

## Memo

## ■ Art event

The Three Cities Art Club's January event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at D & M Art Studio, located at 8691 North Lilley (south of Joy) in the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton.

Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, founder of D & M Art Studio and a long-time member of Three Cities Art Club, will conduct a "Plein Air" watercolor workshop. Plein Air means outdoor but this event will be held indoors as Dillenbeck instructs participants on watercolor techniques as she paints a still-life.

Members and guests are invited to bring their own supplies or they can be purchased the night of the event.

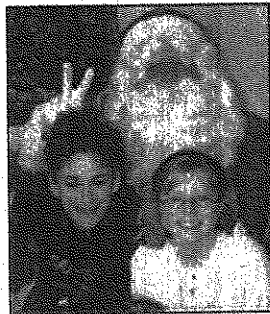
Dillenbeck has developed and taught courses at Wayne County Community College, Plymouth Cultural Arts Center, Our Lady of Victory in Northville, St. Williams School in Walled Lake, for the Windjammer Cruise Line in addition to her own studio. Her murals and paintings are in private collections across the country.

For further information about the event or the club, please call club president, Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711 (weekdays), (734) 397-2348 nights and weekends or e-mail her at marilynmeredith@hotmail.com.

## ■ Tree lovers

Thanks to a generous donation from Bob Evans, members of Girl Scout Troop 1595 were able to put up a Christmas tree in Plymouth's Kellogg Park as part of the Chamber of Commerce display.

The girls also had a pizza party at Papa Romano's.



Members of the troop posed with Santa for a photo, including Dana Anderson, Jennifer Nowicki, Laura Tanner, Mary Shimbo, Katie Martin, Lisa Nowicki, Katrina Sovine, Adrienne Gibson and Rochelle Wilkinson.

Leader of the troop is Darleen Nowicki.

## ■ 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 p.m. to 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, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski at (734) 844-1714.

## Church opens doors to mourners

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township's NorthRidge Church once again opened its doors to a large gathering of mourners Monday for the funeral of a family shot to death in a Livonia home.

Funeral services for Livonia jeweler Marco Pesce, 38, his mother, Maria Vergati, 68, and his children, Carlo, 12,

Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6, drew scores of mourners to the church.

Large-scale funerals are nothing new for the nondenominational church, located at North Territorial and Ridge, according to the Rev. Wayne Kurtycz, assistant pastor. The church sanctuary seats 2,400 people, and the parking lot has 1,300 spaces.

NorthRidge also opened its doors for funeral services for Detroit police Officer

Shawn Bandy three years ago and for Salem student Mark Bolger in February 2000.

Bandy's funeral drew more than 3,000 mourners, and had a funeral procession with police vehicles and motorcycles from three states and Canada.

Planning for large-scale funerals at NorthRidge involves teamwork, Kurtycz said.

"We have several teams that come

together," he said. One handles creative arts, and another handles guest services – which also involves helping direct traffic outside the church.

But the details of planning are not what is really important in this case.

"We're talking about snuffing out a family for money – forget about the size of the funeral and all that stuff," Kurtycz said. "As a community, we should be out-

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Former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus tapped Lorne Bennett, left, of Canton as his running mate. The ticket lost to Jennifer Granholm and John Cherry in the general election.

## Cherry Hill, elections among top stories

Here's a look at some of the top stories of 2002, taken from the files of the Canton Observer:

## JANUARY

Rose and Mike Burns become the first residents to move into Cherry Hill Village, the neo-traditional development at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Canton Township offices close for the first time on Jan. 21 to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Employees spent the day listening to speakers and spent the lunch hour at Salem High School for a joint presentation with the

schools.

Gov. John Engler signs a bill creating a third judgeship for 35th District Court. The bill was sponsored by state Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton).

Some Canton residents saw red after being knocked off-line when Comcast switched its former MediaOne Road Runner customers to its own hi-speed Internet service.

Five hundred residents take advantage of the Canton Police Department's free gun-lock giveaway program.

The old Big Boy restaurant on Ford, which had gone through



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Brad Eichkorn, left, Jake Bugeja and Ryan Allowag broadcast from a Salem-Canton basketball game over WSPD 88.1, the student-run radio station that observed its 30th anniversary in 2002.

many transformations in the past 20 years, announces plans to become a Big Boy again.

Kmart files for bankruptcy, and local Kmart shoppers show sympathy but don't have many encouraging words.

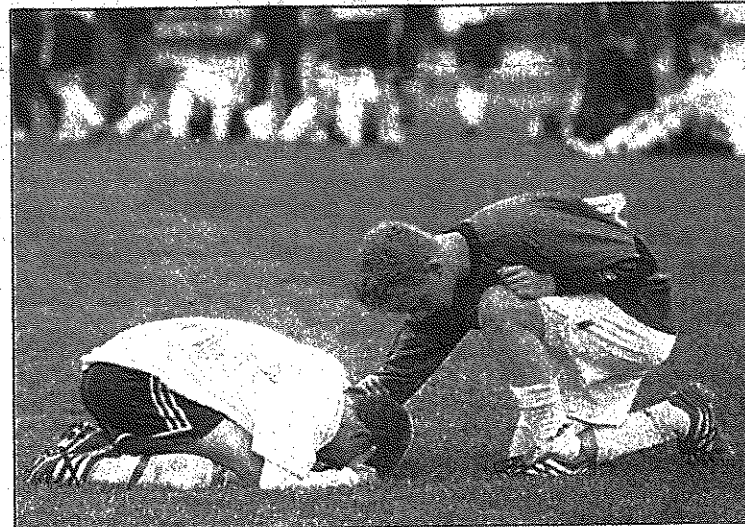
## FEBRUARY

A winter storm leaves 4,200 Canton residents temporarily without power, although the township escaped any major problems.

The planning commission approves plans for a Bob Evans restaurant on Michigan Avenue.

The township plans to seek a \$500,000 challenge grant from

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Salem goalkeeper Tom Huls, right, consoles teammate Steve Shull after the Rocks lost to Rochester, 1-0, in the state championship game.

## Local man will direct state cops

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Tadarial Sturdivant finished his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Wayne State University and joined the Michigan State Police as a trooper back in 1978, he knew what he wanted to do for a career.

He couldn't have known back then how far that chosen career would take him. Last week, he found out.

New Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week announced her choice of Sturdivant, a lieutenant colonel who'd been serving as deputy director of the Uniform Services Bureau, as the new director of the Michigan State Police.

"I'm a career Michigan State

Police trooper, and this is a culmination of a life's work," said Sturdivant. "It's a career work, I was very proud (when Granholm made the announcement) and I was very pleased."

The state Senate still has to confirm the appointment. If confirmed, Sturdivant, a Plymouth resident, will become the department's first black director.

"Michigan is blessed with a state police department full of outstanding public servants," Granholm said. "It gives me great pleasure to promote from within the ranks of

the men and women who protect our families every day.

"Tad Sturdivant has dedicated 25 years to the state police and I look forward to working with him as he continues his career as a proven leader."

Sturdivant has the criminal justice degree from Wayne State. He is a graduate of Leadership Detroit and also a graduate of the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command school.

He started his MSP career as a trooper in Ypsilanti and advanced through the ranks. He's a former 2nd District commander in Northville, and in April advanced to his current job with the Uniform Services Bureau, the MSP's largest

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## O&amp;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

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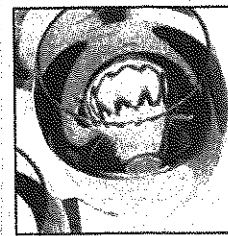
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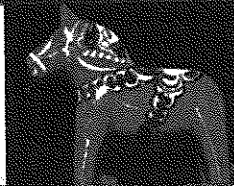
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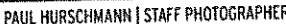
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**BY JEFF COUNTS**  
**STAFF WRITER**

Wayne County prosecutors and Livonia police were tight-lipped about what evidence will

Wolfenbarger, 31, of Detroit, and Lincoln, 27, of Flint, are each charged with five counts of first degree murder in the slayings. They also face numerous other charges, including weapons charges, and breaking-in charges. The first degree murder charges carry mandatory life sentences. Both have long criminal histories, and have been in and out of prison for most of the 1990s. They were cell mates at the Boyer Road Correctional Facility until this year. Lincoln was paroled in February after



They are: Marco Pesce, 38, his mother, Maria Vergati, 68, and his three children - Carlo, 12, Sabrina, 9, and Melissa, 6.

Kunst alleges the pair targeted jewelry stores in Livonia and Dearborn and were watching Pesce for several days prior to the robbery. He said the crime wasn't a random act. According to police and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, here's an account of what happened.

### On the day of the slayings

After that point, the details are sketchy. Police said the five Pesce family members were shot "execution style" that evening. "They were shot in the back," Duggan said. Police were called to check on the family on Sunday after relatives were unable to contact them by telephone.

The Livonia police started to investigate the slayings on Sunday and held the first in a series of press conferences. Much speculation centered on

There are also three or four more persons in custody who haven't been charged with any crimes in connection with the murders or robbery. Authorities wouldn't say if they would testify at the hearing on Friday.

The items included watches, diamonds and melted gold. Police alleged that Wolfenbarger was in possession of metal snips used to remove jewels from settings and a jeweler's gas torch used to melt gold.

However, so far authorities have not put an overall monetary value on the jewelry or cash.

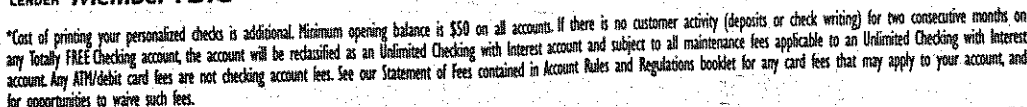


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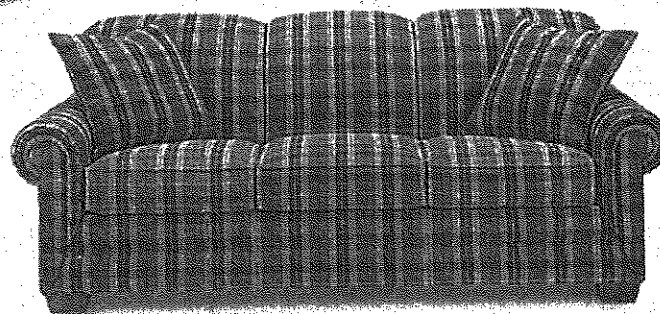
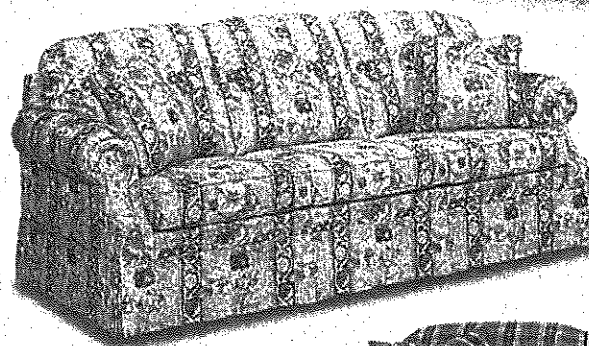
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# McNamara dominates top Wayne County stories for 2002

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

One name dominates the year-end list of top stories of 2002 for Wayne County. That same name has been a leading force in the county for more than 30 years and the clout and accomplishments of Edward H. McNamara are at center stage as the year comes to an end and he concludes 16 years as Wayne County executive.

Here is a brief look at some of the major stories of 2002:

1. The Ed McNamara era comes to a close. McNamara, who has been a controversial and aggressive county executive, retires at the end of the year.

He's touted for erasing a large deficit left over from the administration of William Lucas, 14 consecutive balanced budgets, an innovative county health insurance program, improvements in road and park maintenance and, most notably, major construction at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Prior to becoming county executive, McNamara

served 17 years as mayor of Livonia. His legacy lives on in those he has mentored including Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Duggan and Michigan Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm. But he has also been the target of numerous complaints about favoritism in the awarding of jobs and county contracts.

2. Airport contracts are at the heart of an investigation of the McNamara administration. On Nov. 22, agents of the FBI and State Police confiscated files from county offices and McNamara campaign headquarters. Subpoenas were issued to several McNamara aides. The investigation stems from complaints of cronyism in the awarding of contracts and possible use of intimidation for support of McNamara political and charitable causes. A federal grand jury has subpoenaed the campaign records of Granholm, Duggan and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and others. The outgoing county executive has called the investigation politically motivated. As the state's attorney general, Granholm turned over files from a Senate investigation to the State Police for further action.

3. Granholm, a Northville resident, was elected governor. After a single term as attorney general, Granholm was urged by several leading Democrats to run for the open governor's position. In the primary, she defeated two well-known party leaders, former Gov. James Blanchard and former U.S. House Whip David Bonior. Though the vote spread tightened in the last week, Granholm was widely predicted to defeat her GOP opponent, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. Throughout the campaign Granholm faced harassment at her Plymouth Township church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, because of her



Jennifer Granholm faces the media as she leaves her polling place in Northville on Election Day.

BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

position on a woman's right to choose an abortion.

## NEW AIR TERMINAL

4. Northwest Airlines, the hub airline for Detroit Metro, opened its new \$1.2 billion terminal in the south end of the airport. The awkwardly named Edward H. McNamara/World Gateway Terminal is the most visible of many new improvements to the much maligned international airport (once labeled by a writer in The Wall Street Journal as only slightly better than the airport in Calcutta). The airplane-shaped terminal was greeted with generally rave reviews for its cleanliness, efficiency and amusement park-like extras. Airport improvements also included a new runway and new access from I-275 via John Dingell Drive. More changes are in the

works, including rebuilding the two older terminals being used by other carriers.

5. A new Airport Authority took over management of the Metro and Willow Run airports from Wayne County. The authority was the brainchild of erstwhile political opponents McNamara and Gov. John Engler to short-circuit a Senate investigation of McNamara (but not independent criminal investigations) and give some state input to airport management. The Wayne County Commission fought the agreement, but the Federal Aviation Administration and the courts have upheld the authority. Four members were appointed by McNamara, two by Engler and, finally, one by the commission.

6. Sheriff Robert Ficano was a

surprisingly easy winner in the hotly contested primary election to replace McNamara. In predominantly Democratic Wayne County, the primary is the election. Once again, it was a contest between Detroit candidates against suburban candidates. Several Detroit political figures divided the Detroit vote. But Ficano proved a strong contender throughout the county, including the city, and took a majority of the vote against six other candidates.

Former Police Chief Benny Napoleon ran considerably weaker than early polls suggested. Ficano won the general election with more than 80 percent of the vote.

7. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Cox of Livonia pulled off a down-to-the-wire

victory over state Sen. Gary Peters to succeed Granholm as attorney general. In his first run for political office, Cox emphasized his courtroom experience and his determination to establish the Attorney General's office as the state's top crime fighter.

## CONGRESSIONAL CHANGE

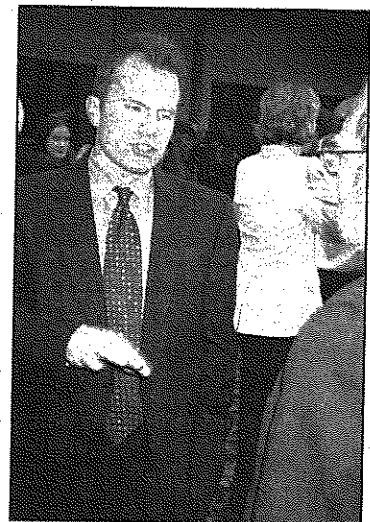
8. Redistricting created a new congressional district for western Wayne County, the 11th Congressional District. Many commentators said the district, created by the Republican-dominated Legislature, was tailor-made for state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia. McCotter fought off a primary challenge from Canton businessman David Hagerty and then faced Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley in the general election. After a spirited campaign, early pundits proved right, McCotter was an easy victor in the general election.

The area's incumbent congressional representative, Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, was thrown into a primary showdown with congressional power John Dingell, D-Dearborn, who won handily.

9. Schoolcraft College is completing work on its new \$20 million VistaTech Center. The addition to the Waterman Campus Center includes a state-of-the-art information technology center and a new culinary arts facility.

10. The Emerald Ash Borer invaded our area, threatening thousands of ash trees. Experts believe the Asian insect is the most destructive pest to the tree population since Dutch elm disease.

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Attorney general Mike Cox, of Livonia, makes a point to supporters at an election rally in Lansing.

## POLICE

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bureau covering troopers, the motor carrier division and special operations.

The new gig comes with a promotion to colonel, and is effective in February. Sturdivant, who lives in Plymouth with his wife and

two daughters, wouldn't speculate on possible changes or goals.

"We haven't gotten to that point yet," he said of his talks with the new governor. "The position doesn't take effect until February, so it wouldn't be appropriate to talk about that yet."

Granholm noted that among his many responsibilities, Sturdivant will play a critical

role in advising her on the safe community initiatives outlined in her "Securing Michigan's Future" plan.

"Lt. Col. Sturdivant's historic appointment reflects our commitment to protecting and securing Michigan's future," Granholm said, "and to building a government that is both excellent and inclusive."

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## FUNERAL

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raged by what happened."

Even tough, seasoned cops may have difficulty coming to grips with the murder of children, according to Wayne Byrum, 17-year chaplain with the Canton Police Department.

As chaplain, he has knocked on the doors of families to tell them of tragic car accidents, counseled families of suicide victims and helped out with domestic violence cases.

Police officers are typically the first ones to see crime scenes, as was the case in

Livonia Dec. 21. There, they opened the doors to the Pesce residence and found five dead bodies.

"(Police officers) are the ones who see the gory details," Byrum said. "If they're normal, they're traumatized."

Getting them to talk can be difficult.

"Police officers, as you know, keep things inside," Byrum said. "This situation in Livonia, it had to be a horrible scene."

In one recent Canton case, Byrum helped counsel an officer who had seen someone commit suicide by shotgun.

"I got with him and he just started talking right away," he

said.

In instances where a large number of officers are involved in the same case, group debriefings — rather than one-on-one counseling — usually work best, according to Byrum, who works as a psychotherapist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"For me, it would involve going over the situation, walking the officers through what happened and getting them to talk," Byrum said.

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## TEACHERS

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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, parents, school administrators or community residents who have contact or knowledge of a teacher's classroom activities. To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone number along with a

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## OUR VIEWS

### Hard work by police eases area's fears

We all recognize the hard work and determination displayed by Livonia police department employees in bringing some healing to a deep wound in the community caused by the mass killing of a family.

The vacations and leave time of detectives, officers and office staff were canceled after the discovery of five members of the Marco Pesce family Saturday, Dec. 21. Police officers planning to spend time with their families on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day suddenly found themselves in patrol cars on surveillance, or tracking down telephone tips that came flooding into the police station.

Officers worked around the clock and quickly arrested two people early in the week, bringing a quick end to the agony Livonia and other western suburban residents felt after hearing news of the slayings.

It was a nightmare: A father, a well-know businessman, his three small children and his mother visiting from Italy for the holidays, slain in their home four days before Christmas, that holy Christian holiday that celebrates peace, love, forgiving and generosity.

But those thoughts weren't in the minds of the persons who broke into the house, walked past the Christmas tree and presents waiting for the three Pesce children and killed the family. Greed was in their minds. They were thinking about loot, not the spirit of giving.

All were shot with handguns, and put up no resistance, even the children. And it was the thoughts of those children that helped Livonia police officers work past the bounds of physical exhaustion.

Pictures of the children were everywhere in the Livonia police station, Chief Peter Kunst told the media this past week. "They were on desks and in patrol cars," he said. The faces of the three children helped motivate officers to keep going. Officers would sometimes sleep briefly in their cars, stare at the photos and get back to work, he said.

Monetary contributions from the public to a reward fund should also be recognized. The reward was a factor in the arrests, police said. The money came from many sources, much of it from just plain folks who wanted to stay anonymous.

When there's such a crime as this just before the holidays, it makes us wonder if the spirit of Christmas is still alive. But when we look at the actions of the Livonia police and the people who donated to the reward fund, we know it's still alive.

### New governor should keep an open mind

As we begin a new year, the prospects are looking a little bleak. As former President Bill Clinton constantly reminded himself, it's the economy, stupid.

Unemployment is staying stubbornly over 5 percent. The stock market continues to be shaky. Business trends aren't completely dismal but they aren't robust, either. Some area corporations are struggling to survive, notably Kmart, which seems to be stuck in another retailing era.

Local, state and federal budgets are at the breaking point.

It is hard to imagine why anyone would want to be the governor of a state, because so many of them are facing desperate budget problems because of reduced tax revenue.

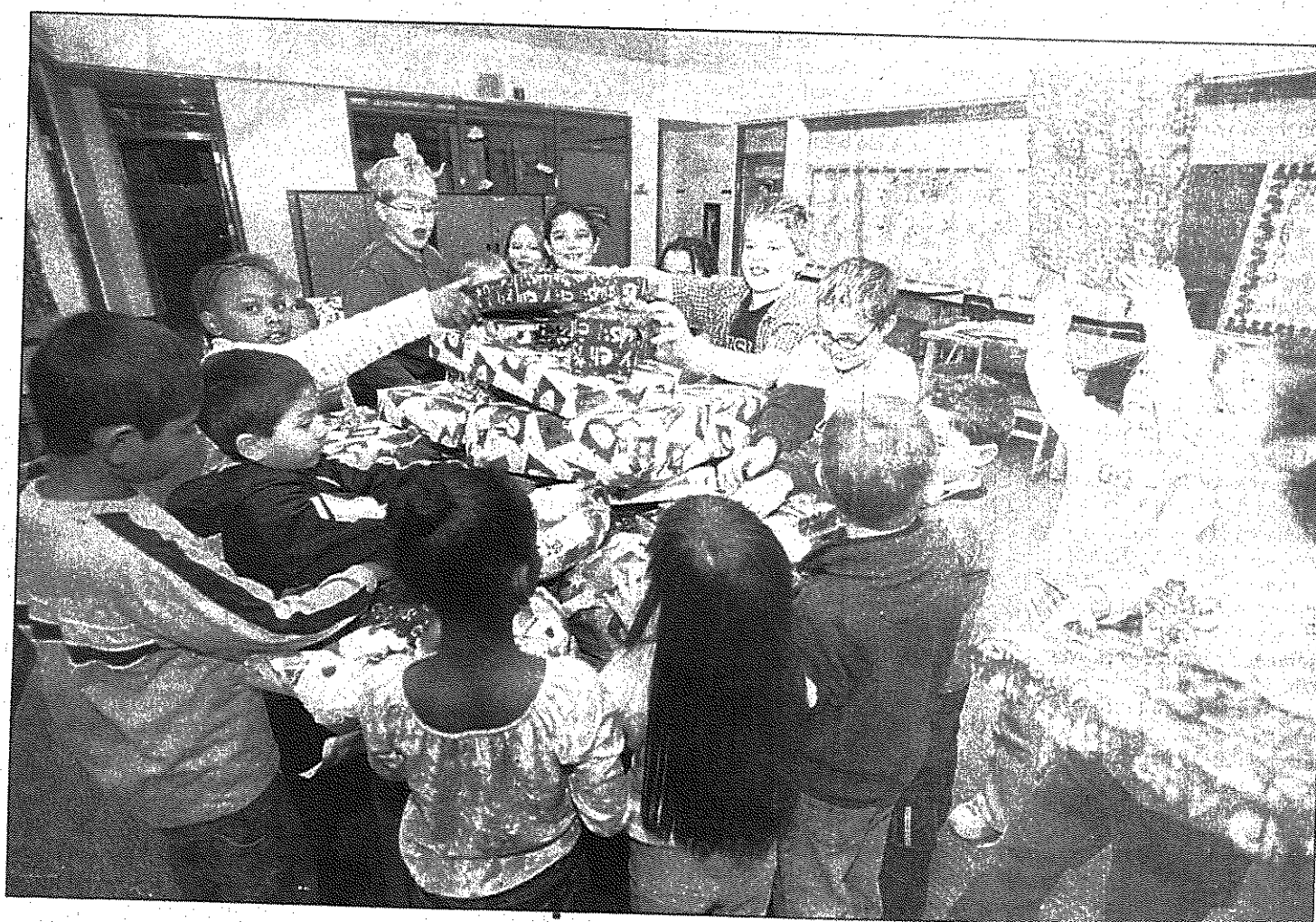
For Jennifer Granholm, the prospect for the 2004 budget year, which begins in October, is a \$1.8 billion deficit. During her campaign and in recent remarks, the new governor has said she doesn't favor slowing scheduled tax cuts or implementing any tax increases.

The alternative is cuts in programs. Where would those cuts be made - in health care (Medicaid is already in dire financial straits); in education where K-12 programs and higher education are already feeling the pinch and colleges are passing the cost along in tuition increases that penalize the middle class; in welfare where the poor have already been cut to the bone by Gov. John Engler; in community revenue sharing grants when communities are already stressed to provide for police, fire and other services?

We don't have any easy answers for area businesses or for the new governor. But we believe that no reasonable alternative, including tax increases, should be ruled out. There is a lot of waste in government, but most people benefit from government programs and they should not be penalized to avoid taxing those who can afford to pay.

The issue isn't about increasing or not increasing taxes. It's about how to implement a reasonable tax policy that provides for needed programs while not stalling an economic recovery.

We encourage the new governor and legislature to have courage and work on a solution.



A group of students from Fiegel Elementary cared enough about others to gather presents purchased through donations at the school for a local family adopted through the Goodfellows. The students collected more than \$500, and will provide some of the excess to other families in need through the Goodfellows.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## LETTERS

### Lucky to have Goodfellows

In response to the letter written by the woman about the Goodfellows soliciting donations on the streets: I, for one, feel blessed to live in a town like Plymouth where people think not only of themselves ... enough so to stand out in the street, and often brave the elements, to raise money so that no child will be without a Christmas.

Ours is a community with a long and rich history of caring. That feeling of commitment to one's community is one of the many things that makes Plymouth unique and so very special.

I am grateful that so many give of their time for the good of this community through the Goodfellows and the many other civic groups that make a difference all year long. I hope they never stop.

It is a privilege to live here, and I am pleased to say that Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus and, thankfully, he and his many generous helpers are alive and well and living in Plymouth.

Liz Johnson  
Plymouth

### Chorus appreciation

I just want to thank the Plymouth Community Chorus for another wonderful holiday show! Bravo! I can't wait until next year!

Congratulations, Sandra!

Rich Ham-Kucharski  
Canton

### Act effective

President George Bush's No Child Left Behind Act is a dominant issue in improving education. I highly believe that this will be very effective in the United States because every child is worth the effort, simply because every child can learn, and we know what it takes to teach them. The issue is that not every child gets the equal opportunity to be educated, which creates a problem. No society has ever tried this solution before and succeeded, however when there is a will, there is a way.

The basis of this act is simplified by four pillars:

Accountability — Strong standards in each state for what every child should know and learn in reading and math grades three-eight.

Provide Bureaucracy and Increase Flexibility — Provide new flexibility for all 50 states and every local school district in America in the use of federal funds.

Focusing Resources on Proven Educational Methods — Focus educational dollars on proven research-based approach that will best help children to learn.

Expanded Choices for Parents — Enhance options for parents with children in chronically failing schools.

Of course, even with these key points, this plan of action will not work. Without teachers who truly believe their students have potential to learn, this act doesn't stand a chance. This makes sense because when teachers believe this, and they discover that their students aren't learning,

they are going to stop what they're doing, get to the root of the problem and find out why this is happening before it is too late.

I personally think that most of these cases of not learning are coming from parents that are not involved in their child's education. In these cases I believe the teachers need to step in and be that child's guide and really get through to them, because they have a limited amount of time to spend with each child.

This act needs to be focused on public schools, because eventually the majority of schools will be private schools. The government needs to take advantage of citizen's tax dollars and put a certain amount of them towards a helpless child's education, because without education, one is lost in this country. I hope that one day a child can be at the doorstep of a school and be given an education, no questions asked.

People need to stop living in the past and start thinking about the future, because these children that aren't getting educated now are most likely going to end up in jail or helping increase our nation's unemployment rate. This act is beneficial no matter what way one looks at it.

Holly McGuffin  
Livonia

### Media assault

Trent Lott is not racist; he is a politician that tries to please audiences and avoid controversy. He was Senate majority leader earlier and voluntarily "shared" power with liberal Democrats to "get along." Lott is criticized for trying to butter up a centenarian who was a Dixiecrat 54 years ago.

Bob Dole never adjusted to using power as majority leader, either; he compromised legislation rather than fight. Newt Gingrich passed "Contract with America" bills in the House of Representatives that stalled in Dole's Senate. The media assaulted Gingrich around the clock, even as his programs brought prosperity to the nation.

Clinton claimed many as his own, Dole ran for president, and Gingrich is generally perceived as dishonest.

Bill Frist is one of many elected because of Gingrich's success in 1994. Hopefully, a "leader" will now have the title and "followers" will do what their personalities permit. How long before the media assaults begin?

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### Affirmative action unworthy

The Supreme Court's time to find affirmative action racist and unworthy of American fairness, American heritage, American culture, America's constant and consistent attention to the worth of all of its citizens, is nigh.

The court's members who suffer from earlier classroom instruction approving class warfare and the understanding that the federal government is primary may not overcome the misdirection of "teachers" who espouse the all-encompassing big-daddy ideology, leading to the stunt-

ed and unknowing life.

There are constitutionalists on the court who will interpret the law and not design and manufacture law anew. The liberals on the court who pretend they can walk and chew gum at the same time may "win" the day and keep our people in ideological chains, forcing discrimination in less-than-subtle doses, demanding quotas, set-asides, and color and ethnic preferences.

But we can always hope the "swing" judges will understand and accept what the muddle-headed thinkers proclaim as necessary and worthy diversity assures the most unfair and blatant discrimination.

Ikeita Cantu Hinojosa, Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow at the Women's Law Center in Washington, D.C., boasts and brags that affirmative action selection and status guaranteeing her educational advantage was proper and responsible for her subsequent successes.

Evidently, she believes no one will ever wonder if some in the audience might think she achieved because, and only because, she was afforded the boat ride to class enrollment, that merit might not have played a part in her job placement today.

She still doesn't get it, that affirmative action is blatantly racist, that it really should be declared unconstitutional. As with other affirmative action sponsors, she does not explain why minorities who do not gain acceptance at one college, then matriculate at a second choice for schooling, graduate, get the good jobs, are disadvantaged in life. All students are guaranteed that they may attend college. Again, someone explain why a student who gets his degree from Michigan State loses in life because he didn't get a diploma from the University of Michigan. No one will. No one can.

In addition to the unfairness of affirmative action, it makes no sense.

According to the law, a student can accomplish enrollment on the college level in any of the 50 states. Where's the problem?

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

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"I was very proud. I'm a career Michigan State trooper, (so) it's a culmination of a life's work."

— Tadarial Sturdivant, new director, Michigan State Police



# Wall Street shenanigans made for a sorry story

During the holiday break, I've had the time to mull over the events of the past year or two. Upon reflection, it seems clear the most broadly consequential were the corporate, accounting, banking, brokerage and insider trading scandals that led to the collapse of the stock market and the sharp drop in the net worth of countless millions of households.



Phil Power

The total loss to investors since 2000 has been something like \$7 trillion, which is a number so large and so abstract as to lose meaning for me.

More telling are the countless personal stories of financial loss and confidence in the future, stories that literally every reader of this column can recite in sad detail. People who had retired with the (false) security of a fat investment portfolio who discovered

they had to go back to work just to maintain their standard of living. Workers who saw their 401(k) account drop to a "201(k)" or worse. Young families who had made a down payment on their first house who discovered they had lost the asset base to qualify for their loan.

And so, you might reasonably ask, what has happened to the perpetrators of this scandal?

Not much. Sure, Ken Lay and Andrew Fastow at Enron are facing well-publicized criminal charges, as are a few high-profile folks at Global Crossing, Tyco, WorldCom, ImClone, Adelphia and so forth.

But what has happened to the big shots on Wall Street — the brokers, the bankers, the lawyers, the analysts — the ones who were so complicit in laying the foundation and abetting the biggest financial scandal since the 1920s?

For example, it's now been conclusively proven the big Wall Street firms leaned on their "independent" research analysts to produce optimistic reports on the self-same firms whose stock they were underwriting. We've even seen the texts of confidential e-mails from analysts describing as "rubbish" the very stock they were touting to the public. Enron's lawyers were up to their well-scrubbed armpits in penning (lucrative) opinion letters that said the shenanigans with off-balance sheet partnerships were OK, while brokers were executing big sell orders from executives who saw their companies going down the tubes and wanted out before the public caught on.

What about those guys? Anybody going to the slammer? Nope. A couple of analysts, now retired with their multi-million dollar profits, have been banned from dealing with the stock market. How sad. Anybody getting fined per-

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sonally? Not that I've heard. Any firm paying restitution to the stockholders who trusted their analysts' advice and wound up with nothing? Perish the thought.

Last week, to the mixed sounds of trumpets of publicity and sighs of relief, the regulators announced a "final settlement" with the folks on Wall Street. The firms involved, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, would collectively pay about \$1 billion in fines to finish inquiries into their conflicts of interest in research. They would also pony up \$500 million to finance independent stock research operations that would be given to their clients along with their own stock reports.

According to the *New York Times*, settlement negotiations had been going on since October. They were complicated; involved were New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange, the National Association of Securities Dealers and the big Wall Street firms. Evidently, the big sticking point was just how to divvy up the \$1 billion fine between the firms involved — proof positive that avarice remains the primary driver on Wall Street.

You don't hear of that \$1 billion going to the folks who got bilked by the Street over the past couple of years, do you? And please note that the key phrase in the deal with the regulators was "final settlement," which effectively prevents class-action lawsuits by the countless investors who got the shaft.

The great thing about Wall Street — the banks, the brokerage houses, the lawyers, the analysts, the CPAs — is that they're all in it incestuously together. "We first" has been the Wall Street slogan for many years, and if the public gets screwed, that's just too bad. The Wall Street insiders will always win against the ordinary Main Street rubes. And what we just saw in the "final settlement" is nothing more than the latest proof point.

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).



Sen. Carl Levin

## Steps must be taken to prevent Enron debacles

Just over a year ago, Enron Corp., then the seventh-largest company in the United States, declared bankruptcy. The follow-up to this financial disaster revealed a litany of Enron corporate abuses from accounting fraud to price manipulation, insider dealing, tax shenanigans, and unfair dealing with employees, creditors and investors. Yet it is still the case today, as it was a year ago, that most top Enron officials have walked away from the scandal they created with tens of millions of dollars in their pockets, while Enron employees, creditors and shareholders have suffered substantial losses.

In addition to Enron's misconduct, there is growing evidence that leading U.S. financial institutions not only took part in Enron's deceptive practices, but at times designed, advanced and profited from them.

As a result of the work by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), which I have chaired for the past year and a half, we have learned that some of our largest financial institutions, including Citigroup, J.P. Morgan Chase, and Merrill Lynch, engaged in deceptive financial transactions with Enron that allowed Enron to make its books look better and increase the value of its stock price.

In one instance, the subcommittee looked in detail at a sham asset sale of Nigerian barges from Enron to Merrill Lynch for \$28 million just before the end of the year 2000, so that Enron could book the fake sale revenue and boost both its year-end earnings and cash flow from operations. This transaction didn't qualify as a true sale under accounting rules because Enron had eliminated all risk from the deal by secretly promising Merrill Lynch to arrange a resale of the barges within six months while guaranteeing a 15-percent profit.

The PSI investigation has provided substantial evidence that the financial institutions involved in the Enron deals knew exactly what was going on. They structured the transactions, signed the paperwork, and supplied the money, knowing that Enron was using the deals to deceptively inflate its financial results and present the company as in better financial condition than it really was.

In the most recent investigation, the PSI staff looked at transactions that took place over a six-month period from December 2000 to June 2001, involving Enron ventures in the pulp-and-paper business. The evidence shows that Citigroup and Chase actively aided

Enron in these transactions, despite knowing they employed deceptive accounting or tax strategies and were being used by Enron to misstate its financial results or deceptively reduce its tax obligations. Citigroup and Chase did it in return for substantial fees and favorable consideration in other business dealings.

As a result of these revelations, the financial institutions involved have announced new programs designed to prevent their employees from participating in deals that produce deceptive accounting. Questions remain whether those programs are working. But, more important, the federal agencies that regulate these financial institutions have to be on the job, patrolling these companies to make sure they follow the rules.

There is a gap right now. The SEC does not generally regulate banks, and bank regulators don't regulate accounting practices or ensure accurate financial statements. Two steps need to be taken that, together, could close the gap. First, the SEC needs to issue a policy that states clearly that the SEC will take enforcement action against financial institutions that aid or abet a client's dishonest accounting, by selling deceptively structured finance or tax products or by knowingly or recklessly participating in deceptively structured transactions.

Second, the bank regulators — including the Federal Reserve that oversees our financial holding companies — need to state that violation of that SEC policy would constitute an unsafe and unsound banking practice, thereby enabling bank examiners to take regulatory action during bank examinations.

The SEC and bank regulators also need to conduct a comprehensive, joint review of the structured finance products being sold by or participated in by our financial institutions so they can root out the ones that corrupt financial statements. One year after Enron's collapse, we need our regulators to tell our banks and securities firms that the deceptions and the era of self-regulation are over.

Enron was an eye-opener about the extent and nature of corporate misconduct going on in the United States today and the role being played by our financial institutions. Now we need to take on the tougher task of building an effective deterrence program to prevent future Enrons.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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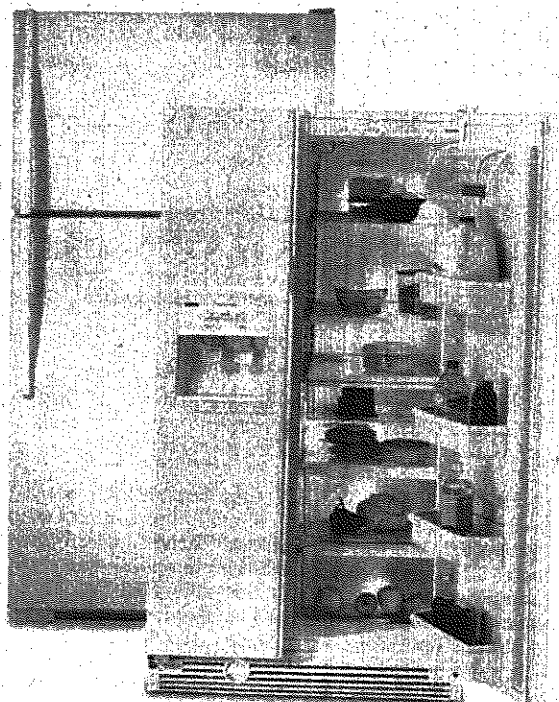
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## YEAR IN REVIEW

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the Kresge Foundation to help pay for the new performing arts center.

WSDP-FM, the student radio station at Salem High School, celebrates 30 years of broadcasting.

Wayne County releases a list of road projects for Canton, totaling \$3 million.

Greg Demopoulos is named to the planning commission, replacing Sue Dodson.

The Canton Community Foundation adds five scholarships to its program, including one set up by the family of Meredith Whalen, who was killed in the World Trade Center attack.

## MARCH

Construction starts on the new Human Services Building in Cherry Hill Village. It will house the Canton Community Foundation, Growth Works and other service agencies.

Police announce a crackdown on false alarm violations, which cost the township \$20,000 the previous year.

The township announces the formation of Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a 14-member board, to oversee operation of the performing arts theater.

Karen Woodside, assistant Wayne County prosecutor and former Northville Township supervisor, joins the race for the 35th District Judge post.

Supervisor Tom Yack calls Gov. John Engler "clueless" after Engler vetoes a bill to give townships more control over speed limits on local roads.

Draw-Tite announces the closing of its Canton plant, resulting in the loss of 300 jobs.

## APRIL

The planning commission OKs plans for a restaurant, Carrabba's Italian Grill, on Haggerty just south of Ford.

Canton resident Fred Bolden announces plans to put together a parade to open Canton's Liberty Fest celebration this year. He hopes it will become an annual tradition.

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band is in the midst of a \$60,000 drive to raise money to replace competition uniforms.

Eleven candidates file to fill three seats in the school board election scheduled for June.

Canton Fire Fighters Charity Foundation donates \$25,000 to Rescue Company 3 of New York City Fire Department, which lost eight firefighters in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

School Board vice president Mark Slavens announces his candidacy for the redistricted 21st District state House seat.

Plymouth-Canton school board votes to lay off 18 teachers

to save money. Board members hope to recall the teachers before school begins in August.

TGI Fridays gets planning commission approval to build a restaurant in the Harvard Square Shopping Center.

## MAY

An 18-year-old Westland woman dies in a car crash on I-275 in what was an apparent suicide.

Ten candidates file for the new 35th District Court judgeship.

A five-hour standoff that began after an armed robbery in Canton ends in Livonia when the last of three barricaded gunmen gives up.

Canton is rated the second-safest community in Michigan — and the 14th in the United States — with a population of more than 75,000.

Ruthann Bruce, a postal letter carrier, withdraws from the race for 21st District House seat because federal employees are not allowed to run for elective office.

The 20th annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament draws 25,000 people to the township.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack announces he's backing State Sen. Joe Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, in the Republican primary for governor.

## JUNE

River Woods subdivision residents says they're living in pot-hole hell — the streets in their neighborhood were never finished by the developer.

Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Kathleen Booher resigns to accept a position with the Michigan Association of School Administrators in Lansing.

Plymouth-Canton Schools and the teachers union reach a tentative contract agreement.

A car crashes into the north wall of the Human Services Building under construction at Ford and Cherry Hill, leaving a car-sized hole and some structural damage.

The Environmental Protection Agency seeks a \$340,000 fine against a Canton company in connection with an ammonia leak and subsequent explosion in 2000.

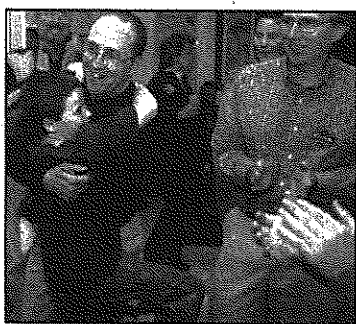
Joanne Lamar, Carol Saunders and Marcy Staley win seats on the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Plymouth-Canton Schools looks to Cherry Hill Village as the site for an elementary school.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) claims State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) assaulted him outside Maplewood Community Center in Garden City after the Wayne County 13th Republican meeting.

## JULY

A 22-year-old Garden City



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mike Gerou of Plymouth gets a big hug from his 10-year-old son, Miles, and warm wishes from supporters after winning the new judgeship in the 35th District Court in November.

man is killed when his car swerves into the path of a truck on Haggerty south of Hanford.

The township treasurer's office is flooded with phone calls when a switch-over to a computer program results in some township residents receiving real tax bills instead of copies of bills that should have been sent to their mortgage companies.

Township officials look for ways to bring the cost of the new performing arts center in line with the original estimate of \$8 million.

A Canton man is killed in a robbery of Logan's Roadhouse restaurant in Livonia. He is one of two murder victims at the restaurant.

The township begins its annual sidewalk repair program, and some residents question why their walks have been marked for repair.

Harmony House announces it is ceasing operations and is closing all its stores, including the one at Ford and Sheldon.

Canton hosts the fifth National Archery Target Championship in Heritage Park.

## AUGUST

Residents and township officials butt heads at a public meeting over the proposed location of the third fire station.

Phil LaJoy and Mark Slavens win their respective primaries in the race for the 21st District House seat.

Canton attorney Mike Gerou and former Northville supervisor Karen Woodside finish 1-2 in the primary and advance to the November general election for the new 35th District Court judgeship.

Supervisor Tom Yack goes to Lansing to protest Gov. John Engler's veto of more than \$8 million in revenue-sharing money.

Plymouth High School, the district's third high school, opens at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

A man suspected of robbing nine banks and numerous drug stores in western Wayne and Oakland counties is arrested in Canton.

## SEPTEMBER

Crime in Canton drops 10 percent compared to the same period in 2001.

Canton trustees begin studying a system of walking-bike trails along the Lower Rouge River that could extend north toward the Plymouth Township boundary.

The Garden City City Attorney rules that no charges will be filed against State Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) for allegedly assaulting Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township).

Planning commissioners approve plans for an 18-screen movie theater complex south of Ford east of Lotz.

Canton Police dump the D.A.R.E. program in favor of T.E.A.M., a program developed by the Michigan State Police.

Katherine Bovitz is appointed to the township planning commission to fill the vacancy created by the death of Bob Wade.

## OCTOBER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is finally getting a home of its own — a new 2,500-square-foot office building near the southwest corner of Canton Center and Hanford.

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus packs the chamber of commerce luncheon audience as guest speaker.

Acting schools superintendent Jim Ryan shelves a report presented by then-Superintendent Kathleen Booher that, among other things, called for the "repurposing" of Central Middle School.

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club open two stores on Ford east of I-275. Shoppers jam the parking lots and the stores.

Plymouth-Canton Schools sets record enrollment, with

17,027 students enrolled in the system.

Interim School Superintendent Jim Ryan prepares a yet-to-be-determined bond issue the district is expected to put to voters in 2003.

The ash tree problem still plagues Canton and western Wayne County, with the arrival of a foreign insect that attacks any species of ash.

## NOVEMBER

A \$92 million expansion of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority wastewater treatment plant moves into its final phase, as bids were received on the bonds issued for the project.

The Canton Historical Society and the Historic District Commission seek official historic designation for eight sites in Cherry Hill Village.

Phil LaJoy wins election to the State House of Representatives, and Bruce Patterson is elected state Senator.

Canton Center Road between

Geddes and Cherry Hill is closed, as work begins to replace the bridge over the Lower Rouge River.

Hoben Elementary School becomes the first school in the Plymouth-Canton District to earn a Golden Apple award from the state.

## DECEMBER

A fatal crash on Michigan Avenue at the southbound I-275 exit knocks out power to the area. Residents and businesses are without electricity for hours.

Ginnie Hauck announces she's leaving as manager of the Canton Place senior housing complex as a result of a dispute with the owner, National Church Residences.

Planning Commissioner Karl Zarbo is appointed by the board of trustees to fill out the term of Phil LaJoy, who becomes state representative in January.

Gov. John Engler names Canton resident David Treadwell to the seven-member Wayne County Airport Authority.

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F-250 Christopher L. Crawford: Household  
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 16th, 2003 for the following:

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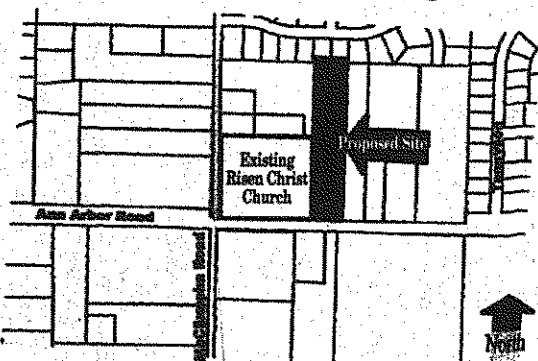
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Requested approval of a Use Subject to Special Conditions.  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, January 15, 2003  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting the approval of a "Use Subject to Special Conditions" on parcel R-78-053-99-0009-000.



**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the request for a Use Subject to Special Conditions is pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance No. 83, Section 6.2. The Applicant, Brien Christ Lutheran Church is requesting to add Parcel 053-99-0009-000 to an existing church on a Parcel identified as Tax ID No. R-78-053-99-0011-701. The parcel is located on the north side of Ann Arbor Road, east of McClumpha Road and west of Tennyson Drive. (Application No. 1759/1102). The application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA  
JANUARY 09, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, JANUARY 09, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Chestnut room at the Summit located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Dan Havener of Bob Evans Restaurant 3776 S. High St. Columbus Oh 43207 is representing Bob Evans Restaurant at 46080 Michigan Avenue Canton MI 48188. They are requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance # 29.002 Section 2.8 Wall Sign for attachment to the outside of the building.  
Parcel 129-99-0001-704A (Building)
2. Lilley Industrial Center, LLC of Lilley Industrial 43000 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 100 Novi MI 48375 is representing Lilley Industrial at 7910 & 7950 Lilley Road Canton MI 48187. They are requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance # 29.008 Section 8.1A Ground Sign for the outside of the buildings.  
Parcel 008-99-0001-708 (Building)
3. John Morrison of Intercity Neon P.O. Box 3762 Centerline MI 48015 is representing Charter One Bank at 285 Canton Center Road Canton MI 48187. They are requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance # 29.002 Section 2.8 Wall Sign above roof line of the building.  
Parcel 064-99-0013-702 (Building)

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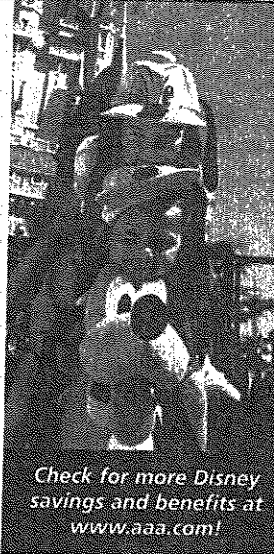
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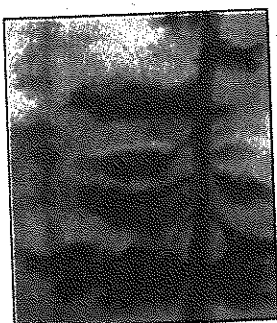
## Buffet

Restaurant offers authentic Asian fare that's tasty. **B6**

## Hot tickets

### Oil paintings

Bev Walker's recent oil paintings, depicting her view of thick forests and lonely windbeaten pines at the ocean's edge of Maine, are on exhibit through Jan. 29 at



Washington Street Gallery, 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Opening reception and meet-the-artist will be from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the gallery. (734) 761-2287.

### Count those birds

The nature center at Kensington Metropark, near Milford, holds its 27th annual New Year's Bird Count at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4. Dress warmly, wear boots, bring binoculars and spend the morning helping to census the bird population at Kensington. Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 477-3178.

### Epiphany concert

The Troy Community Chorus and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Adult Choir, under the direction of Mimi Gass and E. Talbot Lord Jr., will sing together in celebration of Epiphany at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 280 E. Square Lake Road, just east of Livernois, Troy. Admission is free, although a free will donation will be accepted. (248) 879-1310.

### Season of light

The planetarium show at the University of Michigan's Exhibit Museum of Natural History looks at ancient and more recent winter solstice celebrations, including Christmas and Hanukkah, at 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 2-3; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. The show includes striking visuals accompanied by a soundtrack. Admission to the museum, at 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor, is free. (734) 764-0478.

### Play time

Kids bored? Let them expend a little energy at recently opened Fun Festival play area in Summit Place mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. The Fun Festival features a three-story play area with more than 47 interactive games and activities. The play area is located in the Marshall Field's wing of the mall. (248) 628-0123.

### In concert

Guitarist Jimmy Thackery plays at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, just north of Nine Mile, Ferndale. Tickets are \$20 and available at The Magic Bag box office or through Ticketmaster. On his new CD, *We Got It*, Thackery recalls the rhythm and blues style of Muscle Shoals veteran Eddie Hinton. (248) 544-3030.

## Very Special Art

Exhibit spotlights abilities of all levels

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

"Oh, my. That's lovely," said Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates as she took a moment to view an exhibit of art by children and adults with disabilities in city hall. The sensitivity found in Kimberly Lashuay's pastel drawing of a fawn stopped many of the city employees and visitors there on business in their tracks.

Nancy Coumoundouros had the same reaction when she saw the exhibit in the past at the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs in Lansing. The cultural arts coordinator for Farmington Hills and Farmington is a strong believer in the ability of the arts to enrich the lives of all people so she wanted to share the exhibit presented by VSA arts of Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts) and the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services with the community.

Founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith as an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., VSA coordinates arts programs for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities throughout the world. In Michigan, the nonprofit provides therapeutic classes in everything from clay and painting to singing, dancing, drama, and chime playing. Annual festivals like one held annually at the Livonia Mall the first weekend in May showcase the talents of participants. Ongoing artsJAM workshops with professional artists help teens and adults express their creativity at the state offices in Detroit's University Cultural Center.

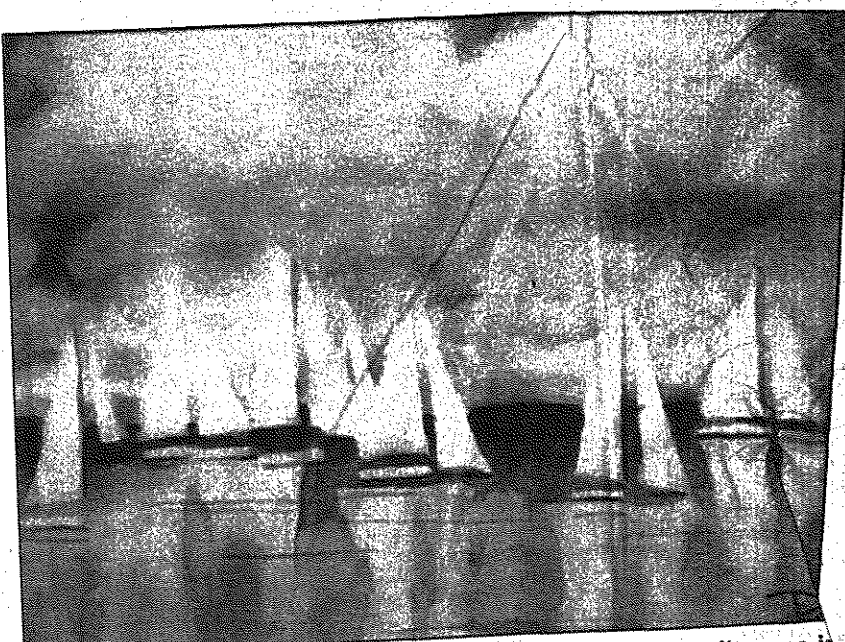
Throughout the year, the works in ArtSplash toured schools, libraries, arts and community centers, malls, and arts, education and disability conferences and festivals. And the talent came from all over the state — Southfield, Troy, Birmingham, Owosso, Traverse City, Rochester Hills, Pontiac and Farmington Hills. Lashuay is from Midland.



Ginny Lundquist (foreground) installs one of the works in ArtSplash! 2002 as Leigh Sneed admires another she's just hung down the corridor in Farmington Hills City Hall. The exhibit spotlights the talents of children and adults with disabilities.



Dana Ciaramitaro painted this acrylic titled *The Dancer*. She is a student at the Kennedy Center in Pontiac.



Doug Meyer, an adult from Traverse City, used watercolor to create the tranquil scene in *Sailing Reflections*.

"It's such a wonderful opportunity to show what the arts can do for people with special needs," said Coumoundouros. "Sometimes people can't express themselves so well with words. Visual arts give them a whole new venue of expression."

### SELECTING THE ART

Wading through all that creativity wasn't so easy for Coumoundouros and her staff. There was only room for about 45 of the 69 pieces in the exhibit. Myosha Ivory's colorful abstract *Juggling* was one of the first chosen by Coumoundouros, cultural arts program assistant Leigh Sneed, and staff member Ginny Lundquist. A student at the Kennedy Center in Pontiac, Ivory used oil pastels in red, orange, yellow and blue to create a swirl of geometric shapes.

"I think the show's great," said Sneed. "There's a variety of different media, different ages and it's nice that they're being represented together."

Lundquist's favorite captured the tranquility of sailing on a summer day.

A member of the Farmington Community Chorus, and PRIME, a vocal jazz group, Lundquist already has an appreciation for the vocal arts. "The exhibit's really fantastic," said Lundquist of Orchard Lake. "There are really beautiful pieces of artwork. I'm impressed. The sailboats look like they're dancing on the water."

Katie Serewicz was pleased to hear that another of Lundquist's favorites was by Michael Howard, a student of hers at the Kennedy Center in Pontiac. As artist-in-residence at the center, Serewicz has entered her students in the competition for the touring exhibit the last five years.

In addition to working with children and adults (ages 14-26) at the Kennedy Center, Serewicz co-founded The Art Experience in Pontiac as a meeting ground for all people to just explore their talents whether they have disabilities.

PLEASE SEE ARTSPASHI, B2

### ARTSPASHI 2002

**What:** An exhibit of drawings, paintings, clay, bronze, mixed media, and photography by children and adults with disabilities

**When:** Through Friday, Jan. 31

**Where:** Farmington Hills City Hall on 11 Mile at Orchard Lake Road, and Farmington City Hall on Liberty at Grand River.

For more information, call Farmington Hills' Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856

## Zoo staff celebrates new arrival



Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Step by step, the little polar bear slowly inches across the tundra of her new home at the Detroit Zoo. Exploring the 4.2 acres of the Arctic Ring of Life is going to take some time, but Barle has the rest of her life, now that she's been rescued from the scorching heat and cruel conditions at the Suarez Brothers Circus in Puerto Rico.

This is a day zoo director Ron Kagan and Scott Carter, acting director of conservation and animal welfare, thought would never come. They'd experienced more than 18 months of setbacks and court decisions that had gone against the six bears struggling to survive in cramped, steel-barred cages.

The Detroit Zoo was the first to offer sanctuary to the bears when PETA (People for the

### DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL PARK

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Wild Winter activities continue week-ends through end of February

**Where:** 8450 W. 10 Mile Road at Woodward and I-696, Royal Oak

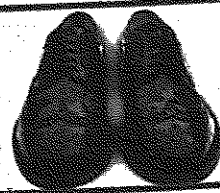
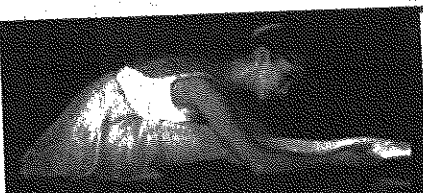
**Tickets:** \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and up and children ages 2-12, under age 2 free, \$4 for parking. Call (248) 398-0900 or visit the Web site at [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org)



COURTESY OF THE DETROIT ZOO

Barle checks out her new home in the Arctic Ring of Life at the Detroit Zoo. Until Nov. 5, the little bear lived most of her 16 years under cruel conditions as one of six performing polar bears in a traveling circus. Many of the rescued bears had developed sores from lying on the concrete and steel bottoms of cramped cages.

## Ballet Shoes or Wing Tips?



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## Historic church tour kicks off

The Detroit Historical Society, which has led visits to historic churches since 1972, kicks off its annual Historic Houses of Worship tours on Monday, Jan. 6, with stops at St. Mary's Roman Catholic, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul Episcopal, First Congregational Church and St. Aloysius Roman Catholic. The tour leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum parking lot (Kirby at Woodward) at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The price, which includes the guided tour, bus transportation and lunch at one of the churches, is \$25 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members. The tours emphasize the

importance of maintaining and preserving these buildings as visible history. Tours are co-sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Michigan and the Detroit Historical Society.

A tour on Feb. 3 will visit St. Dominic's Roman Catholic, First Unitarian-Universalist, St. Matthew-St. Joseph Episcopal, St. John's CME and Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic.

Telephone reservations are accepted with VISA, MasterCard or Discover from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour. For more information, call (313) 833-1405.

## Ferndale sings the blues this weekend

The holidays are over, the tree goes to the curb and the bills start pouring in. What better time to hold a blues festival?

The city of Ferndale will hold its second annual blues festival Friday-Sunday, Jan. 3-5, in a dozen venues throughout the community, including churches, bars, nightclubs and restaurants. Funds raised at each location will go toward Ferndale Youth Assistance, an organization that counsels youth, supports families and mentors students. It also runs a summer camp for youth at risk in the Ferndale school district.

The event has grown since last year, with added venues and more bands, including a Blues Brunch and Gospel Concert held at Zion Lutheran Church. The nationally acclaimed Men of Grace will perform free of charge at the

event.

The Acoustic Ave Coffeehouse, based next door at the United Methodist Church, will hold a Saturday evening concert that is both alcohol and smoke free.

Blue piggy banks are located at more than two dozen shops, bars and other locations across Ferndale now, collecting money from patrons to support the festival and Ferndale Youth Assistance.

"The efforts are done totally by volunteers and more than 80 percent of our proceeds go directly to Ferndale Youth Assistance," says committee chair and city councilman Craig Covey.

Admission is free at most of the venues and some restaurants will serve blues-oriented Cajun, barbecue and soul food.

Here's a schedule of performers, show times and venues:

**Friday, Jan. 3**  
Luther Badman Keith, 9:30 p.m., Rosie O'Grady's  
Albert Young & the Straight Eights, Tony's Sports Bar  
Andre Frappier Quartet, 9 p.m., Dino's  
Back Door Blues Band, 8 p.m., Como's  
Live Blues, \$5 cover charge, 9:30 p.m., New Way Bar  
Blues food and music, Howe's Bayou  
Even Exchange, 10 p.m., Club Bart  
**Saturday, Jan. 4**  
Gospel Men of Grace, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church  
Blues Brunch  
Even Exchange, 10 p.m., Club Bart  
Wixom Slim & the Wyse Guys, 9 p.m. Rosie O'Grady's  
Back Door Blues Band, 8 p.m. Como's  
Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones, 9 p.m. Dino's

Live blues music, 8 p.m., Acoustic Ave. Coffee House at Ferndale First United Methodist Church. Admission: \$8 youth and senior citizens, \$10 adults.

Bobby Murray, guitarist for Etta James, Woodward Ave. Brewers

Jody Raffoul Live Blues, 7-9 p.m., The Post Bar  
Albert Young & the Straight Eights, Tony's Sports Bar  
Blues food and recorded blues, Howe's Bayou  
Live blues, \$5 cover charge, 9:30 p.m., New Way Bar

**Sunday, Jan. 5**  
Tampa Ted & the Blue Knights, 8:30 p.m. Rosie O'Grady's  
D.J. Reggie Harold, Dino's  
Blues Brunch, Como's  
Blues food and recorded blues music, Howe's Bayou  
Live Blues, 8 p.m. Danny's Irish Pub

## Musical movie tribute features Polish acrobats

Known for redefining film music and creating legions of new film music fans, John Williams is considered by many to be the most popular film composer of the modern era. Metro Detroit audiences will have the opportunity to hear many of Williams' greatest compositions Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 9-12 at the Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Under the direction of DSO pops conductor Erich Kunzel, the orchestra will present a "John Williams Spectacular," 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12. Tickets \$15-\$55, box seats \$50-

\$80, call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

Performing with the DSO for the first time is Duo Design, a strength and hand-balancing act from Warsaw, Poland. Dariusz Wronski and Jaroslaw Marciniak, known as Derek and Jarek, are former Polish national hand-balancing champions, a difficult and dazzling form of acrobatics requiring incredible strength and dexterity. They have competed and performed throughout Europe and the U.S. Williams has written more than 50 scores, which encompass some of the most memorable and moving movie music of all time. From the majestic

Star Wars to the magical soundtracks for both Harry Potter films.

He wrote the scores for Steven Spielberg's *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Schindler's List* and *Saving Private Ryan*. Williams has also worked with George Lucas and wrote the scores for *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*, and *The Phantom Menace*.

He has been nominated for over 35 Oscars and is the winner of five Academy Awards, 17 Grammy Awards, three Golden Globes, and two Emmys.

Williams was the conductor of the Boston Pops from 1980 to 1993 and still conducts concerts with various orchestras around the world.

Kunzel has conducted Williams' work with symphony orchestras throughout the United States. He included several Williams compositions on his 2000 CD titled *Mega Movies* with the Cincinnati Pops where he has been the Music Director for over 30 years. Kunzel is also music director of the Indianapolis Symphony Pops, principal pops conductor of the Naples, Florida Philharmonic and the DSO's pops music adviser.

## DSO concert takes kids on a musical journey

With the holidays behind them and the long winter ahead, children might be in the mood for a little change of scenery and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra has just the thing.

Thomas Wilkins of West Bloomfield leads the orchestra in "Once Upon a Place," a Young People's Concert that showcases music inspired by a variety of locales from a Persian market to the Painted Desert. Performances at Orchestra Hall in Detroit take place at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. Tickets \$10 to \$26, call (313) 576-5111 or visit [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

The theme of this season's Young People's Concert series is

"From the Musical Storybook." It's designed to demonstrate in "Once Upon a Place," the third in a series of six concerts, the focus is on how music can bring a place vividly to life.

music's power to take a great story and make the characters more vivid, the scenery more exotic, and the journey more exciting.

In "Once Upon a Place," the

third in a series of six concerts, the focus is on how music can bring a place vividly to life. Among the lands that will be visited on this musical journey are 19th century Russia as captured by Tchaikovsky in the Polonaise from his opera *Eugene Onegin*; ancient Greece, the setting for Leo Delibes' ballet *Sylvia*, or *La Nympe de Diane*; the Painted Desert which American composer Ferde Grofé depicted in his famous *Grand Canyon Suite*; Disneyland and Disneyworld, which are encapsulated in the theme *Disney Magic*; and the exotic, bustling atmosphere found in a *Persian Market* written by English composer Albert Ketelbey.

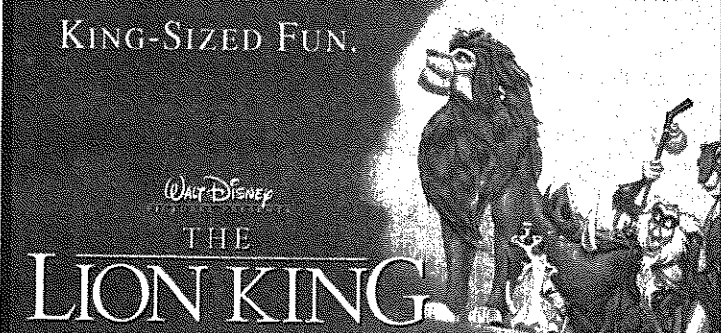
Wilkins is resident conductor of the DSO and led this year's New Year's Eve Gala concert. Last summer he conducted the orchestra's "Salute to America Concerts" at Greenfield Village and several Meadow Brook Music Festival concerts.

A champion of music education, Wilkins relishes the chance to explain the wonders of classical music to children. His work in music education has earned him several accolades including Florida's 1998 Friend of the Arts by the Pinellas County Music Educators Association and the 1998 Music Educator of the Year by the Hillsborough County Elementary Music Educator.

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### Meadow Brook Theatre

Presents the Shaw Festival's  
*Candida*: 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 perfor-  
mance times and ticket informa-  
tion.

### Plowshares Theatre Company

Presenting: *The Piano Lesson*, an  
August Wilson drama; Press  
opening night performance at 6  
p.m., Feb. 1. Play runs from Jan.  
30-Feb. 23 at Marygrove College,  
8425 West McNichols, northwest  
Detroit. Tickets range from \$10-  
\$25. (313) 872-0279, for times of  
performances

## CHILDREN'S THEATER

### 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.

### Wild Swan Theater

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

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### 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

### Stagecrafters

Chicago, Jan. 17-Feb. 9, at the  
historic Baldwin Theatre, 415  
South Lafayette, in downtown  
Royal Oak. Show times are 8 p.m.  
Jan. 17-18, 23-25, 30-31, Feb. 1 and  
7-8; 2 p.m. Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2 and  
9. Feb. 7 performance is signed  
for the deaf. Tickets are \$14 on  
Thursday, \$16 on Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday. (248) 541-  
6430

## COLLEGE THEATER

### Wayne State University

Hilberry Theatre presents *The  
Philadelphia Story* at 8 p.m. Jan.  
16. Cloud 9 at 8 p.m. Jan. 17, and  
2 and 8 p.m. Jan. 18, at 4743 Cass  
Ave., Detroit (313) 577-2972  
Studio Theatre presents ART by  
Yasmina Rez, 8 p.m. Jan. 16, 17 &  
18 at 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit  
(313) 577-2972

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

21st Anniversary Edition of this  
free family winter special event.  
Runs from Jan. 15-20 in down-  
town Plymouth. (313) 886-9074  
or (734) 459-6969 for infor-  
mation

## CLASSICAL

### Canton Chamber Orchestra

The Plymouth Symphony pre-  
sents the chamber concert 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. Thomas A  
Becket Church, 555 Lilley, Canton.  
\$16, \$14 senior, children  
(K-12) free with adult. (734) 451-  
2112

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra



The Bugs Beddow Band performs 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4, at George & Harry's Blues Room, 22048 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799. The Bugs Beddow Band won the Detroit Music Awards Best R & B Band in 2002. They play the Cavern Club (201 South First, Ann Arbor) 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, call (734) 332-9900, and Bo's Brewery (51 North Saginaw, Pontiac) 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 17-18, call (248) 338-9088. For more information visit the Web site at [www.bugsbeddow.com](http://www.bugsbeddow.com).

Music director Neeme Jarvi  
returns after two months  
abroad for Rimsky-Korsakov's  
*Scheherazade*, Strauss's  
*Metamorphosen*, and  
Schumann's *Konzertstück* for  
*Four Horns* 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3,  
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, and 3  
p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Orchestra  
Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$56. (313) 576-  
5111

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

### Ann Arbor District Library

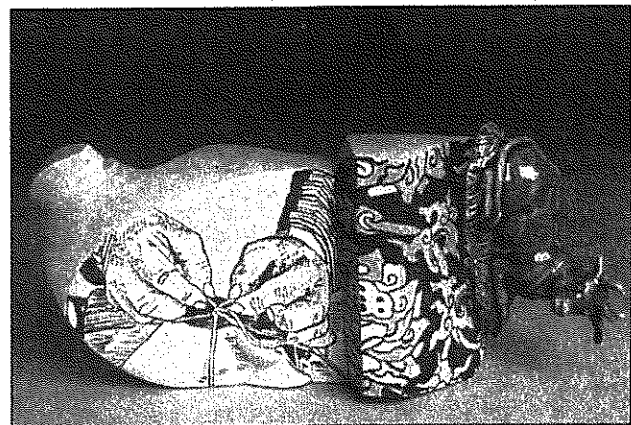
In cooperation with the  
University Musical Society, the  
library presents a lecture by  
Richard LeSueur, music special-  
ist entitled, *Othello and Otello*,  
the *Lion of Venice* from 3-4:15  
p.m. Jan. 19. No registration  
required. 343 South Fifth Ave.,  
Ann Arbor (734) 327-4560 for  
information.

### International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.

Dr. Arifa K. Javed will present  
Women of Other Cultures, an  
interactive gathering for those  
interested in the diversity and  
similarities of women. 10:30 a.m.  
Jan. 15 at 111 East Kirby Ave.,  
Detroit. Fee is \$10 pre-registra-  
tion or \$20 at the door. Call  
(313) 871-8600 for details.  
**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
Shaw: 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 sculp-  
tures. Cost is \$35 for PCAC mem-  
bers and \$40 for non-members.



This work by Paul McMullan is in "Spinning Tales: Narrative  
Ceramics" continuing to Jan. 18, at Sybaris Gallery, 202 East Third  
Street, Royal Oak. The group show features Katherine Blacklock,  
Edward Eberle, Kurt Weiser, Irina Zaytceva, and McMullan.  
The gallery also is spotlighting the jewelry of Heather White.  
For more information, call (248) 544-3388.

## 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

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

### UM-Dearborn

Glass Beadmaking Workshop  
begins Jan. 10 and continues to  
March 15, 6-9 p.m. Friday or 9  
a.m. to noon Saturday, in Room  
251 in the Science Building on  
campus, 4901 Evergreen,  
Dearborn. \$275 includes all  
material fees. For more infor-  
mation, call (313) 593-5262 or send  
e-mail to  
[drmillar@umd.umich.edu](mailto:drmillar@umd.umich.edu)

## 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

### Oakland University

The Devil's Disciple (1897), film  
version 1959 - 7 p.m. Wednesday,  
Jan. 15, at Honors College  
Lounge, Vandenberg Hall on  
Campus, Rochester

### Redford Theatre

*Diamonds are Forever* starring  
Sean Connery and Jill St. John,  
Jan. 10-11 at 17360 Lahser Road,  
Detroit. \$3. Call (313) 531-4407  
for show times.

## BENEFITS

### '70s Bash

The Plymouth Community Arts  
Council is holding its annual din-  
ner-dance and auction Friday,  
March 14, at St. John's Golf and

Conference Center in Plymouth.  
"Passions of the Past: A '70s  
Bash" is the theme of this year's  
event that raises money for the  
PCAC's educational and commu-  
nity arts programming. Tickets  
\$75. To buy tickets, donate an  
auction item or help the plan-  
ning committee, call the arts  
council at (734) 416-4278

### Stagecrafters

Razzle Dazzle'em, 7 p.m.,  
Thursday, Jan. 16. Wear your  
glitz and glamour for this wine  
and cheese reception with auc-  
tion, at the historic Baldwin  
Theater, 415 South Lafayette,  
Royal Oak. Tickets are \$25 per  
person. (248) 541-6430

### Swingtime '03

Fan Club Arts Foundation fund-  
raiser, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11,  
at the Fisher Building, Detroit.  
Entertainment by Alma Smith  
and her group, Paul King and the  
Rhythm Society Orchestra,  
Intrigue and two D.J.s. Thirty one  
restaurants serve party fare.  
Tickets are \$50 general admis-  
sion, \$60 at the door and \$100  
VIP, which includes special food  
and an open bar. Call Fan Club  
at (248) 584-4150

### Trinity House Theatre

Benefit concert featuring Jim  
Bizer, Lucy Webster, Jan Krist,  
Stewart Francke, Jim Roll and  
Ralston Bowles, 8 p.m. (doors  
open at 7:30 p.m.) March 1 at  
38840 West Six Mile Road,  
Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$12 for the-  
atre members (734) 464-6302

## CLASSICAL

### The Arbor Consort

Free concert 7-8 p.m. Thursday,  
Jan. 16, at The Ann Arbor District  
Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. in Ann  
Arbor. (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

### 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.

## 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).

### Magic Bag

9th Annual Anti-Freeze Blues  
Festival: Chicago Blues Allstars,  
featuring Hubert Sumlin, Carey  
Bell, Willie "Big Eyes" Smith &  
Bob Margolin, 7 p.m. Jan. 3, at  
22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale  
\$20 (248) 544-1991

### Southfield Public Library

Bluesman Robert B. Jones per-  
forms 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26,



The Longhorn World Championship Rodeo returns to The Palace 8  
p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. Riders  
from both in and outside of Michigan compete in the annual event.  
Look for local participants, Winston Likert of Highland on Friday,  
Jan. 3 and Jim Robertson of Davisburg on Saturday, Jan. 4 in the  
steer wrestling competition. Dennis Dasilva of Oakland Township  
will show his calf-roping skill on Saturday, Jan. 4. Michael Viers of  
Clarkston rides a bull and Ray Downey of Ortonville entertains with  
saddle bronc riding. Both compete on Friday, Jan. 3. Tickets are  
\$20 and \$14 and on sale at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace Box Office  
and all Ticketmaster outlets. For group sales, call (248) 371-2055

at the Southfield Public Library,  
26000 Evergreen. The program  
is free, space limited. (248) 948-  
0470

### Vince James Trio

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

## FOLK

### Orion Township Public Library

Folksinger Dan Hazlett to per-  
form 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

### Trinity House Theatre

Presents Dell and the Roughcuts  
with special guest, David Nefesh,  
in concert at 8 p.m., Jan. 11, at  
38840 West Six Mile Road,  
Livonia; tickets \$10, \$7 for mem-  
bers (734) 464-6302 Kim Taylor  
and special guest, Annie Capps  
at 8 p.m. Jan. 18 Madison Green  
8 p.m. Jan. 24 Len's Lounge and  
Corndaddy perform at 8 p.m.  
Jan. 25 Jason Dennie, finger-  
style guitarist, performs at 8  
p.m., Feb. 1 Messerly and Ewing,  
8 p.m. Feb. 7

## CHORAL

### UMS

Six-member Afro-American a  
cappella group, Sweet Honey in  
the Rock, with Toshi Reagon and  
Big Lovely, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10,

at the Michigan Theater, 603  
East Liberty St., Ann Arbor.  
Tickets \$16-\$38 Call (734) 764-  
2538 or toll-free (800) 221-1229

## DANCE

### Bill 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, Power Center  
for the Performing Arts, 121  
Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. Tickets:  
\$20-\$38 (800) 221-1229  
Meet the artist post-perform-  
ance discussion, Jan. 11.

## SOCIAL DANCING

**The Barn at Gretchen's House V**  
Scottish Country Dancing: Tartan  
& Thistle Scottish Country  
Dancers, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 2, 9,  
16, 23 & 30 at 2625 Traver Blvd.,  
Ann Arbor, \$3 (734) 769-4324

### Chapel Hill Clubhouse

English Country Dancing: Ann  
Arbor Council for Traditional  
Music and Dance-7 p.m. Jan. 7  
and Jan. 14 at 3350 Green Road,  
Ann Arbor-S6-(734) 422-1170.

**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, sing-  
les welcome, (248) 926-8522.

### 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. danc-  
ing; 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.  
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, 15, 22 & 29. All  
tickets \$5.

Tim O'Rourke, 8 p.m. and 10:30  
p.m. Jan. 9, 10 & 11 Tickets \$7-\$13.

### 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

### Joey's Comedy Club/Dearborn

Bill Hildebrandt, Jan. 2-5, 5070  
Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Call  
(313) 584-8885 for information.  
LA Hardy performs Jan. 9-12.

### 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

### 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 sec-  
ond inaugural period clothing,  
36-foot-wide mural of the sec-  
ond 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.

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### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 3

#### THE PIANIST

Wladyslaw Szpilman, a brilliant Polish Pianist and a Jew, escapes deportation. Forced to live in the heart of the Warsaw ghetto, he shares the suffering, the humiliation and the struggles. He manages to escape and hides in the ruins of the capital. A German officer comes to his aid and helps him to survive. Featured players include Adrien (Harrison's Flowers) Brody as Wladyslaw and Thomas (Blade 2) Kretschmann as the German officer. Roman (Tess) Polanski directed the drama, marking his first since completing *The Ninth Gate* in 1999. (Focus Features) Not yet rated.

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 10

#### INTACTO

There are those among us who are preternaturally lucky. They are the survivors of the plane crash that kills everyone else, the ones who escape being victims of war and terror, the gamblers who win high-stake games and even life itself. Their gift is not only being lucky, however; it includes the power to rob others of their luck and leave them helpless in the face of misfortune. Frederico has been robbed of his luck and believes that Tomas, the survivor of a plane crash, will be the instrument of his vengeance. The two men embark on a voyage of initiation, a series of trials challenging others that will lead them to the summit of chance, but they must avoid the scrutiny of policewoman Sara, herself a survivor, to finally meet Sam, the master of the domain from which only one person will emerge intact. Stars Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, Antonio Dechent, Max Von Sydow. Directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. (Lions Gate) Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes.

#### JUST MARRIED

Tom's a traffic reporter with blue collar roots. Sarah's a writer whose family is as wealthy as it is snobbish. Much to her clan's and ex-boyfriend's horror, Sarah and Tom fall in love and marry. Following their wedding, they set off on what they expect to be the perfect vacation, but thanks to her ex- and relentless bad luck, the happy couple experiences the honeymoon from hell. Directed by Shawn Levy. Starring Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy, Christian Kane (20th Century Fox) This film is not yet rated.

#### 25TH HOUR

Montgomery "Monty" Brogan, a young ex-heroin dealer about to serve a seven year stint in prison, is forced to re-examine his life during his last day of freedom. He spends time with his old buddies reminiscing and partying, while trying to figure out who turned him in to the Feds. Featured in the cast are Edward (The Score) Norton as Monty, Philip Seymour (Almost Famous) Hoffman as Monty's friend, and Rosario (Men in Black 2) Dawson as Naturelle, Monty's live-in girlfriend. Spike Lee directed the drama, marking his first since completing *Bamboozled* in 2000. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated R.

#### NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the story centers on a boy's struggle to survive and find happiness in a hostile and unfeeling world by building a new and unconventional family. He is helped and hindered on his way by a host of superbly evoked and well known characters: From his ruthless



Adrien Brody stars in Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*, opening in theaters on Friday, Jan. 4.

uncle to the hilarious and theatrical Crummes family and the cruel-hearted Wackford Squeers. Featured among the ensemble are Jamie (Billy Elliot) Bell, Jim Broadbent, Tom (Last Orders) Courtenay, Alan (The Anniversary Party) Cumming, Charlie (Abandon) Hunnam and Anne (The Princess Diaries) Hathaway. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated.

#### NARC

A story of suspended undercover narcotics officer, Nick Tellis, who is reluctantly drawn back onto the force to find the truth behind the murder of a young police officer killed in the line of duty. He is teamed with Henry Oak, the slain officer's partner, a rogue cop who will stop at nothing to avenge his friends death. As Tellis and Oak unravel the case, the dark underbelly of the narcotics world reveals itself in surprising ways that are more twisted than either officer has seen before. Stars Jason Patric, Ray Liotta, Busta Rhymes, Chi McBride. Directed by Joe Carnahan (Paramount) Rated R. Running time: 107 minutes.

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 17

#### A GUY THING

Paul Morse is a good guy. When his

friends throw him a wild bachelor party, he just wants to keep his conscience clean, which is why he's shocked when he wakes up in bed with a beautiful girl named Becky and can't remember the night before. Worse than that, she also happens to be his fiancée's cousin. Desperate to keep his fiancée from finding out, he tells her a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From the bachelor party to the wedding, soon his lies are spiraling out of control and his entire life is a series of comical misunderstandings. Featured players include Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair and James Brolin. Chris Koch directed the comedy marking his first since completing *Snow Day* in 2000. (MGM/UA)

#### NATIONAL SECURITY

The story follows a young rookie security guard, Earl Montgomery, who is forced to team up with ex-cop Hand Rafferty as they seek the men who are out to kill them both, and unravel a smuggling operation. Featured players include Martin Lawrence as Earl, Steve Zahn as Hank, Eric Roberts as the leader of the smuggling operation and Colm Feore as a corrupt police officer collaborating with professional criminals. Dennis Dugan directed the action, marking his first since completing *Saving Silverman* in 2001.

(Columbia Pictures)

#### SIN EATER

A conflicted, rebellious priest travels to Rome to investigate the strange death of his mentor. The young priest, a troubled artist with whom he shares a turbulent past, and his closest friend and colleague to discover the mysterious death may be the work of the Sin Eater, and ancient figure who plays God on Earth by absolving the unforgivable of their sins outside the Church, allowing great evil to go unpunished. The film stars Heath Ledger as Father Bernier, Mark Addy and Shannyn Sossamon. Brian Helgeland directed the thriller, marking his first since completing *A Knight's Tale* in 2001. (20th Century Fox) This film is not yet rated.

#### CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND

This is a fictitious story about the secret life of Gong Show host Chuck Barris, including the time he spent as CIA assassin "Sunny Sixkiller", making hits while under the guise of chaperoning the game show contestants who

have won vacation prizes. Stars Sam Rockwell, Drew Barrymore, George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Chuck Barris (cameo), Matt Damon (cameo), Rutger Hauer, Brad Pitt (cameo), Fred Savage, Jerry Weintraub (cameo) (Leonard Goldberg), Kristen Wilson. Directed by George Clooney. (Miramax Films) Rating TBD

#### THE HOURS

The story of three women searching for more potent, meaningful lives. Each is alive at a different time and place; all are linked by their yearnings and their fears. Stars Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, Nicole Kidman, Ed Harris, Toni Collette, Claire Danes, Jeff Daniels, Stephan Dillane, Allison Janney, John C. Reilly, Miranda Richardson. Directed by Stephen Daldry. (Paramount) Rated PG-13. Running time: 110 minutes.

#### KANGAROO JACK

Two friends from Brooklyn are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. Their misadventures begin when one of them places his red jacket on a kan-

garoo while attempting to snap a picture. When the kangaroo bounces off, they realize the mob money is in the jacket and they are forced to chase him into the outback. Stars Jerry O'Connell, Anthony Anderson, Estella Warren, Christopher Walken, Dyan Cannon, Michael Shannon, Marton Csokas, David Ngoombujarra. Directed by David Mc Nally. (Warner Brothers) Rated PG. Running time: 84 minutes.

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 24

#### DARKNESS FALLS

Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley) must return home to confront his troubled past and save his childhood sweetheart Caitlin (Emma Caulfield) and her younger brother Michael (Lee Cormie) from an unremitting evil that has plagued the town of Darkness Falls for over one hundred and fifty years. Directed by Jonathan Liebesman. (Columbia Pictures) This film is not yet rated.

#### CITY OF GOD

Welcome to the world's most notorious slum: Rio de Janeiro's "City of God." A place where combat photographers fear to tread, where Police rarely go, and residents are lucky if they live to the age of 20. This is the true story of a young man who grew up on these streets and whose ambition as a photographer is the world's window in and ultimately may be his only way out. Stars Alexandre Rodrigues, Matheus nachtergaele, Alice Braga, Seu Jorge, Leandro Firmino de Hora. Directed by Fernando Meirelles. (Miramax) Rated R

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 31

#### THE GURU

A young Indian dance teacher with the best moves in Delhi embarks for New York City in pursuit of fame and fortune - only to wind up working as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. But good fortune can arise from strange places as our hero, Ramu Gupta discovers when a catering gig at a ditzy birthday party catapults him into an extravagant version of the American dream. Mistaken for a spiritual healer, Ramu becomes an overnight celebrity with the city's elite hanging onto his every word - no matter how absurd. The trouble is, he's also falling in love with the one woman who knows the real source of his seemingly profound insights and Ramu must choose between his newfound notoriety and his love for a woman who accepts him as he is. Stars Jimi Mistry, Marisa Tomei, Heather Graham. Directed by Daisy von Scherler Mayer. (Universal). Rated R.

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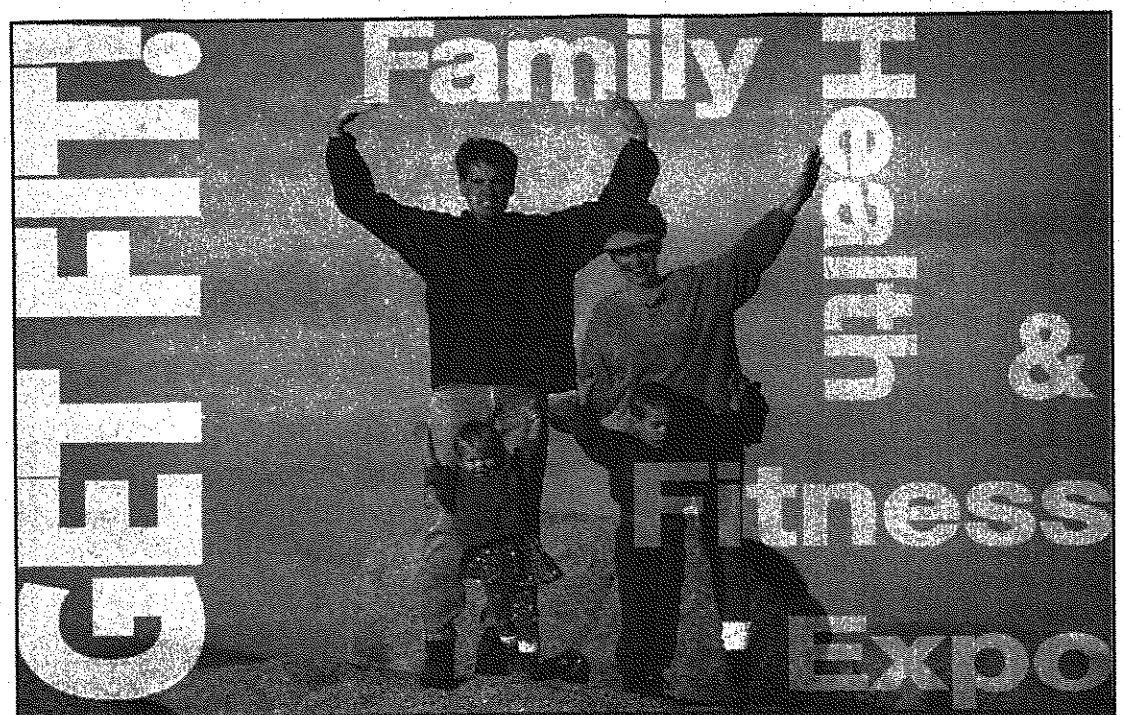
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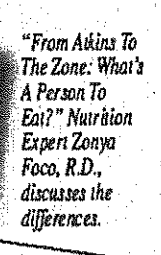
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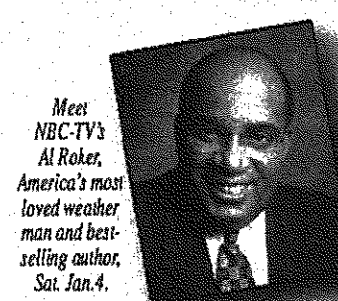
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# Sample authentic Asian cuisine at buffet in Livonia

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
CORRESPONDENT

Kenny and Sue Yim were certain they knew it all.

"At the time we were young, we thought we could do better. Until you open a restaurant. Then you have to keep coming up with new ideas," said Sue Yim.

If the constant flow of patrons and the filled booths and tables at the Fortune Buffet in Livonia are any indication, the Yims, did know better. On a recent late Saturday afternoon, the hustle and bustle of patrons is testament that the husband-and-wife team have a winning formula.

The Fortune Buffet, 29583 Five Mile in the Mid-Five Center, opened in late May, and according to the Yims, boasts the largest Asian selection and buffet in Michigan — their adopted state.

The eight all-you-can-eat buffets offer a spectrum of Asia cuisine, all the way from a Chinese-American style to authentic Asian delicacies not likely found in most Michigan restaurants. Lunches for adults (ages 11 and older) are \$6.50 Mondays through Fridays, and \$8.95 on Saturdays. Dinner is \$9.95 for adults Mondays through Thursdays, \$10.95 Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as well as holidays. Children's prices and senior discounts are available, as well as parties and catering.

Originally from Hong Kong and raised in Maryland, the Yims know the collective American taste bud. Salad and dessert bars round out the large restaurant that seats approximately 300 patrons.

"We are so busy here that the food is always fresh," said Sue Yim.

In Maryland, Kenny Yim owned two restaurants. The most recent owned on the east coast was a traditional sit-down eatery, something the couple

now recognize is much easier to run than a large buffet.

## PREPARED FRESH

"With a traditional restaurant, you cook what people order," Sue Yim said. "With a buffet, you have to cook everything all the time."

Fifteen minutes — "That's all you can let it sit in a buffet," said Kenny Yim, Fortune Buffet's premier chef, who added proudly, "in my mind, I have 10,000 recipes." His specialty is traditional Chinese cuisine.

The quality and freshness of the food draws in the patrons. There's plenty to draw them back. When you walk into the restaurant you are greeted by a refreshing waterfall garden of volcanic stone, built by Kenny Yim — with his daughters' help. Stephanie, 6, and Andrea, 4, have personalized the soothing garden with miniature figurines that immediately bring to mind an Asian hilltop village.

"While parents are eating, their children are here," Sue Yim said, of the garden. Patrons often make wishes at the miniature waterfall.

The large restaurant has a definite American design with oak trim and oak booths and tables. The eight large buffets are concentrated away from the dining area. One of the buffets — sushi, Mongolian and Hong Kong noodle bar — is complete with a chef standing by.

"He makes the food in front of you," Kenny Yim said.

And what is Hong Kong style? Basically, it's Cantonese. "Our cold bar is unique in Michigan. We attract a lot of Asian people. They want the real thing," Sue Yim said.

Among the entrees at the cold bar are smoked fish, Hong Kong pork, snail, conch meat, squid and oysters.

"All very traditional (Asian) food," she added.

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If the various Asian cuisines are confusing, the Yims can help. "They are based on the area of the country," Sue Yim said.

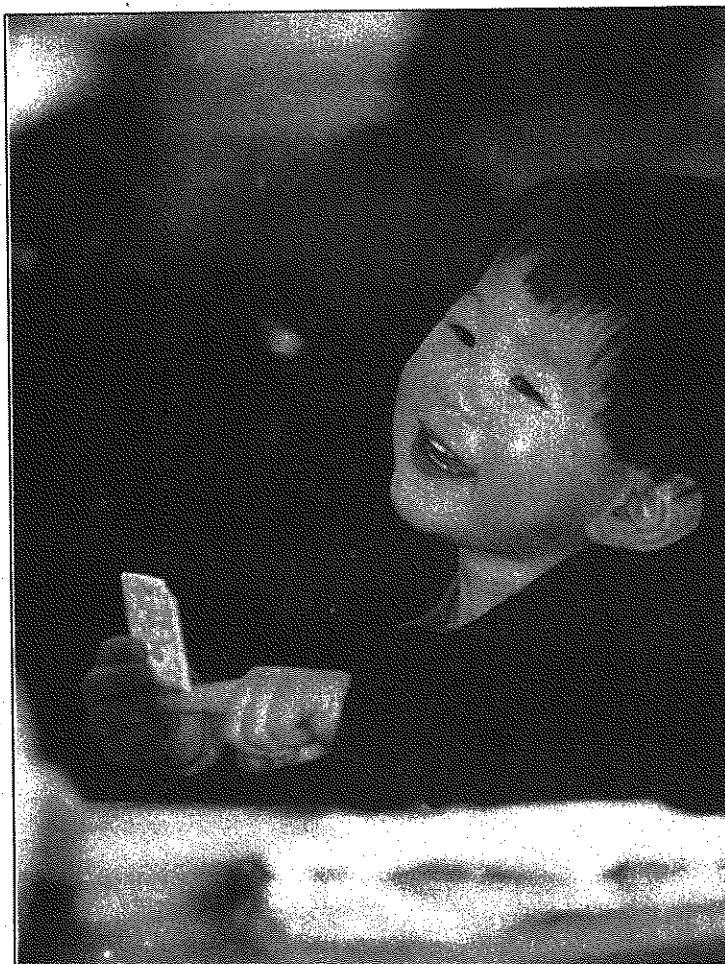
## DIFFERENT STYLES

Peking-style is from the Peking (now Beijing) area, Cantonese from Canton. Cantonese food is lighter and features seafood because it is near the water. Szechuan is spicier and many of the foods are marinated. Peking-style is smaller items, appetizer-type, for example, because Peking's streets are lined with food vendors.

Sushi is Japanese and despite popular notion it is not entirely raw food. What is uncooked is sashimi, which is raw fish.

Before you dive into any one of the eight buffets — and you may try them all for an all-you-can eat price — the Yims suggest taking a peek at all of them first and then decide where to start. At the sushi, Mongolian and Hong Kong noodle bar, you'll get a chance to see the chef stretch the noodles, something for which Kenny Yim is famous.

"In Maryland, he was photographed stretching noodles. It was in the paper. The next morning, the line (of patrons) was all the way down (into the



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Kevin Ko, 2 of Canton, enjoys eating his crackers with his family at Fortune Buffet.

parking lot)," Sue Yim beamed.

The salad bar offers fresh salads and seasonal fruit. Entrees at the hot bars include baked salmon, steamed flounder, chicken with broccoli, rice noodles lo-mein, fried rice, mussels with black bean sauce, shrimp with lobster sauce, snow crab legs, crawfish, chicken dumplings, duck, pineapple chicken, General Tso's chicken, honey chicken and asparagus with shrimp. And the list goes on.

Back at the Mongolian bar, pick your heart's desire and the chef will prepare it a la teriyaki style, or Mongolian, hot fortune or hot garlic. "These entrees

have lot of vegetables, pork, chicken or beef and, of course, the sauces," Sue Yim said.

At the noodle soup bar you have your choice of beef, shrimp, pork or a combination. A variety also awaits you — and especially the kids — at the appetizer bar that offers bite-sized delicacies of almond chicken, egg rolls, chicken, spare ribs, fried fish and sesame balls.

## AND FOR DESSERT...

The dessert bar undoubtedly caters to the American appetite with a host of cakes, brownies and ice cream, as well as the

popular almond cookies. "Ninety-eight percent of our customers are return customers," Kenny Yim said, adding his most successful advertisement is word-of-mouth.

The Yims believe their loyal patrons come back because the food is fresh, always tasty and their restaurant is clean, including the restrooms, a virtue Sue Yim swears is a key element for a successful restaurant.

Their eatery has an equally loyal following on the take-out venue. "People come in and just get their food from the buffet or they order from the menu," Sue Yim said. "This way they have more choice."

If indeed the Yims knew it all before they started Fortune Buffet, Sue Yim freely admits her source of new ideas.

"I always ask the customers. I listen. Customers are the best people to ask," she said. "They will tell you what they liked and what they didn't."

As young as the Yims appear, both are well-experienced in the restaurant business. Kenny at 40, has 20 years of experience in the business, and Sue at 36 has almost as much experience. Both come from a long line of restaurateurs. That's how they met.

The move to Michigan was led by Sue's brother, Kai, who also works at Fortune Buffet. Their adopted state suits the family just fine, more than fine, as a matter of fact.

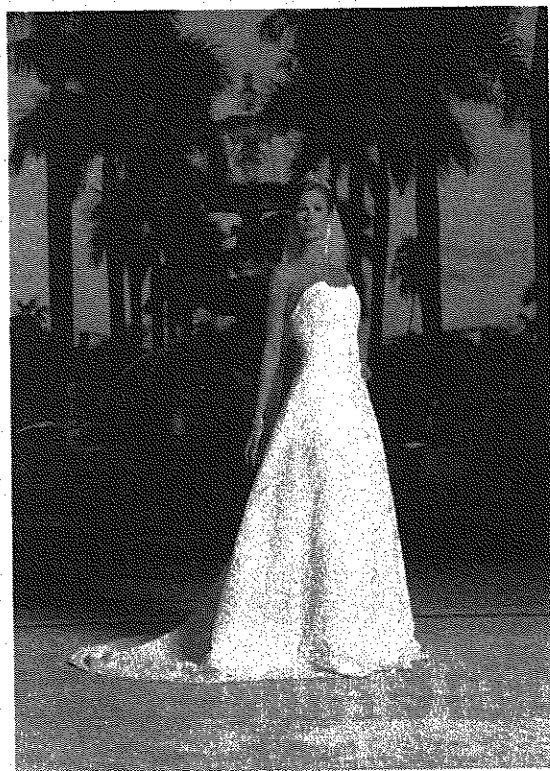
"I think people in Michigan are much nicer. We feel Michigan is much easier (in which to do business)," Sue Yim said. With one exception: Cold weather.

What the couple has learned about Michigan is that competition abounds here, much more than they expected. "Here we find that we are not just competing against other Chinese restaurants, but all other American restaurants."

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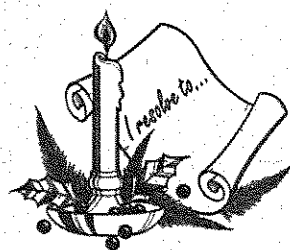
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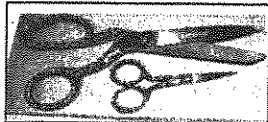
The Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society will host a conference, *Lost in the Woods*, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, in Ann Arbor.

The conference is designed as a practical program to enable attendees to bring woodland plants into rock gardens. It will feature presentations, workshops, plant and book sales, and tours. Registration fee is \$200 per person.

For more information, contact Susan Reznicek at (734) 996-0692 or reznicek@umich.edu, or Michael Kaericher at (734) 459-5386 or mkaericher@alum.mit.edu.

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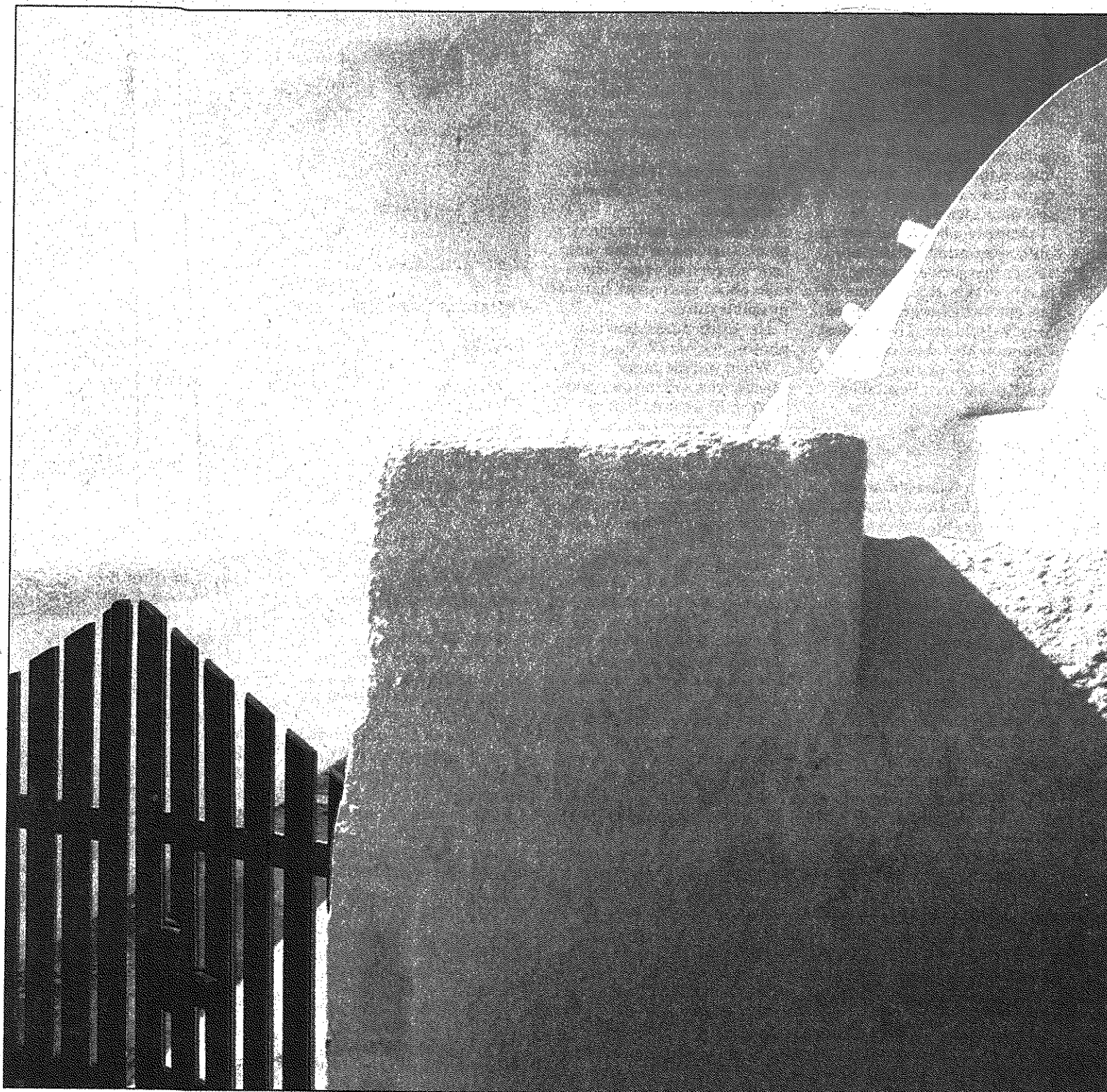
Colorworks has opened the doors on its newly expanded interior design studio and accessories boutique. The larger location is at 7001 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 Mile and Maple in West Bloomfield, just south of The Boardwalk. Call (248) 851-7540.

Accessory items range in price from \$15 to \$200. Vendors exclusive to Colorworks include Gail Glassworks, Blue Star Design and Harlequin Candlesticks. The interior design studio now has a larger conference area and more sample storage space for fabric and furniture resources.

The existing building interior was gutted and designed from the ground up by interior design manager Barbi Krass and senior interior designer Andrea Davis.

"Some people don't realize we do complete construction, from the initial planning to the finishing touches," Krass said. "This studio is a very good example of the full range of work we do."

A grand opening gala is planned in March, featuring special promotions highlighting savings from the boutique and certificates for free consultations and house calls from the design studio. To receive an invitation, fill out the guest book in the boutique or online at [www.colorworksstudio.com](http://www.colorworksstudio.com).



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Soothing in nature, blue is widely believed to be the color of the decade. Retailers and homeowners, however, are taking advantage of all the color's hues, from periwinkle to turquoise to ice.

Blue hues, special effects continue; a few new colors emerge

## Color Takes

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Color trends linger in the larger picture of design and style. Not forever, of course; those avocado green fridges are long gone.

But our pet shades stick around like ways of thinking and living.

Yes, there are "hot" colors identified by expert forecasters from year to year. And 2003 is no exception.

### PREDICTIONS, CONTINUATIONS

Subtle shades of blue are still on the rise and so are special-effect color that have metallic, pearlized and satin finishes strong with depth and texture, according to the Color Marketing Group, whose members annually gather to make color trend predictions.

Some of the more unusual hues identified by the Color Marketing Group in the special-effect category include: Lemon Meringue, in which yellow flirts with gold; Gargoyle, a fusion of gold, pewter and silver; and Champagne Bubble, a

marriage of gold, silver and Art Deco glamour.

Blush-like pinks reminiscent of the '80s are making a comeback, said Julie Koepele, a Color Marketing Group member and director of design and trend research at Arden Cos.

The Southfield company consults with Kmart on its Martha Stewart products and Wal-Mart on its Better Homes and Gardens line, among other retailers.

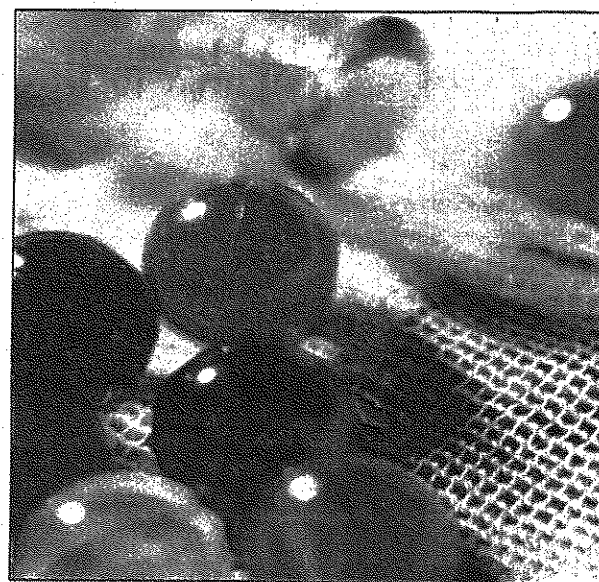
"But red is the big story in the home this year," Koepele said. "There's a big infusion of red in home furnishings."

After its recent popularity in apparel, brown, too, is coming back into play in home decor, she said.

Neutrals, like special-effect colors, which are themselves a New Age sort of neutral, will continue to evolve in sophistication, Koepele said.

"What's happening is that there are a lot of very sophisticated neutrals — warm oak or straw and also a few softer greens — in which there's just

PLEASE SEE COLORS, C2



Red, blush tones and yellow are being touted as popular accent colors for 2003.

## Define concept before tackling organization process

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Getting organized around the house has become a classic New Year's resolution.

"I hear it all the time," said Stephanie Denton, a national organization expert and consultant to Organized Living, which has retail locations in West Bloomfield and Troy. "I've heard it said that getting organized is the No. 2 New Year's resolution behind losing weight."

"It's a reflection of the fact that people have more commitments and more possibilities. People feel they're being pulled in too many directions."

Face it. Being organized frees up time, expedites everyday tasks, reduces stress and makes us feel a greater sense of control. "While organization may seem daunting, there are a number of resources available to help you stick with that resolution past the end of January and throughout the year," said Denton.

Among those resources is common sense. While plastic bins, shelving, drawer dividers and other products are key to taming chaos and clutter, defining what "being organized" means to you is a crucial first step, said Denton.

"The first step is not to buy stuff because you don't know

what you need yet, you don't know what you're trying to accomplish."

So step back, take note of your needs and frustrations, determine what is and isn't working, and envision everyday tasks as you'd like them to occur.

For Denton, organization planning hinges on seeing the end result or "figuring out how you'll know when you're done."

For some, managing to procure the crock pot without first having to remove a host of pots and pans is the goal. Another homeowner may aspire to plan out meals two weeks in advance. "It depends on what you want. It depends on who you are," said Denton.

The same principles can be used by homeowners who can't decide where to start. "If somebody feels the entire house needs to be organized, ask yourself 'What rooms do I come into contact with everyday? Which rooms do I spend a lot of time in?'"

Another approach: Determine which room or space most troubles you. "Start in the places that are going to make the biggest difference in your life," Denton said.

Once you've clearly defined your priorities and goals — what Denton calls the review part of getting organized — move on to the second step.

Denton divides the organization process into four Rs: review,

reduce, reorganize and replace.

Reducing means discarding broken, unused and unwanted items. When you reorganize, you create a system of organization that fits your goals. Replacing is simply the act of maintaining the system you've implemented.

"It's hard to do the fourth step. But some people say that's what organizing is."

Sure, maintaining any system requires discipline and action.

"But it shouldn't require a lot of thought," said Denton. "If it's not easy to do, that tells you need to step back again."

You want to keep your resolution, don't you?

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# Garden books share steps to success

**H**appy Holidays! I don't believe I have shared a giving story with you that is one of my sweetest memories.

One snowy day, just a few days before Christmas (or maybe even Christmas Eve), my two middle children, Laura and David, really put the pressure on me to let them walk to the grocery store that was approximately a mile away. They were about 10 and 12 years old and assured me that they could run their errand with no problems.

They did have warm clothes, and there was a side-walk on one side of the street so they would be safe from traffic.

With a tug at my heart, I agreed to let them go on this "very important mission."

After some time they returned home, all red-cheeked and flushed with excitement. With a flourish, they then presented me with a container filled with kumquats!

What a surprise! They knew how I liked the little fruits, and I had told them my memories of eating them as a child. I shall never forget their thoughtfulness.

Now to the books for this column.

I encourage you to look at *Cubed Foot Gardening: Growing Vegetables in Raised, Intensive Beds*, Christopher Bird (Lyons Press, \$18.95).

Bird uses a very simple approach that isn't costly. His



**Garden Spot**

Marty Figley

gardens consist of raised beds framed in 2-by-12 boards, custom-blended soil, and intensive plantings.

He explains why and how in his conversational style and shares tips such as placing plants so they receive more or less sun (whichever they need). Most helpful are: *The 10 Most Common Mistakes in Vegetable Gardening*, and *Rules of Modern Vegetable Gardening*.

## SUNNY SIDE

Brooklyn Botanic Garden presents *The Sunny Border: Sun-loving Perennials for Season-long Color*, C. Colston Burrell (\$9.95).

First the gardener needs to know what plants to choose for a particular area and how to care for them.

More than 100 sun-lovers are featured and photographed according to their moisture preference. Great inspiration found in this little book.

*The Intuitive Gardener: Finding Creative Freedom in the Garden*, Marilyn Raff (Fulcrum, \$24.95), shares the many steps she has taken to transform a "nothing" land-

scape into a thing of beauty.

She encourages readers to become free to design what is pleasing to them, rather than to follow any set rules.

"The trick for intuitive gardeners is to discover and follow their own internal feelings of what is 'right' in their gardens," Raff says.

Her approach is to get out and do it; she doesn't draw a design first.

As she describes the many plants (native and those that have adapted to a site), she talks about placement, harmony and texture.

Her exuberance shows in the photos.

When you see Janet Macunovich's name on a book, you can be assured that the information is excellent.

*Ortho's All About Successful Perennial Gardening* (Meredith Books, \$11.95) is her latest one. Her name isn't on the cover; you have to open the book to see it.

Macunovich stresses the importance of proper soil, drainage, weed prevention and soil pH, and how to choose plants and care for them through the garden season. She shares tips that professionals use.

The plant gallery gives scientific and common names, light required, moisture, hardiness, family, season of bloom, shape and size, growth rate and general care, including her personal notes.

The \$12 cost is money well spent.



MARTY FIGLEY

Garden books cover a variety of topics.

## UNUSUAL

Two books published by Timber Press feature unusual plants.

The first, *Clivias*, Harold Koopowitz (\$35.95), details the history, charms and horticultural future of the genus *Clivia*.

Koopowitz reveals that the plants were discovered in southern Africa, and shares how to care for these container plants.

The bulk of the book examines the diversity of them, including the bright oranges, reds and yellows to the newer pastels.

The book concludes with a brief biography of Lady Clive, for whom the plant was named.

The second, *Carnivorous Plants of the United States and Canada*, Donald E. Schnell (second edition, \$39.95), is the

field guide to these insect-eating plants where a greater diversity of them can be found than anywhere in the world.

Schnell examines 45 species and numerous hybrids of carnivorous plants.

He includes descriptions, preferred habitat, the range where they grow, season of flowering and trapping.

The maps, drawings and 200 color photos will help in the search as well as introduce the reader to a new experience.

## GOOD GARDEN TIP

Will you share a short, thoughtful story that concerns a food or flower?

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.

## HOME EVENTS

### Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward at Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Landscape designer and advanced master gardener Joanne Slusky will speak on Great Garden Inspirations of Ohio, featuring a photo tour of horticultural and historical treasures. The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 589-2286.

### Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. After the meeting, club member Debbie Morrow will present a video of Butchart Gardens and hummingbirds. Guests welcome.

### Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R, just south of Wattles in Troy. John Gatos will speak on Proven Winners.

His program includes slides of many different gardens and flowers from several countries. Reservations aren't required. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. For more information, call Barb at (248) 952-5938.

### Ikebana

Ikebana International Detroit Chapter 85 will meet noon Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile in Southfield. Ethnic foods by the membership will be featured.

### First Home Together

Art Van Furniture introduced a First Home Together wedding registry program in 1999 to assist couples with their new furniture purchases. For more information, visit the Art Van booth at bridal shows noon Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Palace of Auburn Hills and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency.

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## COLORS

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a hint of color. And then brighter accent colors fill in around the room."



# Did you say what I thought you said?

Joe Gagnon

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# Observer Life



Erin O'Dowd

## Down path to minivans and love

My husband and I recently acquired the item that sews up our total submission to suburban living. We thought we could avoid this item and promised that we would indeed avoid it.

Yes, I'm talking about the dreaded minivan. It has become a necessity in our lives.

I shouldn't be surprised, really. Most of what we've done since we've been married has led us down the path of suburban living. Still, back when we were dating, I saw us as anything but the typical suburban couple. Those couples appeared so average. Their lives were wrapped up in their children, and their marriages seemed to be less than passionate, if not outright boring. They drove average cars, lived in average houses and wore average clothes.

When my husband and I fell in mad, passionate love, we were certain that we would be madly passionate on a daily basis. Even though we grew up in Livonia, pursued typical careers and planned to have a typical amount of children, we were certain we had a special quality that others didn't have.

Now - nine years, three children and a dog later - it appears we, too, are destined to totally submit to the suburban Livonia lifestyle.

Whatever stereotype you attach to Midwestern suburban living, we fit.

Our children have lived through day care. Our second-grader is getting involved in sports. We force ourselves to go to church every Sunday because it is the right thing for our family to do.

We frequent restaurants that have both a liquor license and pass out crayons.

We drive on field trips, and we volunteer to water the plants at the elementary school over the summer.

We spend an amazing amount of time repeating instructions to our children. We do those things every day just to make the household run. And we talk at length with other parents about kids.

Yet recently, in the midst of the chaos, something significant happened.

As my sweet daughter was screaming at me about brushing her hair too hard and my precious young sons were fighting over a Superball, my husband walked behind me, kissed me on the neck and squeezed my waist. That small, ordinary gesture reminded me of something I couldn't have understood when I was only 22 and dating him.

I know now that we are still in mad, passionate love, in spite of the minivan.

And I know now why the American Dream was built around a suburban lifestyle.

My days may be difficult at times, and I may get embarrassed at the grocery store when my kids get in a fistfight over cookies I haven't purchased yet. But this is my American Dream.

It may be boring to others, but it couldn't be more exciting to me.

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Lee McCarthy of Farmington Hills has promised to quit smoking.

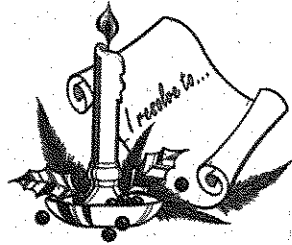
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## New Year's Resolutions

From the profound to the prosaic, area residents reflect on how they'll do better

Louise Cadlaon, 72, of Redford Township knows where she's been in life and knows where she wants to go. Her New Year's resolutions no longer include such promises as losing weight, joining a walking club or even wearing more purple. Instead, her one resolution for this year is all about heart and soul.

"I would say I want to separate the wheat from the



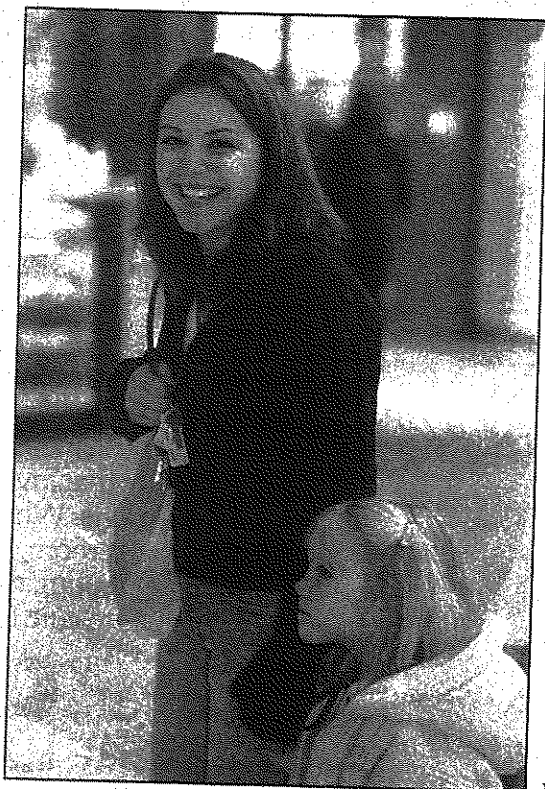
chaff. There are things that are less important to me now. I want to have more of a relationship with the church," she said.

Cadlaon talked about her experience attending mass at St. Valentine Catholic Church on Christmas Eve. There was a family with a baby girl sitting across the aisle to her right and a family with a baby boy to her left. The babies stared at

her, she said, perhaps seeing their reflections in her glasses. And because mass was so crowded, people were standing. When it came time for the sign of peace, Cadlaon found herself in a sea of extended hands.

"That was so heartwarming," she said. "St. Valentine is the warmest, most wonderful parish. As our families move away and leave us, the church is our family. I'm thinking of volunteering at church or at a shelter. I have to be part of a group. I have to belong."

A captive audience was found at Westland Mall the day after Christmas. When a co-worker at the Venture Communications wireless phone kiosk hesitated about sharing his New Year's resolutions, Mohammad Mathieu, 23, manager, volunteered.



Lisa Barker of Livonia, 23, shopping with daughter Kaitlyn, 5, wants to schedule fewer activities and spend more time with Kaitlyn.

"I plan to improve on my job. Since I'm a district manager, I plan to offer more incentives to my staff. On a personal level, I plan to quit smoking. That's a big one for me. I'm also going to work on having a baby ...

and work on getting married to my fiancé, Meagan." Larry Bee, 56, of Garden City was sitting on a bench across from Marshall Field's waiting for his wife.

"Matter of fact, I just told my wife I was going to make a New Year's resolution to be more tolerant," he said. "To be more tolerant to everybody, people in traffic, young people with the loud music. It's just life. I was young once. That's about it."

### BETTER HEALTH

Farmington Hills resident Lee McCarthy, 65, was shopping with her daughter Diane Respondek and granddaughter Crystal Matchett.

"I will try to quit smoking. I haven't tried before. I've been smoking for 40 years. This is a huge resolution. I'm just going to do it. Cold turkey," she said. "I'm

tired of my house smelling. What I'm going to die from is hairspray. I keep spraying my house because of the smell. Besides, it's the money."

Respondek, 44, of Garden City offered the same resolution. "I'm going to quit smoking because my other daughter, Ashley, 14, told me every cigarette takes seven minutes off your life. She learned that in health."

Respondek then nudged her daughter, Crystal, 19, who is pregnant with her second child. "And she's going to ease up on the baby-making," she said.

Matchett accepted her mother's chiding good-naturedly. Her own resolution was simple, but significant: "I'm just going to be a good parent for my children, just set a good example in life."

Lisa Barker, 23, of Livonia was walking through the mall with daughter Kaitlyn, 5, in tow and packages in hand.

"I think resolutions are a good thing, but I think people don't always keep them," she said. "I'm going to try not to be so busy all the

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BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

## Woman chooses pet-sitting over corporate life

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Janet Conner's career is going to the dogs, and she couldn't be happier about it.

For the past 21½ years, the Canton resident has been doing insurance and financial sales for Prudential Finance out of Dearborn. But next month she's giving that up to become a professional pet-sitter.

"I thought about going to Chicago one time with one of my friends," she said. "All of a sudden, I thought of all my pets. What am I going

to do with all my pets?"

Conner has two dogs - a golden retriever and a yellow Labrador/Chow mix, both rescue dogs. She's also raising a black Lab named Samson for Paws for a Cause, her third Paws dog. She has four cats, four ferrets and a fish.

"I was at the vet's one day and I saw a pet-sitting sign and it clicked," she said.

About a year and a half ago, she started pet-sitting on a part-time basis. She's been working her corporate job out of her house, and uses her lunch hour to go to people's houses and tend to the pets.

That's for people who work during the day. She typically has about six to 10 customers during the lunch hour, usually between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### LOVES ANIMALS

She loves the animals and the animals apparently love her.

"I've got dogs on the weekends looking out the window for me," she said.

For vacationers, she makes three visits per day. "I come to their house," she said. "The animals are less stressed because they're eating out of their own

dishes in their own house."

She stays about 15 or 20 minutes, lets the dog or dogs out to exercise, will play Frisbee with them if they want, brings in the newspapers. Sometimes she'll take a digital camera along and take pictures of the pets.

"A couple of people told me that their dogs in kennels just barked continuously while they were gone," she said. "People who hire me really love their animals. I've got a bulletin board full of keys, door openers, garage door



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Janet Conner is about to give up more than 20 years doing insurance and financial sales to become a professional pet-sitter.

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## RESOLUTIONS

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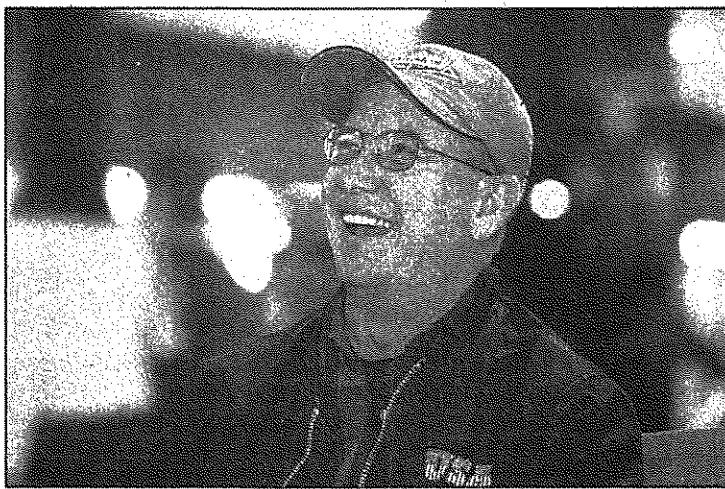
time. I will try not to schedule so many things, be more at home and hang out with Kaitlyn more."

### YES, DEAR

"My wife hasn't come up with them for me yet," said Mike Ohtonen, 36, of Canton, when asked about his New Year's resolutions. The father of 3½-year-old Alex and 2-year-old Christopher was home with the kids while his wife was shopping.

"Oh, my goodness, if I could, I'd live life a little slower," he added. "Things are hectic around here. It's like get home from work, feed the kids, bathe the kids, put them to bed. And it starts all over the next day."

Ohtonen's wife, Becky, 31, a special education teacher in the



Larry Bee of Garden City has resolved to be more tolerant of others in 2003.

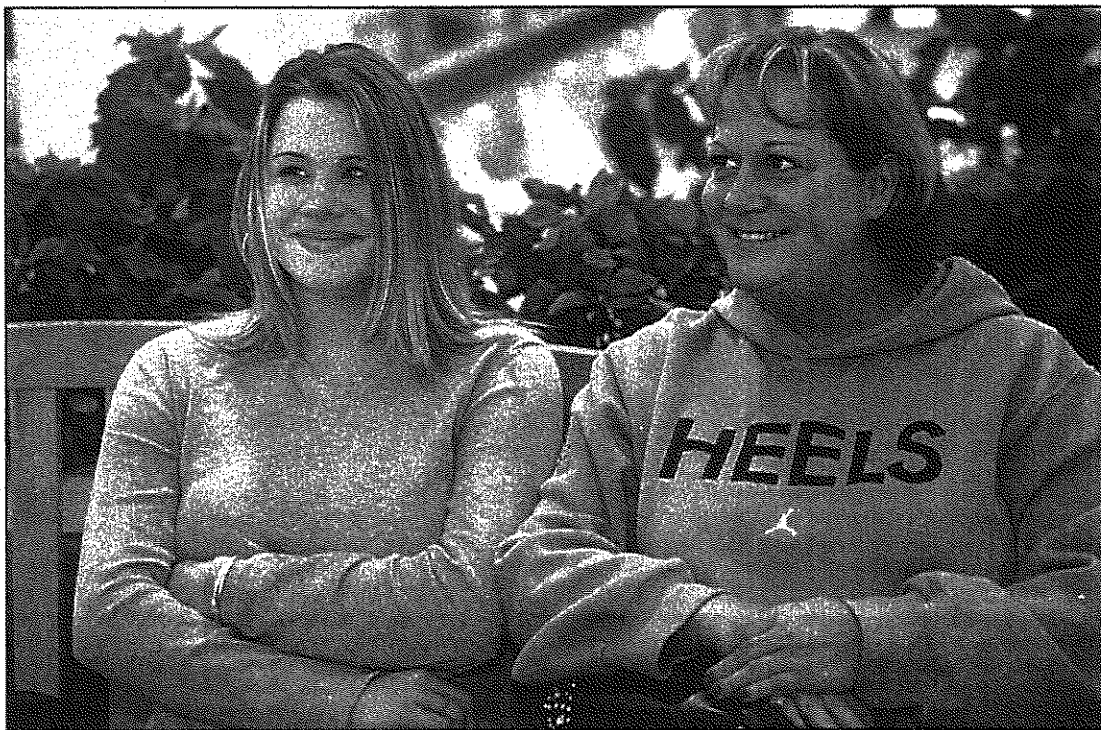
Garden City school district, agreed with her husband that their life was hectic. However, she took a more philosophical view when it came to New Year's resolutions.

"It's just to cherish and appreciate every ounce of life in my kids ... not to let life pass you by without enjoying the

kids, because you don't know when it won't be there," she said.

Still, she is not completely selfless when it comes to resolutions. "For me personally, it's to work out because that's the only time I get to myself."

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Crystal Matchett of Garden City, 19, will continue to be a good role model to her children. Her mom, Diane Respondek of Garden City, 44, plans to quit smoking ... like her own mom, Lee McCarthy.

# Signs can indicate a serious problem with alcohol

With our major holidays just over, we have recent memories of office and family parties, entertaining or seeing guests



Chat Room

L.J. McCulloch

at social outings, and participating in or observing others having a "toast of good cheer" to celebrate festivities. We may have seen some who are "tee-totalers" and don't use alcohol, some who uncharacteristically have overindulged and gotten "tipsy," and seen others who are predictably "under the influence" when it comes to the consumption of alcoholic beverages. This time of year can be a good opportunity to examine our own attitudes and the habits of loved ones as they relate to the use of and relationship with alcohol.

### ALCOHOL USE

A person who drinks alcohol in a nonproblematic way would be characterized by drinking in moderation, not very frequently, and with common sense.

One or two drinks on occasion now and then does not result in impairment or distress. There is not a pattern of recurrent drinking that results in drunkenness. There is not a maladaptive pattern of failure to fulfill obligations at work, school, or home as a result of drinking. There is not a recurrent use of alcohol in situations that are physically hazardous, for example, driving an automobile.

Some researchers have even said that a regular or near daily consumption of small amounts not greater than one ounce of alcohol can have favorable results, mainly in cardiovascular and gastrointestinal functioning. This could be characterized by a small glass of wine or beer with a meal or one cocktail not containing more

than one ounce of alcohol.

An ounce of 80 proof alcohol and an 8 ounce glass of wine or a 10 ounce glass of beer are chemically equal in terms of the alcohol content and physical effect on the body. The liver is the main organ that processes the alcohol, at a rate of about one-ounce per hour for an average weight person.

When alcohol consumption increases in frequency and amount, a pattern of substance abuse will lead to significant impairment or distress. There will be failures to fulfill major obligations at work or school or home as a result of drinking. Usually, continuation of physically hazardous activities such as driving is seen. Drinking will continue despite recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused by or worsened by the effects of alcohol.

### ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE

In this phase, there is an escalation of frequency and amount of alcohol consumed and a persistence of a pattern of drinking that leads to significant impairments and distress. The same problems in the alcohol abuser are seen more frequently and to a more drastic degree in the drinker who has now become dependent.

In addition, tissue tolerance for the chemical ethanol increases and markedly more amounts of the substance are needed to achieve the effects of previously smaller amounts.

The old myth of "I can drink everyone else under the table, therefore I don't have a problem with drinking" is in reality a sign of increased physical tolerance for alcohol and a dangerous sign of a growing dependence.

As addiction progresses, symptoms of withdrawal may be seen when the substance is not used or not available.

Sometimes a closely related substance (a tranquilizer for example or marijuana or other drugs of abuse) is taken to relieve withdrawal symptoms.

Diagnostic signs of an alcohol withdrawal process are seen in the presence of hand tremors, insomnia, rapid pulse rate, nausea or vomiting, anxiety, and, in the extreme cases (about 5 percent), alcoholic withdrawal hallucinations and even grand mal seizures.

By this time in the drinking pattern, there is a persistent desire with unsuccessful attempts to cut down or control drinking. A great deal of time is spent in activities related to drinking. Important social or occupational activities are given up because of the substance use. The drinker continues in a compulsive way to consume alcohol despite knowledge of having recurrent physical or psychological problems that have been caused or are worsened by more drinking.

### THE CAGE TEST

Questions that can be asked to see where a drinker is on the continuum of use, abuse or addiction include the following:

- Are attempts being made at cutting down?
- Is the drinker annoyed by what people say about their drinking?
- Are guilty feelings occurring about drinking?
- Does the drinking now include eye openers (morning drinks to decrease the shakes after a night of heavy drinking)?

A YES answer to any of these can be indicative of a serious drinking problem.

Alcohol has been around for a long time and it wasn't until 1950 that the World Health Organization classified alcoholism as a disease. Some of the effects of later stage alcoholism include severe memory impairment (Korsokov Syndrome - brain damage secondary to drinking that has caused severe vitamin deficiency), liver cirrhosis, and a generalized atrophy (cell death) throughout the brain, measurable upon autopsy.

Another unusual characteristic of alcoholism is that its chief symptom often is denial.

It has been described as the only disease that convinces you that it's not a problem. Some research has shown that from the time a medical concern has been given about one's drinking until one really gets desired help with the problem takes 9 years in males and 7 years in females on an average. Who would ever let such time elapse to tend to a diagnosed cancer or diabetes?

### TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE

More than ever before, therapeutic help is available for those with alcohol abuse or alcohol addiction problems. Many mental health professionals now have specific and advanced certified training in the treatment of alcoholism. Individual and group substance abuse therapy clinics are numerous in all the tricity areas around Detroit.

When addiction is physical and severe, a brief medically supervised detoxification process can be lifesaving. This usually occurs in a hospital over 4 to 8 days. Trying to detox without medical supervision can be lethal, especially in the first 24 - 72 hours.

Many years ago a man named Bill W. founded an organization called Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). There are now more AA meetings than one can imagine.

They can be found at all hours of the day and night, are free of charge, and have been scientifically shown to be the most effective treatment for alcoholism.

The process involves talking and requires only 2 or more individuals with the desire to stay sober together for another hour.

This is a structured, self-help, 12-Step program and is open to all.

When an individual presents himself, or is presented by life circumstances (such as a court order for drunk driving) for alcohol use problems, a trained substance abuse professional will conduct an assessment to determine the nature and extent of the problem.

This will then lead to recommendations for a treatment program suitable for the patient's needs.

The outcome could be individual therapy, inpatient residential treatment, group therapy, prescribing of Antabuse (a medication which blocks the metabolism of alcohol and renders the drinker violently ill as a deterrent to drinking) and will invariably include involvement with AA and the acquiring of a sponsor. A sponsor is like a coach who has demonstrated success in his/her own treatment and can now assist newcomers in learning and living the 12-Step program.

### RESOURCES

1. Anyone can call general information and ask for the phone number of the nearest AA meeting in their community or look under Substances Abuse Clinics in the Yellow Pages.

2. Talk to your family doctor or primary health care provider. More physicians now that ever are trained, at least, in triage as regards problem drinking detection and referral to specialist.

3. From the bookstore: Alcoholics Anonymous; "The Big Book" by Bill W. Know that, by law, a police officer is required to transport an individual to the nearest hospital emergency room (not jail) if he/she is experiencing serious withdrawal symptoms which typically begin when blood concentrations of alcohol declines sharply, within 4-12 hours after heavy, chronic alcohol use had been stopped or reduced, in the more advanced addictive cases.

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#### 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.

## PETS

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openers. If a storm hits, I'll go out for free and make sure the animals are secure."

For now, she limits her customers to people within a five-mile radius of her house, but she's planning to expand that area.

She's insured, bonded and now incorporated as Pet-Nanny Inc.

"I just put magnetic signs on my car door," she said.

### UNUSUAL PETS

The most unusual animals she's sat for? "A pet skunk," she said. "This past summer, I sat for a person's daughter who is going to vet school. Somebody rescues raccoons, groundhogs, etc. She raises the babies and she has her own pet skunk. It's brown and white. She also has ferrets and dogs."

Then there was the couch-potato parrot she sat for.

"He watches Scooby-Doo for an hour and a half every day," she said.

In addition to her regular pet-sitting jobs, Conner said she is branching out and taking pets to groomers or to vets for their well shots.

"Everybody's pushing that 'rush-rush' button," she said, "because they just don't have time for everything. This is something less they have to worry about."

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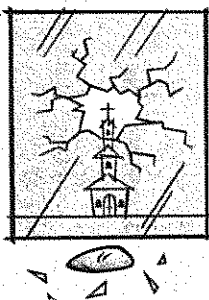
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The old saying that "people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial "pot calling the kettle black." It reminds us 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 brings 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.

R.S.V. Matthew 7:2



## Sidelines

### ■ CC earns win

Redford Catholic Central's coaching staff wanted to give its hockey players a chance to step up a level in competition.

The Shamrocks responded with an 8-3 win over the London (Ont.) Nationals Junior B team on Saturday night.

"They did call up five players and a goalie from their affiliate team, so we did get to play all of their best players," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "It gives our top players a real chance for exposure at the junior level. They are one level higher than us and we're real fortunate that they scheduled us. We're not five goals better than they are. It would have been closer had they played their No. 1 goalie."

CC (7-2) took a 2-0 lead on goals from Drew Kahle (from Kevin Horal and Jason Lewarne) and Brandon Naurato (from Eric Giosa and Andrew Eggert), before the Nationals tied it at 2-all. Nathan Perkovich and Naurato then each scored power-play goals late in the period (both assisted from Giosa and Andrew Eggert) for a 4-2 lead.

CC made it 5-2 in the second on a goal by Hamway (from Burns), then 6-2 just into the third on Naurato's third goal of the game (from Giosa and Eggert).

After a London goal, Pat Coldren scored a pair of goals, with Horal assisting on his first goal and Bryan Genrich on the second, to close out the scoring.

Jim Blanchard made 23 saves for the Shamrocks in goal, while CC had 34 shots on London's net.

### ■ Eagles take 3rd

Redford Thurston's basketball team got back to basics Monday night and wound up with a 71-62 win over Gibraltar Carlson in the consolation finals of the Trenton Tourney.

"The kids came out and had fun," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "I told them at practice that we hadn't been having any fun. We came out and trapped all over the court, shot the ball well early, rebounded pretty well and played the game like we were supposed to play it. We went back to basics tonight and got after it."

Tommie Rush led the Eagles (2-4) with 20 points, while Chaz Bryant had 12, Remy Cofield had 10, Brandon Paige and Gene Carr had nine each. Drew Doran led Carlson (3-3) with 14 points, while Paul Collins had 10.

■ Ben Pew scored 21 points and Clay Welton added 12 more as Plymouth Christian Academy evened its record at 2-2 with a 48-42 victory over Adrian Madison Saturday. Tom Rancon scored 15 points for Madison (0-4).

### ■ Wisniewski stars

The U.S. team at the World Junior Hockey Championships followed its 3-1 win over Switzerland Saturday with an 8-2 victory over Belarus Monday.

James Wisniewski, a Canton native and a defenseman with the Plymouth Whalers, had three assists in the win over Belarus.

# Ocelots roll to title at own tourney

Digesting a holiday fruitcake was tougher than anyone getting close to the dominant Schoolcraft men's basketball team during last weekend's holiday tournament.

The Ocelots rebounded from their first regular-season loss in 50 games with a pair of huge wins, capturing its own tournament championship. Schoolcraft rout-

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ed Lakeland (Ohio) Community College 101-60 Sunday in the title game. Saturday, the Ocelots eased past Georgian (Ontario) College 109-55. Schoolcraft is now 13-1 on the season.

In each game, the Ocelots burst out to a

huge halftime lead and cruised from there. The team plays Saturday at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus, which is different from the listed location on the schedule.

Against Lakeland, the Ocelots led 50-26 at intermission and were never threatened from there.

Marcus Bennett paced a balanced

Schoolcraft offense with 20 points. Torvaris Baker followed with 19, while Ronald Dorsey and Marcus Johnson each chipped in 13. James Holmes added 12 and Wayne Memorial graduate Gary Johnson scored 10.

Lakeland's Ernie Cobbin led all players

PLEASE SEE **OCELOTS, D3**

## Young Whalers stop Kitchener

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Mike Vellucci is tired. He's worn out. He doesn't get a lot of rest these days, not with a two-week-old baby at home and a Plymouth Whalers' team of virtual Ontario Hockey League "babies", a team with the youngest average age (18 years) in the conference.

But like most parents — or coaches — caught in similar circumstances, Vellucci is a happy guy.

He should be. On Monday afternoon at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, he saw David Liffiton's shot from the top of the circle to the right of Kitchener Rangers' goalie Scott Dickie deflect off a defenseman and past Dickie for the Whalers' third goal late in the second period.

And that proved to be the game-winner, with Plymouth goalie Paul Drew shutting down the Rangers after the first period in a 4-2 Whaler triumph.

That makes it 18-straight games without a loss for Plymouth, taking its record to 24-6-5-1 (54 points) — best in the OHL's West Division. The loss was Kitchener's second-straight, leaving the Midwest Division leaders with a 25-8-3-1 mark (54 points).

The last time the Whalers suffered a defeat was Nov. 9, by a 4-2

PLEASE SEE **WHALERS, D2**



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ryan Ramsay (21) is mobbed by a teammate after scoring one of his two first-period goals in the Whalers' 4-2 win over Kitchener, Ramsay's former team.

## Whalers vs. Rangers: just another game

**I**t's no big deal. So what if the guy who coaches the visiting team, the Kitchener Rangers — that would be Pete DeBoer — coached the home team, the



C.J. Risak

Plymouth Whalers, until 18 months ago? That's all in the past.

**It's no big deal.**

So what if the guy who now coaches the Whalers — that would be Mike Vellucci — used to work closely

with that other guy who now coaches the Rangers? That's all in the past.

**It's no big deal.**

And so what if a dozen or so of the current Whalers were drafted when DeBoer was coach? That's all in the past.

**It's no big deal.**

Then there's a few other things tying these two franchises together. Like Jimmy Gagnon and John Mitchell, current Whalers who grew up in Kitchener, Ontario.

And let's not forget Ryan Ramsay, Plymouth's second-leading scorer and fifth overall in the Ontario Hockey League with 21 goals and 58 points in 35 games (before Monday's game). Ramsay came to the Whalers in a trade before the season.

PLEASE SEE **RISAK, D2**

## Chargers take 2nd at Salem Invite

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

Close might not count in high school wrestling the way it does in horseshoes, but in the case of Livonia Churchill's squad, close was just fine.

The Chargers took just 11 wrestlers to Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational and ended up with five champions and a second place overall finish.

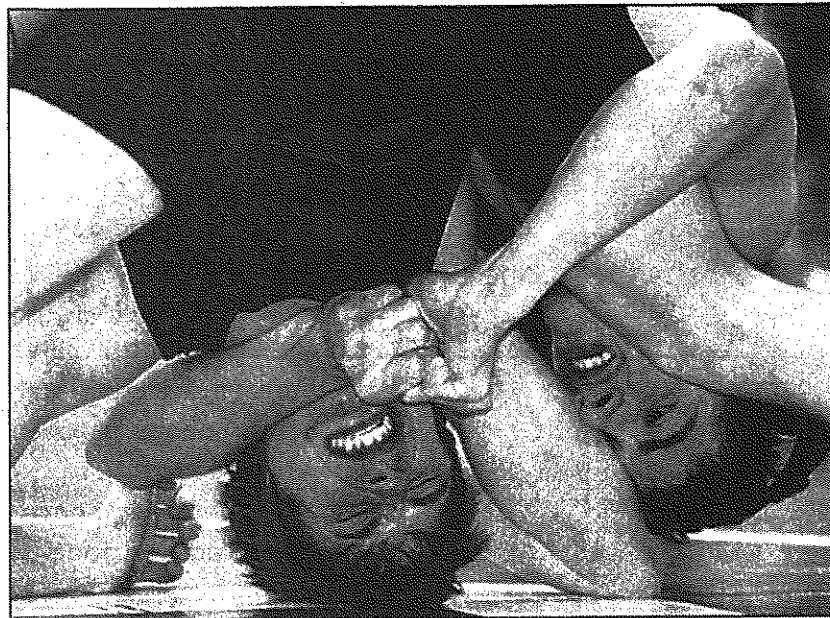
Belleville won the tournament with 167 points, followed by Churchill's 150. The host Rocks were third overall at 144. The rest of the teams participating included Greenville, Petoskey, Brighton, Fraser, Dearborn, Redford Union, Garden City, Livonia Franklin, East Detroit and Macomb Dakota.

The tourney champions from Churchill were: Justin Smith at 112, Brian Clement at 125, Lev Mergian at 152, Robert Freeman at 171 and Alex Murray at 215. Ben Adams took a third at 145, while Pat Draheim was sixth at heavy-weight.

Franklin's Ray Stratos was the team's lone placer, finishing fifth at 119.

Churchill coach Marty Altounian said he was proud of his team taking championships in almost half of the weight classes in which it had participants.

"I was pretty proud of the way



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ben Adams of Livonia Churchill, left, wrestles Robert Hill of Garden City in an early 145-pound class round at Saturday's Salem meet. Adams reversed the hold and won the match with a pin.

we wrestled," he said.

Garden City didn't produce a winner, but the Cougars did have a pair of runner-up finishes and a pair of thirds as they finished 10th.

Rich Russell took second at 140 pounds, failing to hold a 10-6 lead with 30 seconds left and losing 12-10 in overtime. Emilio Perez came in second at 160 pounds, failing to Hassan Berri of Dearborn.

"Rich's match was tough and that was the most intense I've seen Emilio wrestle this year," said Garden City coach Aaron Davis. "I hope he can bring that to the mat every time."

After losing to Churchill's Smith in the semifinals, Jacob Davis came back to finish third at 112,

PLEASE SEE **CHARGERS, D6**

## Area teams battle at UM-D tournaments

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

The University of Michigan-Dearborn was the place to be for volleyball fans both Saturday and Monday as many area schools competed in tournaments on both days.

On Saturday, Redford Thurston managed to make it out of regular pool play and into the Silver Pool — comprised of the third-place finishers from regular pool play — but lost to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 25-8, 26-24.

## VOLLEYBALL

"We hadn't played a team like them all day and we just ran into a buzzsaw," said Thurston coach Scott Gray. "We hadn't played anyone like them all day. They did everything well. Nothing hit the floor."

The Eagles (2-3-1) opened with a 25-17, 25-13 loss to Madison Heights Bishop Foley, then split with South Lyon 19-25 and 25-16. Thurston lost twice to Warren Woods-Tower, 25-22, 25-16, then edged Dearborn Fordson, 25-22 and 25-16 to finish third and advance.

"South Lyon and Fordson had the same record in pool play, but we won the tiebreaker on points," said Gray. We started slow and started playing well against Woods-Tower."

Meghann Lloyd led Thurston with 27 kills, 17 digs,

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## RISAK

FROM PAGE D1

With Kitchener. Plymouth sent winger Greg Campbell to the Rangers, and although his numbers aren't nearly as impressive (16 goals, 33 points in 29 games), Campbell's the one who was selected for the OHL all-star game. And the World Junior Tournament. Even though he's not among the league's top 20 scorers.

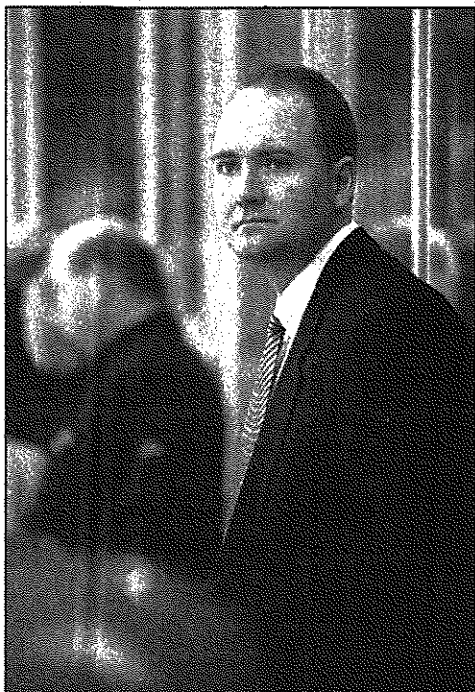
Some people think DeBoer may have played a role in Ramsay's snub and Campbell's elevation. C'mon — that's ridiculous. Both teams surrendered quality to obtain quality.

"We needed a winger, so we traded a center," DeBoer said, admitting he gave up a first-rate player in Ramsay but adding "So is the guy we got (first-rate)."

That's all in the past. *It's no big deal.*

And never mind that DeBoer abruptly left a Plymouth franchise he had guided to the OHL finals two straight seasons for a Kitchener team that had languished in mediocrity for years. Never mind that he has rebuilt that team and that the Rangers are now leading the OHL's Midwest Division, while Vellucci took the Whalers to the best regular-season record in the OHL last year.

It just doesn't matter. *It's no big deal.*



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pete DeBoer guided the Whalers to consecutive OHL Finals appearances before leaving to take over the head coaching position at Kitchener.

And it sure as heck doesn't matter that the 2001-02 Whalers, even with the best record in the OHL, couldn't beat DeBoer's Rangers. They went 0-2-2 against them

last season.

That had nothing to do with a near-capacity crowd jamming into Plymouth's Compuware Arena Monday afternoon to watch these two division leaders clash in the first of four meetings this season. More likely all those people were there for the free face-painting.

"That was a playoff-type atmosphere," said Vellucci after his Whaler team finally got a victory against their old boss. "There were so many situations, it would have been hard not to get excited."

Excited? Now? But it's still December. Playoffs don't start for another three months. It's a long season. Players learn to take these games in stride.

Certainly Ramsay was. Yes, he's an emotional-type player, but this game against his former team and the coach who perhaps kept him off the all-star squad didn't mean any more to him than any other game. So what if he scored the Whalers' first two goals, one short-handed and unassisted?

Those goals didn't mean any more to him than any of his other goals.

And this win didn't mean any more than any other win. *It's no big deal.*

Yeah, right.

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# Athletes looking to improve for 2003

**BY PAUL BEAUDRY**  
STAFF WRITER

At least the resolution wasn't to stop arguing.

We asked area prep athletes if they had any resolutions for New Year's. And even though the resolutions very well could be broken by the time you read this today, at least they tried.

Yes, they wanted their grades to improve. Yes, they wanted to be nice. Yes, they wanted to try harder.

But when we asked Leah Woloszyk, a Garden City volleyball, basketball and softball player, what her plans were, she simply said "to drink more water and juice because it's better for me."

No blood, no foul, right? Minutes later, when we asked the same thing of Cougars' cheerleader and soccer player Caitlyn Stanley, her response of "to stop drinking pop and drink more water and juice because it's better" rang vaguely familiar.

When asked why, she said the same thing that Woloszyk vowed to do, her response was simple and curt: "She stole MY idea. It was originally mine."

So if you see these two students chugging a Coke or pounding a Pepsi, feel free to call both of them out for breaking their resolution.

As for the rest, don't hesitate to let them know you're keeping an eye on them.

**Robert Ficano Jr., Catholic Central track and cross coun-**

**try:** Even though my CC distance career is behind me, I resolve to run my miles and encourage my father to join me to keep in good shape for his new job as Wayne County Executive.

**Martina Franklin, Redford Union girls basketball:** To put forth a better effort in sports this year.

**Michael Knight, St. Agatha football and basketball:** To stop talking back to adults.

**John Mulroy, Catholic Central football and basketball:** Become a better free-throw shooter. I was oh-for-4 the other day and I need to become better.

**Shawn Meyers, Redford Union basketball and baseball:** To help us win 15 games this season.

**Linda Strohmer, St. Agatha volleyball, basketball and softball:** To find a better job.

**Kenn Forbes, Redford Union swimmer:** To break the school 500 freestyle record.

**Adam Krozek, St. Agatha basketball and baseball:** To stop speeding. I got a ticket the first day in my new (1999) Escort GX2. I catch myself speeding all the time, and I need to cut that out.

**Marco DiMichele, Garden City baseball, basketball and football:** A more positive attitude. I do some things that get me in trouble every once in a while, so I need a better outlook on life.

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## WHALERS

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margin to Sarnia.

"We're playing pretty good," admitted Vellucci. "The kids listen better than the team we had last year. They're younger, but they're listening more to us."

"When you change coaches, the (holdover) players and the new coaches are not always going to see eye-to-eye. The talent's here, that's for sure. I'm very pleased with the way we're playing. I'd be crazy not to be."

Vellucci is in his second season as Whalers' coach, a job he assumed from Pete DeBoer — who now coaches Kitchener. Last season, although he guided Plymouth to the best regular-season record in the OHL, Vellucci could not get a win against DeBoer's Rangers. The Whalers were 0-2-2 against them.

"To tell the truth, that didn't mean all that much to me," Vellucci said of his first win against his predecessor. "I know some people want to

make a big deal out of it, but it just doesn't mean that much to me."

For certain players, it meant a lot. Ryan Ramsay, obtained in a trade with Kitchener prior to the season, proved to be the difference for the Whalers on Monday. After the Rangers took a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal by Petr Kanko 2:31 into the first period, Ramsay knotted it at 1-all just 2:16 later, pilfering a pass in the Kitchener zone while the Whalers were playing a man short. Ramsay swept behind the Ranger goal and stuffed the puck past Dickie.

It stayed that way for nine minutes. That's when Ramsay struck again, taking a pass in stride near the Ranger blue line and splitting the Kitchener defense while Plymouth had the man advantage. He slid his shot between Dickie's pads and the Whalers had a 2-1 lead (from Karl Stewart and Cole Jarrett).

The Rangers knotted it at 2-all with a power-play score from Andre Benoit with a minute left in the first period,

but Kitchener could not generate any more offense.

"We're a little short-handed right now," said DeBoer, noting that his team's top scorer, Derek Roy, and Greg Campbell, another of the team's leading scorers, were at the World Junior Tournament (so was Plymouth's James Wisniewski). "But you don't win any championships in December."

The Whalers kept their unbeaten string alive at 18 games when Liffiton's shot deflected past Dickie with 3:54 left in the second period (Chad LaRose and Stewart assisted). They added the clincher with 6:24 left in the final period, Sean Thompson knocking a loose puck in front of the Kitchener goal in for a fourth score. John Mitchell and Tim Sestito assisted.

Paul Drew and the Whaler defense did the rest, Drew — leading the OHL with a 2.47 goals-against average — making 28 saves. Dickie had 30 stops.

But the Whalers had another win.

**Whalers 6, Spitfires 2:** On Saturday at Compuware Arena, the Windsor Spitfires got two first-period goals and the Whalers got everything else, including a victory.

Josh Gratton and, on the power play, Frank Rediker gave the Spits a 2-0 lead after one period. Plymouth's John Mitchell (from Taylor Raszka) narrowed the gap to 2-1 7:42 into the second period; Karl Stewart's short-handed goal at 16:08 of the second tied it at 2-all.

Four power-play goals in the third period, by Raszka, Nate Kiser, Chad LaRose and Mike Letizia, gave Plymouth the victory. Jonas Fiedler had two assists for the Whalers.

Paul Drew was the game-winning goalie, stopping 18 shots. Ryan Aschaber made 28 saves for Windsor, which through Sunday was second in the West Division to Plymouth with a 23-12-1 record (48 points).

**Whalers 4, Spirit 1:** On Friday in Saginaw, Karl Stewart scored twice for Plymouth and Taylor Raszka got a goal and an assist as the Whalers took command in the second period and maintained it.

Tim Sestito's goal 7:44 into the second period gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead. Stewart's first goal came 13 seconds later, giving the Whalers a two-goal edge.

Chad LaRose picked up three assists in the game and Jimmy Gagnon got two. Paul Drew made 35 saves in goal for the Whalers; Tyson Kellerman had 18 stops for the Spirit, who were 6-22-3-4 (19 points) through the weekend.

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## Baseball camp scheduled

The Wayne State University Baseball Fundamental Camp for grades 5-12 will be Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25; and Feb. 1; at the Matthaei Building, located on the corner of Warren just west of the Lodge Freeway.

Session I is from 8-9:30 a.m. (pitchers); Session II, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (hitting); and Session III, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (catching, infield and outfield).

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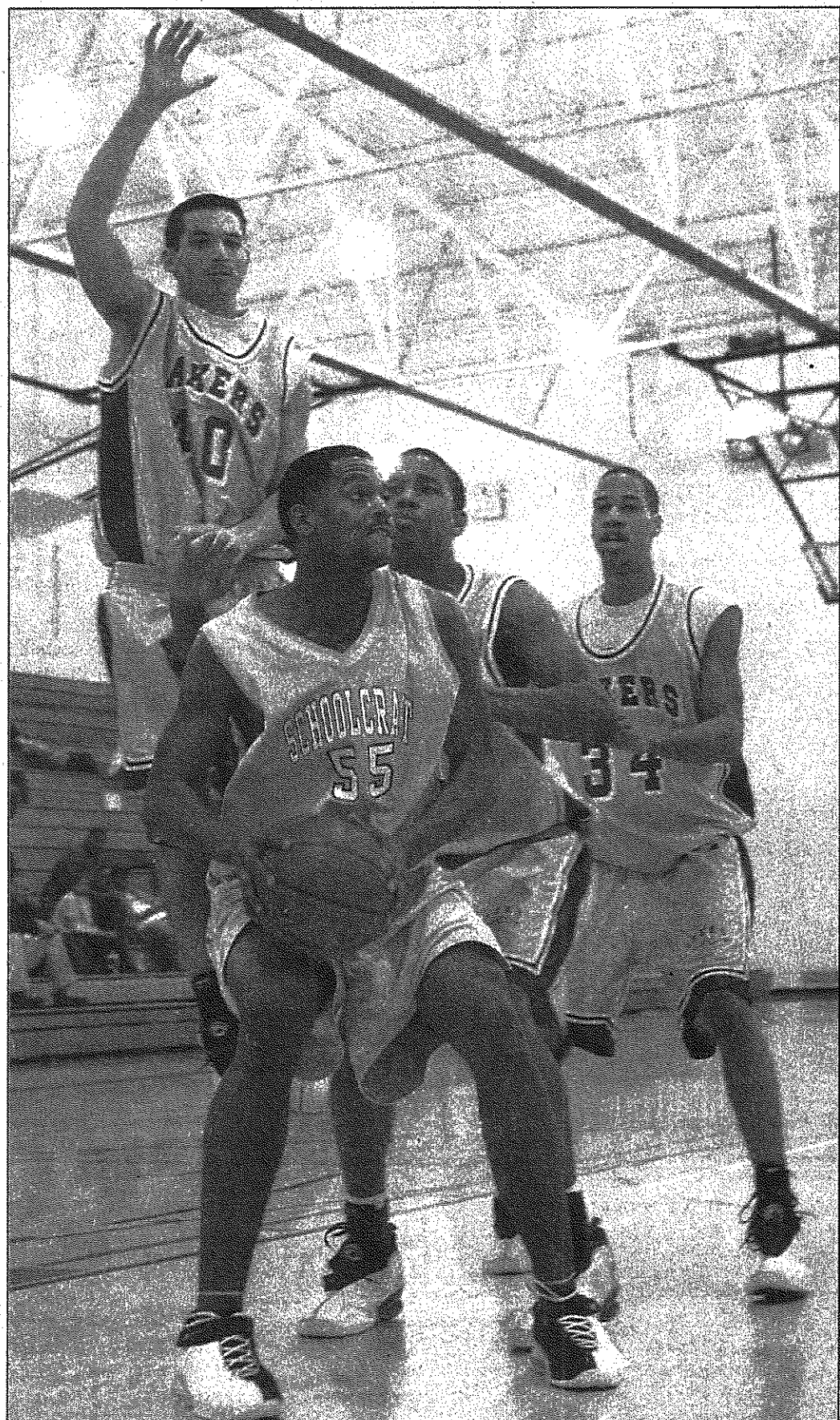
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Torvoris Baker (55) tries to get through Lakeland C.C. defenders for a lay-up.

## OCELOTS

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with 29 points in the game. Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said he was happy with the way the team responded to the last-second loss to Kankakee (Ill.) CC. "Obviously, winning our own Christmas tournament is a nice way to go into league play," Briggs said. "We

rebounded well off our loss, and guys like Bennett, Marcus Johnson and Holmes are really stepping up their play."

In the first-round game, the Ocelots engineered another blowout win over Georgian College. In this game, Schoolcraft breezed to a 57-25 halftime edge.

Bennett poured in 26 to lead the Ocelots. Baker and Dorsey scored 15 apiece, while Andre Scott contributed 14.

Dave Love led Georgian with 14. Briggs said a key for the team entering league play will be adjusting to life without starting guard Dion Schrell, who is out 8-10 weeks with a broken foot.

"This gives us an opportunity to get more experience and depth in the long run," the optimistic Briggs said.

In the consolation game, Georgian defeated George Brown (Ont.) College, 81-71.

## VOLLEYBALL

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11 blocks and four aces, Julie Carrier had 86 assists and four aces, Megan Wafer had 22 digs, Jeanette Joseph had 19 kills and five blocks, Reece Hoskins had 11 kills and 10 digs and Cara Cunningham had eight aces.

On Monday, Redford Union finally won its first match of the season but still failed to get out of pool play.

"We had a good day as far as learning and playing," said RU

coach Amber Wyatt. "We won one game and went close with Bad Axe. One player decided not to show up and Casey Merriman came in and did a good job filling in. She's young, is learning, but making headway."

The Panthers (1-8) lost to Dearborn, 25-16, 25-13, to Bad Axe, 25-20 and 25-21, beat Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, 25-18 and 25-14, but lost to Southfield, 25-12 and 25-13. All games were rally scoring.

Meissa Gunnell led the Panthers with 12 kills, while Stephanie Cetnar and Helene

Lloyd had nine kills, and Renate Dike added eight more. Lloyd also had five aces in a seven-point stretch of serving and Casey Merriman had 38 assists.

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## It's crunch time as area bowling stakes and prize money get higher

The man steps onto the approach, sets his feet in the proper position, gets ready in a perfect stance, knees slightly bent, shoulders square. Holding the ball in front of his chest, he is ready, his eyes fixed at the precise spot on the lane. Trying to relax, hard to do. Little beads of sweat appear on his forehead.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

He is competing in the Miller Lite Scratch Invitational League at Vision Lanes in Westland. At stake is \$10,000 in prize money for finishing in first place, and that's just for the first half of the season.

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That's not the end of the story: About four more months and somebody will again take his spot on the lanes with sweat on his forehead for that crucial shot to help his team win another

\$10,000 for the second half championship.

The last three weeks of the half season create lots of perspiration as there is the start of the playoffs where eight of the 16 teams vie for the top positions. In the second round a week later, they roll to decide the final spots, while the rest of the league is maneuvering for the best position and prize money. The last place team gets \$1,000. A \$1,000 bonus goes to the righty and lefty bowlers for the highest averages over the season — the All-star Grille puts that prize up.

The weekly pairings are by a random drawing with no position rounds until the final three weeks of the half. The second round of playoffs produced the most excitement and perspiration as the Sharps N-A team beat the Milwaukee's Best team by just five pins, 3,153 to 3,148. At the same time, in the next pair of lanes, Sky Blue defeated Red Dog 3,195-3,191, a margin of only four pins.

That set up the finals for the following week: Sky Blue vs. Sharps N-A. The Sky Blue team took the championship handily over Sharps N-A 3,180-2,980, exactly 200 pins. The championship team was made up of Eric Tulley (Southfield), Doug Ellison (Wayne), Nunzio Marino, Nick Wissinger, Gary Jones, Dennis Worthington (Redford) and Scott Hayes. The runner-up team of Sharps N-A received \$5,000 for their efforts, which was split among Mike Caldwell (Westland), Mark Beasley (Westland), Rob McDonald, Paul Szumny, and brothers Clint and Dennis Berryman (Canton).

With the success of this brand new league, they plan to expand from the present 16 teams to 20

for next season. Interested parties should call league secretary, Bob Teffault at (734) 692-1517, no sweat.

The Michigan Junior Masters association is the ultimate level of youth competition. From the mind of Dan Ottman, this concept came along about 20 years ago. Now under the sponsor of Alro Steel Co., the masters has allowed many of today's great bowlers to come up through these ranks over the years. This monthly tournament carries a lot of scholarship money to help these kids further their education, and develop their skills at bowling.

In the most recent competition, Evan Relich of Garden City swept away the competition to win the boys division. He started the event with the tournament-high game of 290, but in match play put on a show by going 11-1 and leading the second-place bowler by 478 pins.

When the ladder was completed, Relich won the bauble by winning the final match in triple overtime as Eric Seltzer (Brunswick, Ohio) threw a key strike to tie at 223. Both bowlers struck in the first two sudden death one-ball shots. Relich then left a seven-pin to give Seltzer a chance. Seltzer threw his shot a little wide, leaving the 2-10, giving the title to Relich. Earlier, Seltzer had gotten by 2002 Rookie-of-the-year Ronnie Sparks Jr. of Wayne 226-194, on his way to the final match.

For further information on the MJMA, call executive director Dan Ottman at (248) 6899-8696 or e-mail him at dan.ottman@pba.com

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 3

Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

### PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Jan. 4

Redford CC at Toledo St. John, 10 a.m.

Fordson Invitational, 10 a.m.

South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.

Ply. Christian Tourney, 10 a.m.

Wyandotte Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

### PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Jan. 4

Michigan Kickoff Classic, 9 a.m.

Flushing Invitational, 9 a.m.

W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.

Carlson Invitational, 9 a.m.

Saline Invitational, TBA.

Central Michigan Tournament, TBA.

### PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Jan. 4

Salem Invitational, 9:40 a.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 4

Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 4

Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 3

Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4

Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Whalers at London Knights, 2 p.m.

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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 25381

## ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, single smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26664

## LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55. BOX 26684

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old, black female, 5'6", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family. Seeks male, 38 to 45, family oriented, medium build, non-smoker, for fun and friendship. BOX 26699

## SHARE LIFE WITH ME

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## MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

## LET'S SAIL TOGETHER!

Petite, active, attractive Jewish professional woman, brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, loves sailing, traveling, holidays and many other interests. Seeks skiing and sailing buddy, 50 to 60, Jewish, active, interested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. BOX 14905

## 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 21096

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## CUTE AND CLASSY

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## TIERED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male, 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

## BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'5", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall, 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland county. BOX 27010

## SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue, sincere, 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

## LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 5'5 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County. BOX 27034

## A BELIEVER AGAIN

44 yr old female, blue eyes, dark brown hair, 5'7", medium build, average looks, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys country music, video games, movies, walks, darts. Looking for a friend to spoil and he can spoil me, bring me back to life. BOX 30937

## TIERED OF FLYING SOLO

Attractive Catholic widow, 57, 170 lbs, likes up North, hunting, fishing, travel, family, card games. Seeks sincere and honest male, 65 to 75, drug alcohol and smoke free, for commitment leading to marriage. BOX 30941

## GEM SEEKS TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

## ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

## 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 most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 58, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland County. BOX 36061

## SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

## GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys golf, swimming, boating, people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

## ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, Seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County. BOX 35950

## A LADY OF CLASS

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

## SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 63, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing life things in life we both enjoy, especially traveling. 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

## DREAMING OF YOU...

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## 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

## SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, 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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## FATHER OF ONE...

...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942

## TIERED OF FLYING SOLO

61 yr old male, looks and acts much younger, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, laughs a lot, very gentle. Likes camping, walking, good movies, flea markets, quiet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship with female, under 59, slim to medium, attractive. BOX 20550

## JUST BE YOURSELF

I might like you anyway. Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry, ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant. BOX 30879

## I'M A SINCERE PERSON

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non-violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

## 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

## QUALITY GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor. BOX 14102

## ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

## READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's. BOX 14811

## COULD U B THE ONE?

35 yrs old, fit male, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, never married, no children, financially secure, home-owner, charming, affectionate, trustworthy and honest. Likes travel, sports, concerts, animals. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single white female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14834

## 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

## BEING UP FRONT

Really hot stuff, single white male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, romantic evenings. Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic, lipstick wearing romantic sweetheart. BOX 15863

## LET'S HAVE FUN...

Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20369

## LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun, Seeks female for dating. BOX 20672

## ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long term, mutually committed relationship. BOX 21089

## HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Late 40's, 6'4", male with mustache. Likes fireplaces, Harley's, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who likes to have fun. BOX 21175

## END MY SEARCH

Live near 134 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'9", 170 lbs, youthful, light hearted, gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. Looking for permanent relationship with a slim to semi-slim lady. BOX 10478

## TIERED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male, 59, 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

## JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn, Wayne County. BOX 35956

## MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

Single white male, 56, 5'10", average weight, enjoys travel, live plays, dining out, Red Wings hockey. Seeks religious woman, average build, for long term relationship. BOX 21111

## HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR



## CHARGERS

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while Jeremy Sparks was third at 152 with a 6-5 win over Butch Choreszewski of Redford Union. Mario Perez was also fourth at 135 pounds.

"As a whole we did well," said Davis. "We left a number of kids at home; it's hard to keep them together this time of year. We all wanted to do better, we worked for more, we just came out short."

RU was ninth overall on the strength of John Gourlay's second-place finish at 135. Gourlay lost to Plymouth Salem's Mike Goethe, 13-6, in the finals.

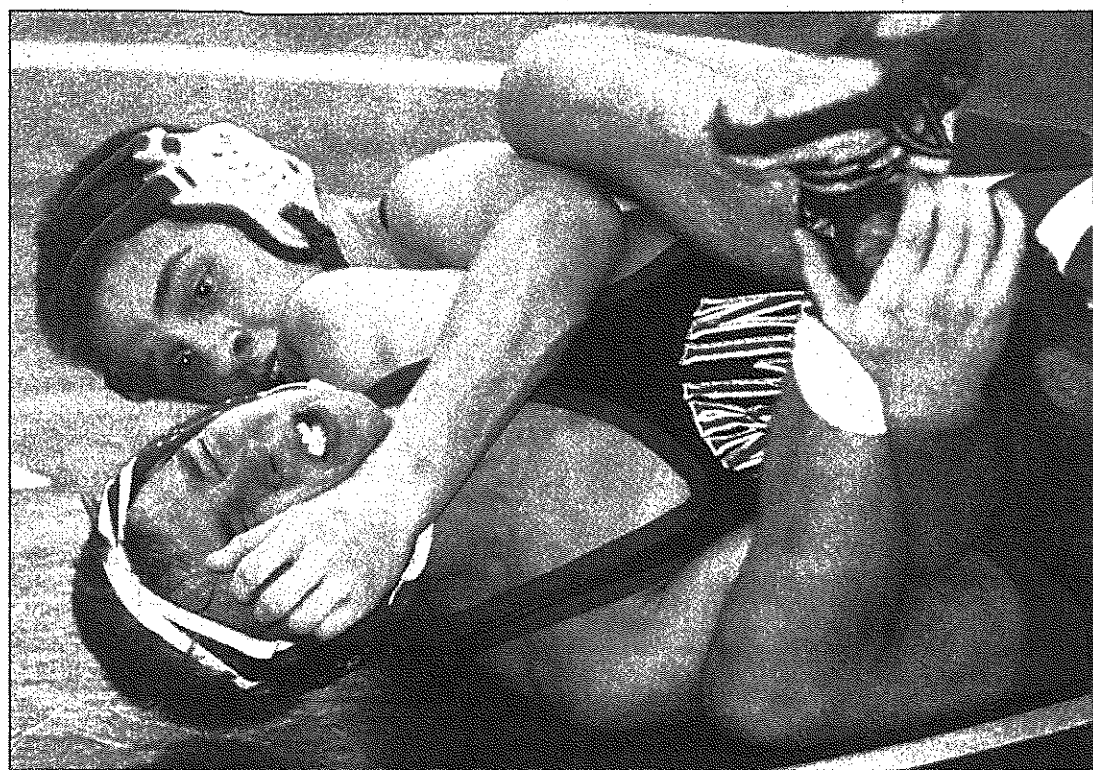
"Goethe was an all-stater last year," said RU assistant coach Jim Gourlay. "John lost to an all-stater in a pretty good match. A lot of our younger guys also wrestled well."

After being upset in the semifinals by Jeremy Walker of Salem, heavyweight Jason Leduc pinned Charles Cannon of East Detroit in 2:13 to take third. Jim Moore also finished fourth at 130 pounds, while Aaron Landry was fifth at 103.

## Stevenson wins in Trenton

Livonia Stevenson's wrestling team encountered little resistance in winning the Trenton Dual Meet Tournament championship Saturday.

The Spartans dispatched



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Salem's Mike Dendrinis (back) defeated Livonia Franklin's Ray Stratos in an early round, 119-pound match at Salem on Saturday.

Dearborn Heights Annapolis (45-29), Ypsilanti Lincoln (65-9), Ypsilanti (81-0) and Trenton (50-26) in the preliminary rounds.

In the finals, Stevenson came back to defeat Annapolis 40-26 to take home the biggest trophy available.

Stevenson coach Bob Moreau said he's happy with the progress his 15-2 team has made so far this season.

"We've been wrestling really well," Moreau said. "A lot of the same guys have been stepping up for us."

Several Spartans had perfect days helping the team to the trophy.

Dan Rabe went 4-1 at 103, while seven wrestlers went 5-0 on the day.

Those included: Charlie Rabaut at 119, Dan Leith at 140, Sean O'Hallern at 145,

Jason Fischer at 152, Dario Mainella at 160, Joel Bargerstock at 215 and Paul Bargerstock at heavyweight.

Rabaut is undefeated this season, improving his record to 23-0 overall. Paul Bargerstock and O'Hallern are also off to excellent starts, carrying records of 21-2 apiece.

Staff Writer Paul Beaudry contributed to this story.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Best of the Best Basketball will hold a tournament Jan. 4-5 in Saginaw for boys and girls ages 9-14.

Teams are guaranteed three games. Awards will include team recognition for first and second place teams, all-tournament team and tourney MVP. The tournament is also a Nike National Tournament Qualifier event. The registration fee is \$195 per team.

For more information, call 1-866-831-2002, or visit [www.midwestbestsports.com](http://www.midwestbestsports.com).

## 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.

## HOOP TRYOUTS

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire AAU girls basketball organization will have tryouts for the upcoming season Jan. 9 at Tonda Elementary School, located on Warren between Canton Center and Beck.

The tryout, for girls 11-and-

under, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. For more information, call Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

## 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.

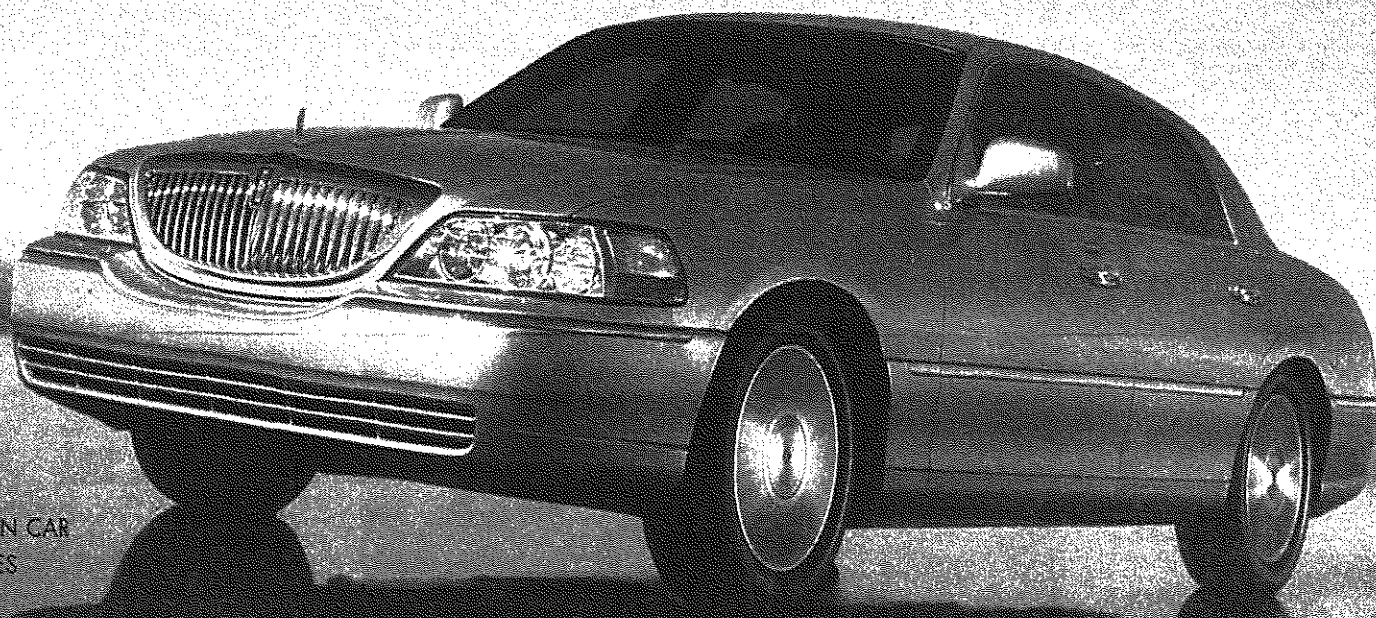
The team will play in the Little Caesars Baseball League (considered the best in the area). The league schedule will be approximately 20-25 games. The team will also play in several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Gegatic Williams at (313) 690-1104 or Dan Trublowksi at (734) 459-5289.

## COACH 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.

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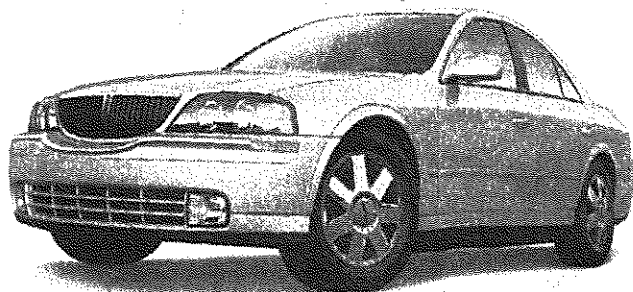
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### SUMMER REVIEW

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Arizona	16,900	+9
Illinois	15,600	+9
Florida	46,300	+7
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Steve Perlman heads one of the largest, most enduring building associations in the country.

## New president of building association assesses issues

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Steve Perlman, the 68th president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, figures that he's constructed thousands of homes during his 22 years in the business.

Currently a partner with Ivanhoe-Huntley in West Bloomfield, Perlman says he loves the creative process of developing and building.

Perlman, 43, has been selected Builder of the Year and Young Builder of the Year for BIA. He will serve as president of the association this year.

Perlman lives in Bloomfield Hills and is married to Nicki and dad to Blake, Chase and Reed.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

**What's the purpose of BIA and why is it important that builders, contractors and suppliers are active in the association?**

Perlman: In addition to various services and group buys - insurance, cell phones and other benefits - we try to counter or create legislation favorable to our industry.

There's strength in numbers, greater influence in numbers. We're close to 3,000.

We try to keep our seminars, presentations, as current as we can. We provide members trade shows where they can see or present products.

**Builders come with varying degrees of talent and training, like all lines of work. In your opinion, what qualities make for an outstanding developer or builder?**

Perlman: It's truly, in my mind, a hands-on business. Most everybody now is

learning from the ground up. Dealing with customers, you have to know all aspects.

The difference between good and bad are those with talent are able to do something with their experience. In business now, you have to have the ability to take it to the next level ... and not just consider it a family business.

**A new home is one of the largest financial investments people can make. How should purchasers go about checking out a developer or builder before committing to buy?**

Perlman: There's a couple ways to do it. You can check any complaints with the state on a builder's record. You can check with the Better Business Bureau. You can go to the local municipality. They usually will tell you if they have problems.

My favorite way is go knock on any door. That's the best reference - a previous homeowner.

I understand I'm not going to make everyone happy. We may not always agree on an issue, but not because I was deceptive. That's what you want to find in a builder - someone who stands behind everything they do.

**What's hot in new homes today? What specifically are buyers looking for, asking for?**

Perlman: Needs haven't changed that much. After Sept. 11, people seem to spend more time at home. You're very aware of creating family areas, entertaining areas, offices. You're almost looking at every room for computer compatibility.

Not large space, but greater use of space. You need stronger curb appeal. More thought has gone into elevation.

**Is the price of a new home getting to the point where fewer folks are able to buy?**

Perlman: I think the affordability factor is still there. It's not a function of materials. What's happening more is it's a function of available land, cost of land, zoning of land rather than the product, itself.

**The BIA has started to address the concept of Smart Growth in recent years. What is that and what's the difference between Smart Growth and sprawl?**

Perlman: Sprawl is a very unfair term. Development is primarily the result of demand. We don't create it.

Smart Growth is coordination of municipalities, interest groups and builders ... to create infrastructure so people can live where they want to live. That's mostly a function of density. When we get restrictive ordinances in certain communities, we have to find other areas to provide housing.

**What are key issues facing your industry here?**

Perlman: Our belief is every individual has the right to home ownership. Smart Growth. Affordable homes. We're looking at legislation about impact fees and other barriers to supplying homes. Fair representation in the press. Not favorable, but fair.

**What's your role and goals as BIA president?**

Perlman: Keep the association moving forward in numbers and therefore in strength. Have an active role in creation of legislation that affects the industry. Do my best at balancing time with family, running my own business and leadership of the association.

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### Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Credit repair offers hope

As a mortgage loan officer, I deal with borrower credit issues daily. Credit history and scores enter virtually every dialogue, and patching up bruised credit is nearly as common in my life as actually writing loans.

It is odd, however, that after hundreds of hours of working to improve my borrowers' buying positions, and interacting with dozens of credit companies and agencies, very few people discuss the monetary costs of bad credit.

Even fewer talk about the small relative cost of repairing bad credit.

Many people think that damaged credit is not repairable. This is false, especially if you have documented proof that information has been wrongfully posted. In such cases, your mortgage loan officer can usually help permanently remove each item from your credit report within a few days, usually for less than \$25 per repair.

There are hundreds of consumer credit laws and regulations in effect for your benefit and protection. In fact, many of your creditors are not even aware of many of the rules and guidelines which they must comply, or be fined. In short, if a creditor cannot prove that the negative information they have posted to your credit report is correct, they must remove it.

Surprise! If a creditor does not follow proper reporting procedures, he may have to remove his negative information from your report, even if it's true. This repair process is often more involved and usually requires the help of a credit repair company or a credit-savvy attorney. Either of these choices may cost a few hundred dollars, but the benefits of your renewed credit report can repay those costs many times over.

Today, with perfect credit your \$150,000 mortgage might cost you \$900 per month. Meanwhile, the same money might cost \$1,150 monthly with damaged credit, and \$1,450 per month with bad credit. Normally, you can recoup your repair costs within a few months, and profit from the effort thereafter.

Credit problems or not, your mortgage loan officer should be able to assess your situation and initiate any required repairs. In most cases, it is fiscally well worth the effort.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

## HOME Of The WEEK

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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 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.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street two blocks north of 14 Mile, 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.

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. Children under 12 are free.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For additional information, call (248) 862-1019.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

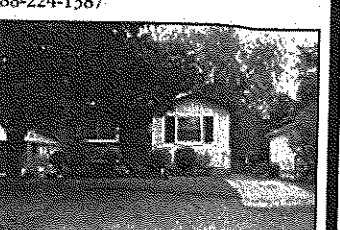
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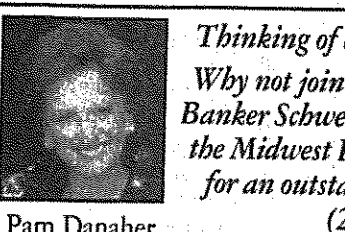
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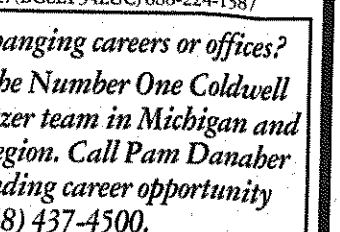
**South Lyon** \$234,900  
Sit back & enjoy one of the nicest porches in town. Extremely charming four bedroom two bath bungalow. Formal living & dining room. Private yard with deck & hot tub. Lots of hardwood floors. (BGSLYOGLAK) 888-224-1387



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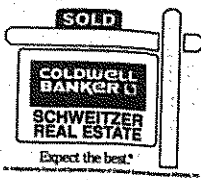
**Wolverine Lake** \$149,900  
Wow! Lake privileges... walking distance from Wolverine Lake. Great 3 bdrm ranch. 38x14 lower level family rm, 4th bdrm or office in LL. Large fenced-in backyard. Kitchen updated. Open floor plan... a Must See! (BGSLY34LUC) 888-224-1387



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These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 19-23, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

**Canton**

7365 Admiralty	\$209,000
43527 Applewood	\$197,000
6910 Buckley	\$290,000
7092 Camelot	\$249,000
43614 Candlewood	\$249,000
43752 Cherry Grv	\$226,000
531 Cherry Grv	\$222,000
550 Cherry Grv	\$244,000
43560 Cherry Hill	\$157,000
439 Cherry Orchard	\$220,000
7589 Corbett	\$238,000
1637 Delancy	\$235,000
6868 Devonshire	\$192,000
39451 Dorchester	\$310,000
46970 Eastbourne	\$392,000
1200 Hampshire	\$197,000
2211 Hendrie	\$327,000
46991 Hidden River	\$273,000
39834 Hillary	\$185,000
7400 Hillsboro	\$215,000
2176 Hogan Way	\$226,000
45681 Holmes	\$281,000

**4164 Hunters E** \$167,000  
1668 Liberty St \$235,000  
42487 Lilley Plie \$126,000  
44533 Lowell \$188,000  
48486 Manhattan \$440,000  
8547 Mannington \$242,000  
6682 Marshall \$262,000  
1618 McLaine \$240,000  
41324 Northwind \$126,000  
1259 Paddington \$227,000  
43292 Pepperwood \$217,000  
6863 Pittsford \$227,000  
1835 Preserve \$212,000  
43124 Providence \$219,000  
474 Sandalwood \$372,000  
44240 Southampton \$207,000  
2151 W Roundtable \$225,000  
2092 Woodbine \$305,000  
2336 Woodgreen \$308,000  
1911 Woodmont \$215,000  
2050 Woodmont \$209,000  
2313 Wooster \$97,000

**Garden City**

30935 Barton	\$136,000
31026 Beechwood	\$200,000
28914 Birchawn	\$30,000
31908 Block	\$128,000
29801 Cambridge	\$148,000
682 Deering	\$128,000
31516 Elmwood	\$136,000
32433 Pierce	\$225,000
31044 Rosslyn	\$135,000
28775 Warren	\$127,000

**6938 Whitby** \$141,000  
**Livonia**  
36826 Angeline \$169,000  
19506 Antago \$160,000  
19001 Aspen \$485,000  
1430 Auburn Dr \$229,000  
29511 Barkley \$178,000  
15244 Blue Skies \$172,000  
15508 Brookfield \$180,000  
29741 Buckingham \$178,000  
29832 Buckingham \$202,000  
9425 Butwell \$208,000  
11484 Cardwell \$142,000  
11810 Cardwell \$142,000  
14159 Cavell \$178,000  
13999 Cranston \$250,000  
14070 Cranston \$249,000  
35429 Elmira \$165,000  
11327 Fairfield \$173,000  
20417 Gill \$220,000  
29185 Grandon \$160,000  
30831 Greenland \$210,000  
9221 Harrison \$152,000  
29680 Hathaway \$167,000  
31111 Hathaway \$159,000  
17520 Laurel \$315,000  
35472 Leon \$187,000  
8923 Louisiana \$170,000  
20320 Maplewood \$146,000  
20344 Maplewood \$154,000  
36524 Marler \$200,000  
32236 Maryland \$198,000  
30690 Mason \$250,000

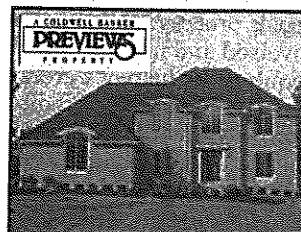
**19208 Meadowridge** \$187,000  
16589 Middlebelt # 3A \$84,000  
34646 Munger \$205,000  
37492 N Laurel Park \$199,000  
37685 Northfield \$280,000  
19733 Osmus \$167,000  
38026 Parkhurst \$211,000  
14710 Richfield \$160,000  
30927 Richland \$166,000  
38615 Richland \$159,000  
30933 Robert \$154,000  
38778 Ross \$213,000  
20024 St Francis \$102,000  
37748 Sunnydale \$260,000  
15661 Surrey \$239,000  
14225 Susanna \$213,000

**Plymouth**

543 Amelia	\$340,000
576 Ann	\$178,000
46641 Arboretum	\$435,000
402 Arthur	\$357,000
11667 Brownell	\$215,000
48121 Colony Farms	\$236,000
49563 Cooke	\$668,000
775 Irvin	\$223,000
40331 Ivywood	\$287,000
1260 Junction	\$90,000
9421 Mapletree	\$294,000
8861 Marlowe	\$136,000
40209 Newport	\$131,000
40457 Newport	\$134,000
10179 Normandy	\$406,000
10752 Pinehurst	\$365,000

**10808 Pinehurst** \$352,000  
10832 Pinehurst \$134,000  
212 Pinewood \$130,000  
13969 Pleasant View \$425,000  
48925 Plum Tree \$410,000  
51355 Plymouth Hts \$327,000  
51381 Plymouth Hts \$328,000  
8967 Quail \$480,000  
11834 Riverside \$200,000  
11741 Spicer \$226,000  
20470 Centralia \$107,000  
9547 Crosley \$146,000  
20481 Delaware \$98,000  
18247 Denby \$120,000  
18449 Denby \$138,000  
19453 Denby \$123,000  
17349 Five Points \$120,000  
18308 Garfield \$92,000  
17195 Gaylord \$130,000  
19165 Glenmore \$100,000  
25544 Graham \$106,000  
12851 Hemingway \$142,000  
19393 Indian \$92,000  
14012 Inkster \$127,000  
19412 Kinloch \$113,000  
20449 Lexington \$87,000  
15370 Lola \$124,000  
25324 Lyndon \$204,000  
26540 Margaretta \$138,000  
18514 Olympia \$117,000  
18802 Olympia \$97,000

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**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** \$259,800  
ENTER INTO ELEGANCE 2-story Foyer w/hwd floors & circular stairway sets the stage for this 4BR Tudor. Surrounded by golf courses, lakes + incl. a hot tub & gazebo. BGL85EDG 877-206-6853



**GARDEN CITY** \$139,900  
Stunning 3br Bungalow! Best describes this home located in Garden City. Refinished hardwood floors, new windows, newer roof, new kitchen floors, 1.5 car garage. All on a huge lot! (BGN07JAM) 888-220-3751



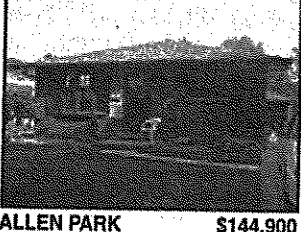
**NOVI** \$169,900  
Spacious & affordable two bedroom condo. Each bedroom with walk-in closet & private bath. Spacious kitchen separate dining room, finished basement. Family room with fireplace. (BGP-21Cou) 888-223-6691



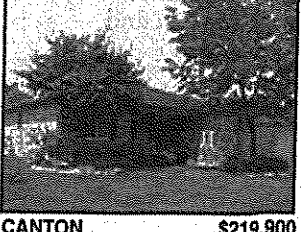
**REDFORD** \$124,900  
Fantastic 3br, Brick Ranch w/2.5 Car Garage! Eat-in kitchen, partially finished basement w/glass block windows, circuit breakers, vinyl windows, new furnace & more!! (BGN60BEE) 888-220-3751



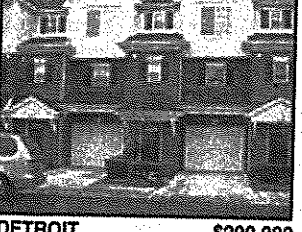
**WARREN** \$192,000  
Wonderful 4 BR Colonial in turn key condition w/hwd floors, updated Kit w/oak cabinets, white appliances, entire home freshly painted. Private, fenced-in backyard w/deck BGL67BOE 877-206-6853



**ALLEN PARK** \$144,900  
It's a 101 3 BR brick Ranch in move-in condition. Spacious rooms, 2 full baths on main level, new furnace/CA, windows, copper plumbing & partially finished basement. BGL29ROG 877-206-6853



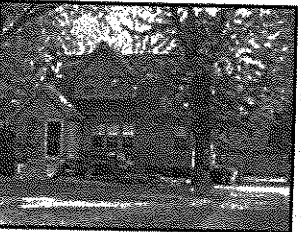
**CANTON** \$219,900  
The Condo Alternative. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, low-maintenance, private, single-family home w/ vaulted cigs, light-bright rooms, fireplace in GR in the friendly Hampton Court West subdivision. (BGP-57Cia) 888-223-6691



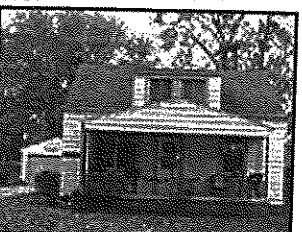
**DETROIT** \$200,000  
Luxury Townhouse located minutes from Downtown in the Enterprise Zone. 2 BR's, 2 full baths, living room & fireplace. Kitchen w/all appliances and attached garage. BGL78VIL 877-206-6853



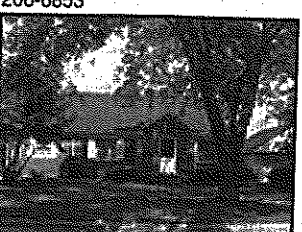
**LIVONIA** \$254,900  
What a Buy on this super, immed occup, 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial offering huge master BR w/sky light & bath. Newer roof, siding, kitch w/appl, windows, main bath and much more! BGL62RON 877-206-6853



**PLYMOUTH** \$369,900  
Quality & Character! Plymouth Landmark. Beautifully updated kit w/sub zero frig. Spac formal liv rm w/nat tp & coved clg. Elegant formal din rm. Fin bsmt. Jetted spa tub in 1st flr bath. Gigantic deck. (BGP-14Ma) 888-223-6691



**REDFORD** \$99,900  
What a Value! 3 Bedroom Bungalow features spacious room sizes and includes 1st floor laundry w/pantry, 1 car garage & Home Warranty. Updates incl. Wallside windows & roof. BGL89MAC 877-206-6853



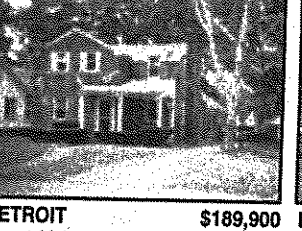
**WESTLAND** \$179,900  
Charm & Character! Custom built Cape Cod on a huge country lot. Mechanics dream garage w/workshop. Hurry! (BGN48AVO) 888-220-3751



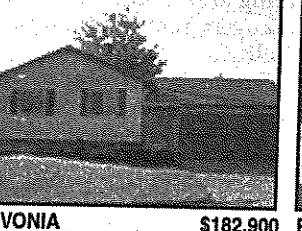
**CANTON** \$339,900  
Fabulous Cape Cod. Gorgeous 4BR Cape Cod prem. lot & elevation. HDWD in foyer, lav & kit. Soaring 2 story GR & foyer. Library w/french door. Newly finished bsmt. Lg paver patio & walkway. BGP-92SHA 888-223-6691



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Excellent Value! Move in condition, new windows, some new carpet & paint. 2 full baths. New garage door. Updated landscaping. Walk to middle school. Home warranty. Hurry won't last long. BGP-41BOS 888-223-6691



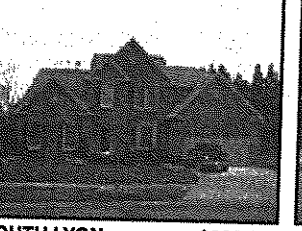
**DETROIT** \$189,900  
Great Value- Great Location! 4br Brick home full of charm. Huge treed & fenced yard w/screeneed porch & deck. Lrg fam. rm w/gas fp. Lrg formal Lr & Dr. 1 year warrant. Hurry! (BGN15LON) 888-220-3751



**LIVONIA** \$182,900  
Awesome Interior. Come in and see the unique & updated interior of this 3 BR, 1.5 Bath Tri-Level. Slate foyer, Kit w/oak cab, built-in range & wood flooring plus vinyl windows for starters. BGL53BUC 877-206-6853



**REDFORD** \$155,000  
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## Save energy, money on home improvement

(NAPSI) - Each year, homeowners spend more than a hundred billion dollars on home improvement and home repair projects. To make sure that home improvement investments pay back, the Environmental Protection Agency has developed an interactive Web site. The Home Improvement Toolbox provides practical advice and resources for homeowners, whether they are undergoing extensive renovations, looking for energy-efficiency improvements or searching for new products for their homes.

The Home Improvement Toolbox can be found online at [www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement](http://www.energystar.gov/homeimprovement).

The Toolbox encourages homeowners to:

Put their homes to the test. Find out how your energy use at home compares to that of other U.S. households with the Home Improvement Toolbox. Just enter simple information about your home to determine if it rates high or low on efficiency. If your home receives a score of five or less, it may be time to consider making some

improvements.

Optimize home improvement decisions. Determine the most effective improvements for your home online. The Toolbox provides answers to 15 questions resulting in a customized, printable report of potential home improvements, ranked by their ability to improve energy efficiency and affect energy bill savings.

Enhance remodeling projects with energy-efficient features. From a kitchen overhaul to a bathroom quick fix, the Toolbox offers energy-saving solutions for many popular remodeling or renovation projects. Select projects of interest to you and find hints on where to include energy-efficient features and products in your home improvement plans.

Find solutions to common household problems. Problems like uncomfortably hot, cold or drafty rooms, high energy bills and the growth of mold and mildew are often the result of energy inefficiencies. The Toolbox offers solutions that help you save energy, save money and increase your family's comfort.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

**Jim Rieth** joins Rock Financial in Auburn Hills as a mortgage banker. He brings 20 years experience as a hotel executive to his new profession.



Rieth

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Rieth lives in Lake Orion.

**The Detroit Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women** announces 2003 officers and directors.

**Jennifer Tallman-McLean**, Etken Equities, Southfield, is president and national delegate; **Sue Mero**, Electronic Data Systems, Troy, president-elect and national delegate.

**Jennette Smith**, Crain's Detroit Business, Detroit, secretary and communications liaison; **Janet Howard**, Grant Thornton, Southfield, treasurer and sponsorship liaison.

Directors are **Teresa Welsh**, Maplehurst Group, Ann Arbor, real estate excellence award liaison; **Marilyn Nix**, General Motors

Worldwide Real Estate, Detroit, programs liaison; and **Joan Cleland**, Acquest Realty Advisors, Bloomfield Hills, membership and member services liaison.

Other directors are **J.B. Bernard**, Schostak Brothers, Southfield, community outreach liaison; and **Monica Labe**, Dickinson Wright, Detroit, golf outing liaison.

**Meg Van Meter**, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Detroit, is past president and nominating chairwoman.

**Colliers International**, with offices in Bingham Farms and Detroit, recently closed several commercial real estate transactions of at least \$1 million each.

**Dave Courtney and Tom**

**Lasky of Colliers** were involved in the purchase by Baker College of a 63,000-square-foot industrial building in Allen Park from APM Associates after APM had purchased from ADP.

**Gary Glotzhofer** was involved in leasing a research and development building of nearly 28,400 square feet in Plymouth to Lear Corp.

**Mike Yamada, Rourke Smith and Len Tosto** were involved in the sale of a 164,000-square-foot industrial building in Sidney, Ohio, to Lab Telemetric.

**Greg Kloiber** participated in the sale of a 290,000-square-foot industrial building to KSR International in Stratford, Ontario.

## Kitchen menu desk is new home staple

### FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you're like many folks, you put thought into your daily meals and plan ahead for trips to the grocery store to make sure you don't run out of required ingredients during the week.

If you're an organizer and a planner, your new home should have a menu desk. It's located in the kitchen, so you can jot down items on a grocery list whenever you think of them.

You can even keep a meal calendar here and organize your coupons in the same place.

A computer can come in very handy also, especially if you wish to take advantage of a grocery delivery service. That way, once a week, you can order groceries online and simply wait for front-step delivery.

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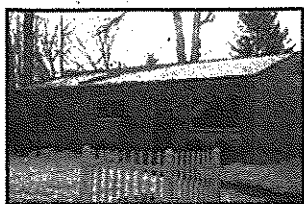
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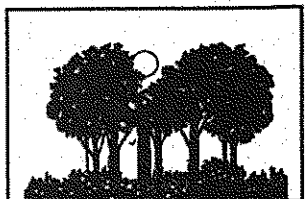
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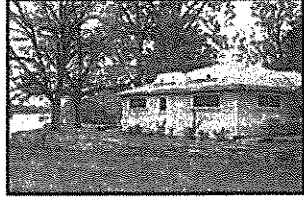
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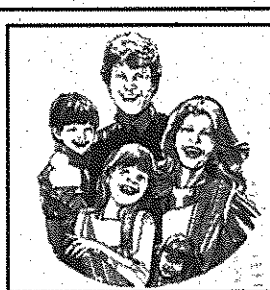
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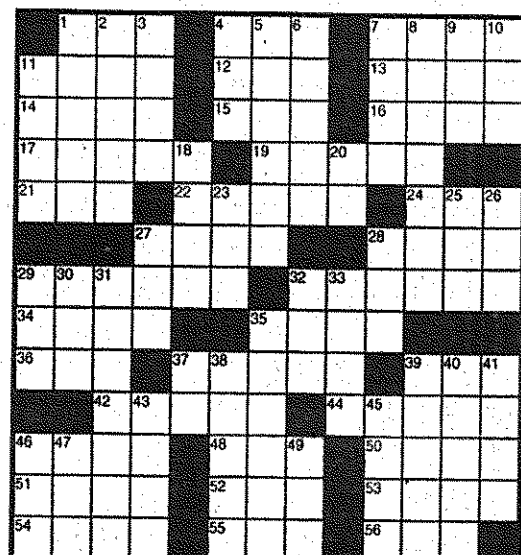
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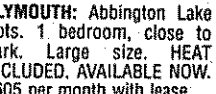
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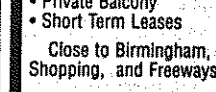
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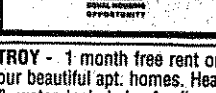
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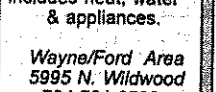
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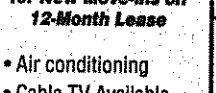
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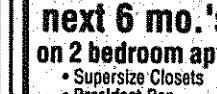
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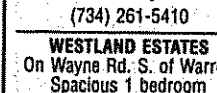
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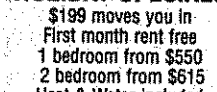
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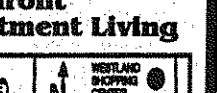
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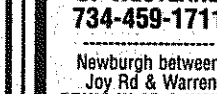
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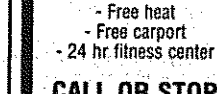
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Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks: non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and...relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 26332

## GET IN TOUCH

31 yr old female, 5'7", 136 lbs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

## LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

44 yrs old, 5'7", divorced, white female likes dancing, camping, cooking, movies, music, singing. Seeks white male, 35 to 50, 5'10" to 6'3", with same of the same interests. BOX 26733

## FOREIGN BORN WOMAN

46 yrs old, 5'5", 130 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, two grown up children. Seeks honest, responsible man. BOX 30880

## CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.

Attractive divorced white mother of three, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

## PRINCESS AWAITS YOU

Intelligent, attractive, divorced white female, 5'5", 125 lbs, hazel eyes, blonde/brown hair, outgoing, fun loving. Enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, dancing, romance. Seeks her knight in shining armor, 50 or older, honest, sincere, to share very special moments with. BOX 30927

## TIERED OF GAMES

Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, smoker. Seeking gentleman, 45 to 65, with a sense of humor, for dinner (home cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36013

## 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

## DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

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## LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call you won't regret it! Oakland County. BOX 25008

## POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if height weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County. BOX 25014

## AM I ASKING TOO MUCH

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 MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26864

## LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, single, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55, BOX 26684

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old, black female, 5'6", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family. Seeks male, 38 to 45, family oriented, medium build, non-smoker, for fun and friendship. BOX 26899

## SHARE LIFE WITH ME

58 yr old lady, full figured, 5'5", green eyes, red hair, good looking. Enjoys dining out, walking, movies, conversation. Seeks male, 58 to 70, to share interests. BOX 26709

## I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs, female, brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

## COUNTRY GIRL

Divorced white lady, non-smoker, non-drinker likes horseback riding, has own horses. Enjoys camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest. Monroe County. BOX 27030

## FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 52, medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland County. BOX 35999

## UNIQUE VEGETARIAN

Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirited, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation, culinary arts grad. In search of a great connection, open hearted communicator who is loving, self aware, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful world are a plus. Oakland County. BOX 36076

## LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

Single, black sophisticated, mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more. Seeks male with similar interests, race not important. Wayne County BOX 36126

## SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

49 yr old divorced white female 5'7", with 2 children, likes good 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

## 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

## MOTOWN GAL

...Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

## LET'S SAIL TOGETHER!

Petite, active, attractive Jewish professional woman, brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, loves sailing, traveling, holidays and many other interests. Seeks sking and sailing buddy, 50 to 60, Jewish, active, interested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. BOX 14905

## WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 128 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 21095

## PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curly, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

## QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced single female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County. BOX 25333

## CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26066

## TIERED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male, 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

## BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, tennis, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall, 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland County BOX 27010

## SONGS FROM THE HEART

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

## LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, white 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

## A BELIVER AGAIN

44 yr old female, blue eyes, dark brown hair, 5'7", medium build, average looks, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys country music, video games, movies, walks, darts. Looking for a friend to spoil and be spoiled me, bring me back to life. BOX 30937

## TIERED OF FLYING SOLO

Attractive Catholic widow, 57, 170 lbs, likes up North, hunting, fishing, travel, family, card games. Seeks sincere and honest male, 55 to 75, drug alcohol and smoke free, for commitment leading to marriage. BOX 30941

## GEM SEES TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

## ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

## TOUCH OF CLASS

For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36061

## SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

## I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most 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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## GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys golf, swimming, boating, people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

## ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

## A LADY OF CLASS

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

## SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 63, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 65, 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

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Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with white professional, 46 to 58, 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, 5'2" or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County BOX 36053

## SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, 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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## LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'9", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40's, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

## DREAMING OF YOU...

Single male, 50, likes biking, movies, parks, dining and staying home. Hoping to find a single female, 45 to 55, friendship first, maybe leading to more. Let's see what happens! BOX 21248

## JUST BE YOURSELF

I might like you anyway. Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry, ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant. BOX 30879

## I'M A SINCERE PERSON

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 31419

## 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

## QUALITY GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented person with good sense of humor. BOX 14102

## ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male, 5'9", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14834

## READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yr old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's. BOX 14811

## COULD U BE THE ONE?

35 yrs old, fit male, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, never married, no children, financially secure, home-owner, charming, affectionate, trustworthy and honest. Likes travel, sports, concerts, animals. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single white female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14834

## ENDLESS LOVE

40 yr old, 6'7", tall, dark, 245 lbs, well built, Latin, young, good looking, employed, outgoing, enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term relationship with a special lady. BOX 14910

## BEING UP FRONT

Really hot stuff, single white male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, romantic evenings. Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic, lipstick wearing romantic sweetheart. BOX 15863

## LET'S HAVE FUN

Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569

## LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating. BOX 20672

## ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long term, mutually committed relationship. BOX 21089

## HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Late 40's, 6'4", male with mustache. Likes fireplace, Harley's, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who likes to have fun. BOX 21175

## TIERED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male, 59, 169 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

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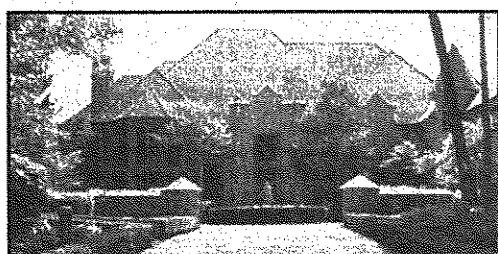
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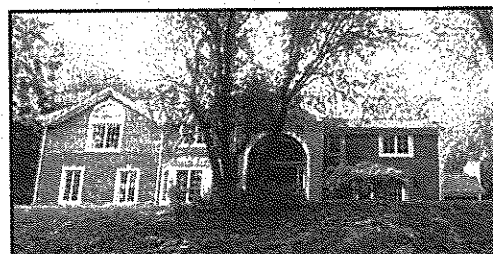
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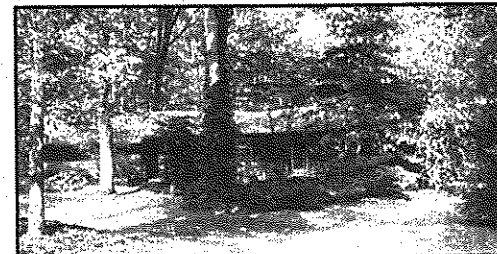
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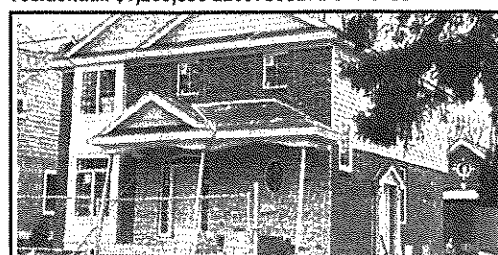
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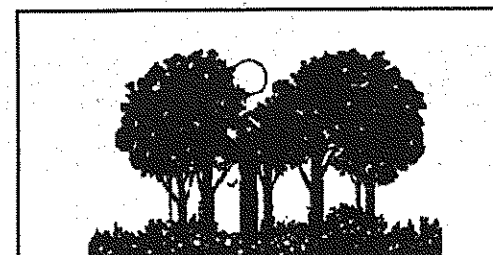
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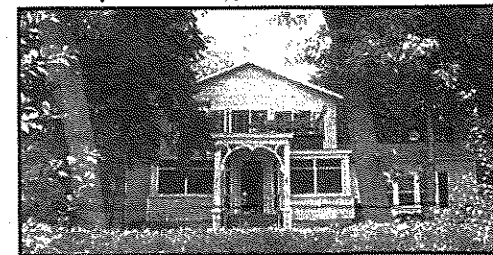
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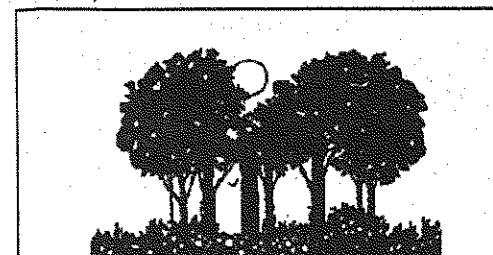
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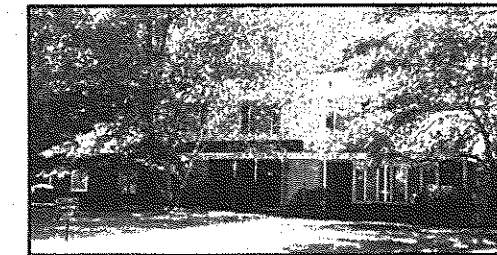
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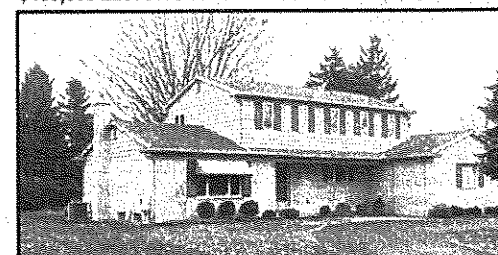
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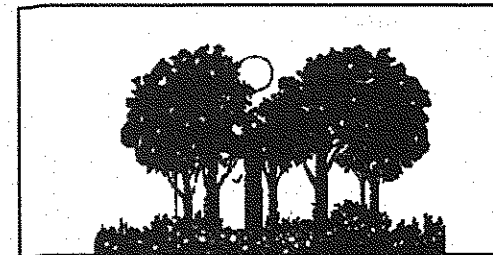
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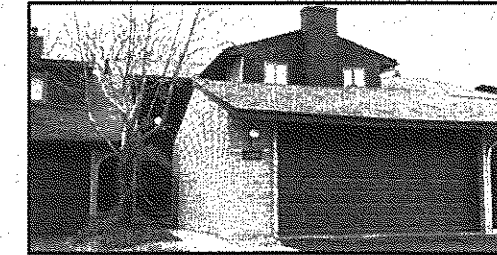
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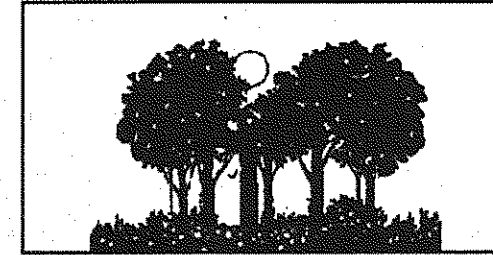
**CLOISTER ON THE LAKE TOWNHOUSE** Spacious condo w/courtyard entry, large rooms, 2-story dining room, FR w/FP, huge MBR suite w/WIC & 2nd BR w/private bath, doorwalls in kitchen, LR & FR, neutral carpet & paint throughout. \$275,000 22107007BOR 626-8700



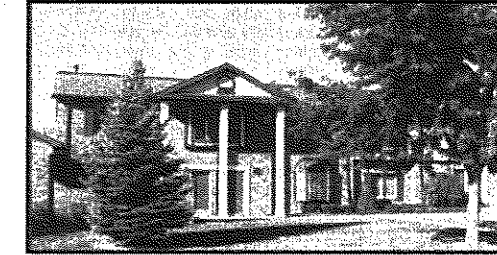
**EXCEPTIONAL!** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath end unit, contemporary ranch condo. First floor laundry, finished lower level. White kitchen, vaulted ceilings, skylights. Includes appliances, pool and tennis courts in desirable West Bloomfield complex. \$205,000 WIL 647-0100



**TERRIFIC TUDOR!** Great curb appeal and within walking distance to downtown Royal Oak. Large, bright rooms and high ceilings. Spacious living room with fireplace. Mostly newer windows and hardwood floors. Newer siding and plumbing. Pretty treed lot. \$209,900 GAR 647-0100



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOUSE!** In the gated community of The Hills of Lone Pine. Pool, tennis courts, putting green, croquet & jogging paths. This is a gorgeous preserve lot. The site will take 6000-10,000 sq. ft., but you can build as small as 2500 sq. ft. \$199,900 22070843WOB 626-8700



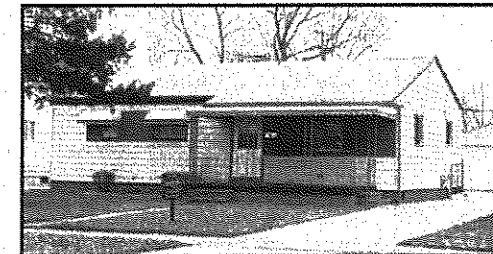
**RARE RANCH STYLE END UNIT!** Full basement and 2 car garage. Immediate occupancy on this 2 bedroom, 2 full bath condominium in Hampton Pines. Freshly painted and neutral throughout, this complex offers a swim club, tennis courts and golf privileges. Move-in condition. \$191,000 LON 647-0100



**ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW** 3 BR's, updated bath, updated kitchen, newer windows, hardwood floors on the main level, full basement & 2 car detached garage. This home is well located near park & schools. \$179,900 22100451KEN 626-8700



**ENTRY LEVEL CONDO!** Two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath spacious condo with tennis court view. Very private, Bloomfield schools. 2 air conditioning units, 2 ceiling fans. Large closets and extra storage in basement. Must see! \$112,900 CON 647-0100



**WARREN RANCH** 3 BR's, 1 bath, LR w/fireplace, hardwood floors under carpet. Many updates including AC, new driveway, new garage door & opener, roof, windows & electrical service. The large fenced yard has a garden w/pond & gas BBQ. \$97,500 WEL 626-8700



**GORGEOUS COLONIAL FOR LEASE** Meticulously maintained home in move-in condition. 4 BR's, 2.5 baths, island kitchen, luxurious master bath w/whirlpool & sep shower, dining room, family room w/fireplace, library & deck. \$3250 /MO. HAL 626-8700





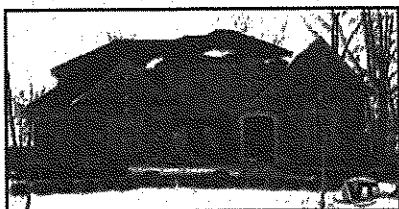


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**NORTHVILLE** \$799,999  
**PRESTIGIOUS GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY!** Spectacular home w/nearly 4,200 SF! GR w/soaring ceiling, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, dual staircase, butlers pantry & custom upgrades t/o. (S7MER2)

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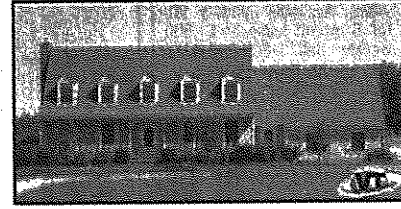
**NORTHVILLE** \$699,900  
**CAPTIVATING QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN!** Inviting wrap around porch welcomes you to this 4 BR, 3 bth, 3-sty home! Hickory hwdw flrs, granite kit, 2-way nat FP, extra deep daylight bsmt, custom details! (03THA2)

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**BELLEVILLE** \$449,900  
**ONE OF A KIND** 2002 new construction. 2000 Sq.Ft., 3.5 bath Ranch w/1300 bonus upstairs. 2 car attached and basement on 1.58 acres. Upgrades list in home. (J441)

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**SOUTH LYON** \$449,900  
**COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE!** Cape Cod w/ 5 acres & pole barn. Spacious 3 BR, 3.5 baths, oak kitchen, above-ground pool, deck, patio, 4-season room w/gas FP & more! (61K-HI2)

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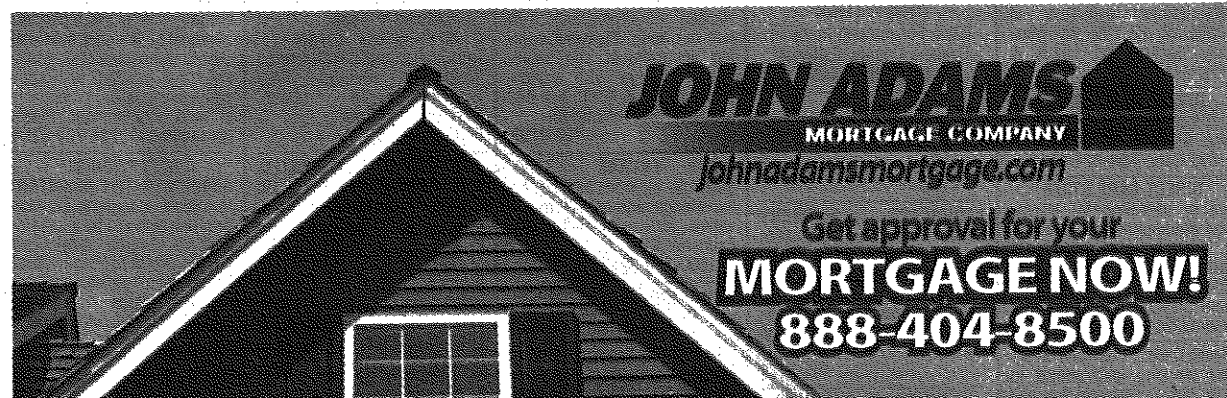
**NORTHVILLE** \$424,900  
**TURN KEY CONDITION! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!** Lg home on lg lot with circular driveway, 4 BR, 2.5 baths, brand new furnace & hwh. Built-in microwave & oven. Near downtown Northville! (00NOR2)

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**SALEM** \$319,000  
**BRICK RANCH!** Nice home on beautiful 8.3 acres with pole barn & 2nd out bldg. Large country kitchen, 2-car side-entry garage, deck & wooded frontage! Must see! (45SIX2)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$317,000  
**SUPER 5 BR NORTHVILLE COLONY HOME!** Updts incl: win, roof, furn, AC/siding. Prof fin bsmt, 2-phone lines, beautiful yard, brick paver patio, close to shopping/x-way. Highly rated Nthville schls! (41POR2)

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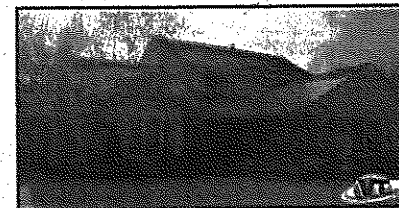
**CANTON** \$299,999  
**STUNNING 2 STORY FOYER** Hardwood floors in entry, hall & kitchen. Interior professionally painted. Main floor laundry. French doors, fireplace & main floor master ste w/WIC. (N471)

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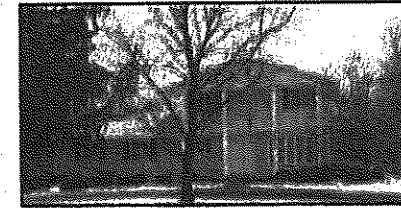
**LIVONIA** \$284,990  
**GREAT COLONIAL IN COVENTRY GARDENS WEST!** 4 BR, 3 full baths, beautiful updt kit w/oak cabinets overlooking FR w/full brick FP & doorwall to patio. Nicely decorated t/o, new windows, roof & flooring. (67ASH2)

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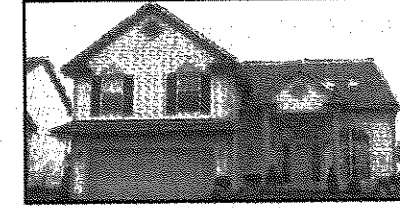
**CANTON** \$274,900  
**BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD!** Nearly 1900 sq ft, 3 br, 3.5 ba, fin bsmt w/2 BR & full ba, 2 car attd gar, deck, GR w/cath clngs & FP, mstr ste on 1st flr w/priv ba, 2nd flr loft poss off den. (S46639)

PC 070632 734-591-9200



**Westland** \$264,900  
**BEAUTY WARMTH VALUE** totally updated home on secluded street on almost 1 acre. 4 bed, 2 bath and 2 lav home has Anderson windows, furnace & air, fireplace, newer shingles & carpet. (G832)

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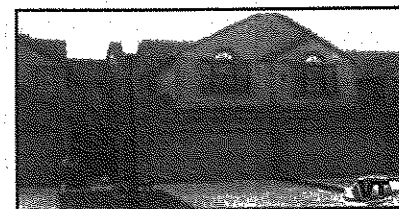
**YPSILANTI** \$229,000  
**NEWER CONTEMPORARY HOME!** Over 2,000 sq ft, 1998 home located in newer sub of Ypsilanti. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths & a fireplace in the master suite. Lot backs up to commons play area! (23C5631)

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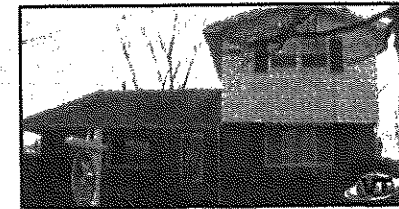
**CANTON** \$217,000  
**BEAUTIFUL QUAD HOME.** Great location, great schools, great price! 4 BR, newer furn, air, air cleaner, wallside wndws, most carpet, hrdwd foyer. Hot tub is negot. Great yard, & bsmt. (H7334)

PC 070692 734-591-9200



**CANTON** \$200,500  
**CONVENIENT LOCATION** Light, airy, 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo, loft overlooks GR w/FP & new carpet, finished bsmt, 2 car attached garage, & more. Over 1500 sq ft! (H45141)

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**LIVONIA** \$199,900  
**4 LEVELS OF ROOM TO ROAM!** Lg mstr ste, 4 BR, some fresh paint & carpet. FR, living rm, DR, 2.5 ba, over 2160 sq ft, beautiful yd: in great area of Livonia. This one will go fast, hurry! (W32031)

PC 070112 734-591-9200



**Canton** \$196,900  
**GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!** Canton colonial in Brookside Village. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath under \$200,000. New furnace, A/C, air cleaner, barrier carpet & paint. Be in for the holidays! (23M455)

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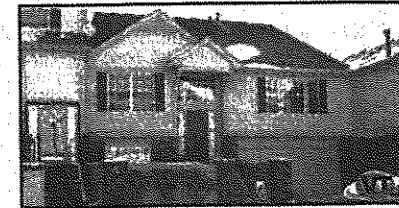
**LIVONIA** \$189,900  
**THIS IS WHAT EVERY BUYER WANTS!** Location! Pool! 1/2 acre lot, master w/full bath, large bedrooms, updates galore. Hurry! (W27995)

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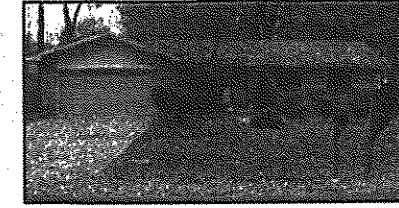
**WESTLAND** \$189,900  
**IT STEALS THE SHOW!** 2 BR, 3 full bath Westland Condo, full finished basement w/3rd bedroom, lots of storage, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached, fireplace, C/A, deck. (F686)

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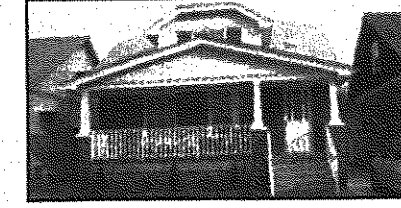
**PLYMOUTH** \$189,500  
**ELEGANT, SPACIOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO!** More than 1700 SF w/2 BR, 2.5 baths, LR w/vaulted ceiling, skylight & light oak kit. Glass enclosed FP w/ceramic surround, Jacuzzi in main bath & vaulted mstr! (83POI2)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$187,900  
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY!** Welcome home to your 3 BR brk ranch bilt in 1989, nestled on quiet foliaged street. Features open flr plan, neutral decor, 2 full BA, FR, 2 car attd, & much more! (W21535)

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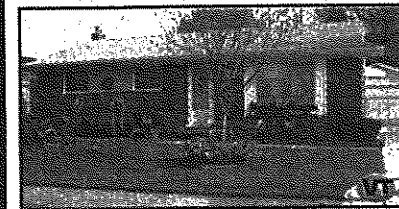
**DEARBORN** \$169,900  
**DEARBORN, 5852 APPOLINE** 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath bungalow. Complete with living room, dining room, finished basement, & full kitchen. Perfect for a large family. Call now! (23A5852)

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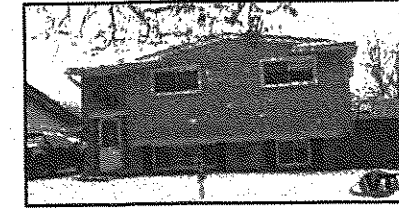
**CANTON** \$169,900  
**WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP** in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, bilt 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more! (H4292)

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**WESTLAND** \$164,900  
**PARTICULAR BUYER ALERT!** Very popular location in Westland on a low traffic winding street. All kinds of updates: garage, driveway, deck, rf, wndws, siding, & much more. Cozy FR off kit. (C33076)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$162,500  
**VERY, VERY CLEAN HOME & NICELY DECORATED!** Ideal family home w/lots of great & unique storage. Farm RM, liv RM, & den all in one home. Kit remodeled w/oak cabs & beautiful flr. Newer windows & furnace. (F291)

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**WESTLAND** \$159,900  
**TONQUISH SUB BEAUTY!** Spacious 3 bedroom Ranch with family room, finished basement & 1 1/2 baths. Move in condition. Updated! Fireplace in family room. Wet bar in basement. (C679)

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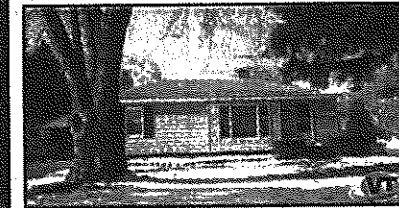
**LIVONIA** \$159,900  
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CUTIE!** 3 BR brick bungalow in great neighborhood w/ Livonia schools. New rf, wndws, driveway, HWH, furn, & more! Gar & fin area in bsmt for entertaining too! Call today! (C11396)

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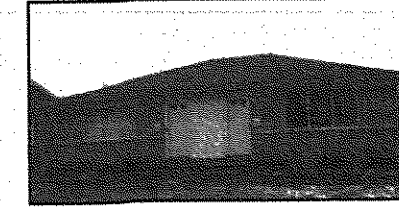
**WESTLAND** \$157,000  
**INVEST NOW** 2 unit condo with 2 BR and private basements. Upgrades. Live in one side. (Other side already rented or rent both!) (A188)

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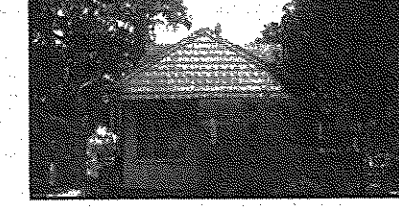
**LIVONIA** \$154,300  
**LOCATED ON STREET w/COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE!** 3 BR Ranch w/new kitchen, cove ceilings, wet plaster, high-efficiency furnace, 2-car garage, fenced yard & 12 mo. home protection plan. Great home for the money! (61MIL2)

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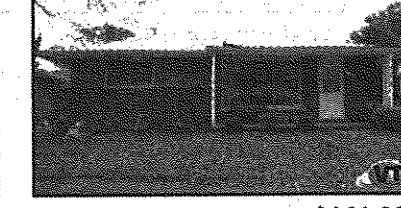
**WESTLAND** \$152,900  
**GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!!** Rent 1, live in 1. Rent both!! Each has 2 bedrooms, basement, appliances, reconditioned approx 2 yrs ago, new furnaces and C/A. Hurry!! Priced to sell. (S246)

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**REDFORD** \$147,900  
**RAINBOWS END** 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Bungalow has the following updates, windows, super kitchen, all baths, C/A, sharp finished basement, 2.5 car gar, deck & newer doors. (F156)

PC 220362 734-326-2000



**REDFORD** \$141,900  
**QUALITY 3 BR, 1.5 BA BRICK RANCH** with finished basement, 2 car garage, fenced & landscaped yd, newer furn & c/a, new roof & carpet. Location, value, & charm! (S14148)

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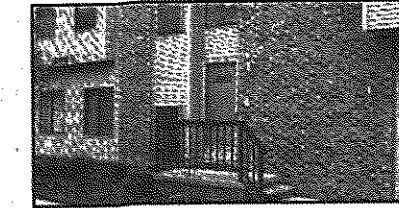
**LIVONIA** \$134,900  
**GOOD VALUE** Good condition, good location. Clean as a whistle and immediate occupancy. 3 BR, 2 car garage, c/a. (R20151)

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**LIVONIA** \$130,000  
**YOU WILL NOT FIND A BETTER VALUE** in Livonia today - brick, 2 BR, 1.5 BA ranch with finished bsmt, new roof & windows, plumbing, & electric all updated - move in condition. (C9502)

PC 070582 734-591-9200



**CANTON** \$128,000  
**DESIRABLE CONDO!** Upper ranch end condo in excellent condition! Prof painted in '02, newer carpet freshly cleaned. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, cozy kit, balcony & more. Appl remain. (23L42549)

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**REDFORD** \$114,000  
**VERY SHARP 3 BR, 2 FULL BATH HOME!** Impeccably maintained w/beautiful refinished hwdw flrs. Includes: stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer & microwave! (09FIV2)

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**TAYLOR** \$99,900  
**INVESTORS TAKE NOTE!** Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR, 1 bth Ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage. New furnace in apt/HWH in house in 2002. Lg yard! (62MAY2)

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**DETROIT** \$62,900  
**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!** Great rental property or starter home! New roof, siding, wndws, HWH & furnace. Brand new kit, carpet, int/ext doors, updated bath, fresh paint. Don't miss out! (23S8891)

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**NORTHVILLE**  
**ELEGANCE & CHARM OF A BYGONE ERA** is enhanced w/every amenity available in new homes! 3 BR, 3.5 baths, hwdw flrs, LR w/lead-glass bookcases. Gourmet kit w/granite isl. Mstr ste w/FP/luxury spal! (63THA2)

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**NOVI**  
**WELL MAINTAINED HOME ON PRIVATE LOT!** Charming Traditional loaded with updates. New roof, windows, baths, carpet & much more. Situated on a very private lot! A winner! (40GRE2)

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**LIVONIA**  
**COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY!** Wooded 1/2 acre homesite, 3 BR, 2 BA, 3 car garage w/workshop. Many updates, newer rf & gutters, vinyl siding, skylights, appliances, plumb, HWH, & more. (F15007)

\$212,500

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**LIVONIA**  
**NO TIME TO WAIT!** This cute 1276 sq ft 3 BR ranch is located on a lg lot. Offering updates including a new furnace, hwh, vinyl wndws, bath, & more! (L20435)

\$119,900

PC 07003

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**WESTLAND** Remodeled 4 bedroom ranch, attached garage. Immediate occupancy, option to buy. \$750. 248-788-1823

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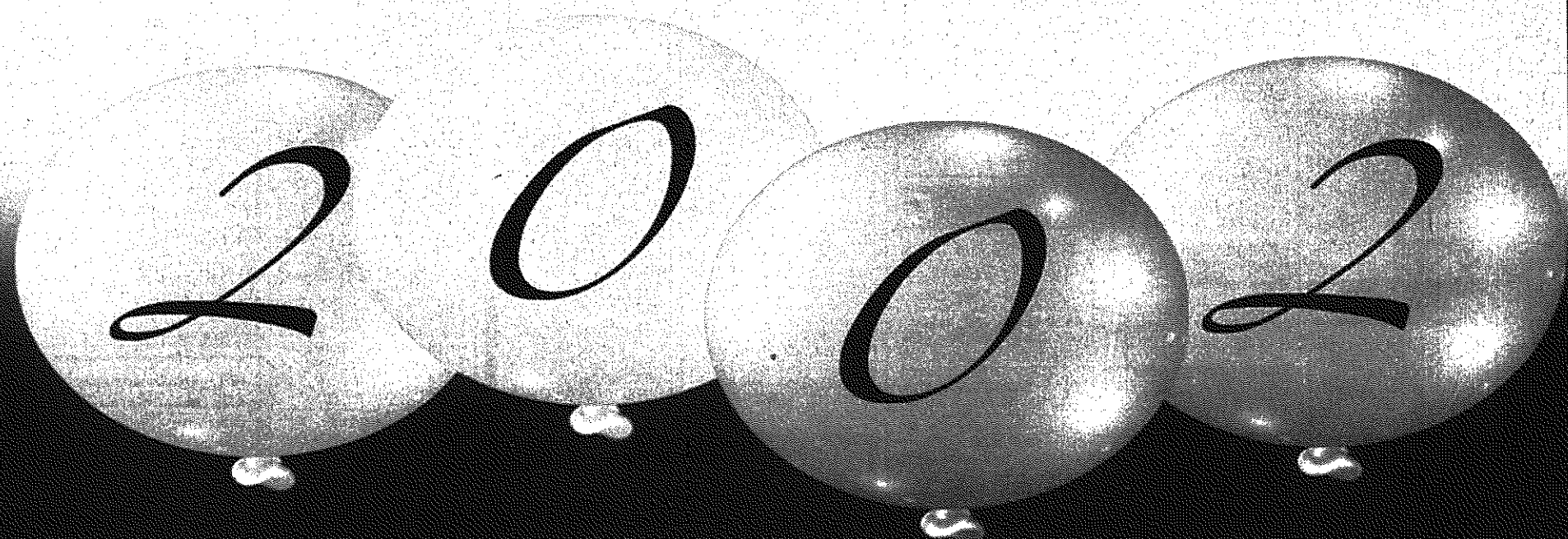
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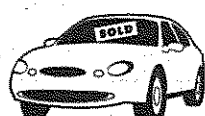
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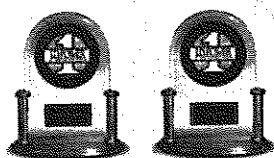
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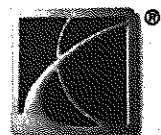


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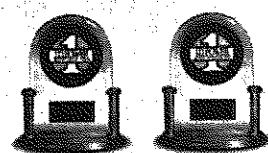
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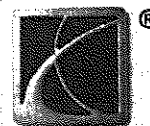


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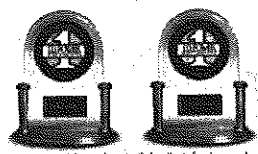
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**\$252<sup>†</sup>**/month for 39 months  
\$252 due at lease signing  
(No security deposit required.  
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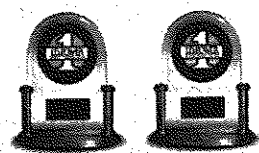
**\$209<sup>†</sup>**/month for 39 months  
\$209 due at lease signing  
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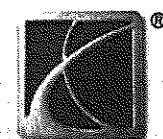


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