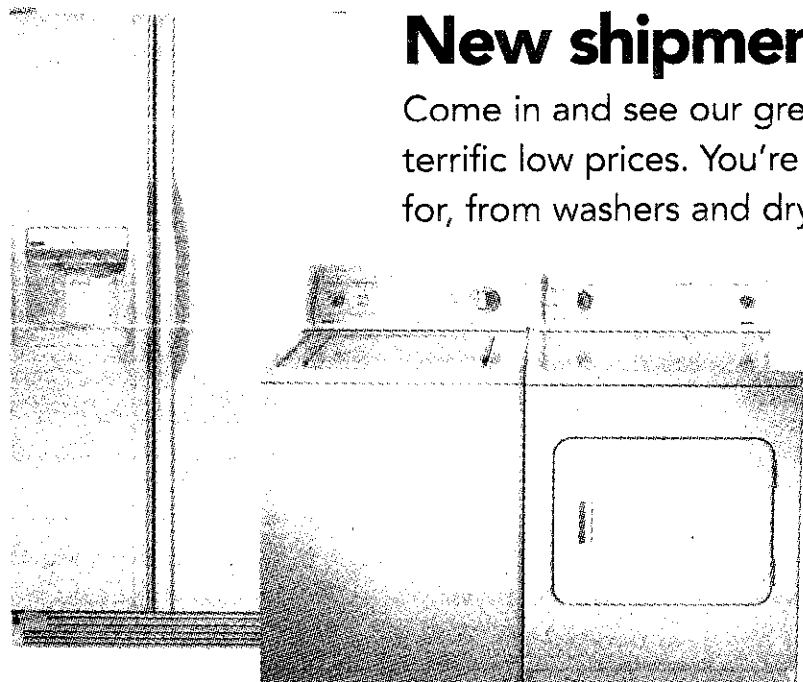
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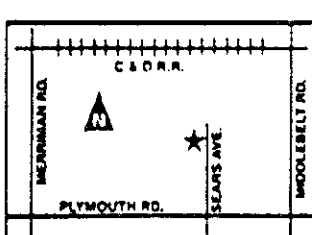


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Make that 5 straight

Harrison capitalizes on Fruitport mistakes to win another title

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Fruitport's downfall was the commission of the one thing it had hoped to avoid, that which it could least afford to do.

It gave Farmington Harrison possession of the football and, furthermore, conceded field position in doing so.

A football in the hands of Harrison quarterback Drew Stanton and his offensive mates was a well-documented danger for opposing teams, and the Division 3 state final Saturday night was no different.

The Hawks capitalized on several early mistakes by the Trojans to take an early lead and eventually a 28-6 win in the Pontiac Silverdome.

It was the fifth consecutive state title and 12th overall for Harrison, which set records in both categories and extended its winning streak to 36 games.

"Very few kids get to play on a state championship team," Stanton said. "Now we've won five in a row, and it's very special to be a part of Harrison football."

Unlike last year's 42-0 pasting of East Lansing in the championship game, this one wasn't the rout many people thought they'd see as Fruitport held Harrison to its lowest point total of the season.

But the Hawks (14-0) weren't in danger of losing either, not after the ball took a few fortunate bounces and they grabbed a three-TD lead.

That forced the Trojans, who needed to control the ball and the clock, to play catch-up, and run-oriented Fruitport (13-1) didn't have the quick-scoring offense to be able to do that.

Fruitport made three mistakes, actually. Its first possession ended with a short punt, the second and fourth with lost fumbles.

Harrison scored each time, the drives covering 44, 65 and 24 yards. The Trojans held the Hawks to, what was for them, a modest, 21-0 halftime lead, but a second-half rally by the Trojans seemed unlikely.

"What hurt us was turning over the ball," Fruitport coach Steve Wilson said, "and that was the one thing we couldn't do and win the ballgame."

"We didn't give them a lot of big plays. I think they had to work for every one of them. We just couldn't stop them from getting in the end zone."

Stanton, who completed 14 of 18 passes for 210 yards, passed for two touchdowns and ran for another.

Tailback Marcus Woods, who rushed for 68 yards on 14 carries, made a 4-yard run for the team's fourth TD in the second half.

The Trojans were three-and-out on their first possession, and the Hawks scored seven plays later when Stanton passed 10 yards to Agim Shabaj.

Shabaj, who had team-high totals with five receptions for 96 yards, caught the ball in the flat and split two defenders, bowling over one to get across the goal line.

Mike Kloosterman's first of four extra points made it 7-0 with 7:15 remaining in the first quarter, and Harrison was in an advantageous position for the duration.

Fruitport was moving the ball on its next possession, but Stanton caused a fumble that Shabaj recovered at the Harrison 35. Stanton's 4-yard pass to Terrill Mayberry capped an 11-play drive at 10:44 in the second quarter.

Harrison tackle Aaron Kennedy recovered the second fumble at the Fruitport 24, and Stanton ran for a TD on the next play and a 21-0 halftime lead.

Kloosterman was short on field-goal attempts from 31 yards at the end of the first half and 29 yards to start the second.

The Trojans then drove 80 yards in 13 plays for their touchdown. The only pass of the drive was a 14-yarder from Jonandru Pendell to Philip Wilson for the TD. Mayberry blocked the PAT, leaving the score 21-6 with less than a minute to play in the third quarter.

"They held the ball for a lot of minutes," Herrington said. "When they did, I think they felt a little more pressure, because it took them too long to score."

"The key to the game was the two turnovers, because we had trouble getting the ball away from them."

FOOTBALL

All things considered, Wilson said he thought the Trojans played well defensively, managing to keep the Hawks in check for much of the second half.

"I thought we moved the ball fairly well," Wilson said. "We

just kept having miscues. We were taking too much time off the clock. That hurt us as far as getting back in the game.

"It was as competitive as we expected. We knew they were a good ballclub. They were every bit as good as we thought they were going to be."

After a slashing, 21-yard run

to the outside by Woods, he scored on the next play by walking through a wide-open middle for the TD with 3:02 left in the third.

Fruitport's final possession ended with an interception by Mayberry, who caught four passes for 50 yards. Charles Pickett had three receptions for 44.

The Trojans, who kept the Hawks off guard with their ability to fake and hide the ball, out-gained the Hawks on the ground, 239-123.

But the Hawks had a 210-41 advantage through the air, and they won the battle of total yards, 333-277.

Fruitport fullback Greg

Schultz rushed for 86 yards, all-state halfback Mark Langlois 71 and Wilson 39 on 14, 17 and 11 carries, respectively. Pendell was 2-of-9 passing.

"(Langlois) is a speed back and we have speed," Herrington said, "but we had trouble with Schultz. We never did see the ball."

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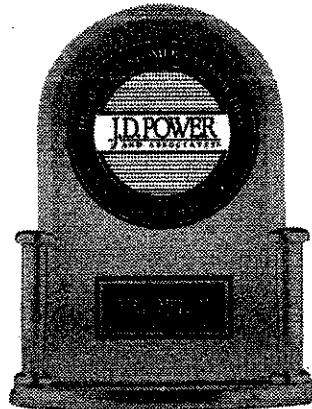
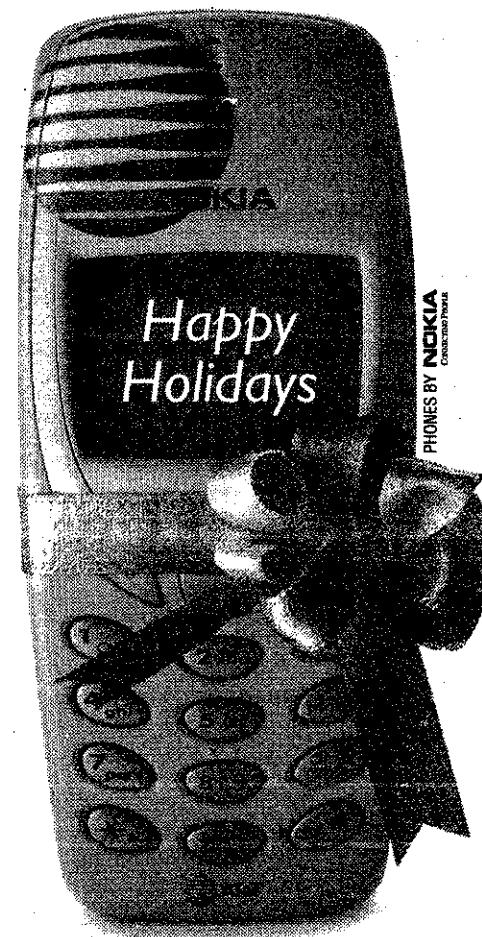
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'Hostile' doesn't mean angry



ROBERT M. MEISNER

REAL ESTATE QUERIES
I know that one of the elements that one must provide for "adverse possession" is that claimant's possession of the land was "hostile."

What do lawyers mean by "hostile"?

The term "hostile" as employed in the law of adverse possession doesn't imply ill will, nor is the claimant required to make express declarations of adverse intent during the 15 years he has it.

Instead, adverse or hostile use is use inconsistent with the right of the owner, without permission asked or given, such as would entitle the owner to a cause of action against the intruder.

If the claimant assumes that he can use the land in question as long as no one else complains and would vacate the land had the owner asked him to do so, that wouldn't constitute use of the land in a hostile manner because they would be recognizing that their right to use the land was inferior to the true owner's rights.

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Perlman named Builder of the Year

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Steve Perlman has developed a simple business philosophy - good is fine, but can it be better?

That kind of thinking, along with service to his professional association and 20 years construction experience, has earned Perlman Builder of the Year designation from the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"Whenever you think you're doing the best you can, it can always be better - from a development standpoint, construction standpoint, customer service standpoint," Perlman said.

"Your numbers can be great, but if you can't satisfy the human element, the buyer, it doesn't matter. Every day is different. You're only as good as your last house. It's a thing that challenges you on a daily basis."

Perlman, partner at Ivanhoe-Huntley in West Bloomfield, figures he's built thousands of homes over the years.

He started in the business with his dad, Sanford, in 1981 after attending Michigan State University. Economic and residential construction times here weren't good then. He managed a health club part-time to make ends meet.

"It was one of the best things that could happen," Perlman said in retrospect. "It enabled me to keep things in perspective and never take anything for granted."



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Good going: Steve Perlman, who's constructed homes throughout the metropolitan area, is Builder of the Year for his professional association.

Perlman said he most enjoys making a difference where he builds.

"To take a drive on a Sunday like I did recently in Livonia where I built in 1984 and see the kids playing on the street, see the houses, you see that the community has made an impact on somebody's life."

Gary Shapiro has been Perlman's partner for 13 years.

"He started from the ground up so he understands all aspects of the business," Shapiro said. "He communicates with the building team. He gets their respect. He's very hands-on, always trying to improve. He's a builder's builder."

Ivanhoe-Huntley has left tracks all over town including Canton, West Bloomfield, Clarkston, Highland Township, Howell and Novi.

Jim Rosenthal, president of National Lumber, is a supplier to and friend of Perlman.

"Steve is a hard worker, extremely well organized," Rosenthal said. "He understands product and the marketplace extremely well."

"He knows his customers and has a very good partner. The two of them make a very good team. He's got good people. Information coming out of his office is accurate and precise."

Perlman's wife, Nicki, conceded that her husband is a driven man when it comes to building.

"He's definitely a perfectionist who absolutely loves his job," she said. "He never complains about going to work."

"He likes the artistic sense of taking something from scratch and seeing the product and the pleasure it gives people. I think he loves to create."

"He's not out there putting one house next to another house to maximize profit. He and Gary go out of their way to preserve nature. He loves what he does."

Perlman, 42, also finds time for the association, serving as treasurer this year and first vice president next.

He's an exercise enthusiast who also enjoys golf, skiing and coaching the sports teams of sons Blake, Chase and Reed.

Mortgage choice is a life choice



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

On Saturday evening I attended Redford Thurston High School's 20-year class reunion. I was amazed at how graciously some of my classmates had aged, while I barely recognized others. It was exciting to visit with so many long-lost friends.

Throughout the night, I marveled at how quickly two decades had past. It crossed my mind, too, that with my class's incredible diversity, we all have two profoundly simple things in common: We each have a place to live, and we each work to pay our bills - the largest of which is presumably our rent or our mortgage payment.

A musician friend of mine innocently asked me what I thought our 40-year reunion would be like. His seemingly benign query made my mind shoot off on a dreadful tangent from which it took me a while to recover. I had never deeply contemplated what it would be like to be a 60-year-old homeowner with a decade still owing on my 30-year mortgage.

I have written before on the subject of cash flow versus equity, but it has become very real and personal to me now. Each of us is faced with two important questions: should you rent a place or should you own a home? And, if you choose to own, how long should you take to pay for it?

For most, renting for the long term is frankly a poor financial choice. Thus, your only remaining decision is whether you want to have lower monthly mortgage payments for a very long time, or whether you want to completely own your home much sooner.

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Irvin Yackness inducted into builder Hall of Fame

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For a guy who has built just one house in his life, Irvin H. Yackness has made a big, big impact on the industry.

And when the executive vice president and general counsel for the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan for 50 years entered the BIA Hall of Fame a couple of days ago, it was his second such honor.

Yackness already has been enshrined in the National Housing Hall of Fame, the only executive officer you'll find among those honorees.

"Being able to help builders with their problems - and I don't think a day goes by when I don't get a call or personal visit - translates into providing homes for the community," he said. "That's what I'm most proud of."

Yackness, 85, is in his element whether he's crafting legislation, rallying the membership to a cause or dealing with all the details of his daily workaday world.

Yackness, a lawyer, was offered the job as the association's general counsel in 1951 after helping builders successfully negotiate contracts with the trades. He eventually became executive vice president and active participant in the housing boom here.

Over the years, Yackness has tackled such issues as sewer tap fees, rent control, permissible building materials and builder licensing/complaint laws. He's a champion of private property rights.

Lester Burton, a retired builder, is a past president of BIA, a member of its Hall of Fame and friend of Yackness.

"He's developed what some people have described is the most effective

building association in the United States," Burton said. "He's single-minded, determined, respected. Add integrity, ability, skill."

"He's very bright, very alert and very understanding dealing with people. He never says, 'Would you do this for me?' He'd say, 'Would you give some thought to this?'"

Donald Van Every, an Auburn Hills developer/builder, former BIA president and Hall-of-Famer, also counts himself



Irvin H. Yackness

among Yackness' friends.

"He's dedicated to the Nth degree," Van Every said. "He lives his job. He treats it as his child. He's always trying to improve the association in some way. His staff thinks the world of him. He's one of a kind."

Yackness lives in Bloomfield Hills, sails and plays tennis as hobbies. He's a Port Huron-to-Mackinac race winner.

"I enjoy what I'm doing and hope I can continue to do so. I find it very rewarding. I've been fortunate to assemble a staff of very competent people. I let them do their thing and they do it very well."

And that one house constructed by Yackness?

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PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Investors Association of Wayne County hosts its monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate.

Speaker: Kevin P. Murphy, a real estate investor who has acquired a portfolio of \$1.2 million.

Cost for nonmembers is \$20, which can be applied to an annual

membership. A free newsletter is available.

For information, call (313) 386-7228.

CAREER OPEN HOUSE

Real Estate One presents a free class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 5 and 19, at its West Bloomfield office, 32961 Mid-dlebelt at 14 Mile.

Topics include licensing, training and evaluating a broker.

To register, call Steve Leibhan at (248) 851-4100 Ext. 405.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Western Wayne Oakland County Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors hosts its annual holiday party noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the association offices, 24125 Drake, Farmington.

Cost is \$20. Reservations required by Dec. 3 to Lucille Schirmer at (734) 737-2918.

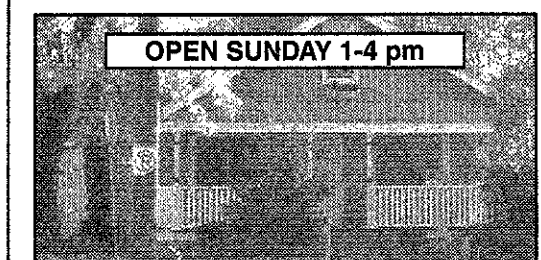
PYRAMID AWARDS

Nomination forms are now available for the fifth annual Pyramid Awards, sponsored by the Washtenaw Contractors Association.

Exceptional projects built in that county during the past year are eligible.

For information and a nominating form, call Gretchen Waters, executive director of the association, at (734) 662-2570.

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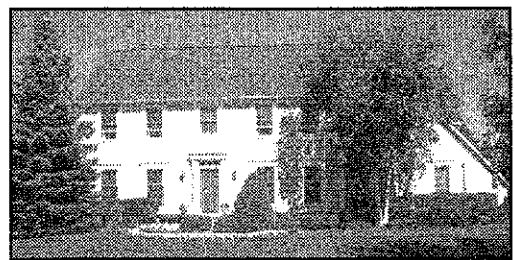
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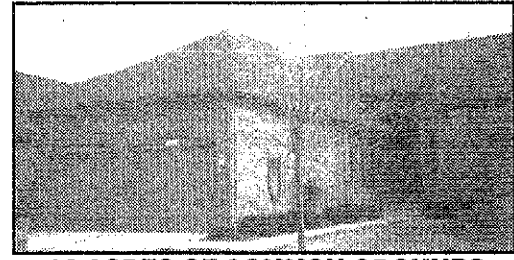
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The following persons were recognized by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan during Leadership Recognition and Awards Night.

Darshan Grewal, president, Sing Homes, West Bloomfield - Young Builder of the Year. **Gurmale Grewal**, president, Singh Development, West Bloomfield - Developer of the Year. **Fred I. Capaldi**, president, Capaldi Building, Birmingham - Remodeler of the Year.

Distinguished Service Awards went to **John Behr** (posthumously), first vice president, Standard Federal Bank, Troy, for service to the building industry; **Robert R. Jones**, president, Robert R. Jones Associates, Bloomfield Hills, for service to the housing industry; **Pat Somerville**, mayor, Rochester Hills, for service to government; and **Thomas Berger**, building official, Orion Township, the Thomas Ricketts Award to the region's outstanding building department.

John Kersten, broker/owner Century 21 Town & Country, Sterling Heights - Outstanding Real Estate Professionalism for Service to the Industry. **Standard Federal Bank**, Troy - Most Supportive Financial Institution of the Industry and Association. **James Preston**, first vice president and Michigan Region manager, Comerica Bank, Detroit - Outstanding Banker.

Bob Paradise, Paradise Drywall, Shelby Township - Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year. **Lynne Pratt**, Pratt Building, Auburn Hills - Women's

Forum of BIA Leadership Award. **Don Bourdeau**, Al Bourdeau Insurance Services, Farmington Hills, **Shawn Robinson**, Babcock Development, West Bloomfield, and **Marsha Suwienski**, Specialty Communications - Spike of the Year Awards for membership recruitment. **Scott Koss**, sales representative, E.W. Kitchen Distributors, Sterling Heights - Associate of the Year.

Stephen J. Taglione, president of Westminster & Abbey Homes, Birmingham Farms - special recognition as BIA's 2001 President. **George M. Nyman**, president of Professional Property Management, Troy - AMA's Ongoing President and Distinguished Service Award.

Development of the Year - **Northville Hills Golf Community, Northville Township**; Outstanding Architect - **Alexander Bogaerts**, Bloomfield Hills.

Mortgage rates rise

Mortgage rates around the country rose this week after 30-year mortgage rates recently dropped to their lowest level in 30 years of record keeping.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 6.75 percent from 6.51 percent last week, according to a nationwide survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

Two weeks ago, 30-year mortgage rates fell to 6.45 percent, the lowest level since Freddie Mac began conducting its nationwide survey in 1971.

Even with the uptick, this week's rate of 6.75 percent marked the 15th week in a row that 30-year mortgages have been under 7 percent.



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WESTLAND. Quiet quality radiates throughout this well-built 3 bedroom brick bungalow on a tree lined street. Many updates, including ceramic tiled bath & windows. Hardwood floors under the carpet, neutral decor & full basement. Garage, large shed & fenced yard. A careful buyer's dream. \$128,900 (L728ea)

LIVONIA. Very clean, freshly painted, brick ranch in Livonia School District. This home has big eat-in kitchen w/white painted cupboards & newer fir. 3 bedrooms (1 used as dining), large living rm., full basement w/workshop & lots of storage. Fenced yd. & 2 1/2 car garage. Newer windows & roof, 4 yrs. old. \$1500 cash at close for carpet. All appliances stay. Home warranty. \$159,900 (29Wtl)

LIVONIA. Over 1 acre of country setting-like having your own park. Original house has wet plaster, cove ceiling & hardwood flrs. in 2 bdrms. Addition includes kitchen, master & half bath w/Milli Pride cabinets, counter, & ceiling new in '99. Vinyl windows & siding '95. 1 1/2 style garage 20'x20' + 14'x12' for workshop, tractors or big toys. Roof shingle tear off '98. \$239,900 (L57Myr)

WESTLAND. This almost new hi-level is on lrg. corner lot & features cathedral ceilings thru-out. lrg. mstr. suite, 3 full baths, professionally finished lower level with Fam. Rm. & 13'x11' office or den w/berber carpet & doorwall to patio. Nicely landscaped, sprinkler system, fenced back yard \$219,900 (L02Che)

LIVONIA. This home features Family Rm. w/cathedral ceiling, den w/closet which could be 1st fr. bedroom and master bedroom w/WIC & full bath. 12'x10' screened Florida Room overlooks 40' granite pool. Updates include sprinkler system '93, alarm '91, roof shingles '95, HWH '96, new kitchen cabinets, doors, counters & ceramic floor. Home warranty includes pool coverage. \$339,900 (L74Sou)

PLYMOUTH. Great home on a premium lot w/upgrades throughout! Beautiful gourmet kitchen w/light maple cabinets, 2 story foyer, 2 story vaulted family rm., dbl. stairway, enormous mstr. suite w/garden tub, 9' cathedral ceilings, part fin. lower level. 1st flr. laundry, 3 car garage. Professionally landscaped w/sprinkler system. All appliances stay. \$519,900 (L42Tan)

DEARBORN. Historic Springwells Park-View the golf course from your living room. This home is beautiful w/classic fireplace, wet plaster, & cove ceilings in LR, DR & 1st fr. bdrm. Hardwood flrs. under most carpet. Upstairs floor shows off 3 1/4" oak boards w/mad stained wood & doors. 9'x8" 3 season, heated Florida Rm., Ext. doors new '96, garage door replaced, & aum trim. Home Warranty. \$199,900 (18er)

GARDEN CITY. Family home on a great lot w/1600 sq. ft. 3 bdrms. (1 is 21'x18'), 2 full baths, living & dining rooms all freshly painted. Updates include: Wall Side windows, ext. doors, oak trim, parquet fir, bathrooms, barber carpet, 50 gal. hot water tank, AC & furnace. All bdrms have wall mounted TV stand. 2 1/2 car garage & motion sensor lighting. \$164,000 (L448co)

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CANTON! RANCH! CONDO! - Beautiful! End unit brick ranch. Featuring: 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, large private basement with office/computer room and fenced patio, clubhouse and heated pool! Circle and take a good look! \$129,900 (085NO)

NEWER CONSTRUCTION FOUND IN PLYMOUTH - 3 car garage, finished basement, landscaped to perfection and Plymouth, need there be more? 1st floor master w/private access to sunken 7 person hot tub, full bath and WIC. Three spacious bedrooms w/full bath upstairs. Generous great room w/hardwood flooring & fireplace. \$329,900 (B18AN)

1990 BUILT COLONIAL - Three bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, family room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement and very nice yard with deck. This is a real beauty that must be seen to appreciate. \$194,900 (970DU)

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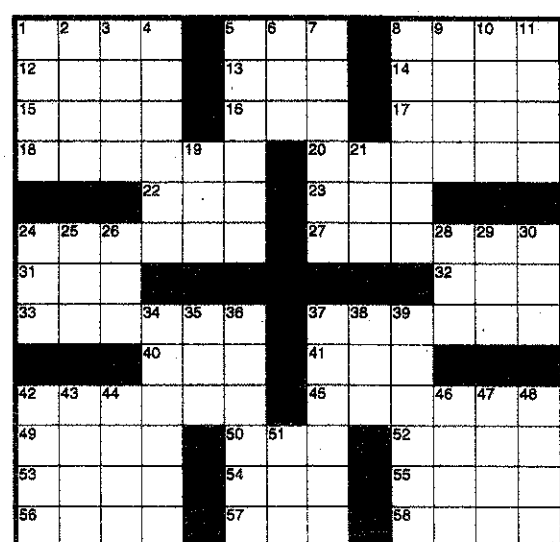
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Immediate Occupancy On serene "country in the city" lot, lovely broadfront brick ranch has been updated to perfection w/new roof, windows, furnace, baths & more! Home has 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, great room w/fireplace, dining room, library, finished basement & 2 car garage. C/A. (W1280)

Immediate Occupancy Freshly painted & updated to perfection w/new roof, kitchen cabinets & floor, furnace, C/A & more, this 3 bedroom brick Ranch has much to offer! Living & dining rooms. Large deck, 2 1/2 car insulated garage. Fenced 1/2 acre lot. If needed, home is wheelchair accessible. (DA281)

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308 Canton POPULAR LOCATION IN CANTON! Beautiful in & out. Creek runs along back side & views of pond. 4 large bedrooms, master suite, family room w/valued ceilings, lots of updates & special features. Hurry! \$299,900 (R6688) (734) 591-9200

TOTALLY CHARMING 3 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath, open floor plan, family room w/fireplace, garage & large lot. \$157,500 (C39882) (734) 591-9200

LOVELY SPACIOUS 2 story home offers neutral decor & open floor plan. Family room w/inatural fireplace & opens to deck. Finished basement. Two car side entry garage. All appliances stay. Many extras. (M0182) CENTURY 21 TODAY (734)462-9800

DEARBORN HEIGHTS FANTASTIC Starter Home! Ready to move in. Everything new w/ this 2 bedroom, 1.5 car garage. 5827 Beech Day. \$99,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS NUMEROUS UPDATES highlight this affordable 3 bedroom ranch! Newer roof, windows, oak kitchen cabinets w/neutral countertops. All appliances stay! \$138,000 (15BR02) (248) 348-6430

DEARBORN HEIGHTS CHARMING DOLL-HOUSE 3 bedroom with remodeled oak kitchen, updated bath w/jacuzzi tub. Updated roof, windows, steel doors, storm doors and more. Hardwood floors, 2 car garage, privacy fence. \$119,900 (S210) (734) 326-2000

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312 Detroit COMPLETELY REMODELED RANCH! Updated include: furnace, hot water heater, windows, siding, electrical, plumbing, carpet, bathroom, kitchen, garage door & opener and deck! \$49,900 (27MON2) (248) 348-6430

LOTS OF NEW STUFF! Storm doors and screens, glass block in basement windows, all flooring, kitchen. Large living room and master bedroom. City inspection ordered. \$79,500 (W168) (734) 326-2000

FARMINGTON HILLS Many updates, 32650 Briarcrest Knoll (SW corner 14 Mile & Middlebelt). 2 full baths, fireplace, sunroom, basement, hardwood floors New kitchen. \$231,900. Open Sun., 12-5. Buyer's agents welcome. 248-737-1528

FARMINGTON HILLS COUNTRY LIVING IN THE SUBURBS 3 acres with a pond & space galore. Built in 1990 this 3 bedroom & 2 full bath ranch has a view that has to be seen. \$395,000. (23E32160) (734) 455-7000

FARMINGTON-OPEN SUN. 1-4 Beautiful 3 bedroom, ranch, 1.5 baths, many updates, must see, near downtown. \$154,900. 248-701-0585

GREAT LOCATION! Beautifully wooded .5 acre lot and great brick 2000 sq. ft. home with 2 car attached garage. Walk to town & schools. Great neighborhood. Many updates. Additional attached 12x20 garage. \$234,900. KAREN BROWN RE/MAX 100 (248) 348-3000

HOT! HOT! HOT! HOMES IN THE HILLS \$344,900 Rich hardwood floors & crown moldings thru-out this 2,490 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial w/stone front, granite, oak stairs & family room; w/wood in bookshelves, fireplace & wet-bar. First & second floor master suite. Large kitchen, C/A, security system. Appliances stay. In needed, home is wheelchair accessible. Major updates. (H4338)

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317 Garden City ATTENTION FIRST time buyers, own this home with a garage and many updates for only \$104,900.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY 3 bedroom brick and vinyl tri-level with updated bath, newer furnace, roof. Clean and waiting for you and your family. \$129,900 (D335) (734) 326-2000

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WOW! Huge 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, home available on lease/option. \$165,000. LOW down payment, flexible terms. Motivated! (248) 346-8788

HAMBURG RANCH 3 bedroom, attached garage, lake access, mature oaks. \$135,900. (734)878-3264 (810)229-1489 ext. 7073 days

HARTLAND JUST LISTED! - Beautiful log home on peaceful 3 acres setting! Warmth & charm radiate thru-out this lovely 4 bedroom home! Features include open floor plan, hardwood floors, 1st floor master bedroom, central air, walkout basement, 2 car garage, covered porch & beautiful views! Hartland Schools \$242,900.

NO GREY DAYS... In this well landscaped ranch situated on 2 acres! Home features open living room, kitchen and dining room. Plus 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout basement and 2 car attached garage come with this very nice 1300 sq. ft. home! Hartland Schools. \$198,900.

CHANGING SEASONS WELCOME YOU! Beautifully updated and well cared for home situated on 2.5 peaceful wooded acres! Home includes 2874 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room with fireplace, formal dining room with fireplace & insert, kitchen with breakfast nook, finished walkout lower level with family room, 2 car attached garage and barn! Hartland schools. \$259,900.

WELCOME HOME to this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on private, park like 3.64 acre setting. Home includes living room with Franklin wood stove, Florida room off kitchen, partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage, 33x20 barn, 30x48 barn and heated pool! Hartland Schools. \$189,500.

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328 Northville ENJOY LAKE VIEWS from stunning views of model 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, gourmet island kitchen, 2-story great room w/2-way fireplace into kitchen. \$699,000 (167CLOZ) (248) 348-6430

GRACE ELEGANCE in prestigious Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, crown moldings, gourmet kitchen w/granite, ceramic & hardwood floors, finished walk-out basement, security system & numerous amenities. \$1,250,000 (25LAU2) (248) 348-6430

GREAT CURB APPEAL. Beautiful cul-de-sac location on private setting, well maintained, family room w/waluted ceiling, deck. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, possible 5th bedroom. Over 2,300 sq. ft. \$309,900 (W42945) (734) 591-9200

LIKE NEW! Neutral decor, gourmet kitchen, cherry cabinets, granite counters, 2 way fire place in great room & breakfast nook, 1st floor master, library w/cathedral ceilings, formal dining room, 3 bedroom plus loft, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage. \$542,500 (H16725) (734) 591-9200

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MAGNIFICENT HOME in prestigious Fox Hollow! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, main level granite, cherry floors & cabinets, granite counters & stone fireplace mantle. \$485,000 (43FOX2) \$529,000 (43FOX2) (248) 348-6430

NEW CONSTRUCTION! Neutral & bright Cape Cod, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, custom kitchen w/granite counters and island, 1st floor master suite w/soaking tub and separate shower. \$399,500 (14LOC2) (248) 348-6430

NORTHVILLE - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3400-sq., immaculate, Meadowbrook & 8 Mile. \$439,500. 20329 Woodcreek Blvd. (734)516-6623

POPULAR FLOOR PLAN! Living room & family room fireplaces. Partially finished basement, close to lake/clubhouse. \$349,900 (16ROU2) (248) 348-6430

WONDERFUL HISTORIC NORTHVILLE home features: 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, huge yard backing to the Rouge River. More square footage than it seems! \$349,900 (16ROU2) (248) 348-6430

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NOVI - NICE! 3 bedroom ranch in great sub w/swim club, park, walk to elementary. Anderson windows, roof 1994, huge kitchen, \$185,000. DENISE MCGUIGAN REMERICA HOMETOWN III (313) 796-1436

COUNTRY SETTING 3 bedroom ranch w/lots of character & charm. Huge master suite w/remodeled bath & door-waluted to beautiful deck. Beautiful kitchen w/ceramic floor, 1st floor laundry. Formal Dining room, large garage w/workshop. \$179,900 (PSGA-P) PATTY STROPPES

REMERICA HOMETOWN II (734) 453-0012 FIVE BEDROOMS! Wonderful historic home on 1 1/2 acres w/2557 sq.ft. Two enclosed sun porches, basement and garage, many updates. \$289,000. (21093851). For other homes & mortgages: LivingInNovi.com, The Firestone Team, Re/Max 100 248-348-3000

LIKE LIVING in a work of art, 12753 Mystic Forest Drive, \$2,250,000. Fred Hill, Coldwell Banker, Preferred, 734-416-1257.

334 Plymouth FOX HILLS Golf Course is a mile away. Wonderful contemporary in the country, 15 min. from Ann Arbor & 10 min. from Plymouth. 3+ acres \$358,000 or 2+ acres \$345,000, #217650. Judy Cohen 734-971-8070, eves. 734-071-9100, Charles Reinhart Co., Realtors

HISTORIC OLD VILLAGE - Old home lovers, investors! Classic 1908, 2 story, 4 or 5 bedroom, 2000sq. ft., new windows, large porch, new carpet, beautiful wood trim, 2 car garage and more! Currently 2 family, keep same or convert. Must See! \$214,000 (734) 455-4168

LAKE POINTE VILLAGE COLONIAL This is not your typical colonial! Fabulous master suite addition makes this home special, has sitting room, bookcases, walk-in closet. Garden bath w/hotpool tub, 3 bedrooms w/hardwood floors. Formal dining room & living room, family room w/cooler fireplace, kitchen w/appliances. This home boasts highly sought after features that are seldom found at this price! See it today \$259,900 (P51MAX) (734) 451-5400

LOVELY 2196 sq.ft. brick ranch on 6.54 heavily wooded acres. 2 fireplaces, two rooms, hot tub, hardwood floors. Outbuildings, 10 minutes to Ann Arbor & Plymouth. \$485,000. #217490. Hilda Peters 734-747-7777, eves 734-771-1677 Charles Reinhart Co., Realtors

MAKE IT YOURS! Custom built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Home backs to woods & has walk-out. Spiral staircase, hardwood floors in kitchen. Newer carpet throughout. Master bedroom has trayed ceiling. \$479,900 (2308872) (734) 455-7000

PLYMOUTH PLEASURE Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial built in 1995 is perfect. Pro-finished basement with office, wet bar, full bath, 2300 sq. ft., immediate occupancy. Be in for the holidays! \$359,900. DENISE MCGUIGAN REMERICA HOMETOWN III (313) 796-1436

THIS RAMBLING ranch housing 1780 sq.ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, oversized family room, fireplace, a plethora of updates, oversized garage with lots of storage and located at 44524 John Alden has just been reduced to \$239,900. Fred Hill, Coldwell Banker Preferred, 734-416-1257.

335 Redford BEST BUY Brick ranch, 2 spacious bedrooms, large living room, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen with all appliances, formal dining room, full basement, treed lot, attached garage. \$98,900. COLONIAL CHARM Nicely decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home, large living room, family room, bright kitchen, formal dining, finished basement, 2 car garage. \$159,900.

CENTURY 21 Nada, Inc. 248-477-9800. BET YOU'LL LOVE THIS ONE! 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch, newer windows, central air, garage door, great finished basement, lots of storage, great deck! \$151,900 (W26250) (734) 591-9200

CHARMING BRICK RANCH! Hardwood floors, lovely covered ceilings, 1,055 sq. ft., updated baths, detached garage, fenced yard, gutter plumbing & updated electrical. Immaculate home! \$138,000 (01SAR2) (248) 348-6430

CLEAN, BRIGHT, MOVE RIGHT IN! 3 bedroom 2 bath, finished basement, hardwood floors, quiet street, 2-car garage, South Redford schools and home warranty. \$137,900 (54MAR2) (248) 348-6430

FABULOUS SOUTH REDFORD RANCH! Newer roof, furnace, central air, 2.5 car garage. This home shows beautifully, 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths. \$127,500 (R23437) (734) 591-9200

GORGEOUS AND FULL OF STYLE Best describes this lovely 3 bedroom bungalow w/2 baths. Updated kitchen, family room w/natural fireplace, C/A. Master bedroom is spacious w/plenty of storage. Finished basement & garage. \$149,900. (NO169) NEAT & CLEAN! Fabulous 3 bedroom brick ranch w/1.5 bath. Newer windows & appliances, C/A. Eating area in kitchen. Partially finished basement. Fenced in yard. Garage. \$124,900 (FO174)

JUST REDUCED! Large 3 bedroom brick ranch freshly decorated and w/remodeled kitchen and bath. Updated kitchen, full garage. Asking \$104,444 (21088080) The Firestone Team, Re/Max 100 248-348-3000

335 Redford LIGHT AND BRIGHT best describes this wonderfully conditioned home. Updates include: kitchen, windows, furnace & central air. Refinished hardwood floors, spacious yard, South Redford schools. \$130,000 (98BRA2) (248) 348-6430

OAKLAND TWP. - By Owner, Custom built 3 bedroom, L shaped brick & cedar cape cod, 3 fireplaces, oak paneled study, formal dining room & living room, many extras, 3.93 acres of beautiful rolling hills & woods, just 5 minutes from Downtown Rochester. \$190,000 (98BRA2) (248) 348-6430

OAKLAND TWP. 1 1/2 story 1825 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, master bedroom main floor, central air, gas fireplace, 2 car attached garage, Rochester Schools, neutral color scheme. \$249,900. (248) 377-1549

ROCHESTER HILLS - 2375sqft ranch, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage. Many extras. Immediate Occupancy! 248-524-0106.

337 Royal Oak/Park-Huntington Woods MOVE-IN CONDITION 3 bedroom Oak Park Bungalow offers new carpeting, windows, updated kitchen & bath, garage, central air, easy access to I-76. \$99,900 MICHELLE MICHAEL Re/Max Classic 248-737-8800

339 Southfield-Lathrup CHARMING BRICK CAPE COD on beautiful parklike setting overlooks creek and woods. 4 bedrooms, refinished wood floors, 2 car attached garage, finished walk-out basement, fabulous sunroom with fireplace, central air, newer furnace & boiler. \$259,900 MICHELLE MICHAEL Re/Max Classic 248-737-8800

SOUTHFIELD 2 full bath brick ranch. New roof, windows, oak kitchen, all appliances included. Full finished basement. Immediate occupancy. \$129,900

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WESTLAND THE PERFECT HOME IS NOW AVAILABLE! Updated & maintained to perfection. Custom maple kitchen, ceramic tile, finished basement. Dining room, family room, sun room, large fenced yard & 2 car garage. Move right in! \$114,900 (S1832) (734) 591-9200

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WESTLAND BLOOMFIELD HILLS schools, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Too many updates to mention. Fabulous family neighborhood & location. \$389,000. Please call for further info and/or to make appointment to view 248-851-8281

W. BLOOMFIELD BY OWNER 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2500 sq.ft., updated, Bloomfield Hills Schools. Best Offer over \$299,500 Inspection Sat-Sun 10-5 To be sold Sun 10-5 to HIGH BIDDER (248)855-9159

344 W. Bloomfield-Orchard Lk-Keego. WEST BLOOMFIELD - 2,700 sq. ft. quad, totally renovated and w/true quality throughout. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, new kitchen & baths, living room, family room, library, finished basement. Beach, boating & dock privileges on Elizabeth Lake! Great starter home for water enthusiast or unbelievable cottage. Ask for Sandy Norman, \$200,000, Man (248) 901-0203 Century 21 Town & Country

345 Westland/Wayne WAYNE - CHARMING BRICK RANCH 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, brick and vinyl. Nice neighborhood. Remodeled kitchen and bath w/jacuzzi tub. Finished basement, 2 car garage, new sliding, newer roof. \$124,900. (RC44PH) (734) 451-5400

WESTLAND BEAUTIFUL WEST-LAND WOODS COLONIAL. Everything you're looking for. New carpet throughout, new professional paint throughout, new garage door, new kitchen sink and faucets. So much more. \$198,900 (L281) (734) 326-2000

WESTLAND - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, walk to schools, new bath, door-wal, furnace. Extras! Reduced price \$135,900. 734-729-3372

WESTLAND CLEAN AND NICELY DECORATED 2 full baths, beautiful finished basement w/workshop and lots of storage, glass block windows. Large yard with nice floral and patio. Carpet off garage. \$155,900 (T844) (734) 326-2000

HARD TO FIND RANCH HOME on popular private road. Almost an acre lot with trees & privacy. Tons & tons of updates; windows, entry doors, vinyl siding, gutters, deck & much more! Come see! \$199,900 (O35775) (734) 591-9200

WESTLAND LIVONIA SCHOOLS Completely updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1500 sq. ft. home. Updates include: roof, windows, vinyl siding, furnace, kitchen & baths. Finished basement & 2 car garage. \$165,000. (MA311) CENTURY 21 TODAY (734)462-9800

WESTLAND ONE A MODEL 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, freshly painted, family room w/waluted ceiling & recessed lights. 1st floor master bedroom has attached walk in closet & bath, attached 2 car parking pad & 2 car garage. \$225,000 (C36829) (734) 591-9200

WESTLAND STUNNING features new dining room, oak floor, furnace, central air, windows, steel beveled glass front door, carpet, custom blinds. Large 2 tiered deck, stove and refrigerator stay. \$107,900 (S334) (734) 326-2000

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WESTLAND WELL MAINTAINED & UPDATED 4 bedroom ranch on enclosed 10 x 10 spa room behind garage. Remodeled kitchen & bath, new windows, new furnace and central air. \$149,900 (27CHR2) (248) 348-6430

WESTLAND JUST LISTED! New, new, new! Inside and out. 3 bedroom Ranch w/2 car attached garage on 105x128 ft. lot near downtown and shops. Great location. \$162,500. KAREN BROWN RE/MAX 100 (248) 349-3000

349 Ypsilanti/Belleville VAN BUREN TWP FIND THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE in this 3 bedroom 2 year old colonial w/family room, living room, formal dining room, finished basement, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, central air, paver patio with footings. \$215,000 (G447) (734) 326-2000

357 Wayne County INKSTER A GREAT INVESTMENT is this 1,848 sq. ft. brick 2 story home. Newer windows throughout, 1 1/2 baths, remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, large fenced yard. \$89,900 (P265) (734) 326-2000

INKSTER - Fabulous Wayne/Westland Schools, 3 bedroom brick ranch with a full finished basement, newer windows, furnace and cement, nice price \$89,900.

INKSTER PRICE IS RIGHT brick 3 bedroom home in Wayne/Westland school district, newer electric, dishwasher, garbage disposal, finished basement with rec room. \$79,900 (A299) (734) 326-2000

INKSTER TOTALLY UPDATED great 3 bedroom brick bungalow w/updated kitchen & bath. Newer entry doors & most windows. Fantastic finished basement, newer furnace and shingles. \$92,900 (S720) (734) 326-2000

LINCOLN PARK FIRST TIME BUYER ALERT! Great opportunity for someone to buy & improve. 3 bedroom bungalow in a quiet neighborhood. New central air, furnace & windows. Hardwood floors, glass block windows in basement. \$74,900 (23C1872) (734) 455-7000

ROMULUS 3 bedroom ranch w/new roof & furnace, updated kitchen & bath and some appliances. \$73,900. Century 21 Towne Pride (734) 326-2800

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372 Condos BELLEVILLE KING SIZE COMFORT AWAITS in this 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath 3 story condo on the Lake, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen & bath, covered patio and deck of master bedroom, dock, golf & tennis. \$207,900 (B480) (734) 326-2000

BLOOMFIELD NEW LISTING IN THE HEATHERS! Ranch on prime location overlooking wetlands & 4th green. Vaulted great room w/dining room at end. Enclosed atrium. Finished basement. \$419,900 Neutral move-in condition townhouse in The Heathers. Private setting overlooking woods/wetlands. Finished family room in basement w/daylight windows. \$359,900. Deluxe lower level w/private entry on 2nd hole of golf course at The Heathers. Open and neutral. Fireplace in living room/dining room. Private master suite. \$244,900 Real Estate One 248-644-4700 Kathleen Robinson (248)561-1210

BLOOMFIELD HILLS CONDOS GREAT LOCATION Just Reduced 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath Upper Ranch overlooking courtyard w/many updates and over 1000 sq.ft. This is a great first home alternative for first time buyers w/1 car attached garage. \$134,900 Just Reduced 2 bedroom, 2 bath Lower Ranch, white kitchen, neutral throughout, backs to woods. It has a 2 car attached garage and over 1500 sq.ft. Only \$168,000 CAROLE FORSTER (248)299-9544

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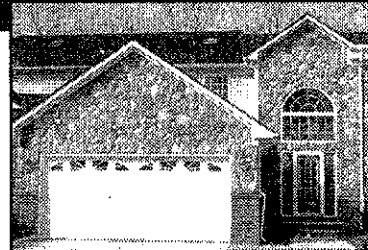
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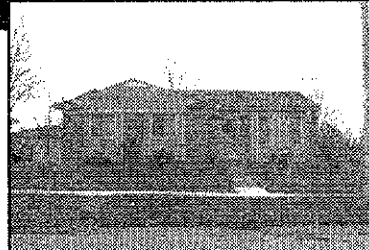
WESTLAND - Endless possibilities! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with finished basement. Newer vinyl windows & driveway with recent blacktop! Doorwall to deck. Updated bath. Hardwood floors in bedrooms. Newer air conditioning & furnace. Extra deep lot! \$124,900 (63BIR) 734-455-5600



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BELLEVILLE - Best in the subdivision. Wonderful features are the story here. Remodeled kitchen, bath & finished basement/media room. All newer appliances, large corner lot. Central air, newer roof, windows & drive. Maytag washer & dryer. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. \$159,900 (73TOM) 248-349-5600



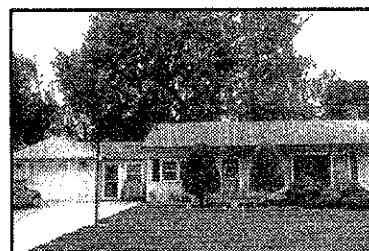
NORTHVILLE - Do not miss this one! Enjoy the open floor plan of this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Condo. Northville schools. Master bedroom has garden tub & walk-in closet. Hardwood, newer painting & carpet. Finished basement & 2 car garage. Deck overlooks flower garden. Cul-de-sac setting. \$304,900 (11WAL) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Well kept Tri-level with brand new main bath. Newer kitchen & open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths on double corner lot with garage. \$174,900 (47ORA) 248-349-5600



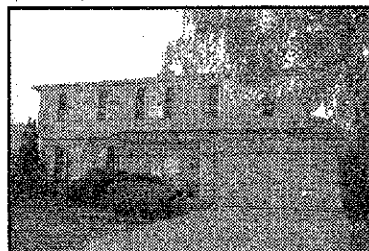
WESTLAND - Clean & desirable Ranch! Ready to move into! Newer: windows, roof, hot water heater, bath, 10x7 room, furnace, finished basement, carpet, glass block windows. Make an offer! \$127,900 (57BRA) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Beautiful, inside & out! Large double lot with mature trees & privacy. Three bedroom Ranch with enormous great room with fireplace. Kitchen has a lot of cabinets & large snack bar. Newer siding, roof, windows, flooring, etc. In-law quarters. \$215,000 (01HAM) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Prime! Walk to downtown, parks & schools. Well maintained & freshly painted. Brick 1 1/2 story with part finished basement. Living room with cove ceiling & hardwood floors. Completely renovated kitchen with appliances. Family room with fireplace & Berber carpet. \$219,800 (81ROO) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Great location. Four bedroom Colonial in popular Dearborn Oaks sub. Updated kitchen opens to cozy entertaining family room with gas fireplace. Bedrooms are good size with large closets. Nice patio/back yard with natural gas BBQ. Newer roof & furnace. \$294,900 (95TIM) 248-349-5600



BRIGHTON - Fantastic 2000-built contemporary. Transfer forces the sale of this newly constructed home offering 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with 3 car garage and professional landscaping. Priced below appraised value. \$299,900 (28COB) 248-349-5600



VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP - Quality & extras. 1999-built 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with dramatic 2 story foyer with hardwood floors in foyer, study, kitchen & powder room. Island kitchen with oak cabinets. Studio ceiling & fireplace in family room. Study, dining room & master bedroom. \$256,900 (88GRE) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY - Great location! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with finished basement & 2 car garage. Large kitchen with updated ceramic floors & counters - opening to a family room with fireplace. Two additional bedrooms in finished basement! \$149,900 (22BRO) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Great home & a great area! All brick Ranch with finished basement & 2 car garage. Large kitchen with updated ceramic floors & counters - opening to a family room with fireplace. Two additional bedrooms in finished basement! \$168,500 (28HAM) 734-455-5600



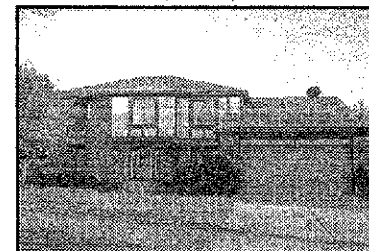
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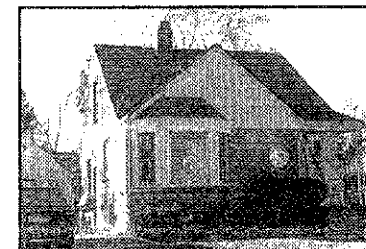
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Upgraded Ranch walk-out on wooded cul-de-sac lot. If you are fussy, this is the home for you. Finished walk-out has its very own spa area, overlooks wooded setting. Totally upgraded and detailed with fine craftsmanship. \$374,800 (95QUA) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Dunbarton Pines Colonial. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living, dining, family room, library, fireplace. One of the largest floor plans. Expanded first floor laundry. Family room nook for wet bar or computers. Large rooms. Beautiful landscape. Northville schools. 2 new Pella doorwalls to deck. \$314,900 (28DUN) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - What a deal! Three bedroom, 2 bath brick Bungalow. Cove ceilings & hardwood floors. Bow window & built-in cabinets in dining area. Upgraded kitchen cabinets. Glass block windows in basement. Detached garage. \$136,884 (51CAV) 734-455-5600



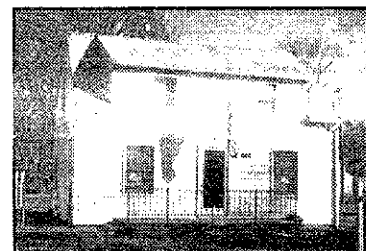
ROMULUS - Updated home! Oak kitchen with ceramic floor & counters. Vinyl windows & doorwall. Steel entry doors. Hardwood floor under 2 years old. Newer carpet in family room with fireplace. Furnace & central air '96. Newer vinyl sided 2 car garage '96, vinyl sided shed with electric. \$125,900 (47JUL) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON - Absolutely spectacular. Custom built Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 4 fireplaces, 3 car attached garage, finished basement. On approximately 1 acre lot that is country living in the city. Veranda surrounding 3 sides of this wonderful home that was rebuilt in 1996. \$875,000 (05BID) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Investors special. Five bedroom, two bath Bungalow sits on one lot with extra lot. This home is to be sold in "as is" condition. \$104,900 (60DEE) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Double lot! Country in the city! Three bedroom Colonial with an eat-in kitchen! Furnace with humidifier & central air - 1998. Hot water heater approximately 2 years. Fenced yard with large shed. South Redford schools. \$89,500 (54CEN) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Doll house! Completely updated and in absolute move-in condition! Beautiful perennial gardens border the x-tra long driveway. Oversized 2 car garage with loft. Updated kitchen & appliances. Hardwood floors in hallway. \$165,000 (20JUN) 734-455-5600



SUMPTER - Country Colonial! Must see to appreciate! This home sits on 2.8 wooded acres. Four bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious family room, updated kitchen, newer furnace & central air. Second floor laundry & 2 car garage! New carpet & paint being done. Seller offering \$2,000 at closet \$169,900 (84SAV) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Ranch Condo. End-unit with Florida room, single car garage, 2 full baths, Pergo/wood-like flooring and neutral decor. Short walk to club house & beach area. 55+ community. \$100,000 (08SHE) 248-349-5600



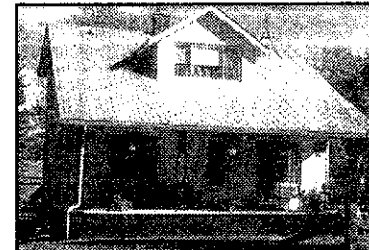
NOVI - Cut above. Amenities abound in 4 bedroom Colonial with soaring ceilings, 2 staircases, granite counters, plantation shutters, brick patio, wrought iron, cul-de-sac location. Professional landscaped with Northville schools. \$591,900 (97AUT) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Elegant 1870 Colonial. Change in our lives is inevitable & yet we strive to create things that last, a comfortable & beautiful home that brings happiness & fulfillment. Four bedrooms, 3 baths, gourmet kitchen with Corian, family room, library & 3 car garage. \$699,900 (35CEN) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Here it is! Five bedroom, 2 bath Colonial. Oversized garage with attached sun room & work shop! Cement RV Pad, circuit breakers, newer windows, furnace, central air, carpet. Many walk-in closets! \$144,900 (12COL) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Country in the city! Charming historical on 1/2 acre! Four bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod with 2 1/2 car garage in Westland! Updated vinyl windows and copper plumbing. Large covered country porch - deck off kitchen and recreation room in basement. \$176,000 (46MOR) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Entertain & enjoy! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with open floor plan of family room, kitchen, dining combo enhanced with fireplace. Formal living room. 1989-built with decor of recent paint & carpet, foyer tile floor & landscaped lot. \$239,528 (62VAS) 734-455-5600



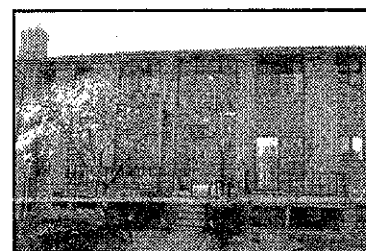
NOVI - Condo Sweet Condo. Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Condo with many updates: Windows, roof, landscaping, painting, sky lights, flooring & tile back-splash in kitchen, sinks & faucets in baths. \$156,000 (44CRO) 248-349-5600



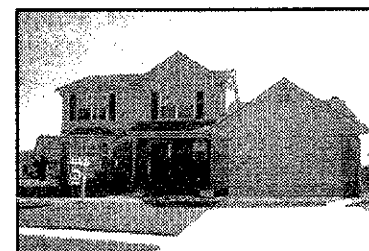
NEW HUDSON - Secluded yet easy commute. You must see this lovely three bedroom Colonial in a great family sub. Home backs to open wooded area. Newer Pergo wood floors, bay & box windows, fireplace, 2 car attached garage, central air and basement. \$239,900 (61APP) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - 55+ community. Ranch Condo with 2+ bedrooms, 2 full baths, finished basement, single car garage, large front porch, Florida room plus club house on Crooked Lake. \$125,000 (63CAM) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Secluded & private. Great location overlooks garden, pond, bridge, fountain & woods! Ranch-style upper level 1 bedroom Condo in Plymouth. New in 2001: ceramic kitchen floor, carpet living room & dining room, refrigerator & microwave. Private balcony. \$94,000 (00FOR) 734-455-5600



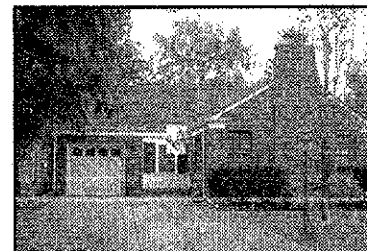
HOWELL - Better than new! Built in 2000 and backs to open park area! Hardwood foyer, bay window in living room and formal dining room. Kitchen with oak cabinets, pantry and appliances. Breakfast nook with doorwall to deck. Family room with vaulted ceiling. \$227,500 (19OAK) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Renovators, investors & fixer-uppers! You must see this home! All brick 1927 Farm House. Four bedroom, grand staircase & upper & lower foyers with carved plaster detail. Newer roof & hardwood floors. A lot of potential! \$189,900 (70VIR) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Mint move-in condition. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod with hardwood foyer, newer carpeting, light bright kitchen, first floor master. This home backs to woods deeper into the sub with loads of privacy. \$204,900 (29EAG) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Brick Tudor. Two large bedrooms. Updated kitchen and bath. Carved wood fireplace, attached garage, air conditioning, fence yard, basement lavatory, newer roof, furnace & windows. \$129,900 (42SUM) 248-349-5600



GREEN OAK - All brick Georgian Colonial. Three bedroom, 2 full & 2 1/2 bath home that is Grand Hotel-style front & back porches. Island kitchen to dining room with fireplace. Wet bar in family room plus fireplace. Huge rooms. Master with Jacuzzi tub, bidet, walk-in closet & vanity area. \$330,000 (07AYL) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Outstanding home! Great home! Beautiful yard! Ready to move in & enjoy! Stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer stay. Five ceiling fans & window air conditioners. Three bedroom, partially finished basement & garage. \$119,900 (68FOX) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Truly a gem! 1999-built with updates! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with x-tra deep basement. Hwd floor entry. Master bath & walk-in closets. 1st floor laundry. Prof landscape. Fireplace in great room with cathedral ceilings. Backs to open space! \$252,900 (45PON) 734-455-5600



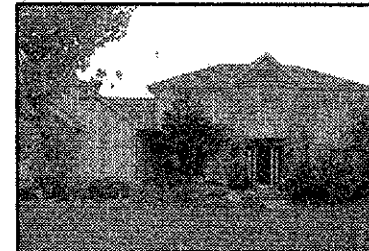
LIVONIA - Rosedale Gardens! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with 2 car attached garage! Extra-wide lot & finished basement. Furnace & central air ('95), roof ('99). Wet plaster walls, newly painted & hardwood floors. \$174,900 (10WCH) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Executive home on over 1/2 acre deep in sub. Room for entertaining or just enjoying the good life. Master with sitting room, Jacuzzi & oversized shower. Gourmet kitchen with butlers' pantry. Fireplace & cathedral ceilings in living & family room. \$699,900 (46HOL) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON - Floral Park. Popular location for great starter home. Close to downtown. Offers 3 bedrooms, wet plaster, dining with light-fan, large master, basement, garage, fenced yard, sit-down front porch, central air, all appliances stay. \$132,900 (40ORC) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Absolutely stunning inside & out. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial sits on its spacious lot with professional landscaping, brick-scaping and room to roam. Professionally painted and spacious kitchen with eating area. Shows like a model. \$354,900 (57ASH) 248-349-5600

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