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## MEMO

### Holiday closings

The Canton Public Library and all township offices will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. They will resume normal hours of operation Jan. 2.

Summit on the Park will be open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

### Volunteers needed

Participants in this year's Leadership Canton Program are planning to produce a video history of the township as part of their leadership project.

Pat Van Dusen, volunteer coordinator for the township, said her group is looking for residents who have lived in the community long enough to remember Canton in its earlier years. Volunteers would be interviewed on camera and videotaped.

Specific areas to be examined are schools and education; housing and residential development; commerce, industry and business development; recreation; family values; historic preservation; and community involvement.

"We want to get their memories of how Canton has changed over the years and how their lives have changed with the growth of the community," Van Dusen said.

Anyone wanting to volunteer for the project can call her at (734) 394-5193.

### New Year's bash

Reserve your space now for Canton's New Year's Eve Celebration, presented by Canton Leisure Services. The evening of entertainment lasts from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center and includes hors d'oeuvres, individual dinner, deluxe bar, champagne toast, and a midnight snack. Disk Jockey John Lankford will provide continuous entertainment throughout the evening.

Reservations can be made in person at the Banquet Center office from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, or with credit card by calling (734) 394-5480. Cost is attend is \$90 per person. No refunds will be given. You must be 21 years of age to attend.

For further details of this year's New Year's Celebration, call the Banquet Center office at (734) 394-5487, or visit www.cantonmi.org. Ring in 2003 with Canton Leisure Services.

### Bloom in Plymouth

Rick Bloom, a partner in Bloom Asset Management, will be the featured speaker at seminars to be held on 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, and 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Plymouth District Library.

Bloom will discuss the subject of "Investing in Today's Market 2003/2004," and provide attendees with important financial information.

The seminars are free and open to the public. The Plymouth District Library is at 223 S. Main in Plymouth. To reserve a spot at either seminar, please call 734-453-0750.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

## Decorating delight

Cassie Johnson of Canton, 12, makes a pouty face as she decorates a Christmas ornament Monday at the Summit. Several kids from one of the Summit's after school programs got together Monday afternoon to decorate ornaments and Christmas cookies with the staff members.

# Gay display earns honors for teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton school teachers who three years ago were forced to take down gay history month displays have been recognized with an award from the Human Rights Campaign.

Mike Chiumento and Tom Patrick were honored last month with the Youth Impact Award from the HRC, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization, with more than 450,000 members. The teachers were cited for their efforts to fight discrimination against gay and lesbian teachers, creating a safer school environment for gay and lesbian students, and the establishment of the Gay-Straight Alliance club at the high school complex.

"I was kind of stunned and surprised," Chiumento said. "In my book, the whole thing was done and we were passed it."

Patrick, known formerly as Tom Salbenblatt, said at first he didn't know why the two had won the award.

"Mike and I just did what we had to do, and it was nice to be recognized," he said.

A year ago, an arbitrator ruled the district violated the teachers' First Amendment rights when interim superintendent Ken Walcott ordered Chiumento to take down the showcase display at West Middle School and Patrick his bulletin board at Salem High School, in October 1999.

Arbitrator Paul Glendon ruled they "were not teaching anything by putting up the displays; they were merely presenting information which they hoped would improve the climate of the school by enhancing understanding and acceptance of gays and lesbians."

Chiumento said he is proud he and Patrick didn't "lie down and roll over" when the school district challenged their displays.

"It would have been easier to say we'll take it down, go back to our classrooms and be good boys. That kind of

PLEASE SEE HONORS, A4

# O&E seeks top local teachers

Beginning in January, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will honor two teachers monthly from throughout our circulation area for their excellence in the classroom. We are looking for readers to help in identifying these outstanding teachers.

Nominations can be e-mailed to cyoung@oe.homecomm.net, faxed to (734) 953-2232 or mailed to Cathy Young at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Nominations must be

received by 5 p.m. of the third Monday of each month. Deadlines

for 2003 are: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Two teachers will be honored January through June and September through December. The teachers will be photographed in their classroom and receive four tickets to any Star Theater and a dozen roses courtesy of Wesley Berry Florists and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Nominations can come from students, par-

PLEASE SEE TEACHERS, A5

# Experts label ash borer as tree culprit

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

What started out a couple of years ago with a wet spring, a drought and heat waves and a fungal disease that affected ash trees has become a major problem in southeast Michigan.

The culprit now is the Emerald Ash Borer, which can destroy even healthy trees in just two or three years, according to Dave Roberts of the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

"If you live in the area and you have an ash, it's almost 100 percent that

you have this or you will have it," he said.

So serious has the problem become that a quarantine has been issued to keep people from taking the dead or dying trees out of the area.

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DONALD J. ALLEY

Gleaves Whitney, left, author of "John Engler: The Man, the Leader & the Legacy," smiles as Gov. John Engler signs a copy of the book for Steven Bill, age 5 of Northville during an appearance the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday. Steven is the son of Gregory Bill, a State of Michigan Circuit Court judge who was appointed by Engler.

# Engler signs books, talks about life

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler spent a couple of hours at the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday afternoon, signing books, shaking hands, appearing in photographs and receiving kind words from well-wishers.

In what could very well be his last public appearance before leaving office Dec. 31, Engler reminisced about his 12 years as governor and

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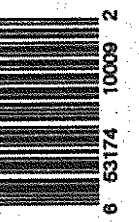
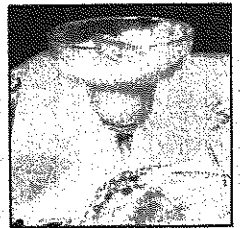
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## CANTON CONNECTION

## HOOPS TOURNEY

Adult men and women are invited to participate in a one-day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by Canton Leisure Services on Wednesday, January 22.

The tournament will take place at Field Elementary from 6-9 p.m. All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed three games. Adult divisions include men's, women's, and co-ed, and awards will be presented for All-Tournament and Sportsmanship. Canton residents may register at Summit on the Park on January 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. with open registration beginning January 13 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Non-resident registration begins January 14 at the Summit.

The fee of \$30 per team guarantees three games and includes officials and awards. For more information call (734) 483-5600.

## MASSAGE SEMINAR

Are you interested in learning how to give a massage like a professional, and maybe get one in return? On Jan. 15 and 22 from 6-8 p.m., Canton Leisure Services sponsors an adult massage instruction workshop for friends, couples, and anyone who would like to bring a partner and learn some very basic but effective Swedish massage techniques from licensed massage therapist, Kathy Elgin.

The two-session workshop will be held at Summit on the Park in the Arts II Room.

During the sessions you will learn simple massage techniques and have the opportunity to both practice them on your partner and receive the same, promising to be a relaxing experience for both! You should wear short sleeves and comfortable pants to the workshop, and each pair should bring two bed pillows, two large towels, and massage lotion.

Cost to attend is \$30 per person for Canton residents and \$35 per person for non-residents. Resident registration is held Jan. 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. Open Resident registration begins Jan. 13 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Summit. Non-resident registration begins January 14.

Space is limited. Call Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 for more information.

## HSS AND HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity International will partner with HSS RentX, one of the nation's largest tool and equipment rental chains, to provide substantial discounts on tool, equipment and event rentals to Habitat for Humanity affiliates throughout North America. This area's local HSS RentX stores will participate in the program.

"It is critical that Habitat for Humanity receives the support of individuals and businesses to keep the dream of homeownership alive for families in need of adequate housing," said Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International. "HSS RentX's partnership demonstrates their tremendous commitment to provide safe and affordable homes to families within their community. Such a gift is an example of Habitat's model of neighbors helping neighbors."

HSS RentX branches offer more than 3,000 models of tools, equipment and event items for rent, many designed specifically for construction, building, maintenance and remodeling. The company will use its extensive computerized database system to guarantee the discount on all Habitat for Humanity rentals at nearly 90 U.S. locations.

"By designating Habitat for Humanity as the single flagship charity for HSS RentX, we can do far more good than if we fragment our charitable efforts," said Carlo Cavecchi, chief executive officer of HSS RentX. "It is important to HSS RentX as a company that we help our communities as directly as possible."

The partnership solidifies what has been a "long-standing, informal helping hand extended to Habitat for Humanity's home-building projects by our local branches," Cavecchi said.

## PARENT MEETING

Meetings of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee are open to all residents of the Plymouth-Canton community, as well as school staff and administrators.

SEPAC meets from 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. The topic for the Jan. 13 meeting will be "F.A.T. (Frustration, Anxiety, Tension)," presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion.

For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

## YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

Application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony "Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition" is Friday, Jan. 24. The competition itself is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, at Evola Music in Canton.

Through money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and other sponsors, the symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and has offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Division (combined instrumental and piano, grades seven-nine). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland or be students at Evola Music.

Each senior-division winner receives \$500, and the junior division winner gets \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Applications are available through the symphony and are due by Jan. 24. Past participants are encouraged to apply; however, musicians are eligible to win just one first prize in each division. For an application or further information, contact Ellen Elliott via e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com or by phone, (734) 451-2112.

## PCAC TICKETS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering Christmas prices on its annual dinner-dance-auction, set for Friday, March 14, at St. John's

Golf and Conference Center.

PCAC members can save \$10 per person (\$15 per person for a table of 10) by buying tickets before Jan. 1. Non-members save \$10 per person for a table of 10. After Jan. 1, all tickets are \$75 each. Another advantage to buying early, according to PCAC officials, is the ability - new this year - to select table location.

"Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of the 2003 benefit, which supports PCAC educational and community arts programming. The group promises a psychedelic evening of fun with dancing to classics by the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Jimmy Buffet, Pink Floyd and others.

To buy tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

## WORLD SABBATH

The fourth annual World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation, the interfaith day of making peace among the world's religions, takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Christ Church Cranbrook on Lone Pine (between Telegraph and Woodward) in Bloomfield Hills.

The World Sabbath was established four years ago "in response to religious persecution and war in distant parts of the world."

"Today, we celebrate the World Sabbath to build religious tolerance, interfaith understanding and peace within our own land and across the globe," said the Rev. Rod Reinhart, an event organizer.

During the World Sabbath, people of all faiths gather at Christ Church Cranbrook to pray for justice and peace. "Leaders of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths will tell of God's healing power to give us the strength and courage we need to change the world," Reinhart said.

Naja Bazzi, a leading young Muslim woman from Michigan featured on a recent PBS special on contemporary Islam, will be one of the featured speakers at the World Sabbath.

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.worldsabbath.com](http://www.worldsabbath.com) or call Reinhart, (734) 459-7319 or the Rev. Ed Mullins, (248) 644-5210.

## Cops confiscate pot from Canton woman

A 33-year-old Canton woman was arrested for possession of marijuana following a traffic stop Friday, Dec. 21 near Joy and Hix. Confiscated from the vehicle, driven by a 24-year-old Canton man, were two plastic bags containing 9.5 grams and 2 grams of marijuana.

## Hockey equipment stolen

Two hockey sticks valued at \$250 were reported stolen from a garage in the 400 block of Country Club sometime after Monday, Dec. 16. Police have no suspects.

## Theft from construction site

A trailer latch valued at \$50 was damaged and a \$650 generator was removed from a storage trailer at a construction site at Michigan and Canton Center. Entry was gained to trailer by breaking the lock.

## COP CALLS

## Office break-in

Someone broke into a mobile home park office at 51074 Mott Wednesday, Dec. 18 and removed a coffee can containing about \$40 in change. Three different doors and jamps sustained a total of \$1,000 damage.

## Home invasion

Someone entered a residence in the 1700 block of Columbus and removed a \$600 DVD system, a \$200 video game system and several personal items, including cologne, legal papers and about \$3 worth of coins. Entry was reportedly gained by climbing a ladder and breaking a second-story window. Police are investigating.

## Drunken driving

A woman of undisclosed age and residence was arrested for drunken driving Saturday, Dec. 21 near Canton Center and Hanford. Police administered field sobriety tests and a Breathalyzer test, which showed a .108 level, exceeding the state's legal limit of .10.

A 42-year-old Canton man was cited for drunken driving Saturday, Dec. 21 following a traffic stop near Amber and Lotus. A Breathalyzer test showed a .13 level.

A man of undisclosed age and residence was cited for drunken driving following a traffic stop Sunday, Dec. 22 near Cherry Hill and Lotz after showing a .14 level on a Breathalyzer test.

## Vandalism

The sunroof of a 2003 Cadillac STS was shattered, sustaining \$160 worth of damage while parked in the 42000 block of Ford Friday, Dec. 20. Police have no suspects.

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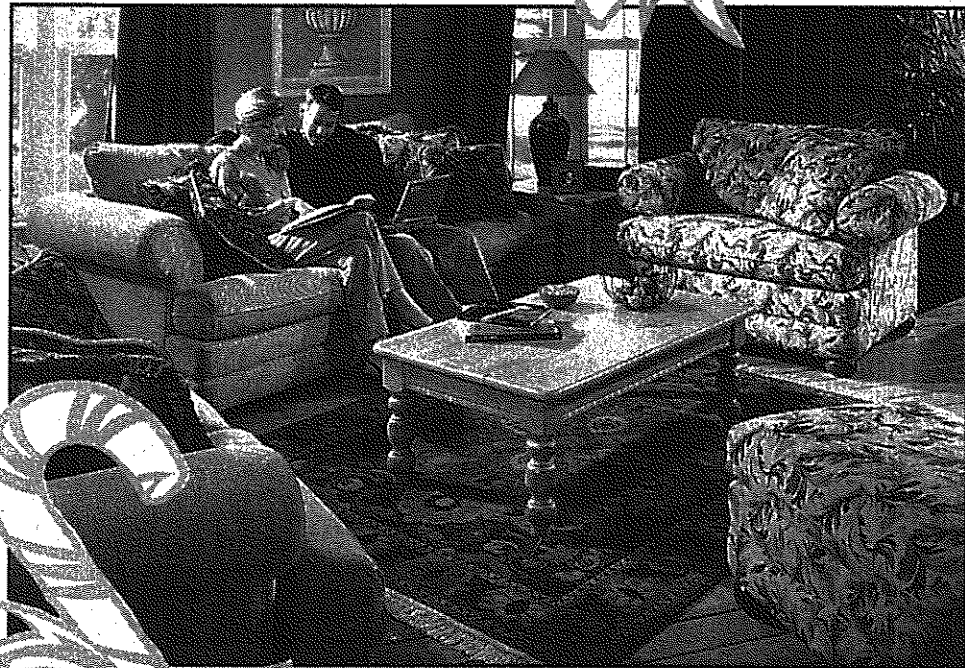
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# There's more than 1 way to dump trees

## Experts offer variety of means to get rid of annual Christmas tree

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

So Christmas is over. The presents are littered around the house. The kitchen is a mess. It's time to get back to the diet. And then there's that Christmas tree — the one you spent hours selecting, making sure it was straight and sturdy in the stand, stringing the lights and adding other decorations and trying to get that star on the top to stand straight and tall and not flop over.

What goes up must come down, and that applies to Christmas trees. So what do you do with The Tree?

Most people just dump it at the curb with the rest of the garbage on collection day. In Canton, that's fine (with some qualifications) since Canton Waste Recycling will pick up the trees and dump them either in the regular garbage truck or the yard waste truck to be recycled (that's where the qualifications come in).

But if you can't bear the thought of dumping The Tree out with the coffee grounds and the empty soup cans, there are ways to be more creative in your disposal efforts.

"A couple of girls who work here — their husbands are fishermen — they take our leftover trees and put them in ponds up north," said Dennis Sparr, owner of Sparr's Greenhouse at Joy and Lilley. "Whatever turns you on, I guess."

But according to the experts, such a method of disposing of Christmas trees is legitimate and beneficial as well. "Christmas trees can be used to improve fish habitat," according to a fact sheet from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The department says the submerged trees attract fish of all sizes for a number of reasons. Small fish eat the aquatic insects that find homes in the tree branches, and they also use the trees as escape areas from larger fish. As a result fishing is improved around the trees because more fish congregate there.



Dave Honsinger stands among the few remaining trees at Schmidt's roadside market last week in Canton.

Just tie a concrete block to the stump of the tree and dump it in the lake. But you'd better have a private lake or pond. The Department of Natural Resources might not like the idea of using public lakes for tree dumping grounds.

Richard Schmidt, owner of Schmidt's Roadside on Joy Road just east of Morton Taylor, says some people put the trees in their back yards to use as natural bird feeders.

"People with some acreage will put the trees out for rabbits to go in," he said. "There's a lot of coyotes in the area, and the trees make good hiding places for rabbits."

Schmidt said this past summer he saw a coyote early in the morning in the Lilley and Joy Road area, but that doesn't mean that nearby residents need to toss Christmas trees in their backyards.

If protecting rabbits isn't your style, longtime Canton

resident John Schwartz says there are other things you can do with that used Christmas tree.

Schwartz, who operated a greenhouse and nursery on Lilley Road for years before retiring and going to work for the Canton Public Library as a kind of jack-of-all-trades, designed the library's "Read berm" facing Canton Center Road.

In the spring and summer, flowers are planted in the berm to spell out "Read." After they die in the fall, they are removed until the next spring.

"We took some used Christmas trees one year and cut them into short little stems and placed them in the berm where the flowers were," he said. "We put them in solid before the ground froze and had a nice green 'Read' sign all winter."

He admits that before winter was over that year, the branches

turned a little brown, but no matter. He just got a can of green spray paint and painted them.

Schwartz said when he was at the library he also used Christmas tree branches to cover the flower beds in front of the main entrance.

"It looked really good during the winter," he said. "But one spring a mother duck moved in and laid eggs. We couldn't take the branches away because she hatched a litter right in the middle of them."

Schwartz said those with an artistic touch can also trim the branches off the tree and put them in flower boxes or urns in front of the house.

"As long as it's cold, they'll last," he said. "Or you can cut the branches off and decorate your mailbox with them. Just tie them to the box and decorate them with a ribbon."

For those who don't want to be bother with any of this, there's always the curbside trash pickup. But if you do put your tree out with the garbage, Paul W. Denski Jr., owner of Canton Waste Recycling, has some cautionary words.

"They must be absolutely free of any foreign debris," he said. "No tinsel, lights, plastic. If there's any contamination on them, they get dumped in the truck with the regular garbage."

Clean trees not wrapped in disposal bags get put in the garden waste truck, where they are taken to a recycling center and turned into compost. The recycling program, which was started in 1992, runs through the month of January.

And they haul away a lot of trees. Denski said last year was a "down year" and his workers still hauled away about 70,000 pounds of trees.

Whatever you do, Denski warned, don't try to burn the tree in the fireplace.

"I know people who have burned them in fireplaces," he said, "and that's not a great idea. I've seen and heard of a couple of chimney fires caused by that."

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# Ficano names 13 to county posts

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

The 13 persons appointed to Wayne County administrative jobs on Dec. 19 will be making less money than those who did the same tasks for County Executive Ed McNamara.

"We're going to accordion down the salaries," said Robert A. Ficano, county executive-elect during a press conference. "The top salaries will be \$140,000."

Salaries for top political appointees in the McNamara administration were \$165,000, Ficano said, adding that the cuts will save from \$2 million to \$3 million. He also said there will be fewer political appointees, but couldn't put a number on the cuts.

He said the only exceptions to the salary limits will be for an economic development official and an inspector general who will oversee ethics.

The face of the new Wayne County administration will look similar to that of the Wayne County Sheriff's office, where Ficano served as sheriff since 1983.

Seven of the 13 persons appointed by Ficano worked in the sheriff's department. Here are the new appointees:

■ Nancy Mouradian will serve as chief of staff for Ficano at the county level. She was the chief of staff in the sheriff's department.

■ Cut Boller will be an assistant county executive in charge of public services and the environment. He was the supervisor of Brownstown Township.

■ Alan Helmkamp is the assistant county executive in charge of government relations and legal affairs and special projects.

■ Bella Marshall is an assistant county executive in charge of finance. She was president and chief operating officer of Waycore Development and president and chief executive officer of

Barden International.

■ Charlie Williams is the assistant county executive in charge of personnel and corporate affairs. He's currently a business consultant.

■ Azzam Elder is the corporation counsel. He is currently chief trial litigation with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office.

■ Eric Smith will be the deputy in the legal affairs department and involved in special projects. He was chief of operations for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

■ Cindy Dingell is the director of intergovernmental relations. She was the director of drug prevention for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

■ Deb Hoadley is the new director for business outreach. She was on the executive staff of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

■ Tony Shannon is the director of homeland security. He was chief deputy with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

■ Larry Simmons is the director of information technology. He was director of computer information services for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

■ Sharon Banks is the press secretary for Ficano. She was a marketing communications consultant.

Ficano said the staff appointments will help him achieve his "vision for Wayne County."

"We're in partnership with local government," he said, "adding that he wants to leave a legacy for the community."

"We want a place where our children and grandchildren can live and work," he said.

Asked about the current investigation of financial practices in Wayne County during McNamara's four terms, Ficano called it "chilling," and said he wished it wasn't going on when he was taking over. "It has had an impact," he said.

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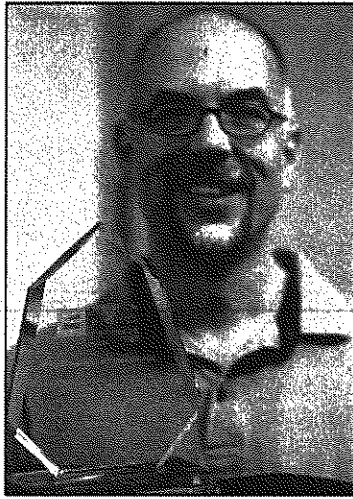
"Ultimately, it wasn't about the display. It was about Tom and I: 'You're gay and we're going to silence you,'" added Chiumento. "We challenged them, saying these things do have a place in our schools, and for saying that because we are gay you shouldn't be treating us different than other teachers."

Patrick, who holds Gay-Straight Alliance meetings in his Plymouth High School classroom, said he learned during the legal battle that not everyone was against the displays they put up three years ago.

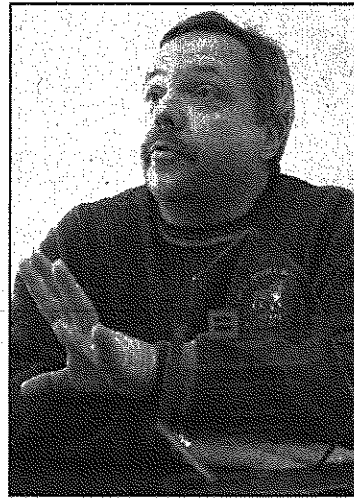
"What happened was wrong, and we need to let people know it wasn't the thought of all students, parents and community members," he said. "We're not about discrimination and exclusion. There was an awareness created."

Chiumento said the adversity of the situation allowed for an opportunity to change the culture of the district.

"There is still this fear out there that it's all about doing something bad to kids, when the reality is it's something



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Tom Patrick (formerly Salbenblatt) said "there was an awareness created" by the display that earned him a Human Rights Campaign award.



West Middle School teacher Mike Chiumento says "it was nice to be recognized" with the Human Rights Campaign award.

totally opposite. No one is asking people to love gays. But, what we are saying is that everyone deserves respect for all reasons...different races, different cultures, different religions, different sexual orientation."

"The culture is changing," Chiumento added. "It changes when people know somebody, maybe a family member or a good friend, and they can personalize it. When you don't know somebody, you can continue to demonize it."

Patrick admitted he didn't realize the effect his stand made until the night of the award, which was presented

during the HRC dinner gala at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

"Two former students and the parents of one of those children were at the dinner, and afterward this young man came up and thanked me," he said. "He told me he had an easier time in school because of the GSA and Mike's and my ability to stand up to some pretty ugly things people said."

"It was very emotional. You never really know the impact that your actions or words have on someone else."

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## OBITUARIES

### Marjorie B. Ford

Services for Marjorie Ford, 71, of Plymouth were held Dec. 23 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. David Bevington officiating.

Mrs. Ford was born July 8, 1931 in Jackson and died Dec. 20 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community from Northville in 2001. She loved to go to Northville Downs to watch the horses. She loved baseball. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Ford was preceded in death by her husband, Don.

Survivors include daughter, Debby (Craig) Droncheff of Plymouth; and grandchildren, Stacey and Candace Droncheff of Chicago.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Survivors include wife, Kathy of Salem Township; children, Tammy (Robert) Day of Texas, Kristy Wassenaar of Salem Township, Bryan Wassenaar of Salem Township; grandchildren, David and Haley; mother, Carole Wassenaar of Plymouth; and brother, Randy Wassenaar of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Care & Hospice of Michigan, 2090 S. Main, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Kenneth John Kobmann

Services for Kenneth Kobmann, 65, of Ocala, Fla., were held. Mr. Kobmann was born in Detroit and died Dec. 20 in Florida.

Mr. Kobmann was the chief executive officer for a machine tool company. He has resided in the Ocala area since June 2002, formerly of Tecumseh. He was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Survivors include wife, Virginia M. Patte Kobmann of Ocala, Fla.; son, Kirk M. (Helle) Kobmann of Milford; daughter, Kristin M. (Neal) Wylie of Tecumseh; son, Kenneth R. (Susan) Kobmann of Ocala, Fla.; sister, Margaret (John) Brennan of Plymouth; sister, Marilyn Teagan of Milford; granddaughter, Jasmine M. Kobmann of Westland; grandson, Brian M. Wylie of Tecumseh; and granddaughter, Hannah W. Wylie of Tecumseh.

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - December 17, 2002

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 17, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, Yack, LaJoy. Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin. Staff Absent: None.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the agenda with the amendment to add to the Consent Calendar Item 4 - Authorization to Pay Bills Through the End of 2002 and to delete from the General Calendar Item 1 - Merit Commission Recommendation for Revisions to Personnel Policy Manual, for future discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 10, 2002. Motion carried 6-7. Ayes: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Nays: None. Abstain: Shefferly. Absent: None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Re-set Date from Public Hearing for a Class C Liquor License Request from Ashoka Indian Cuisine, 2100 Haggerty Road (Parcel No. 050-99-0009-003).** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to re-set the public hearing for January 7, 2003 for consideration of the request of Ashoka Indian Cuisine for a Class C liquor license to be located at 2100 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan. (Parcel No. 050-99-0009-003). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 2. Removal of Cobra Streetlight at Nottingham Forest Subdivision Entrance at Ford Road.** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Clerk to send a letter to Detroit Edison granting permission for the removal of the existing cobra light at the entrance of the Nottingham Forest Subdivision on Ford Road. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 3. Budget Amendment - Capital Projects Building Construction Fund.** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to amend the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund budget as follows:

| Nominations   | Ballot #1                                 | Ballot #2   |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Nomination of Karl Zarbo by Kirchgatter<br>Seconded by Bennett      | Received 1 vote<br>(Kirchgatter)          | Received 4 votes<br>(Bennett, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly) |
| (2) Nomination of Fred Bolden by McLaughlin<br>Seconded by Burdzyak     | Received 1 vote<br>(McLaughlin)           |   |
| (3) Nomination of Ralph Shufeldt by Shefferly<br>Seconded by Burdzyak   | Received 2 votes<br>(Burdzyak, Shefferly) |   |
| (4) Nomination of Greg Demopoulos by Bennett<br>Seconded by Kirchgatter | Received 1 vote<br>(Bennett)              |   |
| (5) Nomination of Greg Greene by Burdzyak<br>Seconded by Kirchgatter    | Received 0 votes                          |   |
| (6) Nomination of Vic Gustafson by Yack<br>Seconded by McLaughlin       | Received 1 vote<br>(Yack)                 |   |

Closing comments were made by Phil LaJoy.  
**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. (The above is a synopsis of the study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next Board meeting date in the Clerk's Office and on Canton's Web Site.)

follows: Reduce the Revenues \$20,500,000; Reduce Appropriations \$20,500,000. This budget amendment reduces the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund budget from \$29,755,719 to \$9,255,719. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 4. Authorization To Pay Bills Through The End of 2002** (added to agenda by amendment) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 27, 2002, as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. Merit Commission Recommendation for Revisions to Personnel Policy Manual.** (Deleted from agenda)

**Item 2. Merit Commission Recommendation for Plante & Moran Job Classification and Salary Study.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to implement the non-union classified and salary study as presented by Plante & Moran effective 1/1/2003. Motion carried 6-7. Ayes: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Nays: Shefferly. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Item 3. Recommendation for Elected Officials Compensation.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the recommendation from Plante Moran regarding the Elected Officials' Compensation as follows: (1) To establish the pay of the Township Supervisor at 5% above the highest paid employee in the Non-Union Employees Pay Grade 13. (2) To establish the pay of the Township Clerk and Township Treasurer at 5% above the highest paid employee in the Non-Union Employees Pay Grade 10. (3) The Township Trustees shall receive the same annual percentage increase as is approved for the Non-Union Employees Group. Motion carried 6-7. Ayes: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Nays: Shefferly. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**Item 3. Fill Vacant Trustee Position.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to appoint Karl Zarbo to the Canton Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of Phil LaJoy's term. The term will expire on November 20, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Yack commented on Phil LaJoy's dedicated service to the community as a Trustee and his continuing service now in his newly elected position to the Michigan House of Representatives. Nominations to fill the vacant position were as follows:

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor  
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk



## ASH BORER

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Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the Conference of Western Wayne and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments have created task forces to share information about the problem.

"They are imploring everybody to communicate with their residents that when they are driving by and see stacks of wood alongside the road, don't take the wood up to the cottage for firewood," he said.

He said the problem has spread to as many as five counties and has now turned up in Windsor, Ontario.

"We're a lost cause in these counties," Yack said. "We're going to lose every ash tree unless somebody comes up with a super remedy soon. All we can do is try to keep the rest of the state from experiencing the same problem."

While some treatments appear to slow the assault, experts are not hopeful. "There is no magic bullet for this problem," Roberts said. "It's very destructive, very devastating."

People have tried injections and sprays to kill the borer and save their trees.

An area of Bicentennial Park in Livonia is being used to test four types of injections.

"We're hoping to have some results on that sometime over the summer," said Chris Pargoff, forestry foreman of Livonia's Department of Public Works.

Keeping the ash tree problem quarantined to southeast Michigan is most important, according to Jim Loncar, a plant inspector with the Michigan Department of Agriculture. That means people who take down their dead or dying ash trees must not take the firewood out of the area.

"And if you have ash logs," Loncar said, "please try to get them used up before (insects emerge) next spring."

That no-transport policy covers limbs, branches and anything over one-inch wood chips.

"This thing could have no end if we're not smart," Yack said.

The Emerald Ash Borer originated in China, and one theory is that the insect was imported to this area on wooden pallets.

Staff writers Darrell Clem and Dave Varga contributed to this story.

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## Local man warned of ash borer 3 years ago

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Mike Myers said he knew as long as three years ago that the problem plaguing southeast Michigan's ash trees was a bug and not a virus, but no one would listen to him.

Myers, a certified arborist who has operated Shade Tree Mechanic Tree Care for 26 years, said in 1999 he received a telephone call from someone he grew up with.

"He said he almost got clunked on the head while he was mowing his lawn in Garden City," Myers said. "He had a 70-foot ash tree and one of the branches fell out. It had a bunch of worms in it. We went over and looked it up in my insect textbook and determined it was a red-headed ash borer - the native kind."

He said he injected the tree with a systemic insecticide, cut the stub out and the tree was fine.

Then Myers began to notice problems with other people's trees.

"There were S-shaped trails in the branches," he said.

He said one of his customers had a tree they determined was infested by the red-headed ash borer. He said the man had a pet dog and was leery about injecting the tree with chemicals.

They managed to keep the tree alive until a couple of months ago when they had to cut it down.

"It was too far progressed," he said.

He said in the course of a week during September 2001 he read stories in three different newspapers about the ash tree problem and all said it was a virus.

"I contacted MSU, called Lansing to all the bug guys and told them to take a look at the trees I've been treating (with the insecticide)," Myers said.

"Everything I've read about trees infected by the ash yellow virus shows they don't have these symptoms. Even if they do have the virus, you treat the bug and try to keep the tree healthy."

He said MSU Extension Service people had been trying to test for the virus for a couple of years, but no one was willing to give up a trunk sample.

"I contacted one of my customers and asked if I could bring MSU out and take a sample of her tree trunk," Myers said. "I cut a square out of the tree and took a trunk sample. When we peeled back the bark we found hundreds, if not thousands, of larvae."

He said the larva was identified as the two-lined chestnut borer, the same genus but not the same species as the emerald ash borer.

But Myers said his message fell on deaf ears.

"Up until 2002 they (the experts) hadn't ruled out their theory, which was the virus," he said. "I went to a seminar last year at U-M Dearborn and nobody would listen to me. I've been fighting an uphill battle for the last three years. Some people didn't want to pay me because I treated their tree for an insect and all the public information coming out was that it was an airborne virus. There's a big difference between a virus and a bug."

Now that the problem has been officially diagnosed as the emerald ash borer, Myers said "everybody and their brother jumped on the bandwagon."

He said in the last three years he's treated maybe a thousand or so trees with insecticide.

"I injected my neighbor's trees three years ago and they're still alive," he said.

Myers said the injection treatment is no guarantee - it depends on how far gone the tree is when it is injected.

"But I wouldn't be so quick to just say 'Hey, we lost the battle here,'" he said. "If they had pounced on this thing a few years ago, they might have been able to control it."

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## TEACHERS

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ENGLER

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talked about his future. Sometimes he was extremely serious and passionate and at other times had tongue-in-cheek, as he autographed books detailing his governance.

In the book, "John Engler: The Man, the Leader and the Legacy," author and Engler speech writer Gleaves Whitney chronicles the Engler administration.

"He asked if I had any interest in writing a book, and I said 'I did not,'" Engler said. "He (Whitney) said he wanted to do that, and I said, 'Go right ahead.'"

"Then he got it written and asked if I wanted to do any book signings. I said, 'No, you wrote the book, you do the book signings.' Then he asked if I would do a couple, and I agreed. I think he did a marvelous job with it," Engler said.

Lansing was the only book signing stop before Saturday in Plymouth. The only other will be in Engler's hometown of Mount Pleasant.

During his stop in Plymouth, Engler agreed to talk with the Plymouth Observer. There was no hesitation when asked about his biggest accomplishment as the state's top elected official.

"There's no question. We fundamentally changed the way we pay for education," said Engler, referring to Proposal A. "The fairness and adequacy of funding is something that's changed considerably in the last decade."

When queried if he expects future lawmakers to attempt to tweak Proposal A, Engler said, "I think there will be, but I think it will be unsuccessful. And, I think that people who vote for tweaking will shorten their careers. It continues to fulfill the promise of protecting people's property taxes and providing an equitable funding base."

NO SYMPATHY

Engler had tough words for school districts, such as Plymouth-Canton Schools, that complain the state foundation grant isn't fair.

"They should work on becoming more efficient," he said. "If we looked at some of the services being provided in the school district, they're not competitively bid, and therefore they're paying significant premiums. Don't say that's a funding problem. That's a policy choice."

"If I were running a school, I would want to put maximum dollars in the classroom, and so I would control all other costs and put money in the classroom," he said.

Engler also had little sympathy for communities like Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township that have raved the cuts in state-revenue sharing in order to balance the state budget.

"When you look at local government revenues they've been increasing, not decreasing, because local governments have property taxes," he said. "And, even with Proposal A putting caps on it, there has been so much new construction."

"In some cases, local governments have not been restrained in their spending," Engler added. "You can find examples where local governments are still hiring people. The state government is 20-percent smaller today in the non public safety area. I think there are well-managed local governments out there, and they are doing just fine."

Engler's biggest disappointment in 12 years was not being able to get a constitutional amendment to reform the state board of education.

"We are one of only 14 states where the governor doesn't directly appoint the state school superintendent or the board of education," he said. "Nobody in Michigan can name



Author Gleaves Whitney and Governor Engler talk with State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and his wife Beth during the book signing event at the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday.

the members of the state board of education, yet this anonymous group actually hires the superintendent. That makes our department far weaker and less relevant than sister departments across the country."

TRANSITION EXCITEMENT

Engler said he's "absolutely excited" about moving from the public sector to private life. What will he like the most

about the transition? "Not talking to reporters is at the top of my list," he said tongue-in-cheek. "If there's a natural disaster, don't call me."

Engler insisted he won't miss the fishbowl of public life.

"It can be tough on families, especially children. My girls are getting at an age (8) where it's perfect for them to go into the private life as well. I think 32 years of being elected to office is enough for me to be able to

say, forever, that I've done my public service.

"I'm not going to be running for anything, and I don't see anything changing that. I've had opportunities to do other things, but what can be better than governor of a complex state like Michigan? Certainly not being a member of the Cabinet in Washington. I don't want to do that."

"One thing I can do, as a private citizen, is write letters to the editor and complain about what they're doing in Lansing," Engler insists that he hasn't closed on a house yet, despite the rumors he is moving to Franklin. "I looked at homes in this area (Plymouth), as a matter of fact, and in Ann Arbor as well. Franklin is another place we've looked at. We looked at schools in Ann Arbor, Farmington and Northville."

As for what kind of work he'll eventually be doing, Engler will only say, "I've had some good conversations."

STRONGER POSITION

Despite the recent downturn in Michigan's economy and the belt-tightening that's forcing billions of dollars in cuts, Engler believes the state is in a far stronger position than it was a year ago.

"The unemployment rate is below the national average, and we're a state that's more competitive, that has improved significantly. Our credit rating is strong. There are only eight AAA-rated states, and we're the largest. All the states today are coming out of the recession period with deficits, and that will be a challenge here."

Engler said he's talked with Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm but won't disclose what was discussed. "Everything I told her is private," he said. However, the departing governor said there are a number of top issues for the incoming state CEO.

"We still need to continue to push on legal reform, and we need to push on the infrastructure needs we have. We've done the planning on the rebuilding of I-94, and that needs to go forward."

"I believe strongly that we need to continue competition for public education," said Engler, referring to charter schools. "That may be a way to help some of these higher-cost and lower-performing districts to improve more rapidly. Detroit would be a good example of that."

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Buyers praise Engler during local book signing

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Dozens of people suspended holiday shopping and other activities for a few minutes Saturday afternoon to visit with Gov. John Engler at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Engler signed "John Engler: The Man, the Leader and the Legacy," about his 32 years in public life. It was written by Gleaves Whitney, Engler's speech writer and historian for the eleven of his 12 years as governor.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Bill, of Northville Township, is a long-time friend of Engler.

"We worked together in the Senate, we went to law school together, and he appointed me to a district court seat and a circuit court seat, so I thought it was my last chance to say good-bye to someone who has impacted my life, has been a dear friend and a great governor," said Bill. "He was innovative, he was courageous, he was fair. He's the tax cut leader of all time, and we'll all benefit from John Engler's legacy long after he's left office. I think he's Michigan's greatest governor."

John Lewis of Canton Township is a member of the Plymouth symphony and the Plymouth Historical Society. "It was tough about five years ago,

but they restored much of the funding for the arts," he said. "What I will remember the most about (Engler) is Proposal A. It was really important to all the citizens of Michigan. And, the business environment has picked up in the state."

Carl Marsee of Plymouth just wanted something to remember someone he considered a good man.

"I supported him as governor. If he hadn't done good, he wouldn't have been there so long," said Marsee, holding an autographed book. "This will be a souvenir some day."

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6, 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:
B.A.P.S. MANDIR TEMPLE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.02U FOR PARCEL NO. 107 99 0004 706. Property is located east of Canton Center between Geddes and Palmer Road.
ZONING MAP SECTION 27
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 3, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish: December 26, 2002

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of Engineering Services up to 5:00 p.m., January 9th, 2003 for the following:
COMMUNITY SPLASH PARK FACILITY DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT
Specifications are available at the Office of Engineering Services on the second floor of the Canton Township Administration Building. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal 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. Questions may be directed to Russ Heatwole at (734) 397-6848
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Western Township Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2002
Regular meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen Agenda - adopted as amended, changing the order of items under old business. Minutes of regular meeting of November 18, 2002 - approved. Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$888,616.68 - approved. Operations & Maintenance Report for November 2003 - received and filed. Director's Report for December 2003 - received and filed. Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Repairs - approved. Lower Rouge Storage Building; Certificate of Substantial Completion - approved. YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed. Accountant Position Recruitment Update - approval to post the job advertisement for the permanent position. The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.
Chairman, THOMAS J. YACK
This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.
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# 3 arrested; robbery suspected in 5 family deaths

BY JEFF COUNTS, STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA AND MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITERS

Three men are in police custody in the weekend slayings of a Livonia jeweler, his three children and his mother, who was visiting from Italy.

The arrests, following a massive investigation by dozens of detectives and police officers, came on Christmas Eve, two days after officers found the bodies of the five victims at a home on St. Martins Street.

Marco Pesce, 38, his mother, Maria Vergati, 68, and his children, Carlo, 12, Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6, had all been shot, and "there was no sign of resistance," said Police Chief Peter Kunst. Pesce was the owner of Italia Jewelry on Seven Mile.

"The house had been ransacked, and we suspect robbery was the motive," Kunst said.

Police made two arrests in Detroit and one in the Flint area, Kunst said at a Tuesday night press conference. A search warrant was executed, and items from the Pesce home were recovered, he said.

Kunst said he hoped the arrests would bring some relief to the victims' family and the community.

During a Monday press conference, Kunst said, "It's the most devastating and tragic crime I've seen in 27 years with the Livonia police."

Special prosecutors from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office are working with detectives on the case. Charges could come as early as today.

"I'm confident that we have a strong case," Kunst said. "We are still building that case. It's in full throttle right now."

Kunst would not comment on what was recovered, nor on whether the case was linked to drugs.

Pesce's former wife, Diane, 36, was previously convicted in Livonia's 16th District Court for possession of narcotics paraphernalia, according to published reports. She has been ordered by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge to seek treatment for drug use, reports said.

Although the couple was divorced, they had lived together recently, but she wasn't living at the home in northwest Livonia at the time of the shooting, Kunst said. Diane Pesce has been interviewed by detectives.

Franco Petrucci, a cousin of Marco Pesce, said Monday: "His wife has been in a rehabilitation center somewhere in Ann Arbor."

"It's tragic," said Petrucci before the arrests. "It's really a shock. I feel numb right now."

Given the complexity of the case, Kunst said, detectives, who were led by Lt. Ben McDermott, exceeded his expectations with the quick arrests. "I'm extremely proud of them," Kunst said.

"I have never felt more proud, felt safer in this community," said county prosecutor Michael Duggan of the police work.



Marco Pesce



Carlo Pesce



Melissa Pesce



Sabrina Pesce



Maria Vergati

Duggan said the killings touched his family in a personal way. His son, Patrick, has been a classmate of victim Sabrina Pesce since kindergarten, he said.

"I had to explain to my son that he lost one of his classmates," Duggan said.

The incident unfolded Saturday afternoon. Pesce was at his business when he received a call from his nearby home. He left the store to go home.

Police don't know exactly what happened next, but they said that between 5 and 7 p.m. someone entered the home, shot the victims and rummaged the home looking for things.

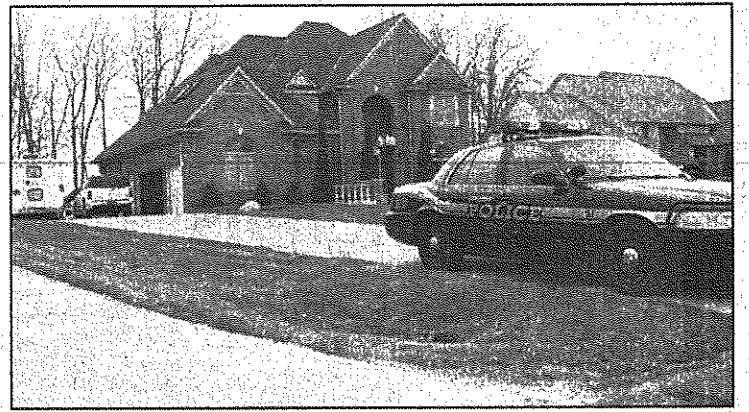
"They were possibly looking for jewelry," Kunst said.

The slayings are thought to be the largest mass killing in Livonia's history, police said. The community records about one or two homicides a year.

Earlier this year, there was a double homicide during a robbery at a restaurant at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Road.

Police canceled the vacations of many officers and employees and had 24 detectives, plus identification bureau and surveillance officers, working on the case.

Pesce was a Livonia businessman of long standing. The jewelry store was opened in 1984. Visitation for the Pesce family will be 4-9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday at the



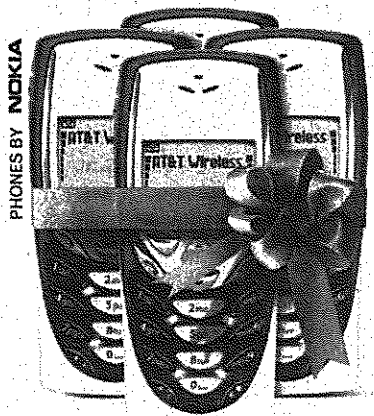
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A lone police cruiser sits in the driveway of the crime scene at 37534 St. Martins in Livonia. In the background is a police crime investigation van parked near the garage entrance.

Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. A rosary will be said at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at NorthRidge

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## OUR VIEWS

### Left-turn signals should be a priority

A safer intersection may be just a light away. Some local officials say they're getting a receptive ear from Wayne County officials to add more left-turn lanes and, especially, more left-turn signals — you know, those green arrows that turn to yellow arrow as they allow left turns while other drivers at the intersection are stopped for red lights.

It's tough to argue with strong evidence that shows that these left-turn signals alone have a huge effect on improving safety.

One on-going AAA study shows that adding only those left-turn signals can cut total crashes (property and injury) by 30 percent, and they cut injury crashes by more than half. Most important, the signals slash the number of head-on, left-turn collisions by a whopping 69 percent. And those are the accidents that usually end in the most serious injuries or deaths.

The study also shows that left-turn signals disproportionately help out two groups of drivers: Those very young drivers — people with good reflexes but little experience, who often make poor driving judgments, and those older drivers — people who have plenty of experience but slower reflexes, according to AAA officials.

Of course, drivers today aren't what they used to be. In the "good old days," a yellow light really meant something, and people making left turns actually got a chance to make their turn without being endangered. In those days, left-turn arrows were a rarity.

Today, we're all in a huge hurry, distracted by CD players and cell phones, and it seems those left-turn arrows have become more than a convenience. Many of us have gotten used to those left-turn signals that are already installed at many of our busiest intersections. Heck, they make us feel safer, don't they?

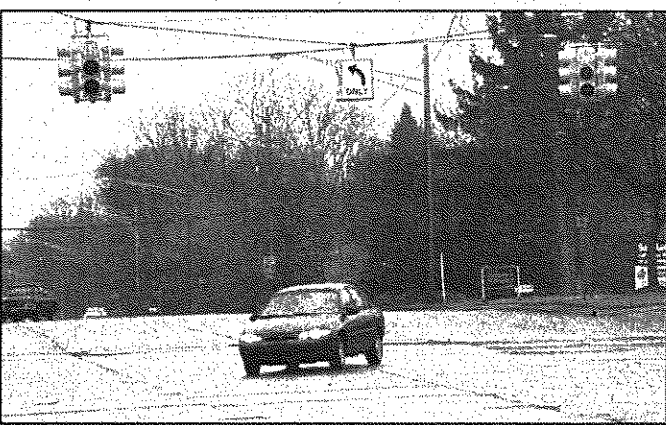
It's not too difficult to err on the side of safety, even at a cost of \$55,000 per intersection, which is one estimate. As long as a certain minimal level of traffic flow is met, adding these signals should become a major priority for our communities.

Livonia and Redford officials so far have pushed to ensure that our highly urbanized towns become safer, with incoming County Executive Robert Ficano responding that he plans to put road safety, including the left-turn arrows, high up on his to-do list. We applaud that.

In August, a 14-year-old boy was killed when the car he was riding in was broadsided by a truck at the intersection of Six Mile and Inkster — a crossroads without such a left-turn signal. The truck driver pleaded no contest to a charge of negligent homicide and awaits sentencing, while the boy's grandmother, who was driving him, was determined by police to be not at fault. Saying that a left-turn signal at that corner could have saved a life may be overstating it; accidents happen all the time.

One person who lives near that corner claims that many of these intersections also need better police presence, especially at rush hour; finding a better way to deter drivers from running red lights is probably in order.

Still, when it comes to safety, we're convinced that many more corners need left-turn signals — in the interest of safety.



JIM JAGOFFELD | OBSERVER

This intersection — Six Mile and Inkster roads — is one of those without a left-turn signal, which studies show help reduce accidents.

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TOM HAWLEY | OBSERVER

Lisa Russo (from left) wipes away a tear after she, husband Mike McIntosh and brother Paul Russo received an autographed Christmas plaque from the students at Burger Center for the Autistic at the annual Christmas Carnival that the Russo family provides each year.

## LETTERS

### Vision thanks

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, I write to thank all of our community and staff members who came to the Nov. 18 and Dec. 9 vision planning meetings. The quality turnout and participation of those present was very rewarding to our board of education and the bond steering committee.

Trust is earned and community input will drive the ultimate decision on a bond proposal. As the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I can assure everyone that this is a very important process to us. We want our community to help the steering committee to receive all the information they need to make a positive, informed decision about the future of this school district and the next building program.

Again, I thank everyone for their time and effort, and I look forward to our next vision planning meeting on Feb. 3 at Discovery Middle School from 7-9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you did not come to the first two meetings. Together we can do some great things for our school district.

Jim Ryan, Ed.D.  
superintendent of schools

### Farewell to Hauck

It is with heavy hearts that we learn of the leaving of Ginnie Hauck, manager of Canton Place senior apartments in Canton. What Ginnie has given to these residents and ultimately to their families is difficult to put adequately into words.

Like the song says, "I believe there are angels among us." But how do you describe a guardian angel?

Upon the condemnation of Sheldon Place, Ginnie Hauck worked tirelessly to find more than suitable housing for those persons who were displaced and with no place to go, keeping them together in one hotel so they could at least feel comfortable with their friendships intact. Meals were furnished, residents were driven to appointments and to shopping and life continued for them as well as possible considering the circumstances.

No small feat when you are talking about 50-plus residents, but then they always knew that Ginnie would take care of them. Ginnie worked selflessly to calm fears and reassure residents and their families that she would look out for her 'family of angels.'

Ginnie has had fund-raisers to garner money with which to purchase medications for those who were doing without because of financial need. She has and continues to purchase food for some who may not be able to get as much as they need. She helps fill out paperwork for her "family" members who may need her help. She makes sure residents have her home phone number so they may call if an emergency arises. She is truly one of those irreplaceable guardian angels that we need so badly in our society.

My mother, Irene Thorpe, is a resident at Canton Place and was at Sheldon Place before it closed. We are fortunate to live close by, but it is a real comfort to know that my mom is among those with a guardian angel right down the hall: Ginnie Hauck.

Ginnie has told residents that Dec. 31 will be her last day. While others will be celebrat-

ing the birth of a new year, we will be saddened to know that a real-life angel is leaving our midst. Though she has far too much character to tell us why she is leaving, we do know that it is not for personal reasons.

I just hope we can change whatever needs to be changed. If you are one of those fortunate souls to know Ginnie, feel free to drop her a note.

You may also wish to write Tom Slemmer, National Church Residences, 2335 N. Bank Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43220-5499.

Cindy Bastion  
Canton

### Downturn not so shallow

Now that Sen. Trent Lott has put his foot in the Republican party's mouth, it would be interesting to know how his colleague from Mississippi, Sen. Thad Cochran, and Alabama Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, as well as others, feel about his apparent philosophy. Too many senators are conspicuous by their silence on these racist remarks, by this attempted Senate Majority Leader.

Now to another subject. Recently President George Bush introduced two new appointees, John Snow as secretary of the treasury and Stephen Fieldman to serve as his chief economics adviser. It was interesting to me that when they were introduced each stated that, "This has been the shortest and shallowest economic downturn in history." Now I don't know about others, but it certainly has not been shallow, at least as far as I am concerned. In August of 2000, I invested almost \$30,000 in a variable annuity. Earlier this week I ask my representatives what its value was and he said \$11,000. Wow! How many others have had the same results in this "short, shallow economic downturn?"

William Craft  
Northville

### Diminished rights

On Nov. 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was shot and killed. This past week was the 39th anniversary of this date, and we will only know a little more than when the FBI did the original investigation.

This causes anger in me that the government, who is supposed to know everything, has not found the murderer of this great man but can find the murderer of a small-town drug addict. If most people were like me, they would have figured out already that there wasn't only one bullet and there was no lone assassin; there were many and they were the pawns of the U.S. government.

Even if I'm wrong and the government didn't assassinate JFK, it is a shame they couldn't keep him protected from the people that disliked him the most. If the government 39 years ago couldn't protect anyone, how can they protect anyone now after the government has progressively gotten worse at protecting people?

The way many people see it is they think the government is trying to protect us by taking away our rights to take control of the people and turn the U.S. into a dictatorship.

One right that the government has been taking away at a fast rate, especially after 9/11, is our privacy. Everywhere we are nowadays, we are on camera and being observed. The government has also set up

roadblocks to make sure that everything is "safe." Another right that the government is taking away is the right to bear arms. This has been taken away progressively with many bans on certain weapons.

If I were the people of this community, I would be fighting against many of the restrictions that take away the right that we were given at birth, our freedom. Many people have told me that one letter will do nothing, but I believe that any way you protect, you are helping somehow.

Alex Fox  
Salem High School

### The demise of Kmart

Are we supposed to be impressed with the announcement that Kmart is bringing in a new line of software goods? How much can a community stand from these bloated fat cats?

Service sucks at Kmart. Morale is at its all-time low. On the streets, people with any common sense avoid going into their stores due to the fact that only headaches await the unsuspecting shopper.

One minute they announce store closings and with the same bad breath they broadcast that they are focusing on another Martha Stewart want-to-be! Joe Boxer or Ms. Thalia will not save their butts! The focus should be put into service with an emphasis on a positive attitude. Focus on the customer and make their experience one-of-a-kind.

The business of retailing is not for everyone and, in fact, something can be said that if that is your chosen profession that you might have a touch of insanity in your family tree.

Can anyone tell me why Kmart is getting their butts handed to them by other retailers? Well, I can. The customer is not the focus. Kmart has made a joke out of the old saying, "the customers comes first."

If you really want to have a bad day, just enter any local Kmart and begin the cerebral nightmare of trying to figure out where anything is. Do any of the employees have a clue?

It's unfortunate that this thinking has started from the top and has finally reached the bottom rung on the retail evolutionary ladder.

Kmart is headed for the same demise as the dinosaur.

Ron Austin  
Franklin

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## QUOTABLE

"I never had anything nice like that. I wrapped Sweetie Pie up in a receiving blanket and took her to school on the bus. I really kept her visible until I got married, and then she went into the attic."

— Donna Trapp of Plymouth, on her special Christmas doll

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# John Engler's political savvy merits Michiganders' respect

In just a few days, Gov. John Engler will leave office, certainly the most effective Michigan governor in the last half-century. He has never been interested in being well liked, and so his great accomplishments often brought with them a dark underside of unpopularity: Drastic overhaul of the structure of school finance, achieved in part by demonizing teachers and their unions. Repetitive tax cuts, which in recessionary times left the state budget with a massive structural deficit. Far-reaching — some would say cold-hearted — welfare reform. Shaping of an activist — and very conservative — state judiciary. A consistent — some would say mindless — devotion to anti-abortion politics and Right To Life. A vast expansion of the unilateral powers of the governor.

On balance, the record is extraordinary. Michigan citizens are not likely to see a governor like John Engler for many, many years.

I have always been struck by his physical presence. Hardly handsome, Engler is a large, fleshy man with short legs and a sharply receding hairline. His posture when sitting — tilted on the edge of the chair, his left leg thrust diagonally forward — leaves no doubt of his direct, aggressive engagement. His eyes are quick and appraising, his hand movements decisive. He is not a particularly effective public speaker, but in private he speaks rapidly, carries hard conviction and, if crossed, a certain menace. And for a man with no particular claims as an intellectual, his grasp of the minutiae of policy and the byways of politics is amazing.

His capacity to see an opening, to strike suddenly, and to be ruthless in the exercise of power is unparalleled in my experience. He keeps reminding me of William Blake's famous line, "how stealthy the crouch, how silent the leap."

The case of John Kelly is instructive. A lawyer and former Democratic state senator, Kelly is widely regarded as very bright, but also the loosest of cannons and the quickest of lips. He also was a thorn in Engler's side both in and out of the senate.

Elected to the Board of Governors of Wayne State University a couple of years ago, Kelly also represented the Detroit Medical Center, which does a lot of business with WSU. Earlier this month, Engler unearthed a neglected passage in the state constitution that empowered a governor to remove a public official from his job on grounds of conflict of interest. He called for Kelly's resignation and scheduled a hearing on his conflict. Last week, Kelly resigned, a victim of the ruth-

less, capable use of political power. And then, unexpectedly, Engler appointed Eugene Driker, a long-time Democrat and enormously thoughtful and respected lawyer, to take Kelly's place. On balance, the appointment strengthened Wayne's board. What a testament to the ambivalent outcomes of the shrewd!

In recent weeks, I've had the privilege of dealing with John Engler and to see at close range the sweep of his capability. I'm the chair-elect of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and when 390,000 acres of precious forestland in the Upper Peninsula came on the market several months ago, it was obviously a once-in-a-lifetime conservation opportunity. But the deal was vast; the rumored price was in the range of \$150 million.

We contacted Gov. Engler and his able chief of staff, Sharon Rothwell, to ask for help. They jumped into action without a pause. Engler announced his support for the deal and urged an unprecedented public-private collaboration to raise the money. He got the Natural Resources Trust Fund to pledge \$10 million to support our bid. He wrote President Bush, asking favorable consideration for funding from the federal Forest Legacy program. He made phone calls to the property owners, a trust in Hawaii.

And he invited the heads of the biggest foundations in Michigan to lunch in the governor's office to pitch the deal and plead for their support. I never will forget the sight of the Governor of Michigan padding around his big conference room, personally serving coffee and pie to his guests, while arguing that the land was simply too important to the future of Michigan to let it go to hard timbering and piecemeal development. And the foundations came through quickly, big time.

It's too early to say whether we'll succeed. But we couldn't have got where we are now without the passionate, sudden, capable, detailed involvement of John Engler. In my book, at least, he leaves office maybe not with my full agreement but without doubt my full respect.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at [ppower@homecomm.net](mailto:ppower@homecomm.net).



Tom Kiurski

# Playing in snow can be fun when you're prepared for the cold

Playing outside in the snow when the weather gets cold is great winter fun. There are also some risks of becoming too cold, and most cold weather emergencies can be avoided if you do some planning up front.

When the human body falls below a normal area (less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit), the condition is called hypothermia. This occurs when a person's body is not able to produce enough energy to keep the core (internal) temperature at a normal level. We commonly think of hypothermia as happening during extreme cold fronts, but it can occur in temperatures as high as 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically, people who become cold because of inadequate or wet clothing are at the highest risk of developing hypothermia.

Become aware of the signs and symptoms of hypothermia, which can include feelings of being cold, shivering and sleepiness. Shivering is the body's way of trying to produce more heat. As hypothermia progresses, shivering stops. A hypothermia patient who is not shivering cools down even faster than before. Other signs of hypothermia include a lack of coordination, mental confusion and slowed reactions. If the patient is not rewarmed, unconsciousness will result. Unconsciousness due to hypothermia occurs when the body temperature goes below 90 degrees Fahrenheit. If left untreated, death can result.

If you suspect a person is suffering from hypothermia, move them into a warmer location. Remove any wet clothing and place warm blankets over and under the body. Doing this helps retain body heat and begin the rewarming process. If the person is conscious, you can give them warm fluids to drink.

People suffering from hypothermia should never be considered dead until they have been rewarmed in an appropriate medical facility, so getting your firefighters responding quickly is imperative with a call to 9-1-1.

Frostbite can result when exposed body parts are in a cold environment. It can occur outdoors in winter or in large freezers at any time of the year. Body parts most susceptible to frostbite include the face, ears, fingers and toes. Depending on wind velocity, frostbite can occur in even a short period of time.

Increases in wind speed have the same effect as decreases in temperature. If there is a combination of low temperatures and high winds, protect yourself from the dangers of wind chill.

Prevention is the best means of combating the effects of cold weather. Whenever you head outside into cold weather, make sure you and your family are wearing multiple layers of dry clothing, covering all body parts. Loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers is better than a single thick layer of clothing.

People weakened by old age, exhaustion or hunger are the most susceptible to frostbite. The frostbitten part becomes numb and then acquires a bright red color. Eventually, the area loses its color and changes to a pale white. The frostbitten part must be rewarmed. This can usually be done quite easily and quickly by placing the part next to a warm body part, such as by putting the fingers under the armpit. Do not rub a frostbitten body part.

Prevention is the best means of combating the effects of cold weather. Whenever you head outside into cold weather, make sure you and your family are wearing multiple layers of dry clothing, covering all body parts. Loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers is better than a single thick layer of clothing. Outer garments are best when made of tightly woven water-repellent material. Since the body loses more than half its heat through the head, a wool hat is a good choice. Wearing mittens allows your fingers to keep in contact with one another, which keeps hands warmer. All clothing should be kept as dry as possible. Change out of wet clothing as quickly as possible.

Keep your vehicles in good condition, to avoid breakdowns in freezing weather. Try to keep the gas tank full, and travel by daylight on major highways whenever possible. Keep additional blankets in the car as insurance, along with emergency winter storm supplies, such as a windshield scraper, shovel, jumper cables, flashlight and a first aid kit. Keep your portable telephones handy and charged.

Tom Kiurski is a member of the Livonia Fire Department.

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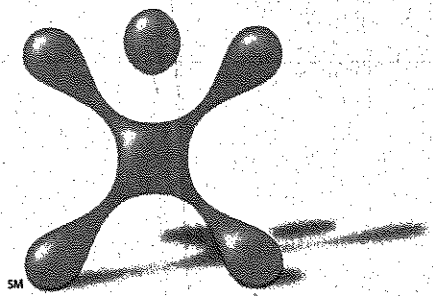
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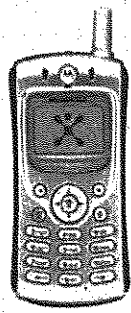
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### One-man show

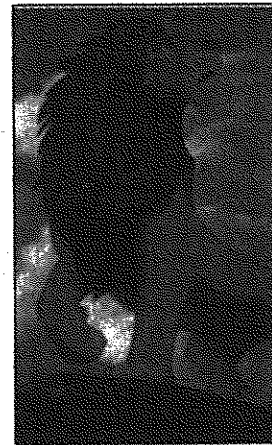
You've seen Jeff Daniels act in major movies; now hear him sing in Onstage & Unplugged, a limited engagement one-man show from Friday, Dec. 27, to Saturday,



Jan. 4, at The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park, Chelsea. Daniels will take to the stage with his acoustic guitar and a repertoire of humorous and touching songs. Tickets range from \$45 to \$60. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Thursday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. (734) 433-ROSE.

### On the big screen

Simba is back in the Disney animated film, The Lion King, which has been re-formatted for the IMAX screen. See it through Feb. 4 at the IMAX theater at Henry Ford



Museum, Dearborn. Tickets are \$10.50 for adults and \$8.50 for senior citizens and children, age 12 and under. Show times are 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (313) 271-1570.

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### Visit the Ice Age

Explore the mystery of climate change from 1-4 p.m. Thursday through Monday, Dec. 26-30, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The institute's Ice Ages program includes a lecture at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. daily about the glacial extinction of large animals. Visitors may touch mastodon teeth and bones, experiment with flowing glacier models and make ice age cave art. Ice Ages is free with museum admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children, 1-12 and senior citizens, 65 and over; children under 2 admitted free.

# Super Start

## Arts community starts the new year with a bang

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The first few months of the new year traditionally is a time when the pace of arts and entertainment events slow and everyone catches his breath before spring. 2003 is going to be different not only on the regional level but in Observer & Eccentric communities.

Blockbuster exhibitions at the Detroit Institute of Arts and New Detroit Science Center, a gala opening of the Farmington Players new barn theater, and the Shaw Festival coming to Meadow Brook Theatre promises an exciting time for all.

Theater not to your taste? How about the outdoor activity of ice carving? A new Detroit Symphony commission based on the DIA's Diego Rivera murals, classical music concerts, and jazz festivals later in the year should put everyone in the swing, so pull out your new calendar and start marking the dates.

### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

For the first time, the Shaw Festival travels from its home at Niagara-on-the-Lake to present *Candida* at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. One of the largest repertory companies in North America, the Canadian-based festival focuses on plays by one of England's most prolific playwrights George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) and his contemporaries. The show opens with previews Wednesday, Jan. 8, and continues to Sunday, Feb. 2. For tickets and information, call (248) 377-3300.

"This is the first time we've presented another theater company on our stage in our entire 36-year history, so why not one of the most renowned companies in North America," said managing director Gregg Bloomfield of Birmingham. "I can't wait to share all this artistry. It's an opportunity to see what Shaw does in their home theater in Niagara-on-the-Lake. People in this area are much less familiar with Shaw than Stratford, another renowned theater festival in Ontario."

Set in Victorian times and using comedy to tackle heavy subject matter, *Candida* tells the story of a marriage that's challenged when a young poet enters the scene. As part of Meadow Brook Theatre and the Shaw Festival's commitment to education, related lectures, post-show Sunday matinee conversations, and films accompany the nearly five-week residency by the theater and its artistic director, Jackie Maxwell. Activities are free and open to the public. The first features a panel discussion with Maxwell and Oakland University English professor Brian Murphy noon to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, in Vandenberg Hall's Honors College Lounge. The Shaw Film Festival runs 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 (*The Devil's Disciple*), Jan. 22 (*Caesar and Cleopatra*), and Jan. 29 (*Major Barbara*).

### PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE

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If outdoor events are more to your liking, bundle up and head over to one of the oldest and largest ice carving competitions in America. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular takes over the downtown streets Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 15-20. Watch as dozens of professional and student carvers create hundreds of figurative and abstract works. For the 21st anniversary, a Farmer Jack Fantasyland treats children as well as adults to frozen images of the cinema in *The Gathering on Penniman*. For more information, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at [www.wattsupinc.com](http://www.wattsupinc.com)

Can't sit around and wait till the middle of the month to brave the snow and cold of a Michigan winter? Then you won't want to miss world-champion carver Ted Wakar from Canton strut his

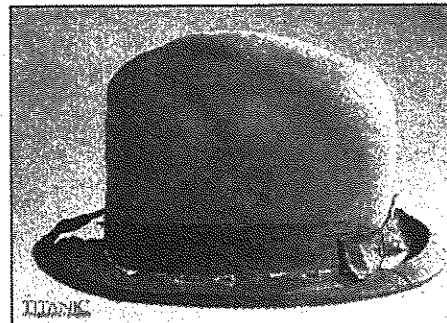


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Eleonora of Toledo and Her Son is one of the works in "Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of Late Renaissance Florence" coming to the Detroit Institute of Arts March 16. Agnolo Bronzino painted the portrait around 1545.

stuff with a chain saw and chisels 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, as part of the 20th anniversary celebration at the Hands-on Museum in Ann Arbor.

Rather not watch from the sidelines? Then dig right in and try your hand at carving a block of ice in a workshop at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Learn how to create ice sculptures like the professionals with Chef Richard Teeple, director of the ice carving program at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. The cost for the 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, sessions is \$35 arts council members, \$40 non-members. All tools provided. Call (734) 416-4278 by Jan. 17.



This felt bowler hat is one of more than 250 artifacts in an exhibition opening Feb. 8 at the new Detroit Science Center.

### THEATER OPENING GALA

Join the Farmington Players in celebrating the opening of their new Barn Theater, a building project that cost the nonprofit group \$1.8 million and hundreds of volunteer hours.

The Saturday, Jan. 25, gala includes a silent auction (they still need money to pay for the parking lot and landscape), hors d'oeuvres, the first performance in the barn theater of Noel Coward's comedy *Present Laughter*, and an afterglow reception at the theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$100. Call (248) 219-0800.

Housed for more than 40 years in a converted dairy barn on the same site, the new theater, in addition to offering a season of plays, will house community programming in its multi-purpose cultural and education center. The possi-

bilities (including starting a youth theater) are endless.

"It's been five years, so it's a thrill," said Cynthia Tupper, who's chairing the event. "Every time I step into the building, it goes beyond our expectations. We recently retrieved the seats from the George Burns Theater (in Livonia), which is going to be demolished in January. The donation is a Christmas gift to the Players because we basically had run out of money. We're still looking for sponsorship."

### NEW DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

On a more somber note, the New Detroit Science Center gives pause for thought when it opens an exhibit of more than 250 artifacts from the wreckage of the Titanic Saturday, Feb. 8, at 5020 John R in the University Cultural Center. For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit the Web site at [www.detroit-sciencecenter.org](http://www.detroit-sciencecenter.org)

The Titanic sank 963 miles northeast of New York in April 1912.

"There's everything from small perfume vials and money to a door from Deck that's believed to have been an escape route," said Kelly Fulford, director of marketing and PR. "We'll have a new planetarium show, 'Night of the Titanic,' that shows the stars as they were that night and how they contributed to the disaster."

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

Dozens of classical concerts, too many to mention, offer world premieres, themed concerts and young talent. Watch this section and the Going Places calendar for dates and locations. Here are a few of the highlights.

Mezzo-soprano Irina Mishura gives a recital of favorite Russian songs and operatic arias Feb. 26 as part of the Pro Musica Society of Detroit Series in the Recital Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Mishura began her career here when she emigrated from Russia several years ago. Now she performs regularly with the Metropolitan Opera of New York and Michigan Opera Theater. For tickets (\$35), call the DIA Box Office at

PLEASE SEE NEW YEAR, B2

## Take a Washington Insiders art tour with the BBAC

Mahatma Ghandi once wrote "Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever."

These words have inspired me to incorporate the twin goals of living and learning into my daily life and into the art history lectures and tours that I have given over the years at Princeton University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and currently at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

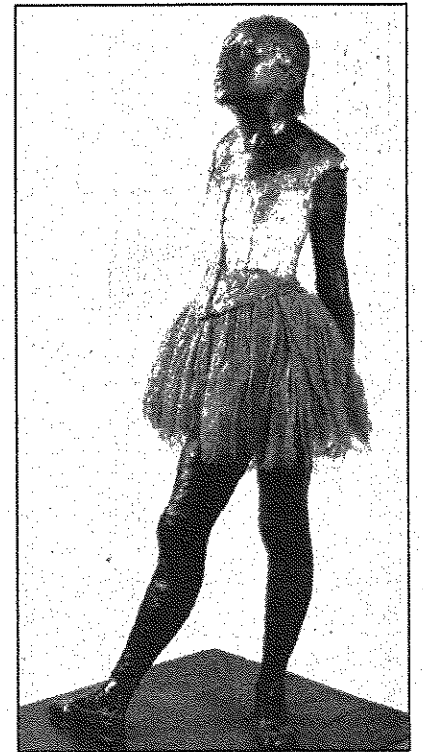
Thinking about an upcoming BBAC lecture series and tour entitled "Washington Insider" brought back my fondest memory of sitting on a rooftop terrace of the Hotel Washington in D.C. at sunset. The experience stands out for two reasons.

First, the panoramic view of the city, which includes the White House, Treasury Building and the National Mall, is spectacular, particularly at night.

Second, the spot is the ultimate insider's hang-out. After all, the Hotel Washington has hosted countless national and international dignitaries since it opened its doors in 1918.

The tour and lecture series will offer a variety of new perspectives on D.C.'s oldest and newest cultural attractions. The concept originated in my long-standing interest in

PLEASE SEE BBAC, B6



Edgar Degas' wax sculpture *Little Dancer Aged Fourteen* is one of the works on the Washington Insiders Tour in May. The bronze is currently on display in Degas and Dance at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Degas incorporated hair, ribbon, a linen bodice, satin shoes, and a muslin tutu in the original yellow wax sculpture.

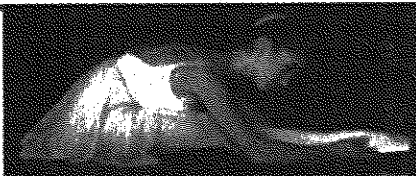
### WASHINGTON INSIDER TOUR

What: The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center presents a Washington, D.C., tour guided by Princeton-educated art historian Deborah Kawsky

When: Friday-Sunday, May 2-4

Details: \$675/person, includes roundtrip airfare on Northwest, all museum entrances and guided tours by Kawsky and other art experts, Friday and Saturday nights (double occupancy) at the historic Hotel Washington, buffet breakfast each day, lunch at Hillwood House Café, mini-bus transportation on Friday and two-day Metropass for public transportation to all tour sites on Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the tour and lecture series Thursday nights in March, call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866, Ext. 106.

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**NEW YEAR**

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Rackham Symphony Choir presents *The Reluctant Dragon* with life-size puppets from PuppetArt at Detroit Puppet Theater Feb. 28, in the Milford High School Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets and information, call (248) 889-8660.

The Community House in Birmingham is hosting a trip to see Lang Lang, a 20-year-old Chinese pianist, when he performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Friday, March 7. For more information, call (248) 644-5832. The \$89 cost includes transportation, concert ticket and lunch at The Whitney.

Gaining a reputation for his ability to connect with audiences on a personal level, Lang has already performed with the Chicago Symphony and New York and London philharmonics. His performance with the Philadelphia Orchestra drew an audience of 8,000 to the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

In addition to the concert spotlighting Lang, the DSO still has several noteworthy programs left this season, including the world premiere of Michael Daugherty's *Fire and Blood* for violin and orchestra. The concerto was inspired by

the "Detroit Industry Murals" created by Diego Rivera at the DIA 70 years ago. A member of the composition faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music in Ann Arbor, Daugherty began a four-year tenure as DSO Composer-in-Residence during the 1999-2000 season.

For tickets, call the DSO box office at (313) 576-5111.

**DIA**

From the outside, the DIA still appears in the midst of its massive building project, and it is. The South Wing addition has been completed, and the space-age climate control system is up and operating. Shortly, the American Galleries will be reinstalled, but the blockbuster of 2003 (after 2002's *Degas and the Dance* closes Jan. 12) is sure to be "Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of Late Renaissance Florence," which opens March 16, and continues to June 8. Organized by the DIA, this landmark exhibition explores the effect of the first four Medici Grand Dukes, who used art to symbolize power while ruling Tuscany from 1537 to 1631. Among the nearly 180 works are major sculptures and drawings by Michelangelo including *Apollo/David*, the first marble work ever loaned to a museum in the United States, and one of the last works he created - a

carved wooden crucifix.

Timed tickets go on sale Jan. 15, for \$12, \$6 ages 6-17. Call (866) 334-2784, for discounted group tickets (313) 833-1292 or online at www.dia.org

**MOT**

Sister Helen Prejean's true story about her experiences with a death row prisoner comes to the opera stage June 7-15. Part of the Michigan Opera Theatre season, *Dead Man Walking* is performed in English. Sister Prejean will be here for a week as the company brings this new production to life.

Composed by Jake Heggie with libretto by Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally, the opera recalls the Louisiana nun's attempts to comfort the victim's families and reach Joseph de Rocher, the man she saw inside the monster. It was based on Prejean's best-selling novel and the Academy Award-winning film that followed.

Although not new to the Detroit Opera House but still worth noting, the MOT dance series continues with the return of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Wednesday-Sunday, March 12-16, and the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago Thursday-Sunday, May 8-11. For information or tickets, call (313) 237-SING or visit the Web site at www.MichiganOpera.org

**BBAC**

After the first of the year, Janet Torno is sending out save-the-date postcards for the

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's new fund-raiser, "Summer Solstice: A Celebration of Light," on June 28. For information, call (248) 644-0866.

"I'm really, really excited about a brand new event with a live auction and an outdoor installation. Birmingham architect/artist (and Cranbrook graduate) Vincent Sansalone is doing something Christo-like to wrap the art center. It's a mystical sculptural landscape installation," said Torno, BBAC executive director.

"It's a fund-raiser with dancing and a strolling supper. We're working with the galleries in town to help secure art for the auction."

The arts center is setting up a Washington, D.C., art tour led by Princeton-educated art historian Deborah Kawsy Friday-Sunday, May 2-4 (see guest column).

Kawsy also gives lectures related to the DIA exhibit opening in March. Her "Michelangelo and the Medici: The Legacy of Michelangelo: Late Renaissance Art in Florence" runs Wednesday mornings April 2, 9, 16 and 30, and May 7.

**PCAC**

Don't miss the Plymouth Community Arts Council's year-long "Celebration of Women" if you're interested in the accomplishments of artists working in a variety of media. January's exhibit spotlights the talents of watercolorist Donna Vogelheim and ceramists Ruth Price and Margaret Nowak. Feb. 10 to March 3, the Arts League of Michigan brings in

its *Art for the People*. Sandra Hanson gives her presentation, "Women's History Alive," in March (also the month for the always-fun dinner auction), followed in April by a collection of quilting, beading, weaving, arts and crafts passed from generation to generation.

"It's part of the cultural-diversity series. We thought 'Why not focus on the culture of women?' education coordinator Leslie Greeneisen said.

Tickets are now available for the March 14 fund-raiser, the '70s Bash dinner auction, at a special discount before the end of the year. Call (734) 416-4278.

**PCCA**

Collaboration is the name of the game for a new fund-raiser at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. Pop T'Art, a pop art techno party featuring an exhibit from Detroit's CPop Gallery takes over the arts center 7-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. A donation of \$5 is suggested. The show continues through Feb. 28. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

The staff of Paint Creek always seems to be working on a number of activities and exhibits no matter what the time of year. Next year is no exception. Along with the exhibit showcasing 60 years of art by Zubeil Kachadoorian through Jan. 25, they're preparing to open a display of ceramics by Henry Tanaka Jan. 6. The Art At Home Tour follows on Jan. 25. Visitors will have the chance to view the collection of Gerald Yurk, who bought all of the works at the arts center for

its primary fund-raiser, Art & Apples, held annually in September.

Other events of interest include a March 14, lecture on Renoir by Michael Farrell, and a spring walk featuring 10 Rochester galleries including Robert Head's new Project Photographic Gallery March 20. In between these timely events, Phase 1 of a building project continues to move right along. By January the new classrooms will be completed so offices can move next door a month later.

"With the purchase of the home next door, we're going to be able to expand our facilities in the future," public relations coordinator Heather Welch said. "We've expanded secondary classroom space and brought the photo studio up from the basement and made it larger. It's really great. We can fit more students in when classes begin Jan. 13."

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**

Although not new for 2003, the Post-Digital Painting exhibition deserves a mention. Influenced by the computer age, 12 contemporary international painters explore art and vision in the age of technology. The show continues to March 23 at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 645-3323.

A highlight of the exhibition is a talk by Amy Yoes, one of the artists, at 2 p.m. Jan. 25, in deSalle Auditorium. A native of Germany, she lives and works in Chicago.

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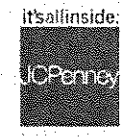
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# Fiddlers, pipers and dancers gather for annual party

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Barbara MacDonald Magone broke her finger two weeks before she was to perform at the Crossroads Ceili in Ann Arbor last year but that didn't stop her from coming home to Michigan and entertaining the crowds with her Celtic piano.

Magone is originally from southwest Detroit and attended Holy Redeemer School so she supports the Scottish/Irish community that used to exist in that area when they put on a party. This year is no exception, Magone travels from her warm California home for the annual after Christmas celebration and workshops Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 28-29.

Magone says there's a trick to accompanying fiddlers and dancers and she's happy to share it with young as well as seasoned musicians in the workshops. She honed her skills from the age of 7 when the family spent summers in their Cape Breton home in Nova Scotia.

"I come from a large family and music was a part of our Christmas with carols, cookies, lots of good food, an occasional drink and tea. My father was a fiddler from Cape Breton so there was always music in our home," said Magone. "He started dances at the Gaelic League here so that's where I started accompanying Irish musicians. The Cape Breton community is still in this area. The music is still important so I want to show them how to accompany fiddle. The music is not something you can learn by reading music. You just have to jump in with both feet and try it. Don't be afraid to try playing it by ear."

That's how Magone first learned to play piano at age five. She listened to all the music in her home then tried to pick out melodies by ear. At age 7 she began taking lessons. Now her music is often requested at Celtic festivals and workshops across the country.

"I struggled (from age 7) for the next 10 years with lessons," said Magone. "It's better to



Pianist Barbara MacDonald Magone performs as well as gives workshops in the art of playing Irish music.

learn by ear. That's why the Suzuki method of violin is so successful. They try to make it fun. The good thing about playing by ear is you learn to be spontaneous."

Holland Raper took the workshops last year and she's not only looking forward to learning more from fiddler Seamus Connolly but playing her instrument and step dancing at the Crossroads Ceili. The 11-year-old Raper studies fiddle with Mick Gavin of Redford and her fancy footwork at Heinzman's School of Irish dance with locations in Taylor and Westland. In August she won second place in the All-Ireland Competition with the trio Next Generation. All of the fiddlers in the Ann Arbor based group, consisting of Maura Nicholson and Kelsey Lutz, are under age 12. Raper's been playing fiddle 2½ years, classical violin four years.

"I went last year and it's really fun," said Raper. "I played for the first time last year and was in the workshops last year. It was really fun, lots of kids. I enjoyed everyone learning the tunes at the same speed."

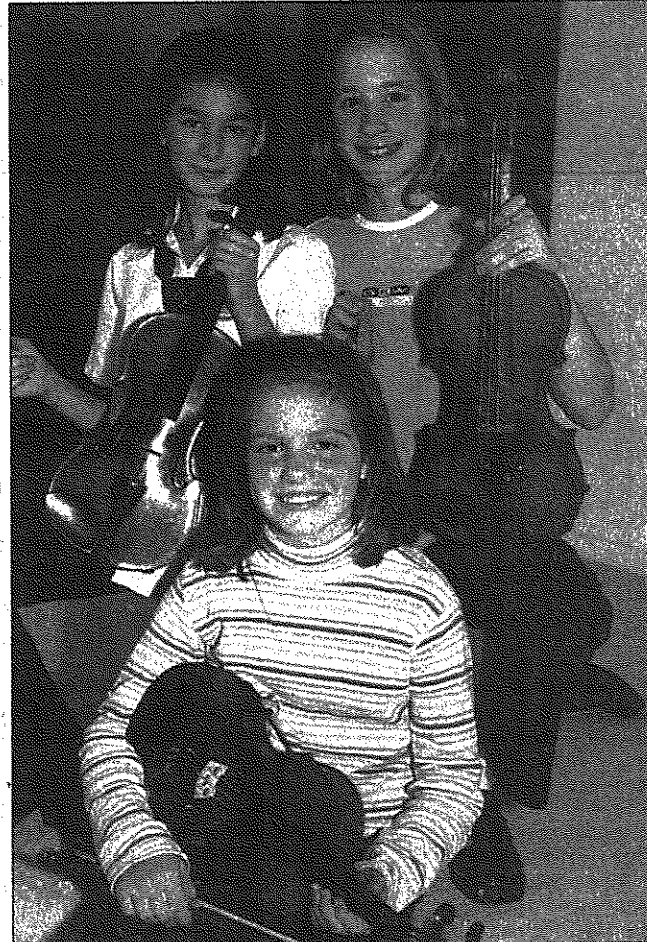
Mick Gavin thinks this year's workshops and Crossroads Ceili will be better than ever. In addition to Magone and Connolly returning to teach workshops, they'll play the traditional jigs and reels along with himself, Eddie McGlinchey, Charlie Wilkie and the Detroit Ceili Band in the evenings. Connolly is director of Irish Music Studies at Boston College.

"The three girls are really practicing," said Gavin. "They're really good. They placed first in the Midwest competition in the U.S. but we'll also have performances by three dancers. Colleen Shanks will give a tin whistle workshop and Sean

Gavin, flute. Seamus has a new book out, Forget Me Not, and most of the music has never been published before. It's

passed from generation to generation."

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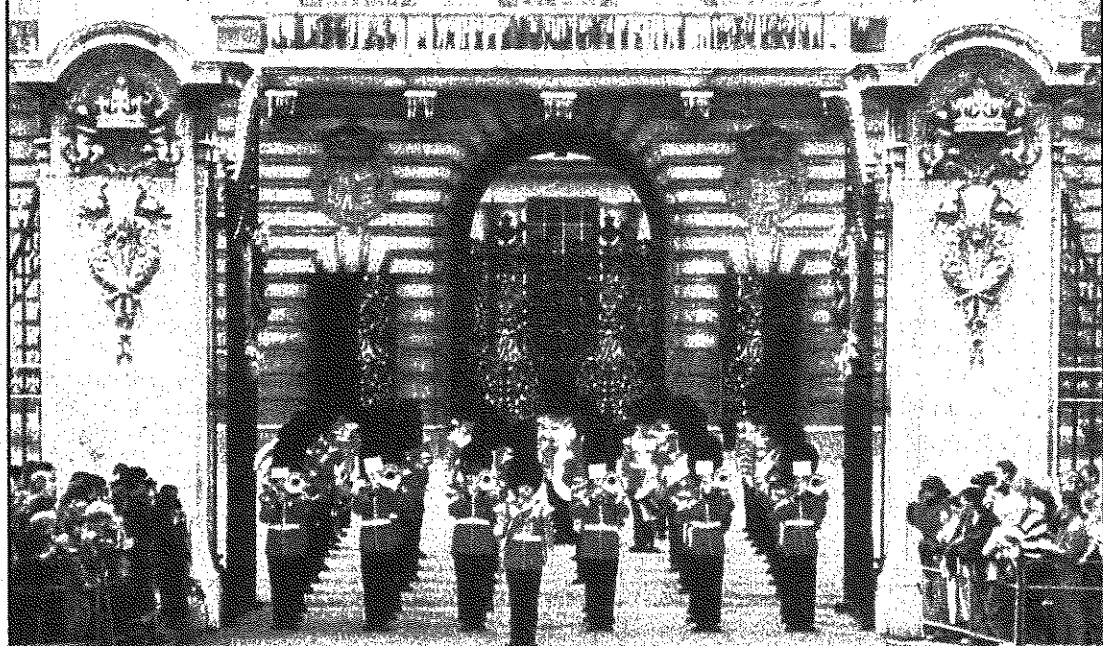
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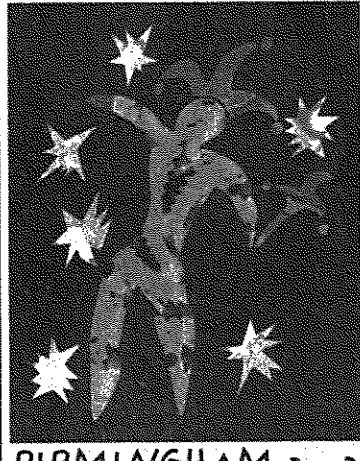
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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

**Century Theatre**  
*8-Track: The Sounds of the '70s*  
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 1:20 p.m. limited Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**Detroit Repertory Theatre**  
*What Next?* Through Sunday, Dec. 29, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$17. (313) 868-1347

**Fox Theatre**  
 B.B. King with special guest, Bobby Blue Bland; 8 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Fox Theatre, Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$29.50-\$49.50. (313) 471-3279

**Gem Theatre**  
*Shear Madness*, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50 to \$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre**  
*Visiting Mr. Green* continues to Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$18-\$30 with discounts for seniors and students, \$50 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 performance (Gala New Year's Eve). (248) 788-2900

**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
 Presents the Shaw Festival's *Candide*; 6 p.m. Jan. 11, opening night/press night. Previews, Jan. 8 runs through Feb. 2 at Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$19-\$38; call (248) 377-3300 for performance times and ticket information.

## CHILDREN'S THEATER

**Wild Swan Theater**  
 Presents *Owl's Winter* Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 23-25, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Theater. Tickets \$6/children; \$8/adults. Call (734) 424-9591 for times and more information.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**UMS Michigan Theater**  
 Sweet Honey in the Rock with Toshi Reagon and Big Lovely, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at 603 East Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$16-\$38. Call (734) 764-2538 or toll-free (800) 221-1229

**Novi Civic Center Theatre**  
*Hansel & Gretel*, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1; 7:30 p.m., Feb. 2 at 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Tickets \$10 reserved; \$12 at the door (248) 347-0400



Visit the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and see how the well-to-do family decorated for the holidays. Highlights include the tree in the Main Hall with hand blown glass ornaments created by Ford Motor Co.'s Glass Division in the 1940's. On the grounds is a 3/4 scale Tudor-like Play House decorated in a canine theme. Outside geese rest on the 3,000 ft. of lake frontage. Holiday tours continue through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the home, 1100 Lake Shore Road, between Eight and Nine Mile, Grosse Pointe Shores. Admission is \$6, \$5 seniors (age 60 and over), \$3 children ages 6-12. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day. For information, call (313) 884-4222 or visit the Web site at [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org).

**Power Center for the Performing Arts**  
 Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center featuring the Orion String Quartet - 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$20-\$38 (800) 221-1229. Meet the artist post-performance discussion, Jan. 11.



Step back in time on a candlelit tour of several of the buildings in Greenmead Historical Village 6 p.m. (last tour begins at 8 p.m.) Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27. A candlelit tour provides an old-fashioned way to celebrate the holidays. Members of the Livonia Civic Chorus will carol in the lanes and buildings in the village on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Advance tickets are \$5, \$2 student. Call (248) 477-7375 for reservations.

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
 Show: Our Contemporary - panel discussion with Brian Murphy and Jackie Maxwell noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the Honors College Lounge, Vandenberg Hall on Oakland University Campus, Rochester. (313) 886-9074

**Plymouth Community Arts Council**  
 Ice Carving Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Introduction to ice sculptures. Cost is \$35 for PCAC members and \$40 for non-members. A fee for ice will be due at class time. Class size limited call early to reserve spot. (734) 416-4278

**UM Dance Building Studio D**  
 Artist interview and lecture, Bill T. Jones and Bjorn G. Amelan by Peter Sparling, UM professor of dance, 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at UM Dance Building Studio D, 1310 N. University Court, (734) 764-2538

## FILM

**Magic Bag**  
 Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Animation Festival runs to Thursday, Jan. 2, at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets \$7. (248) 544-3030

Bloomfield Hills. Park free in lot adjacent to house. Tickets \$5 (\$4/ students/ seniors) (248) 645-3149

**Greenmead Historical Village**  
 Christmas Candlelight Tours of village buildings begin at 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27, music by Diane Dignan and Diann Dupuis at the Newburgh Church, join the Livonia Civic Chorus in singing carols at the Friends Meeting House where hot cocoa and cookies await; \$5, \$2 student. For reservations, call (248) 477-7375. Proceeds benefit historic Greenmead on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

**Italian Cultural Center**  
 Country Christmas Celebration Dance hosted by the Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at 28111 Imperial Drive, Warren, potluck. Feel free to bring a dish to pass. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. \$10. (313) 526-9432

**The Marquis Theatre**  
*Velveteen Rabbit*, through Sunday, Jan. 19, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. \$7.50. No children younger than 3. (248) 349-8110

**Second City**  
 Armen Shaomian's Christmas Spectacular Monday, Dec. 30, at The Second City on Woodward in Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call box office for times and tickets. (313) 965-2222.

## BENEFITS

**'70s Bash**  
 The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering holiday pricing on tickets for its annual dinner-dance and auction on Friday, March 14, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. Buy tickets before Wednesday, Jan. 1, and save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. After Jan. 1, all tickets are \$75 each. "Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of this year's event that raises money for the PCAC's educational and community arts programming. To buy tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

**Deborah's Stage Door**  
 Auditions for senior show choir (people ages 13 and older), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and older), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and older), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-8133

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
 Volunteers needed to help with *Degas and the Dance*, through Sunday, Jan. 12, flexible sched-

ules are available including weekdays, weekends and evening shifts, if you would like to serve as an ambassador in the galleries assisting visitors from around the world, or want more information about DIA volunteer opportunities, call (313) 833-0247 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**Farmington Community Chorus**  
 Chorus will hold new-member auditions for its spring session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 and 14, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile just east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Accepting members from age 19 and older. For information, call (248) 471-4516

**Franklin Village Band**  
 Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan may join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869, or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119.

**Novi Civic Center**  
 Auditions for *Annie* 4:30-7 p.m. Feb. 4 and 6 (Check-in starts at 4 p.m.) Actors ages 7 through college age may audition at 45175 W. 10 Mile. Audition packets available Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Novi Parks and Recreation desk, (248) 347-0400

**Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film**  
 Seeking proposals from Michigan artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, (248) 858-0415.

**Southfield Presbyterian Church**  
 The directors of *Peeking at the Blues* (A Tribute to Bessie Smith) and Dance Theater of Michigan are auditioning for dancers, singers, musicians, actors and comedians, 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 2003, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, call (248) 552-5001 or (248) 942-3243 for audition appointments and directions.

## CLASSICAL

**Ann Arbor District Library**  
*Downtown Sounds*, featuring The Arbor Consort, 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at 343 S. Fifth Avenue in Ann Arbor; Free concert (248) 327-4560

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
 Classical Series at Orchestra Hall - *Scheherazade* - 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. \$15-\$56; Martin Luther King Day Concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at Orchestra Hall. \$10-\$25/ adults and \$8-\$20/ younger than 18. (313) 576-5111

**Northville High School**  
 Winter Concert Series, sponsored by the Northville Art Commission, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at Northville High School Auditorium, 47600 Six Mile. Tickets \$10, \$7/ students. Call (248) 449-9950.

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## JAZZ/BLUES

**Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet**  
 Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit [www.larrynozero.com](http://www.larrynozero.com).

**Southfield Public Library**  
 Bluesman Robert B. Jones performs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. The program is free, space limited-first come, first served. (248) 948-0470

**Vince James Trio**  
 Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100



These are the final days of "Degas and the Dance," a landmark exhibition featuring more than 120 works at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. The exhibition, which continues through Sunday, Jan. 12, is the first to explore the artist's drawings, paintings and sculpture on the Paris Ballet of the 19th century. Pictured is Degas' *Dancer with Red Stockings*, a drawing from 1884. Special holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 30-31, closed Jan. 1, and resume the following day: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Sunday. Timed tickets are \$16 Tuesday-Friday, \$18 Saturday-Sunday, \$8 ages 6-17, children younger than 5 free. Call (313) 866-Degastix. Special walk-up, same day price for seniors age 65 and older with ID \$10 at the DIA box office 2-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday.

## MAKING CONTACT:

Please submit items for publication in *Going Places* to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

## FOLK

**Orion Township Public Library**  
 Folksinger Dan Hazlett to perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the library, 825 Joslyn, just north of Clarkston Road. No charge. (248) 693-3000

## WORLD MUSIC

**Pat McDunn**  
 Duke Humphries, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Rochester Hills, no cover, (248) 601-1100

## SOCIAL DANCING

**Dance Elite Ballroom Studio**  
 Ballroom/ Latin dance party 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ, open to the public, Friday-Saturday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield, \$10, \$9, Michigan Swing Dance Association, singles welcome, (248) 926-8522.

**Italian Cultural Center**  
 New Year's Eve Dance, doors open 6 p.m., cocktails/dinner at 7:30 p.m., country/ western dancing to DJ music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31; Open bar-champagne toast at midnight - \$35 per person - advance ticket sales only, call Marcie Hauler at (586) 731-8337.

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

**Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall**  
 Inaugural Dinner Dance, doors open 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5; 1:30 p.m. dinner; 3-7 p.m. dancing; at 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Heights; Admission: \$20, no refunds. Includes beer and setups, B.Y.O.B. For tickets, call (586) 751-2834 or (313) 937-1316

**Rhythm 'N' Shoes**  
 Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299.

**Sunday Dance Parties**  
 Ballroom dancing 8-11 p.m. every Sunday, White Heather Club, 150 Vester, Ferndale, \$6 before 8 p.m., \$7 after, (313) 521-6564.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**  
 314 East Liberty, Ann Arbor Bill Hildebrandt, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Dec. 26-28. \$5-\$10. Call (734) 996-9080 D.C. Malone, 8 and 10:30 p.m. (10:30 show includes party favors and a split of champagne at midnight) Tuesday, Dec. 31. \$25.50 at 8 p.m.; \$29.50 at 10:30 p.m. (734) 996-9080 Steve Sabo, 8 and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4. \$8/ advance-\$10/ at the door Comedy Jamm Night! 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. All tickets \$5

**Detroit Opera House**  
 George Carlin with guest Dennis Blair 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, \$34.50-\$42.50 at CC.com, the Detroit Opera House box office and all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666.

**Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia**  
 Every Tuesday night is open mic night. The club also offers a stand-up comedy class for those interested in performing and writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

**West Branch Library**  
 Comedian, O.J. Anderson appears at noon, Saturday, Jan. 11, at the library, 2503 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 327-4200.

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
 Continues its Friday night programming, 5200 Woodward Ave. \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**Detroit Science Center**  
 Digital Dome Planetarium show continues on weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, 5020 John R., Detroit. (313) 577-8400, [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org).

**Detroit Zoo**  
 Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life, which features a 70-foot see-through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and children. For more information, call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org). Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile on the northwest corner of I-696 and Woodward, Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers. To volunteer or for more information, call Sue Kingspess at (248) 541-5717.

**Henry Ford Museum**  
 Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

**Plymouth Historical Museum**  
 New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit. Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, includes lock of Lincoln's hair cut from his wound the night of the assassination, a life mask and casts of Lincoln's hands sculpted in 1860 by Leonard Volk, life-size wax figures of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in their second inaugural period clothing, 36-foot-wide mural of the second inaugural ball from 1865, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm**  
 The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit [www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm](http://www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm)

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# Interlochen to hold auditions for summer arts camp

Interlochen Center for the Arts has selected Michigan Classic Ballet to host auditions for Detroit-area dance students to attend one of two Interlochen education programs: Interlochen Arts Camp, the world's largest and best-known summer arts program for students ages 8-18; and Interlochen Arts Academy, the nation's premiere fine arts boarding high school.

Dance auditions for students ages 8-18 for the Interlochen Arts Camp and Academy will be held as follows:

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m. registration; 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. audition class, Geiger Classic Ballet, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills.

The open audition class will include ballet, pointe and modern. No pre-registration is necessary. There is a \$10 audition fee, payable at the time of registration. Students are asked to provide a photo in first arabesque. Required audition dress for girls is black leotards and pink tights; boys should wear white T-shirts and black tights.

Interlochen dance faculty will be on hand to answer questions and conduct the auditions. Each year, Interlochen fills approximately 48 dance openings for each session of the summer arts camp and 40 for the arts academy.

"Interlochen is all about providing opportunities for students," said Sharon Randolph, Dance Division Chair. "Interlochen attracts more students from Michigan than any other state, and it is important that as many students as possible have the opportunity to

audition for our programs. We encourage students who want to explore their dance options to audition."

At Interlochen Arts Camp, beginning dance students learn the basics of dance. Serious and experienced dancers focus their attention on ballet and modern dance and have numerous performance opportunities. The Interlochen Arts Academy offers a ballet-based program, complemented by study in modern, jazz and other contemporary styles. The Academy's resident dance com-

pany, Interlochen Dance Ensemble, performs three fully-produced dance concerts per year. In addition to dance, Interlochen Arts Academy offers instruction in college-preparatory academics, music, theatre arts, creative writing and visual arts.

The Dance Division is home to one of the leading programs for male dancers in the United States. Guest artists join resident faculty to provide dance students the opportunity to work with renowned teachers and choreographers. Recent

Interlochen graduates have continued with The Joffrey Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and the San Francisco Ballet.

Interlochen offers a generous scholarship program. More than 70 percent of students attending the Academy receive financial aid. The average scholarship award totals more than half of the tuition cost.

For more information, call (800) 681-5912, e-mail admissions@interlochen.org or visit www.interlochen.org.

## BBAC

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women and the arts, a theme which I first explored in a BBAC lecture series entitled "The HERstory of Art." Washington, D.C., was a natural destination because it houses so many celebrated examples of women as subjects, patrons, and creators of art.

The most compelling — and controversial — is, of course, Maya Lin's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Now widely acclaimed as an icon of both national and personal remembrance, The Wall was once the source of great controversy, due largely to the sex, age, and nationality of its creator.

We'll explore how Maya Lin fundamentally changed public conceptions about what a national monument should be during a private evening bus tour of D.C.'s best-loved monuments, from the oldest, the Washington monument, to the newest, the Roosevelt monument.

Of course, anyone interested in women artists should not miss the National Museum of Women and the Arts, a spectacular yet little-known museum that houses a permanent collection of more than 25,000 works dating from Renaissance artists like Lavinia Fontana to 20th-century works by Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keefe and Judy Chicago. Of particular interest this spring is a loan exhibition from the Hermitage museum in Russia, which focuses paintings and sculptures by women artists active in St. Petersburg during the eras of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, many of which have never been exhibited outside Russia.

The most captivating images are by Elisabeth Vigee-Lebrun, who served as court painter to Marie Antoinette and narrowly escaped to Russia during the French Revolution. In her portraits of Russian noblewomen,

Vigee-Lebrun captures vividly the courtly life of the Russian aristocracy that had been brutally extinguished in her native France.

Hillwood House and Gardens is a tribute to a woman art collector: cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post. The 40-room mansion provides a visual feast — Post's collection of French and Russian Imperial art, including Faberge eggs, Empress Alexandra's diamond crown and Catherine the Great's china, Czarist treasures that Post acquired in the 1930s during her husband's tenure as U.S. ambassador to the USSR.

### MALE VERSUS FEMALE

I decided to expand the scope of the tour beyond women and the arts this fall after I gave a series of lectures at the BBAC entitled "He Said/ She Said: Famous Couples in Art." The course explored the complex personal and artistic relationships of Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, Edward Stieglitz and Georgia O'Keefe and Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. I was struck by the often-dramatic difference between male and female perspectives on the visual arts and by the extent to which style, subject matter and reception of a work of art were often influenced by external social, political, and economic as well as purely artistic factors. Were Georgia O'Keefe's gigantic flower paintings erotic metaphors of her own sexuality as her husband, Alfred Stieglitz, maintained or, as she insisted, an attempt to shock busy New Yorkers into noticing flowers?

Given the popularity of the lecture series, I decided to incorporate the He Said/ She Said theme into our tour, particularly into our exploration of the museums of the National Mall, America's cultural and symbolic center.

For example, the National Gallery's collection of paintings and sculptures includes both a terra-cotta bust of Lorenzo

## I am looking forward to the private tour of the National Gallery's renovated West Building Sculpture Gallery given by Abigail Mack Sagerman, National Gallery conservator.

de'Medici, the Florentine Renaissance scholar and statesman par excellence, and Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of Ginevra de'Benci. While previous women were depicted in profile, Ginevra is the first Italian Renaissance woman to boldly gaze out towards the artist and viewer (like her male counterpart, Lorenzo), thus defying the traditional societal expectations of women.

The collection also includes works of art by Degas and Cassatt, including Cassatt's *Girl with a Braid*, which was once owned by Degas. Who influenced whom? While the subject, style and composition of Cassatt's painting compare closely with Degas' work, Cassatt shows us a distinctly feminine perspective on an intimate feminine subject matter, one which was likely intended as a direct response to Degas.

We'll find modernist examples of our theme in the Hirschhorn Museum, the mall's unusual artistic institution, housed in an extraordinary, cylindrical museum and adjacent sculpture garden. The collection includes paintings by Jackson Pollock as well as Lee Krasner, a celebrated painter perhaps best known for her role as Mrs. Jackson Pollock, along with masterpieces by Calder, Giacometti and others.

The tour took on its current title after BBAC director Janet Torno and I secured private tours of several interesting Washington artistic sites. Although many of us complain about the privileges of the so-called "Washington Insiders," wouldn't we all secretly like to be one?

Washington insider through guided tours of the Kreeger Museum and the Phillips Collection. Each museum was once a private home. The Kreeger, also known as "the jewel on Foxhall," displays the personal collection of Washington philanthropists David and Carmen Kreeger in their former home, itself a masterpiece of modern architecture by the renowned architect Philip Johnson. The Phillips Collection, the country's oldest modern art museum, is famous for its Impressionist and Postimpressionist masterpieces including Renoir's ever-popular *Luncheon on the Boating Party*. In addition to the permanent collection, we'll also view a fascinating exhibition featuring Margaret Bourke-White, a Depression-era photographer who broke new ground by exploiting both the artistic and the documentary possibilities of the photographic medium.

### HOTEL EXPERIENCE

For those of you who crave Washington-style experiences, we'll have an additional treat — two nights at the Washington Hotel, the city's oldest continuously operating hotel. The hotel's rooftop terrace is a perfect place to end a full day of

living and learning. Looking at works of art, particularly those made hundreds of years ago, is much like traveling to a foreign country. We cannot fully understand a work of art without some knowledge of the artist, patron and the original social, political and religious as well as artistic context in which it was made.

To satisfy this need, I am offering a series of evening lectures at the BBAC to serve as preparation for tour participants and as imaginative excursions for armchair travelers. The lectures, which will be given on three Thursday nights in March, include: Monuments and Memory: The Civic Image of Washington, D.C., Behind Closed Doors: Public and Private Collections in Washington D.C. and He Said/ She Said: Famous Couples at the National Gallery of Art.

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Camp Ticonderoga is located at 5725 Rochester Road, south of Square Lake Road, Troy. (248) 828-2528. Beaver Creek is at 1609 North Wayne Road, Westland. (734) 722-5330.

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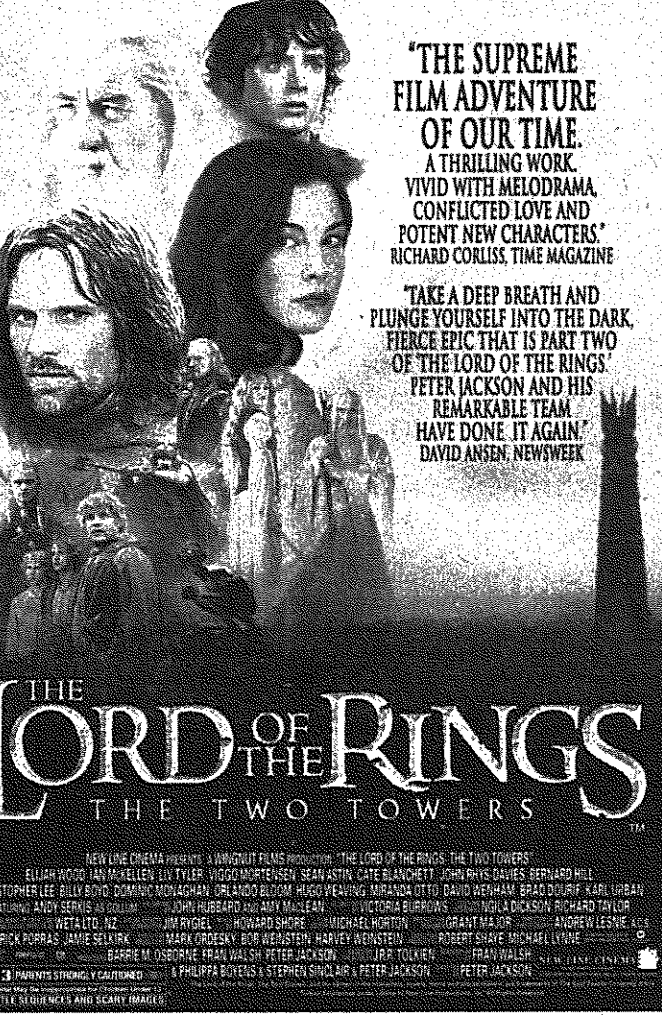
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# Openings, closings, trends on the 2003 dining scene

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

At the end of a year that witnessed announcement of the closing of Too Chez Bistro in Novi in October and the impending closing, after 30 years, of the Golden Mushroom, frequent diners may be questioning, are there more restaurants in metro-Detroit with the same fate upcoming in 2003?

Jerry McVety, president of McVety & Associates, International Food Service and Hospitality Consultants in Farmington Hills, said there will be, although he was not at liberty to reveal which restaurants at this time.

"Some high-end restaurants will close but will continue to run a catering operation," McVety said. "There's an on-going need in the metro-area to offer catering for family celebrations such as weddings, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs. This is an affluent area, and people will continue to entertain discretely at home using a caterer. It's in vogue."

## NEW RESTAURANTS TO OPEN

Some restaurants may close, but a host of others will open. In the second half of January 2003, look for Mark and Matt Brown, owners of the popular Redcoat Tavern on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak, to open a French tavern-style casual eatery called "Zinc" at 6475 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield, in the former location of Pizzeria



Uno. Executive Chef is Louai Sharkas, well known to area diners from his days at the Rugby Grill in The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and at Oakland Grill on Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak. "We'll offer a number of dif-

ferent styles of French foods from the best regions," Mark Brown said. "Selections will range from the classics to typical American favorites like a great hamburger, but we'll give it a French twist with frites on the side. All principal plates

will be priced under \$20, and we'll have value-oriented wines on our list." Also in January, the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College in

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The menu includes Stuffed Peppers with lentils, a brunoise of vegetables and carrot glaze; Salad of Julienne Vegetables, a bed of baby greens, oven roasted tomatoes, Pommery mustard vinaigrette and pine nuts.

A Tofu Tower will be complemented by artichoke fondue, tomato concasse and a duo of infused oils. The Risotto Trio consists of spinach risotto, caramelized onion risotto and roasted red pepper risotto with crispy leeks. Drunken Melon Medley will showcase casaba melon, honeydew and cantaloupe with mint and citrus zest.

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Livonia will move to the new \$27 million culinary arts building on campus. As in its former location, lunch will be served, but word has it that there may be evening dining on some days of the week. Let's hope so.

Sometime in mid-winter, The City Cellar/ Blue Martini will open in the Palladium building in Birmingham. In late spring, Mitchell's Fish Market plans to open on the ground floor of the Willits condominium complex, also in Birmingham.

**TRENDS OF THE TIMES**

There's little doubt that P.F. Chang's in Somerset Collection South in Troy has generated enthusiasm for Chinese food. The corporation has been looking for another metro-Detroit location for some time. They found it at 17905 Haggerty (at Six Mile) in Northville Township. In the third quarter of 2003, look for a new P.F. Chang's to open there in a free-standing building. The menu will be the same as that in Somerset, but the interior design will be unique, as are all 77 locations of P.F. Chang's in 27 states — quite an accomplish-

ment for this restaurant chain in just 10 years of operation.

On busy evenings, McVety said, it's impossible to turn more tables in some restaurants. So take-out is the best option to serve more people. Several restaurants will opt to make take-out even more convenient.

Mexican food continues to escalate in popularity. Excluding Taco Bell, Mexican eateries have little competition in the greater Detroit area. Thus Qdoba Mexican Grill at 685 E. Maple in Birmingham plans a winter opening. It will be similar to the already operating Qdoba at 301 S. Main St. in Royal Oak. Look for McDonald's to strut Mickey D in a Mexican sombrero under its quick service TexMex concept Chipotle.

Buffalo Wild Wings, now open in Novi, plans to open six to eight more locations in the area. Carrabba's Italian Grill is an extension of Outback Steakhouse, so you'll be hearing more about this eatery. This isn't because steak has become less popular. Rather, Italian food continues to gain enthusiasts.

Another example of just how popular is Il Posto's owner Gianni Belsito's purchase of Excalibur, 28875 Franklin

Road, Southfield. He will remodel and restyle the location to Cafe Milano, a typical Italian trattoria, serving casual Italian food and brick-oven baked pizzas. Belsito is hoping to open his new venue by late winter, but as every restaurateur knows, the best-laid plans in remodeling don't always complete on time.

**KUDOS**

McVety openly complimented Unique Restaurant Corp. president and founder Matt Prentice. "He's been a master at giving area restaurant-goers what they really want to eat, meat and potatoes," McVety said. Steak and potatoes under its many guises is not trending back but growing exponentially with restaurants such as Prentice's new Shiraz in Bingham Farms. He's added lobster to the menu, and it's the rebirth of a modern chop house.

To McVety, success of the newly opened Sweet Georgia Brown in Detroit at 1045 Brush St. (313) 965-1245 indicates that the risk factor of opening an upscale restaurant in downtown Detroit has disappeared. In Greektown, this non-Opa-shouting restaurant, defies its Southern-inspired name to

serve Chef Jerry Nottage's globally inspired food. Although open for lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch at Sweet Georgia Brown is yet another

reason to go to Detroit on the weekend.

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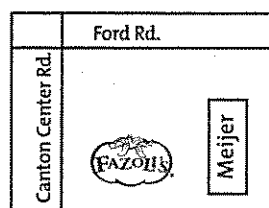
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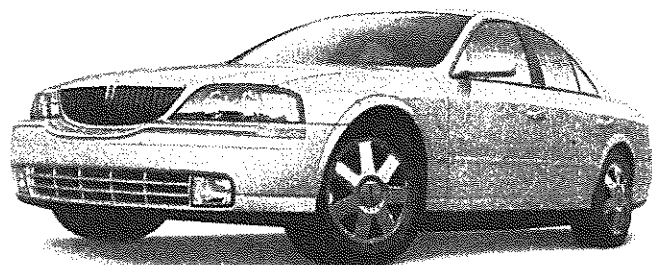
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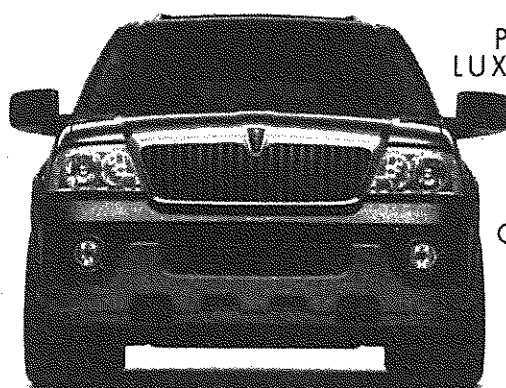
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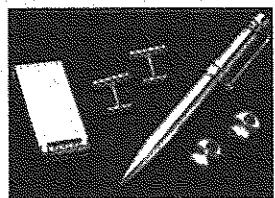
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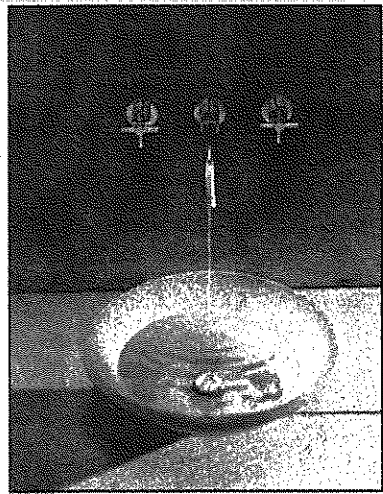
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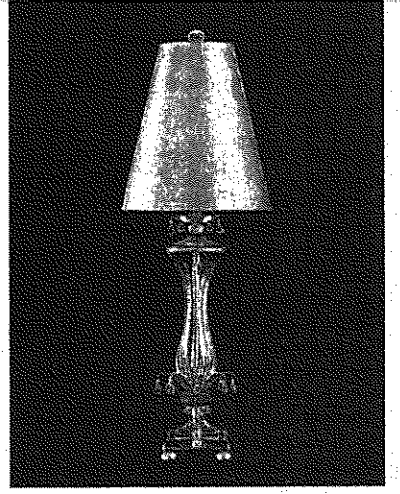
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# Comfort decor



2003 home trends grounded in notions of ease, solace

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

As homeowners approach renovation and decorating projects in 2003, values like well-being and comfort are likely to influence their decisions, at least subconsciously.

Likewise, these notions are defining next year's home decor and style trends.

With life as hectic as ever and worries about the economy and foreign policy unbroke, manufacturers and retailers believe homeowners are seeking to "cocoon" in comfort.

"Probably a psychologist would say that it's a way to gain control," said Joyce Conklin, general manager of The Great Indoors in Novi.

### WITH COMFORT, COMES ...

From a practical standpoint, you can't have comfort without convenience. More than ever, homeowners are seeking functional living quarters and ease of use, say designers and forecasters. Baby boomers, particularly, are looking for ways to make day-to-day life more fluid and seamless.

Examples of the trend run the gamut. In design: Engineered stone flooring has a high-end look but requires less work to maintain than the real thing. In appliances: Dish drawers make daily kitchen clean-up quick and easy. In home improvement: Interlocking laminate flooring snaps together like a puzzle for swift and easy assembly.

The needs of baby boomers may drive the market, but "being comfortable is high on everybody's list," said Melissa Birdsong, director of trend forecasting and design for Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, which has locations throughout metropolitan Detroit.

"In some decades past, particularly certain areas of the home were presentation-ready. Today, people want to be able to use every room and space in their house."



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Stylish, space-saving dish drawers such as these by Fisher & Paykel (above), available at the Expo Design Center, make everyday food clean-up quick and effortless. Items that offer such convenience are expected to be popular in 2003, as homeowners seek to make life at home as comfortable and easy as possible. An above-counter sink (top left) brings an almost-divine serenity to the bathroom. Accessories with an heirloom look like this crystal lamp with Swarovski Strass crystal beads (top right) are expected to be popular as part of a larger trend toward elements and interiors that comfort us.



Bringing nature and a sense of the outdoors inside the home will continue to gain momentum in 2003. Gauged natural slate flooring, available at Expo Design Center stores, is one way to bring earth tones and textures into a room.

### RELAXED STYLES

That shift in thinking explains the growing popularity of more casual furnishings, within which such trends as English Country, French Country, American Country, Arts and Crafts and even modified Contemporary fall into place.

English and French Country styles enable homeowners to have "that formal edge but a setting that's comfortable," said David Kallis, multi-room house designer for the Expo Design Center in West Bloomfield. The retailer also has stores in Troy and Shelby Township.

At the other end of the spectrum, contemporary furniture, which is sophisticated but informal, will emerge in softened form next year, Kallis said. "It's more relaxed without the hard edges. It's called soft contemporary."

### COMFORT NATURALS

Convenience, ease of use and, particular, decorative styles address comfort, but, simply put, there are certain elements and objects that, like comfort food, make us feel good.

Among them accessories that could be called vintage but are better described as faux heirloom, are the kind of pieces one finds in grandma's attic. Vintage pieces from more recent decades will continue as a trend, but the latest is what The Great Indoors calls "out of the attic."

Cut crystal and table lamps with crystal drop accents are two examples of the look - both relatively inexpensive ways to bring the comfort of an heirloom into a room.

Another natural at soothing the soul is Mother Nature herself. While the concept of "bringing the outdoors indoors" has been a trend for a while now, it is expected to grow in 2003 with use of natural materials for flooring and countertops, earth-toned color palettes and design elements that play up water, such as

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## Contractors take heat off furnace worries for seniors

BY JOHN R. HALL  
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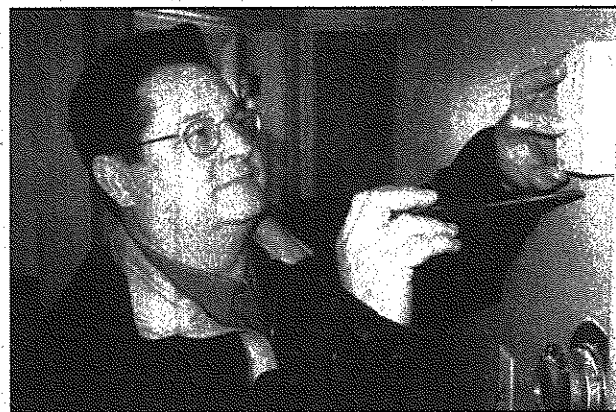
Some seniors in the Detroit area got an early Christmas present - a free furnace inspection and tune-up, and carbon monoxide detector - thanks to a group of local heating and cooling contractors.

"Al Keat's Day - Project Heat" sponsored by the Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association on Dec. 7, benefited 56 senior citizen homeowners. The homeowner's names were provided by two local agencies - Seniors Alliance of Wayne County and the Area Agency on Aging of Oakland County.

The event, named after founder Al Keats, has been sponsored by association for the past 15 years. The association is comprised of 29 heating and cooling contractors and another 15 suppliers and educators from that trade. The association is

dedicated to the highest ethical standards among members and is committed to providing the most professional and highest-quality installation and service to its customers.

Two of the leaders of association and organizers of the event, Cliff McCourt of Day & Night Heating, Novi, and Craig James of Slasor Heating & Cooling Inc., Livonia, started Project Heat by addressing the participating companies. Day & Night was the meeting point for the day's activities. The contractors were also joined by Ken Erdody, a representative of Research Products Corp., Madison, Wis., which donated carbon monoxide detectors to the Project.



Bill Bradley, one of the co-owners of Airtronic Heating & Cooling in Redford, installs a carbon monoxide detector in the home of George and Sue Illingworth of Redford.

or whether they need replacing. Homeowners need to know about the dangers of CO and the functions of their alarms, Erdody said.

James reminded contractors that they should replace any non-functioning CO detectors and said more would be available if the group's supply ran out.

### STOPS

Two of the homeowners who received a free inspection and cleaning were Redford residents.

George and Sue Illingworth have been lived in Redford for 40 years. The couple normally has their furnace checked every year by a local contractor and were happy to hear that a

member of the association would provide a free inspection. Bill Bradley and Kevin McPherson, co-owners of Airtronic Heating & Cooling, Redford, showed up that morning, armed with test equipment and a CO detector, if it was needed.

The Illingworths did not know where their existing CO detector was. Bradley suggested installing a new one and explained its location and functions to them. That was important since the couple are legally blind.

Meanwhile, McPherson cleaned and checked the 12-year-old furnace and declared that it was in very good shape and needed just a minor cleaning. He said the filter was in good shape and was impressed by the overall cleanliness of the unit.

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# Gardeners share a-peel-ing story of giant herb

Russell and Hilda House of Livonia grew one of the largest of herbs in their back yard last summer and had a lot of fun watching it grow and sharing the excitement with their neighbors.

"Many of them thought it was a weed," Russell said. "Many of them had never seen such a plant," Hilda said. I had a lot of questions when



**Garden spot**  
Marty Figley

I visited. Where did you get it? Does it have a bulb like an onion, a corm like a crocus or gladiolus, a rhizome like the

bearded iris, or a tuber like the dahlia or tuberous begonia? What do you do with it when cold weather arrives? Did it produce any flowers?

Here's the scoop: In November 2001, they received their plant from Russell's brother-in-law, who grows them in Tennessee.

This plant grew from a sucker. They agree that the part you plant most resembles an onion, so we can assume it is a bulb.

When they returned home from their visit, Hilda planted it in a pot filled with potting soil, set it in the basement and kept the soil moist all winter.

son. He also fertilized two or three times during the season with Miracle-Gro.

Each leaf is attached to what looks like a stem but is in fact a sturdy, porous, enveloping leaf-sheath, which terminates in spreading, large leaves that often split at intervals along the center of the leaf.

This occurs about every 10 days or so when one of the large leaves splits and a new leaf readily grows to replace it, emerging from the same place on the stalk. This continues through the summer.

When I visited, the herb was about 12 feet tall to the top of the topmost leaf.



MARTY FIGLEY

Russell House's herb plant grew about 12 feet tall in his Livonia garden.

### SOIL PREPARATION

The following spring, Russell prepared the soil in this manner:

He dug a hole 18 inches deep in fertile garden soil, then added a layer of homemade compost. Next he added a layer of clay soil and a layer of soil from sod, and topped the bed off with 6 to 8 inches of good fertile soil.

He explained that to get the soil from the sod, he removed sod from the utility area of the yard and used the soil that was attached to the grass roots.

This new garden bed is in sunlight most of the day and Russell kept the soil moist throughout the growing sea-

### WHAT IS IT?

There is one flowering stem on each plant that grows up through the center of these sheaths and produces bananas! Did you guess what this plant is?

"When the plant produces a bunch of bananas, a stem grows out of the stalk and the bananas hang backwards, back toward the stalk, and the stem continues to grow," Russell said.

"A seed, which resembles a shiny eggplant, forms at the end of this stalk, then is cut off to allow the bananas to develop. No more leaves are produced after the bananas appear and the stalk is dead."

When the frost hit the plant, the couple stripped the leaves away and carried the plant to the basement once again and set it in a pot of soil.

They will keep it moist and set it out again next spring.

It is doubtful that the Houses' plant will develop bananas, because it takes 15 to 18 months from a banana's first growth to reach the cutting stage of the one bunch of bananas that it bears.

Nevertheless, they have had a great time growing their banana.

Russell already has chosen a spot in the front yard where he will grow it next year so that more people can see and enjoy it.

In tropical climates after the plant bears its bunch of bananas, it's cut down and left in place to enrich the soil.

The underground rootstock is perennial and new shoots develop at six-month intervals to keep the plant growing.

### OTHER GARDEN DELIGHTS

Russell and Hilda enjoy their garden and try new things. They are proud of their gum tree (which doesn't produce the fruits) and say the fall color is wonderful.

The bald cypress is also a knockout in the fall, and in the spring they watch for the Bradford pear to blossom. Their garden is filled with many plants such as roses, a big hibiscus, sunflowers, foxglove, spider plant, hollyhocks, vines and more. Russell likes to design the various beds and built a fishpond for Hilda in one corner of their yard.

By the way, the botanical name of the banana is the tongue twister *Musa paradisica sapientum*. It grows 10 feet to 30 feet high.

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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## Saturation point reached on appliances

The movement by the appliance manufacturing industry during 2002 has never been greater than maybe back in the 1970s - new designs, features and attractions that



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

might just tempt you to get rid of the old one and buy new. The reason for so much activity can be attributed to the fact that this country has reached its maximum saturation point on needed major home appliances for its population. The next few years will be interesting as we watch the production figures of American manufacturers slow down from those increasing yearly figures that date back to 1946. I believe the graph has reached its peak and as we level off, watch out for the foreign competition. Two different companies from Korea and China have

already hit our shores. Their products have sleek, innovative features that are already catching the eye of consumers and there are rumblings of future price wars between overseas and U.S. competition.

Homeowners are laying out the big bucks for those high end products that are made to last.

Let's take this writer as an example of someone with 10-year-old appliances in the home.

The refrigerator is in good shape; it only needed one service call five years ago to change the defrost heaters. It keeps food frozen and cold, but not cold enough.

The ice dispenser is very slow compared to a newer model. The ice jams up in the system quite often.

The operating noise level is much louder than I think it should be and I think I just might get another four to five years of life out of it.

The electric range I have is nice and clean and yet the top burners are all scarred and the drip pans need replacing. The vinyl in the door handle is

starting to yellow and so far, I haven't had to replace any of the very expensive control and modular parts. I do expect something to go wrong in the next few years.

The dishwasher continues to do the job quite well except that it seems to be getting louder with each passing year.

With the kids all through school and working, the next time I need a new appliance, don't you think I'm going to consider a new product that looks good, is tough and is built like a tank? You bet I am, and I know from all the homeowners I meet and their comments, so are they.

I will soon be doing a seminar at a school of engineering and I will take a copy of this column with me. The subjects are going to be ethics, pride in workmanship, caring for others, and the need to remember how products used to be made in this country. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

## CONTRACTORS

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George Illingworth said he only deals with reputable contractors in the area and often asks them how many years they have been in business and what their "ethics" are.

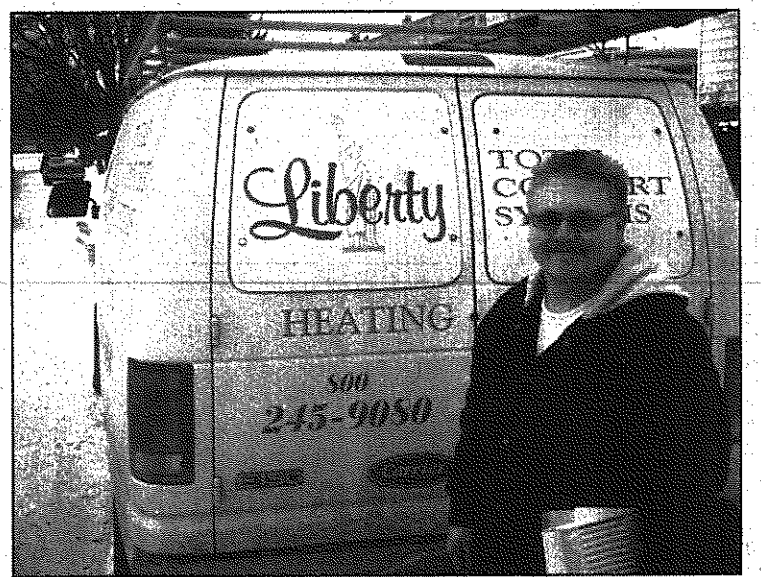
They were not disappointed at all by the professionalism of the Airtronic owners, they said.

Another Redford resident, Martha Coatsworth, was visited by Howard Dupont, senior service technician for Liberty Total Comfort Systems, Redford.

The 11-year-old furnace was in very good condition, with one exception.

The furnace had not been serviced in a couple of years, and it appeared that the filter for the attached electronic air cleaner had not been changed for that long, too.

It was clogged with dirt and dog hair and needed to be replaced. Dupont had a replacement filter on the truck and made the switch - free of charge.



Howard Dupont, senior service technician for Liberty Total Comfort Systems, Redford, gets ready to visit a senior citizen homeowner during Project Heat.

The furnace was in very good shape, he said, and he ran a battery of tests to prove that it was operating efficiently and safely.

He noticed the absence of a CO detector and mentioned that he would bring one out the next week.

He had given his last CO detector to a woman at his previous stop - a home that needed a new furnace.

In all, four homes were identified that needed new furnaces. The association, in cooperation with its supplier members, will arrange to donate the furnaces and labor for free.

For more information on these two local contractors, call Airtronic Heating & Cooling at (313) 537-8111 or Liberty Total Comfort Systems at (800) 245-9080.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Cranbrook House

Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills is dressed for holiday tours that will begin 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27. The house is the Detroit area's oldest manor home. George and Ellen Booth lived there during the years they built Cranbrook. The Booths were principal players in the American Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th century. Their home is at the core of the extensive Cranbrook grounds and contains beautiful furnishings and works by world-famous artists. Tickets are \$5, \$4 for students and seniors. Parking is free in the lot adjacent to the house. Cranbrook House is at 380 Lone Pine Road, just west of Cranbrook Road. For more information, call (248) 645-3149. The public may visit Cranbrook House the evenings of the fourth Friday of each month through June. Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum and Cranbrook Institute of Science are also open. Call (248) 645-3000 for times, costs and information about special events at Cranbrook.

### How-to clinics

Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers

every week. The clinics last about 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects.

Contact your local Home Depot for more information. The December schedule is: Faux Painting, 7 p.m. Tuesday; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursday; How to Install Pergo, 11 a.m. Saturday; How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sunday; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sunday.

### Kempf House Museum

Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, is decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme during December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. Admission to the house is \$1, free for under age 12. For more information, call (734) 994-4898.

### Blood drive

Blood may be donated 1-6:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile in Warren. To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at (800) GIVE-LIFE. The blood drive is taking place in partnership with the American Red Cross and FOX 2.



Creating functional and appealing outdoor spaces where homeowners can live and play will remain an important home trend in 2003.

## DECOR

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above-counter sinks or vessels in bathrooms.

"With bringing the outdoors indoors, you're mixing elements. You bring slate, for example, into a room and plants, or even a water fountain," said Kallis at Expo Design Center.

Similarly, current interest in creating functional outdoor spaces will only grow, said Birdsong from Lowe's. "There has been a growing trend to create more outdoor living space. That's still going on with creation of outdoor kitchens, outdoor patios, use of portable fire pits and outdoor heaters. Homeowners are really looking to create environments outdoors, habitats where they can eat, cook and live."

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Chat Room

Joni Hubred

## Bride doll is magic memory

**P**icture it: Christmas, 1966. I was 8 years old, and more than anything, I wanted Santa to bring me a bride doll.

You have to keep in mind that for the first seven years of my life, I really wanted nothing to do with dolls and preferred cowboy outfits and doctor kits. (Hey, those nurse kits were really lame. Red plastic instead of black, and they didn't even have a stethoscope, for pete's sake!) So my parents were thrilled that I wanted a doll.

And this was not just any doll. I picked out a two-foot-tall, mahogany-haired beauty wearing a dazzling white satin beaded wedding gown and finger-tip veil. She had pointy-toed white plastic shoes that fit into a special stand so you could display her on the floor when you weren't marching her down some imaginary aisle.

Best of all, she had a tiny bouquet of silk flowers that, when placed in her little molded plastic fist, could be catapulted into the air by cocking her arm and flipping a switch on her back.

The only thing she didn't come with was a groom, but who needs a man when you've got an arm like that?

Yesiree, all things considered, this was a COOL bride doll. Now, I'm 44 years old, and I don't remember much of anything from my childhood. There was that one time I decided to lick the flagpole outside my elementary school on a frosty winter afternoon.

That much blood, you don't just forget.

But I remember the Christmas of 1966 like it was yesterday. I remember how much I wanted that doll. And I remember when the best Christmas morning of my childhood arrived.

I burst into the living room, and there she was, standing at the base of the tree, unwrapped so I didn't have to wait a second more than necessary to play with her.

That's what I loved about Santa — he was always considerate of my impatience.

I carefully separated her from her box, which wasn't easy as there were fasteners around her ankles, knees, waist, arms and neck. Her features were perfectly crafted...round, iridescent blue eyes, a perky nose, perfectly rouged cheeks and bright red bow-shaped lips.

Fine strands of hair clung to her pale, plastic skin. Only her head was soft; her body, though jointed, had been molded in hard plastic. She wasn't really soft enough to hug, but I hugged her anyway.

I think you should be that way with people, too.

Mom and Dad helped me figure out how to get her bouquet throwing arm in gear, and I had a ball loading and throwing, all morning long.

That afternoon, my 5-year-old brother got hold of her and pulled her arm so far back he broke it. Thus began her slow descent into the abyss of disrepair.

Without her magic arm, she just didn't seem as wonderful, I guess. So on Christmas night, my Christmas bride doll, once a treasured dream, was tossed into the pile with all the other regular baby dolls.

A few months later, she was laying in the corner of my bedroom with indelible blue ink marks on her face and oddly feathered hair (I went through a makeup and beauty shop phase).

I'm not sure what ever happened to her.

One day she just... disappeared.

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BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

**O**nce upon a time, a little girl woke up on Christmas morning to find the doll of her dreams under the tree. It was love at first sight and, years later, that doll forever holds a special place in her heart.

When she was just 5 years old, Marie Gilligan, 68, of Garden City received a big baby doll for Christmas. So did her twin sister, Lucy Ann. These dolls had soft, cuddly cloth bodies and could say "mama." The dolls were identical except that Marie's had brown eyes and Lucy Ann's had blue.

"I was thrilled, just thrilled. We had wanted those dolls," Marie said. "We always got the same doll but with different colored eyes."

Marie doesn't recall naming her doll, but that's OK. She still has her.

"She has a little damage, but I love her," she said. "I also have her doll bed and a little doll pillow. Right now she's dressed in one of my baby dresses. My mother was such a saver."

Donna Trapp of Plymouth also received a special Christmas doll when she was 5 years old. She called her Sweetie Pie. Because the family was poor and couldn't afford to buy doll clothes, Donna's mother made all Sweetie Pie's dresses.

"I never had anything nice like that," Donna said. "My mom refinished a little vanity and in the drawers were all the clothes. ... I wrapped Sweetie Pie up in a receiving blanket and took her to school on the bus. I really kept her visible until I got married, and then she went into the attic."

While Donna never got another doll, she now crochets doll dresses for a woman who restores dolls. Ten years ago, when the woman first asked Donna to crochet, Donna doubted if she could manage such tiny stitches. Muscular dystrophy had made her hands stiff.

"With the help of the good Lord, I tried. Then I threw it the corner and tried again," she said. "Now, I'm slow, but it's good therapy."

### TALES OF LOVE

Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills was 8 years old when Santa brought her first real doll, a look-alike Barbie dressed in a pink and white gingham dress with a white pinafore. Under the tree next to the doll was a little suitcase with three more handmade outfits, including Christine's favorite, a white taffeta wedding dress.

"I just thought this was better than anything I ever wished for," Christine said. "My mother had sewn these after working a 12-hour day and tucking me into bed. She always said she would rather sew than eat."

Twenty-five years and four sons later, Christine gave the doll to her only niece, Kate, on her eighth birthday. The doll had many homes with Kate, including a dorm room at Marquette University and several apartments. Twenty-five years after receiving the doll, Kate presented the doll — in her original wedding dress — to Christine's granddaughter, Meagan Alice, on her baptism.

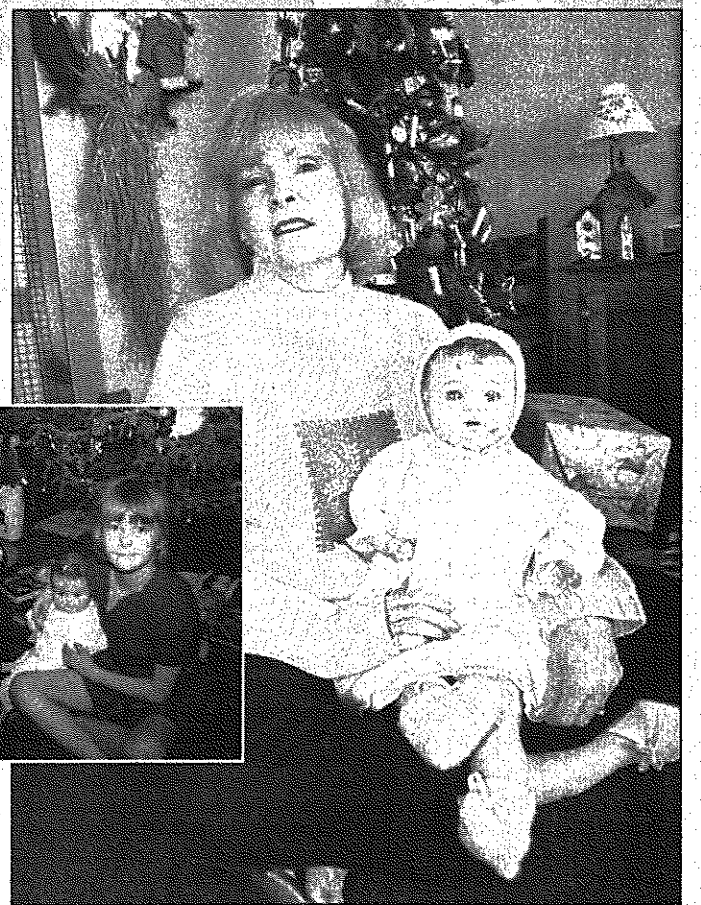
"This doll is now in Meagan's room waiting for the third generation to grow up and love her," Christine said.



Diane Holcomb of Farmington Hills still loves her curly-haired Toni doll, which she received for Christmas in 1959.

## Dolls, Dolls, Dolls!

### Every woman remembers that childhood friend



Marie Gilligan of Garden City holds the baby doll she received on Christmas Eve 1940. Inset: Marie (right) and her twin sister, Lucy Ann, show off their dolls. Lucy Ann's baby doll sits in the buggy.



Noreen Kennedy was a "proud 6-year-old momma" of a Tiny Tears doll on Christmas Eve 1957.

When Emmerence Caverly, 75, of Farmington Hills was 8 years old, her father, a carpenter, lost his eyesight and consequently his ability to support his family of seven children. Until he learned a new trade, weaving rugs at home, the family went through some lean years. That Christmas the Goodfellows paid a visit with large boxes of clothes and toys.

"I was a tomboy, and how did Santa know this? I never figured that out, but I received a large — probably 18 inches — boy doll. I know he was that big because he could wear my baby brother's clothes. Oh man, I was the happiest kid in the world, and I cherished that doll," Emmerence said.

Several years later, Emmerence gave her doll to a family less fortunate than hers. Over the years, she's often thought about her boy doll. She's hoped some little girl cared for him as much as she did.

"Isn't it funny how one toy can really affect our lives? The Goodfellows have held a place in my heart for all these years, even though we received packages for only two years," she said. "My doll and the Goodfellows, what a joy!"

### TALES OF WOE

When Diane Holcomb saw a Toni doll in a neighborhood store during Christmas 1959, she knew she had to have one. It was made by Ideal



Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills, granddaughter Meagan Alice Cahill and niece Kate Cahill show off the look-alike Barbie doll Cahill received when she was 8 years old.



Donna Trapp of Plymouth still loves her 60-year-old doll, Sweetie Pie. Donna's mother made all of Sweetie Pie's clothes.



Marion Standard with her beloved Betsy, whom she received on Christmas Eve when she was 8 years old.

## Marion is introduced to Betsy on Christmas Eve

BY MARION STANDARD  
CORRESPONDENT

Marion Standard writes about a Christmas Eve in the 1930s when she was 8 years old and lived in Detroit. She now lives in Garden City.

It was Christmas Eve and we were on our way from Detroit to Garden City. Excitement was building. We were anxious to see the

chickens and pick up the fresh laid eggs on the farm land and to see the red fire hydrant we played on. (Who would have known that the red fire hydrant we played on would be part of a historical marker where Kmart would build their first store?)

This visit to see Aunt Helen, Uncle Paul and our cousins, Ralph, Gertrude and Vivian, was to be a very special one. We were told Santa was making an early stop at their

house. When we arrived, with the sound of jingle bells, there he was.

Santa proceeded around the room handing out gifts. When he got to me he stooped down and whispered, "Betsy is yours. Take good care of her." He then gave me my gift. She was a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde in her own red wicker buggy.

It was then I was given a letter (I still have the letter) supposedly writ-

ten by Santa, telling me Betsy needed a good home. I found out years later my favorite cousin, Vivian, had written the letter and had relinquished her doll and buggy to me.

Betsy was not a doll you just set up and looked at. I played with her. Needless to say, Betsy has held a special place in my heart. Today, she sits proudly in her red wicker buggy back in Garden City for the past 47 years.

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## DOLLS

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and very popular because it came with a play wave kit to style and "perm" its hair.

"This doll was expensive and hard to find, so I had to give specific hints and clues to my Aunt Lil as to my desire for this doll since she always gave me a special gift on Christmas Eve," said Holcomb, who lives in Farmington Hills.

Aunt Lil came through, and on Christmas Eve presented her niece with a box containing the Toni doll. That same night Diane's family went out to dinner, leaving home Duchess, an uncle's boxer they were dog-sitting. When they returned home, Duchess greeted them with a mouthful of yellow hair.

"We knew at once that my new Toni doll was the victim," Holcomb said.

Forty years later, Diane saw an ad in a doll magazine for a 1959 Toni doll from an owner in Washington for \$200. She sent off a check and two weeks later her doll arrived.

"This time she is in a glass case," Diane said. "She will always remind me of my generous Aunt Lil."

Noreen Kennedy remembers the sound of sleigh bells and Santa's "Ho! Ho! Ho!" on the Christmas Eves of her childhood in Dearborn Heights. On Christmas Eve in 1957, Santa entered her bedroom and placed a Tiny Tears doll in her arms.

"I was a very proud 6-year-old momma," said Noreen, whose sister, Colleen Giovanni of Farmington Hills, prompted her to tell her Christmas doll story.

"The feeling and memory of holding Tiny Tears securely in my arms while walking into our living room remains so vivid in my mind. ... There stood a beautifully decorated Christmas tree with tinsel, colored lights and candy canes ... I still remember the expression on the faces of my mom and dad as we looked in awe and felt the magic of the evening."

Alas, poor Tiny Tears was soon to suffer an indignity. Noreen's 2-year-old brother, John, "nibbled" on her fingers and toes. Actually, he more than nibbled, Colleen said. "He bit the toes off."

Forty-five years later, Tiny Tears and Noreen still spend time together.



Sandra Dalka-Pryby, a freelance writer for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, shows off her Revelon doll, the first doll that had breasts and high heels. "She was the pre-Barbie fashion doll," said Dalka-Pryby.

This year, they'll venture from their home in Traverse City to the family home in Dearborn Heights.

"We'll reminisce about the years past and the wonderful memories of that special Christmas Eve," said Noreen.

## CHATTY CATHY

In 1973, when she was just 3½ years old, Catherine Nichol of Canton received a Chatty Cathy doll. All a little girl had to do was pull the string on Chatty Cathy's back and she started talking.

"It was most appropriate for me to get a Chatty Cathy doll because it wasn't until after my third birthday did I start talking. My older brother, John, did all the talking for me. He knew exactly what I need every time I pointed at something or grunted some sounds," said Catherine.

"But all of a sudden I started talking and never stopped ... To this day my family still calls me Chatty Cathy because I just talk, talk, talk, talk."

Catherine doesn't know what became of her Chatty Cathy, but she's looking for another one for her 3½-year-old daughter, Amy, who, like her mother, never stops talking.

This reporter thanks all the readers who responded to her request for stories on Christmas dolls. These dolls are special.

They're something to love, cuddle and play with ... until you both grow old together. Merry Christmas.

## Hey, teens, here are the keys, use them

So teens, are you sick of your parents acting like house guards? Grilling you about your every move? Tired of them clamping down on your freedom, just when you think you should have more?

Anxious to have them trust you and off your back? Well listen up - I have some up-close-and-personal knowledge of how to turn the tide on a lukewarm relationship

you may be experiencing with your parents! The following four keys will give you entree in the adult world where you want to be.

Let's begin with freedom and privileges. How do you buy a ticket to both? Believe it or not, parents would like to see you get more freedom. Being grounded in their home makes them as antsy as it does you.

They are well aware that in not too many years, you are going to have a ton of freedom - In fact, if you get an apartment or go to college, you will be foot loose and free to do most anything you want.

She could help her own case if she remembers the 4Ws, by telling her mom who she will be going with, where she's going, what they'll be doing and when she will be coming home. By explaining to her

mother that she understands that being with the wrong crowd gets her into things she shouldn't be into, this can help her in the future if her mother witnesses that she is making better choices about the people she runs with.

Key No. 2: PREDICT! You don't even need a crystal ball for this one I would guess, based on the hundreds of teens I've counseled, you are probably as smart as they are and they KNOW without hesitation, just exactly what their parents are going to nag them about. Since you can already predict a parent's response to your not taking care of a school or household responsibility, try predicting what their response would be if you actually tackled the job without their reminders. Are you one to let your bedroom mess accumulate, not take care of your laundry, skip homework assignments, not clean up dirty dishes? If you were to turn around one of those jobs, and take care of it without your parents' reminders, could you imagine their response?

It may be that the first time you do it, they fall over in shock. But frankly, if this became a regular habit, you might find that a formerly irritable and grumpy parent may be a pleasure to be around.

By explaining to her

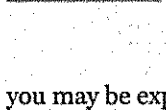
Key No. 3 The truth will set you free. This one's easy ... people don't like being lied to. If I've heard it once, I've heard it a million times... a consequence for a bad choice will be less if you just "fess-up" from the start! When parents find out you've lied, especially if someone ELSE tells them what happened, you probably will be in much more serious trouble than if you had been truthful from the start.

Key No. 4 More words improve relationships. We use, on average, 25,000 words per day. So if you conserve some of those words and not use all of them on the phone, school, you may find the first conversation of the day with your parents might go from, "How was your day?"

"Fine."  
"What'd ya do?"  
"Nothing."  
"Any homework?"  
"Nope," to an actual meaningful dialogue that will end with them possibly wanting to bake you cookies - I know, I know, that might be more than one could ask. Good luck to you - you've got the keys - now's your chance to put them in the lock.

Jacque Martin-Downs is a child and adolescent therapist in private practice in Livonia.

Jacque Martin-Downs



## Life as a belly dancer healed the soul - what's your gift?

Years ago I found homes for both a pig and greyhound who, in one week's time, were victims of horrible abuse.

The details are too graphic to describe here.

The endings were sweet and today both animals are fine. That week, however, I wasn't fine. Dealing with new cases of animal abuse every day, for years, was taking a toll on my emotional health.

That same week two friends and I drove passed a local dance studio marquee that read "Belly Dance Workshop Tonight, 7 p.m."

We needed a temporary escape from the animal rescue world, so on a whim we went. For 90 fascinating minutes we awkwardly tried to mimic a skilled dancer who taught us interesting hip movements we never knew possible. We stumbled through basic steps to give our arms snake-like fluidity and attempted intricate footwork. We learned fascinating belly dance terminology like shim-mies, Maya, hip drops and Turkish arms.

We were mesmerized by the world's oldest dance - performed thousands of years ago to celebrate femininity, life, fertility and childbirth.

From that moment years ago

I was hooked.

Today, I dance professionally. The dance is part of my heritage and culture and I embrace the history that surrounds it.

I've learned to belly dance while using zils (finger cymbals), swords, traditional wooden canes and flowing veils.

Outside the U.S., belly dance is known as Oriental or Middle Eastern dance - or Raks Sharqi (Dance of the East). Traditionally, and locally, it can be performed at weddings to lead the bridal party into the hall - a dancer at a wedding is considered a posh addition. Dancers "bless" the bride and groom with good luck for a healthy family and it also celebrates women's birthdays and wedding anniversaries. It's danced to create a joyous atmosphere at any occasion: Civic, charity and corporate events, restaurants, celebrations and festivals.

For me, there's something magical to dance to music from Romania - the country that my great-grandfather escaped. When I dance to songs that are hundreds of years old I wonder if my ancestors moved to the same beats. In many cultures, women belly dance in their homes for other women. In others, they dance for both sexes.

Life is part art. Art is part life.

Refreshingly, Raks Sharqi celebrates women of all ages, shapes, race, and sizes. It's a disciplined dance entrenched with tradition appropriate for audiences of all ages, and race

The world of belly dance has provided me with a much-needed distraction from the harder parts of life. Dancing professionally helps me escape from the ugliness of the world and reminds me there's beauty in it too. It's helped revive me so that I can continue to be active for the animals.

- that's why I love it.

What I don't like is that there's controversy in almost everything in life. Hollywood films gave "belly dance" a bad reputation. It's an exotic dance yes, but not erotic. It takes years to accomplish and its art form is recognized at Oakland University in Rochester - one of the places where I've studied it. God willing, I'll never quit. Over the years I've been lucky enough to learn from very accomplished dancers who perform in all corners of the world such as Egypt, Germany, California and even Ohio and Westland, Mich.

If performing at restaurants, weddings, festivals, parties or other events different music sets the mood: It could be traditional Turkish folk, upbeat Egyptian or Lebanese pop,

exotic Greek, or solemn Romany (gypsy) beats. I cherish it all. And I have the honor of wearing elaborate evening costumes with shimmering glass beads same as the dancers wear in Egypt and Turkey. For day shows, big skirts are decorated with piles of unique metal and stone jewelry that refugees in Pakistan and Afghanistan create to earn a living. Skirts made in Romania celebrate my heritage.

Making people smile is more than a "hobby" or "side job." This art is now a deep part of my life. It's a treasure to dance with ancient beats and rhythms called beledi, chiftateli, or khaladgy. I've played those beats by dabbling with the dumbek (a Middle Eastern style drum).

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This New Year give yourself a gift that's not a material one. Treat yourself to a healthy escape from everyday life (yoga, dancing, running, playing the guitar, woodworking?).

Make yourself happy and strong and in turn, it can give strength to take on the world.

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Catherine Nichol's family still calls her Chatty Cathy, the name of the doll she received when she was just 3½ years old.

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Alma J. Snider of Wayne is proud to announce the wedding of her daughter, Cindy Lee Snider of San Antonio, Texas to Kirk R. Jorgensen, son of Richard and Irene Jorgensen of Omaha, Neb.

Cindy holds a master's degree from the University of Texas and is currently employed with Southwest Business Corp. in San Antonio. Kirk holds a communications degree from the University of Nebraska and is currently employed as an air traffic control manager with the FAA at San Antonio International Airport.

The wedding took place Oct. 26, 2002 at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb., with the Rev. Lee Griese officiating. A reception was held at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha.

Attending the bride were the bride's man of honor, John B. Roberts; flower girl, Jaclyn A. Snider (8); two ring bearers, Steven A. Snider (6) and Nicholas A. Snider (3).

Attending the groom were best daughter, Kristina N. Cerino; and best son, Christian E. Jorgensen.

After the honeymoon trip to Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado, the couple will reside in San Antonio, Texas.



**Burton-Murfey**

Christopher and Janis Murfey of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Murfey, to Michael Burton of South Lyon.

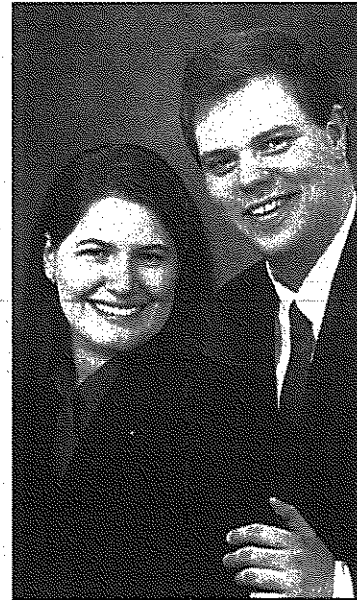
The bride is pursuing a degree in secondary education (mathematics major) at the University of Michigan. She will be graduating April 2003.

Her husband, Michael, is the son of Michael and Sally Burton of South Lyon.

He is pursuing a degree in computer-aided design from Eastern Michigan University. He will graduate December 2004.

Attending the couple were Erin Murfey (the bride's sister), as maid of honor, and Shane Sumner as best man.

The couple was married Oct. 19, 2002, in First Presbyterian Church of Brighton before the Rev. Daniel Michalek. A reception was at Oak Pointe Country Club, Brighton. Lindsay and Michael are making their new home in South Lyon.



**Colson-Moore**

Rosemary and Charles Colson of Saline announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Alice Colson of Bedford, N.H., to Paul Carroll Moore, son of Judy and Dale Moore of Plymouth.

Katherine is a 1996 graduate of Saline High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in political science. She is currently employed by Eastern Research Group in Lexington, Mass.

Paul is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in computer engineering. He is currently employed

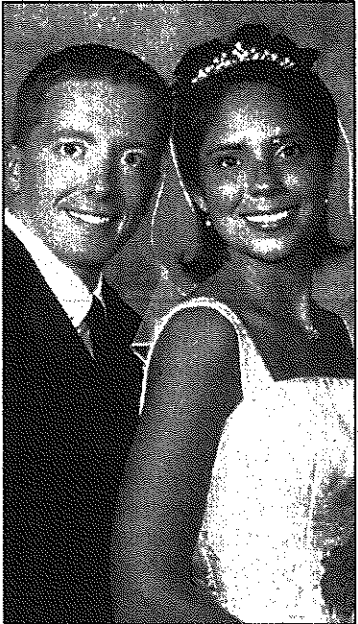
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An Oct. 26, 2002 wedding was performed at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth with the Rev. Edward Baldwin officiating.

Attending the bride were maid of honor Sarah Colson; bridesmaids, Kelly Moore, Maria Wislerg, Angela Christensen and Christina Johnston.

Attending the groom were best man Brook Wyma and groomsmen David Chan, Stephen Colson, Kevin Colson and Brian Colson.

The reception was also held at St. John's in Plymouth. After a cruise in the southern Caribbean, the couple will reside in New Hampshire.



**Wardynski-Crotty**

Mark and Anne Wardynski of Canton are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jeanette Carol, to Sean Francis Crotty, son of Don and Lynn Crotty of Rochester Hills.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment.

She is currently employed with Groundwater & Environmental Services as a project management assistant.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Rochester High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan as well as a 2002 graduate of Rutgers University School of Law.

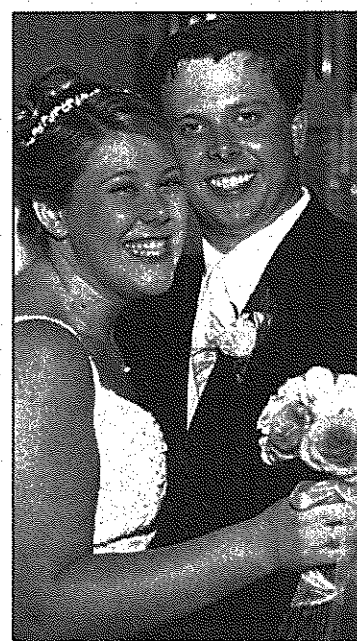
He is currently employed as a law clerk to Justice Marilyn Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court.

An Oct. 12, 2002, wedding was held at the Pine Knob Carriage House with Justice Marilyn Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court officiating.

Attending the bride were Jaime Jones, Holly Hanka, Lauren Rosman and flower girl Destiny Wardynski.

Attending the groom were Michael Crotty, Ron Woodman and Brien Crotty.

After a reception at the Pine Knob Carriage House and a southern Caribbean cruise, they will reside in Ann Arbor.



**Klump-Kammann**

The Rev. and Mrs. Dean Klump announce the marriage of their daughter, Abigail Klump to Daniel Kammann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kammann of Milford.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Ohio Northern University and is presently attending Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

The groom will graduate from Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago in May, 2003. He is currently employed by the General Services Administration.

A July 27, 2002 wedding was performed at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump (father of the bride) officiating, with Mr. Sanford Burr assisting.

Attending the bride were maid of honor, Sarah Martin; bridesmaids, Jeanine Klump, Alison Basinger, Brooke Hazelbaker; and flower girl, Emily Watkins.

Attending the groom were best man, Nik Kling; and groomsmen, Steven Kammann, Matthew Kammann, Aaron Kammann; and ring bearer, Colin Watkins.

After a honeymoon trip to the Golden Lemon Inn and Villas in St. Kitts, the newlyweds will be residing in Evanston, Ill.

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# The scourge of the cell phone continues

While back, Mitch Albom wrote a column in the Detroit Free Press on inconsiderate cell phone users. He talked about the imagined horror of being confined in a plane with a business person who just couldn't complete the flight without checking the status of his warehouse stock. There would be no escape for the passenger seeking peace and quiet, and the solace of a good book.

I'm not a fan of Mitch, but he was right on target this time.

This past fall, during a weekend trip to Maryland to visit our oldest son and his wife, my husband and I were breakfasting in a Bob Evans.

Both of us are news junkies so we like our morning paper straight, with lots of coffee and little conversation. We placed our orders and settled in for a good read.

Not to be. "Yeah, Tom, Joe Schmo here.

Can we get the stuff to John Doe by this afternoon? We can? Good. Get moving."

"Hello, John? I can get you the stuff by this afternoon. No problem. The wife? Oh, she's fine. I'm going to take her on a little color tour in Michigan."

I turned around and glared. The guy on the cell phone was middle-aged, wearing a baseball cap and drinking hot chocolate with a cloud-size glob of whipped cream on top. He ignored my glare.

"Don't," whispered my husband. "Let's just eat."

The guy continued making calls from his "office booth," always adding the bit about taking his wife on a color tour. I wanted to take the guy on a tour of the parking lot by his neck then ram his head against his car door. Instead, I finished my omelet and waited for the bill. Just before we left, I confronted him.

"You know, I work all day long talking to people on the phone. When I'm not working I don't want to be privy to other people's business calls. I don't care about your warehouse," I said.

The guy just smirked. Jerk. Cell phone abuse comes also

comes in milder forms, so benign you think you must accommodate it. Let me give you an example.

A few weeks ago, while on assignment, I was sitting in on a women's support group meeting that covered some very sensitive, very personal issues. It obviously took courage for these women to reveal their feelings. Some were less vocal,

and the group's facilitators were gently prodding them to open up.

Then someone's cell phone rang, and the discussion came to a stop.

"Oh, it's my daughter," said the offending group member, who carried on a conversation for several minutes. It was soon obvious this was not an urgent call. The group remained silent.

It took several minutes to get back on track. Unfortunately, the women's cell phone sounded off once again. This time, another group member had the sense of self to talk over the call.

However, the intimacy - the synergy that took over an hour to build up - was lost, this time for good. Talk became more casual, almost a prattle.

That the facilitators said nothing bothered me. That I said nothing bothered me even more. Driving back to the office, I wondered whose voices, whose concerns, failed to be heard because one cell phone user just had to take a call.

Renee Skoglund is a Health and Community Life staff writer for The Observer.



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## REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Class of 1992  
A 10-year class reunion is being held at 7 p.m. Dec. 27 at Hockey Town Cafe/Second City. The price is \$60 per person which includes appetizers, full bar and ticket to comedy show. We are still looking for classmates. For more information, you can contact Jackie Wright at (702) 579-6335 or jacqueline.wright@fds.com.

### Catholic Central

Class of 1961  
For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion, call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165.

### Chadsey High School

Class of 1953 Jan/June  
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## Throwing Stones....

The old saying that "people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial "pot calling the kettle black." It reminds us of Jesus' advice to take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove the speck from your brother's eye (Matthew 7:4). We often seem to have a blind spot for our own sins, though we usually are quite aware of these same sins in our neighbors. Again and again, Jesus tells us to "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). Perhaps one of the most memorable examples of



this in the Bible, is when a crowd brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that "in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). One by one, they went away, leaving no one to condemn her. Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.  
**For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.  
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**EVENTS**

**Single Point Ministries**  
Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall, for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are present. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

**Walking Club**  
Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

**Metropolitan Single Professionals**  
Trip Information Meetings/Sign-Up Meetings are in the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills, on Sunday Jan. 5.  
For the Las Vegas trip, be there at 6 p.m.; for the Ski-The-Soo Ski Trip-Canada, 6:30 p.m.; and the Punta Cana-Caribbean trip, 7 p.m. Bring your questions.

**Book Discussion Group**  
MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

**Co-Ed Bowling League**  
Leagues bowl every other Sunday night. All levels of bowlers are welcome. The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week. RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee.

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**Fun & Fine Dining Parties**  
Join us every Thursday. Our goal is to provide our members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Meeting on Jan. 2 in the lounge between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at Fox & Hounds, located at 39560 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. Phone (248) 644-4800 for further information.

**Single Mingle Dances**  
New Year's Eve Party/Dance More On Tuesday, Dec. 31, at Double Tree Guest Suites in Novi, located at Novi Rd. and I-96.

Hors d'oeuvre Dinner Buffet at 9 p.m.; Top 40 DJ and Cash Bar from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Admission is \$55 in advance or \$65 at the door. Holiday Dressy attire is required and men must wear a coat and tie. Call (248) 851-9909 for more info.

**Euclre**  
6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday through April at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

**Volleyball**  
Due to the popularity of volleyball, Open Drop-in Co-Ed Volleyball is offered. Being held in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

**Downhill Skiing, Party & Dance**  
On Saturday, Jan. 4 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. downhill skiing at Mt. Brighton. Everyone is welcome, novice to experts. Top 40 D.J., Cash Bar. Hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Discounted ski rental and one free lesson is available.

**West Side Singles**  
Dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft service drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in nonsmoking ballrooms with a disc jockey and budget bar.  
Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m.

and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

**New Year's Eve Dance**  
Being held from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Sandtraps on 5, Five Mile east of Levan in Livonia. Dressy attire (no jeans).

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**Bethany Suburban West**  
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Contact Mary at (734) 414-9736. Sundays 10 a.m. breakfast at Redford Grille, corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly. Optional Mass at St. Aidan's on Farmington north of Six Mile at 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday's Coffee & Conversation at Thomas Family Dining at 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia, between Stark and Farmington roads, at 6:30 p.m. Monthly meetings are 8 p.m. the third

Saturdays at St. Kenneth Church Hall, 14951 Haggerty, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft.  
Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey.  
Monthly dinners are the first Thursday

of each month. Call Kathy at (734) 513-9479 for reservations.  
A New Year's Dance is planned for Dec. 31 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, located at the corner of Inkster and West Chicago.  
The time will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the cost is \$20, which includes drinks, disc jockey and dinner served at 9 p.m.  
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president of the Times Square Business Improvement District.  
Reeve has been an activist for spinal cord research since a 1995 horse-riding accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down.  
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EVENTS

**Pasties!**  
Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will take orders for their homemade pasties 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 7, and Wednesday, Jan. 8. Pick-up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Call-in orders only. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Order early. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Bible study**  
Beginning Thursday morning, Jan. 30, the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will offer "Living Free," a seven-week Bible study class for women. Please respond by Dec. 29 so the book order can be placed. Cost: \$10. Call Lorena Wheeler at (734) 459-7574 or Peggy Morrissey at (734) 844-0123.

ONGOING

**Contemporary Worship**  
Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 13090 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Services begin at 7 p.m. with an informal dinner at 6 p.m. Praise music, drama and scripture come together to create an inspirational and informal evening. Call (734) 422-6038.

**Want to worship?**  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia invites all those looking for a

Poll tunes in on year's best driving songs

(AP) — We've all seen them out on the highways and byways, the crooning commuters who make like Placido Domingo behind the wheel. But what are they singing? In an online poll of 4,187 people, Yahoo! Auto asked which were the best driving songs of the year. Nelly came in at No. 1, with 20 percent calling his tune, *Hot in Here* the best driving song, followed closely by Eminem's *Without Me*, which was picked by 19 percent. Others in the top 10 were *Days Go By* by Dirty Vegas, the song featured in those ultra-slick Mitsubishi commercials, and *Soak up the Sun*, by Sheryl Crow.

Schoolcraft, U-M Dearborn partner in aviation program

A new program in aviation business management, the result of a partnership between Schoolcraft College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, begins in the winter 2003 term. The program will prepare students for careers in a number of fields, including airport operations, ground operations and maintenance, aviation public safety, airport business, air traffic control systems and aviation technology.

Traditional students or current airport or aviation industry employees can earn an associate degree with an aviation business management concentration and transfer seamlessly to the UM-D bachelor's degree program with a specialization in aviation management.

Some classes will be offered at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, some will be in traditional classrooms, and some offered only as Internet courses, thus giving students maximum flexibility whether they are currently working or not.

The program requires 60 credit hours or the equivalent at Schoolcraft that includes a strong base in economics and management as well as enhancing writing, speaking and thinking skills. Students who continue their studies receive full credit for up to 62 hours accumulated while earning the associate degree, and can graduate with a bachelor's degree after a minimum of 58 additional credit hours.

Contact Stuart C. Baker at (734) 462-4429, sbaker@schoolcraft.cc.mi.us, or Susan D. Cushnier, (313) 593-5659, scushnie@umich.edu.

house of worship to attend Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is located at 27475 Five Mile Road (at Inkster). No obligation to join; no charge for grace received. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Addiction support**  
Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, offers a 12-step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its A Safe Place ministry. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421-0472. Family members welcome.

**Addiction support**  
Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia, is hosting a "Reformers

Unanimous" addictions program 7-9 p.m. Fridays. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction or "stubborn habit." For more information, call (734) 261-6180.

**Calling young adults**  
Are you a 20-something looking for worship that speaks your language? "707," an interactive and multi-media praise and worship experience at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia, may be for you. Come as you are and bring a friend. Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road. Call (734) 427-2290.

**Catholic Basics**  
St. Hillary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30

p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which candidates come and see, to discover what it means to be Catholic. For details, contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister, at (313) 533-1560.

**Widow/Widower**  
St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, offers "The Next Chapter," a social club group for widows and widowers, 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed by entertainment and refreshments. Non-church members welcome. Call Jackie at (734) 981-7247 or Dee at (734) 453-0829. The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who

has lost a love one. Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. of every month. Again, call Jackie.

**Women's Bible study**  
Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, offers a "Bible Study for Women" series on Tuesday mornings and evenings. For information on courses, times, workbooks and costs, call (734) 455-0022. Register by e-mail: cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. Childcare available on Tuesday mornings for children birth through kindergarten.

**Widow/widower support**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement out-

reach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m., at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children, age 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

**Fibromyalgia**  
"Fibro-Friends & More," a support group for sufferers of fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, meets 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Call Tina at (734) 495-0226 or Lucy at (734) 953-8576.



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## Sidelines

### Top scorer

Former Schoolcraft college hoops star Mike Williams continued his strong start for Western Michigan last weekend. Williams led the Broncos with 18 points in a 75-54 win over Virginia Tech at Kalamazoo. The win lifted Western to 7-2 on the season.

Four Western players scored in double figures, as the team handed the Hokies (5-5) their worst loss of the young season. The last three wins by the Broncos have come by at least 20 points each.

### Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians 10-year-old travel baseball team is conducting tryouts the first two weeks of January.

Players must be born after July 31, 1992, to be eligible. There is no residency requirement.

The team will play in the Little Caesars Baseball League (considered the best in the area). The league schedule will be approximately 20-25 games.

The team will also play in several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Giegatic Williams at (313) 690-1104 or Dan Trublowski at (734) 459-5289.

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club - 8-and-under and 14-and-under - will be held through the month of December.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

### YMCA Hoops

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting registration for its winter youth basketball leagues for ages 6-11 (instructional, non-competitive) and 12-14 (competitive).

The season runs Jan. 6 through March 15.

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

### Coaches sought

Mercy High School is currently looking for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.

Bishop Borgess High School is looking for a varsity track coach for the spring sports season and a sideline cheer coach for the winter. For more information, please call Athletic Director Sean Senecal at (313) 255-1100 or send him a resume by fax at (313) 255-1102 or by mail at 11685 Appleton, Redford, MI 48239.

### Soccer champs

The Livonia Meteors U-13 boys soccer team captured the Divisional Championship for the fall season in a league played out of high Velocity Sports in Canton.

Team members are: Jonny Myshock, Tommy Myshock, Kyle Bogenschütz, Ryan Matthey, Michael Sylvester, Brady Thom, Curtis Rose, Brett Mercer, Ziad Khalbush, Mark Cappo, Kyle Pence and Joey Kulling. Team coaches are Randy Myshock and Brian Bogenschütz. The team manager is Kari Matthey.

# Ocelot winning streak ends at 50

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

## SCHOOLCRAFT

Christmas came early for Kankakee (Ill.) CC's men's basketball team. And it was point guard Bobby Dixon who played Santa.

Kankakee let an 11-point lead with 3:38 left in the game evaporate in its game Sunday at Schoolcraft College, allowing

the Ocelots to take a one-point lead with 2.9 seconds left — courtesy of a couple of three-pointers by Ronald Dorsey.

Kankakee's inbounds play from under its own basket went to the 5-foot-10 Dorsey along the sideline, 30 feet from the

hoop. With two SC defenders draped all over him, Dorsey heaved a desperation line drive that corkscrewed toward the basket.

Swish. Final score: Kankakee 84, SC 82.

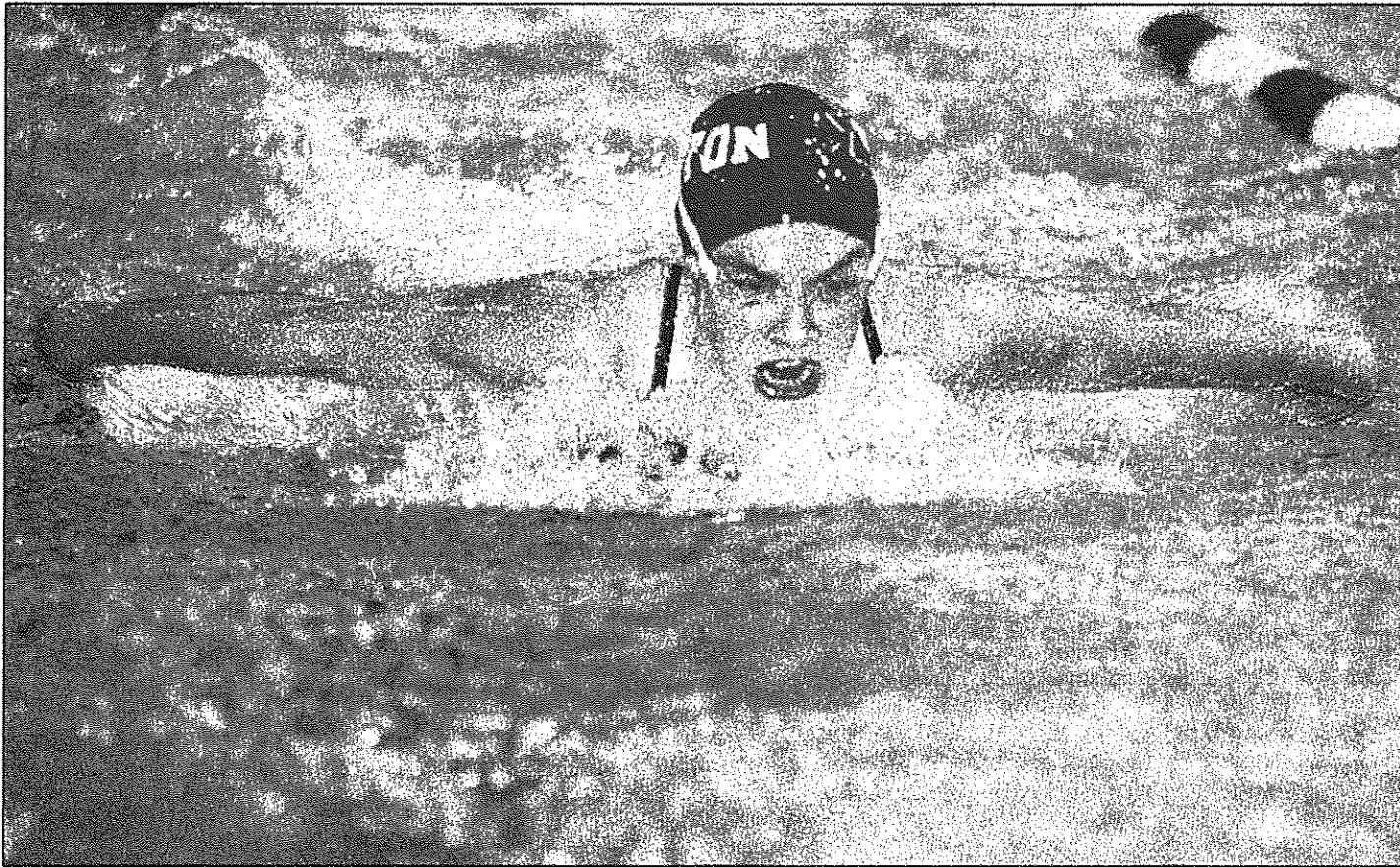
The upset win over the seventh-ranked Ocelots ended a home court winning streak at 50, dating back to January 2000 when SC lost to Mott CC. It was also SC's first loss this season after 11-straight wins.

Kankakee is 11-4.

The loss was only part of the bad news for the Ocelots. They also learned leading scorer Dion Sherrell suffered a broken bone in his foot midway through the second half and will be lost for six to eight weeks.

"We made a good comeback being 11

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Allison Goldsmith of Canton placed third at the WLA Finals in the 100 butterfly. She made her state cut in that event early in the season.

## Spartans lead all-area swim team

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Talk about a model of consistency.

Coach Greg Phill's Livonia Stevenson Spartans have been a perennial top-10 finisher in the state girls swim meet and have won 12 straight Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

The 44-year-old Phill, who recently completed his 17th year at Stevenson, was named Observerland Coach of the Year.

Stevenson, which finished sixth in Class A, dominates this 2002 All-Observer team.

The Spartans garnered seven of nine first-team individual spots, led

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## Swartz returns home for bowl game

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

When Noah Swartz was looking for a school to play college football, he took the motto from Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis, "Just win, baby."

Five years later, the 6-foot-5, 302-pound right tackle for the University of Toledo can safely say he's going out a winner.

After redshirting his first season (1998), Swartz has helped the Rockets rack up a 35-12 record in four years and two consecutive bowl appearances, including today's career-ending finale for Swartz against Boston College in the Motor City Bowl at Ford Field.

"We had a winning tradition at John Glenn (high school) and I liked that, and wanted it to continue, that was the big thing," said the Westland native, who has been a regular on Toledo's offensive line for three years after seeing spot duty as a freshman. "I feel it was a good decision. I came to Toledo to win and I feel I've done that."

In 2000, Swartz played and started in all 11 games as offensive tackle as the Rockets finished 10-1, capturing a Mid-American Conference co-championship and finishing ranked in the top 25. He was part of an offensive line that allowed just five sacks and ranked ninth in the country in rushing yards (254 yards per game).

In 2001, Toledo went 10-2, won the MAC and beat Cincinnati in the Motor City Bowl at the Pontiac Silverdome. Swartz played in all 11 games, starting three. He was part of an offensive line that finished 17th in rushing offense with 213.5 yards per game, while allowing just 11 sacks.

This season has arguably been his best as the Rockets finished the regular season 9-4 and fell to Marshall in the

PLEASE SEE SWARTZ, D8

## Shamrocks shine at hockey showcase

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

The whole purpose of the 22-team High School Hockey Weekend Showcase is to show off the state's best talent.

But teams can also use it as a pretty good bellwether on how they stack up against everyone else.

And after the weekend, it became pretty clear that while defending champion Catholic Central is the team to beat in Division 1, there are several other schools

who aren't far behind.

"It's great to see where we are," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson as his squad won a pair of games on the weekend.

"Farmington had a solid tourney, too, and they're ranked second. And it gave us a chance to see what some other schools have that we might not get to see.

"But we also went there to make a statement that we were a skilled team and I think we did that."

The Shamrocks posted a pair of wins on the weekend — blanking Birmingham

Brother Rice, 9-0, on Friday, and shutting down another Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League foe — University of Detroit Jesuit — on Saturday, 7-2.

Saturday's games also saw Royal Oak Unified beating Livonia Stevenson, 3-2, and Livonia Churchill losing to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 5-2.

After a scoreless first period on Saturday, CC got things going in the second. Once Pat Coldren scored with four

PLEASE SEE SHAMROCKS, D8

## Stevenson downs Trojans to win city hoop title

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

One of the songs on the warmup tape before Monday's basketball game was "Get into the Groove" by Madonna. But the only groove on the court during the game was coming from Livonia Stevenson's Brady Crosby.

Crosby, a senior guard for the Spartans, racked up 11 points in a three-minute span in the third quarter to help his team to a 64-49 win over Livonia Clarenceville. The win gave Stevenson the trophy for the first Livonia City Holiday Basketball Tournament, held at Churchill High School.

Crosby's run of scoring was helped by terrific transition defense in that stretch by the Spartans, who forced several turnovers by the Trojans before they could get the ball over halfcourt. Crosby was able to finish on all of his layup attempts in the game and helped to put the Spartans in command of the contest.

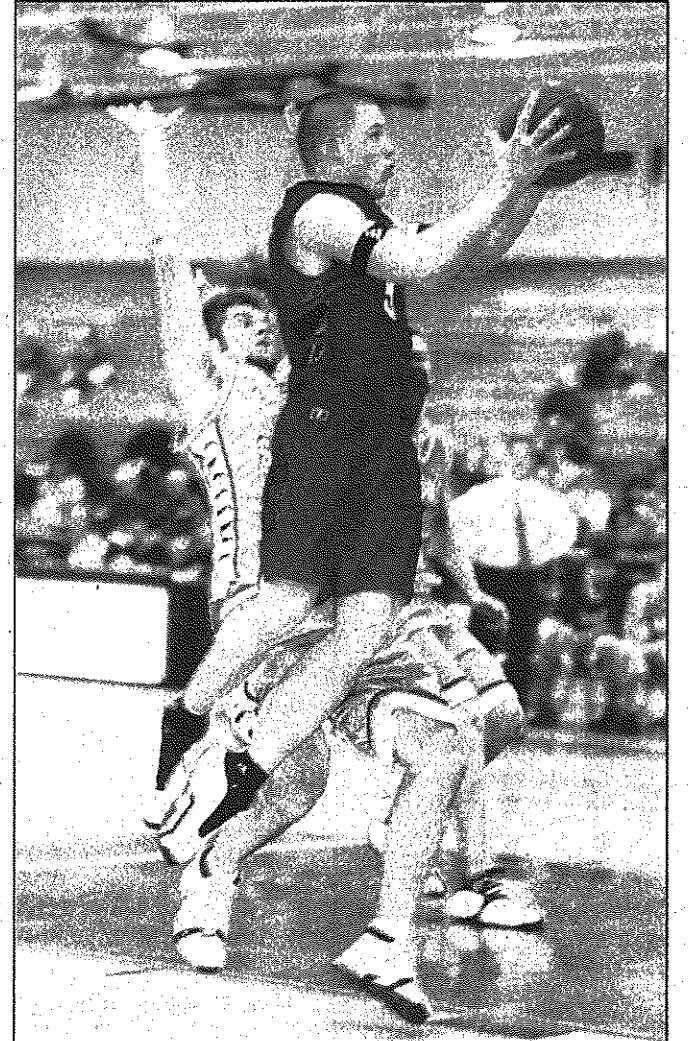
Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said the win held particular importance for him, since he used to coach at Clarenceville, and the win solidified the Spartans as the top team in the city for the third year in a row.

"The win was special to me, and I think the guys came out and played hard as a result," Dyer said in the victorious locker room. "I still have a lot of friends over at Clarenceville, and Murph (coach Kevin Murphy) is a good friend."

The city title game was one that Stevenson controlled most of the time, though the Trojans put up a good fight and kept coming back after the Spartans would extend their lead. Several times in the second half, Stevenson appeared to have the game well in hand, only to see a quick scoring run by Clarenceville force time outs and substitutions.

The Spartans (3-1 overall) held a 27-18 halftime lead when Crosby's explosion began. Stevenson started the third quarter with a pressing defense that appeared to take the Trojans by sur-

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ELIZABETH CARNEGIE | OBSERVER

Livonia Clarenceville's Andrew Shaw flies towards the rim in Monday's Livonia City Basketball Tournament championship game at Churchill. Stevenson's Daniel Hostetter tries to avoid the foul, but the Spartans took home the trophy with a 64-49 win.

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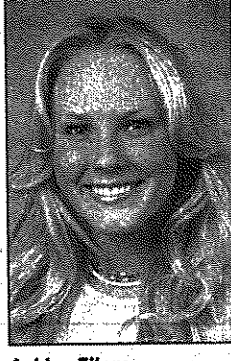
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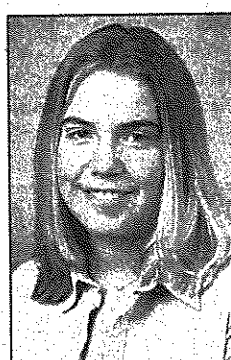
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**ALL-AREA**

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by 500-yard freestyle state champion Andrea Hurn. Stevenson also boasts the top three relay teams and placed six individuals on the second team.

"Obviously Andrea Hurn was very good, but it was a team effort as well," said Phill, who has also coached the Clarenceville Swim Club for 27 years and operates Huron Pools Management. "This year we were pretty well rounded throughout our team."

"Obviously it's going to hurt with what we lost from our senior class. We may not be as good next year, but we'll still have a good dual meet team and we should do fine conference-wise."

Next year, Stevenson will be gunning for its 14th WLA title under Phill and the odds are good the Spartans will achieve that as seven underclassmen who made either first- or second-team All Observer return.

Introducing the 2002 All-Area girls swim team:

**FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS**

Marisa Gordon, 200-yard freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: The freshman posted the area's second best time in the 200 freestyle with a

clocking of 1:59.63. She was the WLA champion in the 500-yard freestyle (5:19.02) and was runner-up in the 200 individual medley (2:16.1).

"Marisa did a great job as a freshman," Stevenson coach Gregg Phill said. "She swam wherever we needed her and did a great job in every event she swam. She was our 'Rookie of the Year.'"

Erin Cook, 200 IM, Liv. Stevenson: The senior finished first in the WLA meet with a time of 2:15.02, while raking second in the area. She was also runner-up in the 500 freestyle. Her best clocking in the 500 freestyle was 5:20.89.

"Erin has been a major part of Stevenson swimming for four years," Phill said. "As one of our captains this year, she did a great job of leading us to our 12th straight conference championship."

Andrea Giczewski, 50 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: The junior clocked the area's second-best time in the 50 freestyle (25.47) en route to a third place finish in the WLA meet. In the 100 backstroke at the state meet, Giczewski took 13th in 1:01.79. She was also runner-up in the backstroke in the Western Lakes meet.

"Andrea had a breakthrough year this season, becoming one of the best swimmers on the team," Phill said.

Katie Edwards, diving, Liv. Stevenson: The senior scored 418.30 points to finish third in the Division I state meet held at Eastern Michigan University. She also took third in the Western Lakes meet with a total of 395.80 and just missed the school record for six dives.

"Katie had a great year," Phill said. "In my opinion, she is the best diver ever to come out of Stevenson. We'll miss her, but it's on to Michigan State to continue her excellent diving career."

Allison Goldsmith, 100 butterfly, Canton: Only a sophomore, Goldsmith made the state qualifying standard in the 100 fly early in the season and continued to improve all season long. Her season-best came at the MISCA meet, where she finished 11th in 1:01.02.

At state meet, Goldsmith finished 22nd in 1:01.14; at the WLA Finals, she placed third in 1:01.98. She's been Canton's Most Valuable Swimmer the past two years.

"Allison has been a great addition to the team these past two years," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "We are looking forward to her success the next two seasons."

Laura Geverink, 100 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: The senior finished fifth in the WLA's 100 freestyle and posted a personal best of 55.63. She also took fifth in the 50 freestyle in the WLA.

"As a junior, Laura became one of the top swimmers on our team," Phill said. "As a senior captain, she continued to be valuable as well as a team leader."

Andrea Hurn, 500 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: The senior, headed to Rice University, won the Division I state title in the 500 freestyle (4:58.94) and placed second behind national record holder Kara Lynn Joyce in the 200 freestyle (1:51.27) at the state meet.

She was also WLA champion in both the 200- and 500 freestyles.

As a junior, Hurn placed fifth in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 200 freestyle at the state meet.

Hurn also led the area in four other individual events including the 200 (2:09.12), 500 freestyle (24.35), 100 freestyle (52.85) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.67).

She also clocked a 1:01.46 in the 100 backstroke and 1:02.1 in the 100 butterfly, ranking second and fourth, respectively, in the area.

"Andrea is one of the hardest workers I've ever coached," Phill said. "She is also one of the top three swimmers ever to swim at Stevenson. She has a great future."

Ashley Eilers, 100 backstroke, Liv. Stevenson: The senior earned a ninth-place finish at the state meet (1:00.46). She also won the WLA meet in 1:01.12.

She also added a third in the Western Lakes meet in the 100 freestyle (55.79).

"Ashley's been a major contributor for four years," Phill said. "As a senior captain, she's continued helping the team wherever she can. Ashley's on to Wayne State where I'm sure she'll be a major player for them."

Kelsey Lincoln, 100 breaststroke, Salem: Some of the numbers posted by Lincoln would please any coach. But the best thing about Lincoln - she's just a freshman.

Which makes her other accomplishments that much more impressive. Lincoln excelled in several events; in the 100 breaststroke, she placed second at the WLA Finals (1:10.47) and was 17th at the state finals. Her season-best time was 1:10.16. She also placed 23rd at state in the 200 individual medley.

"Kelsey stepped in as a freshman and gained the respect of her teammates by her approach to practice and competition," said Chuck Olson, Salem's coach. "Kelsey is also an excellent student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA."

**FIRST TEAM RELAYS**

Stevenson, 200 medley (Ashley Eilers, Sr.; Andrea Hurn, Sr.; Katy Sondergaard, Sr.; Andrea Giczewski, Jr.): This quartet took first in the WLA (1:51.75) and 10th in Division I (1:51.12).

"This has been a top 10 state relay since it was put together in 1999," Phill said. "The three seniors will be surely missed, but I'm

sure our juniors will find some teammates to help Andrea (Giczewski) out next year."

Stevenson, 200 freestyle (Andrea Giczewski, Jr.; Marisa Gordon, Fr.; Laura Geverink, Sr.; Ashley Eilers, Sr.): This foursome also placed 10th in Division I with an area best 1:40.61.

"We didn't put this relay together until the state meet," Phill said. "These four girls made some personal sacrifices for this relay and they swam great."

Stevenson, 400 freestyle (Andrea Giczewski, Jr.; Marisa Gordon, Fr.; Ashley Eilers, Sr.; Andrea Hurn, Sr.): This group earned the Spartans' best relay finish at the state meet (seventh) with a time of 3:38.02. The same foursome also took first in the WLA meet in 3:39.84.

"This was our best relay all year, one of the best in Stevenson history," Phill said.

**SECOND TEAM INDIVIDUALS**

Monica Pauza, 200 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson: Ranked third in the area with a season best 2:00.79. The sophomore placed second to teammate Hurn in the 200 freestyle at the WLA meet (2:01.22) and took third in the WLA in the 500 freestyle. Her fastest 500 was 5:23.33.

"Monica is a very good swimmer," Phill said. "Another girl that can swim wherever she is needed."

Katy Sondergaard, 200 IM, Liv. Stevenson: The senior took fourth in the WLA 200 IM (2:17.43) and was runner-up to Northville's Jenny Carr in the 100 butterfly at the Western Lakes meet (1:01.92).

"Katy has been coming through for Stevenson now for four years," Phill said. "She will be missed and hard to replace."

Emma King, 50 freestyle, Canton: Few swimmers face the difficulties King faced and handle it so adeptly. A native of England, she joined the Canton swim team even though she knew her family would be returning to their homeland before the season's conclusion.

Still, King overcame all of that and had a major influence on the Canton team. In the water, she qualified for state meet in the 50 free - her best clocking was 25.56 at conference meet (she was fourth) - and in the 100 butterfly (1:02.05 in a dual against Franklin). She also finished seventh at conference in the 100 free (57.17).

"Her attitude helped us a lot," said Canton coach Yvonne Lynn. And that was surprising, not just because she was English, but, as Lynn said, "especially for a freshman. They usually don't have an impact like that. She was really a hard worker, too. She showed the team hard work paid off."

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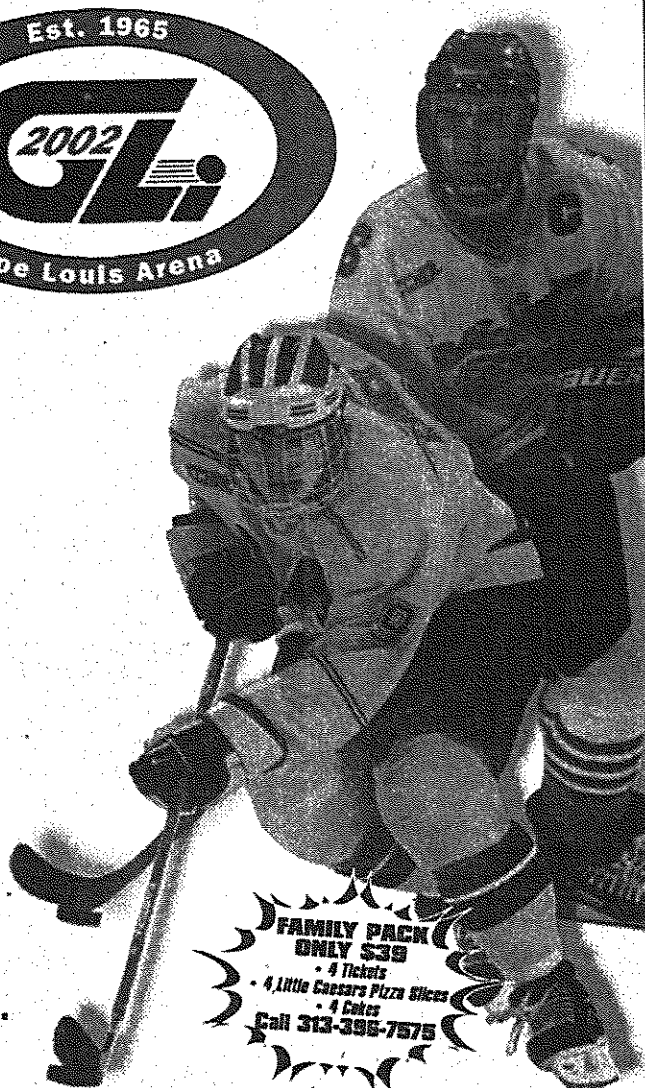


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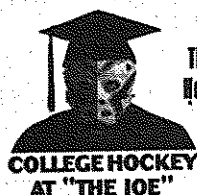
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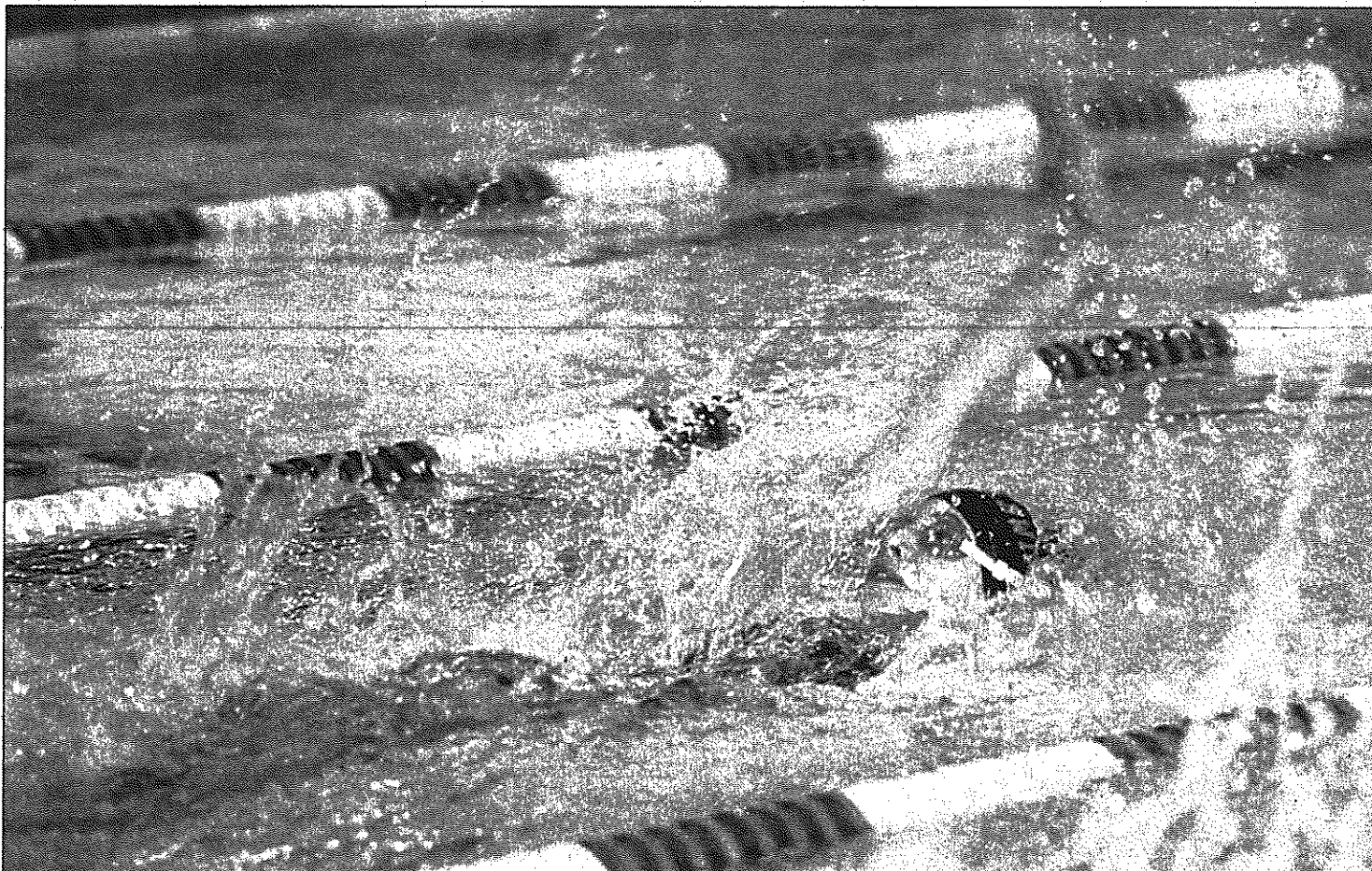
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Livonia Stevenson's Andrea Giczewski was an easy choice for the Observer All-Area Swim Team after her terrific 2002 campaign.

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King left the country before the state finals.

**Lisa Thompson, diving, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior wound up ninth in the Division I state meet with a personal best 346.15. She also took seventh in the Western Lakes meet (310.55).

"Lisa broke through to become an excellent diver," Phill said. "I know that next year will be even better."

**Julie Ward, 100 butterfly, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior posted the area's second best time in the butterfly (1:01.84). She placed fourth in the WLA meet (1:04.1) and added a third in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.18).

"Julie swam very well this year," Phill said. "And I know she'll be a key figure in Stevenson's attempt to win its 13th consecutive WLA title."

**Mary Shereda, 100 freestyle, Liv. Churchill:** Just a freshman, Shereda ranked seventh in the area in the 100 freestyle (57.44).

At the WLA meet, Shereda took fifth in the 200 freestyle. She also made the top ten

listing in the 50 freestyle (26.06), 200 freestyle (2:04.45), 500 freestyle (5:30.98) and 100 backstroke (1:06.0). Churchill's Freshman of the Year qualified for five events at the MISCA meet.



**Greg Phill -coach Stevenson**

"Mary made a huge impact on our team and league this year," Churchill coach Ken Stark said. "She was a very hard worker in meets and was a great example in practice. Mary was a joy to coach and I'm looking forward to seeing what she can accomplish over the next three years. She definitely has the potential to be one of the top swimmers in the state."

**Becky Hurn, 500 freestyle, Liv. Stevenson:** In the WLA meet, the freshman took fifth in the 500 freestyle and eighth in the 200 freestyle. Her best time in the 500 freestyle was 5:26.46, while her best 200 freestyle was 2:04.36.

"Not many girls can come into our program as a freshman and make an impact,"

Phill said. "Becky did a great job this year." **Jamie Tardiff, 100 backstroke, Red. Thurston:** Tardiff qualified for the Division 2 state meet in the third meet of the season at 1:07.08 - her third-straight trip to the finals. She improved in the qualifying for the finals with a time of 1:04.27, placing her 20th out of 59.

Tardiff was also a varsity swimmer for four years, making all-league in the last three. Thurston's most valuable swimmer for the last two, captain for the last three years and rookie of the year in her freshman year.

"We'll miss her," said Thurston coach Samantha Brand. "She's a good swimmer, a great team leader and a plus to our team and school."

**Lisa Koch, 100 breaststroke, Liv. Stevenson:** The freshman recorded the area's fourth best time in the 100 breaststroke (1:12.26), which also earned her a fourth place in the Western Lakes meet.

"As a freshman, Lisa has established herself as a major part of Stevenson swimming," Phill said. "She did a great job this year, and was a big contributor in our conference meet."

**SECOND TEAM RELAYS**  
Salem, 200 medley (Lisa Gullikson, Soph.; Kelsey Lincoln, Fr.; Ashley Aquilino, Soph.;

Jillian Haydon, Sr.): With three of the four girls returning next season, this team should only get better. They qualified for the state meet and finished third at the WLA Finals in 1:55.39.

"As well as being very good swimmers," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, "the girls are excellent students." All four of them boast at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

**Salem, 200 freestyle (Kelsey Lincoln, Fr.; Danielle Powers, Soph.; Nicole Genrich, Sr.; Jillian Haydon, Sr.):** Salem's best finish at the state finals came in this event. The Rocks placed 15th in 1:42.42. At the WLA Finals, they placed third in 1:44.36.

Just like Salem's medley relay team (which Lincoln and Haydon were also members of), the 200 free relay consists of excellent students. Lincoln and Powers both carry 4.0 GPAs, Genrich has a 3.9 and Haydon has a 3.6.

**Salem, 400 freestyle (Danielle Powers, Jr.; Heather Michalsen, Soph.; Nicole Genrich, Sr.; Jenny Crabill, Sr.):** This Salem foursome finished back in the pack at the state finals (31st), but at the WLA meet they placed fourth in 3:52.45.

Better things are ahead for all four, with grade-point averages that range from 3.5 to 4.0.

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**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**

Livonia Stevenson 1:51.12  
Plymouth Salem 1:55.39  
Canton 1:59.46  
Livonia Churchill 2:00.01

**200 FREESTYLE**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:51.27  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:59.63  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:00.79  
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 2:02.46  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:04.11  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 2:04.36  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:04.45  
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood) 2:04.96  
Laura Geverink (Stevenson) 2:05.53  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:06.14

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 2:09.12  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:15.02  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:15.30  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 2:15.53  
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:17.43  
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn) 2:18.45  
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill) 2:19.34  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 2:19.84  
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 2:20.85  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 2:23.55

**50 FREESTYLE**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 24.35

Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 25.47

Emma King (Canton) 25.56  
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 25.71  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 25.82  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 25.86  
Laura Geverink (Stevenson) 25.99  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 26.01  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 26.06  
Danielle Powers (Salem) 26.34

**DIVING**

Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 418.30  
Lisa Thompson (Stevenson) 346.15  
Ashley Aquilino (Salem) 319.80  
Page Albers (Stevenson) 300.25  
Jackie Ellison (Churchill) 286.85  
Cammi Carnes (Salem) 271.25  
Lauren Burgett (Salem) 244.35  
Shelly McClintock (Salem) 243.00  
Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 240.10  
Karla Klemm (Canton) 235.30

**100 BUTTERFLY**

Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:01.14  
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 1:01.84  
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 1:01.92  
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:01.20  
Magda Stawikowska (Churchill) 1:02.87  
Emma King (Canton) 1:03.75  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:03.86  
Laura Geverink (Stevenson) 1:04.53

Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:04.73

Jenny Crabill (Salem) 1:04.66

**100 FREESTYLE**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 52.85  
Andrew Giczewski (Stevenson) 53.06  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 55.40  
Laura Geverink (Stevenson) 55.63  
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 55.79  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 56.73  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57.44  
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 57.49  
Shannon Powers (Salem) 57.55  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 58.19

**500 FREESTYLE**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 4:58.94  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 5:19.02  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 5:20.89  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 5:23.33  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 5:26.46  
Jenny Crabill (Salem) 5:28.65  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:30.98  
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn) 5:31.20  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 5:36.39  
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 5:38.0

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**

Livonia Stevenson 1:40.61  
Plymouth Salem 1:42.42  
Canton 1:45.94  
Livonia Churchill 1:49.95

Livonia Ladywood 1:53.51

**100 BACKSTROKE**

Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.46  
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:01.46  
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 1:01.54  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:03.28  
Jamie Tardiff (Thurston) 1:04.27  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:04.54  
Bree LaFortune (Wayne) 1:04.58  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 1:05.05  
Kristyn Peterson (John Glenn) 1:05.09  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:06.00

**100 BREASTSTROKE**

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:07.67  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:10.16  
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 1:12.18  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 1:12.26  
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:12.63  
Alex Darian-Toth (Canton) 1:12.88  
Lauren Siedlak (Churchill) 1:13.35  
Stephanie Turlo (Stevenson) 1:14.91  
Marissa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:15.00  
Kristin Cruce (Stevenson) 1:15.34

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**

Livonia Stevenson 3:38.02  
Plymouth Salem 3:50.17  
Livonia Churchill 3:55.82  
Canton 3:57.55  
Westland John Glenn 4:07.71

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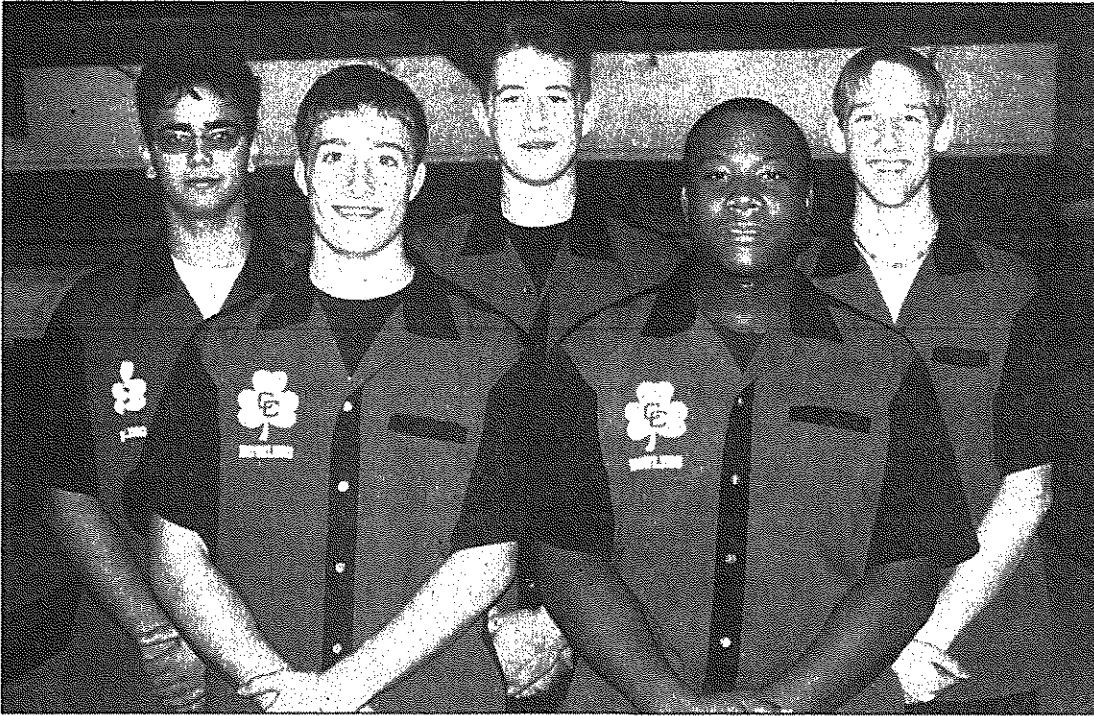
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CC's bowling team (from left) John Tieppo, Jon Demars, Troy Wiercioch, Mike Alexander, and Tim Wilson shot a 1,065 actual series during league play recently.

## High school bowlers launch campaign

High school varsity bowling is in full swing now, and it is a growing movement with more and more prep teams being formed and joining this activity.



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The bowling organizations have all embraced the concept with more bowling centers taking sponsorship of their local schools and highly qualified coaches volunteering to bring out the best in the youngsters they have on the teams.

The latest meet took place last Monday at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

All the Central Division teams were vying for position in the standings before the holiday break.

The Central Division consists of boys teams from Redford Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Clarenceville, Divine Child and Edsel Ford of Dearborn, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson.

The girls teams are from Livonia Ladywood, Churchill, Farmington Hills Mercy, Clarenceville, Edsel Ford, Franklin and Stevenson.

Not all high schools have teams in both genders, as some are either all boys or all girls.

Others might not have had the necessary number of kids to form a team.

Livonia's Pam Jones coaches both Clarenceville teams and they are top contenders to reach the state finals, to be held in Lansing in 2003.

Oddly, Jones' son, Scott, bowls on the Stevenson team. Laura Zain coaches the CC boys team, and look for it to finish at the top. Zain has been coaching preps for six years.

Ken Halstead is the coach for John Glenn and, as usual, the Rockets have a good team this year.

The Mercy coach is Mike Kowalski, the team is sponsored by Drakeshire Lanes, and it has a lot of girls on the roster to bring home the cup.

The Livonia Churchill team is sponsored by Merri Bowl and Joe Cichon coaches the team, which includes his two daughters, Kim and Ali. Danielle Kaluzny is on this team, carrying a cool 200 average.

Merri Bowl also sponsors Stevenson.

The Spartan boys are coached by Angela Sopher, who says, "We have a good shot at winning the state title." The Spartan girls are coached by Liz Waldo, who says, "We have a most determined group of young ladies who are learning the game and enjoying bowling."

Edsel Ford High is coached by Brian Taylor and sponsored by Cherry Hill Lanes.

Katie Bishop coaches the Livonia Franklin girls, having a lot of close matches, and the

boys' team is coached by Mike Dumouchelle, who says, "We are much stronger than last year." They are sponsored by Oak Lanes.

The competition is held in both the Baker System and regular format team bowling.

Laura Zain's CC team set a new high score mark for team high game with a 1,065 actual in last week's action.

The Shamrocks were led by John Tieppo with 233, followed by Tim Wilson with 223, Jon Demars with 222, Mike Alexander with 212 and Troy Wiercioch with 175.

The high game of the day was by Pat Smith of Stevenson, 279. Churchill's Michael Legeski was next with 259.

Many of the participating high schools have changed the bowling teams' designation from club sport to "letter sport" status. That has been an immediate goal from the start.

Competition will resume after the holidays. The next meet is slated for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

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African American divorced mother of two, 41, intelligent, young looking, very energetic, exercises every day. Seeks white male who's trustworthy, classy, warm, loving heart, clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals, outgoing. BOX 25981

**ARE YOU...**  
Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, non smoker, who likes to do almost everything, West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County, BOX 36084

**WORTH A CALL**  
Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs, graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit. Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walking, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male. BOX 21099

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**LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN**  
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**SMART FUNNY HUGGLE**  
40 yr old divorced white female, 5'7", with 2 children, likes movies, walks, zoos, intelligent conversation. Seeking an educated, down to earth, non-smoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication. Western Wayne County, BOX 36128

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Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue, vivacious, passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland County, BOX 27014

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a zest for life. Wayne County, BOX 27026

**COUNTRY GIRL**  
Divorced white lady, non-smoker, non-drinker likes horseback riding, has own horses. Enjoy camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest. Monroe County, BOX 27030

**LOVELY BUT LONELY**  
Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County, BOX 27034

**LIFE'S SPECIAL**  
55 yr old female, 5', 150 lbs, shy, non smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, walks in the park, camping and travel. Seeking someone with similar interests. BOX 30888

**GEM SEKS TREASURER**  
Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, diabetes, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 58 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

**TOUCH OF CLASS**  
For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, tall, white male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County, BOX 36059

**I HAVE ELAN**  
Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland County, BOX 36061

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Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

**FIRST TIME AD**  
Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland County, BOX 35999

**SEEKING ITALIAN**  
Petite, white female, 63, 5'11", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially travelling. BOX 36003

**LADY WITH PIZZAZZ**  
Eclectic, attractive, slender, fun, romantic lady, enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dancing and more. Seeking special, fun gentleman, 59 plus, over 5'10", non-smoker, honest and loyal. BOX 36009

**ALL AMERICAN GUY**  
Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macombe County, BOX 36039

**CLASSY COSMO CUTIE**  
Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with white professional, 46 to 56, non-smoker, no drugs, love animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County, BOX 36051

**ATTRACTIVE WOMAN**  
Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County, BOX 36053

**SEKS BETTER HALF**  
Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, healthy conscientious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County, BOX 36057

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**ARE YOU LONELY?**  
Would you like to meet someone with a great personality, non-smoker, non-drinker, a person of good character, integrity, reputation? Who still believes in friendship, companionship and true love, seeking tall male 55 to 65, Oakland County, BOX 36080

**60'S GENERATION**  
Fit, petite, well educated, professional, attractive, honest, high energy, spontaneous, open minded, fun loving, artistic female, seeking man who is college grad, works out, likes himself, is highly financially secure communicates clearly, is there for the good and bad times. Wayne County, BOX 36137

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
Single white female 47, 5'4", 178 lbs, enjoys movies, candle light dinners, long rides, cuddling, quiet evenings at home. Seeks single black male 47-53 with similar interests for friendship possible relationship. Wayne County, BOX 36142

**A TOUCH OF CLASS**  
Attractive, tall, mature, lady, height/weight proportionate, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, concerts, fine dining, dancing, conversation. Seeks similar qualities in a male for friendship, companionship and possibly more. BOX 36146

**JUST LOVABLE**  
Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and lots of affection. Seeking female with the same interest, age, race, size open. BOX 14939

**THAT SPECIAL GAL**  
32 yr old, single white male who likes to do many things. Seeks that special someone. BOX 21239

**LET'S HAVE FUN...**  
Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in mid 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**  
26 yr old male, 195 lbs, 5'11", gaite, shaved head, business owner, Down River area. Looking for an attractive female, intelligent, funny, loyal, who likes to have fun, for good times. Nothing serious at first. BOX 30911

**SUN & BEACHES**  
Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913

**SOEMONE TO LOVE**  
White male, blue eyes, auburn hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX 10394

**LOOKING AT THAT GIRL**  
Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area, BOX 14640

**ENDLESS LOVE**  
40 yr old, 6'7", tall, dark, 245 lbs, well built, Latino, young good looking, employed, easy going. Enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term relationship with a special lady. BOX 14910

**JUST A CALL AWAY**  
Intelligent, witty, hard working, professional, successful, dependable, healthy single white male, 56", athletic build, blonde hair, blue eyes, no dependents, great sense of humor. Seeks outgoing, attractive, thin, happy healthy, professional female. BOX 14756

**YOU WON'T BE SORRY**  
Single black Christian male, 55, 155 lbs, handsome, outgoing. Loves bowling, sports, jazz clubs. Looking for a special single female, any race, 26 to 38, who has a great sense of humor, very outgoing, college educated, professional, non-smoker. Christian. BOX 26839

**LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN!**  
57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, fishing, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker. BOX 26857

**HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR**  
37 yr old male, Italian/Polish, very active. In search of someone to spend holidays with. She should be early 20s to mid 40s, long hair, nice eyes, for a long term friendship. BOX 26863

**LUCKY IN LOVE**  
41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs male, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female over 5'5". BOX 21163

**TIED OF BEING ALONE**  
Widowed and lonesome male, 59", 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home



**OUTDOORS CALENDAR**

**ACTIVITIES**

**FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB**

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION**

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

**DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to [river-rat122@home.com](mailto:river-rat122@home.com).

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org) on the Internet for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at [jkudej@aol.com](mailto:jkudej@aol.com).

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS**

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

**METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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**WRESTLING**

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 35 SALEM 32**  
Dec. 18 at Wayne

103 pounds: Ryan Stump (S) pinned Josh Preiss, 3:50; 112: Jason Crathers (WM) pinned Matt Kessler, 4:8; 119: Mike Dendrinis (S) def. Justin Reats, 12:2; 125: Pete Bobee (S) pinned Dan Marsh, 3:44; 130: Tim Hammer (WM) def. Allen Mlynec, 16:4; 135: Mike Goethe (S) pinned Paul Cavanaugh, 5:19; 140: Lex Finaban (WM) def. Randy Bearden, 8:3; 145: Joey Thompson (S) def. Josh Bauder, 15:6; 152: Chris McGlane (WM) def. Brian Danville, 10:7; 160: Brian Longton (WM) pinned Randy Epley, 1:25; 171: Steve Wallace (WM) def. Chris Hanson, 8:0; 189: R.J. Ramsey pinned Jordan Schafer, 4:56; 215: Nick Orr (WM) def. Jeremy Henderson, 10:7; **heavyweight**: Jeremy Walker (S) pinned Leon Smith, :39.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL 47 SALEM 21**  
Dec. 20 at Clio

103 pounds: Ryan Stump (S) def. Sean Dong, 6:3; 112: Matt Steintrager (CC) won on void; 119: Matt Koziara (CC) def. Mike Dendrinis, 9:2; 125: Allen Mlynec (S) pinned Brian Baumgartner, 5:08; 130: Pete Bobee (S) pinned Michael McHenry, 1:10; 135: Mike Goethe (S) pinned John Clary, 1:44; 140: Nate Rodriguez tech. fall over Randy Bearden, 4:11; 145: Charlie Covelle (CC) def. Kirk Tooley, 9:6; 152: Brad Bartram (CC) pinned Jim Fry, 2:4; 160: Trevor Stewart (CC) pinned Randy Epley, 3:08; 171: Dan Curni (CC) def. Chris Hanson, 6:5; 189: Eric Vojtkofski (CC) def. Jordan Schafer, 8:6; 215: Pat Foley (CC) won on void; **heavyweight**: Pat Clark (CC) pinned Jeremy Walker, 4:19.

**CLIO 32 SALEM 34**  
Dec. 20 at Clio

103 pounds: Ryan Stump (S) def. Luke Lancot, 0:0; 112: Ray Kelly (C), won on void; 119: Mike Dendrinis (S) tech. fall over Adam Hart, 5:23; 125: Allen Mlynec (S) def. Ryan Slattor, 5:1; 130: Pete Bobee (S) pinned Steve Hughes, 2:42; 135: Mike Goethe (S) won on void; 140: Randy Bearden (S) tech. fall over John Durbin, 5:15; 145: Kirk Tooley (S) pinned Tony Statton, 2:50; 152: Ryan Aldred (C) pinned James Fry, 4:0; 171: Aaron Gill (C) def. Chris Hanson, 16:4; 189: Tony Baird (C) def. Jordan Schafer, 9:8; 215: Mark Diola (C) won on void; **heavyweight**: Jeremy Walker (S) def. Andrew Welch, 3:1.

**STEVENSON**

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prise. Crosby finished layup after layup, thanks to steals by Matthew McCowan and Brandon Chitwood. Crosby finished with a game-high 20 points.

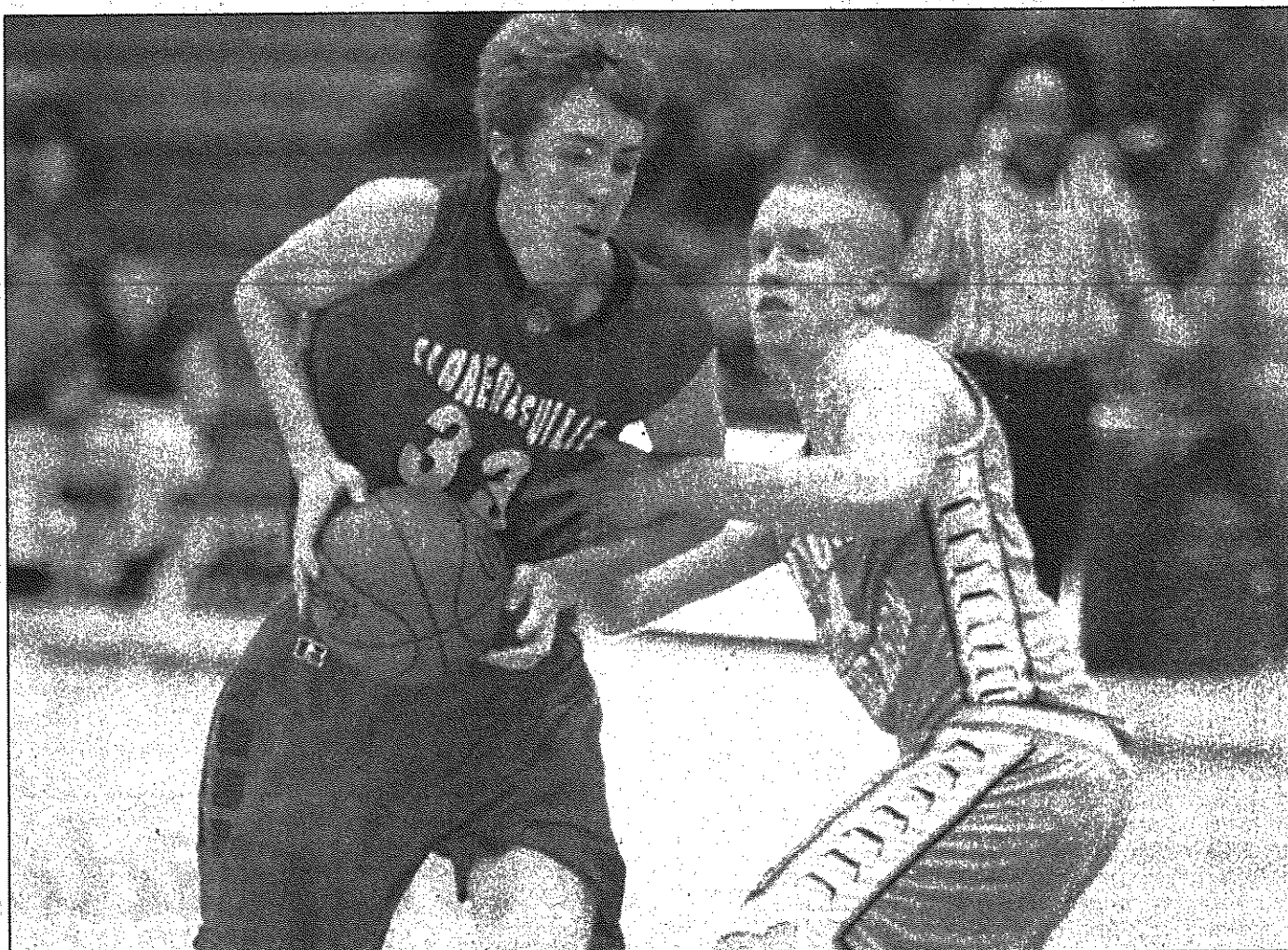
"He is such an athletic kid," Dyer said of his leading scorer. "He's got a tennis scholarship to Western (Michigan University) and is just a natural out there. We had a big stretch of causing turnovers, and it was a big point in the game."

Stevenson took its biggest lead after a Chitwood 3-pointer made the score 42-20. But once again, Clarenceville (3-2 overall) scrapped its way back into striking distance after a trio of three-point plays, two by center Glenn Garratt.

Garratt, who entered the game averaging close to 26 points per contest, finished with just 15, including just one in the first and fourth quarters combined. Dyer said his team played excellent half-court defense in limiting Garratt's clean looks at the basket in Clarenceville's set offense.

"We defended him well from the weak side," Dyer said. "We were able to cut off the passing lanes and kept him away from the spots where he's most dangerous."

Clarenceville put another furious run on the Spartans halfway through the fourth quarter, after Stevenson had its backup players in the game. An 11-0 run by the Trojans was sparked by a pair of 3-point shots by Pete Shaw, closing the score to 58-47. But the run was too short and came with too little time left on the clock, as Stevenson slowed the game down enough to take home the inaugural city championship trophy.



ELIZABETH CARNEGIE | OBSERVER

Clarenceville's Glenn Garratt (33) drives past Stevenson's Steven Armstrong in Monday's city championship game. Garratt was held to 15 points in Stevenson's 64-49 win.

"I think at the beginning of the season, we didn't have a very high confidence level," Dyer said. "Now, it's starting to grow."

After taking a couple days to enjoy

Christmas, the Spartans get right back into action with a game against Dearborn Fordson tomorrow night.

In the consolation game, Livonia Franklin needed overtime to edge

Livonia Churchill, 55-48. Chris Austin led all scorers with 21 to lead the Patriots, while Derek Opet added 18 for the winning team. Tim VanDuesen scored 14 for the Chargers.

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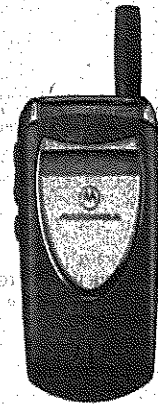


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**SWARTZ**

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MAC championship, 49-45. It was quite an accomplishment for Swartz and his teammates, who won four-straight games at the end of the year to win the MAC's West Division.

"If we had another minute, we might have won it," Swartz said of the Marshall defeat. "It was two championship teams duking it out. The last four games we had our backs to the wall and the team rallied together."

Swartz may be the most underappreciated of a stellar Toledo offensive line. As far as MAC postseason honors, Swartz was overlooked, but not in the eyes of Toledo Sports Information Director Paul Helgren.

"He may have been overshadowed by some of his teammates because you can take everybody from the same team, you have to spread it around," Helgren said. "But he got gypped, pure and simple."

The lack of recognition, however, just rolls right off Swartz's easy demeanor. "I feel I had a good year," he said. "The awards, if you don't get them, didn't bother me. Winning is what matters."

Over 200 family and friends will be in the stands at Ford Field to see Swartz play his final game. The right tackle says he feels rested and ready for his final game.

"It's the last game and I'm going to miss everything about it because you work so much on

the field," Swartz said. "It's definitely sad and it's going to be emotional on both sides of the field. Being in the dome (Ford Field), it's going to be a fun game to play. I can't wait to get there. It should be nice and I'm going to give it everything I have."

Academically, Swartz has technically already graduated but will attend four more classes during second semester to complete a double major in Information Services and Economic Commerce, along with a minor in Marketing. He would like to go into an internet-related field, preferably in graphics. He also would like to opportunity to get a pro tryout.

"I want to give it a crack somewhere," Swartz said. "It's something I'd like to do, but I'm ready to go either way."

Swartz has another important date on Jan. 4, when he'll marry his fiance, Mary Gillispie, who is working toward a degree in Chemistry from Eastern Michigan University. Swartz and Gillispie were classmates at Glenn, but never knew each other in high school.

Sounds like a win-win situation for the former Glenn Rocket and All-Observer selection. Now all that's left to obtain as a Toledo Rocket is one more victory.

"What I'll miss seeing is my friends every day," Swartz said. "It was a good program to be a part of."

And thanks to Swartz's efforts, it carried on a winning tradition.

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**SHAMROCKS**

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minutes gone in the period on an unassisted goal, the Shamrocks (6-2, 4-0 MIHL) scored four more in the next 10 minutes - with Coldren getting two more. He made it 2-0 with Bryan Genrich getting the assist, then Andrew Eggert made it 3-0 on a power-play goal from Mike Giosa and Eric Reinhardt. Coldren's Power-play goal from Genrich and Mike Monterrey made it 4-0, then Brandon Naurato scored from Giosa and Travis Hamway for a 5-0 lead.

CC padded that to 6-0 in the third as Reinhardt scored from Drew Kahle and Jason Lewarne, while Scott Anderson got the Cubs on the board on a two-man power play. Bryan Genrich got that back in the third on a short-handed goal for a 7-1 win.

Jimmy Blanchard and John Garza teamed up to stop 15 shots, while the Shamrocks placed 34 shots on goal.

On Friday, nine different Shamrocks scored in the win over Rice - Naurato, Billy Burns, Reinhardt, Giosa, Harrison Niemann, Coldren, Lewarne, Billy Makela and Hamway. Blanchard made 11 saves and Garza made 14, while CC peppered the Rice goal with 42 shots.

**1ST PERIOD HURTS CHURCHILL**

After wasting a two-goal lead against Brighton on Friday in a 3-3 tie, Churchill gave up three first-period goals on Saturday and wound up on the short end of a 5-2 decision with Cranbrook.

"It's kind of a snapshot of our season so far," said Chargers' coach Pete Mazzoni as his team

ended a six-game unbeaten streak and fell to 3-4-3 overall.

"Friday night we had a two-goal lead with five minutes left in the game, and we couldn't keep it.

"Saturday, if you take away the first period, we played them even up. Consistency is the key word."

Drew Schmale, Matt Robins and Chase Langlais gave the Cranes (No. 1, Division 3) their first-period lead, while Zane Claes made it 4-0 with a goal just into the second period.

The Chargers got one back at the 7:32 mark with Ryan Wischmeyer scoring a power-play goal with Jim Krygowski getting the assist.

Schmale scored with 1:22 gone in the third period for a 5-1 Cranbrook lead, while Churchill's Chris Marchuk closed the scoring with a goal from Wischmeyer and Josh Jones with 42 seconds left in the game. Dave Herrick made 30 saves in goal for Churchill, while Bobby Alderman stopped 14 shots for the Cranes.

Salem 8, Chelsea 1: Salem took a 5-1 lead in the first period and were never challenged after that as the fourth-ranked Rocks stayed perfect at 9-0.

Mark Nagel scored twice in the first period, while John Schultz, Bryan Young and Dave Gill added individual goals. Schultz also had a trio of first period assists, while Aaron Cheesman and Mark Nagel had two. Schultz had an unassisted goal in the second period to make the lead 6-1, while Cheesman and Jeff Harris added goals in the third. Craig Urwin had the lone goal for Chelsea.

Brandon DeMars had 17 saves in goal for the Rocks.

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**OCELOTS**

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down in the last three-and-a-half minutes, but any time you give a team a second left, it's a second too much," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "Maybe we can learn from this and grow. I thought Kankakee did everything they had to do to win a close game on the road.

"We didn't play like the home team. They played like they (Kankakee) were at home. We learned how important each possession becomes and they (Kankakee) wanted the game a tad bit more than we did. Every team that plays us wants to come in here and take what we have."

Torvoris Baker led SC with 22 points and 17 rebounds. Dorsey added 17 points, James Holmes and Marcus Bennett scored nine each, and Gary Johnson (from Wayne Memorial), Andre Scott and Dion Sherrell netted eight apiece.

Rocky Collum paced Kankakee with 19 points. Dixon and guard Lawrence Brooks fin-

ished with 15 apiece.

"Actually, when the shot (by Dixon) went up, I thought it was in," said Kankakee coach Dave Holstein. "I knew it was a prayer and sometimes prayers are answered. They (SC) defended our out-of-bounds play well. Their size presented a problem getting a shot off.

"I was kind of disappointed with the way we finished (the game), we missed four or five free throws down the stretch, except for Collum. But it's still a road win against a quality team like Schoolcraft."

"I knew they were athletic, skilled and coached well. Our guards were outstanding. They're not big, but they're competitive and they defended well throughout the game."

The question for SC now is, can they regroup? "I guess the question now is are we as good as last year?" Briggs paraphrased. "The answer is no. Now we have to focus on being the best team this team can be. You can't focus on last year."

If it takes 30-foot desperation shots to beat the Ocelots, it's doubtful they'll lose very often.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| <p><b>PREP BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br/>Thursday, Dec. 26<br/>(River Rouge Tournament)<br/>John Glenn vs. Redford CC, 6 p.m.<br/>River Rouge vs. Del. Western, 8 p.m.<br/>(Allen Park Christmas Tourney)<br/>Salem vs. Crestwood, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 27<br/>Wayne at Motor City Classic (Cobo), 3:30 p.m.<br/>Allen Park Christmas Tourney, TBD<br/>River Rouge Tournament, 6 &amp; 8 p.m.<br/>Fordson at Stevenson, 7 p.m.<br/>Academy of Ferndale at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.<br/>(Trenton Tournament)<br/>Thurston vs. Riverview, 5:30 p.m.<br/>Gibraltar Carlson vs. Trenton 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 30<br/>Trenton Tournament 5:30 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Jan. 3<br/>Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.<br/>Franklin at Redford Union, 7 p.m.<br/>John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.</p> | <p><b>PREP WRESTLING</b><br/>Saturday, Dec. 28<br/>Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.<br/>Trenton Dual Tourney, 9 a.m.<br/>Forest Hills Central, Northville<br/>JV-Alumni at Redford CC, 10 a.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Redford CC at Toledo St. John, 10 a.m.<br/>Fordson Invitational, 10 a.m.<br/>South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.<br/>Ply. Christian Tourney, 10 a.m.<br/>Wyandotte Invitational, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</b><br/>Friday, Dec. 27<br/>West Bloomfield Invitational, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 30<br/>Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.<br/>UM-Dearborn Invitational, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Michigan Kickoff Classic, 9 a.m.<br/>Flushing Invitational, 9 a.m.<br/>W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.<br/>Carlson Invitational, 9 a.m.<br/>Saline Invitational, TBA.</p> | <p>Central Michigan Tournament, TBA.</p> <p><b>PREP HOCKEY</b><br/>Saturday, Dec. 28<br/>Redford CC vs. London Nationals at Medley Center (Ont.), 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS</b><br/>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Salem Invitational, 9:40 a.m.</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b><br/>Saturday, Dec. 28<br/>(Schoolcraft Christmas Tournament)<br/>Lakeland (Ohio) vs. George Brown (Ont.), 5 p.m.<br/>Schoolcraft vs. Georgian (Ont.), 7 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 29<br/>Schoolcraft Christmas Tourney, 1 &amp; 3 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, Dec. 30<br/>Madonna at Bluffton (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.</p> <p>Tuesday, Dec. 31<br/>Madonna at Bluffton (Ohio) Tourney, TBA.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.<br/>Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b><br/>Saturday, Dec. 28</p> | <p>Madonna at Indiana Wesleyan, 3 p.m.<br/>Sunday, Dec. 29<br/>Schoolcraft vs. Daytona Beach CC (Fla.) at Seminole CC (Fla.) Tourney, 4 p.m.<br/>Monday, Dec. 30<br/>Schoolcraft at Seminole CC (Fla.), 6 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.<br/>Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b><br/>Friday, Dec. 27<br/>Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 7:30 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Dec. 28<br/>Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Monday, Dec. 30<br/>Whalers vs. Kitchener (Compuware), 2 p.m.<br/>Friday, Jan. 3<br/>Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:30 p.m.<br/>Saturday, Jan. 4<br/>Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.<br/>Sunday, Jan. 5<br/>Whalers at London Knights, 2 p.m.</p> <p>TBA - time to be announced.</p> |
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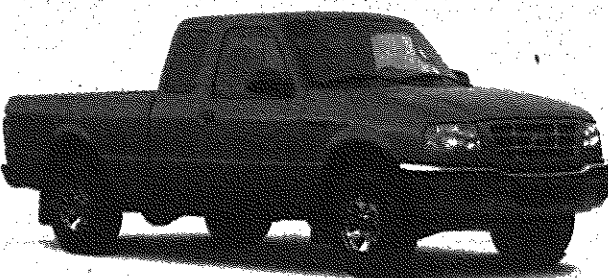
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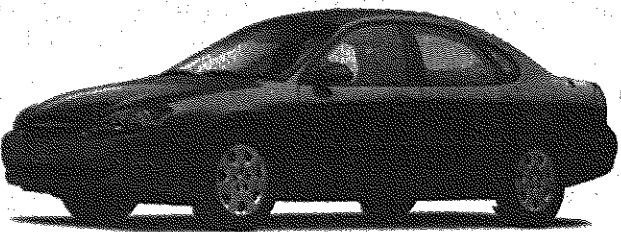
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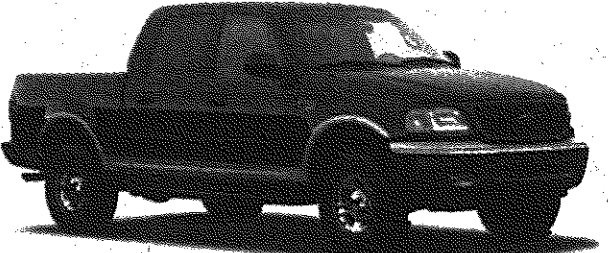
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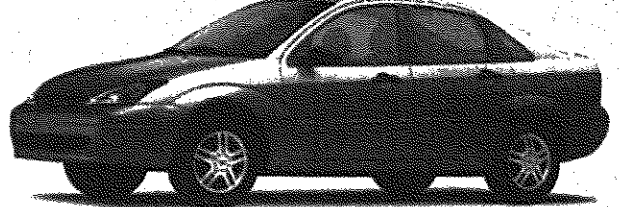
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## Knowing terms and process makes transactions smooth

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

People still sell and buy houses, albeit, perhaps, at a slightly slower pace.

Since a house is the largest investment most folks make, it's important to understand such important concepts as how market value is determined, points calculated and loan-to-value ratios expressed. And the process, too.

"I feel it's the real estate agent's duty to educate buyers and sellers to terms," said Brad Wolf, special projects manager for Hall & Hunter in Birmingham. "From the minute you meet a client to the end of closing is an educational process. The Realtor should be informing, helping the client with any terms and questions they have."

"First-time buyers always are asking more questions. Education is even more important to them."

Purchasers looking for their first homes always seem to need help understanding the process, said Tony Farrugia, broker/owner of ERA Alliance in Farmington Hills. "The biggest thing is the money aspect of it," he said. "You don't want surprises at the very end. We've had them at the closing table. Taxes come in and they're \$700 off. Everyone's scrambling then."

Realtors and mortgage reps would be the best teachers, Farrugia said. It's more important for buyers and sellers to become comfortable with the big picture of the transaction, rather than potentially confused by knowing many definitions, said Jerry Borregard, broker/owner of Century 21 Chalet, Livonia.

"The worst thing in the world is fear of the process," he said. "The most important thing they can do is get someone (agent) they're comfortable with, then have faith in them. Interview several."

To better chart your course, Century 21 Real Estate Corp. provides definitions for the following terms:

■ **Assessed value** — A tax assessor's determination of the value of a home in order to calculate a tax base.

■ **Closing (settlement) statement** — A document that details the final financial settlement between a buyer and seller and costs paid by each party.

■ **Deed** — The legal document that transfers ownership of a piece of property.

■ **Earnest money** — Money a buyer gives with an offer to purchase a property. Also called a deposit.

■ **Equity** — A determination of the value of a property after existing liens are deducted.

■ **Escrow** — A neutral third party holds the documents and money involved in a real estate transaction and ensures that all conditions of a sale are met.

Escrow also refers to a special account that a lender establishes to hold monthly installments from a borrower to cover property taxes and insurance.

■ **Fixture** — Personal property permanently attached to a house such as drapery rods, toilets, built-in bookcases or a furnace.

■ **Loan-to-value ratio** — A technical measure used by lenders to assess the relationship of the loan amount to the value of the property.

■ **Market value** — The price that a piece of property sells for at a particular point in time.

■ **Mortgage** — A legal document specifying a certain amount of money to purchase a home at a certain interest rate and using the property as collateral.

■ **Mortgage life insurance** — A special type of insurance that will pay off a mortgage if a borrower dies before the debt is retired.

■ **Origination fee** — A fee charged by most lenders, also called points, for processing a loan. A point is 1 percent of the total loan amount.

■ **PITI** — Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance. When a buyer applies for a loan, the lender will calculate these four items. The figure is designed to represent the borrower's actual monthly mortgage-related expenses.

■ **Prepayment penalty** — Lenders can impose a penalty on borrowers who pay a loan off before its expected end date.

■ **Principal** — The amount of money that the borrower owes on a mortgage.

■ **Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)** — A special type of loan insurance that many lenders require borrowers to purchase if the borrower's down payment is less than 20 percent of the home's purchase price.

■ **Survey** — A precise measurement of a piece of property by a licensed surveyor.

■ **Title insurance** — A policy issued to lenders and buyers to protect any losses because of a dispute over the ownership of a piece of property.

■ **Title search (examination)** — A check of public title records to ascertain that the seller is the legal owner and that there are no claims or liens against the property.

■ **Transfer tax** — An assessment by state or local authorities at the time a piece of property changes hands.

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### Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Tackling your mortgage costs

Many mortgage borrowers are so focused on shopping interest rates that they often miss out on other important loan factors. Interest rate is one loan element; it is not everything. Such one-dimensional shopping is like buying an automobile based solely on its looks without even considering performance, fuel economy, insurance costs, and residual value.

Sharp borrowers who think beyond just their interest rate often find themselves looking for answers to other important mortgage questions. One very important (and often overlooked) element of the mortgage shopping process is the question of how to handle their loan's closing costs.

The answer to the "loan costs" question varies with each borrower's unique situation. For the purposes of today's column, I am using the term "costs" very generically. Please be mindful that a borrower's total expenses will normally include his down payment and prepaid taxes and interest, in addition to his loan's costs and fees.

There are essentially three ways for borrowers to cover most mortgage costs: Pay cash out of pocket, use the home's equity, or have somebody else pay. That "somebody" could be a seller, if you find one willing. It could also be your lender, who will usually put you in a loan product that will produce a sufficient "yield" to cover your costs.

Do not be deceived: If a lender claims to cover your costs, he will recoup that money in some other way. Nobody works for free, and a "no-cost" loan simply means that you are paying for your own expenses in another way.

If you have it, using your home's equity is usually a good option, especially if you intend to stay in the loan for a very long time. This tack should give you an optimum interest rate, which will save you huge money over time.

Accepting a slightly higher interest rate and asking your lender to cover your costs is a good idea for short-term mortgages. You will have slightly higher monthly payments, but you will pocket the chunk the money you would have otherwise forked out on those costs.

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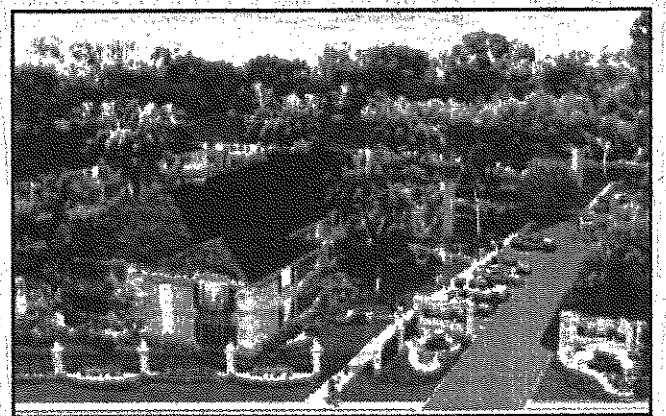
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# Tremendous growth gets attention in fastest-growing state

(AP) - It's an old story real estate story in a new place. Ame Hellman remembers when she could see cattle, deer and coyotes in the pastures of the Carson Valley.

Now, her view is of trophy homes, an 18-hole golf course and a sprawling clubhouse on what was once prime ranch land.

Hellman says the development south of Reno, Nev., led her to join the movement to protect open space.

Nevada, with its roots in mining, has never been a hotbed of environmentalism. But even here, attitudes are changing because of runaway growth.

Reflecting a nationwide trend, Nevada voters last month approved three significant initiatives - including the biggest conservation bond measure in state history - to protect open lands from urban encroachment.

"I think people deep down come to Nevada because they love the independence and they love our wide-open spaces," said Hellman, state director of the Nature Conservancy, which led the campaign for Question 1.

Approved by a 3-to-2 margin, Question 1 authorizes up to \$200 million in bonds to buy and protect open space, rivers, lakes, wetlands and parks across fast-growing Nevada.

South of Reno, Douglas County voters also approved a stringent growth-control measure last month, and Carson City voters rejected a plan to allow development at a city park.

Nationwide, 139 out of 189 conservation measures on local and state ballots were approved by voters this year, according to the San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land.

The measures will provide \$5.7 billion for land protection. "Americans are continuing to

**'Americans are continuing to demonstrate they'll pay to protect the places special to them.'**

Matthew Shaffer  
Trust for Public Land

demonstrate they'll pay to protect the places special to them," trust spokesman Matthew Shaffer said.

"This is a trend that's been going on for the last five or six years. It's definitely an issue that brings all sides together."

This year's support of conservation measures was all the more surprising, given the Republican election sweep and the sour economy.

One major reason given for the trend in Nevada - unchecked growth. Nevada's population soared from about 490,000 in 1970 to 2.1 million in 2001, making it the nation's fastest-growing state.

The growth also has changed

the state's demographics, making Nevada the nation's most "urban state," with nearly 92 percent of its residents living in the Las Vegas and Reno areas in 2000, the Census Bureau said.

"We see rampant change and people are scared and they ought to be," said Paul Starrs, a University of Nevada, Reno geography professor.

"There's a hell of a lot of Californians moving eastward. We don't want to see Nevada 'Californicated' in the same way as the Santa Clara Valley, Sacramento Valley and Sierra foothills," he said.

Veteran political consultant Jim Denton of Reno said he

thinks many new Nevada residents want to avoid the mistakes of their home states.

Only 21 percent of Nevadans are natives, census figures show.

"I think a lot have moved here from regions where they didn't do a good job of preserving open space. They've made a choice that they would not like that to happen to Nevada," said Denton, a Republican.

Marge Sill of the Sierra Club said the state's growth and changing demographics have spurred other recent protection efforts across Nevada, where the federal government manages 87 percent of the land.

"Nevada is hardly at the vanguard of the environmental movement, but it has come a long way in the last few decades," Sill said.

Many Nevadans - especially those from rural counties - are unhappy about the trend. Rural Nevada is home of the

Sagebrush Rebellion, a movement spawned in the late 1970s by ranchers and miners who wanted to shift control of public land in the West from the federal government back to the states.

Many rural residents think the government already owns enough land. They fear measures such as Question 1 will result in more land being set aside for open space instead of for mining and ranching.

"Only 11 percent of Nevada land is owned by private property owners or the state of Nevada now. And now we want to lock up more land where we can't use it?" asked Janine Hansen of the conservative Eagle Forum.

But Starrs, a former ranch cowhand, said he expects support for slow growth and quality-of-life causes to increase across the country. Otherwise, he said, "It'll be condos as far as the eyes can see."

# Culture plays major role in building architecture

(NAPSI) - While the face of modern architecture has changed throughout the world, a number of countries have struggled to make their history an important building block in all their major newly constructed structures.

As a result, many of today's architects design buildings to reflect the specific culture of the area they build in.

For example, in a recently completed building in Abu Dhabi (a member of the United Arab Emirates, or UAE), designers worked to combine

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Samir Mattar  
author

modern artistic form with important imagery and symbols that reflect the area's cen-

tures-old traditions. The plan for the high-rise building centered around two

interlocking squares (a pervasive symbol of Islam), enclosing a central elevator core and atrium.

The architects maintained continuity with the surrounding landscape by linking gardens throughout the building with roof gardens.

The atrium features long-known and modern building materials-wood and cast-aluminum screens-to reflect traditional building practices. In addition, the materials and positioning of the atrium reflect natural light throughout

the structure, while the screens filter out the sun's glare.

The atrium and its effect are meant to symbolize a "Tree of Life" motif-a traditional metaphor from the ancient cultures of the Gulf.

Advocates of the structure say it fulfills a basic function of architecture:

To realize the potential in existing and evolving cultures while still recognizing the importance of the past.


"Clearly, we have, in such projects, the stirrings of effective ways to synthesize the tra-

ditional and the modern in the UAE," says Samir Mattar, author of the article *Architectural Reflections on the United Arab Emirates*.

"It involves respect for the past, the environment and every aspect of human creativity and cultural identity. It realizes the potential in existing, evolving elements of the social and national life."

Many of today's buildings are designed to reflect modern culture, while paying tribute to the past.

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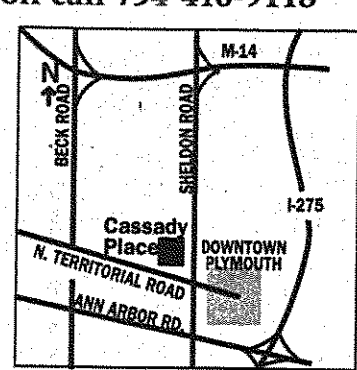
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**Barton Malow**, a design, construction, project management firm in Southfield, has received the Leo B. Marsh Corporate Citizen Award from the YMCA of Greater Detroit.

Volunteer efforts of Barton Malow employees **Sheree Kirkland** and **Nicole Calloway** at the YMCA resulted in the award.

**John McArdle**, CEO of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, has been elected to the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Realtors.

McArdle, in the real estate business 15 years, has served as president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

### RE/MAX drops suit over episode of CSI

(AP) - CBS has agreed to alter a *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* episode for reruns after real estate company RE/MAX International filed suit, saying a sign used by a shady salesman in the episode looked like RE/MAX's sign.

RE/MAX dropped the suit after CBS agreed to the change. RE/MAX said in a press release the sign similarity was unintentional.

The sign will be digitally changed in scenes where it appears, CBS spokesman Chris Ender said. No money was involved in the settlement, he said.

RE/MAX has more than 4,300 franchised, independently owned offices in 41 countries, more than a dozen in metro Detroit.


The show, which aired Oct. 10, used a real estate sign with red, white and blue bars similar to the RE/MAX yard sign. The sign was associated with an unethical real estate agent who was later suspected of robbery, pornography and homicide.

RE/MAX, based in suburban Greenwood Village, filed suit Oct. 31, saying use of the sign by the unethical agent damaged the company's reputation.


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## UNDERSTAND PROCESS

Oakland Builders Institute and Bloomfield Hills Community Education conduct a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-15, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road.

Topics include buying property, codes and permits, financing and the building process.  
Cost is \$180, plus \$30 for textbooks. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

## FORECAST MEETING

Commercial Real Estate Women-Detroit, CoreNet, Building Owners & Managers Association, and International Facility Management Association host a joint economic forecast luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn.

Cost varies per organization. CREW members should contact Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Anne Hiemstra, (248) 816-3834; IFMA members, (248) 988-0606.

## SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free, no-obligation class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

## MORE FORECAST

GVA Strategis, a Southfield-based commercial brokerage,

and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors co-host the 12th annual Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar noon Friday, Jan. 17, at the Centerpoint Marriott Hotel, Pontiac.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. To register, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

## INVESTORS CONFERENCE

Michael Gott, a Realtor, and Wendy Patton, a broker/builder, present a real estate investors conference Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, at the Northfield Hilton, Crooks at I-75, Troy.

Topics include negotiations, tax issues, and rental cash flows. Packages \$59-\$149.  
To register, call Gott at (248) 394-0150.

## HOME SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. No charge for children under 12.

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## ENERGY CD-ROM

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Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.  
To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit [www.boma.org/pubs/energy\\_cd.htm](http://www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm).

## BIA UPDATES

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Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

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## Housing starts increase, energy prices decline

(AP) - The economy is closing out the year much as it began.

The housing industry posted another strong construction gain in November, while U.S. factories struggled to show a tiny increase after three months of weakness.

But another report says inflation's no-show may allow the Federal Reserve, whose interest rate cuts have fueled both the housing and auto booms, to cut rates further.

Consumer prices rose just 0.1 percent in November as a big drop in energy costs helped offset a sharp rise in medical costs.

The flurry of reports suggested that the economy may be finding its way through what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has termed a soft patch - the slowdown that prompted President Bush to replace his Treasury secretary and top economic adviser.

Construction of new homes and apartments rose by 2.4 percent in November as the lowest mortgage rates since the mid-1960s continued to bolster the housing industry, on track for its best new construction year since 1986.

The increase pushed housing construction to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.697 million units in November after construction starts had dipped

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Michael Carliner, senior economist for the National Association of Home Builders, said that in addition to low mortgage rates, home demand has been spurred by rising home prices, making real estate an attractive investment alternative compared to the falling stock market.

Mortgage rates, which hit a low of 5.94 percent last month, are now around 6 percent and Carliner predicted that while they probably won't fall further, they will rise only gradually in the coming year with 30-year mortgages likely to be around 6.5 percent at the end of 2003.

"For mortgage rates this is probably as good as it gets. That is one reason we are predicting a slowdown in housing starts for next year, because we don't see rates falling any more," Carliner said.

He forecast that housing starts will likely drop by 3 percent next year after posting about a 6 percent rise this year.

The inflation report

showed consumer prices edged up a slight 0.1 percent in November, the smallest gain since July. The first decline in energy prices since May offset another big jump in medical costs, which rose 0.6 percent in November.

So far this year, consumer prices are rising at a modest annual rate of 2.6 percent.

For November, energy prices dipped 0.2 percent after having soared by 1.9 percent in October.

Energy prices had risen for four consecutive months, gains that were blamed in part on growing anxiety over what a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq would do to world oil prices.

Analysts cautioned that even with last month's retreat, energy markets remain jittery.

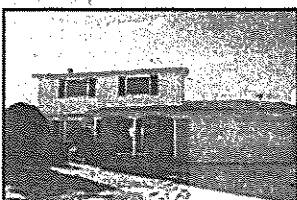
The price of a barrel of crude oil on world markets soared to above \$30 recently, the highest level in two months, as oil markets responded to a political crisis in Venezuela, a major oil producing country.

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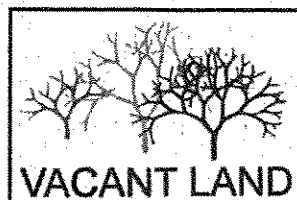
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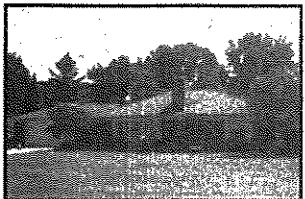
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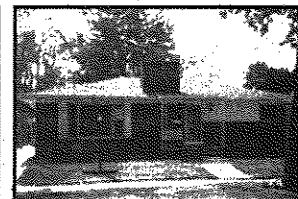
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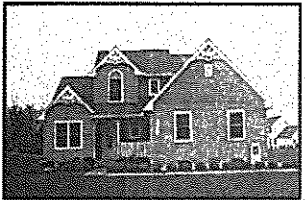
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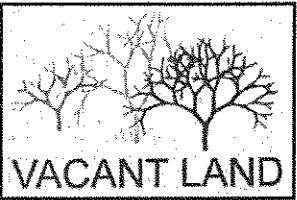
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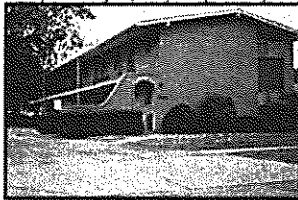
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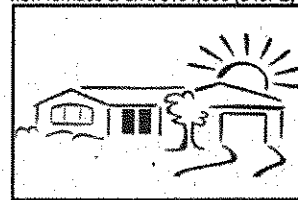
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# Home that sparked design debate now listed for sale

(AP) - A not-so-big house with a very big reputation overlooking the Mississippi River is on sale in St. Paul, Minn.

Architect Sarah Susanka's contemporary, Prairie-style home, built as the prototype for her 1998 best seller, *The Not So Big House*, is on sale with an asking price of \$575,000.

The house sparked a revolution in home design that contrasted with the so-called

"starter castles" that Susanka's book said are built to "impress rather than nurture." Her book sold more than 300,000 copies.

The two-story, 2,400-square-foot house, perched on bluffs, has three bedrooms, no massive foyer, no vaulted ceilings and no formal living room or dining room.

Instead, it boasts architectural details, an informal, open-

**'I'd love to have somebody out there who knows about the house.'**

Sarah Susanka  
homeowner

floor plan, multipurpose rooms, several built-in nooks and Susanka's signature "away space," or small meditation room.

Susanka said she is selling the house because she no longer lives in the Twin Cities. Two years ago, she left the Minneapolis architecture firm

she cofounded, Mulfinger, Susanka, Mahady & Partners (now SALA Architects).

She moved to Raleigh, N.C., to devote her time to speaking and writing books, including *Creating the Not So Big House* and *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home*.

She's working on a fourth book, due out in the spring of 2004.

Susanka hasn't listed the

house with a real estate agent. Instead, she's testing the waters by sending out postcards about the home to about 200 clients. She hopes to find just the right buyers for her one-of-a-kind home.

"I'd love to have somebody out there who knows about the house," she said.

The book's Web address is <http://www.notsobighouse.com>.

## Bowl demand excites homeowners

(AP) - Hotels around Tempe's Sun Devil Stadium are pretty much full to capacity for the Fiesta Bowl - something some local homeowners hope will put them in business.

A few dozen residents in Tempe and neighboring cities have advertised their homes for rent to Ohio State and Miami football fans for the Friday, Jan. 3 national championship game.

Mike Mantione is offering his Scottsdale home for \$3,000 (price negotiable) a week in the Columbus Dispatch.

"If they come, they can use whatever - liquor, DVD, TV, computer," he said. "If I have food in the fridge, they can use it."

He's not alone. Homeowners offering places as far away as Sedona or Pinetop, hours from Sun Devil Stadium, are trying to attract football fans, too.

One would-be renter is even offering an added incentive to Buckeye fans - a discount if Ohio State wins. He calls it "a victory kickback."

And if Miami fans rent the rooms and their team wins?

"Too bad," he said. "I want Ohio State to win. That's just the bottom line."

## Decision to refinance takes some thought

BY JAMES MACK  
CORRESPONDENT

Of our friends, family or fellow workers, who hasn't refinanced their home mortgage at least once?

The ease by which homeowners can now refinance their mortgages reflects the fluidity and competitiveness of our credit and lending market place and an era of greater consumer choice.

But choice implies responsibility, exercised in partnership with your mortgage lender. A "refi" is still about more than "doing some paperwork."

When considering a refinancing of your home mortgage, the largest financial decision in most households, it's important to identify your strategic goals and analyze carefully both anticipated savings and any potential costs, up-front or longer term.

### NEW "REFI" RULES

Traditionally, we refinanced to achieve a lower interest rate on a home mortgage, which would translate into a lower monthly payment and lower overall payout obligation, the total of all principal and interest payment owed over the life of a mortgage.

In this scenario, many cited a rule that the interest rate of the new mortgage should be about two percentage points lower than the current mort-

gage rate to financially justify a refinancing.

Borrowers would pay for the "privilege" of being able to refinance in the form of transaction fees, with the idea being that savings over time would be much greater than those fees.

Today, however, refinancing can make sense even with much smaller reductions in interest rates. Why is that and why do there seem to be so many lenders willing to refinance a mortgage, often with interest rate differentials of less than a single percentage point?

Several factors are at work here. The bundling of home mortgages into easily traded investment vehicles called securitization has brought much more capital and competition into mortgage lending than in generations past.

Coupled with that are lending programs that reduce or eliminate refinancing fees and our greater use of the home mortgage as part of a comprehensive financial strategy.

The home has been one of our greatest investments, and now we are making more active use of that investment.

Refinancing can make sense for many reasons.

These include saving money on interest rates; converting from adjustable-rate mortgages to fixed ones to "lock in" lower rates; convert built-up equity into cash, often for important uses like education, medical bills or home improvements.

Also, two other reasons - incorporating debt consolidation into a comprehensive home mortgage-financial strategy and building up equity faster.

On the one hand, refinancing can be a valuable tool to improve one's financial management or get out of debt. At the other end of the spectrum, many savvy homeowners have been refinancing into shorter term mortgages.

These shorter term mortgages mature faster, so overall interest expense is less, while monthly mortgage payments may not be much higher than before. In effect, these homeowners are "reinvesting" interest rate competition into substantial future equity.

If you can afford to keep your monthly mortgage payment about where it is now, this can be a powerful financial strategy.

### COSTS VERSUS SAVINGS

A refinancing is actually a new home mortgage. The transaction requires closing out, paying off, your existing mortgage and writing a new one, with attendant procedures such as title search, home appraisal and credit checks.

The traditional closing has an expense, which may include but not be limited to fees for the items just mentioned, as well as items like application fees, origination fees or

"points"

In the past, there may also have been substantial penalties for paying off a mortgage early. Many of these items are now more competitively priced or may be rolled into your new mortgage loan, helping reduce or eliminate the need to pay money at the time of refinancing.

It is important to review in detail with any prospective mortgage lender just what and how much these charges are and which ones are being incorporated into the new outstanding mortgage principal.

There are many Internet-based calculators that let homeowners do a before-and-after analysis of potential savings from refinancings. Or you can ask your mortgage lender to perform the analysis and provide a written copy.

Rolling transaction costs in the mortgage amount, debt consolidation, freeing of equity and refinancing to a shorter term mortgage, say 15 years instead of the conventional 30 years, all follow the adage that if interest rates are lower, on average, you can afford "more home"

With a clear objective in mind and a careful analysis of potential transaction costs and anticipated savings, today's refinancing has become a powerful financial tool for millions of homeowners.

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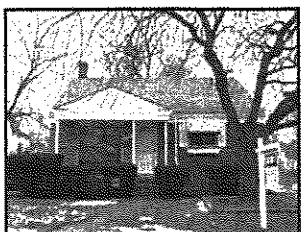
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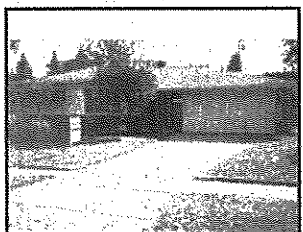
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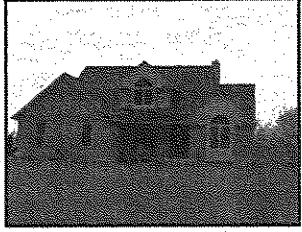
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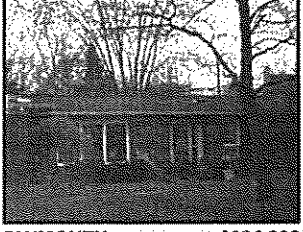
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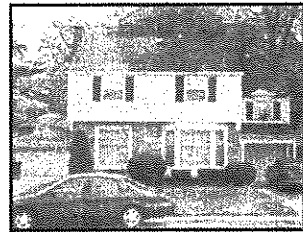
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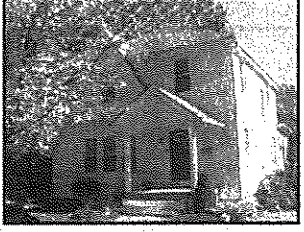
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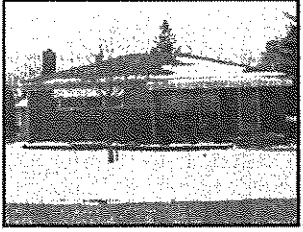
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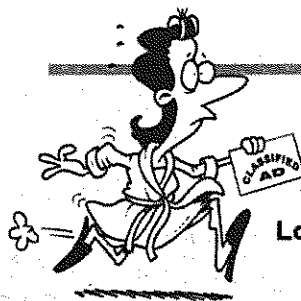
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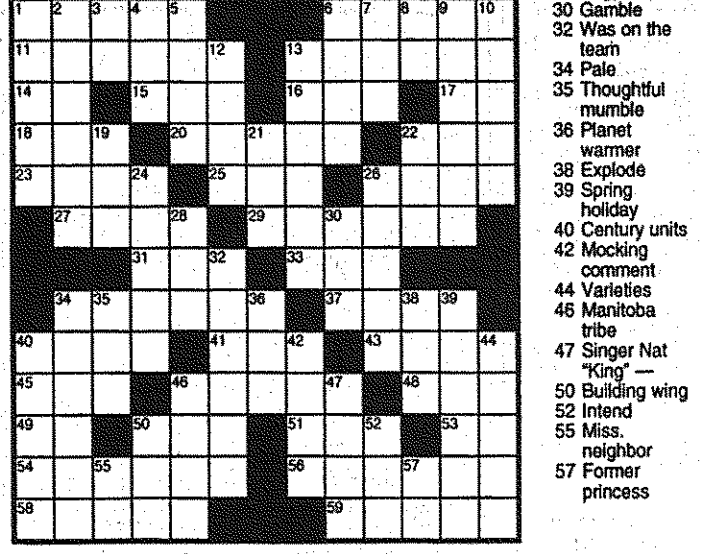
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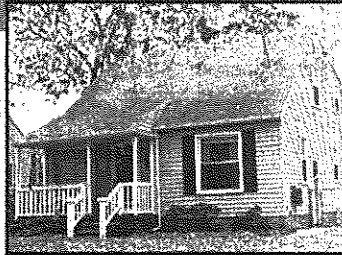
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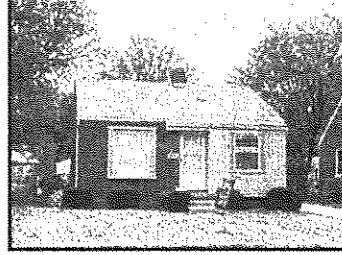
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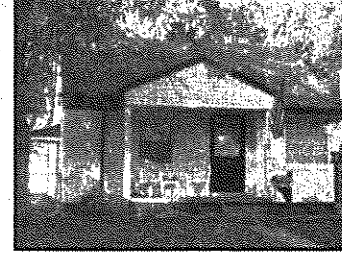
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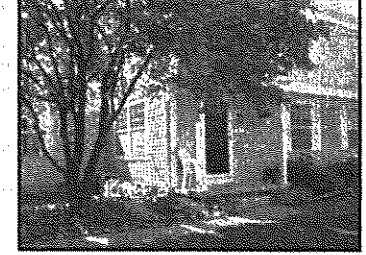
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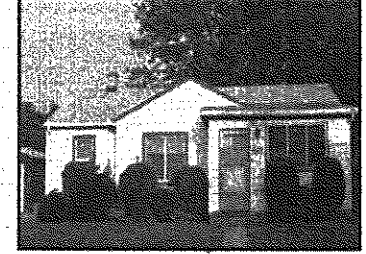
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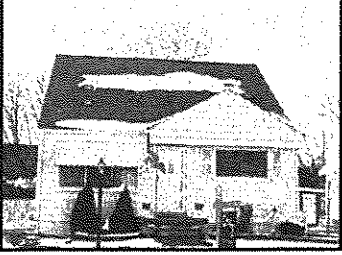
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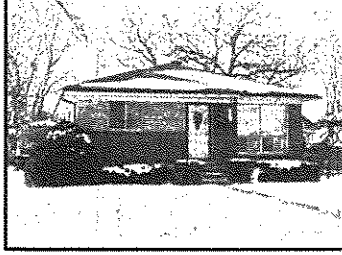
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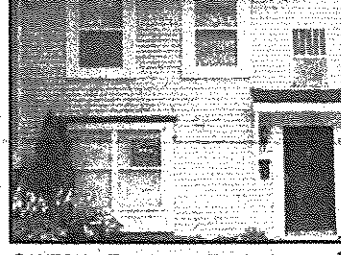
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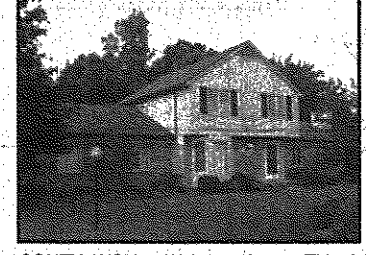
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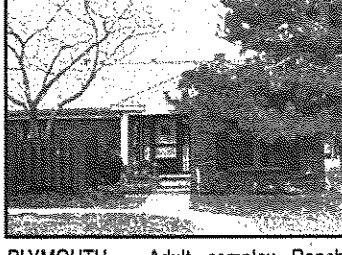
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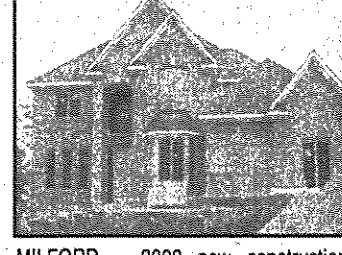
**PLYMOUTH** - Adult complex Ranch Condo with 1 1/2 baths, spacious master, finished basement with second bedroom, car port, updated windows, furnace, AC, hot water heater, humid, complete kitchen, custom blinds, association includes heat, HTO, ext. maint., pool, club house. Pet welcome. \$124,900 (68NEW) 734-455-5600



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**MILFORD** - 2002 new construction. Custom 2 story home with walk-out lower level on a 1+ acre cul-de-sac wooded lot. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with granite and maple. Dual fireplace & stylish master suite with large Jacuzzi tub. Many upgrades. \$529,950 (83RAV) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Immaculate 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial is situated on a private corner lot with mature trees for privacy. Many updated amenities including kitchen, cabinets, counter tops, flooring, carpet and many more. Partially finished basement. Home shows beautifully. \$209,900 (63TWY) 248-349-5600



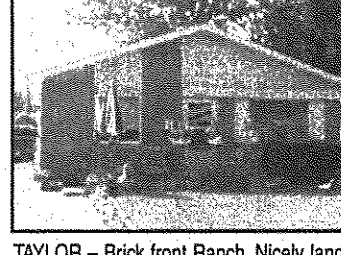
**DEARBORN** - Charm & value! Three bedroom Bungalow with all the major updates! Newer roofs on garage & home! Newer furnace, central air & landscaping. Circuit breakers, Pella windows. Finished basement. Family room off kitchen. \$149,900 (35GRI) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Beautifully maintained 3 bed Ranch, hardwood floors, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates include roof, furnace & central air, electric & carpet. Neutral colors, ceramic kitchen tile, basement for added space. Two car garage-1 car door & South Redford schools. \$136,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



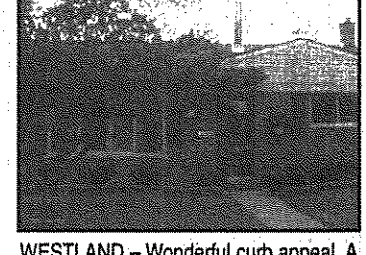
**LIVONIA** - Gorgeous upper unit! Meticulously maintained with neutral decor throughout. Move-in condition. Two large bedrooms with spacious closets. Ceramic tile kitchen & open floor plan. Three doorwalls to deck. Private club house. \$138,000 (62UNI) 734-455-5600



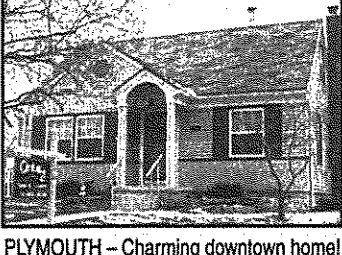
**TAYLOR** - Brick front Ranch. Nicely landscaped 3 bedroom home with vinyl siding. Updated windows, newer furnace with air conditioner, newer roof, updated kitchen with a lot of cabinets, ceramic tile, tub enclosure breakers & copper plumbing. \$94,900 (70MAR) 248-349-5600



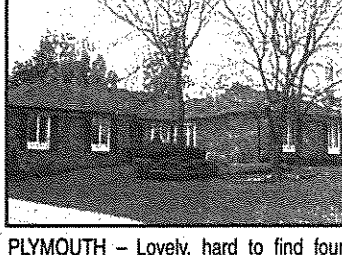
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - New construction. Custom 4 bedroom Colonial on beautiful wooded lot with private bath and walk-in closets. Two story entry greets you and custom features keeps you. 42 cabinets, ceramic flooring and hardwoods. Still time to pick carpet colors. \$529,900 (78IND) 248-349-5600



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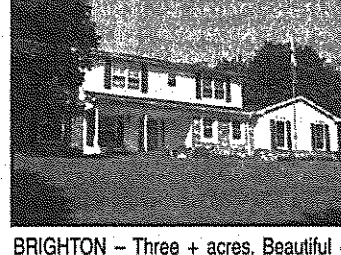
**PLYMOUTH** - Charming downtown home! The charm of downtown Plymouth. Great neighborhood. Wonderfully updated kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors throughout. Ceramic tile kitchen with doorwall that leads to a large tiered deck. \$240,999. (73HAR) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Lovely, hard to find four bedroom. Sprawling Ranch nestled in one of Plymouth's most prestigious areas. \$334,900 (03POR) 734-455-5600



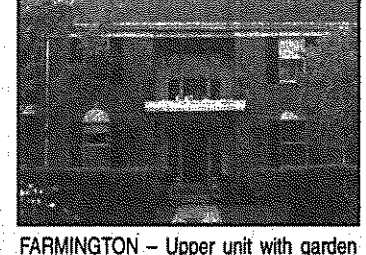
**DETROIT** - Move right in! Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick Ranch offers 1 1/2 car garage with many updates. A must see! \$144,900 (55WES) 734-455-5600



**BRIGHTON** - Three + acres. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial on over 3 acres. New windows in 2002. Formal dining room, fireplace, attached 2 car garage, partially finished basement & first floor laundry, Hartland schools. One year home warranty. \$239,500 (46GRA) 248-349-5600



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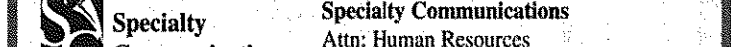
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Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commissions field representative at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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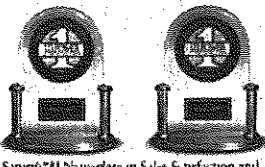
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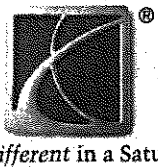


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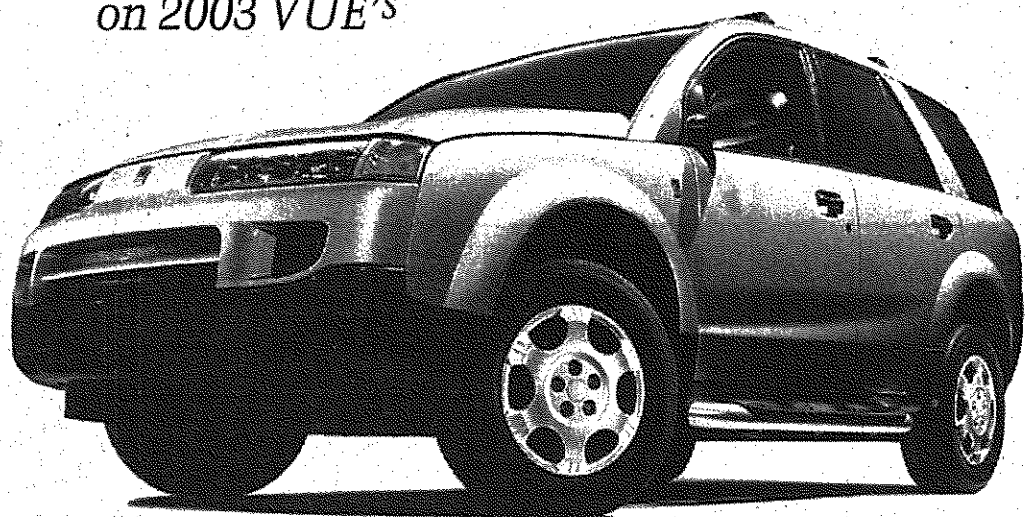
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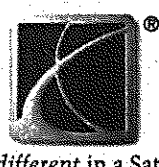


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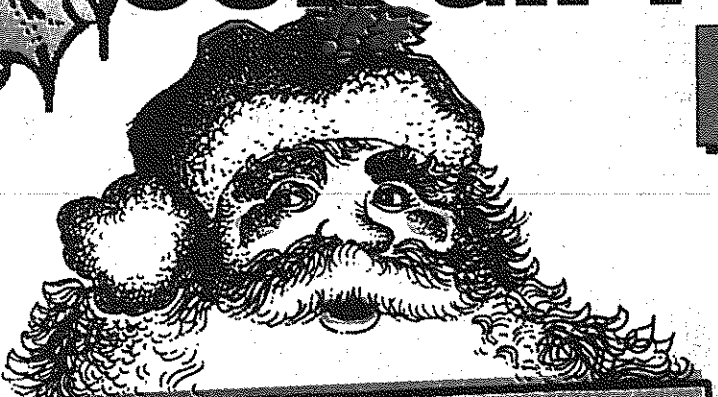


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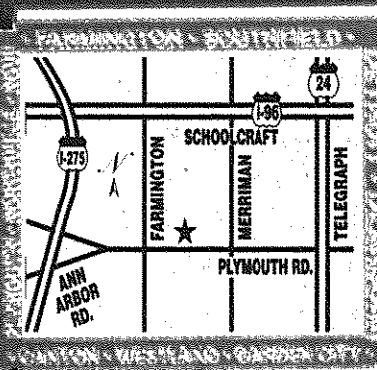
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