

A cheer for Cheer Club generosity

Our annual Cheer Club brought in money, food, clothing and toys for the Salvation Army's Christmas effort. A tip of the Canton Observer's hat goes to everyone who made the trip to our offices in Plymouth.

We'd like to take this space especially to thank those who so generously gave this year, including 10year-old Zane Birchler, who gave up all of his birthday presents in favor of donations to the Cheer Club.

■ Canton – The Simpson family, Bill and Mary Nichols, Jo Nichols, Faerber family, Bentley School Brownie Troop 276, Mrs. Harr's first-grade class at Tonda Elementary, the Panoff family and the Jose family.

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Johnson. ■ Santa Letters - Also, thanks to the three dozen families that sent us Letters to Santa and their children's pictures. Especially this year, it's good to still believe

– The Editor

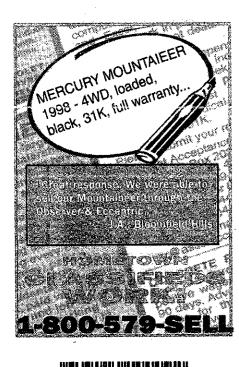
Celtic style: It's been a few years since Seamus Connolly used to go from door to door playing his fiddle and singing on the day after Christmas./B1



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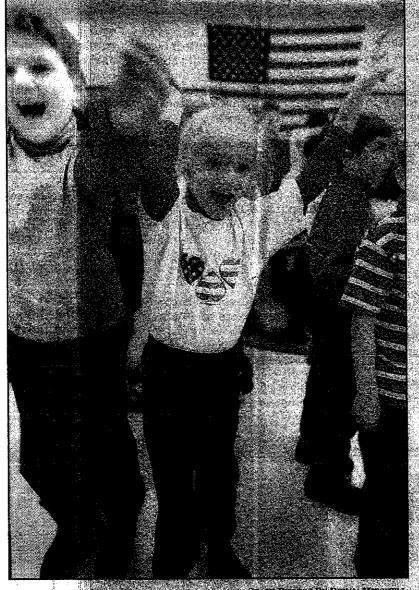
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In sync: Andrew Harris and Gretchen Clemans, both 1st graders, dance during the taping of the video for the song "America" song by Merrill Osmond.



Join in: Merrill Osmund of the Osmund Brothers fame sings his new song "America" while taping a video for the song at the Canton Charter Academy.



Anticipation: Second Grader Siera Tyl. 8, waits for the video shoot to begin.

Canton Charter Academy kids sing backup for video

"It was neat. I got to shake his hand!"

That was the reaction of Bobbi Radeck, a parent volunteer at Canton Charter Academy, to an appearance by Merrill Osmond at the school on Friday, Dec. 14.

Osmond was at the school to film a video and record his new song, America. The school's 530 children sang along with Osmond for the recording session

Osmond, lead singer of the Osmond Brothers, recorded the song to raise money for the victims families and those injured in the Sept. 11 attacks. He chose as his charity the Families of Freedom Fund sponsored by Bill Clinton and Bob Dole to raise educational scholarship dollars for the families and survivors of the attacks. Judy Tritten, lead secretary at the academy, said while

many of the students at the kindergarten through fifth grade school didn't know much about the Osmonds the music director had been telling them about the group. "The kids liked it," she said. "And a lot of parents

Including Radeck, who has two children at the academy

"They were enthralled;" she said. And was Radeck a fan of the Osmonds? She smiled.

"I was of Donny."

Merrill Osmond was also in town to promote the Wayne County Community College District, which sponsored the Canton event.

The Canton Charter Academy is at Ford and Ridge roads. – Jack Gladden

Phone troubles plague Canton homes

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By Jack Gladden STAFF WRITER jgladden@oe.homecom.net

When Greg Demopoulos moved into his new home in Central Park subdivision on Nov. 20

- two days before Thanksgiving .- ... he was told that his telephone service would be connected the next day, Nov. 21, sometime between noon and 4 p.m.

"I took time off work to be there,". said Demopoulos, an attorney with an office in Livonia.

"Nothing happened. I called that afternoon to find our why they weren't

For the next two weeks Demopoulos

said he had "multiple contacts" with Ameritech representatives trying to get his phone service.

"I called every day," he said. "They were promising the next day every time I talked to them." On Dec. 6, 16 days after he moved in

and 15 days after his phone service was supposed to have been installed, Demopoulos complained to the Michigan Public Service Commission. "Two days later the service was up,"

Too much demand?

After many phone calls to Ameritech and his conversations with different peo-

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Sheldon Place problems headed for court room

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

The owners of an abandoned Canton senior citizen highrise, Sheldon Place, have filed a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court against the project's

Spokesman Patrick Higgins from National Church Residences in Columbus. Ohio, said the company was suing DeMaria Building Co. of Novi and also the project's architectural firm, Malak

and Associates for "breach of contract." Currently the building is considered uninhabitable because of leaks and

The architectural firm's namesake is dead, and the company is defunct, Hig-

gins said, but "they had insurance." Canton attorney Bryan Amann is representing NCR locally.

DeMaria response

Darren Murray of DeMaria said he could not comment directly on the lawsuit but that the firm was "still hoping for a resolution." DeMaria had last met

with NCR Nov. 29, according to Mur-

ray's notes. Murray said they have had meetings

with NCR, that they are still investigating what went wrong, and that their masonry sub-contractor has gotten involved "with their own experts" to see what could be done. The cause of

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Adviser offers dynamic vision for 'aerotropolis'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

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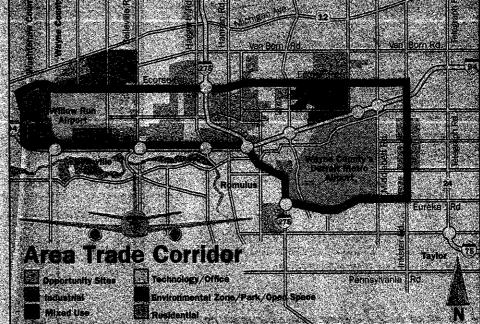
See Phil Power's column, A7 County Detroit Metropolitan Airport

and Willow Run Airport

John Kasarda says Southeast Michigan is ready for an "aerotropolis." Kasarda, director of the Kenan Insti-

tute of Private Enterprise and distinguished professor of management at the Kenan-Flager Business School, University of the North Carolina, presented his vision to a group of community and business leaders Dec. 18 at a meeting organized the Wayne County Department of Jobs and Economic Development.

Kasarda has signed a \$63,000 4-1/2 month contract with Wayne County to help define and market development ideas and business strategies around



Future aerotropolis: This Wayne County map shows the ring road connecting Metro and Willow Run airports and current land use.

the airports and help target potential developers for the proposed Pinnacle Aeropark development south of Metro

Kasarda said he will be looking at

how airports help cut costs, increase

productivity and expand market reach.

He said he will be looking at trans-

portation logistics, especially at Willow Run with its extensive cargo business.

attracting international corporate headquarters. "What are the factors that are ulti-

And he will look at strategies for

mately going to affect investors, private sector investment in and around the airports?" he said.

Current planning

Work has already begun on transforming the area around the county's two international airports. The proposed Pinnacle Aeropark, an 1,800-acre mixed use project in Romulus and Huron Township, is expected to attract office, commercial and high-tech indus-trial development, hotels and an 18hole golf course.

Romulus, Huren Township, Taylor and Wayne County have also contracted with McKenna Associates to draw up a master plan for a "ring road" development connecting the two airports. Sally Hodges, vice president of McKenna Associates, presented the proposal at the Dec. 18 meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel, just north of the

The ring road development would be bounded on the east by Inkster Road, on the west by Willow Run Airport, on the north by Ecorse Road and on the

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Thefts, car damage incidents investigated

Handicapped woman robbed

A handicapped woman, 50, who travels with an oxygen tank to help her breathe, told Canton police Dec. 18 that she was missing \$500 and two debit cards after shopping at Kroger, 1705 N. Canton Center.

According to a report filed with police, officers interviewed a bagger who helped the woman unload groceries. The report stated that following the interview, the bagger was not a suspect. Police said they have no

witnesses to the theft.

Tree chopper sought

Police were called at 4:38 p.m. Dec. 23 to Flodin Park, after neighbors spotted a man on a bike with a chain saw cutting down trees.

Officers responding to the call noticed two trees west of the park had been cut down. They also recovered two ropes and two hand saws from the area, accord-

COP CALLS

Computer taken

ing to the incident report.

A Dell laptop computer valued by its owner at \$2,000 and other computer equipment was reported stolen Dec. 22 from a home on Londonberry Court.

Canton police said there were no signs of forced entry to the home. The homeowner told

police a computer keyboard had been stolen from the home in September.

Wallet recovered

Shortly after a 19-year-old Plymouth woman reported her purse had been stolen Dec. 21 from the Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford, the management called to report it had been found the same day, with contents intact.

The woman told police she had noticed a man, described as 6 feet 2 inches, sitting in the row behind her acting suspiciously.

Cell phone taken

A cell phone valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a locked van parked Dec. 22 at Meijer's. Canton police have no suspects or witnesses.

Windshield shot out

Canton police said someone with a BB gun shot out the windshield to a 1994 Ford Taurus parked in front of a house on Lyndhurst. They have no suspects or witnesses to the vandal-

Car stolen

A 1995 silver two-door Mercury was reported stolen Dec. 21 from a lot on Brookpark.

Car break-in

Thieves broke out the passenger window of a car parked Dec. 21 at St. John Neumann Parish. 49800 Warren, and stole the car stereo inside, according to a report filed with Canton police.

Police have no suspects in the break-in.

- Kevin Brown

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COMMENDATION MEDAL

Army Reserve Lt. Col. Michael C. Rudzinski has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. He is a tactical intelligence officer assigned to the 416th Engineer Command at Parkhurst Reserve Center, Darien, Ill. He is the son of Janet V. Rudzinski

of 42295 Fairview Drive, Canton, Mich. The lieutenant colonel graduated in 1974 from Wayne (Mich.) Memorial High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1978 from the University of Michigan. He earned a master's degree in 2000 from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

APPOINTMENTS Marine Corps Pfc. Brian L. Page, son of Eileen D. and Arthur J. Page of Whittier Drive in Canton, recently

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Navy Midshipman Jill N. Peterson, daughter of Judy L. Peterson of Easley Street in Westland and John Peterson of Wales Street in Canton, recently received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

During the summer, they will receive on-the-job training on surface ships, submarines, aircraft and at Marine Corps units. Upon graduation, Page and Peterson will be commissioned as a Navy or Marine

Corps officer. Page is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Peterson is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

ENLISTMENTS

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Lt. Kevin S. Anderson, a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, Plymouth, Mich. recently reported for duty at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

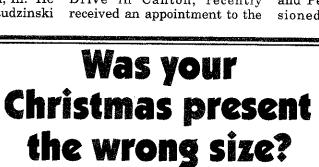
Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard D. Hayden, son of Richard A. Hayden of Warren Road, Canton. recently reported for duty at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Hayden is a 1975 graduate of Garden City (Mich.) West Senior High School and joined the Navy in November 1975.

George M. Rodriguez has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The recruit qualifies for a will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training. He is the son of Mary J. Rodriguez of W. Annapolis, Canton, Mich.

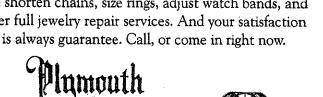
Adam E. Bartel has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Bartel, currently a student at Plymouth Salem High School, Plymouth, Mich., will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for basic training. He is the son of Edward J. and Barbara A. Bartel of Dunn Court in Plymouth,

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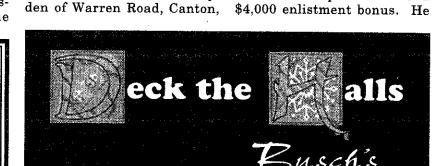


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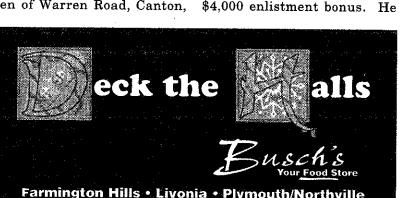
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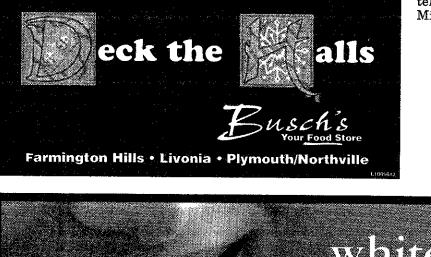
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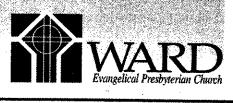
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Canton shoppers scramble for many last minute items

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER kbrown@oe.homecomm.net

Don't call late shoppers slack-

They're just honoring a tradition as old as mistletoe and holly, when you find them scurrying about for last-minute gifts on Christmas Eve.

At 11 a.m. inside Chris's Hallmark on Morton Taylor Road south of Joy, Karen Piotrowski of Canton was eying a shrinking display of Christmas cards. While she said most of her shopping was done, "I have the grocery shopping to finish, and I have to get the cards for my kids, my husband, my parents and my grandparents. And I've still got a tree to put up.

Beth Combee of Canton looked over polar-bear figurines and a bookmark inscribed with the Lord's Prayer, in a glass display case. "Actually, I am all done, I'm just trying to get something special for my godchild," she said, smiling.

"I did my shopping earlier but there's always last-minute things to pick up," said blond Peggy Powlus of Canton, wear-

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shopping at

Chris' Hall-

just the right

Beth Combee



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL Last chance: Karen Piotrowski of Canton looks for some last minute Christmas card while shopping at

ing a dark down jacket. "I'm just going to get a little ornament, maybe the Nativity; something to remind my grandson of Jesus' birth, and that's the reason for Christmas," she said. Powlus said other Christmas Eve stops would include a

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Store manager Sue Noland said that while Christmas Eve is one of their busiest days, the day after Christmas is the busiest day of the year "because

thing, I'm having made for my

Holiday Market co-owner Lisa Pardington said Christmas Eve is the store's biggest day annually. "People are getting their dinner stuff, their hams; wine and liquor are always a big seller. We're the only scratch bakery in this entire area," she said. By 2:30 p.m. several thousand

loaves of bread had been sold. Co-owner John Pardington• said that after Christmas, "I will probably sell 4,000 pounds of shrimp, several thousand pounds of king crab, cocktail sauce, pallets of champagne, cheese and deserts. People are feasting."

Foosball or Air Hockey

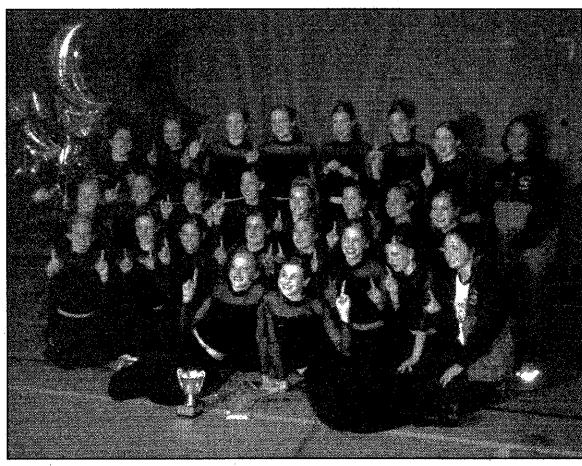




Chris' Hallmark in Canton on Christmas Eve day.

everything is on sale." picture framing shop, "for some-

Dancing champs



Dancing dandles: The Plymouth Salem Rockettes brought home a pair of firstplace finishes from the 2001 Mid-American Dance Team Championships at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw earlier this month. The Rockettes took firsts in both Varsity High Kick Division II and Varsity Dance Division III. The Rockettes also received the highest points overall for the entire competition, leaving with the traveling high-point winners cup.



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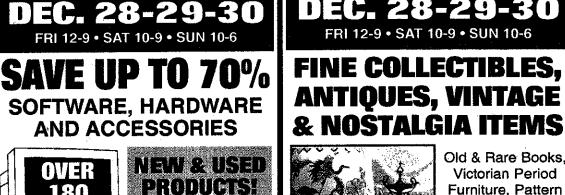
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OBITUARIES

JOHN E. DAVIDS

Services for John E. Davids, 92, of Salem Township, were held Dec.20 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mr. Davids was born Dec. 10, 1909 in Hope, Mich. and died Dec. 17, 2001 in Salem Township. He had lived in Salem Township since 1968, previously in Plymouth. He was born and raised in Hope where he attended the Hope Baptist Church. He was the owner and founder of

started in 1945. He did residential as well as commercial masonry, including the brickwork at the Forest Place Mall and the Cozy Cafe in Plymouth. He finally retired in 1991, at the age of 82, after his third retirement party.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian M. Davids of Salem Township; daughter, Karen (Michael) Wagner of Plymouth; sister, Theresa Cox; and granddaughter, Melissa Wagner of San Francisco.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice,

MI 48154-5010.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LIBRADA CABRERA

Services for Librada Cabrera, 90, of Canton were held Dec. 24 at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn with the Rev. Jeff Day officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mrs. Cabrera was born Sept. 15, 1911 in Mexico and died Dec. 20, 2001 in Westland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Cabrera; and daughters, Maria Oliver and Eve Bushbaker.

Survivors include sons, Jesse Cabrera, and Joseph Cabrera; daughters, Esther Corrigan, Sophie Layson and Gloria Cabrera; 27 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Homes Canton Chapel.

VIRGINIA A. MINAR

Services for Virginia Minar, 71, of Canton, will be held Dec. 28 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. Minar was born Nov. 2, 1930 in Detroit and died Dec. 15, 1930 in Detroit and died Dec. 23, 2001 in Livonia. She was a retired school teacher from the Livonia Public Schools in 1996.

Survivors include husband, Jack Minar; son, John Minar; and daughters, Susan Monfore and Victoria Loney; two brothers: one sister; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

SALLY ANN PRESLEY

Services for Sally Ann Presley, 71, of Ypsilanti, were held Dec. 19 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump offici-

Mrs. Presley was born Feb. 27,

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2001 in Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Bruce W. Presley of Ypsilanti; daughters, Kathy A. Moomey and Wendy M. Kruzel of Ypsilanti; son, Bruce "Doug" Presley of Ypsilanti; sister, Carole (Jerry) Sweet of Plymouth; sister, Jackie Towne of Palm Beach, Fla.; grandson, Corey A. Moomey; granddaughters, Kati A. Kruzel and Jenny R. Kruzel; many nieces and nephews, and

two other sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of: Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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John Davids Masonry, which he ple, Demopoulos said he found one common thread.

"They weren't ready for the demand in the new subs and were planning to do something after the first of the year. Sounds like they need to move boxes around out on the main roads."

Central Park, a Pulte development of \$280,000 to \$400,000 homes, is just east of Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Geddes in southwest Canton. More than 200 homes have already been built and when all phases of the development are completed there will be 530 new homes.

Jeff Buckthorpe, supervisor manager for a medical company and a neighbor of Demopoulos, said he experienced similar prob-

Buckthorpe moved in on Dec. 3, but his phone service was supposed to have been installed on Nov. 30.

"Nobody showed up," he said.

14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, (Ameritech) my cell phone number so they could contact me."

On Monday, Dec. 10, a service technician came out, Buckthorpe

"He said there was a problem with wires mismarked at the main box along the road. He said they could connect the wire at the house but if the wires at the main box at the road were mislabeled, they didn't know which one was yours."

Buckthorpe said he had phone service - sort of.

"People could dial my number and it would appear to ring, then the call would go into voice mail," he said. "But the phone didn't ring and there was no dial tone so we couldn't call out."

On Saturday, Dec. 15, his phone service was hooked up -12 days after he moved in and 15 days after it was supposed to have been installed.

Demopoulos said other people in the subdivision had also experienced problems, with one person reportedly waiting 30 days for the service.

A lengthy process

A spokeswoman for SBC Ameritech acknowledged that there were some problems in getting service to residents.

"Basically it's just a case that building a new telecommunications infrastructure is a lengthy process," said SBC Ameritech spokeswoman Carolyn Wilson. "Every construction project is different.

"We recognize that there were problems and we've been working directly with the customers."

As of Friday, Dec. 21, Wilson said that all customers in Central Park who had an installation date that has come and gone now have service.

"We've gotten the customers up and running," she said. "They have dial tone.'

For those still waiting to have their telephone service installed, Wilson said, "We're looking to get everybody installed in a timely manner."

Both Demopoulos and Buckthorpe relied on cell phones while waiting for their regular service to be installed.

"It's nuts," Demopoulos said. "I probably spent 10 to 12 hours on a cell phone."

Buckthorpe said his concern was that without the regular telephone service there was "no 911 service, no nothing."

"Besides," he said, "there's always a cost incurred when using a cell phone. Even if there's no toll charges, you're using your minutes."

Back then ...

Buckthorpe said he had discussed his problem with his father-in-law, who once worked for Michigan Bell.

"He said back then when they had a problem with mismatched lines, they'd just put a thing in the house that put a tone on the line, then go to the box, find the wires with the tone and connect them." Buckthorpe said.

"So when the guy finally got my phone hooked up Saturday, guess what he did? He put a tone on the line, went to the box, found the lines and connected them. Took him probably half an hour."

seniors from the building in mid-August were part of a "design error, originally," Murray said.

NCR's representatives and Amann spoke informally to many of the residents last week at a party at the other senior residence nearby, Canton Place. The Christmas party was organized by Virginia Hauck, manager for both facilities.

Both facilities are near Ford and Sheldon roads.

Cindy Bastion of Canton Township said her mom, who was displaced in August, was told at the meeting last week that the building can be fixed.

"I feel sorry for all of them," Bastion said. "My mom is living with us but she would like her independence back."

She got just hours in the way of notice when she was forced out, Bastion said. "My mom's stuff is in storage. Some of the others are living with relatives, and others are living in less-

deficiencies that drove the than-desirable public housing," she said.

Bastion, who helped her mom move out, said some first floor apartments had prehung steelframed doors that would not shut, that plumbing backed up if anyone used the fourth floor laundry, and that they were shoring up the community room

with timbers the day the seniors

Building fixable

were evacuated.

Higgins said independent analysis has told NCR the \$4.4 million building can be fixed.

"I can't tell the 56 residents how long this will take," Higgins said. "But we need to protect ourselves, our investment and HUD's investment (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).

"We believe we have bargained in good faith with the builder," Higgins said. Higgins said they will not blame any of the problems on Canton Township or their building/construction inspection process.

'My heart is aching for these folks," Hauck said.

"But not until they can guarantee it is a very safe building would I want these seniors to move back. It is important to get them back but it is more important to be able to say this is a very safe building," she said.

The building is just three years old. Seniors were evacuated on short notice in August after roof and window unit leaks, and foundation cracks, were discovered. The building has been x-rayed and support beams are hollow, Higgins said earlier. NCR has spent about \$250,000 so far, mostly for housing and feeding the seniors until arrangements could be made. They have been reimbursed about \$66,000 by HUD and about \$50,000 by the builder to date.

National Church Residences is a not-for-profit company that operates 215 housing facilities all over the country. They just recently received HUD funds totaling \$18.5 million to build five more.

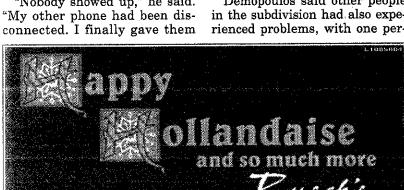
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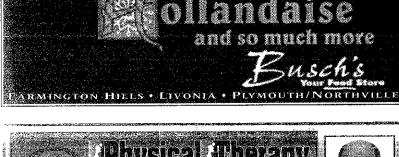
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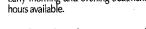
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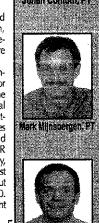
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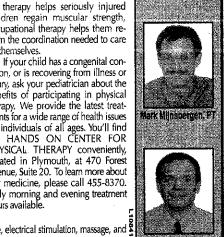
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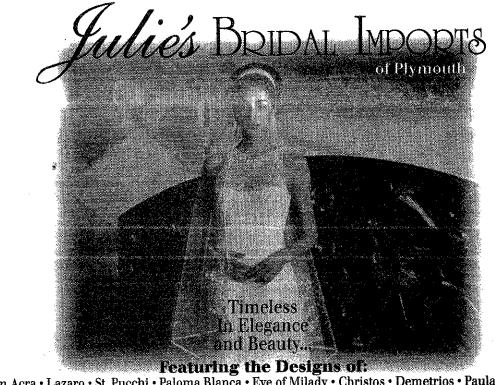












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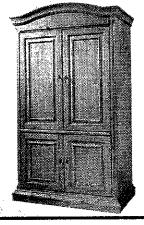
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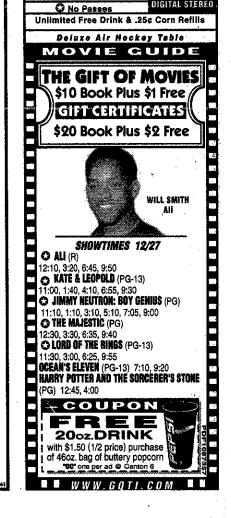




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south by I-94 and east of I-275 by Pennsylvania.

The project began is 1998 when the three communities around Metro approached the planning consultants about a land-use proposal that took advantage of their proximity to Metro while also protecting the residential areas. McKenna did a separate project for Van Buren Township for development around Willow Run.

The proposals, which include road projects, consistent zoning plans and buffers for residential areas, will now go to the communities for consideration.

Accessibility is key

Kasarda, who has written extensively on aviation and airport logistics, will focus his attentions on marketing the "aerotropolis" concept and identifying potential developers.

Kasarda said airports have become essential to the way the world does business.

"It is not location that is so critical, we used to talk in commercial real estate of the three L's location, location, location," Kasarda said, "The three L's have been replaced by the three A's, accessibility, accessibility, accessibility, where time-cost access to the airport is really the driving factor."

Kasarda said that airport driven development marks a fifth wave in the history of transportation.

"Changes in transportation infrastructure have always shaped business location and urban development," he said.

Development has built up around seaports, river towns and rail terminuses. In the latter part of the 20th century, the development of the highway system led to a mass decentralization. But the advent of global business, e-commerce and advanced communications have now made airports the linchpin of development.

Speed and agility

Kasarda said the current recession, including the decline in air traffic, is only a cyclical

Final TAG meeting is Jan. 9 at Miller

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will screen students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for the 2002-2003 school year.

There is an informational meetings regarding the TAG Program scheduled for Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Miller School gym. Test scores and available space will determine placement in the TAG program.

The TAG department screens all district third-graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January.

Parents of third-graders eligible for further screening will be contacted by mail. Parents of second-, fourth- and fifth-graders need to contact their school office for a nomination form (forms are available at all school offices). Parents of sixth- and seventhgraders need to contact their middle school office for a nomination form.

Second-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 11, 2002. Fourth- and fifth-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 31, 2002. Sixth- and seventh-grade nomination forms need to be returned to your school counselor by Jan. 31,

Nominated second-graders will take the Cognitive Abilities Test at their school at the same time the test is given to district thirdgraders. For fourth- through seventh-graders, the TAG department will look at previous testing.

If you are a district resident and your child attends private school, you may pick up a nomination form at your nearest public elementary school (for grades 2-5) or middle school (for grades 6 and 7) office.

If you need additional informa tion, call the TAG office at (734) 416-4867.

event and that things will turn around in a short time. For modern business, speed is the determining factor of development. Business needs air transport.

"There is one law, the fastest will be the fittest," Kasarda said. Another key factor is agility, the ability to adapt quickly and meet the demands of customers in a short time. He said customers are willing to pay a little

The growth of the Internet is also pushing the growth of air-

quickly.

"E-commerce will change

everything, it already is," Kasarda said. "Don't confuse the death of dot-com companies with the death of e-commerce. Any time a new business or process arises there is a massive shakeout ... and that's healthy."

Communities have started to rise around international airports to take advantage of these new business realities, Kasarda said. The need for speed is drivmore to get what they want more ing development.

These developments have included corporate headquarters, warehouses for catalog companies, cold storage facilities for fresh food, high-tech companies

that need to move software quickly, luxury hotels and resorts to cater to the business traveler and high-end shopping malls and mass transit feeding into the airport.

Gem in the rough

Kasarda said Los Angeles International Airport is responsible for 400,000 jobs and generates \$60 billion in business annually.

Amsterdam's Schiphol airport has become a city onto itself with a major shopping center, office buildings, warehouses and light industry all built around access

to the airport and employing 52,000 people.

Similar developments have arisen near Paris, Sao Paulo, Hong Kong, Dallas-Fort Worth

and other cities. "You're going to see this in Detroit, the only question is whether it will be in 2010 or 2020," Kasarda said.

Considering Detroit's strategic location, Kasarda said, development has been lagging. He said the combination of the two airports gives Detroit a gem in the rough for major development.

"If you look at Detroit Metro, and you're talking about speed

and agility, it's amazing you haven't taken advantage of this," Kasarda said. "Drive around this airport it's horrible, you haven't even come close to what your potential is."

Sean Brosnan, director of Willow Run Airport, said he's excited by the prospects outlined by Kasarda.

"This is the kind of economic development stimulus we have been talking about for years. We can develop a synergy between the two airports to be at the crest of new economic development," Brosnan said.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Legislature helps itself, we'll just have to wait

It would be difficult to review the actions of the Michigan state Legislature this past year without sounding pretty

The year 2001 was not a productive time in Lansing - at least not for Michigan residents.

Elected officials made out all right

Senators and representatives started out the year with those nice big pay raises, 36 percent. Even though it was pretty clear by January that the economy was headed south for a while, lawmakers couldn't find a way to bring the State Officers Compensation Commission recommendations to a vote in the Senate.

By year's end of course, the budget was getting trimmed, lawmakers had to get 5 percent out of the budget in the fall to avoid an executive order cut that would have simply chopped that much off the spending plan across the board, and more is expected to come out when they start up their session again after the turn of the year. There remain old budget issues that lawmakers have not resolved, like the Durant lawsuits and fully funding special education.

Of course, by the end of 2001. lawmakers had fixed that SOCC pay setting system. They voted for a senate resolution to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot, for the approval of voters, a change in the SOCC they say will bring more accountability in the legislature for pay raises ... which will take effect after the vast majority of sitting senators have

Let's see ... what else did they accomphish? Oh yeu redistricting

The once-a-decade process of redrawing legislative district boundaries according the latest census counts might not rank high on the list of priorities for the average resident, but it dominated the political landscape in Lansing for a significant portion of the year.

In the end, pundits largely agree, it was not the Republican gerrymander they'd feared given the GOP's dominance in the legislature and the governor's

But the key point was that it got settled, giving politicos plenty of time to lay their election plans for coming runoffs in the fall of 2002 and the GOP will maintain its majority.

Citizens' concerns?

In the meantime, issues common citizens might care a little more about, issues that were said to be top priorities for lawmakers at the beginning of 2001, for all intents and purposes had fallen off virtually every political radar screen in Lansing by year's end.

A good example is the issue of failing schools. Readers will recall the vote on vouchers on the statewide ballot a year ago last fall. The issue revolved largely around a small number of urban, inner city schools that don't seem to be giving their students a very good educational

At the start of 2001, House Republican leaders held a press conference to outline

their agenda for education. They wanted to put together special teams of educators and administrators who could be sent to low performing school districts to figure out what could be done to turn them around. Education "swat teams" is what the chair of the House Education Committee called them.

By the end of the spring, senators had sent the House a bill that looked a lot like that. To date, no action has been

High-tech agenda

Technology and the economy were high on the state's agenda for the year. Gov. John Engler made that clear in his state of the state address early in 2001. He had two things in particular on his mind, the so called "streamlined sales tax" - a plan that would essentially allow the state to collect taxes on items sold across the Internet - and bringing broadband to the majority of the state so residents and businesses here could universally get high speed access.

There are a lot of pros and cons to the sales tax issue. Analysts differ on its likely effect on the economy. It should be more fair to bricks and mortar businesses, but high tech companies might not find the state quite as attractive.

What cannot be argued is that it will increase tax revenue. The bill got passed handily and rather quickly.

The governor's broadband proposals weren't even introduced until year's end. Readers may be starting to see a pattern

Renders move also recall the methlown in the elections process in Florida during last year's presidential race that kept us guessing for a month who the next president would be.

That put elections reform at the top of many politicos' agendas, and lawmakers spent many hours in committee hearings and meetings taking input on what can be done to improve Michigan's voting systems. Turns out state balloting is in pretty good shape overall, but there could be improvements.

What did lawmakers do, they eliminated straight party voting? That was an idea that had never surfaced in hearings. No voter had complained to committees that straight party balloting was somehow a problem. Sponsors said the elimination would force voters to pay closer attention to their ballots. So somehow, the emphasis of election reform shifted from making it easier to count voters' ballots to purposely making it more difficult for voters because it's "good" for

In reality it's a purely partisan move likely to help Republicans, who tend to split their tickets anyway, and hurt Democrats who often cast ballots in those crowded, backed up precincts in central city areas.

It has not been a productive year for state residents, but we would urge lawmakers to get back to the people's agenda when they return to action in coming

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■ Tonda speed, too

I am a crossing guard at Tonda Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton school district. I would like to respond to the front page article on 11/29/01. It stated that Dodson Elementary School is located on two roads with a 45 mile per hour speed limit and that "normally the county posts blinking 25 mile per hour school zone signs to slow traffic." Tonda Elementary has been open for several years on busy Warren Road (which also has a speed limit of 45) with no special school zone speed limit.

We have been working fervently to get this speed lowered. I was told that Wayne County wanted me to count the number of children crossing Warren Road. I counted 180 per day, but that varies from day to day. The principal, Mr. Belvitch, is taking all the necessary steps to change this, but so far to no avail. The parents also have been working hard to change this dangerous situation. I don't see why parents have to fight for something that should be, but obviously isn't "normal" procedure.

I have been a crossing guard for 10 years and take my job very seriously. It troubles me to see such disregard for the safety of our children.

Deanna Call Tonda crossing guard

No dirty tricks

It has been nearly a year since my first and only meeting with Superintendent Kathleen Booher and thenschool board president, Dar Watts. I had asked for this meeting to discuss concerns about the district budget process and financial health. Since that time. I have continued to be concerned about the fiscal health of the district and the involvement of stakeholders and citizens in the district's

As a result of this open, public concern and critique my family and I have been subjected to a series of very personal innuendo and rumors, carefully directed only at "a former board member" or "former board president" rather than by name.

As both Superintendent Booher and current board president Liz Givens have been vocal in their criticism of me, again through inference and innuendo, at school forums where I was not present, I wanted to provide you with some facts surrounding some of their comments.

After being told by both that my financial concerns were unfounded, since there were "lots of things going on behind the scenes to address these concerns." I submitted my first Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to see what was going on "behind the scenes." After reviewing minutes of the superintendent's staff meetings, Core Team meetings and e-mail correspondence, I found almost no discussion of financial issues, let alone any "behind the scenes" solutions to these problems.

I did, however, find one interesting e-mail from then-board president Sue Davis to members of the board in response to a board member's concern about communicating by e-mail. As part of her response, Davis told board members that, "She (Superintendent Booher) also reported that e-mail can be requested under FOIA, but that it is prudent to dispose of messages periodically..."

I was stunned the board and superintendent would be discussing the disposal of documents that could be considered as a part of a legal FOIA

request. I began to be concerned about both the lack of financial processes and this apparent attempt to keep certain issues from being part of the public record.

For these reasons I requested another meeting with the superintendent and was told, in writing, she would not meet with me and that I should address my concerns through other channels provided to citizens. My continued concern over our ever worsening financial situation and this directive to take my concerns to other channels prompted a number of comments during the citizen's portion of board meetings regarding fiscal issues and citizen involvement in district processes. These concerns included the apparent disbanding of the Citizen's Finance Committee at a time when it appears to be most needed and the unilateral changes in the hiring process ordered by the Superintendent, in spite of the fact that a stake holder committee Dr. Booher had created recommended no significant changes to the hiring process.

Following these revelations, I submitted my second FOIA request regarding the meeting minutes and membership of the citizen's committees. This FOIA confirmed the lack of a Citizen's Finance Committee and the extremely limited activities of the Long Range Planning Committee over the last 18 months.

I have submitted two legal FOIA requests and made public comments at board meetings. I have also been publicly concerned about our district's financial health in letters to the editor and conversations with several newspapers. Through all of these concerns I have focused exclusively on issues and never attacked any individual.

There have been no "dirty tricks" or "conspiracies" as has been indirectly alleged. Just fact based, data driven concerns. For these concerns, I have been attacked by Board members and school personnel, never by name, but by inference and innuendo.

After all of these attempts to redirect my concerns into a personal attack on me, our district is still projecting a deficit, by its own figures. of over \$1.5 million for the 2002-03 school year as we attempt to open our new high school. This deficit is projected even after a larger than projected revenue was realized during the current school year.

If you have any questions about my concerns or wish to debate the issues, everyone knows who I am and where to find me. I have made no secret of my identity or concerns. No need to continue the references to "former board member" or any other alias. My concerns will continue to be open, honest and public. Mark Horvath,

True Christmas

I would like to comment on the article by Susan Noguera concerning the "true meaning of the holiday season." (Other Voices, Dec 13, page

A9...Don't let technology...) Christmas dominates her article, but even if we consider Hanukah, my point remains the same. Nowhere in her article about the "true meaning" of Christmas does she mention Jesus, or any other reference to God!

For the record, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. Put another way, it celebrates that incredible moment when God saw fit to join us and become man. Even the Jewish celebration of Hanukah is one centered on the hope and promise that God gave

the Hebrew nation. Isn't this remarkable enough?

Do we truly need the comparison to the Sept. 11 massacres to make the point that this is a special time?

Ms. Noguera correctly points out some of the activities that we should avoid and some that we should engage in. Not once, however, does she mention why. A small criticism some might say because what the article is saying is "good" and we need to hear its message.

Consider this, though, the message is not from the "holiday season" nor is it from the articles author. The message is from an infant brought into our world 2000 years ago. Without that baby there is no message, no "holiday season" and no Christmas.

I have no doubt that the author intended no slight and no disrespect. I felt compelled to write, however, because the systematic elimination of Christ from Christmas is wrong whether intentional or not. In our time of diversity at any cost isn't there room for the customs and beliefs of 85 percent of the population? This Dec. 25th I suggest that when

you "look into your heart and find the true meaning of Christmas" that you will see the baby Jesus in a manger. If you are a Christian you will recognize Him as the Savior. If you are not, than please accept that this is a special holiday for us. It does not diminish or ridicule your beliefs. It stands for ours. It is the true meaning of the Christmas season.

John Vena, Canton

Not-so-new Geraldo

It did look for awhile that Fox News media personality Geraldo Rivera had shed his skin of shame.

Thirty years pitching what he believed to be the benefits of a long ago discredited liberal socialist economic system, and boasting, bragging, very much puffed up relating his many conquests of the ladies fair.

He seemed to many to be the great patriot, bold and brave, true blue to his Country. Maybe he someday will be able to explain away the difficulties he is experiencing with the truth in reporting from Afghanistan. I liked the new Geraldo Rivera, one I thought might have experienced a rebirth and discovered what many of us know to be glorious and good about our nation.

His earlier burdens may be contributing to his difficulties with trying to play the game straight. Neil Goodbred

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We'll take a cup of kindness this awful year. Even before Sept. 11, We are many miles away from the guns

of Afghanistan.

In journalism classes the term "Afghanistanism" is used derisively to mock those lazy, pretentious newspapers that devote great space to analyzing problems in faraway places while ignoring the life going on right under their

But suddenly Afghanistan isn't so distant. American forces are there. Sons, daughters, husbands and wives, some from our own communities, are wrapping up a war in a place that seems to have remained unchanged since biblical days, except for the ever present kalishnikovs slung over the shoulders of prematurely aged young men.

The world's problems have become our problems. Millions of people have been left homeless, hungry, fearful and sick by terrorism and war in Afghanistan, the Middle East and central Africa. Families once whole have been torn asunder by the heedless insanity of fanaticism. Men and women who had been riding the crest of an unprecedented prosperity now find themselves unemployed with few prospects for the near future.

Very few of us have been left unhurt by

there was uneasiness. The economy was already tanking. A new president took office in a disputed election with not even a plurality of the vote. The situation in the Middle East was breaking down.

Sept. 11, a date now seared in our memory forever, shook our confidence because it brought the world's horrors home. For many New York City was also a distant place - a cold, fast, heartless city unlike the rest of America. But in the face of great tragedy it proved to be the very heart of America. So we are not sad to see 2001 go.

Next week we will end this year as we usually do by turning again to the bittersweet words of Bobby Burns set to a sad, well-aged Scottish air, Auld Lang Syne.

And ther's a hand, my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine; We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne. For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

We can only hope and go on.



'Aerotropolis' at Metro holds exciting potential

Phil Power

What could be the single largest economic development project in Michigan history has been sitting there, right under our nose.

Some time early next year, the new terminal and runways at Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport will go into service, making it one of the premiere passenger hubs in the world. Already renovated, Willow Run Airport, just 12 miles to the east, ranks third in the nation in freight traffic. Link them together by a ring road system based on I-94 to the south and Ecorse Road to the north, and you have a potential economic development district encompassing something like 25,000 acres.

Professor John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and a world authority on airport-driven economic development, has a term for what might happen: an "aerotropolis," an emerging new urban form arising from the competitive advantage that comes from air-based passenger and freight transportation.

Kasarda has just signed a consulting contract with Wayne County to help define and market the development potential of the idea. At a meeting last week, Kasarda argued "airports will drive economic development in the 21st century, as much as highways drove it in the 20th century, railroads in the 19th century and seaports in the 18th century.

"Nowhere in the world have I seen anything like the potential Wayne County Metro and Willow Run Airport have if they're put together right. Right now, the two airports aren't leveraged together, but ultimately this will happen. The only question is whether it's in 2010 or 2020," Kasarda concluded.

Communities have already started to grow around international airports to take account of the need for agility and speed in a globalizing business environment. Kasarda pointed to Los Angeles International Airport, responsible for 400,000 jobs and generating \$60 billion in business annually. He also cited Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, virtually a city unto itself.

Work is already under way to bring this dream to reality, at least around Detroit Metro. To the south, Pinnacle Aeropark, a 1,800 acre development in Romulus and Huron Township, is being planted to attract office, commercial and high-tech industrial development, plus hotels and an 18-hole golf course. Wayne County, Romulus, Taylor and Huron Township have contracted with the planning firm, McKenna Associates, to draw up a master plan for a ring road system around Detroit Metro.

But there's a lot more to be done to turn the

vision of a two-airport development district into a reality. The ring road system will have to be expanded west, to include I-275 and Wiard Road, just to the west of Willow Run. A sensible business and marketing plan will have to be put together to attract private investment. And various components in the public sector will have to step forward in a serious and coordinated way.

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Local communities will have to get cooperatively involved. Already, Romulus, Taylor and Huron Township are cooperating on planning for the ring road around Detroit Metro, but planning will need to include other local government units such as Belleville and Ypsilanti Township.

Wayne County is already on board. Chief Executive Ed McNamara likes the idea and has empowered his economic development whiz, Dewey Henry, to push forward. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is in the process of figuring out how best to help. Money and planning authority will be needed from both the state and federal government.

The window of opportunity for quick action might be relatively narrow. McNamara is not running for re-election; who knows what his successor will do, not to mention the Wayne County Commission. And Gov. John Engler, rumored to be supportive, is in his last year of office; who knows how the new governor will react. But what a way for both men, the most able politicians in recent Michigan history, to get together for a signature project to cap their careers!

What is certain is that this idea is enormous and magnificently compelling for the economic future of Michigan. It deserves enthusiastic support.

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Mike Malott

'Zero tolerance' criticized as inflexible, unfair

I think we can all take great pride in the way our country has done its best to preserve rights in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. As a society, we've spent a lot of time and effort to make sure rights are not trampled in the rush to respond to terrorists.

Shouldn't we avoid racial profiling of Arab Americans? Just how quickly should we eject from our country visitors whose visas and green cards have expired? And should we try suspected terrorists in military tribunals, closed to the public, when our custom in this country is to keep the courts open?

Of course, we understand that a large part of what motivated the terrorists to strike in the first place was that we have such rights. In the country where they ran things, rights quite literally were a foreign concept.

But don't you find it interesting that there was a lot less angst about rights the last time we suffered through a shocking news event. I'm referring to the series of school shootings that culminated in the incident at Columbine High in Colorado.

In that case, it was our own kids' rights that were in danger of being trampled. Those who did speak up at the time were largely ignored because the greater concern was for "the safety of the children"

The legacy from that time is the zero-tolerance discipline policies that we've adopted in schools state wide and in state law, and the growing number of expulsions of students occurring as a result of it.

A recent look at zero-tolerance by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, as part of its Michigan Education Report, concludes there are a growing number of people who are rethinking the idea. Zero-tolerance policy is "sometimes contrary to basic judicial norms like individualized consideration and punishment under civil law," the center's report concludes. It can be inflexible and unfair.

Further, it may be creating an entirely new segment of youngsters in need of alternative education. Even though they are tossed out of regular classrooms, they still need to get a basic education. At present, Michigan's law requiring zerotolerance policies in school districts does not require that alternative education be provided for those youngsters.

Yet according to the Department of Education some 1,200 students are being booted out the door statewide each year.

Numbers from Oakland schools show an increase in expulsions since zero-tolerance policies went into effect. The Mackinac Center reports 79 Oakland students were expelled in the 1999-2000 school year, but only 35 were ousted in

the three year period just before zero tolerance policies took effect in Oakland County.

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Some of the individual cases that have come up raise the question of whether zero-tolerance policies are too harsh. You'll remember the controversy in Holt when the district expelled a high school senior for wearing a "small ceremonial blade" as part of traditional Scottish dress to his prom. Only about a year earlier a Livonia 13-year-old was expelled for carrying a small souvenir baseball bat to school. Yes, he was carrying it for protection — he'd been beaten up by an older boy — but we are talking about an error in judgment on the part of a 13-year-old.

According the Mackinac Center, zero-tolerance is now being applied to behavior that does not involve carrying weapons. A Mt. Pleasant student was recently suspended for a parody of the school's tardiness policy, the center reports.

But rights really weren't given much consideration when those policies were being debated. I remember at the time watching one political commentator, usually a civil libertarian, pronounce on national television that "students don't have rights" because they're minors.

Of course, there's a flaw in that thinking. One of the goals of our schools is to prepare children to participate in our democratic society. We all understand that youngsters can't be expected to know calculus if they are never taught it. So how is it that we expect students to suddenly understand their rights and exercise them responsibly when they reach adulthood if we've treated them as if they have no rights for the first 18 years of their lives?

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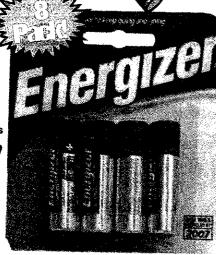
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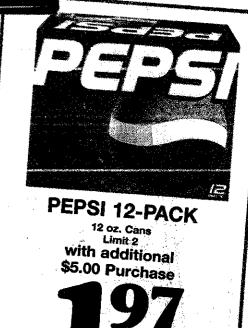
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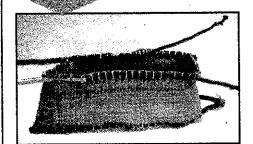
Quinn kicks

up her heels for a Celtic celebration

at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

COMING UP

ERIDAY



Waterford weaver Mary Horning exhibits basketry in the Midwest Surface Design show in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32700 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

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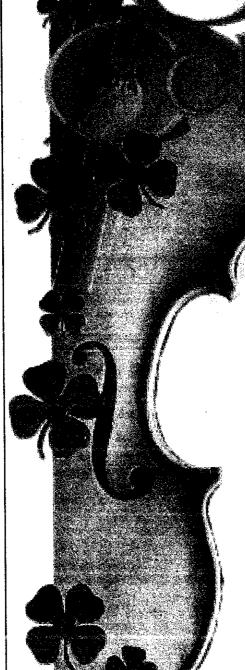


September Productions presents a whimsical version of the Grimm's fairy tale "The Adventures of the Frog Prince" 2:30 p.m. at the Anderson Theater in Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Tickets are \$6, call (313) 271-1620.

SUNDAY



The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents the children's musical Babes in Toyland at 2 p.m. through Dec. 29, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly. Redford. For ticket prices and times, call (313) 531-0554.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

It's been a few years since Seamus Connolly used to go from door to door playing his fiddle and singing on the day after Christmas. In Ireland, young and old alike celebrated St. Stephen's Day with music and a form of begging.

"They call it Wren's Day. It's like trick or treating." said Connolly, a 10-time winner of the Irish National Fiddle Championship and director of the Irish Studies program at Boston College. "People go out all dressed up singing 'The wren, the wren, the king of all birds' and kill the bird. It was a pagan tradition. They don't kill the ird anymore but they continue the tradition in Dublin by giving the money they collect to charity. It's a great tradition.

"I remember at night older musicians would go into my grandmother's kitchen and they'd dance around the kitchen and she'd give them lots of money. Even today, they still say 'are you going out to hunt the wren."

Connolly won't be going out to hunt wren after Christmas though. After moving to the Boston area from Ireland in 1972, he found the Irish who'd come over ahead of him dropped the tradition in their new country. Instead they gathered for ceilis, playing music and dancing all night long. Connolly, who usually just spent a quiet evening at home, never took part but that's about to change. This

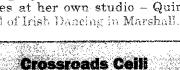
year he'll leave the comforts of a cozy fire to join friend Mick Gavin and a flock of Celtic musicians and dancers Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 29-30 at The Ark in Ann Arbor. The two originally met as teenagers in Ireland where they played together. Off and on through the years, they've continued to join their fiddles to rekindle the sounds of their homeland. The two reunite again for the Crossroads Ceili at The Ark.

Irish step dancers and fiddlers will page them on stage to celebrate the old country, among them Gavin's sons Sean and Mike, Marty Somberg, Terrence McKinney, Colleen Burke, Colleen Shanks, Celtic pianist Barbara MacDonald Magone, and the MacNeil Brothers from Nova Scotia. The brothers capture the Scottish sound of Cape Breton with their pipes, piano and fiddle. Day-long workshops with Connolly and Magone precede the Crossroads Ceili.

"We'll play a lot of music from old Sligo fiddlers who were in New York in the 1920s," said Gavin who teaches the art of Irish fiddling in his Redford home. "I think this is a great opportunity for us to bring him here. Seamus is a heavyweight in Irish music like Paddy Maloney of The Chieftains. If not for them, you'd n ever had shows like Riverdance."

That's something Erin Quinn doesn't like to hear. A member of Riverdance's Flying Squad, she travels around the country to pursue her passion of creating percussion with her

soft and hard shoes. Quinn studied at the Michael O' Hare School of Irish Dance in Birmingham and at his brother Tim's dance school in Westland even though she grew up in Battle Creek. When she began studying Celtic footwork 17-years ago the studios were two of the few places offering instruction in Irish dance so once or twice a week Quinn traveled nearly two-hours to learn the finer points of kicking up her heels. Today, she teaches at her own studio - Quinn School of Irish Dancing in Marshall.



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"The dancing and music is unique to Irish heritage," said the 23-year-old Quinn. "There really isn't another kind of dancing like Irish dancing. I just love it because I've done it my whole life."



Fiddlin' around: Seamus Connolly joins performers at the Crossroads Ceili celebration.

ON STAGE

Mamma Mia! has audiences dancing in their seats

By Susan. B. Tauber Staff writer stauber@oe.homecomm.net

Debbie Jensen-Miller is in the theater for every performance by the touring compa-

ny of Mamma Mia!. She's the merchandise manager for Mamma Mia! items that people like to buy and take home as souvenirs. She sells Mamma Mia! T-shirts, tank tops, teddy bears wearing Mamma Mia! shirts, key chains, baseball hats, mugs. magnets and more importantly, compact discs of the ABBA songs featured in the musical.

"The CDs sell like hot cakes during intermission and after the show," she said. "People come out so enthusiastic that they have to have the CD if

they don't have one already." Since Jensen-Miller is in the lobby before, during intermission and after every show, she sees the immediate reaction of the audience.

"They are bouncing out of



Girl talk: Nicole Fraser (left to right), Michelle Aravena and Miku Graham sing Honey, Honey during a scene in Mamma Mia!.

the show, dancing and p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27. It's singing. It's such a very, very

Masonic Temple Theatre at 8

slated to close Saturday, Feb. upbeat show." 9, 2002. That "very upbeat show" is coming to Detroit at the

If you're one of the few people who haven't heard about Mamma Mia!, here's some

history for you.

Mamma Mia! is a musical with 22 songs by ABBA, the Swedish group that took the popular music world by storm when it won the Eurovisin Song Contest April 6, 1974, with its song "Waterloo." The song topped pop charts all around the globe and made number six on the American Billboard chart.

After that, group members Agnetha Foltskog, Benny Andersson, Bjorn Ulvaeus and Anni-Frid Lynstad, whose first initials make up the group's name ABBA, became well known for such songs as "I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do," "Take a Chance on Me," "The Winner Takes All" and "Dancing Queen." ABBA music was featured in the movies, "Muriel's Wedding" and "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

Andersson and Ulvaeus are

Please see MAMMA, B3

Mamma Mia!

Where: Masonic Temple Theatre When: 8 p.m. Tuesdavs through Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Weekday matinees are 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, Feb. 7. There also will be a special New Year's Eve performance at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31.

Tickets: r\$27.50 to \$72,50. They are on sale at the Masonic Temple Theater, the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Group ticket discounts are available,

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BARRY MANILOW: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$17.50-\$67.50. (248) 645-

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BRIAN MCKNIGHT: With Tyrese, 8 o.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. (248) 433-1515 CHARLATANS UK: With Starsailor, B p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 345-6666

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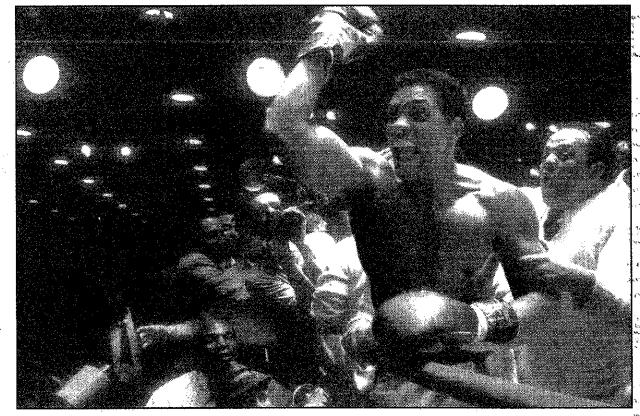
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PENNYWISE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$13.75. (248) 645-6666

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Celia Weston, William Wise. Directed by Todd Field.

THE SHIPPING NEWS

A struggling newspaper writer, Quoyle, returns to the small fishing town in Newfoundland where his family has long lived in, with his two young daughters, after a traumatizing experience with their mother. Stars Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore, Cate Blanchett, Dame Judi Dench, Scott Glenn, Rhys Ifans, Pete Postlethwaite and Jason Behr. Directed by Lasse Hallström.

Cassius Clay (Will Smith) was a smarttalking, fast-stepping ball of fire, in the ring, and out, who lit up professional sports in the 1960's, eventually dropping his slave name and becoming Muhammad Ali, and refusing to go to Vietnam. Featured players include Will Smith, Michael Bentt, Giancarlo Esposito, Jamie Foxx and Jada Pinkett Smith.

IMPOSTER

Based on Philip K. Dick's 1953 short story, this futuristic drama tells of a time when Earth is at war with and alien race. The action turns on the character of Spence Olham (Gary Sinise), one of many scientists researching new weapons that could defeat the enemy. Arrested by the secret service and taken to the moon. Spence is told he is a robot, planted on Earth by the aliens. What follows is a

journey of self-discovery in which the question is posed: "Am I human? Or am I just programmed to believe I am human?" Featured among the ensemble are Madeleine Stowe, Vincent D'Onofrio, Tony Shalhoub and Mekhi Phifer.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 28

CHARLOTTE GRAY

This is the story of Charlotte Gray, a Scot. tish woman who joins the French Resistance during World War II in an effort to find her RAF pilot lover who was shot down in France. Along the way, she has an affair with a French resistance fighter. Stars Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon and Rupert Penry-Jones. Directed by Gillian Armstrong.

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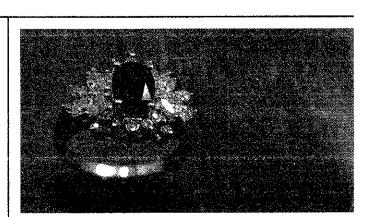
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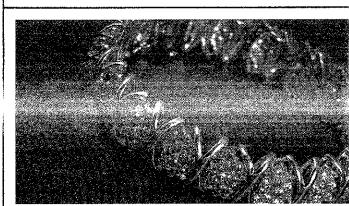
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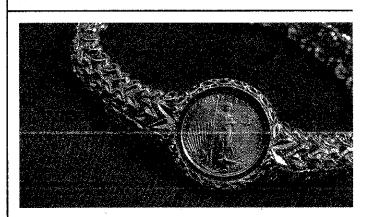
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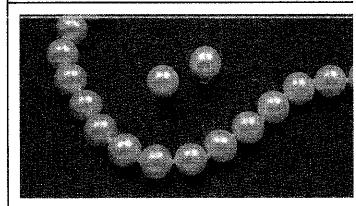
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BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN SPECIAL WRITER

One scene, two actors, 97 minates. It seems like so little to work with, yet The Jewish Ensemble Theatre Company brings the emotion of Tally's Folly to incredible levels.

Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning play takes place solely at a boathouse in Lebanon, Mo., in 1944. The audience is immediately made a third party to the production when Matt Friedman (Thomas Hoagland) saunters in out of nowhere and directly addresses his "new-found friends." His monologue is one part update and three parts philosophical

rambling about war and bees and such. The eye contact Friedman makes with the audience puts them into the seat of the forthcoming roller coaster of emotions.

Matt has returned to the boathouse to see Sally Talley (Kelly Pino), with whom he had a brief affair one year ago. Sally's Southern-type family strongly disapproves of Matt because he is Jewish, this being the dominant conflict in their relationship. The play is spent

exploring Matt's past and Sally's dark secret, or cracking open the delicate shells of the eggs that people really are. Though the cast consists of only two actors, the families of both characters especially Sally's - come to life by the detailed descriptions

Hoagland does an excellent job growing his character from a humorous, nervous suitor to a confident, tender man in love. Though Wilson - who, incidentally, was not a Jew - has not included much Yiddish or Hebrew, if any, in the script, Hoagland's accent is flawless. Pino performs impeccably as Sally, first appearing as defiant and independent, then vulnerable as she surrenders to love. Pino, in keeping with the almost constant complement to her partner, has mastered a Southern accent.

The tired, worn blues and grays of the boathouse set and the background noises of the river and crickets work together to bring the audience into the emotionally draining story. The follies in the architecture of the boathouse Sally believes was built just for her are as prominent as the folly she is living.

Director Evelyn Orbach and her crew have created 97 minutes of enjoyable and cathartic entertainment in their campaign to Stop Hate. The biggest folly

would be to miss this production.

Mamma

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the composers for the music used in Mamma Mia! and also wrote the music for the Tim Rice musical, "Chess." The musical Mamma Mia! opened in London's West End April 6, 1999

Dee Hoty, a Broadway phenomenon, said ABBA music wasn't on her radio dial back in the 70s, but now she loves the music.

Hoty plays the role of Donna, he feisty 40-something single mom, in Mamma Mia!. The story evolves around her and her nnocent idealistic daughter,

Sophie Sheridan, portrayed by Michelle Aravena.

Hoty is one of a handful of Americans in the touring cast. The touring cast comes from the Toronto show which opened May 23. 2000 at the Royal Alexandra Theater.

When the original Toronto cast of Mamma Mia! went to San Francisco to embark on its international tour in November 2000, producers recast the Toronto show.

"Hoty, who has three Tony nominations for her roles in "Will Rogers Follies," "Best Lit-

tle Whorehouse Goes Public" and "Footloose," said she auditioned for the role of Mamma last January in London.

'A great company'

"This group is a great company," she said. "They are mostly Canadian. Since I am one of six Americans, I get to tease them for the way they talk."

Hoty is from Cleveland, Her family is close enough for them to come see her at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. The cast has a few days off for

Christmas before the Detroit opening, so Hoty is going home to be with her family.

She's got company on the tour, though. Single, she's been dating Mark Zimmerman who plays one of the dads in the show.

And is the audience reaction to Mamma Mia! really as enthusiastic as Jensen-Miller and television commercials state?

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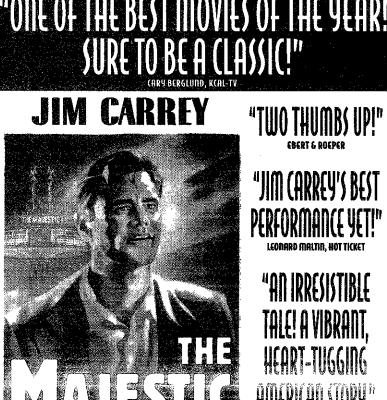


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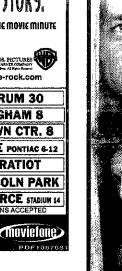
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Haunting 'In the Bedroom' is one of year's best films

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - There's been a ton of Oscar buzz for "In the Bedroom" and for its stars, Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson, whose performances earned them a Special Jury Prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

Every bit of praise they've received is deserved.

The film is a stunning feature debut from director Todd Field, best known until now as the pianist who introduces Tom Cruise's character to a secret world of dark orgies in "Eyes Wide Shut."

Spacek - a five-time Oscar nominee who won for 1980's "Coal Miner's Daughter" - and Wilkinson provide an achingly honest portrayal of parents whose marriage nearly collapses under the strain of their son's murder.

Based on a short story by Andre Dubus, "In the Bedroom" accurately depicts how people grieve in different ways. It's also a fascinating exploration of the steps ordinary people take under extraordinary circumstances.

Frank Fowler (Nick Stahl). an architecture student home for the summer and working as a lobsterman in the small, coastal town of Camden, Maine, is having a fling with Natalie (Marisa Tomei), an older, divorced mother of two.

His mother, Ruth, (Spacek) is the local choral music teacher; REVIEW

his father, Matt (Wilkinson). the town doctor. Their days are long and idyllic, filled with cookouts and Little League

But Natalie's ex-husband, Richard (William Mapother), part of the prominent family that owns the town cannery, feels jealous and threatened by his ex-wife's new lover. After several increasingly contentious confrontations, Richard shows up at Natalie's house one day and shoots Frank to death.

Shocking as the moment is, it's not really what "In the Bedroom" is about. The film follows the ways in which the Fowlers'

seemingly strong bond dissolves after an integral part of their lives is ripped from them.

Ruth wants to yell; Matt tries to connect with her through small talk and tiny compliments. But they end up withdrawing further and further from each other - she with mind-numbing late-night TV and chain-smoking, he with yard work and sleeping pills.

When they do finally speak, in an argument that is so brutally honest, it's agonizing to watch, they unleash decades of blame and resentment that perhaps they never knew they had. The scene has a raw intensity.

From the very beginning, though, Field's pacing provides subtle tension, even during

seemingly happy moments the rustling of wind through the trees, breaking the silence on a lazy afternoon; Natalie's tiny shrieks that simultaneously sound frisky and frightened as her young lover chases her through a meadow.

Field, who co-wrote the script, has created a thorough sense of place that New Englanders will appreciate; he spent time growing up in Maine, and it shows, from the reserved way the Fowlers' friends and neighbors react to Frank's murder to the tiniest details. Red Sox broadcasts crackle on the speakers from the AM sports radio station; a can of Moxie, a brand of soda that's popular in New England, is visible on a refrigerator shelf

when Ruth goes for a midnight snack.

And all the accents are believable and not overdone especially Wilkinson's. (The British actor, who co-starred in "The Full Monty," immersed himself in the Maine lobstering culture to prepare for the role.)

Despite the stars' strong performances, the supporting players must not be ignored. During his brief time on screen, Stahl is bright-eved, charming and magnetic. Tomei, in the best work of her inconsistent

career, is palpably shattered. "In the Bedroom" is gorgeous. It is haunting. It may just be the best movie of the year.

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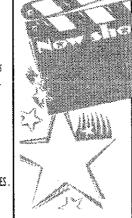
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Year's end is cause to rewind for local music scene

the year that leaves us feeling so reflective? From New Year's resolutions to video music countdowns and "Best of" lists in magazines, it seems pop culture must rewind to move forward. I've asked a

few local musictypes to play their personal 2001 soundtracks and see where the needle hits the record. Keith Bill

WSDP runs Radio for Plymouth-Canton **STEPHANIE** schools and A. CASOLA books performers at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. Phil

Skarich plays bass for The Witches and just returned from a show in New York City where he verified that Detroit is still Rock City. Richard S. Hansen is a local music guru whose alter-ego DJ Lemmy Caution can be seen on the first Thursday of every month at the Buddha Lounge, 8 Mile and Inkster in

That is it about the end of performs as a solo artist and as a serves a purpose. But I could marked by artists on the rise. drummer for Redford-based trio The Climax Divine. The band hits the stage Thursday, Dec. 27 at the Magic Stick in Detroit. Here's what they all had to say about the state of pop music:

"There is always great music being made, often in strange places, now is no different," said Hansen. "A lot of amazing stuff is getting made right under everyone's noses right here in Detroit. It just takes a bit of looking.'

In his search Bill Keith has found the genre has taken a decidedly dark, sexually explicit turn. "I see it especially in the music that is marketed to teens," he noted. "Add to that the music that is rage- and anger-filled and it can become quite dishearten-

Meanwhile Phil Skarich doesn't see much change at all. "The overriding mentality of pop music has been firmly established over the years and has become just another institution controlled by a very small group of industry people," he said. "Which is fine with me. I wouldcare less about most popular music and if I have to hear another song by that band Creed I'm gonna chuck my Cheerios."

Perhaps overexposure is the most identifiable component of pop music today, and a reason for all the new faces. Mark Dawson mentioned that "everyone's always looking for 'the next big thing.'

And what might that be in 2002? Here are some predictions.

"Rap, R&B and the rhythmically-based dance music will continue to grow by leaps and bounds," said Keith. "I can especially see it when I work at a high school dance. I'm encouraged by the growth of Americana forms of music. Oh Brother Where Art Thou, exposed so many more people to bluegrass."

Who to watch

As always, the sounds of the future in pop music will be

For Keith, Ryan Adams is one to watch. "His CD Gold is wonderful. On the more rock-oriented side, I'm encouraged by the success of P.O.D. Their music is so powerful and it keeps a very positive vibe."

Hansen prepared a grocery list of goodies to check out. In the rock category, he mentioned The Cuts, Vue, Pleasure Forever and The Hives. "Aesop Rock and Cannibal Ox will hopefully be big in the hip hop world," he said, adding "those and probably half the bands from Detroit."

The homegrown music scene has earned a buzz worldwide, and those in-the-know are hinting 2002 will truly be Detroit's

"From what I understand, every popular band of 2002 will be from Detroit," said Skarich. "Look for The Wildbunch to have their own variety program on the

Fox network."

Hansen named a few local favorites: esQuire, Cosmopolitan (hip hop with go-go dancers), Deadstring Brothers (heartbreaking gothic country). "The new Paybacks album is going to be devastating, as is new material from The Mood Elevator and The Wildbunch, whenever that stuff surfaces," he said.

Bill Keith noted he's "always blown away by Delta 88. They're amazingly talented musicians and songwriters. I'm also very impressed by Jan Krist's music. Her new CD The Outpost of the Counter Culture features some great songs."

Like the others, Dawson agrees it's a good time to be a musician here. "Detroit is definitely turning out to be a focal point on the music map," he

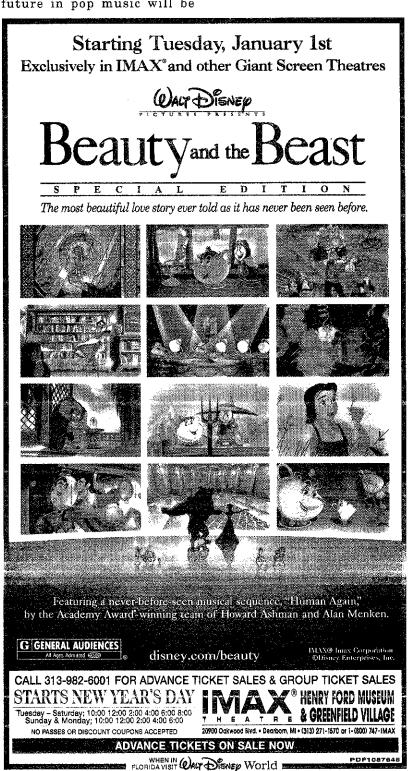
said. "Perhaps if things continue to progress in our direction people will look a little deeper than Bob Ritchie or Marshall Mathers, to see one of the most musically diverse cities in the coun-

try, maybe the world," he said. Music, as always, comes down to personal taste. "Go watch the bands that give you that same special feeling that you got from going too high on the swing set in the 3rd grade," recommended

What more can you really say?

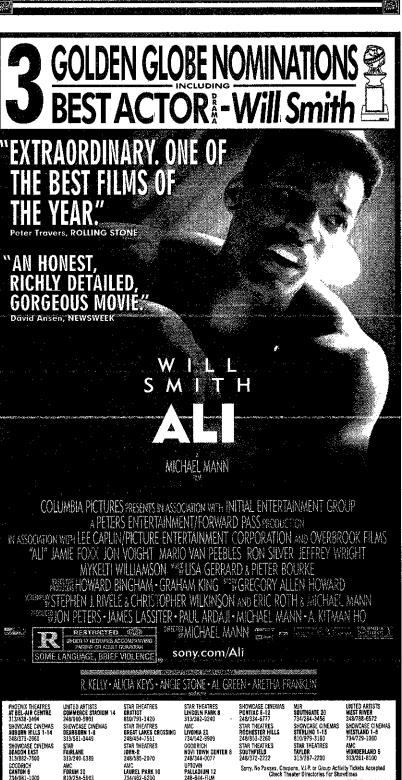
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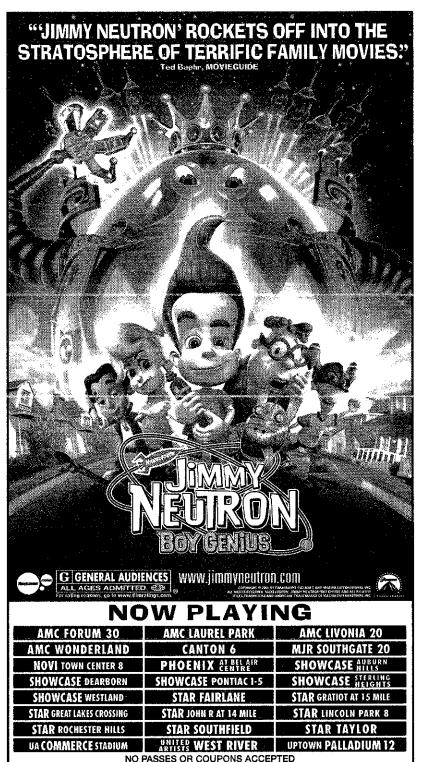


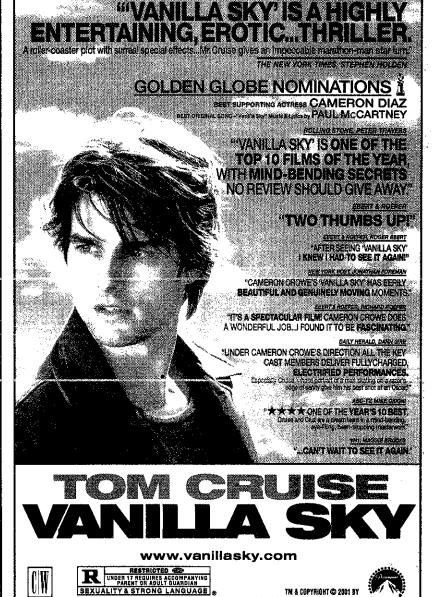




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Here's a sampling of the menu. Duck Liver Pate with Cranberry Relish, Seared Yellowfin Tuna Tartare Cakes with Fresh Pea Shoots and Carrot Coulis, Lobster Bisque. The salad is Mozzarella and Prosciutto Roulade with Tomatoes, Spinach and Balsamic Vinaigrette. For an entree select from Wild Mushroom Stuffed Veal Loin with White Truffle Honey Glazed Carrots, Braised Fingerling Potatoes, Leek Confit and Madeira Sauce, or Saffron Angel Hair Pasta with Seared Georges Bank Sea Scallops, Tossed with Fennel, Tomatoes & Mushrooms

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At Home





Three in one

She has Feng Shui, woodland and prairie gardens

personal tour of Lana Jerome's garden in West Bloomfield was a learnling experience about a very different kind of gardening. She really has three separate types of gardens on her property, all unique.

The back yard is designed using the



principles of Feng Shui gardening and the front contains a woodland and a prairie garden.

Feng Shui (pronounced Fung Shway) is an ancient way of life, celebrated largely China, which helps us to live

in harmony with our environment. There are several 'schools' such as Compass, Land Form and Blackhat, which Lana follows. She has interpreted this discipline and designed her

back yard into such a space. Everything is composted and put back into the gardens. Soaker hoses provide water when necessary. Lana's mentor is Bill Schneider of Wildtype Nursery in Mason, Mich. She also gets many plants from the growers at the Pontiac Farmers Market and belongs to the Hardy Plant Society and The Wild Ones. This talented lady is an advanced master gardener and for 15 years has maintained three gardens at the Detroit Zoo.

She is a professional gardener and takes care of residential and business accounts.

Come and walk with us.

In each of nine areas, plants with appropriate colors have been used; occasionally an object such as a large rock provides the correct color and symbolism.

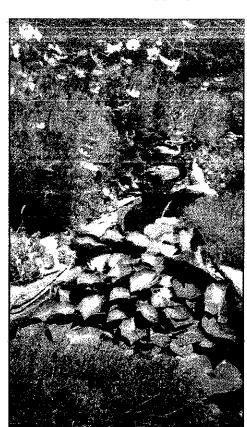
The entrance to the garden from the back door is designated Career. Black and dark tones are in order and the dark, natural wood deck leads to the center or Earth section. Here a brick patio represents Earth. Although not Feng Shui, it's bordered on three sides with striped cosmos, white poppies, pink cleome, and a small pond in which pink water lilies bloom. This adds additional color and serenity.

Moving counter clockwise through the garden we come upon the Knowledge & Self-cultivation area; colors: Black, blues and greens. The composter is in this area and is perfect as a place to learn more about the success of gardening. Next is Health & Family, colors: Blue and greens. The area is filled with plants waiting for new homes and a blue rock provides

Wealth and Prosperity follow, col-

ors: Blues, reds and purples. Peonies and other flowers including purple hyacinths in the spring are here, golden sunflowers, and a stake with a crystal door knob atop draws energy. Then Fame & Reputation, color: Red. Geraniums and the number of other plants are symbolic of this area. The Love, Marriage & Relationship area is a lovely spot with an antique bench for resting; colors: Bright flowers, pinks, reds and white.

Two metal angels keep watch. Lana doesn't hang anything metal from trees because they may "cut" the tree limb. A little path winds past a bird house (wrens are born here each year). One of the stepping stones



Wildlife friendly: The small water garden encourages wildlife - cosmos in background.

reads: "Love Grows Love."

Nearby is an old swing set with one large wooden swing and a single-person hammock. This is the Creativity & Children garden, colors: White and pastels; a happy place.

The final area is Helpful People & Travel. This corner is filled with hostas, given to her by friends, that look tiny among the pine trees. Someday the hemlocks will replace the pines. The colors: White, grays and black. A small Buddha is patiently sitting on a little old stool tucked in amongst the hostas.

At one edge of the deck is quite a large handsome ornamental cherry tree, which is more than 30 years old.

It adds stability and shade. A grouping of potted plants including a 20year-old lemon tree this gardener raised from seed sits along with a grapefruit and avocado (from seed) and other containers. One pretty container of annuals and a large container of bright red geraniums overwintered indoors.

Back to tall trees. Come around to the front of the house and we'll find a different feeling. Four very tall and large Norway maples grow here that would make the shady situation a challenge to any gardener. Lana says "Four years ago I mustered all my courage, grabbed the can of orange landscape paint and began to walk, visualizing how my new prairie and woodland garden might look. I felt a attle like Duvid dae siege

The next step was to hand-trench the entire edge of the garden. Next layers of newspaper were laid down and covered with hundreds of bags of oak leaves, and eventually grass clippings from neighbors. This rid the area of what grass remained under the trees. The soil is clay and alkaline so the oak leaves added the right amount of acid.

Her idea was to design two very different gardens that would work in her yard. This part is the woodland garden and is very natural and appealing. What little grass remains gives a soft effect. As a consequence of this, neighbors are 'getting into the act' and making more natural landscapes. Look carefully at the interesting logs and large rocks that are placed near plants so that before they emerge in the spring she will know where they grow. The logs are often hollow and add their own ambiance to the garden; a country look in the city. The stepping stones are old slate from a roof.

She has rescued many plants and Mother Nature has added her share. Growing here are alternate leaf redbud, whitebud, red, yellow twig and flowering dogwood, fragrant sumac, a hazelnut tree (with tiny nuts when I visited), asters and her prize witch hazel that has yellow blooms in the

fall rather than in late winter. She likes to try different plants such as a moonseed vine that has seed pods in the shape of a half moon, zig-zag goldenrod and others to see if they survive. Also in this garden are hepatica and Pennsylvania sedge. Yellow flowering ranunculus is used as a ground cover near the edge of the road where it is shady in the morning. Don't miss the blue, pink and white spiderwort, several geraniums including Johnson's blue, also pink and lavender ones.

As you walk, look for the low-growing hoary puccoon. White yarrow and pretty asters are included in the garden as are several varieties of ferns.



Gardener's delight: Lana Jerome of West Bloomfield (top photo) has a number of hidden treasures in her gardens, including this whimsical wind chime.

Another path of white flat stones separates this lawn from a neighbor who has property that slowly has been added to the garden with happy results. They have fun at Halloween and put yellow caution tape around sections of the garden to lead trick-ortreaters through the garden. Ghosts mounted to posts also added to the

The transition from the woodland garden to the prairie garden is very natural and gradual. Well cared-for lawn separates the gardens from the front walk. The prairie garden is a bright lively area with tall bright yellow woodland sunflowers anchoring one end. Monarda in white, red, purple, and deep pink echinacea, a cultivated lupine, sward Monarda, vervain and prairie smoke live in harmony. The pink bloom of prairie smoke appears on a stalk in May and looks quite feathery, giving the illusion of smoke coming out of each stem. Here we will also find Joe Pye, black cohash, liatris and St. John's wort.

Many grasses also fill this space.

Carex (variegated sedge), Miscanthus gracilious, 'Carl Foerster,' Big blue stem, a Michigan native with a bloom that resembles a turkey foot, dwarf fountain grass with a white stripe add much texture.

These two gardens are done in a 'Nearly Natural' style in that although many pants are native to Oakland County, some cultivators are

She can be reached at (248)626-3653 or fax (248)626-4377. By the way, she is also an accomplished artist and I enjoyed viewing her beautiful paintings.

Lana has been an organic gardener for 20 years, and it's obvious that her dedicated approach to gardening

She says, "My goal is to help the Earth recover.'

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.





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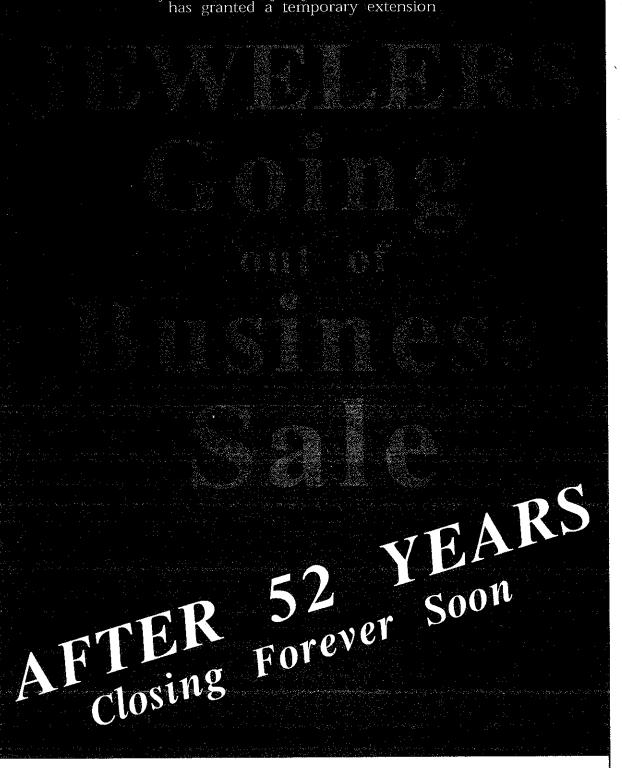
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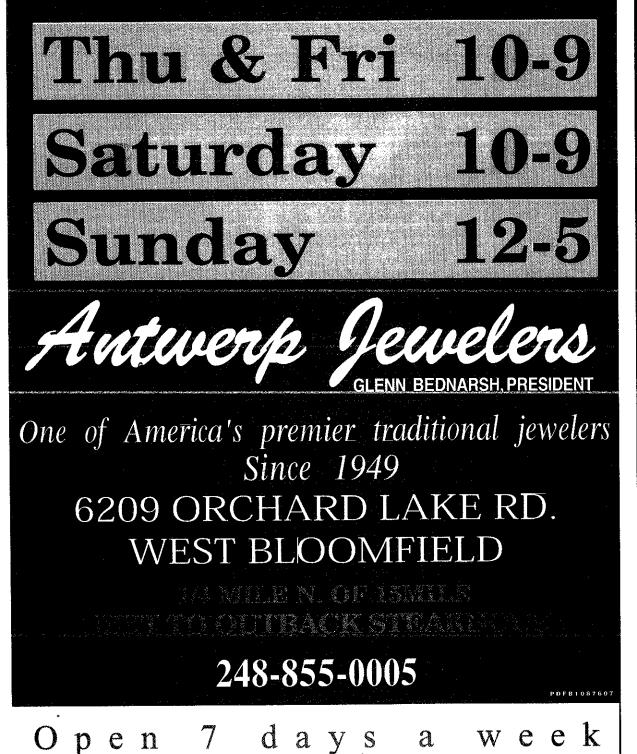
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Charities change lives with animals

Remember going to the zoo when you were a child? You'd dream all year about the day your parents would load the family into the station wagon to spend a day enjoying critters and working on your sunburn.

In our childhood memories, zoos are safe, fun places to be, where the greatest concern involves whether the tigers will ever move.

ations beyond belief. The Kabul

In some parts of the world, zoos face great turmoil, and situ-

Zoo ranks at the top of this list.

The phrase "Kabul Zoo" seems like a joke. How could Kabul, under the leadership we have witnessed on our televisions every night, have a zoo? Afghanistan's weak economy and constant strife certainly would seem to contradict having one. They do have a zoo, but not much of a zoo.

Recent situations have reduced the animals from about 40 species to about 20, among them a bear, monkeys, rabbits and a lion. The lion, named Marjan, will likely become the poster child of this zoo, with his story symbolizing all the facility's, and the nation's, shortcomings.

Thin and weak, racked with arthritis, the lion slowly maneuvers through his enclosure, getting around from memory. He needs his memory because he's blind.

A few years ago, a cocky Afghani guerrilla jumped into his enclosure and, as you might expect, was killed and eaten. The brother of the soldier exacted vengeance by throwing a grenade at the lion. It blew up in the lion's face, scarring him and taking his vision.

In the States, this lion would either be put down or put into retirement somewhere, but here he remains on display, less an example of the species than a monument to stupidity.

How can they afford to feed them? Simple. They can't. Zoo workers beg for food for the animals. The 5-cent entrance fee and about 100 visitors a day don't go very far to pay their costs.

The American Zoo and Aquari-

um Association announced they will try to help. It is hoped this will enable these animals to surABOUT ANIMALS



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vive, or help them end their suffering. Maybe even take the animals somewhere safe until the danger subsides. If it ever subsides.

London Zoo

Also dealing with turmoil is the London Zoo, set in the delightfully pastoral Regents Park in northern London.

You couldn't ask for a more different setting from Kabul. The London Zoo is exceptionally beautiful, with sculpted gardens throughout, a river rolling through with water taxis gliding by, and a fine selection of wellfed animals in decent if not perfect habitats. The air is filled with animal sounds and the laughter of children on field trips wearing their school blazers and matching beanies.

Still, this place that gave us Winnie-the-Pooh also has faced major problems over the last few years.

Hoof and Mouth Disease has forced many of the spots that zoo-goers take for granted to shut down. The farm animal petting area not only closed, but is obscured by a barrier that holds visitors back several feet from the habitat fence, with large signs warning of the dangers of HMD

The zoo's most recent problem occurred on Oct. 20 this year, in the elephant area. As visitors looked on helplessly, one of the keepers was killed by one of the animals he had taken care of.

Now the only elephant in the London Zoo is a statue, surrounded by flowers honoring the man killed doing the job he loved so much, with the animals he loved so much. The elephants

now live in the countryside, being "retrained" to be safer, Until they return, a large empty elephant house serves as a sad reminder.

Heifer Project

All this ugliness makes it seem like there's no good news involving animals in the world. Untrue. A charity called The Heifer Project uses animals to make a difference in people's lives, and its efforts should be trumpeted every Christmas season.

By supplying impoverished families with animals, The Heifer Project helps change the lives of people in Third World nations.

A heifer, which is a young cow, gives a family the opportunity to consume milk, and also to sell milk, which helps them get better shelter and more food. In other words, it gives them a chance to make their lives better, not just for a day, but forev-

The project also gives people goats, oxen, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits – whatever can be used to get them started toward stability. It's nice to help out, especially when profound help isn't profoundly demanding.

To help The Heifer Project, go to www.Heifer.org, or call (800) 422-0474.

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Zoo will come. This charity can
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Take Home Message: The world situation has hit everyone, including our furry friends. Help when you can and where you can, and remember to visit our zoo. Savor the tranquillity and the chance to make great memories. A lot of places don't have that luxury.

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



You'll be rewarded with treasured holiday photos

I like to write annually on probably the best time of the vear for recording treasured family memories with your camera: the holidays. So here goes with this year's advice and recommen-

Holidays and children go hand in hand, so let's begin with them. Remember to move in close to fill the frame and get down on their

Concentrate on candids as the youngsters play with their new toys. Your photos will appear natural because in all the excitement the children won't even know you're there.

But don't forget other family members. For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around informally rather than stiffly posed. Even try some candids as you did with the children.

Try including yourself in the picture by using the self-timer and placing the camera on a tripod or steady table.

As always, check your backgrounds for unwanted or distracting objects. And watch out for undesirable reflections from windows, mirrors or picture glass that may ruin a treasured shot. Most often, a slight adjust-

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ment in camera angle eliminates this problem.

Keep alert for other subjects that will add variety and interest to your holiday pictures. A beautifully wrapped present, or a sparkling tree ornament will all reward you with a fine shot.

Take advantage of today's fast films. Using 1000 or 1600 speed films, try lighting some scenes only with candlelight. Your dinner table or a family member lit only by candles will produce that unforgettable romantic shot. An exposure of f-2 at 1/30 second is all that's needed.

Need a holiday gift? How about one of the Fuji or Kodak

disposable panorama cameras? They're inexpensive and produce surprisingly good results.

A supply of film, a new camera

bag or a beautiful photo-filled 2002 calendar will please any photographer.

Here's another unusual gift idea. "Borrow" Dad's old home movies - you know, the ones collecting dust on the top shelf and have them video transferred. Imagine his and everyone's delight when you pop them into the VCR for a memorable holiday treat.

And at holiday time, we're usually ankle deep in nature's blanket of winter snow. So bundle up both yourself and your camera to capture some exciting winter scenes on film.

Happy holidays to all my readers and friends.

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.



DESIGN CALENDAR

■ This year's Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall, Flappers and All That Jazz, continues through Thursday, Dec. 20. It displays 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. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (last admittance 8 p.m.). Admission which includes admission during daylight hours to Knole Cottage, the completely furnished playhouse where Santa Claus greets 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. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit

www.meadowbrookhall.org. ■ A blood drive will take place 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile

Open Daily 9:30-6;

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in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100). To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at

(800) GIVE-LIFE. ■ The Storytellers will share stories about African-American heritage and the celebration of Kwanzaa, and demonstrate ethnic musical instruments, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia (phone (248) 478-8870). This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children in attendance.

■ Santa Claus will greet children and pass out special treats at the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Parents may bring their cameras. Phone (734) 425-9600.

■ The historic Orson Starr House, 3123 N. Main, one block south of 13 Mile in Royal Oak, has an open house 1-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month.

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Donations appreciated. Private group tours by appointment. Call (248) 588-0170.

■ Public tours at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester are given year-round. The hall is closed most holidays, and tour hours may change during special events. Public tours won't be offered Friday, Dec. 21, because of Holiday Walk activities.

Tea on Tuesdays is offered 3-4:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of: each month, now to February. Price is \$30 per person and prepaid reservations are required.

Call (248) 370-3140 for more information. Visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus off Adams, is a 110-room, Tudorrevival style mansion that was: the residence of OU founders? Matilda Dodge Wilson (the widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson.

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GARDENING CALENDAR

■ The Days of Giving are being hosted by Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, between Geddes and Plymouth roads in Ann Arbor, beginning with a blood drive conducted by the American Red Cross 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. Call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061 to schedule an appointment. Successful donors, and those who try to donate, may enjoy a complimentary visit to the Conservatory. Continuing with the giving theme, and on behalf of Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County, each visitor donating to a food drive will be offered free admission to the Conservatory. Food collection dates are Friday-Sunday, Dec.

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■ The unusual Garden Park of Holly, 976 E. Maple in Holly, is open for tours each Thursday. Call Sandra Hilty at (248) 634-9300 during park hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for more infor-

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UPCOMING

NEW YEARS SERVICE

host a New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 featuring festival settings of hymns. St. Paul's is located at 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0675.

First Presbyterian church, 701 Church, Plymouth, invites you to faith includes an informal dinner

RAISING CHILDREN

Raising Children in Today's World will be presented by Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be four topics to choose from Jan. 12. Session start 9-10:25 a.m. Dr. Paul Melrose, "Raising Children with Good Self-esteem;" and Dr. Wes Brun, "Raising Children with Good Morals." The next session 10:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Dr. Patricia McCluskey, "Helping Children Deal with the Loss of a Loved One;" and Dr. Paul Melrose, "Helping Children Deal with Television and Violence." Event is free to all parents. Call (734) 422-0149.

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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. The monthly twohour 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 for information or email Suanne Anderson suanneand@home.com

ONGOING

MEMBERS SOUGHT

Canton Christian Fellowship is a multi-ethnic church seeking individuals and families who are interested in helping a bible based, evangelical Christian church grow and meet the needs of the Canton community. We currently have 11 families that make up our church and we can use more help! If you are interested in the adventures of a start up church in Canton, please call Pastor David Washington Jr. at (734) 414-0856. Canton Christian Fellowship has been in existence for a year. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention of Michigan.

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, 7 p.m. Wednesday; Royal Rangers 7 p.m. Wednesday; 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 (between Warren and Joy).

OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDOWERS

First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will host an opportunity for widowers to share time together with the Lord. The group's weekly meeting is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the church (across from the Wayne post office, one block west of Wayne Road). The study book used is The Bumps Are What You Climb On by Warren Wiersbe. The public is welcome to participate.

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR WOMEN

A Woman's Heart-God's Dwelling Place, 13 week course beginning Jan. 22. A study of the building of the tabernacle. Tuesday mornings or everyings at Calgary Baptist Church. Romans-Part 2 Chapters 6-8, 11 week course beginning Feb. 5. A

study of the epistle of St. Paul. Tuesday morning or evening classes. Calgary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call (734)455-0022.

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Antioch Lutheran Preschool has openings for 3-year-olds Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 and 11 a.m. (33360 West 13 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills. Call Sharon Detter (248) 626-7906.

SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP

We meet each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi to read and discuss A Course in Miracles. A \$5 donation includes refreshments. Please call Amy at (248) 624-7555.

TERRORISM

September 11th. We too sorrow? An answer to Billy Grahams "mystery:" Why does God permit evil? Send for your free booklet, Why Does God Permit Evil? Write for a free brochure: Associated Bible Students, P.O. Box 2153, Dearborn, MI 48123.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents and kids will attend the same class environment, giving more opportunities for family faith sharing and continuation of Sunday school themes in everyday life. 9 a.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS

Community Bible Class, a weekly study group, will begin meeting at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile, Northville. The public is invited to join in the study of the life of Christ as he is presented in the four gospels. This class is for everyone (both men and women) who desire to study God's word. We have over 16 denominations and 61 local congregations represented. Small group discussions are from 9:20-9:55 a.m., singing, praise, and teaching begins at 10 a.m. A children's ministry is provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Call at (248) 374-5978.

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SINGLES MINGLE

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■ Group discussion, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, 26; April 9, April 23.

New group for those divorced over 1 year. Meets from 7:30-9 p.m. across the hall from WRC, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11.

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Church (Farmington Road north of Six Mile). ■ Tuesday's: Coffee and Conversation at 7 p.m. at Thomas' Fam-

ily Dining (33971 Plymouth Road) Livonia. ■ 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

■ Monthly dinner Jan. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon, 30325 Six Mile, Livonia. Call Mary Selwa (734) 722-

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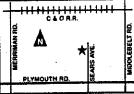
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MARGIT ERICKSON

Do's and don'ts for annual office holiday parties

arties, parties, parties! Studies show that this season is the "partiest" time of the year. It's when friends and family enjoy a time of togetherness —sometimes after not seeing each other for months or even years - and share some of the joys and happiness of the season.

Whether you are the host or a guest at a party, the secrets of any successful gathering are good food, lively conversation, a congenial mixture of guests and a cordial and gracious

This is true whether you are entertaining in your home, at a restaurant, or at a rented hall. The scenario is a bit different, however, at an office party. Since the affair is for the whole company, you can't pick and choose whom to invite. Your food is limited as to what the caterer can serve. Your duties as a host can vary because of the large number of people attending. Even though it is a social event, there is still an underlying business tone to the affair. You are still being judged by an office setting.

So whether you are hosting or attending a holiday party this year, here are some helpful hints along with some pitfalls to avoid at your office party:

■ Indicate on the invitations if spouses are invited, so there is no question about their attendance.

■ If the party is at a restaurant, the host should greet staff members at the door as they arrive. If the party is at the office, the host should circuagte among employees, shaking hands

and offering a personal word of thanks, along with wishes for a happy

■ Party-goers should be on their best behavior. Just because it is less restrictive than sitting at an office desk, that doesn't mean you should throw good manners out the window and "let your hair down." Remember you have to face these same people Monday morning, so antics and acting foolish don't make points with any-

■ Arrive on time. This means within 15 minutes of the start time. Don't tell off-color or ethnic stories or questionable jokes. Smoke only if it is allowed.

■ Even though a party usually means "dress up," at an office party clothing should be quite subdued. A suit with shirt and tie (even a wild one is acceptable here) or a sports jacket and pants with a turtleneck are appropriate for men. Women should stay away from anything that is too short or too tight or anything that is too provocative, such as showing cleavage or see-through clothing. An unusual piece of jewelry, a colorful scarf or an interesting pair of shoes added to a casual outfit is acceptable. This is not a time for employees to show off their racy and more daring clothes.

■ Do not use this time to corner your boss and ask for a raise or question why you didn't get that promotion or act as if you've been buddies since high school. Also don't bad mouth or complain about co-workers or office policies. In fact, it is best to keep business conversation to a minimum if at all. This is a good time to get to know your co-workers' thoughts on other interesting issues and topics.

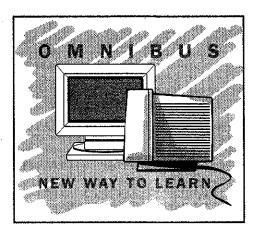
■ Many people use this holiday time as an excuse to drink too much, get drunk and have what they call "a good time." My first rule about drinking especially at an office party is DON'T. After a glass of wine or two, you may relax and become less cautious about what you say. You can undo your career in one night. You work hard at the office to present a positive image of yourself and inappropriate behavior at an office party will be remembered for a long time. If you must drink, sip it slowly and to absorb alcohol, nibble on some crackers or bread before and while you sip. Also limit yourself to only two drinks at the most and alternate with mineral water, fruit juices or soft drinks.

■ Do not get touchy-feely with others. This is another negative when

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OMNIBUS

Unique program clicks despite challenges



BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITE tsmith@oe.homecomm.net

By mid-1997, Oliver Bosnjakovski wanted to get a college education to help advance his career in the information technology field.

But most of his time was already designated either for his job or family. When would there be time to devote to classes, let alone homework?

In the click of a computer mouse, Bosnjakovski's plight had a unique solution. That year, Schoolcraft College and Madonna University teamed up to launch OMNIBUS, the acronym for "Online Multi-degrees in National & International BUSiness."

"Being able to get an education on the Internet was a plus," recalled Bosnjakovski, one of 14 students to complete the first four-year OMNIBUS cohort. "I was newly married at the time (in '97), working full-time and I just couldn't find the drive to sit in classrooms at night knowing that it would take me several years just to earn an associate's degree."

With OMNIBUS, however, students who stick it out all the way through are rewarded with not one, not two but three shingles to hang on the wall.

"Most people think that since this program is offered on the Internet that it is easy," said Bosnjakovski, who graduated last spring with bachelor's and master's business degrees from Madonna after racking up an associate's from Schoolcraft. "It is far from it. It takes a special person to be able to learn in such an environment.

"You will get a quality education and

you will work for it. Sitting in a classroom is not required, and it's not even feasible for many OMNIBUS students, according to Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft's associate dean of distance learning.

"If they could be somewhere Monday at 7 p.m., they probably would be sitting in a classroom," said Bonner, explaining why the educational niche is growing. "The fact is, they already know they can't. They've tried."

But OMNIBUS success stories do have to be supremely devoted to the state accredited program - and regularly communicate via Blackboard, Inc. education software with cohort mates and instructors.

Circles of cyberspace

Bonner is part of the team of educators who have been instrumental in the program's launch. Another is economics professor Dave Gregorich, known as "Prof Dave" among those who travel in OMNIBUS' cyberspace circles.

What makes the program especially interesting, noted Gregorich, is that



strengthened their already-stout relationship by taking and completing the challenging OMNIBUS program together.

OMNIBUS requirements

For students beginning OMNIBUS year includes three 12-week terms in the 2001-02 school year, tuition will be \$195 per credit hour for the length of their college experience. That amount includes fees, books and other course materials.

Degrees awarded include Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Master of

Science in Business Administration Students must complete 155 credit hours over the four-year period. Each and one four-week inter-session with no classes in August and December.

As there is only one admission process, students who complete each phase automatically moves on to the next phase. That means students must earn associate degrees at Schooleraff before transferring to Madonna for the bachelor's and master's degrees.

mail. It enables teacher-student bonds to be established, through written words that can be pounded out on a computer keyboard 24 hours a day,

seven days a week. Because of that,

communication can be more personal,

informal and effective than in the traditional lecture hall environment. "There's no body language, no facial expression," he explained. "You really have to understand how to communicate. It's text-to-text. It's professional

professor to professional student." With the electronic back-and-forth delivery of questions, comments and dialogue, OMNIBUS requires extra

care to how the e-mails are crafted. "The printed word is monotone, and sometimes you have to make it 'stereophonic surround sound," Gregorich said. "When you break through from monotone to surround sound, you're amazed

communication is done on-line, via e- at the increased quality of conversation." Concurring was Bosnjakovski, a former Livonia resident.

> "I actually thought communication was much easier and much more open than in a traditional classroom," Bosnjakovski said. "We actually had more time to think about what was being taught. Sometimes in a classroom environment you only get a few students actually participating in discussions. In OMNIBUS, everyone participated."

In the mid-1990s, the concept of "distance learning" began being looked at among top officials at Madonna and Schoolcraft as a way to help older students fit in studies amongst family and job responsibilities.

Madonna's business dean, Stuart Arends, and Schoolcraft's Conway Jeffress – then vice president for instruction - led discussions and examined

what little existed at the time in the realm of Internet learning.

Jeffress, who has since become Schoolcraft's president, recently said the concept of a technology-based program in which students would pay one tuition price all the way through was a temptation worth pursuing.

Just as compelling was helping lead a groundbreaking partnership between a four-year private college and twoyear public one.

"It would provide an opportunity for students to go from an associate's to master's degree in a relatively short period of time," Jeffress said. "... It was too tempting for me to ignore. It had everything we wanted to do all embodied in one program. We wanted to do something dramatic for folks "

Although Arends could not be reached for comment, Schoolcraft's Bonner said he is solidly behind the program to the point that he makes national presentations about OMNIBUS.

"We have yet to see this kind of partnership elsewhere in the nation," Bonner said. "It's a jewel of a program. We designed this from those early conversations and early research.'

Jeffress underscored that potential is: in place for an OMNIBUS student to actively participate anywhere he or shecan access a computer - even Guam. "The thing that's so great about this type of learning is it is not location based."

Good anywhere

The Schoolcraft president also stressed that OMNIBUS requires dili-

Mom, daughter ride OMNIBUS to college success

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

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Talk about extremes in motherdaughter bonding.

For Barbara Buchanan and her daughter, Kaye Lynnette Bednark, it wasn't enough to chat on the telephone or meet for lunch. They had to go and earn their master's degrees together. And they did.

Both women, Canton Township residents, recently were among the first graduating class of the progressive OMNIBUS on-line program -- a collaboration of Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. But it was a tough row to hoe: Out of 31 students beginning the inaugural session in fall 1997, just 14 stuck it out to earn bachelor's degrees; Buchanan and Bednark were among 12 to then attain the program's pinnacle.

"It was unbelievable to me how much I could actually learn in a short period of time," said Bednark of the program's heavy workload. "You really don't think that your mind can absorb as much as it does. But when you look

back, you go, 'Wow, I did it.' For sanity's sake, they did it class by class, semester by semester, rather than looking at the entire four-year picture. "You can't look at time," Bednark said.

Students enroll into first-year business courses at either Livonia institution and stick with the same group of instructors and students in what is called a cohort - until they drop out or earn up to three degrees after a little more than four years. Buchanan and Bednark, for example, were among those starting at Schoolcraft and earning associate's degrees before moving over to Madonna for the rest of the pro-

They figured this was their window of opportunity for bachelor of science business administration (BSBA) or master of science business administration (MBSA) degrees, so why not make the most of it? Not everybody took that approach, however.

When we got our bachelor's degrees, we only needed six months to get out master's degree," said Buchanan, who returned to school after raising her family. "Several classmates dropped out after getting their bachelor's, though. They were too stressed out."

Support system

In order to deal with that stress understandable given the difficult courses, at-home distractions and condensing of 16-week courses into 12 weeks - a reliable support system is essential. That was already built in as far as Buchanan and Bednark were

concerned.

'We've always had a great relationship," said Bednark, sitting next to her agreeing mom at a Canton restaurant, where they talked about the experi-

Keys to the whole experience, they agreed, include making personal sacrifice ("My granddaughter said, 'I'll be glad to have my Grandma back," said Buchanan), putting in the time on a daily basis, and developing relationships with others in the cohort.

Of course, it didn't hurt that they already had each other to lean on.

"I think it strengthened our relationship because we were together more and when we were together, that's what we talked about, school or the assignments," said Bednark, who, like her mom, earned a 3.8 grade-pointdegree while achieving their degrees from Madonna. They went through commencement exercises in May but actually didn't complete the demanding OMNIBUS program until July.

"But if one was in this program and the other was not, there'd be no time for chit-chat about other things," said Bednark, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. "I tell people when they join to find someone, meet somebody, take down their phone number so they don't feel so alone."

Since signing up for the fall 1997

semester, beginning course work at Schoolcraft, they formed strong bonds with classmates such as Sue Hager of Canton, Northville police dispatcher Michelle Kendall, Garden City's Dawn Rodgers and Renee Schultz of Livonia.

Gaining trust

It also meant plenty to feel comfortable communicating - whether in person, over the telephone or Internet with OMNIBUS program faculty and

They pointed to their connection with program coordinator Elgene Doinidis and professors Dave Gregorich, Mark Harris and Jeanne Bonner. Bonner also is Schoolcraft's associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance

"That is the core of this program," Buchanan said of teacher-student communication. "With any on-line class, communication is so important. And, (it's) the tone of that communication."

Because the bulk of information swapping takes place via e-mail and through the Blackboard, Inc. education software program, someone's actual intention can be misconstrued if a message is poorly written. Without face-toface time, it is harder for professors and students to gain each other's trust, let alone the trust of classmates, who

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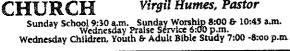
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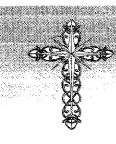
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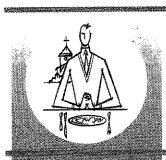
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Grace and Gratitude

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

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

UPCOMING

NEW YEARS SERVICE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will host a New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 featuring festival settings of hymns. St. Paul's is located at 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0675.

CLASS OFFERED

First Presbyterian church, 701 Church, Plymouth, invites you to attend The Alpha Course, starting 6 p.m. Jan. 10. This 10-week introduction to the Christian faith includes an informal dinner and small-group discussion each week. To learn more call (734) 453-6464.

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RAISING CHILDREN
Raising Children in Today's World
will be presented by Newburg
United Methodist Church, 36500
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Jan. 12. Session start 9-10:25
a.m. Dr. Paul Melrose, "Raising

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and Dr. Wes Brun, "Raising Children with Good Morals." The next session 10:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Dr. Patricia McCluskey, "Helping Children Deal with the Loss of a Loved One;" and Dr. Paul Melrose, "Helping Children Deal with Television and Violence." Event is free to all parents. Call (734) 422-0149.

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. The monthly 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 for information or e-mail Suanne Anderson suanneand@home.com

ONGOING

MEMBERS SOUGHT

Canton Christian Fellowship is a multi-ethnic church seeking individuals and families who are interested in helping a bible based, evangelical Christian church grow and meet the needs of the Canton community. We currently have 11 families that make up our church and we can use more help! If you are inter-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

VERIZON WIRELESS
PLEASE take notice that a public hearing as required by the Canton Township Telecommunications Ordinance will be conducted regarding the Telecommunications Permit Application filed by Verizon Wireless at the regular Canton Township Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday the 8th day of January 2002 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10th, 2002 for the following:

COLD WATER METERS AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
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ested in the adventures of a start up church in Canton, please call Pastor David Washington Jr. at (734) 414-0856. Canton Christian Fellowship has been in existence for a year. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention of Michigan.

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, 7 p.m. Wednesday; Royal Rangers 7 p.m. Wednesday; 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 (between Warren and Joy).

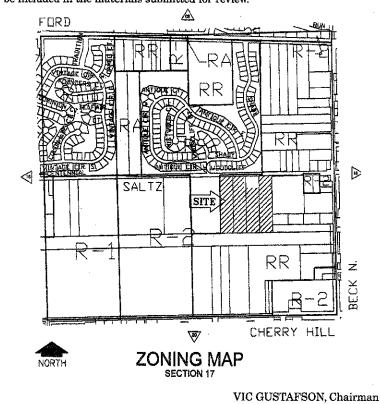
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CONDOMINIUM ORDINANCE NO. 138 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 7, 2002 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variance to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as **ARLINGTON PARK SITE CONDOMINIUM** proposed to be located on the south side of Saltz Road between Beck and Ridge Roads. (Parcel nos. 068 99 0002 002, 068 99 0002 005, and part of parcel nos. 068 99 0002 004

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Article 4, Design Standards, Section 4.1C2, Design of Units/Lots-Area, to allow the area of the drain easement to be included in the minimum lot area requirement for the affected units in the development.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, January 2, 2002 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 7, 2002 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

MOLINARI FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER

MOLINARI FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 4 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 8 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) FOR PARCEL NO. 036 99 0004 004 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 036 99 0005 002. Property is located on the west side of Canton Center Road between Hanford and Maben Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

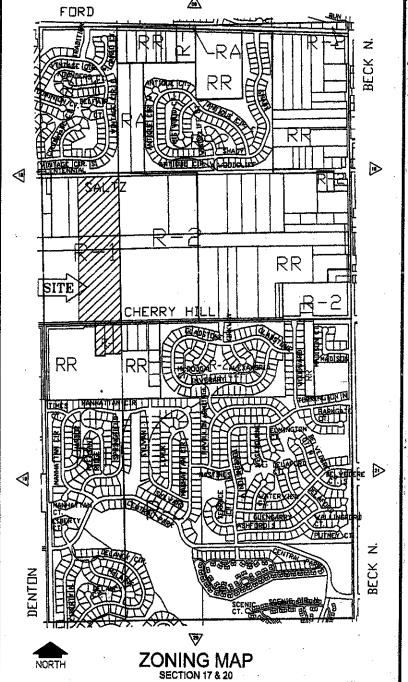
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CANTON LAND DEVELOPMENT/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE

LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (UP TO 2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE0 FOR PARCEL NOS. 078 99 0009 701, 078 99 0009 702, 078 99 0009 703 AND PART OF PARCEL NOS 067 99 0004 701, 067 99 0008 000 AND 067 99 0011 000. Property is located north and south of Cherry Hill Road between Denton/Ridge and Beck Roads.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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project in business finance or accounting.

But those concerns easily are outweighed by the pluses: a flexible program where dedicated "non-traditional" students who also have jobs and households to juggle are able to earn the degree they might sorely need to get that next job or promotion.

Ride and learn

When Bednark found out about the online program, it meant a chance to do something she wanted to do immediately after high school, but had to wait on while getting married and raising a family. Kaye Lynnette and Ken Bednark were married in 1984, and their children now are age 12 and 16.

"I always wanted to go to college. I just did it in a different order," said Kaye Lynnette Bednark with a smile.

She told her mom about the learning opportunity and Buchanan quickly got on the OMNIBUS, so to speak.

"I was getting older and I knew I needed a degree, in case I needed to support myself in the future," Buchanan said.

Bednark said the program just made sense for her particular lifestyle. "I was looking into traditional courses at different colleges. But when I stumbled upon OMNIBUS I thought, 'Great, I can do this on-line.' The convenience of it is what got me.

"I also realized I could spend

might be working in tandem on a more time studying and doing my homework because there'd be less time traveling and sitting in a classroom. I figured I'd be able to do it at home, that's my classroom."

But being devoted without being distracted is a challenge for all OMNIBUS students to deal with. Doing assignments daily, even if it means burning the midnight oil, is crucial to stay on track, the women said.

"You really have to stay focused on your goal. You can't think, 'I'm going to quit or give up.' You just keep chugging. And when you look back, the time goes by so quickly."

Whenever things did get difficult, the mom and daughter had each other to consult with. "We would boost each other up when we were feeling low about a project or assignment," Bednark

They discussed assignments already under way, ones in the hopper and how to organize themselves to complete those tasks. And now, they have massive portfolios and multiple degrees to show for their efforts.

And for the middle-aged Buchanan, completing the OMNIBUS program is leading to an exciting opportunity she never could have foreseen. She begins teaching a Schoolcraft online business course in January.

"Now, I'm going to be a profes-

OMNIBUS

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gence and dedication, as well as the ability to manage time and juggle work, home and school responsibilities. Those knowingly unable to do so need to rethink whether the program suits them or not.

"It's not an easy way of learning for every person," Jeffress said. "It takes an awful lot of dedication to get through an online course. If any student thinks an on-line course is quick, dirty and easy they've made an instant mistake. But it will be (suitable) for an increasing number of students in the future. They'll either want to or have

OMNIBUS grad Bosnjakovski agreed that the program is timeconsuming and difficult. But the rewards are clearly spelled out when someone signs up before the first year, and people know what is expected of them in return.

"I don't think everyone is cut out for a program like this, Bosnjakovski said. "But for those who do decide to join OMNIBUS, the best advice to give them is not to give up.

This is one of the most rewarding programs (they) will have ever signed up for."

According to Gregorich, instructors also need to put in the time in order for OMNIBUS to be effective. They need to get to know the makeup of students in order to create e-mails that connect on a personal basis. They need to monitor the Blackboard system to find out when students are logging on to do coursework or interact with others in their cohort.

"With statistics available in

software like Blackboard, you can see if a student is only in a chat room the morning of a class," noted Prof Dave. "So instructors can be clever with that information, such as (to) ask a particular question or change an approach.

"There's the opportunity to be a better master of your topic, a better communicator because you're looking at transcripts."

Togetherness

Being ultra-perceptive without having the benefit of much in-person interaction can be tough, however.

Finding more ways to foster personal interaction is a goal being looked at by Schoolcraft and Madonna officials.

"Opportunities for social interaction, face-to-face, are more important than we first thought," Jeffress acknowledged. "We need to make some adjustments" such as hosting social gatherings during the semester.

But Bosnjakovski gives the program high marks in the social interaction category.

"What made this experience a bit easier was the group of friends that stuck together throughout the program," he said. "Everyone sticking together, helping each other, and taking care of each other was something I wouldn't have expected when I first joined the program. I feel I was part of something special."

Tweaking aside, there is every reason to believe current and future OMNIBUS cohorts will get to experience that feel-

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drinking is involved. Just as at the office, the only way you should touch another person is with a handshake. Because this is a party does not mean you are allowed to get intimate with others. Keep in mind that sex and business mix about as well as oil and water. Remember, no matter how discreet you are, every office has a grapevine and everyone will know.

■ Unless the party is a sitdown affair where a full course meal is served, do not hover over the buffet food table. Help yourself to some food and move away. The canapes, hors d'oeuvres and finger foods are not meant to be the main meal of your day, however, you may discreetly return for seconds.

■ Write a thank you note

within a day or two after the party. Send it to the host if the party was in a home or a restaurant. Send it to your employer if the party took place in the office. Sending a note will put you in a special category because so few people do it. It will mark you as a gracious thoughtful person and it will be remembered when points count.

Office parties are a good time to network and perhaps make a favorable impression on key people. It is also a time to relax, enjoy yourself and have fun. And if some poor souls do act like fools, be kind and don't mention it on Monday.

Margit Erickson is an etiquette expert who runs business and personal seminars on manners. Reach her at (248) 471-6170.

Announcement forms available craft, Livonia, or 794 S. Main

The Observer has forms are available to announce an engagement, birth, wedding and anniversary. They can be picked up at

St., Plymouth.

For more information, call Sharon Dargay at (734) 953-2054, or the Plymouth office . von Coffices at 36251 School- at (734) 459-2700.

ENGAGEMENTS

GUILFOYLE-PITTMAN

Tom and Kathy Guilfoyle of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Kristina to Phillip Pittman, son of Gerald and Debbie Roark of Grand Rapids.

Kristy graduated from Lutheran High Westland in 1997, received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2000 and has just graduated with her master's degree from EMU in December 2000. She is currently employed as a teacher at Farmington Harrison High School.

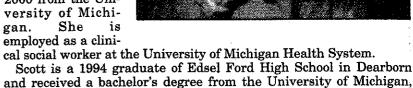
Phil graduated from Forest Hills Central in 1995 and received his bachelor's degree from EMU in 2001 and is working toward a master's degree at EMU. He teaches English at Farmington North High

A June 22, 2002 wedding is planned at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

KOSLOWSKI-BRAUN

Gail and Dwight Koslowski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lynn of Westland, to Scott David Braun of Dearborn Heights, son of Anna and Douglas Braun of Dearborn.

Cindy is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School, received a bachelor's degree in 1998 from Wayne State University and a master's degree in 2000 from the Uni- \mathbf{She} gan.



Dearborn, in 2000. He is employed with Visteon.

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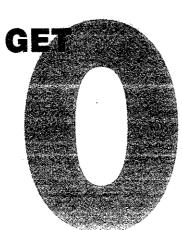
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Ladywood icers win, 4-2

Jana Beumel, Aimee O'Malley and Marybeth O'Dea each had two goals and one assist as the Livonia Ladywood hockey team improved to 4-2 on the season with an 8-1 victory Dec. 19 over visiting Port Huron at the Arctic Pond.

Jess Blaesser and Molly Zarb had the other goals for the Blazers, who led 3-1 after one period and 7-1 after two periods

Katie Karabelski finished with four assists. Other assists went to Amanda Regulski, Brigid Scanlon and Meg

MacDonnell.

Mychel Cudlip scored unassisted for Port Huron just eight seconds into the

game.

Danni St. Onge went all the way in goal for the Blazers.

On Dec. 17, Ladywood won at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 9-3.

On Dec. 12, the Blazers fell to host Grosse Pointe South at City Center Arena in Detroit, 9-4.

Collegiate notes

•Three area athletes earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic honors recently.

Among those named included cross country runners Joe Verellen (Wayne State) and Kelly McNeilance (Hillsdale), both Livonia Stevenson graduates.

Verellen, a junior, helped the Warriors its first-ever earn a berth in the NCAA Division II National Championships. He carries a 3.39 in Biology.

McNeilance, a senior, carries a 3.34 in Math-Religion.

WSU senior volleyball player **Katie Brogan** (Livonia Ladywood) also earned All-Academic honors with a 3.69 GPA in Nutrition-Food Science.

•Oak Park native Rob Brown (Schoolcraft College) scored a season-high 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as the University of Buffalo men's basketball team lost Saturday to Valparaiso, 87-80, in the Yahoo! Sports Invitational held at Laie. Hawan.

Buffalo is 6-4, while Valparaiso is 9-

•On Saturday, Western Illinois defeated Hampton in men's basketball, 77-74, as **Quentin Mitchell** (Schoolcraft College) had 16 points in 17 minutes of action.

Western Illinois point-guard **Brian** Williams (Wayne Memorial/Schoolcraft) had three assists in 20 minutes.

Hampton's **Donald Didlake** (Redford Bishop Borgess) finished with 11 points in 17 minutes.

•DePaul University junior Sam Hoskin (Borgess/Schoolcraft) had eight points and 12 rebounds in Saturday's 60-58 men's basketball victory over host Temple.

•Albion College senior Jeff Boogren (Redford Catholic Central), a four-year letter winner, recently received the Most Valuable Player award at the men's soccer banquet. He also received his fourth varsity award.

At the same banquet, Justin Augustine (Plymouth Canton) earned his second varsity men's soccer letter for the Britons.

New Year's Eve 5K run

The TLC's New Year's Eve Midnight 5-kilometer run/walk will be Monday, Dec. 31, will at the Riverwalk Plaza Hotel, 1 Jackson Square, in Jackson.

The 5K run/walk route will tour historic Jackson followed by Light of Fireworks at Midnight.

To register online, go to www.AthleticVentures.com.

For more information, call Risa Wilkerson at (517) 788-4376.

YMCA hoop leagues

The Livonia Family YMCA is staging its men's 18-and-over men's and women's basketball leagues beginning the week of Jan. 7.

Registration is ongoing until the

deadline or leagues fill.

Team entry fees are \$350. Teams must proved shirts or uniform.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI, 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

A higher goal

Westland's Hartsells eye berth in Salt Lake

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

bemons@oe.homecomm.net

There have been many thrills on Danielle and Steven Hartsell's 14-year rollercoaster ride.

There have been many highs, but also some lows. The relationship between the brother and sister sometimes has been frayed, but right now there seems to be sparkle in their eyes.

As the Westland pairs team embark on their most important skate of their careers — the U.S. Nationals, Jan. 7 and 9, in Los Angeles — the journey has a destination point.

Salt Lake City and the 2002 Winter Olympics Games is where the Hartsells want to be in February.

Obviously that would be the ultimate climb followed by a lucrative professional skating offer.

For Danielle, 21, and Steve, soon to be 24, finishing in the top two earns them a spot on the U.S. squad. Lack of experience is not a factor.

They've been to the World Championships (1999) after winning gold at the U.S. Nationals that same year. They've been U.S. bronze medalists twice (1998 and 2001) and are former World (1997) and U.S. Junior champions.

"This year has been good for Steve and I because we've been on one page as a team," Danielle said. "We've been able to push other and I think we know now what to accomplish.

"Nobody knows what to expect, but we feel we have a good shot. And we like being the underdog. I think we do better under those circumstances."

A broken kneecap Danielle suffered in a practice fall caused the



Westland pair: Steve and Danielle Hartsell will skate Jan. 7 and 9 in the U.S. Figure Skating Association Nationals at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

John Glenn High graduates to miss the entire 2000 season. They were

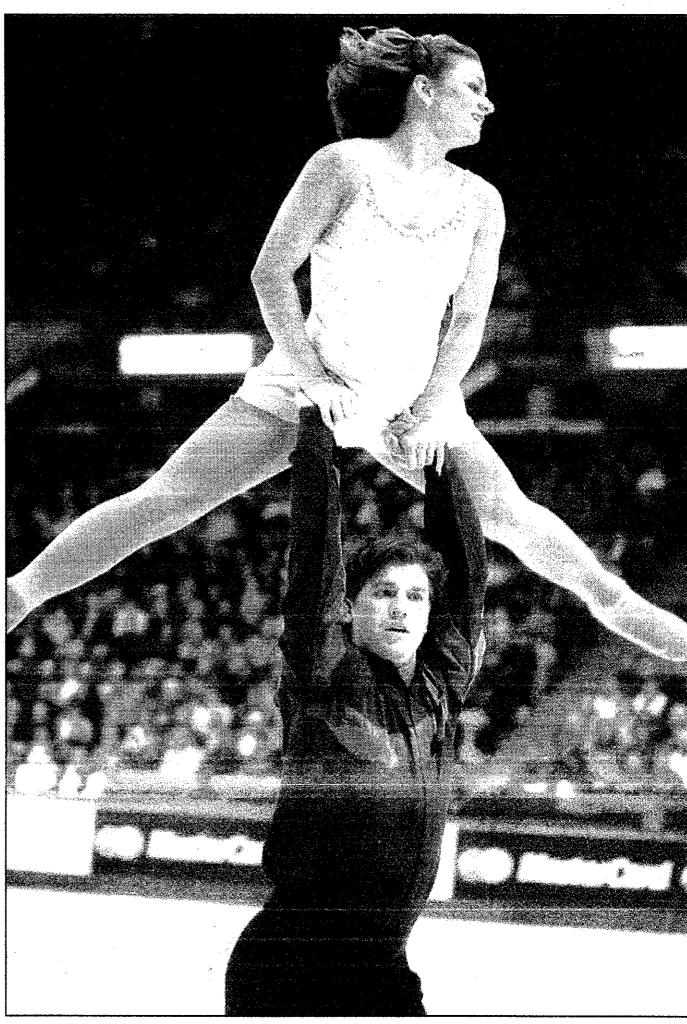
able to bounce back in 2001, but missed going to the Worlds after a third in the U.S. Nationals.

Late this

Steve suffered a broken toe while running sprints. He missed three weeks and was unable to do jumps for nearly 1 1/2 months.

summer,

The two,



Uplifting: Steve Hartsell and sister Danielle have an improved long program coming up at the U.S. Nationals.

however, participated in both the Skate America and Skate Canada international competitions this fall.

"The results are not what we wanted the be, there's more up to go," Steven said. "But we're seeing

light at the end of the tunnel and we

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Piette, Taormina set to carry torch

The Olympic torch relay will pass through 48 states with a distinct Observerland flavor.

Livonia swimmer-triathlete Sheila Taormina, a gold medalist in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle) and sixth place finisher first women's triathlon in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, is scheduled to carry the torch at 4:21 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, in Warren.

Former Redford Union High and Michigan State football standout Tom Piette will also carry the flame Jan. 4 as it passes through Chicago, Ill.

Piette was selected to be a torchbearer by the Regional Olympic Steering Committee after being nominated by his co-workers at General Motors, where he has enjoyed a 16-year career with the corporation's service and parts operation.

Piette was selected to represent Chevrolet in the Olympic torch relay for his "leadership, teamwork, dedication, dependability and achievement."

Having originated in Athens, Greece, the Olympic flame will pass through Chicago on its way to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Olympic Games.

Piette is scheduled to intercept the flame at 4:06 p.m. in the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago. He'll run two-10ths of a mile down Taylor Street.

Piette's mother, siblings (he is the youngest of six children), other family members and friends are traveling from various parts of the country to cheer him on.

"When the flame is passed to me, I'm going to raise the torch as high as I can, that's my salute to my coworkers at GM," Piette said. "Then, when I run

two-10ths of a mile, that's dedicated to all the families that had their lives torn apart in the wake of Sept. 11 — and to America, my country.

"At the end of my run, I'm going to raise the torch as high as I can, and that's dedicated to my mom, my family and the people that I love."

Piette graduate from RU in 1978. He received firstteam All-State and All-Observer honors in 1997 and was recognized with a citizenship award from the American Legion.

Piette earned a football scholarship to MSU where he played center four years (1978-82). His freshman year, Piette played on MSU's 1978 Big Ten championship team. As a junior, he received first-team All-

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CC prevails twice in Showcase event

Records can be deceiving as opponents of the Redford Catholic Central hockey team are finding out.

The Shamrocks entered the Trenton Showcase last weekend with a 3-4 mark, but came away with two wins over top-10 ranked teams.

Eight schools participated in the twoday event.

On Saturday, the three-time defending state champions knocked off No. 8 Negaunee, 4-3, as goaltender Jim Blan-

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chard preserved the victory with three key saves in the final period.

On Friday, CC stopped No. 3 Marquette, 5-1, as captain John Perkovich had a pair of goals.

"We've been struggling for wins this year so we're pretty happy to come out with two at Trenton," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "The Showcase was

great and the City of Trenton did a great job of hosting it."

Against Negaunee, CC jumped out to a 3-1 first-period lead as Jeff Prough scored from the same combination of Bryan Genrich and Perkovich at 0:22 and 4:22, respectively, of the opening period.

The second Prough goal came on a power-play.

Negaunee's Dan Woodruffe countered with a short-handed goal, but CC

made it a two-goal cushion with five minutes remaining in the period on Brett Regulski's goal from from Harrison Niemann and Billy Burns.

The Shamrocks upped their lead to 4-1 in the second period on Andrew Eggert's goal from Eric Reinhardt and Sean O'Malley.

Matt Larson then cut the deficit to 4-

2 with three minutes to go in the sec

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ond period, and Trevor Morrison's goal put CC on the hot seat midway through the final period.

But Blanchard (23 saves) helped preserve the win. In Friday's win over Marquette, CC broke open a tight

game with three unanswered goals in the final period. Perkovich scored on a powerplay from Prough and Steve Nelson to make it 3-1 at 1:30. Only a

minute later, Eric Giosa scored from Eggert and Mike Ryan. Ryan put it away with a goal from Nelson and Prough with

1:10 remaining. CC led 1-0 after one period on Pat Coldren's goal at the fiveminute mark from Eggert and Reinhardt. Perkovich added a goal in the second period from Genrich and Prough.

Blanchard's shutout bid was foiled with 17 seconds left in the middle period.

•STEVENSON 5, T.C. CENTRAL 4: Justin Dunn's hat trick carried Livonia Stevenson (4-2-2) to a victory Saturday over Traverse City Central in the Trenton Showcase.

Tommy Zagata tallied the gamewinner from Adam Miller and Brian Shekell with only 3:31 left.

The Spartans led 2-1 after one peri-

Pat Norton scored from Josh Latzman and Jonny O'Neill at 2:58 followed by Dunn's first goal from Miller and O'Neill at 7:51.

Kent Schettler scored for the Trojans at 10:07 of the same period.

Traverse City Central then took a 3-2 lead as Casey Sabin scored at 14:49 of the second period followed by Ryan Fedorinchik's goal at 4:39 of

Dunn knotted the count at 3-all at 5:20 of the third on an assist from O'Neill, but Schettler put the Trojans up 4-3 at 7:36.

Dunn then tallied the game-tying goal from Miller and O'Neill at 10:58, setting up Zagata's game-winning

Stevenson peppered 45 shots on the Traverse City net. Gabe Villarruel (16 saves) was in the Spartans' net.

Play was halted for 25 minutes as Stevenson's injured Mike McCray was carried off on a stretcher by an EMS

Stevenson coach Ed Shepler reported McCray was later released and suffered no serious injuries.

.G.P. NORTH 8, CHURCHILL 1: On Saturday, Dave Neveux had two goals and two assists to lead Grosse Pointe North, the defending Division II state champions, to a lopsided win over Livonia Churchill (3-5-2) at the Trenton Showcase.

Aaron Scarfone added two goals and Trevor Mallon contributed four assists for the victorious Norsemen, who led 4-0 after one period. North scored on four of its first six shots during the opening five minutes of

Churchill's Brian Grant scored from Aaron and Adam Jakubowski in the second period.

North outshot the Chargers, 27-17, as Jake Archer and Dave Herrick worked in the Churchill nets.

1-ranked and unbeaten Port Huron Northern at Edgar Arena, 3-1. It was 0-0 after one period before

On Wednesday, Churchill fell to No.

the Huskies scored three times in the second period. Jim Krygowski scored a short-hand-

ed goal from Grant and Aaron Jakubowski in the third period. •STEVENSON 3, RICE 3: Matt Petry

notched his second goal of the game with 6:55 remaining Friday to give Birmingham Brother Rice the tie against Livonia Stevenson in the Trenton Showcase.

Stevenson netminder Rob Thomas

It was 1-1 after one period as Stevenson's Jared Gaudet struck first from Tommy Zagata and Mike McCray at 11:02.

But Petry, son of former Tiger pitcher Dan Petry, scored at 13:58 of the same period to make it 1-1.

Rick took the lead at 4:23 of the second period on Doug Pickens' goal. Jamey Messer tied it for the Spartans at 12:12 of the same period, a power-play goal from Matt Caius and

Bret Veasey. Jonny O'Neill's goal from Calus and Josh Latzman put the Spartans ahead with 57 seconds left in the second

But Stevenson couldn't hold the third period lead as Petry scored from Brandon Peters.

"We couldn't capitalize again," Stevenson coach Ed Shepler said. "We're kind of snakebit. We average 12 to 14 quality chances a game, but we can't put them in."

•SALEM 7, W. BLOOMFIELD 4: On: Friday, captain Mark Nagel's hat trick, and two goals and two assists from captain Kevin Wilson, gave unbeaten Plymouth Salem (7-0-1) a non-league victory over visiting West Bloomfield at the Cultural Center.

West Bloomfield led 1-0 after one period on Steve Kuza's goal.

But the Rocks responded with four second-period goals to take a 4-3 lead before outscoring the Lakers 3-1 in the final period.

Captain Dave Gill and left winger Aaron Cheesman added goals for the

Gill also had two assists, while teammates John Shultz, Andy Thackaberry, Steve Jacobs, and Dan Valentine added one apiece.

Matt Waskerwitz and Ross Chawansky scored goals for West Bloomfield in the second period.

Scott Stukel was in goal for Salem.

REDFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration begins for the Redford American Little League 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 at Redford Ice Arena, Capital Road between I-96 and Plymouth Road. Kids ages five (by July 13, 1996) through age 12 (July 31, 1989) eligible. Please bring birth certificate for verification.

Registration major/minor \$60 first child, \$35 each additional child. T-ball \$50 first child, \$35 each additional child. Oldest child will be used for initial charge. A \$10 late fee will be applied if registered after Feb. 2. Boundaries are east of Merriman to west of Telegraph and south of Six Mile to north of Joy.

For more information call Christine Morris (313) 592-6039 (T-ball) and Tim Smith (major/minor) (313) 255-9408.

COACHES WANTED

•Redford Union High School has openings for a head boy's track coach and a head girl's track coach for the upcoming Spring 2002 track season. Redford Union is part of the Michigan MEGA Conference and competes in the White Division in boy's and girl's track.

Those who are interested should send a letter of interest and an updated resume to Brett Steele, athletic director at Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI 48240.

Application deadline is Jan. 11, 2002.

• Farmington Public Schools has need for coaches in the following areas: girls track, girls soccer and boys diving. Anyone interested in the positions should contact Athletic Director Brian Swinehart's office at (248) 489-3352

SPORTS ROUNDUP

EMU BASEBALL CAMPS Eastern Michigan University will again host winter baseball camps for boys and girls 8-18 at

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Single day camps cost \$45, \$85 for two, \$120 for three, \$155 for four and \$175 for five or \$200 for all seven. Applications must be sent in a week prior to camps to avoid a \$10 late registration fee.

Coach Roger Coryell and his EMU staff will conduct the sessions, which feature position and team fundamentals. Topics include hitting and bunting, catching, baserunning, pitching, infield play, outfield play, strength and conditioning, arm and bat speed development.

To register or for more information and applications call (734) 487-0315, fax (734) 487-4568 or e-mail roger.coryell@ emich.edu.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

•The WaCo Wolves 16-under and 14-under travel teams are still holding tryouts for the 2002 summer season.

Those interested should call Bill at (313) 562-4667 for 14under and Lou at (734) 595-2975 for 16-under.

Tryouts will be scheduled in February for those interested in playing for Livonia Travel, an under-10 baseball team.

Livonia Travel will played 20 league games and three-to-five tournaments (not including postseason) beginning in mid-May. Home games will be in Livonia. Away games will be

within a 20-mile radius.

For more information, call Brian Bolton (734) 464-4616, or e-mail bandcbolton@att.net. You can also visit www.eteams.com/ livtrav.

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Total Soccer of Wixom will hold a 7-on-7 flag football league. Games will be played, every Thursday from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28.

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The Livonia Family YMCA. located at 14255 Stark Road, is currently hiring individuals 16 and older to fill the responsibilities of sports instructors and referees.

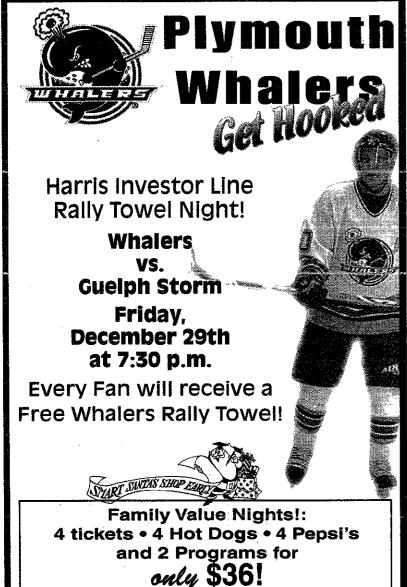
Positions are available for basketball, inline hockey, soccer, volleyball instructors and referees. Training is provided, but candidates must possess a strong, outgoing personality, a general knowledge of sports, and desire to work with youth.

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Applications are available at the front desk or to schedule and interview, call (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3325; or emailevesey@ymcametrodetroit.org.

To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.





Call (734) 453-8400 to charge tickets by phone

Turkey champs: The Livonia Squirt Flames captured the TSX Thanksgiving Tournament title with a 5-2 victory over the Livonia Lightning, Nov. 25, at the Taylor Sportsplex. The Flames reached the finals with a 2-0 win over the Trenton Devils after victories over the Plymouth Tigersharks (1-0) and the Lightning (8-3). Members of the Flames include (from row, from left); Aaron Crouse, Erik Cipparone, Christian Leathley Brennan Loerlein:

(second one, from left) Michael Alonzi, James Reetz, Jake Hewitt, Johnny Vella, Jason Popiel, Patrick O'Halloran, Keenan Hassell, Erik Oliver, Ryan Lubanski, Aaron Morrison; (back row, from left) Mike Ventimiglia, Jason Vella, Jim Popiel and Bob Leathley. (Not pictured, Mitchell Minito and Kyle Bondy). Team sponsors include Thomas's Family Dining, The Zap Zone Extreme, Video Jack, S&S Mobil and Price Refrigeration.

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think we can be as good as we once were. We realize there is more of an upside climb to go to get better."

Several factors have led the Hartsells to believe they haven't put their best skate together just yet. An improved long program, featuring a triple hrow, is something the Hartsells plan to show off next month at the Staples Center.

Choreographers Allen and Angela Schramm have put together a presentation that not only shows off the power and speed of the pair, but also heir relationship as brother and sister.

In the long program, the Hartsells will skate to piece from Peter Rabbit.

"It's not a love story obviously," Danielle laughs. But it shows the relationship we have with each other. That's what we wanted to portray,"

Added Steven: "It's natural, it's like a good footoall team being on the same page all the time. We kind of finish off each other's sentence. That's

what makes pairs enjoyable." Team Hartsell also includes skating coach Johnny Johns, who has been with the pair since day one. There is an understanding that Johns handles he skating aspect, while the Schramms are in

charge of the creative portions of the programs. "He (Johns) oversees everything, but he doesn't nterfere," Danielle said. "He made us the skaters we are today. He turned clumsy kids into national :hamps.'

The Hartsells, both whom took off the fall semester from college classes to concentrate solely on their skating, have sacrificed much to pursue heir Olympic quest.

The two teach 18 to 20 hours per week at the Detroit Skating Club to supplement their enornous costs. Both now live in apartments near the club in Bloomfield Hills. No longer do they have to worry about the daily and arduous 45-minute irives up-and-down Telegraph Road.

Earlier this summer, Steven was shocked when ne was the recipient of a Warner Brothers edition of a Chevy Venture. The van was part part of a program to support Olympic athletes.

As a crowd of skaters, coaches and friends gathered in the parking lot at the club on a late July łay, Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi was there to present Steven the keys to the van.

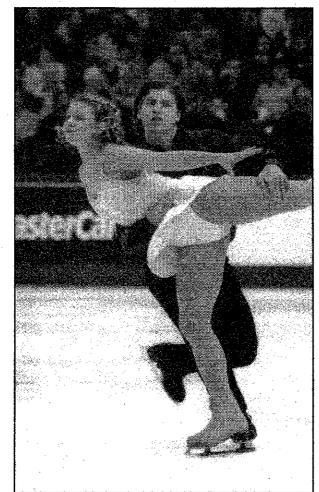
"I knew for about a month-and-a-half and it's nard to keep a secret from Steve because we're pest friends," Danielle said. "Our agent called a couple of times and I almost let it slip out. He was eally surprised."

The Hartsell also feel blessed to have a pair of co-MVPs — most valuable parents — on their side. Lawrence and Georgia Hartsell have gone the extra mile to make it all possible. They have been supportive, yet have known when to back off and keep their distance.

"You couldn't pick out a more perfect set of parents," Steven said. "They've been selectively naive about things. They've always left it up to us. They're there to support us, but they don't push us over the edge. They've been through all the upsand-downs for us."

Danielle nearly gets choked up when talking

bout her parents "Steve and I are where we are today because of



In sync: The Hartsells, graduates of Westland John Glenn High School, have been skating together for 14 years.

them," she said. "We've been able to get to where we want to be because they've given up everything to make a dream come true for us.

"Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to make the Olympics, but now the reason I want to be there is for them.'

What the future holds for the Hartsells beyond Los Angeles and perhaps Salt Lake is unknown. Being U.S. National Pairs champions, some professional skating company will like be calling after the Olympics.

"Right now we're putting on hold any decisions," Danielle said. "There have been times when we've said this is it, but we'll evaluate it after.

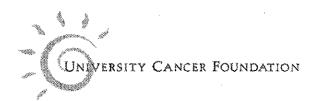
"We really haven't had time to think about it because we've been working so hard. Our coaches have been surprised. If we can keep it up like this, there will be a lot of possibilities?" Steven doesn't hesitate to say the Hartsells are

headed on the right track. The quest to make the Olympics has galvanized the pair.

"We've prided on being one of the most conditioned teams," he said. "There's only so much to do in a short period of time, but we feel we're in the best shape that we've been in awhile.

"We feel we're the ultimate wildcard."





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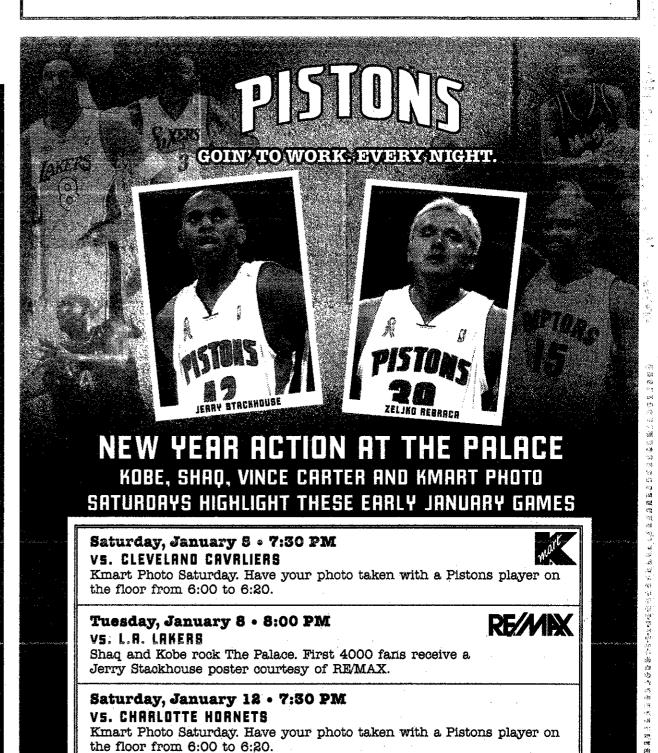
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Big Ten (UPI) honors. In 1982 he Games. He will talk about his was selected to play in the Hula Bowl Classic College All-Star

He graduated from MSU's College of Agriculture in 1982 and holds an M.B.A. degree.

After graduating from MSU, Piette played center in the U.S. Football League for two seasons including stints with the Michigan Panthers, Chicago Blitz and Arizona Wranglers. Legendary Blitz coach George Allen acquired Piette for ten players, the biggest trade in USFL history. Piette retired from pro football in 1985.

For the past five years, Piette has been coaching youth football in his local Pop Warner League, doing what he calls "molding young champions." His volunteerism also includes teaching Junior Achievement to high school children (since 1996).

Recognizing Piette for his exemplary volunteer and community service, GM named Piette the recipient of the 1999 "Winning Moments" award.

Accepting the award in honor of his mother, Bernice, who still resides in Redford Township, Piette was presented with a \$1,000 check to donate to the charity of his choice.

He chose to donate the funds to RU's athletic department. Piette currently resides in Naperville, Ill. with his son Nathan. He is also scheduled to deliver a speech at his son's school during the Olympic



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"The Olympics are about people coming together for the good of athletic competition," Piette said. "They represent the best of what the world has to offer.

"For myself, I've dreamed about being in the Olympics since I was a kids. Now, this is my Olympic moment. It's a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity, a real dream come true."

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 27 Canton vs. Det. N'western at U-D Jesuit, 12:40 p.m. Rouge Tournament, 6 & 7:30 p.m. Wayne vs. Murray-Wright at Detroit's Cobo Arena, 8 p.m. (Holly Tournament) Farmington vs. Holly, 7 p.m.

(Grosse lie Tournament) Sajem vs. Southgate...6:30 p.m. Grosse lie vs. Alien Park, 8 p.m. (Madison Hts. Madison Tourney) Petersburg vs. Lenawee Christian, 6 p.m.

Ply. Christian vs. Madison, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28 Holly Tournament, 5 & 7 p.m.

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Roundball Classic, 1:45 & 3:30 p.m. Traverse City St. Francis Tournament, 6 & 8 p.m. Warrior Christmas Classic at Tojedo Emmanuel, 5 & 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30 U-D Jesuit Roundball Classic, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 29 (Schoolcraft Tournament)

Kirtland vs. Wilber Wright (III.), 5 p.m. S'craft vs. John Brown (Ont.), 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 28 S'craft at Panama Beach (Fla.), TBA.

Saturday, Dec. 29 S'craft at Panama Beach (Fia.), TBA. PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Dec. 27

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UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m. Portage Northern Inv., TBA.

PREP WRESTLING Saturday, Dec. 29 Salem Invitational, 9 a.m. Trenton Dual Tourney, 9 a.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Dec. 27 Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28 Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 Whalers vs. Guelph Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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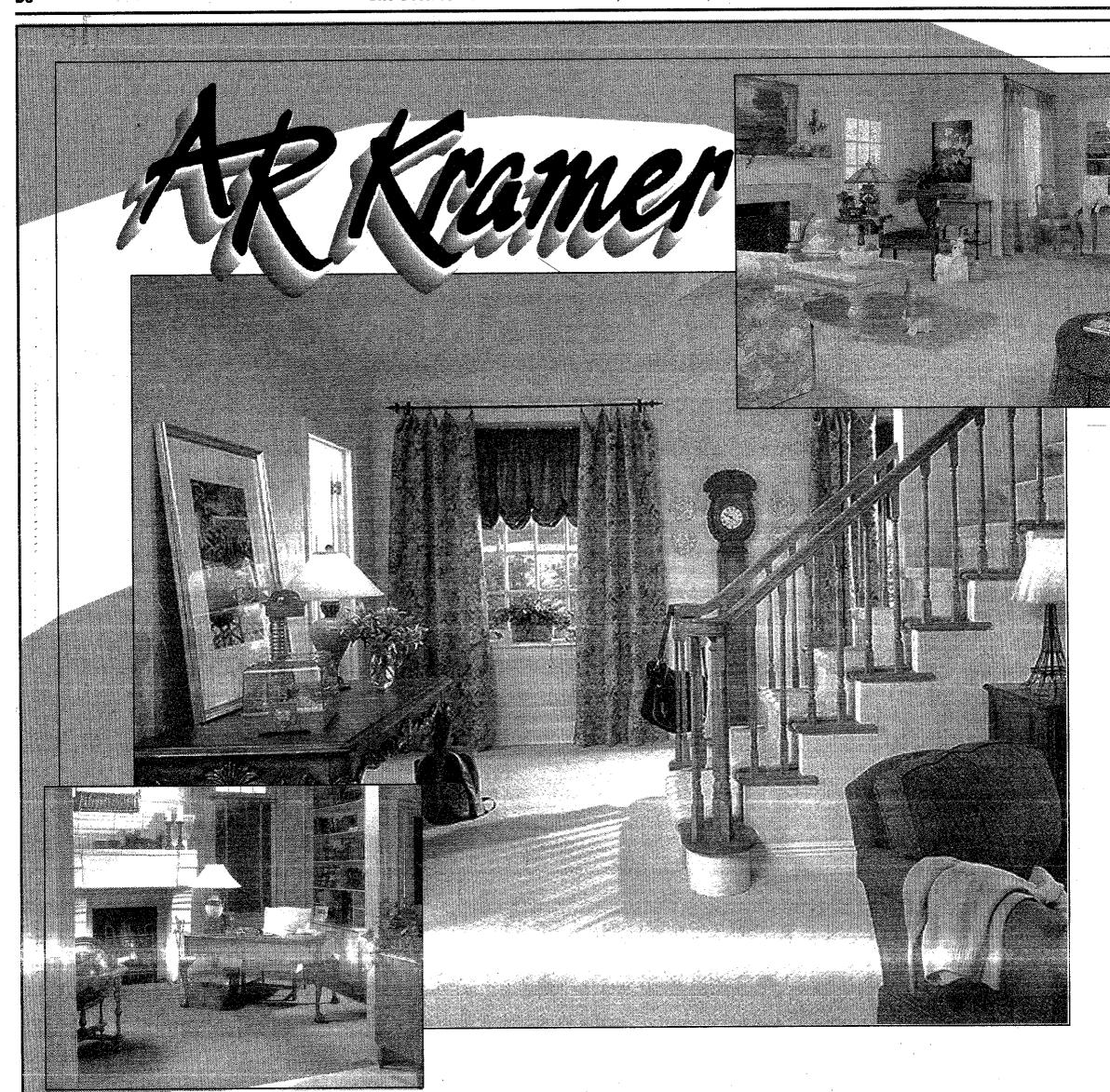
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SUBURBAN HOCKEY SIGNUP Registration is under way for the Breakfast Club and Prime Time Program — Suburban Hockey's weekly skills and conditioning series for adult hockey

players of all ability levels. Suburban Hockey will have a 10-week session (Jan. through March) of the Breakfast Club at four locations, including Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena.

In addition to the weekly morning sessions, Suburban is offering an Advanced Program at Suburban Training Center on Thursday mornings and a Prime Time Program at STC on Tuesday evenings.

For more information or to register, call (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

PITCHING/HITTING CAMP

The Michigan All-Star Pitching and Hitting Camp is set to start Sunday, Jan. 20 at Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus gymnasium, located at 2900 Feather-

stone in Auburn Hills. The following three sessions will be

Bruce Fields, will teach the fundamentals of hitting, with individual drills, swing mechanics, tee work, live hitting and soft toss. The pitching camp, featuring Jeff Jones and Dave Marcon, will center on pre-season preparation, pitching mechanics, pitch development and fielding for pitchers. Cost is \$195 for either camp. There will be three times offered for the hitting camp and two for the pitching camp. Hitting: noon-1:30 p.m., or 5-6:30 p.m., or 6:40-8:10 p.m.; pitching: 1:40-3:10 p.m. or 3:20-4:50 p.m. Those who are interested can attend both camps for \$325, with sessions from noon-3:10 p.m. or 3:20-4:50 p.m. Included is a Michigan All-Star Pitching and Hitting camp T-shirt.

Space is limited. For more information, call Dave Marcon at (734) 421-5734 or Jeff Jones at (734) 285-8288.

STORAGE USA NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on (JANUARY 15, 2002), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

B35-Paul Bauman

10-15 Boxes, TV, Microwave, Toddler Bed, 2 Arm Chairs, 2 Tables, Diaper Genie, Dresser, 2 Coolers, Baby Bath, CD Rack, Toys, Clothing, Couch, Mattress, Misc. Household Items.

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D157-Rhonda Knight

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Radiator, 2 Jack Stands, 1 Afghan, 1

H285-Nicole Skellett-Burnett

Leather Bed Frame, Dresser Set, Misc. Household Items. 20 Boxes, Tub of Toys, Toddler Bed, Milk Crate, Cooler, 4 Lamps, 2 Laundry Baskets, Clothing, TV Trays, 2 Fishing Poles, Radio, 5 Plastic Bags, Ab-Roller, Tool Chest, Monitor speakers, Printer, Misc. Toys and

1329-Allan-John Cook

Jeep Wrangler. Men's Bicycle. Bicycle Pump, Kerosene Can. Publish, December 27, 2001 and January 3, 2002

Household Items.

Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10. The hitting camp, featuring

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced the annual mid-winter bald eagle survey, asking Michigan residents to report all sightings of bald eagles Jan. 1-15.

The mid-winter survey is a national event, coordinated through the U.S. Department of the Interior National Biological

Survey information helps identify important wintering concentrations of eagles and guides future management activities.

In last year's survey, 1,510 reports were received from 74 counties statewide.

Adult eagles have white heads and tails, yellow bills that are hooked, and yellow feet.

Immature eagles have spotty brown and white feathers and

black beaks.

Bald eagles have a seven-foot wingspan and fly with a flatwing flight pattern.

DNR releases report on state bald eagles

Many of Michigan's resident bald eagles leave their nesting territories during the winter months to look for food.

Their hunting and scavenging activities, which often occur near ice-free rivers, dams, cooling ponds at power plants, road kill locations and ice fishing sites. provide an excellent opportunity to view and count wintering eagles.

To report sightings, complete the form on the DNR Web site at www.michigandnr.com (link to Wildlife Resources and then to Wildlife Observations) or send in a postcard no later than Feb. 1, 2002.

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Send postcards to: Winter Bald Eagle Survey, Natural Heritage Program, Department of Natural Resources, Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680.

Reports should include the following information:

•Reporter's name, address and telephone number.

Date and time of eagle(s) sighting (Report only sightings between Jan. 1-15.)

or a location near a town, lake, river, highway or other land fea-Number of eagle(s) observed

County, town, range, section,

and maturity level, adult(s) or immature(s). •Eagle behavior and any other

pertinent information.

Motorists are urged to be cautious when they encounter eagles feeding along roadsides.

Eagles often do not leave their food source when a vehicle approaches.

Some bald eagles are killed every year by vehicles.

The bald eagle survey is funded from contributions given to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife

For information on how you can assist other projects supported by this Fund, visit the DNR Web site.

Additional information also is available in the quarterly publication, The Spotting Scope, which is free from the DNR Natural Heritage Program.

SHURGARD SELF STORAGE CENTERS

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on January 4, 2002, at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187

Unit 508 MILLER - Dresser, Mattress

Unit 415 MANNING - 5 Tool Chests, Dresser, Bike, 20 Misc. Boxes

Unit 211 HASKINS – Dodge Truck, Stereo, Dishwasher

- 20 Misc Boxes, Curio Cabinet, Kitchen Table Unit 588 BEER

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest

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#4056 Greenshields - Many Misc. Boxes and Bags, Misc. Household

- Basket of Toiletries, 2 Boxes.

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981-0300.

#2044 Houle

#6238 Lovett

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of Plymouth, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 10:00 am local time on Friday, January 25, 2002 at 201 S. Main St., at which time all proposals received shall be publicly opened and read aloud

NEW DASHERBOARDS AND GLASS FOR THE PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER ICE ARENA

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan during regular business hours. Bidders should note that State of Michigan funds acquired through the Clean Michigan Initiative Recreation Bond are being used to assist in the construction of this project, and all relevant State requirements will apply.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities. Address bids to:

Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk 201 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

CAROL A. STONE Admin. Services Director

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- Bed Frame, Books, Cabinet, Curio Cabinet, Vanity,

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10th, 2002 for the following:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

FOCUS NEWSLETTER PRINTING Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the

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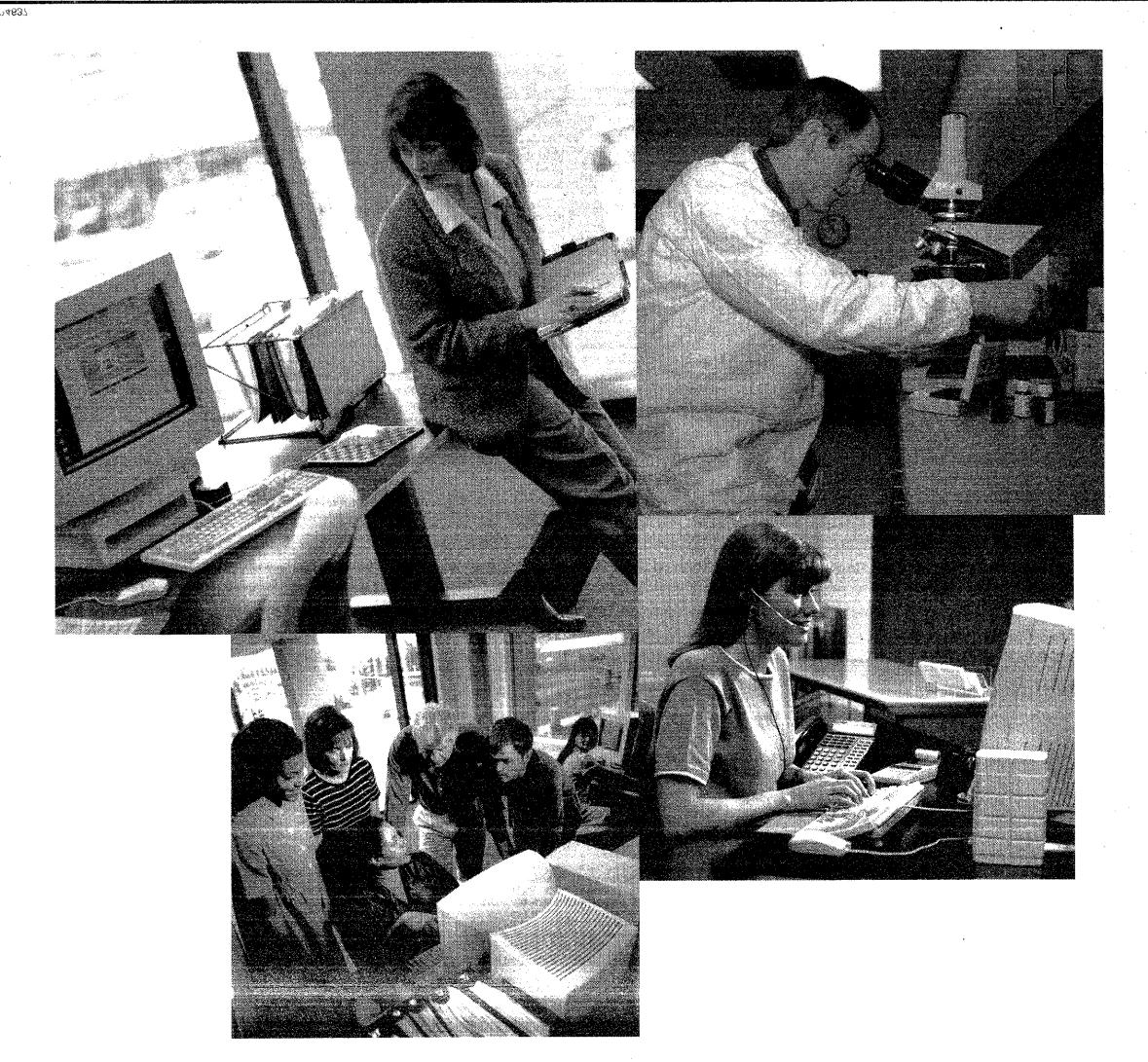
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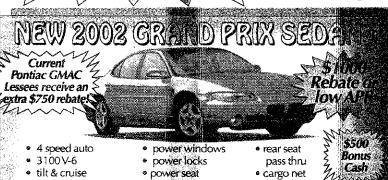
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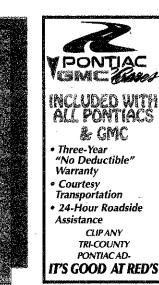
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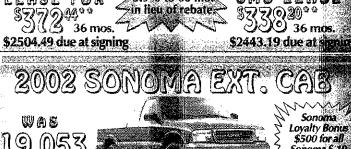




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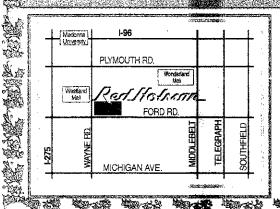
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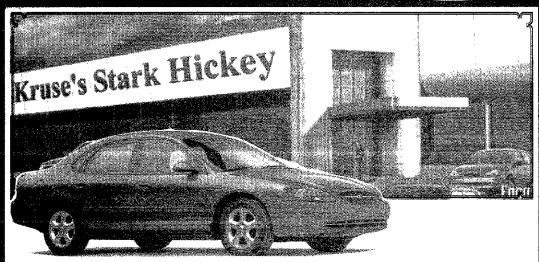
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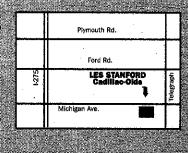
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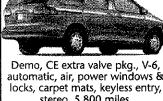
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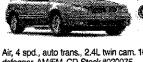
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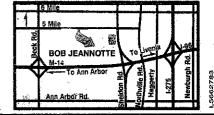
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Total number of residential units permitted July through September 2001 in selected metro areas.

STATE	Permits	1-Year Change
MAM	6,660	+24%
DENVER	10,500	+19
DALLAS	11,730	+5
CHICAGO .	11,620	+2
DETROIT	7,080	
LOS ANGELES	13,040	-2
CLEVELAND	2,750	-3
CINCINNATI	3,225	-6
MILWALKEE	1,600	-9
SAN FRANCISCO	4,500	-27

Source: U.S. HOUSING MARKETS RANDALL MASTERS / STAFF ARTIS

New association president talks about building industry

By DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

Dan MacLeish, a third generation builder, becomes the 67th president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan next month.

He's been in business on his own since 1970 and estimates that he's built upwards of 1,000 homes over the years.

The local association is one of the largest, most active in the nation with nearly 2,200 member firms.

MacLeish, 59, is a Troy resident whose company is also located in that community. His wife, Joyce, son, Dan, and daughter, Melody Griffin, are active in the business, too. MacLeish also is dad to Bonnie.

Following are edited excerpts of a recent interview with the incoming

■ Is the residential construction boom here finally over after a good, long run?

MacLeish: "No, I don't think so. The Sept. 11 tragedy created a sharp drop in confidence. Plus, prior to that ... we were experiencing a slowdown because of (rising) interest rates.

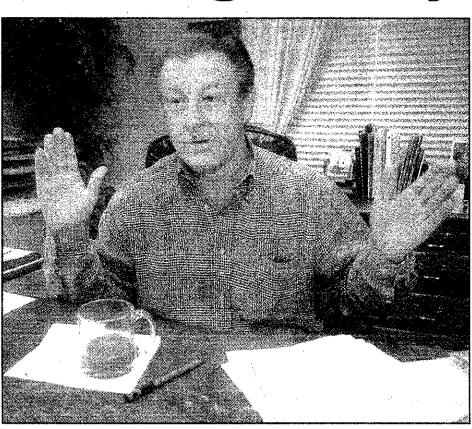
"Confidence is already back. Mr. (Alan) Greenspan, (Federal Reserve chairman) saw the error of his ways and started bringing interest rates

"We have a pent-up demand that hasn't been met. It has leveled out, but not dropped. We'll probably have a little bit of a slowdown up to the first quarter (2002). From the second quarter on, I see a rise in housing.

"(Gov. John) Engler has done a tremendous job trying to diversify Michigan from just being an automotive state.'

■ Why are new homes here so

MacLeish: "It's excessive regulation of our industry at the federal, state



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Making a point: Dan MacLeish takes over as president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan next

and local level. We don't mind inspections. To get a piece of property to build houses takes three years to five or six years. "You have different requirements of

getting land developed and the code situation. The problem is guys who do codes ... aren't out in the field. "On a \$200,000 house today, \$21,000

probably is due to excessive regulation, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

"NIMBYism (not in my back yard) has caused the high price of developed land in this country. Not just in Michigan, but everywhere.

"We need more density. Cities in the past wanted 100-foot lots rather than 75. Surrounding townships wanted 3-

■ What exactly is Smart Growth that we've heard so much about lately?

MacLeish: "Look at the fact that since the nation's founding, every kind of development - houses, sidewalks, roads, factories - has only taken 5 percent of the land. Over the next 70 to 80 years, you're looking at another 2

Please see PRESIDENT, E2

Millionaires know how to manage debt

Last year, I read an interesting book by doctors Thomas Stanley and William Danko entitled The Millionaire Next Door, American's Wealthy.

While I was reading Next Door: The Surprising Secrets of



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have my notion confirmed that America's wealthiest people do not create their wealth by focusing primarily on asset management.

To the contrary, most millionaires attribute their financial success largely to their ability to properly manage or limit their debts.

Financial planners, **PHILLIPS** stock brokers and mutu-

al fund managers certainly play an important role in helping individuals manage their assets. Many are truly experts at showing you how to grow your money.

However, their ability to help you create long-term wealth can be thwarted if they are not working in concert with experts in debt management.

Depending on your long-term financial strategies, your mortgage broker or your banker can fill that void as your debt manager. He can help your financial planners multiply their ability to grow your wealth by selecting a loan product that fits you perfectly.

You don't have to wait until you are mortgage shopping to establish a working relationship with your loan officer. You should get to feel as comfortable phoning him as you do any other professional whose services you employ. Like the other professionals in your life, a small tip from your loan officer could yield huge results for you family.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. He can be reached at www. vlender. com /p /phillipshq or (734) 797-5522. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



President from page E1

"We're not going five years on land, to run out of land. We have to have wiser use of land for housing.

"We're trying to get a law through the legislature, and it will be a while, for townships to have 50 percent of their housing area for smaller houses, more density.

"Smart Growth comes down to reasonable regulation ... so it makes hous-

ing more affordable. "It comes back to the consumer. If you carry (developmental) costs for

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all of that gets translated back down to the consumer." **■** What specifi-

cally do buyers want in new homes today? MacLeish: "They

want good quality. "We're putting in more Corian and granite than we've ever done before, more ceramic than in the past. You've got a lot more heavy-trim mold-

"They (buyers) are finding houses a

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"We're finding a lot of finishing of lower levels. Sound systems are all over. Kitchens, even small kitchens, we're putting in specialty ovens. We're putting more cabi-

nets in. "We're doing more paneled libraries. Whether they use them, I don't know. We're putting in a lot of high-efficient furnaces ... directvent fireplaces.

"We're putting

more lights in than ever before. We're putting gorgeous fixtures everywhere.

"Home equity is still the best investment vehicle people understand."

■ How should buyers go about selecting builder? MacLeish: "If you

go to a subdivision where a builder already is building, go to people who already live there. Tell them, 'Do you mind if I ask your opinion of this particular builder?

"I've told my potential customers to go to anyone's house and ask what they think of me. Word-of-mouth advertising is still the best.

"They should go to the (municipal) building department. They won't necessarily give a recommendation. Ask if he's doing a good job or is he a problem?

"Ask subcontractors, 'What about this builder? Does he pay his bills on time?' You don't want a problem."

■ This seems to be a pretty active association. What does the BIA have. to offer? should builders get involved?

MacLeish: "The biggest thing for being in the association ... is people in the business networking with other builders, bankers, other associates. You learn so much just coming to lun-

"When I was a young builder, I didn't think I could afford a membership. Times were tight,

cheons.

"I'd always sit at lunch with some of the older guys and listen. I started asking questions. They'd give all kinds of pointers. They tell how to build homes better, maybe more economically and how to get more sales.

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Home construction slows

DETROIT (AP) — Permits for singlefamily homes and condominiums fell 6.3 percent during the first 11 months of the year, according to Housing Consultants, Inc. in Clarkston.

slump reflects a weak apprehension after

attacks. Only three of the nine counties surveyed for the study showed growth compared to last year.

Wayne, Washtenaw and Genessee counties had an increase in permits issued from January through Novem-

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31712 Donnelly St

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33339 Florence St

431 Helen St

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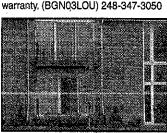
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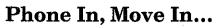
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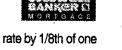
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Presenters include Michael Firestone, Flagstar Bank; Craig Lee, Home Team Inspection; David Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Michael Rich, attorney; and Rosemary Firestone.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

BIA FORECAST

The Building **Industry Association** Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual forecast lunfeaturing cheon David F. Seiders, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders, noon Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Troy Marriott,

200 West Big Beaver,

Cost is \$35 for members and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$55 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (248) 737-4477.

COMMERCIAL FORECAST

The 11th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar and luncheon runs noon to 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Centerpoint Marriott Hotel, at the corner of Opdyke and Centerpoint Parkway,

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REAL **ESTATE** CLASS

Henry Ford Community College sponsors a real estate fundementals class 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Jan. 14-Feb. 18 at its Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Ave. and Outer Drive.

The 10-session course will prepare students for the state real estate licensing exam.

Cost for Dearborn school district residents is \$185, for nonresidents \$205. To register, call (313) 317-1500.

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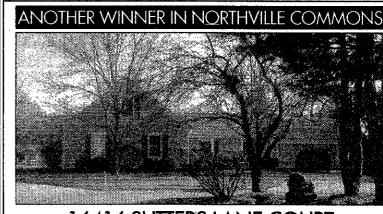
They include Grosse Pointe

United Methodist Church, Constantine G. Pappas, architect; Canfield Lofts, Archive Design Studio of Detroit; a home addition/renovation in a northwest suburb, Neumann/Smith and Associates.

Also, Huntington Woods Community Center, HarleyEllis and StudiozONE; Victor 3 Corporate office park, Livonia, Biddison Architecture plus Design of Farmington Hills; JADA Barbecue, Detroit, Albert Kahn Associates.

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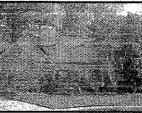
GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD garage has it all! 2001 updates include oak roof and gutters, freshly painted entry level, kitchen, bath, duct work, A/C, furnace, 1st floor laundry. Possible 5th bedroom in carpet with all neutral paint plus much basement \$224,900 (121FA)



bedroom colonial is situated on a beautiful wooded lot. Lots of privacy, formal living room/dining room, den, hardwood floors, oak cabinets, spaclous kitchen and nook, 2 story foyer, vaulted ceiling in great room, fireplace, large master suite, patio and kitchen with island and upgraded cabinets



ALL BRICK RANCH Updated updated 3 bedroom, 1 bath with attached Four bedroom, 2½ bath large quad - new throughout. Newer windows, doors, roof, doors away from the hub of the highly basement and 2 car garage. \$134,900 ences for today's lifestyle. \$799,000 (600Pl)



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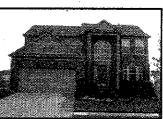
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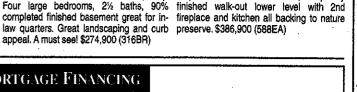


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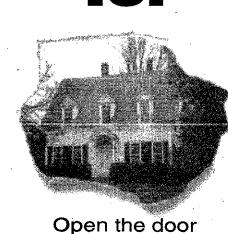


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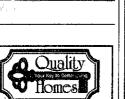
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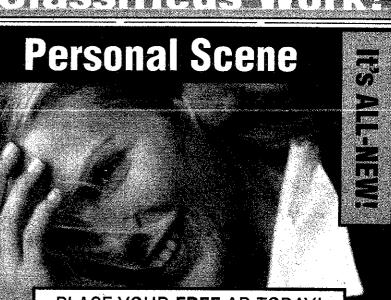
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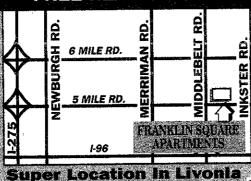
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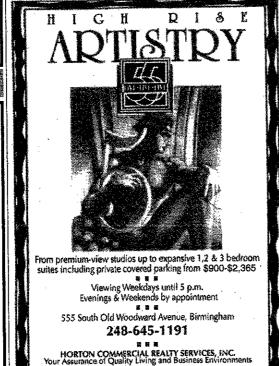
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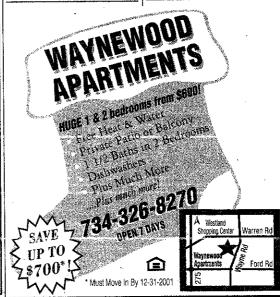
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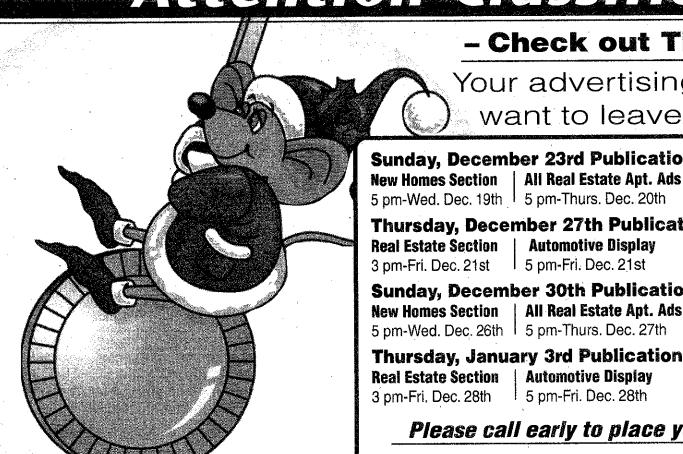
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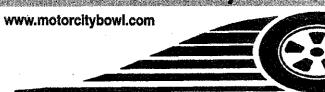
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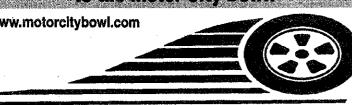
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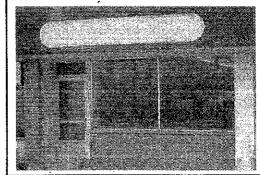


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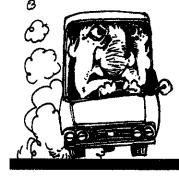
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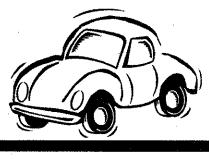
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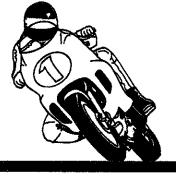
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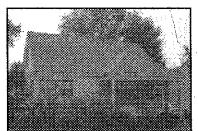
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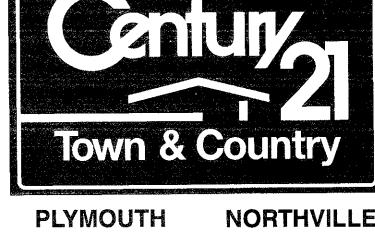
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CANTON - Wooded lot with privacy! No. neighbors behind-so enjoy your privacy! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen with oak cabinets, new vinyl windows, three doorwalls, roof, insulated garage door, etc. Family room with brick fireplace. \$219,900 (OORAI) 734-455-5600



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NOVI - Shown with pride. Custom colonial with Northville schools. Great family area. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage 2 years old. Overlooks protected 1 story foyer, 9' ceilings, walk-out LL area, large cedar deck. All amenities needed for living & entertaining, \$569,000 (80BAR)



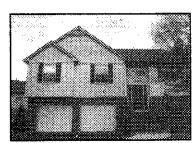
LIVONIA - Wonderful Livonia ranch with 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Located on a culde-sac setting. Newer hot water heater, air conditioning, roof, updated kitchen, newer windows, door walls, exterior doors...and the list goes on and on. \$219.900 (99BAI) 248-349-5600



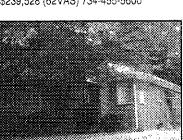
SOUTH LYON - Mint move-in condition. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod with hardwood foyer, newer carpeting light bright kitchen, 1st floor master. This home backs to woods deeper into the subwith loads of privacy. \$204,900 (29EAG) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Contemporary cape cod. 2 story entrance, soaring ceilings & bridge! Open floor plan, 1st floor master suite including Jacuzzi & separate shower & doorwall off deck, hardwood floors in great room, dining room & library. \$539,750 (21DRI) 734-455-5600



MILFORD - Step up & take a look! 3 bedroom, 2 bath newer raised ranch home! Beautiful hardwood floors in entry, great room, hall & dining room. Freshly painted & newer carpeting. Appliances stay! Oak trim throughout & oversized 2 car garage \$214,900 (55MIL) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS. - You must see This Home! 3 bedroom brick ranch w/21/2 car garage & partially finished basement! Newer furnace & central air, updated electric & hot water heater. Fresh paint, dining room & hardwood floors under carpet. Dearborn Schools. \$129,900 (48VIR) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Perfect starter home, 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with dining area. laundry room, furnace & central air in 1994. Newer entry door & ceiling fans. Shed on concrete slab. Great way to start the new year, in your own home, \$91,900 (32BLO) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Ranch condo. Fresh paint, carpet & more in end unit with attached garage & Florida room. Enjoy clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. \$100,000 (44ARL) 248-349-5600

NORTHVILLE - Do not miss this one!

Enjoy the open floor plan of this 3 BR, 21/2

BA condo. Northville Schools. Master BR

has garden tub & walk-in closet. Hard-

wood. Newer painting & carpet. Finished

basement & 2 car garage. Deck overlooks



BRIGHTON - Fantastic 2000 built contemporary. Transfer forces the sale of this newly constructed home offering 4 bedrooms, 21/2 baths with 3 car garage & professional landscaping. Priced below appraised value. \$299,900 (28COB) 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. \$90,000 (00FOR) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Country in the city! 3 bedroom, 2 bath on over 1/2 acre in Livonia w/Livonia schools. Newer kitchen, updated electrical, plumbing & insulation. Some newer windows, master w/bath & walk-in closets. Appliances stay. \$184,900 (52GRO) 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN - Premium lot! On 1/3 Acre! Open foyer with hunter green ceramic tile. Formal dining room or library. Great room has natural fireplace trimmed in ceramic. Spacious kitchen with bay, 3 car attached garage, master suite. \$219,900 (80SAD)

SUMPTER - Country colonial! Must see

to appreciate! This home sits on 2.8

wooded acres, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, spa-

cious family room, updated kitchen, newer

furnace & central air, 2nd floor laundry &

2 car garage. New carpet & paint being

done. Seller offering \$2000 at close.

\$169,900 (84SAV) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Rosedale gardens! Come

home for the holidays! Beautiful brick

ranch. Newly updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath

in great area with 2 car attached garage,

finished basement, central air, sprinklers,

SOUTH LYON - Popular martindale manor! 3 bedroom ranch, open foyer & French doors to the living room. Newer vinyl windows 12/01. Spacious kitchen with eating area, family room with natural fireplace, main bath with jacuzzi Full basement, \$184,900 (87WEL)



Beautifully cared for condo with ceramic baths & fover. Hardwood elsewhere. Large pantry in kitchen and walk-in closet in master bedroom. \$119,900 (66CON) 248-349-5600

NORTHVILLE - Terrific opportunity. 3

bedroom tri-level offers the chance to live

in Northville Township/Northville School

District. Large lot offers recreation, garden

& more, Hardwood floors in bedrooms,

fireplace in living room, garage & shed for extra storage. \$215,000 (95CLE)



REDFORD - Brick tudor. Two large bedrooms. Updated kitchen and bath. Carved wood fireplace, attached garage, air conditioning, fenced yard. Basement lav, newer roof, furnace & windows. \$129.900 (42SUM) 248-349-5600



Custom built colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, 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



GREEN OAK - All brick Georgian Colonial. 3 bedroom, 2 full & 21/2 bath home that is Grand Hotel style. Large island kitchen open to DR w/FP, wet bar in family room plus FP. Master suite w/jacuzzi tub, bidet, walk-in closet & vanity area. \$330,000 (07AYL) 248-349-5600

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