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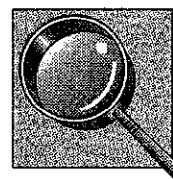
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Seniors: Phone glitch a hang-up



Residents in Holiday Mobile Home Park are at odds with Ameritech over recent service problems. On recent days, telephones have been out in half the park. Repairs were slow in coming until local officials got involved.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Royal Holiday Mobile Home Park residents in Canton were shocked to

learn they might be without telephone service for as long as six weeks.

That's what they were told by Ameritech Sept. 7 when phone service was out for half the park, which is designated only for people ages 55 and

older. Oct. 20 was given as the date when repairs would be completed.

The Royal Holiday residents weren't alone in their dissatisfaction with Ameritech service. The Michigan Public Service Commission, an agency within the state Department of Consumer and Industry Services, received about 2,000 Ameritech customer complaints in August alone.

Even one day is too long to go without phone service in a senior communi-

ty, said resident Dolores Musser, who is also president of the park's association.

"We've got some sick people in here," Musser said. "An ambulance comes in here about two to three times a day. We just couldn't believe they would tell us this long of a time."

"We have some people who can't get out of their homes and don't have the

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Families spend a healthy afternoon at Oakwood



STAFF PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Health fair: Deanna Lee, 8, tosses a ball toward the dunk tank Saturday at the Oakwood Healthcare Center children's fair. The annual health fair and "Teddy Bear Clinic" at Oakwood's Canton facility drew area families for an afternoon of outdoor, health-related activities. At right, flight nurse Kris Nelson gives a display of the University of Michigan emergency air lift chopper to a young boy and his father.



Edgemont now open; 2nd school under way

VAN BUREN

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One new elementary building and another under construction are just a couple examples of how a \$16 million sinking fund approved by Van Buren School District voters in 1998 is being used by the district.

A grand opening is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Edgemont, 125 S. Edgemont in Belleville, which was recently completed. Students, parents, administrators and contractors will be on hand and visitors will be able to take tours of the new Edgemont Elementary building.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at Rawsonville Elementary, 3110 S. Grove in Ypsilanti Township. Rawsonville's new building, located directly behind the present building, is under construction and slated to open in the 2001-02 school year. The board of education meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the food service building at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia.

The public is invited to attend both events.

Van Buren Superintendent Larry

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Yack: Building authority dispute can be resolved

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
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Township officials and former building authority members still haven't discussed a misunderstanding that prompted all three board members to resign.

"We hope to meet this week or next

week," said township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Earlier this month, all three Canton Township Building Authority board members resigned in response to confusion and controversy over a bond issue.

Yack said he was stunned by the res-

ignations and promised he'd try to convince the former board members to reconsider.

Vacations and off-site meetings have prevented all interested entities from gathering to discuss the issue.

On Aug. 28, the township issued \$6 million in bonds to finance expansions

at township-owned Pheasant Run Golf Course and Summit on the Park Community Center.

Building authority board member Jim Kearney said he and fellow members Ken Long and Robert Malek resigned because township officials

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Rainfall a setback at Starkweather

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Recent heavy rains and downpours have wreaked havoc on Starkweather Educational Center in Plymouth.

Just as repair crews were near completion on a \$219,000 roofing project, storms surfaced and water leaked into the building, causing damage to at least half of the 13 classrooms.

"At first we thought it was a plugged downspout, but then found out it was water leaking through porous mortar," said Laura Hagan, facilities construction manager for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "The new asphalt roof with copper gutters and downspouts should be completed late this week."

"I'm actually hoping it will rain," added Hagan. "It's the only way to tell, for certain, the problem has been fixed."

Starkweather Education Center coordinator Carol Saunders reported the damage on Sunday, Sept. 10, when she went into the office.

"Ceiling tiles were falling, and some of the leaks were going from the second to the first floor," said Saunders.

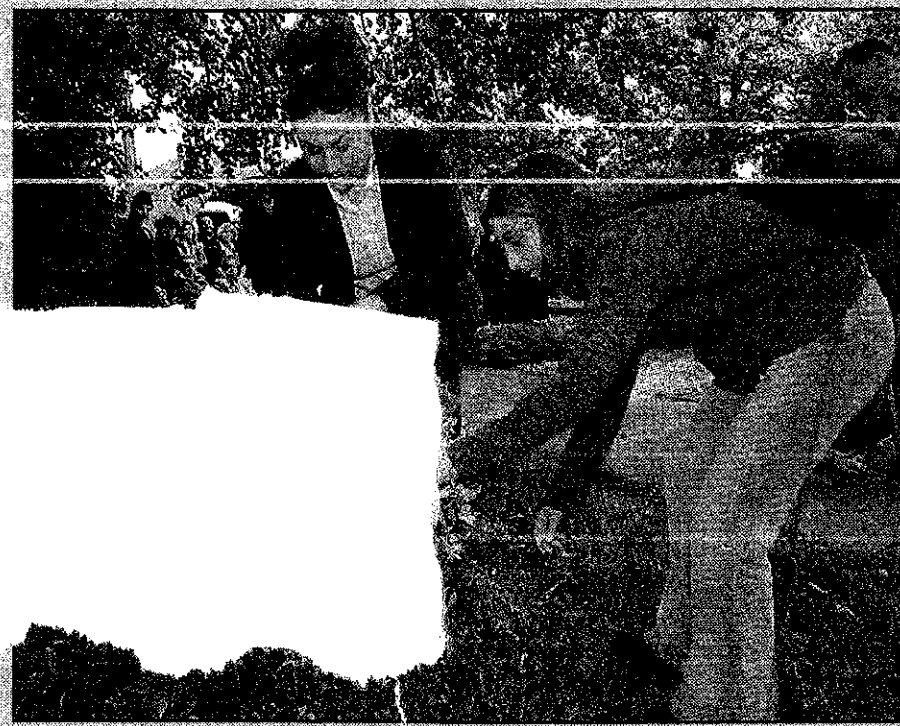
Saunders said Room 201, which houses the medical ass sustained the most damage. The room was soaked, ceiling and teaching materials room will be out of c about two weeks for ren

"Along with the tile, ings, we had books, ma overhead projector dam the rain," said Saunders. the carpets and repair we know we have all stopped."

Saunders said none of the s classes were canceled because of the problem. However, some have been moved to alternative rooms. Child care was canceled one day until the room was cleaned and sanitized.

Hagan said all costs from the damage will be paid by the contractor, Christen Detroit. She estimates it to be in the range of \$10,000.

Remembering a war hero



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

At ceremony: Jessica Teran (left) and sister Christina of Canton place a wreath on their uncle Tom Teran's grave near Westland City Hall as part of a POW-MIA ceremony Friday afternoon. A story on the ceremony is on Page A3 of today's Observer.

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Former Red Wing co-hosts benefit for Canton couple

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Former Detroit Red Wing Shawn Burr and Jamie Samuelson, host of the morning show on sports-talk WDFN-AM 1130, will be among the personalities at a hockey memorabilia charity auction planned to help out a Canton couple left homeless from an Aug. 7 explosion.

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, in conjunction with Jim Reed, a Canton sports memorabilia dealer, is sponsoring a sports memorabilia auction 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Damon's on Ford Road.

The auction will feature hockey memorabilia autographed by former Detroit Red Wing Gordie Howe, former New York Ranger Wayne Gretzky and Bobby Orr, formerly of the Boston Bruins, as well as a multitude of other hockey players and sports stars.

■ The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation in conjunction a local sports memorabilia dealer will sponsor the auction 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28, at Damon's on Ford Road.

Reed said Burr was happy to help out — on one condition.

"All you've got to do is buy me ribs," Reed said of a comment made by Burr, who lives in the St. Clair Shores area.

Pre-registration for the auction is required and can be done anytime from 6-8. Each person who registers will receive a bidder number upon registering.

Burr will be signing autographs for \$5 from 6 to 7 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Canton Firefighters, and will be distributed to Rick and Lorraine Carell.

The auction preview is set for 7 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 p.m. WDFN's Samuelson will be the guest auctioneer.

The Carells, who lived on Wedgewood, were left without a home, all their belongings and vehicles following the explosion. Rick is out of the hospital and recovering, but Lorraine remains hospitalized in University of Michigan Hospital where she has begun physical therapy. She is continuing to recover.

For more information about the auction or to inquire about donating, call Jim Reed at (734) 981-3329 or Capt. Jim Davison of the Canton Fire Department at (734) 398-5262. All donations to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation are tax deductible. Proceeds from the auction will be distributed to the Carells. For more information about Jim Reed's sports memorabilia business, visit www.HockeyAuthentic.com on the Internet.

Man terrorizes clerk, faces weapons charge

A man of undisclosed age and residency was arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon around 1:30 a.m. Monday following a reported incident at an Amoco station, 45455 Michigan Ave.

A police report stated the tall white male with a shaved head, who wore a black vest and black pants, showed a silver knife to the Amoco clerk and asked about what knives Amoco had for sale.

The man then asked the clerk if he could use the phone and if the clerk could dial the number for him. After the clerk said no, the man attempted to remove the bulletproof glass surrounding the cash registers and tried to enter the door of the enclosed area by asking the clerk to open the door. The clerk told police the man threatened to shoot him and showed him two knives he was carrying. He cut an "x" into the bulletproof glass.

After the clerk told the man he was calling police he fled the scene. He was pulled over by Van Buren police a short time later on southbound Belleville Road. Two 3-1/2-inch Kershaw knives were confiscated and kept as evidence. The man had a prior drunken driving conviction out of Crawford County.

Alcohol violations

A 42-year-old Belleville man

COP CALLS

was cited for operating under the influence of liquor just before midnight Sunday, Sept. 17, on westbound Michigan near Sheldon. Police performed field sobriety tests and a breath test, which showed a .21 blood alcohol level, exceeding Michigan's legal limit of .10.

A 21-year-old Westland man was cited for operating under the influence of liquor 3:17 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, on northbound Canton Center north of Palmer. Police performed field sobriety tests and a breath test, which showed a .12 blood alcohol level.

A 19-year-old Belleville man was cited for possessing an open container of alcohol in an automobile 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, in the 51000 block of Mott. Police recovered a half full open 40-ounce bottle of beer from the vehicle.

Larcenies

Someone reportedly damaged a front vent window, causing \$50 damage and removed a \$30 briefcase and \$100 duffel bag with clothing inside from a vehicle parked in the 45000 block of Michigan sometime before 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Police have no suspects.

A radar detector valued at \$175 was reportedly taken from a vehicle parked near Saxony and Emerson sometime before Sunday, Sept. 17. Entry was gained through a broken driver's window, which sustained an estimated \$100 damage. Police have no suspects.

Drug arrest

An 18-year-old Inkster man was arrested for violating the public health code by possessing marijuana Saturday, Sept. 16, near Haggerty and Ayrshire. Police searched the man's vehicle after detecting the smell of burning marijuana and recovered two roaches and a loose piece of marijuana, totaling about .2 grams.

Bike taken

Someone reportedly made off with a \$1,750 10-speed bicycle after being given permission to test ride it at Planet Cycle, 6074 N. Sheldon at around 4:10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Attempts to stop the man through a vehicle chase were unsuccessful. A store employee told police the approximately 5-foot-8-inch tall white male appeared to be in his 30s. A backpack containing menthol cigarettes and a checked shirt was found near the scene and was presumed to belong to the man.

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Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

STUDY ABROAD

Aleksandr Kokoszka of Ply-

mouth, a junior, was one of 43 Kalamazoo College students departing to study abroad this summer. She will study in Wollongong, Australia, until February 2001.

This year marks the 41st anniversary of the study abroad program. Kokoszka is a graduate of the University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

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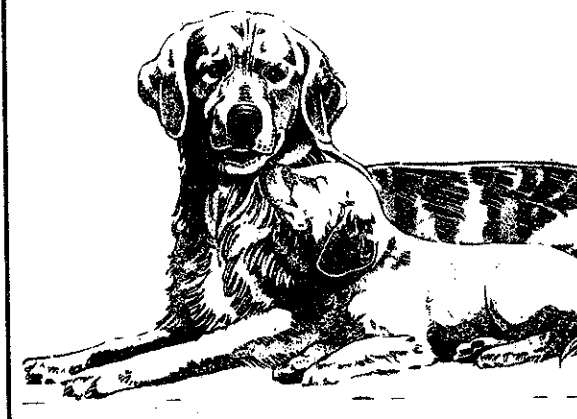
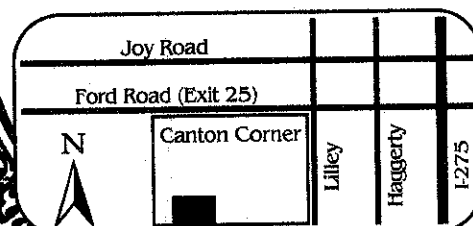
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Showstoppers: Laura Jaeger (left) and Carol Anne Campbell dance in front of the technology transporter.

Defending champs

P-CEP Marching Band takes top honors in Novi competition

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The national champion Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band started out where it left off last November — making a clean sweep of the Flight I first-place trophy along with all Flight I caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect at the season opener on Sept. 16.

Fanfare 2000, held at Novi High School, set the stage for P-CEP's first competition performance of this year's show, *Reflections: On Obsessions*, a musical and dramatic commentary on society's obsessions with appearances and technology.

It was also the first competition for freshman clarinetist Jasmine Walker. "It was fun and I think we did pretty good overall," she said. "We put in a lot of hours of practice last week. It was hard, but it paid off."

No question about that. The Plymouth-Canton marchers achieved the highest score — 76.35 — of all 20 competing bands in all four flights for their early season performance.

"It's the start of a new season, and we have a long way to go," said tenor saxophone player Pat Moran. A member of last year's championship band, Moran sized up the first performance. "The hard thing for me now is remembering how great we were last year and thinking of how far we have to go to get there again."

They are certainly well on their way even though the show



On the field: The band runs through its show at Saturday's first competitive event of the year.

is far from complete.

"The show doesn't get any easier," said P-CEP band director David McGrath. "We are marching 90 drill charts already and that's as many as we had total at nationals last year. This year the total will be 130 when completed."

And Moran is certain they can pull it off. "We have a great staff again this year," he said. "I think the band is even more committed this year. It seems that everyone is focused a lot more because we have to up the standards a notch from last year."

It helps that this year's performers are a more mature group. "This is the first year that we have more juniors and

seniors than freshmen and sophomores since I have been here," said McGrath, who begins his sixth year at the Park.

"It is an older band and that ups the learning curve a bit. The show was hard enough last year and they were able to handle the tempos. We are marching at tempos that we usually don't achieve until mid-season."

Another big plus, according to McGrath, is this year's incoming freshmen. "They are a very talented group this year," he said. "It is certainly ... the strongest freshman class since I have been here."

Of his entire band, McGrath said, "I couldn't be more proud of them. They're doing exactly everything I could ask."

Ceremony pays tribute to American POW/MIA

BY PATRICIA RICHARDS
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"Freedom is not free. Freedom is not cheap," said state Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, one of the many speakers at the annual POW/MIA Day memorial ceremony this past Friday, hosted by Bova VFW and Vietnam Veterans of America, Westland Chapter No. 387. The event, held in front of Westland City Hall, was a solemn reminder of those who have served in the armed forces and are still unaccounted for.

The ceremony began with an invocation, calling Americans not to forget those still missing in action, as the flags were lowered to half-staff. Honored guests, the Teran family, whose son Tom is Westland's only POW/MIA, were present, along with Westland City Council members Sandra Cicirelli, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Richard LeBlanc, Glenn Anderson and David Cox.

Judge Gail McKnight, also present, thanked families and the men and women who have

■ Eighty-eight thousand Americans remain unaccounted for from all wars.

served. "Every week while Tom Teran was in Vietnam, he got a package from his mom with food and supplies for a Vietnamese family near where Tom was stationed," said McKnight.

Prayers and best wishes were sent from the offices of Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, and state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, who were unable to attend.

"We are here to continue to speak for every veteran who has never come home from World War II, Vietnam, Korea, and the list goes on. I encourage you to continue writing your representatives in Washington, D.C., to put more pressure on the governments of Russia, Korea, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to send our comrades home. Until such

time, they will always be remembered in our hearts," said Chris Belmont, commander, Bova VFW.

Two memorial wreaths were placed near the Veterans Memorial — the first, by the nieces of Tom Teran, and the second by Karen Latta and Tammy Foster of Bova VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The Churchill/Stevenson ROTC ended the ceremony by reading the names of each POW/MIA from the state of Michigan. A black balloon was released for each name called, followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps. A closing prayer reminded all present not to give up hope for those missing in action.

Eighty-eight thousand Americans remain unaccounted for from all wars. Of the 33,000 soldiers lost in Korea, 8,000 are still missing. A total of 58,000 Americans died in the jungles of Vietnam.

Sandra Cicirelli urged the people of Westland to "keep these soldiers and families in our prayers."



Did you know?

- A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened?
- Nearly 93 million Americans use cell phones?
- H.G. Wells' and Stephen King's birthdays are Sept. 21?
- Congress created the post office in 1789?
- The first Major League Baseball double header was played on Sept. 25, 1882?
- It took Leonardo da Vinci four years to paint the Mona Lisa?

Web Watch

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 - www.woodnet.com
 - www.enature.com
 - www.researchbuzz.com
 - www.library.dol.gov

Sports and the arts

- Here are some biographies for young readers available at the library:
- *Baryshnikov: A Most Spectacular Dancer* by Saul Goodman
 - *Bicycle Rider* by Mary Scioscia
 - *Joe Louis* by Robert E. Jakobek
 - *Perfect Balance: The Story of*

an Elite Gymnast by Lynn Haney

■ *Kyle Rote, Jr.: American-born Soccer Star* by Edward Dolan

Q&A

Q: When was the first ice cream cone used?

A: Italo Marchiony emigrated from Italy in the late 1800s and soon went into business in New York, with a pushcart dispensing lemon ice. Success soon led to a small fleet of pushcarts, and the inventive Marchiony was inspired to develop a cone to hold the tasty ice. The first was made of paper and later of pastry. On Sept. 22, 1903, his application for a patent for his new mold was filed and U.S. Patent No. 746971 was issued to him on Dec. 15, 1903.

Source: *Chase's 2000 Calendar of Events*

Library construction update

Visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.cantonpl.org

Books on tape

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

- *Cold Case* by Stephen White
- *The Fuhrer's Reserve* by Paul Lindsay
- *Moses: A Life* by Jonathan Kirsch
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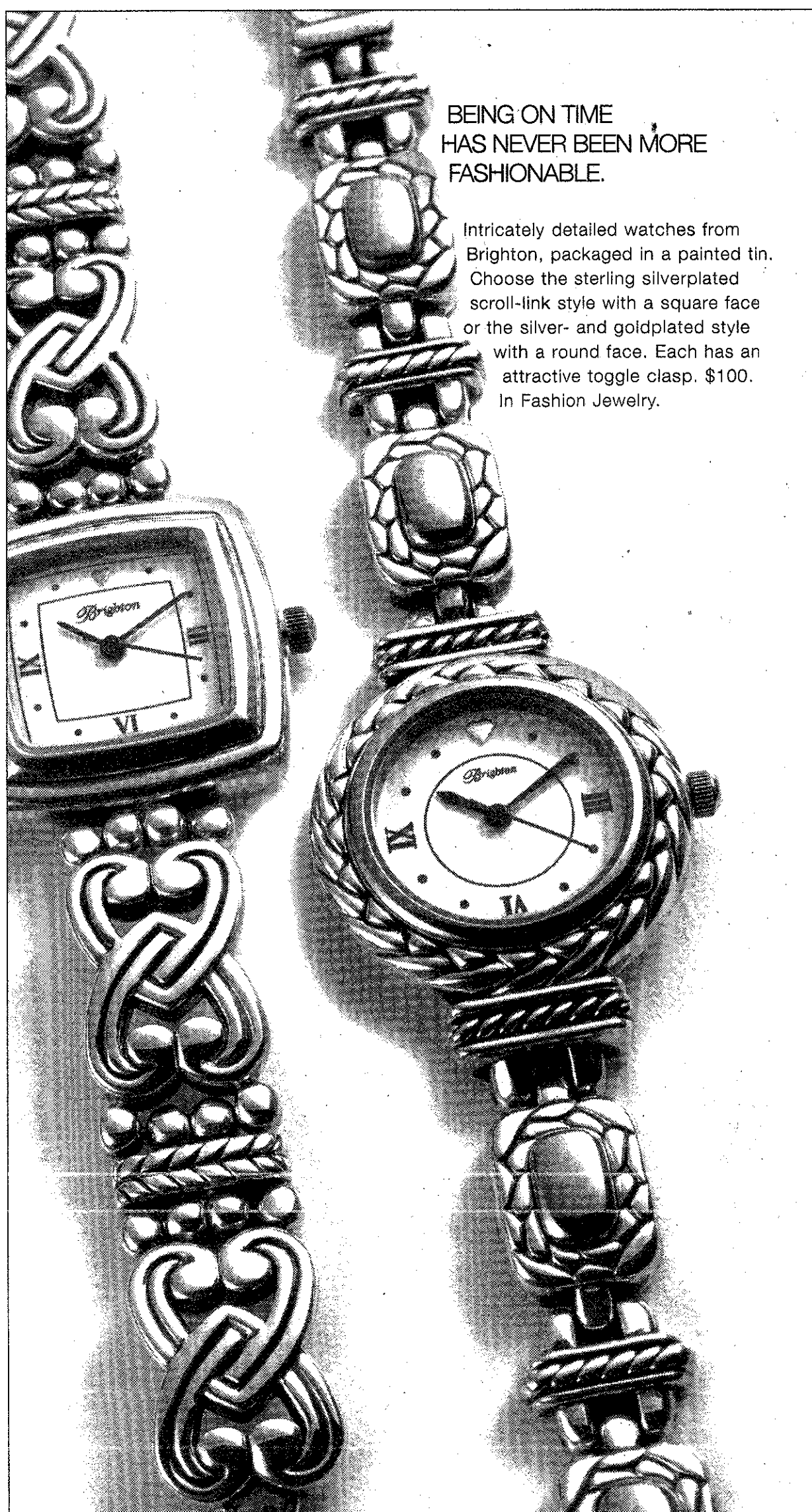
Here are some new selections available from the library:

- *Excalibur*
- *Galaxy Quest*
- *The Insider*
- *The Iron Giant*

Hot topic of the week

Children's Library Tile Design Contest! The Canton Public Library and Canton Project Arts are sponsoring a contest from which 150 drawings will be chosen and made into tiles to be displayed in the new children's reading nook. If you are a Canton resident, and in grades 1-5, stop by the Information Desk in the Children's Library for an official tile design entry form. Children whose designs are chosen will draw and paint their design on a tile. These tiles will then be fired, glazed and installed in the library and the name and age of each artist will be printed on each tile. Tile designs will be judged on creativity, artistic skill, use of space and how well they illustrate the "favorite animal" theme. All entry forms must be returned to the library by Saturday, Sept. 30, by 5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Children's Library at (734) 397-0999.

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means to get to (another phone)," she said.

Some of the residents have cell phones, and some others received some on loan from family members to use while the ground lines were out.

It turns out the repairs were completed within two days. Musser said she believes the swift service was due to the residents' diligence in making their complaints heard. They contacted television news stations, Canton police and fire departments and even Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Robert Jones, director of external affairs for Ameritech, said he reviewed the reports regarding the phone service outage at the park but was unable to find the cause.

"There's no indication in there about what caused the problem," Jones said.

Resident Mary Dunning said

■ **'There's no indication in there about what caused the problem.'**

—Robert Jones,
Ameritech spokesman

phone service is worth fighting for, but not all residents can fight equally. A 97-year-old neighbor has lived across the street for five years, but Dunning said she's only seen her three times.

"The phones are our contact with the outside world," she said. "I know a lot of people who get very nervous with no telephone service and no (electric) service. Some of us still remember the (Great) Depression and have learned to cope."

Results of PSC inquiry

On Aug. 17, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an inquiry into Ameritech Michigan's quality of service, directing the company to file a detailed business plan identifying its plan to increase service standards.

Ameritech Michigan's resulting report said several factors contributed to the company's current repair problems, including:

- Substantial loss of network service employees because of voluntary retirements and resignations last year.
- Unprecedented economic growth. A low unemployment rate has made it difficult to hire new technical employees necessary to execute repairs.
- Bad weather. Increased precipitation from April through July led to more service calls and it's difficult for technicians to repair lines in foul weather.
- Unprecedented growth and increased demand for new services. In recent years, the Federal Communications Commission added four new area codes in the state and plans to add five more in the near future.

The solution

To fix these problems, the report said the company:

- hired 373 new network services employees and will hire 442 more by the end of March 2001;
- plans to add 130 repair agents to call centers servicing Michigan;
- will create a Presidential Service Quality Team to review business plan implementation and its impact on service quality.

—Tracey Birkenhauer

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Tabor said students are going to be the primary beneficiaries of the new construction. Edgemont was built in 1956 and Rawsonville was built in 1954. The cost of building new was estimated to be 20 percent higher than rehabilitating the buildings.

Students at both schools had to meander through a series of portable classrooms, which disrupted the education process.

Edgemont Principal Barbara Faler said there has been a dramatic difference with the new building.

"It's nice to be able to have children in a classroom that's self-contained to they can fully concentrate and work on their studies," Faler said.

The space crunch in the old building meant teachers were using every available space for instruction — even hallways and spaces not much bigger than closets.

"The kids are very thankful to have the (new) building," Faler said.

Tabor said the new buildings will be wired for Internet access as well, providing another benefit to students.

"(The new buildings) are going to provide them with facilities that more adequately address the issues of the 21st century," Tabor said.

Van Buren School District vot-

■ **'It's nice to be able to have children in a classroom that's self-contained to they can fully concentrate and work on their studies.'**

—Barbara Faler,
Edgemont principal

ers approved a \$16 million sinking fund in June 1998 by a 3,255-2,972 vote. The approval came on the heels of two failed attempts — a \$16 million sinking fund defeated by two votes in February 1998 and a \$40 million bond proposal defeated in June 1996.

A sinking fund differs from a bond issue in that financing for individual projects is obtained as they are ready to start construction, rather than up-front. The result is a lower millage rate for district taxpayers.

Other projects for which the sinking fund has been used include the construction of a music addition at Belleville High School and the building of a media center and multi-purpose room at Elwell and Haggerty elementary schools.

Future plans for the sinking fund include upgrading fresh air exchange systems at all schools to improve air quality, Tabor said.

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didn't keep them properly informed. He said they thought the bond was for \$5 million, not \$6 million. They were unsure what the bonds would fund and how the township would repay them.

"The million extra dollars was like the straw that broke the camel's back," Kearney said. "I'm sure those nine holes won't bring in \$6 million to pay this back. I know it will end up coming out of the general fund."

Kearney said Yack contacted him shortly after his resignation and wanted to talk about the issues. He later received an e-mail from Yack about a meeting.

"Apparently, he had some lawyers and some other people who wanted to talk to us," Kearney said. "I have heard nothing else."

Yack said this is simply a misunderstanding. He said the board members didn't understand their roles, possibly because township administrators did a poor job conveying their statutory responsibilities.

Over the years, he said, the board has been given more authority, or implied authority, than it actually has by statute. Finance Director Tony Minghine said the board received detailed spending schedules, as a courtesy, with past bond issues. They did not receive the details this time.

"In the past, they told us where the money was coming from, how the bonds would be paid back and they detailed it to the dime," Kearney explained. "The toughest part has been

■ **'I'm sorry to see things going the way they're going. Still, I don't have any animosity.'**

—Jim Kearney,
former authority member

dealing with the township board."

Kearney said the building authority deals mostly with the finance department. The township board appoints the building authority board, but the building authority acts on behalf of bond holders. Kearney sat on the board for 22 years, which meets quarterly.

"I think they felt they were perfunctory in their duties," Yack said. "By statute, they sort of are. In this case, one member questioned why it was a \$6 million bond. The size and elements of the bond issue are the responsibility of the township board, not the building authority."

Township board member Melissa McLaughlin said she doesn't have much interaction with the board. Nevertheless, she'd like to see the issue settled.

"I think it's fairly unusual, in Canton, for something like this to happen," she said. "Things generally run pretty smoothly. Maybe it's a case where they need a clarification of roles and responsibilities and these kinds of things. It might be a communication snafu."

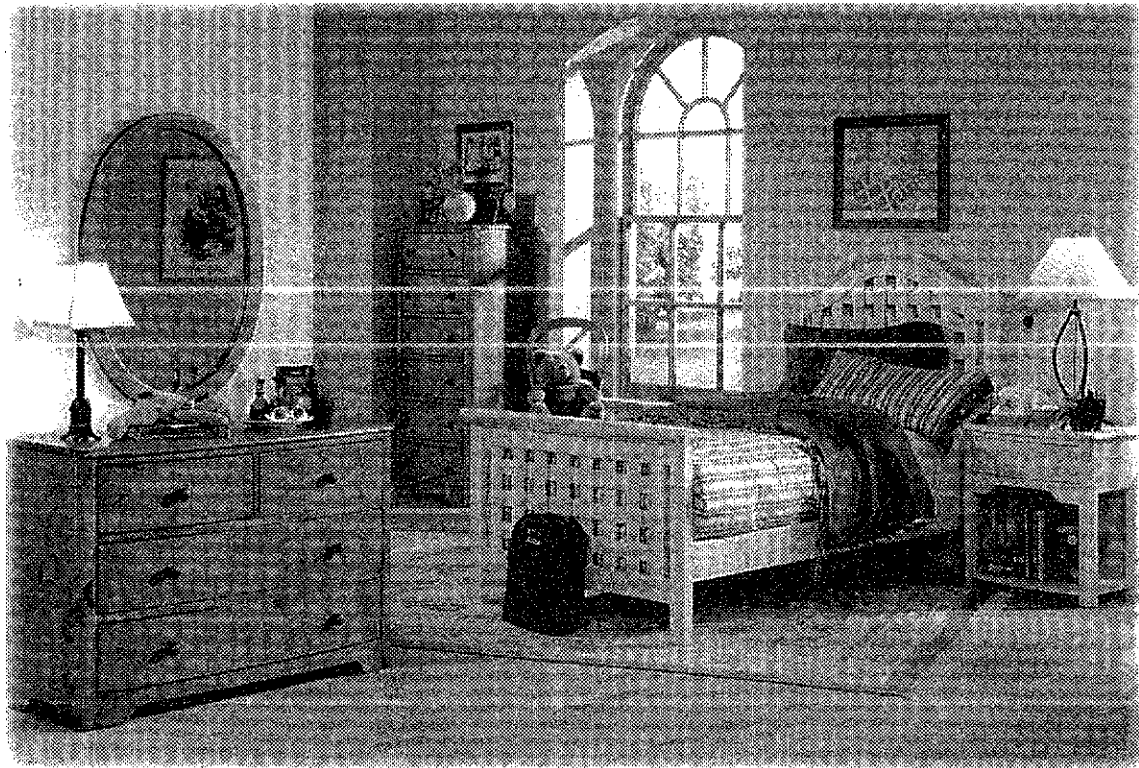
If the former building authority members won't reconsider their resignations, Yack said the township won't replace them immediately.

He hopes there will be no vacancies to fill.

Kearney said there will be at least one.

"As far as I'm concerned, the township needs to find three new rubber stamps," he said. Kearney said he won't reconsider.

"I'm sorry to see this happen," he said. "I'm sorry to see things going the way they're going. Still, I don't have any animosity."



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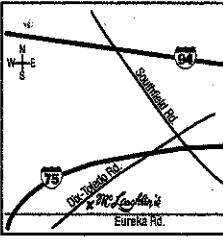
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Former Adams principal sentenced in fraud

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Formerly acclaimed Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders received a one-day jail term and no probation when she was sentenced Tuesday for embezzling school money.

Sanders, 52, walked free from Wayne County Circuit Judge Kim Worthy's courtroom after receiving credit for one day in jail, even though police said she never served any time.

"I'm beyond being surprised at what some of the judges do," Westland Police Chief Emery Price said. "I can't explain it."

Worthy noted that Sanders has repaid \$8,000 to the Wayne-Westland school district, resigned her \$88,000 post and suffered irreparable harm to her once-stellar career.

Sanders pleaded no contest Aug. 11 to a single embezzling charge. She had earlier faced a possible 10-year prison term amid 15 criminal charges.

Sanders, now working as a Hudson's sales clerk, resigned as Adams principal in May after she was accused of embezzling school money during an 18-month period starting Jan. 8, 1998.

"I would say simply that this is truly an isolated, unfortunate incident and that there's really no need for probation," Jim Netter, longtime western Wayne County NAACP activist, said. "This whole matter came forth out of her efforts to deal with children in the school system. She's retired (as an educator) now, and it's unlikely that she'll ever find herself in that situation again."

"I think it was a wise sentence," Netter said. "She has suffered irreparable harm in terms of prestige and reputation — something that's priceless."

Sanders quit her job in May amid accusations that she took money from student fund-raisers

and other internal school accounts. She has declined to discuss the case.

"I'm glad this case is over. I truly am," Chief Price said Tuesday. "I always had a lot of respect for her. Obviously, I wish what happened had never happened."

Price commended the work of Sgt. James Dexter and other investigators who pieced together a 200-page report on the Sanders case.

"We did our job," Price said. Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

said in August that he considered the matter "over" after Sanders repaid the district's money.

Few details about Sanders' embezzling activities emerged in court, but it was revealed during one proceeding that she improperly paid for flowers for someone and that she used school money to pay for tickets to a YMCA banquet.

Even Worthy said Sanders

didn't use the money in harmful ways, although the judge criticized the taking of school funds meant for students.

Sanders was a 30-year district employee and seven-year principal who had gained accolades from educators, students, parents, and police and court officials, who praised her for starting a Law Day program at her middle school.

She also was in charge of the

school at a time when students made landmark improvements in their scores on Michigan Education Assessment Program tests.

Sanders became one of the first guests on the city of Westland's cable program, "People Worth Watching."

Even Price conceded that it was difficult for his department to investigate an educator so highly regarded in the community.

Still, he said the probe spanned hundreds of hours and was laid out in a 200-page report

turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which approved the embezzling charges.

Sanders' decision to plead no contest to a single embezzling charge prompted authorities to drop 14 other counts and bring a swift resolution to the case.

"It's my hope that she can somehow start anew and go on with her life and continue to help children in some way," Netter said.

"I'd hate to see all of her training and experience go to waste."

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Robber grabs cash from Ford Road supermarket

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A lone bandit robbed a Westland grocery store late Saturday, escaping with hundreds of dollars, and a police officer apologized after detaining the wrong suspect during a traffic stop.

The incident started at 11:53 p.m. Saturday when a man inside the Farmer Jack on Ford Road near Wildwood grabbed several hundred dollars from a cash register drawer while standing in line, a police report said.

The bandit motioned the worker to remain quiet, and police

said the employee, fearing for his life, followed orders and turned over the money to a suspect described as a 6-foot black male in his 30s, weighing about 175 pounds and sporting a shaved head and goatee.

The worker said the man wore a brown shirt and pants, and a gold chain around his neck.

Meanwhile, a police officer patrolling on Warren near Meriman saw a 1987 Chevy Monte Carlo pass by, driven by a black male wearing a brown shirt. The officer said the man pulled into a muffler shop lot.

"I approached the driver, who had only rolled his window down

a slight crack," the officer said in his report. "As I reached his window, I observed he was also wearing brown pants and a gold chain around his neck. This fit the (suspect's) description perfectly."

Removing his handgun from its holster, the officer ordered the man out of his car but didn't point the weapon at him, according to a police report.

After finding a wad of money in the man's right pants pocket, the officer handcuffed him, placed him in the patrol car and took him to see the Farmer Jack employee, who told police the suspect's gold chain and clothing "were a little different" than the store thief's.

A police sergeant also decided after reviewing a store video that the detained man "was not the suspect," according to a police report.

The police officer wrote in his report that he released the detained man and returned his money "with an apology."

The officer also noted that the man's car wouldn't start, "so I jump-started it for him, and he was sent on his way."

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM R. CRAGGS

Services for William R. Craggs, 78, of Redford were held Wednesday, Sept. 20 from Thayer Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi.

Mr. Craggs was born April 27, 1922, in Highland Park and died Sept. 16 in Owosso. He was retired from Craggs Cabinet Company since 1988. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and member of VFW Post 3941 in Livonia. He enjoyed his dogs and traveling in his motor home.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Theresa (Bienkowski); son Richard (Donna) Craggs of Canton, daughter Barbara Leaf of Hartland, brothers Jack (Louis) Craggs of Traverse City and Robert (Betty) Craggs of Elk Rapids; sister Joyce Chalmers of Virginia, formerly of Southfield; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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ANTHONY J. MONTE

Services for Anthony J. Monte, 80, of Canton were held Tuesday, Sept. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mr. Monte was born on Sept. 10, 1920, in Cleveland and died Sept. 15 in Ann Arbor. He was a retired technician for the U.S. Tank Plant.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemarie Monte; daughters Bonnie (Tony) LaTorre of Lake Orion, Roseanne Matich of Phoenix and Mary Alice (Kurt) Le Merise of Canton; sister Anne Collins, eight grandchildren and two

great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Thomas a'Becket building fund or to Hospice of Michigan.

Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home.

EDITH E. SCHUTZE

Services for Edith E. Schutze, 86, of Plymouth will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Mrs. Schutze was born March 28, 1914, in Detroit and died Sept. 18 in Livonia. She retired from American Motors in 1976 where she worked as a secretary. She was a former Northville resident and has lived in Plymouth for over 50 years. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth and sang in their choir since 1947. She was one of the founding members of the Plymouth Symphony. She played the cello in the Plymouth Symphony for over 52 years.

Her passion was her music. She played the organ and violin as well as the cello. She was a great socializer and compassionate friend to many. She volunteered her time and energy at church and in the community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard T. Schutze.

Survivors include her two daughters, Elizabeth (William) Nick of Novi and Sarah (Eric) Anderson of Farmington Hills; two sons, James (Cheryl) Schutze of Arizona and Roderick (Sandra) Plichta of Washington, Mich.; and seven grandchildren, Vincent, Jessica, Michael, Sarah, Matthew, Crystal and Laurie.

Memorials may be made to the Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ROY G. ROBINSON

Services for Roy G. Robinson, 60, of Canton will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Mr. Robinson died on Sept. 1.

Survivors include his children, Tim (Cari), Todd (Sheri), and Tracie; and one grandchild, Ty Nolan.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4532.

Arrangements were made by Verheyden Funeral Home.

MICHELINE C. McMACKIN

Services for Micheline C. McMackin, 79, were held on Sept. 19 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with Deacon Joe Daratony officiating.

She was born on June 28, 1921, in Detroit and died Sept. 16 in Livonia. She was an office clerk for an insurance company. She was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Angelo D'Agostino; mother, Mary D'Agostino; daughter, Karen Ann McMackin; and son, Rick McMackin.

She is survived by her cousin, Mary Thuber of Birmingham; and friends, Philomena "Tilly" LaFave and Lu Theodore of Canton.

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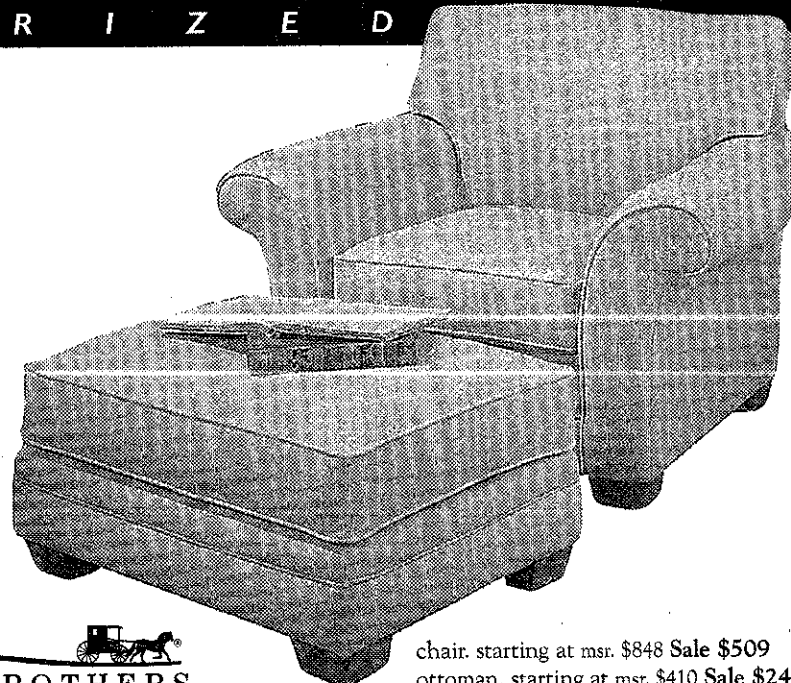


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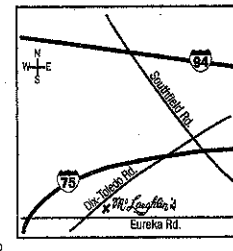
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Under fire

Ameritech launches programs to answer service complaints

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Farmington resident Steven Bice has been without phone service off and on for 97 days since spring. Ameritech workers may restore service on a given day, and it goes out again later the same day or the next, he said.

In the meantime, the company has not given him credits on his phone bill. Only 30 days have been taken off his service charges.

"No service, no pay," he told the Michigan Public Service Commission Monday morning in Lansing. His comments were made in the first of several statewide public hearings scheduled for this fall on the phone company's current service problems.

"Employee morale is the worst of any company I've ever seen. When workers show up, they talk of work slowdowns because of the attitude the company has toward technicians," he said.

Many complaints

There are many such complaints. State Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, hand delivered 155 such complaints from customers about Ameritech which he has received through his new Web page, www.fixmy.phonenow.com. Rogers launched the page in response to complaints of slow repair service and delays in getting new lines.

The PSC, which has also been receiving a rash of complaints over the past two months, has taken action to force Ameritech to improve its service response. Ameritech officials were on hand at Monday's hearing to field the complaints. Gail Torreano, president of Ameritech Michigan, apologized to customers, saying the problem was due to difficulties the company did not anticipate: "too few technicians, too much work and too much rain."

She denied that the company has laid off line technicians, but said the company did see 10 percent of its line workers leave last year for early retirement. Nonetheless, she said the cur-

■ 'Employee morale is the worst of any company I've ever seen. When workers show up, they talk of work slowdowns because of the attitude the company has toward technicians.'

*Steven Bice
—dissatisfied Ameritech customer*

rent rate of slow service "is unacceptable to our customers, unacceptable to the PSC and unacceptable to us."

Service repair problems, as well as slow start-ups of new lines, came to light in August when the PSC received "nearly 2,000" complaints of slow service. Ameritech General Manager of Customer Provisioning and Maintenance Cindie Buck told the PSC that average repair times in August were 118 hours, but complaints that it has taken more than a month to restore service are common.

No teeth

Rogers said he believes the problem is that the PSC lacks enforcement power.

"A dog with no teeth makes a great pet," he said, "but it doesn't make a very good watchdog."

He announced he will be proposing legislation this fall to significantly stiffen fines for the phone company when repairs go beyond 36 hours.

PSC Commissioner Robert Nelson echoed the sentiment. Hearing that back in the spring Ameritech Michigan had sent technicians to Illinois to help out with a service crisis there, Nelson asked if the reason was that Illinois' penalties for slow service were higher than Michigan's.

Buck did not respond, saying only that it was a small number of technicians who had been sent and that they were quickly recalled.

Ameritech used the hearing to announce new programs of its own to address the problem. Buck said the company will begin shifting workers this week to meet the service demand. Along with moving 202 Michigan technicians from construction to installation and repair, Ameritech's parent company, SBC, is dispatching technicians from Southwestern Bell and

Pacific Bell to address Michigan's repair problem. The 124 technicians from out of state should arrive this week.

Ameritech will also give additional credits to customers whose phones go out. In addition to credits required by the state, Ameritech will give a \$14 credit when service is out more than 48 hours or when installation of a new line takes more than seven days, Torreano said. And customers won't have to ask for the credits, she said, they'll be given automatically.

Additionally, the company promised even more hiring and more investment in the state's network.

New goal

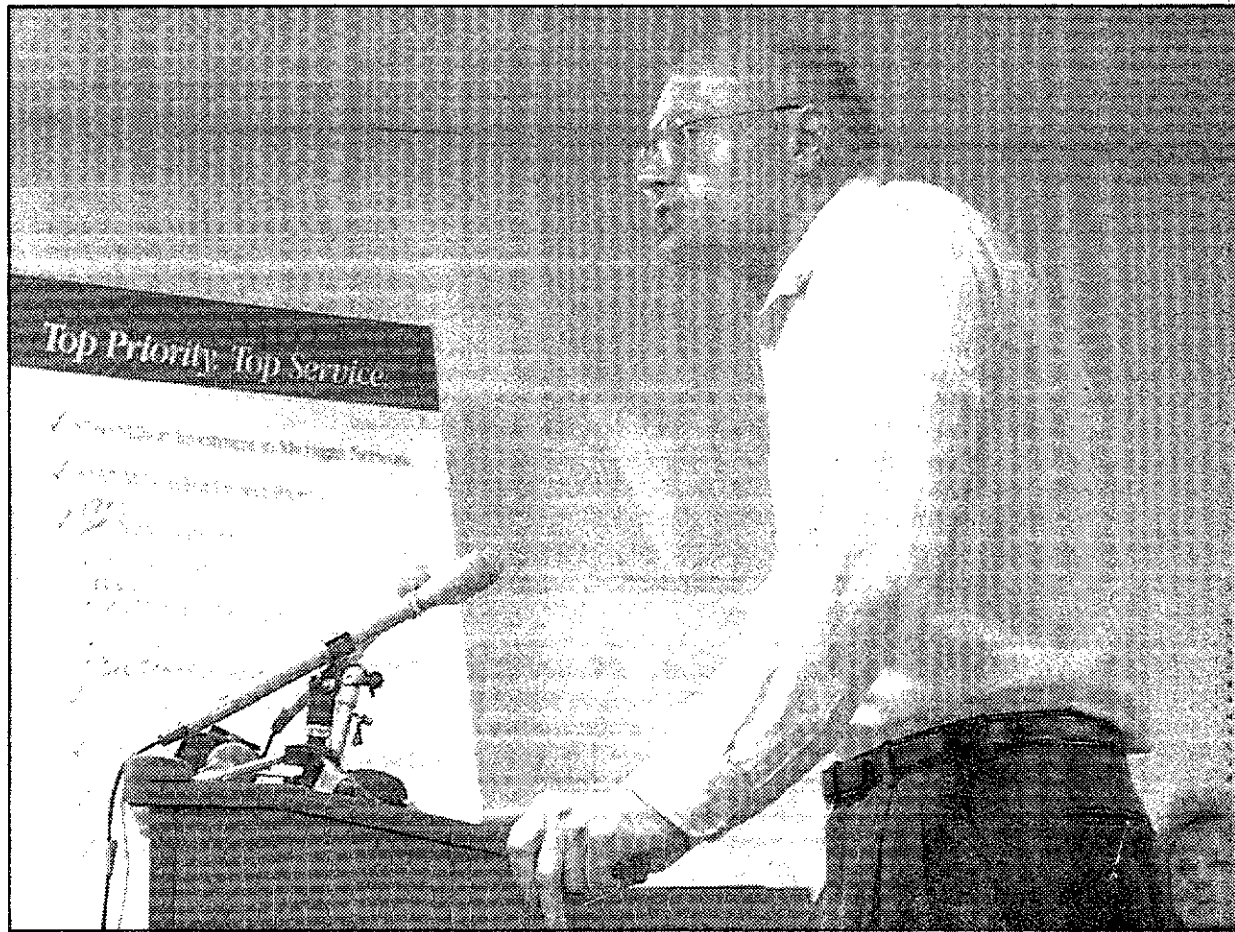
Torreano said the date for getting service up to speed would be moved up three months. Initially, Ameritech had told the PSC it could have average service times down to 36 hours by March of next year. With the additional hires, transferred employees and increased investment, she said the company hopes to reach that goal this December.

PSC Chairman John Strand said the trend does seem to be headed in the right direction. Peak numbers of complaints had been 582 per week in mid-August. The complaints the PSC is receiving dropped to 426 the week of Sept. 11.

Ann Glenn, who runs a dog rescue shelter out of her Clarkston home, was one of those who showed up at Monday's hearing. She had been without phones for weeks. When an Ameritech technician showed up, he couldn't do the job alone so her husband had to help with the repairs.

"The worst part was that in every phone call, every time I talked to an Ameritech person, I was treated rudely, unkindly," she said.

Chris VanKoeveering has been



Many problems: Steven Bice of Farmington told the Public Service Commission Monday of his troubles with Ameritech phone service over the summer. His phones have been out of order for 97 days off and on since spring.

trying to get a phone installed in his new Eaton Rapids home since April. He complained that his initial order was entered but later lost. When he learned in June that Ameritech had no record of his order, he had to go to the end of the waiting list again.

"The last date I was given was Sept. 6. Here it is Sept. 18 and I still don't have a phone," he said. "I've had no less than eight deadlines for when the phone would be installed, but the most frustrating part is that I don't get calls back."

VanKoeveering explained that he has a cell phone, but when Ameritech workers don't show up, they don't call to inform him or to reschedule.

Billing problems

Not all the complaints were about the recent run of slow ser-

vice. Gary Satterfield, owner and president of the American Celebrations limousine service in Howell, told of a billing battle he has had with the phone company since 1997. Initially, it began when his company moved. Ameritech turned off his phones three days in a row. Then the company overbilled him by amounts of \$12,000. The shut-offs and billing troubles nearly closed his business.

"You have a company," Satterfield said, "with so much power they can determine who can be in business and who cannot ... That's a dictatorship."

Five more consumer forums will be held this fall. The nearest locations will be in the Wyandotte City Hall Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, and in the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5. Addition-

al forums will be held in Escanaba, Tawas City and Cadillac.

The commission will also accept written comments on the issue through Monday, Oct. 9. Written comments should be addressed to the Michigan Public Service Commission, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909.

■ Gail Torreano, president of Ameritech Michigan, apologized to customers, saying the problem was due to difficulties the company did not anticipate: 'too few technicians, too much work and too much rain.'

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State senator steps down to work for county prosecutor

BY RICHARD PEARL
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State Sen. Virgil C. Smith of Detroit, a foe of Michael E. Duggan's in the recent Democratic primary race for Wayne County prosecuting attorney, will resign his post to join Duggan's staff on Jan. 1.

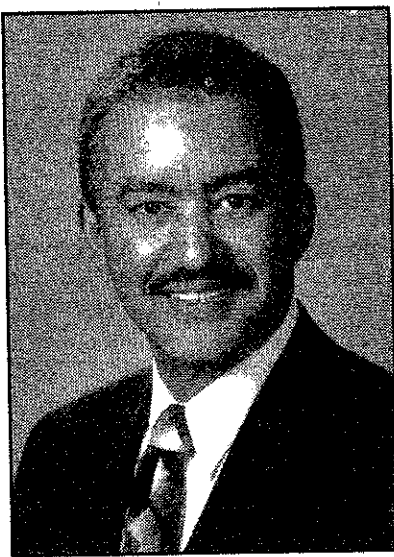
Duggan, the deputy county executive who won the Aug. 8 primary, has no Republican Party opponent in the Nov. 7 general election, although Detroit attorney Sharon McPhail, the runner-up, has promised a vigorous write-in campaign.

Smith, 53, who has served 24 years in Lansing, will be a top-level appointee for the prosecutor's office, handling criminal justice issues in Lansing and community outreach programs in Wayne County.

He will succeed Andrea Solak in the Lansing job. Solak announced in June that she will retire at the end of the year.

"We're assembling a team of the finest talent throughout Wayne County," Duggan said. "I'm excited that Virgil Smith will be a part of the team."

Earlier, Duggan appointed a



Virgil Smith

former Recorder's Court chief judge, Sam Gardner, as administrator of the prosecutor's office.

Smith will leave his post as Senate Democratic floor leader at the end of the year. Since his term doesn't expire until December 2002, Gov. John Engler will call a special election for senator from the Second District, which covers an eastern portion of Detroit, plus Hamtramck and Highland Park.

Smith said he is honored to have served in the both the state

House and Senate. "The voters in my district have given me their support over the years and I'm looking forward to serving them again from the prosecutor's office," he said in a press release.

As state representative, Smith has been assistant majority floor leader and served on various committees, including the special committee on court reorganization, which merged the Recorder's Court with the Third Circuit Court.

He also introduced and helped pass ground-breaking legislation divesting Michigan of its investment and pension portfolio funds in then-apartheid South Africa. The legislation was the first of its kind in the United States.

Smith did not respond to Observer requests for comment on his appointment.

A graduate of Detroit's Pershing High School and Michigan State University who holds a law degree from Wayne State, Smith formerly was acting supervising attorney for Wayne County Legal Services and formerly was senior assistant corporation counsel for the Detroit legal department.

Smith is married and is the father of three sons and a daughter.

Forum participants favor expansion of mass transit

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Frequent, reliable, safe, convenient.

These were the words that participants at a transportation "visioning" session used to describe the kind of mass transit they'd like to see in the metro Detroit area. And more than 80 percent of the participants said they'd be willing to pay for it.

"The Transit Visioning Forum" was sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments on Aug. 10.

They released the report last week. Two more forums are planned for next year.

The visioning forums were scheduled following the release of SEMCOG's 2025 Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan, adopted in June.

The transportation plan outlines road, bridge and other transportation projects for the next 25 years. The forums are intended to get public input on mass transit.

The Aug. 10 forum was divided into an afternoon and an evening session. About 200 people attended. The group included representatives from government, business, special interests organizations and individual volunteers.

Participants were asked prior to the sessions to state their concerns about transit in the area, what they'd like to see in mass transit and who they think a mass transit system should benefit.

At the session participants were asked to respond to a series of questions with a keypad voting system.

The questions gathered demographic information and then delved into attitudes about mass transit.

Following the voting, participants were separated into small groups with a facilitator from SEMCOG to discuss their views on mass transit and to identify major concerns.

The forum shows strong support for increasing mass transit in the metro Detroit area, particularly for the transit dependent.

But the forum also shows wide skepticism about the success of mass transit in this area.

The results also show that more than 75 percent of participants either did not use mass transit in the past month or used it less than five times.

The major reasons given for not using mass transit were that appropriate routes weren't available and buses ran too infrequently.

The report from SEMCOG divides the small group responses into three categories: people, characteristics and system benefits.

In the first category, the participants said mass transit should primarily serve people who are transit dependent, those with low income, the elderly and the disabled.

Then it should serve those who need it to get to work, "choice riders," and visitors to the area.

The chief characteristics sought were a system that was "frequent, reliable, dependable, fast, safe, secure and convenient."

Chief benefits of a mass transit system, according to small group participants, were to spur the local economy, give the region a sense of identity and reduce auto congestion.

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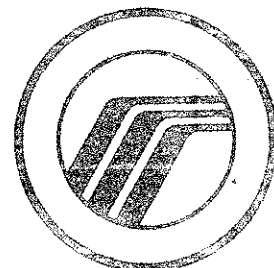
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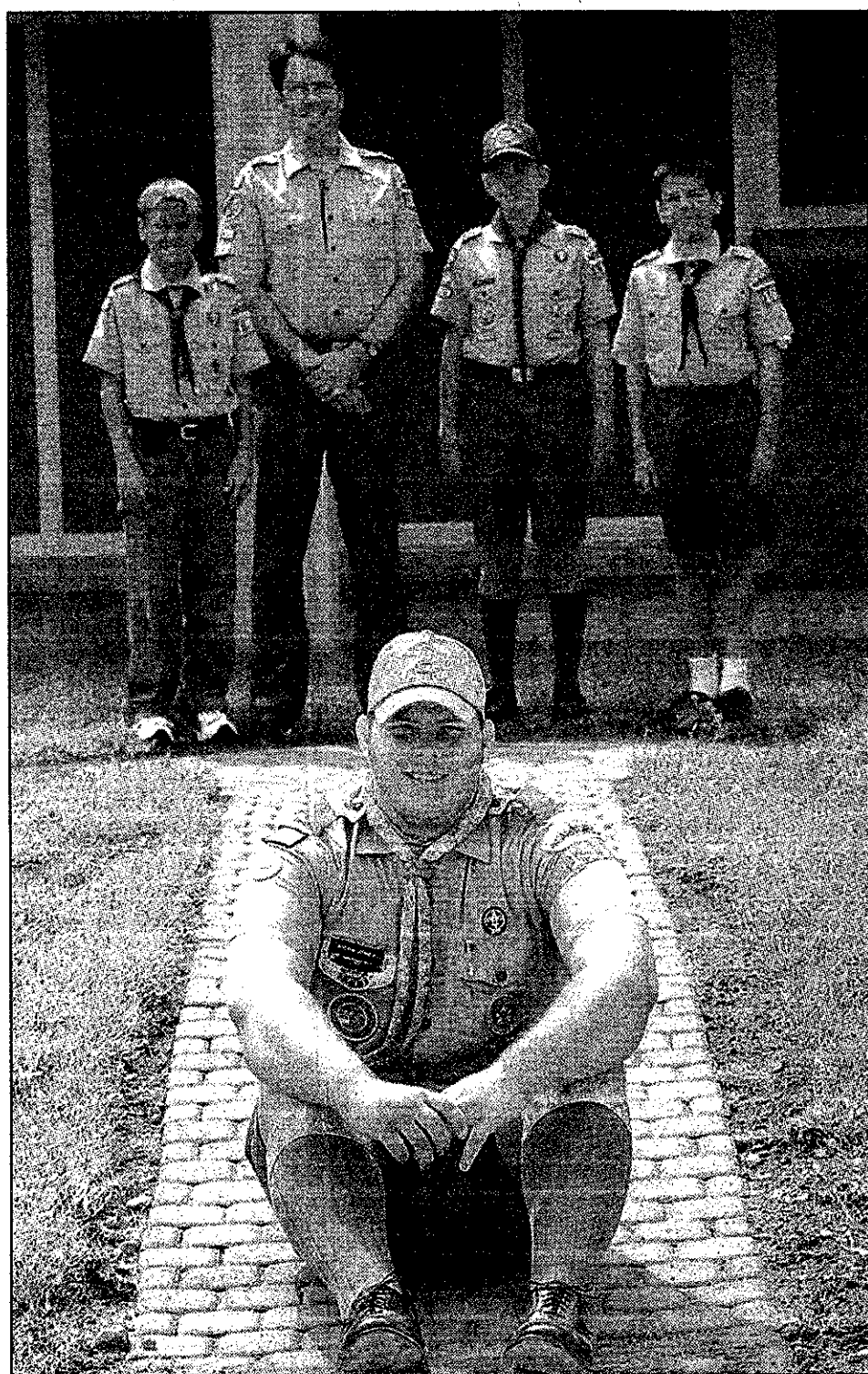
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Memories of Mark

Eagle Scout project is tribute to Bolger, reminder of Salem tragedies



Eagle Project: Rich Jones (foreground) at the Salem High School memorial with (from left) Matt Underhill, 10, Scout Master Scott Lytle, Craig Lytle, 14, and Joe Wilson, 12.

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
STAFF WRITER

Rich Jones lost a good friend in January, when fellow Salem High School student Mark Bolger died after collapsing during a basketball game.

For everyone who's lost a Salem High friend, Jones designed a memorial area in front of the school. He had a couple of reasons for doing this.

He wanted to memorialize his friend and also attain Eagle Scout.

"Mark was a good friend, so this provides somewhat of a closure," Jones said. "It's a place to go to remember the good times."

The area consists of 10 small crab apple trees and a paver stone walkway. Eventually, he'd like to add a limestone bench and planter boxes.

Jones is a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1539, which has 53 members from Plymouth, Canton, Westland and Livonia. Five members are Eagle Scouts.

While most Boy Scouts attain some badges and other merits, only about 2 percent become Eagle Scouts. To enjoy this honor, Scouts must complete projects demonstrating leadership skills by their 18th birthday. Fellow Scouts accumulate service time for helping with the projects.

Jones turned 18 on Sept. 3. He finished his undertaking just days before then.

"At first, it was overwhelming," Jones said. "We didn't know about the underground irrigation system and someone punctured a water tube, so we had to fix that."

"Yeah, bricks were floating away," said Craig Lytle, a 14-year-old Eagle Scout.

"I figured things don't always go as they were planned," Jones said. "You learn to get around the obstacles."

As team leader, Jones acted as project foreman.

"It wasn't a point of me doing the work, but making sure everyone else was working," Jones said.

"He was our leader," Craig said. "Even the adults asked him what they should be doing."

"Which takes some getting used to," added Scoutmaster Scott Lytle.

The school approved Jones' project and even offered him \$725 for materials. He spent more than \$800 on trees and paving stones.

Troop members spent 206 hours on the project.

Jones completed all his Eagle Scout requirements, but he's still awaiting a board of review confirmation.

Gateway store offers buyers a 'test drive'

NEW BUSINESS

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A store that will allow computer buyers to do the equivalent of "kick the tires" before they buy is heading to Canton.

Gateway Country, a 5,000-square-foot showroom-style store, is expected to open the end of this month in the Kroger shopping center at Canton Center and Ford. The store will sell and service Gateway computers and offer on-site software training and technical support.

Most importantly, the store will give customers a chance to try computers out before they buy, according to Greg Lund, manager of consumer initiatives for Gateway.

"People can come in and take them for a test drive and order a system built to their specifications," Lund said.

Gateway market research showed that some customers prefer to see items before they buy them.

"About 25-30 percent of the consumer market will only buy in retail," Lund said. "We learned that (computer buyers) want to see what they're getting. Buying something sight unseen over the phone or Web was not something they were interested in."

Customers will still have to order their Gateway computer

products at the store. Systems can be customized for individual customers' tastes and needs and can be delivered to their homes — usually within a week.

Before 1996, the only way to get a Gateway computer system was by ordering by phone or over the Internet. Since then, 300 Gateway Country stores have sprung up across the United States. Gateway was founded in 1985 and its headquarters are in San Diego.

"We've been really pleased with the results," Lund said of the Gateway Country stores.

Michigan locations include Dearborn, East Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids, Novi, Kalamazoo, Roseville, Troy and Saginaw.

Lund said Gateway looks at several different factors when deciding where to locate a store. These factors include growth, proximity to residential areas, number of Gateway users in the area, education and government activities.

"We usually locate in a shopping areas that are near residential areas," Lund said.

Dianne Kojel, Canton Chamber of Commerce executive director, said she'd just heard about Gateway Country's planned opening.

"Gateway is a great product and I'd like to see them get involved in the chamber," she said.

Canton man named to post

Brian Woodworth of Canton has been hired as vice president of information systems and chief information officer at Murray's Discount Auto Stores.

Woodworth will supervise Murray's information technology and its operations and will also serve on Murray's Execu-

tive Committee.

Formerly, Woodworth served as CIO at Let's Talk Cellular & Wireless in Dallas and as information systems director at AutoZone.

Woodworth has a BS Degree in Computer Science from the University of Michigan.

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Salvation Army drops festival over beer sales

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Salvation Army, which supplied most of the volunteer help for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, has pulled out of the Oct. 1 event because there will be a beer tent. "We feel the beer tent issue creates problems for our principles and guidelines," said Captain Stephen Hull. "We have a

long-standing policy that no Salvation Army volunteers be at an event that features alcohol consumption." Despite the pullout, organizer Annette Horn said she will still give the Salvation Army a \$1,000 donation from the profits of this year's event. "Even though they won't be a part of the Chili Cookoff this year, we'll still give them the money because we already

GREAT LAKES CHILI COOK-OFF

promised it," said Horn. "The remainder will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan." Horn said last year the Chili Cookoff donated just over \$1,000 to both groups. "I understand and respect their decision," said Horn. "We'll just get more volunteers from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We've asked the Lions Club for help, too." Horn said it takes about 15

volunteers to help sell tickets for the Chili Cookoff, take in money for sampling chili and act as runners for the chili cooks. Hull said that while the Chili Cookoff was a good fund-raiser for the group, it was an easy decision to make. "The Salvation Army started as a street mission among alcoholics, with abstaining from alcohol one of the conditions," he said. "To associate with an event that prominently displays a beer

tent goes against the grain of who we are." The beer tent at the Chili Cookoff will be located on the lawn of the Masonic Temple on Penniman Street. Acting Police Chief Steve Hundersmarck said he signed off on the special permit request for the non-profit group and sent it to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in Lansing for final approval. Hundersmarck said the set-up of the beer tent for the Chili Cookoff will be better than the one set up by the Plymouth Fall Festival. He said there will be both an entrance and exit into the area, with volunteers watching both to make sure no beer is taken out of the tent. The Plymouth Fall Festival, the first group ever to sell beer at an event in downtown Plymouth, had a few problems associated with its beer tent during this month's festival. Hundersmarck said at times there were too many people in the beer tent and not enough people to oversee what was happening inside. He also said police caught at least four people who left the tent with beer.

Train collectors host fall toy show on Sunday

The Detroit Toledo Chapter of the Train Collectors Association and the St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host Trains in

the Fall Toy Train Show at the St. Robert Bellarmine school gym. The show is Sunday, Sept. 24,

from 12:30-3 p.m. The show is part of a year-long 100th anniversary celebration of Lionel trains. At the show, the Trenton

Train Club will be testing trains and there also will be four different size train layouts in operation.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to move to closed session to discuss employee negotiations and pending litigation at 6:00 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move to open session at 7:10 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro Deborah Zevalkink

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the minutes of the study session meeting of August 29, 2000. Motion carried with Clerk Bennett as the only abstained.

Reverend Bryan Smith, Pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church wished to speak regarding the topic of making Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday. The nation, as a secular one, chooses to set aside certain days as holidays as a symbol. Reverend Smith would like the township to reconsider its current position and choose to celebrate Martin Luther King Day as one of those symbols.

Cindy Thomas believes that taking the step to initiate Martin Luther King Day as a holiday would be a step of humility and goes a long way to end prejudice against those not like themselves.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for the Township Board Meeting of September 12, 2000					
General Fund	101	\$	506,425.38	Auto Theft Grant	289 \$ 1,152.25
Fire Fund	206	\$	47,678.39	Post Employment	
Police Fund	207	\$	92,046.01	Benefits	296 \$ 14,427.88
Summit Operating	208	\$	86,380.22	Cap Proj - Road	
Golf Fund	211	\$	48,604.84	Paving	403 \$ 547,333.50
Street Lighting	219	\$	16,618.58	Bldg Auth	
Cable TV Fund	230	\$	7,584.92	Construction	469 \$ 1,418,030.78
Twp (Community)				Water & Sewer	
Improv.	246	\$	3,111,734.26	Fund	592, \$ 981,341.34
E-911 Utility	261	\$	6,889.31	Trust & Agency	
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	\$	6,439.15	Fund	701 \$ 7,071.00
Federal Grants				Total - All Funds	\$6,905,555.71
Fund	274	\$	5,799.90		

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to open the Public Hearing on the proposed December 1, 2000 millage rates and proposed FY 2001 budgets at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to close the Public Hearing on the proposed December 1, 2000 millage rates and proposed FY 2001 budgets at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to accept the attached millage rates as the actual rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Impact of proposed millage rates:

	12/1/2000 Proposed Millage Rates
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Fire Special Assessment	2.9400
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Total	8.8500

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2000-2001 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$55,396.00 and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution opposing the MTA Proposal 002. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement for Access to GIS Data with Wayne County and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the revised Enhanced Access Product and Services Fee Schedule and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to Section 1.3 and Article 21A.00 as follows:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2000-3 - SUMMARY

The Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows:

Article 1 is amended as follows:

Article 1.00 - Rules of Construction and Definitions
Section 1.03 - Definitions

A definition is added for **Light Assembly - Establishments engaged in the manufacture of products for final use or consumption. This involves secondary processing, fabrication, or assembly of semi-finished products from a primary manufacturing industry.**

Article 21A is amended as follows:

Article 21A.00 - RP, Research Park

Section 21A.02 - Permitted Uses and Structures

Subsection 21A.02A.2, Principal Uses and Structures, is amended to strike the word "assembly".

Subsection 21A.02A.3, is amended to read as follows: **Light assembly of products which is consistent with the characteristics of permitted activities described in Section 21A.03A.4.**

*NOTE: This Amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (00-3) becomes effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the September 12, 2000 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on September 21, 2000. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to cancel the Gorman Street Water Main Special Assessment District 1998-1 and rescind Resolution Number 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Utility Easement along with the ingress/egress easement, for access from Ameritech. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the attendance of Ann Conklin, Kevin Mill and Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz at the National Recreation

and Park Association Annual Congress in Phoenix, Arizona. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to increase the twenty-four (24) month lease agreement for five pieces of cardiovascular equipment leased from National Equipment Leasing and provided by All Pro Exercise in the amount of \$16,905.86 (one annual payment of \$8,502.93 paid in 2000, and one annual payment of \$8,402.93 paid in 2001) and provide the Township Clerk with authorization to sign the lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution in support of "YWCA Week Without Violence" October 15-21, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution to approve the Fraser Rezoning. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to approve special land use for Cornerstone Baptist Church. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to approve the Chatterton Planned Development District - Preliminary PDD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin approve the proposed zoning ordinance amendment which establishes Article 6.09 - Site Development Standards for the Cherry Hill Village District and the Cherry Hill Village Design Guidelines as attached. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2000-2 - SUMMARY

The Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Article 6 is amended as follows:

Article 6 - Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses

Section 6.09 is established as follows:

6.09 - SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CHERRY HILL OVERLAY DISTRICT

This section defines the boundary for the Cherry Hill Overlay District and provides for general requirements, permitted uses and structures, general design principals and incorporates detailed site design and architectural design guidelines for the Cherry Hill Overlay District.

*NOTE: This Amendment to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (00-2) becomes effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the September 12, 2000 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on September 21, 2000. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to approve the rezoning request of Babu and Niru Patel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the design, staking and construction follow-up for design and construction of a relief storm sewer for the Mott Drain, north of Summit Parkway and west of Veterans Drive to the consulting engineering firm, Michael L. Pries & Associates for a cost of \$19,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the construction of the Windsor Park 2 and 3 plus Franklin-Palmer Estates Subdivision and Miscellaneous locations, to Flat Rock Construction for \$143,106.00 plus a 10% contingency for a total of \$157,416.60 and to authorize the Clerk to execute the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the construction of the Fleet Service Center to the Ronsen Company for \$1,009,000.00, which includes \$19,000.00 for added resources/materials for winter conditions (this is the cap for winter construction costs), plus a \$50,000.00 contingency for a total of \$1,059,000.00 and to authorize the clerk to execute the Contract documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid for the Griffin Park improvements to the lowest qualified bidder, Wayne Oakland Contracting, in the amount of \$233,816.00 with a 10% contingency in the amount of \$23,816.00 for a total project cost of \$257,632.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to appropriate \$39,632.00 from the Community Improvement Fund Balance to 246-750-970-0000 of the 2000 Community Improvement Fund for Griffin Park renovations and to authorize the Clerk to sign the contract with the successful bidder on behalf of the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the formal bidding process and approve the installation of a high speed T1 computer line at Fire Station No. 2 for a cost not to exceed \$10,500.00 and a service contract with Ameritech for \$424 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid submitted by Rex Harvey for \$52,379.00 plus a ten percent contingency of \$5,237.00 for a total amount of \$57,616.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the agreement for the MMRMA Electric Choice Program and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve a one hundred (\$100.00) non-refundable fee to MMRMA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve appointing Director Minghine, Director of Finance and Budget, as Canton Township's representative in the Electric Choice Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the lease agreement with Starfish Family Services for Sheldon School, 44649 Michigan Avenue, for the five-year term stipulated in the lease agreement and in conformance with the provisions therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award a contract in the amount of \$7,585.00 (plus contingency of \$758.00 for P.O. total of \$8,343.00) to Accent Remodeling for the construction and installation of a cupola at the historic Sheldon School, 44649 Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for the curb cuts reconstruction project to Lacaria Concrete Construction, in the amount of \$248,540.00 (plus 10% contingency of \$24,854.00 for a total of \$273,394.00); and further stipulate that the effective contract date shall not precede the official HUD release date of project funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce for first reading and table the amendments to the Motor Vehicle Size, Weight and Load Restriction ordinance No. 125(B). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 125(B)

MOTOR VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTION
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 125, MOTOR VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTION ORDINANCE; LIMITING AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE ISSUED NO MORE THAN ONE CITATION FOR EACH VIOLATION OF A CODE OR ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, AND SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING WITH SECTIONS 683 TO 725 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AND/OR SECTIONS 3 TO 17 OF CANTON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 125, WITHIN A 24 HOUR PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE;

PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.

This section adds Section 20a to Ordinance No. 125, which provides that the owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle shall not be issued more than 1 citation for each violation of a code or ordinance regulating the operation of a commercial motor vehicle and substantially corresponding to a provision of sections 683 to 725a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.683 to 257.725a, within a 24-hour period.

SECTION 2. REPEAL.

This section repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall be severed from the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that any prosecutions or other litigation arising prior to the enactment of this Ordinance shall be unaffected by the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take full force and effect 30 days after publication.

Copies of the complete text of this ordinance are available during regular business hours at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce for first reading and table the amendments to the Motor Carrier Safety Act Ordinance No. 127(B). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 127B MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TO AMEND ORDINANCE 127A TO ADOPT BY CITATION THE MICHIGAN MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT AND RULES AND LAWS CONCERNING DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF ACT.

This section adopts, pursuant to MCLA 42.23, by citation, the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, Act 181 of Public Acts of 1963, as amended, being MCLA 480.11 to 480.22.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

This section provides that the Township Clerk shall publish notice of the Ordinance and maintain copies at the Clerk's office.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides for penalties for violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce for first reading and table the amendments to the Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance No. 66(K). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 66(K)

AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE ADOPTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, ORDINANCE 66; PROVIDING FOR DISMISSAL OF EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT RESULT IN THE VEHICLE BEING PLACED OUT OF SERVICE; PROVIDING THAT CITATIONS ARE WAIVABLE IF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE PROVIDES WRITTEN PROOF TO THE COURT WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE CITATION IS ISSUED SHOWING THAT THE DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN REPAIRED; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CODE.

This section amends section 5.71 of Ordinance 66, the Uniform Traffic Code, to provide that an equipment violation citation for a commercial motor vehicle which does not result in the vehicle being placed out of service shall be dismissed by the court if the owner or operator of the commercial motor vehicle provides written proof to the court within 14 days of the issuance of the citation that the defective equipment has been repaired.

SECTION 2. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

This section provides that the Township Clerk shall publish this ordinance in a manner required by law.

SECTION 3. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES REPEALED.

This section provides that all other Ordinances inconsistent with this provision of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall be severed from the remainder of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that any prosecutions or other litigation arising prior to the enactment of this Ordinance shall be unaffected by the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect 30 days after publication.

Copies of the complete text of this ordinance are available during regular business hours at the offices of the Charter Township of Canton, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting of September 12, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of September 26, 2000.

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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McNamara ignoring vehicle policy, auditor says

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Enforce it, amend it or repeal it.

That's Wayne County Auditor General Brendan J. Dunleavy's advice to the county commission after his office reviewed compliance with the commission's 1993 vehicle ordinance and found it generally has been ignored by the county's executive and judicial branches.

He said information from the two branches on vehicles, policy/procedure and expenditures was almost impossible to get and that at least one prohibited practice — the paying of flat-rate mileage reimbursements to non-union employees — has continued unabated, increasing in scope and dollar amount.

His recommendations to the commission got approval from at least one executive branch administrator.

Barb Godre, county director of personnel and human resources, said the commission "can get the information from at least three other means" — its oversight committees, the budgeting process and its purchasing ordinance. "This (ordinance) asked for the same information (but) in different format," she said.

"I think we have a very accountable vehicle policy" as

instituted by Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara in 1993, she said. "We believe the executive branch is accountable," but added the administration would be open to discussing commission suggestions.

Withholding comment

County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who is also chairwoman of the audit committee, declined to comment on the review until after the committee studies it next Wednesday.

Dunleavy stated that McNamara's executive order establishing policy for vehicle assignment and usage is "not as comprehensive" as the county ordinance, but "does cover many of the areas addressed."

However, he noted, neither the ordinance nor the executive order "is being followed or producing a standard vehicle management system."

The executive branch's corporation counsel in '93 labeled the vehicle ordinance "void and unenforceable," claiming the commission had strayed into administrative territory.

However, Dunleavy noted, both the county commission's own counsel and the state attorney general's office have indicated that such an opinion "is simply an opinion and not law or

binding ... and therefore cannot 'void' a county law."

And while non-compliance with parts of the ordinance may be partly due to vague requirements, "we also believe that not complying with selected provisions of a county law sets a dangerous precedent."

Dunleavy recommended either eliminating the ordinance or seeking a court decision on it.

Nearly 50 percent

Dunleavy's current review showed that payment of flat-rate mileage reimbursements to non-union county employees has increased from 84 employees to 125 in the seven years since the ordinance took effect.

According to payroll records for March 10, some 111 executive-branch employees and 14 judicial employees got flat-rate mileage reimbursements, the review said. Only the legislative branch — the 15 county commis-

sioners and their management appointees — got no such payments.

The maximum payment amount has increased 43 percent since '93, the report said, with nearly \$600,000 paid in 1999. Payments increased from a range of \$87-\$350 per month in 1993 to \$175-\$500 now.

"Additionally, we found a very low level of compliance with vehicle purchasing and leasing requirements," Dunleavy reported. This "results in diminished oversight and could possibly result in liability for the county."

Neither the executive branch nor the sheriff's department could "provide our office with a complete listing" of their automobiles, trucks, vans, mini-vans, sport utility vehicles and four-wheel drive vehicles, Dunleavy reported.

Furthermore, neither the probate nor the 3rd circuit courts would give Dunleavy's office

information on vehicle management policies, procedures or expenses.

No authorization

Chief Probate Judge Milton L. Mack Jr. wrote Dunleavy on July 24 that the county charter does not authorize auditing of state courts such as probate.

Sources said the commission has been troubled not only by who is getting the vehicles, but the equipment installed.

In one situation, Jeep Cherokees were purchased with such options as leather seats and four-wheel drive, although they were not being driven by people deemed to be needing the options.

The county clerk and the commission have only one county vehicle apiece. The flat-rate mileage reimbursement was

defended by Godre, the personnel director, who said it began under the Bill Lucas Administration, which preceded McNamara's.

Besides, she noted, since the ordinance took effect, the executive branch "has added three new departments" — environment, airports and community justice — "with a number of divisions" in each.

However, she said, "If there are better controls the commission thinks we could put in place, or better means of accounting for inventory, I don't see any problem with sitting down and discussing it."

"Is everything perfect? Probably not," she said. "What's wrong with sitting down and looking at it? We may not be in agreement (with the commission), but we have the right to disagree."

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P-C school district must develop a PR strategy

When Canton Charter Academy announced it would open its doors for the beginning of this school year, Plymouth-Canton school officials probably figured they'd lose a few students to the upstart charter school.

Did they figure on losing 105 students, plus another 80 potential kindergartners whose parents opted not to bank on public schools? Probably not.

But that's exactly what happened. A peek at the academy's enrollment roster reads like a Who's Who among former Plymouth-Canton students. Thirty-six percent of the school's enrollment were registered in P-C schools a year ago. Just as importantly, the \$683,000 in state funding they take with them was also in the P-C district last year.

What does all this mean? It's tough to know that until district officials have talked to the parents who took their children out of Plymouth-Canton schools — most of them from elementary schools located in Canton — and put them in the academy.

Hard as it is to believe, the already monstrous district is still growing. The loss of students isn't really going to hurt the district in the near future, as trustee Steve Guile pointed out. But growth here is bound to level out — current trends notwithstanding — and the district could certainly feel the pinch.

Obviously, Canton Charter Academy wants to establish itself in Canton, and drawing students from the local public school district seems a natural evolution. Tough to fault them for trying to get kids to join them.

The problem for the district is twofold: finding out why 105 students shifted schools, and figuring out how to stop such a trend in the future.

Superintendent Kathleen Booher and the district hopped right on the first part, getting principals and district officials on the phones to talk to parents about why

they moved. Parents are citing things like uniforms, stricter discipline, a Christian environment and the proximity to day care.

Which leads to Part Two, an aggressive public relations program to showcase what the district feels are its advantages and stem the flow of students out of the district. There isn't much Plymouth-Canton can do about some of the things about which parents care. The district isn't going to mandate uniforms or produce a Christian environment, and strict disci-

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pline is a thing of the past in public schools.

So the challenge for P-C officials is to show why public schools are the better choice, keying in on things like accountability, curriculum differences and reputation.

Guile is right; with an increase of 310 students this year and a total enrollment of more than 16,000, the Plymouth-Canton district is in no immediate danger of losing its population. But it won't always be that way, and the fashion in which Booher deals with the issue could form her legacy to the district. We're confident she can handle it.

Vote no on Proposal 1: Vouchers harm all schools

There are important differences between public and private schools, and those dissimilarities give them each their particular strengths. Any attempt to blur those distinctions, as Proposal 1 on the Nov. 7 statewide Michigan ballot would do, threatens to harm both.

We believe the proposed constitutional amendment to create "opportunity scholarships," or vouchers — placed on the ballot by initiative petition by the Kids First! Yes! organization — will actually do damage to both systems.

Private and parochial schools have long had to carry on without the assistance of government funding. The tradition in the U.S. has been a complete separation of church and state, and that has included private religious schools. Under the Michigan Constitution at present, even indirect aid to religious schools is barred — a provision that of course would change if the proposal is accepted.

While they get no money, they also get no regulation. Private schools have been allowed to operate pretty much as they please, with little oversight from the government. Don't underestimate the importance of this point; there are many who believe the last people who should have control of their children's education is the government. Private schools, as a result, have become a bastion for the independent-minded, intellectuals, the religious and the free-thinkers among us. It ought not come as a surprise that some private schools have already stated that they will not accept vouchers.

Public schools on the other hand are voter-run, taxpayer-funded, democratic institutions. They are operated by elected boards who are subject to a long list of public accountability statutes, like the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. The state sets a core curriculum for public school students. It requires teacher certification and achievement testing of students. Funding is subject to public auditing.

Simply put, taxpayers deserve that degree of in-depth accountability whenever they are asked to fund the operation of an institution. And they certainly won't get it from private schools under Proposal 1.

Don't underestimate what public schools have done for us. The U.S. pio-

neered the concept of free public education. It has meant that every child has an opportunity to go to school, to get an education. It has created one of the most educated, most literate societies in the world.

Overall, public education is doing a pretty darned good job.

This is not to say some parts of the system are not broken. Yes, there are districts that can only be described as "failing."

As proposed, the Kids First! Yes! ballot initiative would automatically create voucher programs in seven school districts in Michigan. They are selected on the basis that those districts failed to achieve a graduation rate of two-thirds during the 1998-99 school year. It would allow voters in other school districts to create voucher programs through elections. With the vouchers, students could leave those districts and take their money with them — \$3,150 per pupil — to be applied toward tuition at the school of their choice. It could be a public, private or even religious school, as long as it accepts the vouchers. The language of the amendment also would mandate teacher competency testing for all schools that accept vouchers and strike language from the Constitution that prohibits tuition tax credits.

Clearly those "failing" public schools will be even further behind when students start taking money out of the budget to go elsewhere, since the district would lose the entire amount of their per-pupil funding — about double the value of the voucher. The kids left behind will have to put up with even more cutbacks, smaller programs and even further diminished resources.

Furthermore, the experiments that have been conducted elsewhere in the country, like Milwaukee, just don't show the kinds of results we'd want to see before considering such a radical change to the state Constitution. For all that vouchers are supposed to do, test scores just haven't increased where they have been used elsewhere.

As a result, we urge a **no** vote on Proposal 1, the constitutional amendment to create vouchers, when voters head to the polls this November.



LETTERS

■ Is society 'humane'?

Just to let the owners of a male, neutered, totally declawed, orange tabby cat know that the Humane Society of Huron Valley killed their cat.

The kitty was wandering our neighborhood for 10 days in the Brentwood sub, south of Ford road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor before he was taken to the shelter after numerous nights of crying and hunger. Our neighbors tried by going door-to-door to find his owner. We posted signs all over Canton. The shelter held him for four days, excluding the weekend, for the owner to claim him.

We called every day as we were thinking of claiming him because he was so sweet and gentle. The shelter killed him only after two days of being up for adoption because they could not draw blood from him, even though each day reported he was a good kitty and they had plenty of room to hold him.

On Friday, Aug. 25, another call from us, said he was adopted and that no, he was not put down, they had plenty of room. When asked to verify that, the shelter came back saying in fact he was put down. We had called to adopt him and to let them know we would be in to get him paying the \$110 to get him back if we passed their test.

There are plenty of people that would love to adopt animals but the humane society would rather put these God's innocent creatures to death before allowing people to adopt without having a fence. I personally know a little dog named Molly who frequently has her pacifier with her at all times, that has a pair of great owners and guess what? They do not have a fence. The dog in my friend's sub gets to come out front on a leash and loves it. How is kitty today? Kitty was defenseless without any claws and they could not draw blood so the needle couldn't go in to take blood, but it sure went in to put him to sleep and kill him.

Is this humane? The shelter said they have hundreds of cats. So then why was kitty killed in two days? Is the State of Michigan supporting financially for every animal put down? This Huron Valley shelter is not related to the Michigan Humane Society but is referred to if you live in Canton. It is privately owned and plans are to ask the board of directors to explain kitty's untimely death.

I strongly believe that the "Humane Society" is more interested in killing these homeless animals, then in finding them homes. There is no reason whatsoever to put kitty down not only a week after he was turned in. Is this the reward I get for doing the right thing by turning him in, to live with the guilt of him being murdered by my decision? I know that one day these so called "Humane Society" workers will be judged for what they truly know is right or wrong in their hearts. If interested please contact them too. Only we can make the difference, not the insensitive supervisor, that I had to deal with.

Thank you for all of you who care, love and help the helpless and defenseless creatures that are capable of returning every drop of love and appreciation any can have for them. May they rest in peace, be in Heaven and get there before the rotten, insensitive, judgmental excuse of a human being we can sometimes be.

Elise and Callie Barnes
Canton

Editor's note: Barbara Levine, inter-

im director for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, responds:

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to promote respect for all life and prevent cruelty to animals. The Humane Society of Huron Valley has been serving local communities for 104 years and receives no funding from any government entities (no tax dollars) nor funds from other humane organizations. All funds are received from private donations. Michigan Humane is a similar organization that serves communities in Wayne and Oakland Counties.

In regards to the stray cat that Mr. and Mrs. Barnes brought to our facility: all strays are held, by Michigan law, for four days without a collar and five days with a collar. During an animal's stray-hold period, the animal is not available for adoption by a new family. We always hope that the original owner will claim their animal.

Prior to being placed for adoption, all animals are health tested. Cats are tested for F.I.V. (feline infectious virus also known as "cat AIDS") and feline leukemia. In order to test for these highly contagious, fatal diseases, we must draw blood. Sad to say, if we are unable to draw blood to complete the test, we are unable to place the cat for adoption and the cat must be euthanized.

In regards to requiring a fenced yard to adopt a dog: this is not a requirement. However, we do have adoption policies. We are concerned and do question how the potential adopter is going to house and control the dog they are hoping to adopt. Requirements and expectations are different for different breeds and sizes of dogs.

Many of our health tested, adoptable animals are maintained for months while we make every effort to find them a suitable home. Once we have exhausted our limited resources, we are forced to make very difficult decisions regarding the welfare of the animals in our care. The decision to euthanize an animal is never easy. Despite the general impression, very few of our animals are euthanized except for medical reasons or temperament.

■ For teacher testing

We wouldn't put our children in the hands of an unqualified doctor. We wouldn't put our children in the hands of an unqualified baby-sitter. We wouldn't put our children in the hands of an unqualified bus driver. Yet everyday parents are sending their children unknowingly to unqualified teachers. Parents are sending their children to teachers who are teaching in subjects they never learned in college. Parents are sending their children to teachers who have not remained knowledgeable in their academic subjects.

There is one known way to stop this malady — teacher testing. We can introduce this instrument on Nov. 7 by voting for Proposal 1. Proposal 1 will require all teachers in all schools to be tested in their academic subject area. Passing Proposal 1 will mean that all parents can rest assured that they are putting their children in the hands of qualified teachers.

Sandra Dear
Canton

■ Coverage disappoints

I was very disappointed with the tone of Tony Bruscatto's article (Canton

Observer, Sept. 10) regarding the "siphoning" of district cash by Canton Charter Academy. This certainly should not be regarded as front-page news, as it was a well-known and documented fact that the state aid for each Plymouth-Canton district student attending the school would follow the student to the Academy.

The fact that less than 50 percent of the students at the Academy are from our district is surprising, and illustrates that the demand for educational alternatives extends far beyond our district boundaries. Mr. Bruscatto also failed to point out that the district also loses state aid for each potential district student that attends any private school.

It was very difficult deciding whether to enroll our kindergartner in the Canton Charter Academy or the Plymouth-Canton district. The district appears to be in very capable hands with Superintendent (Kathleen) Booher, and my wife and I were very impressed with our findings when researching the district. Furthermore, our decision to send our child to Canton Charter Academy should not imply that we thought anything was "wrong" with the district. However, limited class size and direct curriculum reinforcement of moral values at the Academy were two key factors that influenced our decision. In all fairness to the district, these are areas that they have difficulties in addressing due to factors beyond their control. The fact that Superintendent Booher is concerned with why parents are choosing the Academy leads me to believe that the district will engage in self-examination, ultimately leading to improvements.

The Canton Charter Academy admittedly got off to a well-documented rocky start. However, we should never lose sight of the fact that the Canton Charter Academy and the Plymouth-Canton district have a common goal — to provide our children with quality educational opportunities.

It is my hope that our communities not adopt a confrontational attitude toward the Canton Charter Academy and embrace this change as an opportunity for growth for everyone.

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Canton

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Arrogant entertainment industry seeks to define culture for youth

Like most parents, I've regularly ground my teeth at the astonishingly noisy, profane, sex-obsessed, women-hating and violent content that infests most pop culture today. And like most parents, I've wondered what prolonged exposure to this swill is doing to my son, Nathan.

I've shared the "I told you so" feelings of most parents at last week's Federal Trade Commission report that concluded the entertainment industry regularly, pervasively and arrogantly markets violent and obscene products to children by promoting R-rated movies during programs aimed at young people and selling toys derived from violent films.

And I've even felt some admiration as politicians of both parties lost no opportunity in jumping all over the Hollywood hypocrites who simultaneously claim their own industry's rating standards are effective in keeping inappropriate content away from children and then brazenly violate their own rules.

What is striking about the FTC report is that it follows on the heels of a statement from four national health associations that definitively links the violence in movies, television, video games and music to acts of violence among children.

Issued by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the statement concluded, "the effects are measurable and long-standing ... Moreover, prolonged viewing of media violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life."

In other words, there is a demonstrated, scientific link between the slack-jawed kid on the couch watching junk on TV to the horrors of the massacre at Columbine High School. I'm not talking about decent, artistic and sensitive movies with "redeeming social value," in the words of the Supreme Court. I'm talking about the junk, especially the stuff marketed to kids.

There will be much debate, of course, about what is best to do. Defenders of the First Amendment (of which I count myself as one) will argue that letting the government set content standards is pretty scary. Clearly, the entertainment industry's claims that self-regulation works is a sad joke. Faced with confused and conflicting rat-

ing systems, tight schedules and often-rebellious kids, parents have a tough time exercising their responsibility.

What is most troubling to me about the situation, though, is the realization of what forces are now in practice defining and propagating our entire culture.

Time was, the content of a culture was a complex fabric constructed out of the panoply of history, literature, art, religious and ethical teachings — the entire range of time-tested factors that bring value, context and definition to a culture. Most certainly, the content of an entire culture was not the commercial property of enormous corporations intent on maximizing profit.

But that's exactly what we have today. The entertainment industry is the first in history whose business model is to create icons to comprise the culture of our youth, to propagate that culture through entirely new technologies such as CDs, television and the Internet, and through advertising to stimulate a demand for the cultural products so created and propagated. The entertainment industry is enormously

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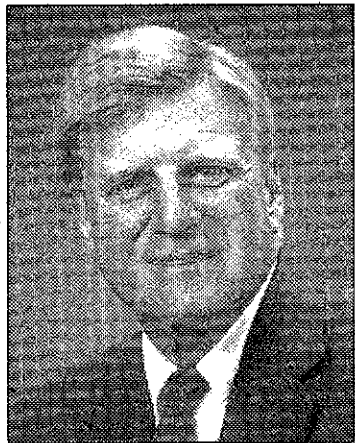
profitable, pervasive and self-absorbed. It is an entire industry whose central commercial purpose is to define for its own profit the cultural environment in which we and our children live.

What gives some TV mogul the right to define the culture in which my son grows up? What legitimizes some rap music producer dominating the musical tastes of an entire generation? By what right does some video game designer create a product that promotes violent behavior in the user?

And for the entertainment industry to argue self-righteously that all it's doing is "giving the market what the market wants" when it uses every modern tool of marketing to stimulate the demand it allegedly is meeting is the ultimate hypocrisy.

No wonder so many people are so very angry.

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Mike Malott

Don't believe all the e-mail you see

If you ever forget that the world is going straight to h--- now there is a new source of reminders that things are bad and only getting worse ... your e-mail account.

Yes, this is yet another way for you to get your daily dose of terror. It used to be that you had to wait until 6 p.m. to hear on the evening news about the latest and most shocking crimes man has yet to perpetrate against man. Now it can come directly to you at any time of day through your e-mail.

Take, for instance, the shocking bit of news that somebody has been putting hypodermic needles on the underside of gas pump handles. These needles are contaminated with HIV and some 17 people have been stuck in Florida so far. It's getting worse because copycats have done similar things in 12 other states.

Funny, I didn't hear about that on the news. Thank goodness some well-meaning person decided to pass this message along so I can remember to check before picking up the handle at the gas station.

Then there was an e-mail warning that I should watch my kids more closely, especially if I leave the country ... and funny, I didn't hear about this one on the news either. This e-mail message told of how a couple were visiting Mexico on a day trip with their child when the youngster was snatched. The boy was found only a little while later but he was already dead. Why? Drug smugglers had hollowed out his body and filled it with cocaine, apparently intending to cross the border while telling guards the child was asleep.

What is the world coming to? If smugglers have reached that level of desperation, no one is safe ... right?

Wrong. It turns out neither story is true. I repeat, they didn't happen.

Nor is it true that Procter & Gamble's CEO admitted on a national talk show that he was a Satanist and his company's profits go to the Church of Satan. And Victoria's Secret will not pay you for passing along e-mails in an advertising scheme to "put the company's name out there." Coca-Cola is not going to give you a month's supply for passing along e-mails.

And, no, you do not have to worry about flashing your lights at other drivers when you are out driving at night. It is not true that youth gangs will beat the tar out of people just because of flashing headlights.

All are examples of net hoaxes, e-mailed urban

legends.

My cousin recently got a few such e-mails and sent them off to me, asking if I could check them out to see if they were true.

They are pretty easy to check out. For instance, the e-mail about needles on gas pump purports to come from Capt. Abraham Sands of the Jacksonville Florida Police Department. With one quick phone to Jacksonville, you can quickly learn that there is

no police department in Jacksonville. It's covered by a sheriff's department.

The e-mail about the dead child in Mexico purports to come from an ABC News analyst. In a quick call to ABC News, you'll learn it never happened.

But now I have found there is an even quicker way to get the real scoop. Several Web sites have begun tracking such e-mail hoaxes. The folks there investigate the rumors they pick up on the Internet and write a report about them, posted with the urban legends themselves.

One of the best appears to be www.scambusters.org. There is a long list of e-mail, hoaxes and legends they've collected and checked out.

Another is urban legends. about.com. The folks at about.com have a hefty database of legends and myths they've collected. The research they've conducted to uncover the truth behind the legends appears to be pretty thorough. About.com also gives you some tips on how to spot hoaxes in the first place.

Another good one is www.snopes.com. And www.hoaxkill.com is a fun way to put myths and legends out of their misery.

There is also www.urbanlegends.com and Hoax Busters. ciac.org. And then there is the Urban Legend Combat Kit at www.netsquirrel.com/combat.kit.

As they all advise, don't believe everything you read ... especially on e-mail.

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Special interest groups drive 'citizen' ballot initiatives

Michigan voters will decide on two statewide ballot initiatives Nov. 7.

One proposal would amend the state constitution to allow for tuition vouchers to private schools. The other would limit the power of the state Legislature to override local ordinances.

Setting aside the pros and cons of these two issues, their presence on the ballot is part of a growing trend toward government by initiative.

In his recent book *Democracy Derailed: Initiative Campaigns and the Power of Money*, Washington Post columnist David Broder cogently argues that what seems like the flowering of pure democracy is actually the triumph of special interests with big money over the best interests of the public.

The initiative process first became popular in the period just before World War I. It was hailed by progressives and good-government reformers as a way for the people's voice to be heard against the powerful bosses of the big city machines and the corporations. It was a tool for progressive, liberal proposals that seemed forever stalled in the predominantly conservative state legislatures.

After World War I, the initiative lost its appeal as an agent of social change, only to return in the late 1970s. Ironically, it was an anti-tax initiative in California that launched a new era of government by ballot.

For years the right wing had paraded the idea that the United States is "a republic, not a democracy." Yet in recent years ballot proposals have been launched primarily for conservative causes as a way of avoiding representative government.

Howard Jarvis' Proposition 13 in California in the late 1970s was a conservative response to rising taxes, with what some believe has been devastating consequences for the state. It also launched similar proposals all across the nation, including the Headlee Amendment in Michigan. It also launched the initiative as a method for powerful special interests to step around established government to get what they want.

Broder argues that what began at the turn of the century as a method for achieving progressive social change against entrenched special interests has now become a tool for entrenched and wealthy special interests.

The columnist examines several ballot campaigns for issues backed by liberal and conserva-

tive special interests and finds several disturbing trends:

■ Professional operatives are hired to gather petitions, create advertising campaigns and organize vote drives. Sometimes they actually believe in the campaign, often they are just hired guns who could work either side of an issue.

■ Money is the key factor in the success of an initiative campaign. The more money you spend, the more names you can collect on a petition and the more advertising you can televise. Broder discovered that it was a rare situation when an average person or group could actually get a proposal on a ballot. It was usually a wealthy businessman or group of wealthy businessmen who were responsible for launching initiatives, though sometimes working in the shadows of "average" people.

■ The media, especially television, turn serious issues into mindless sound bites and misleading and sometimes fraudulent advertising.

■ A campaign for a controversial proposal will immediately launch a counter campaign. Even if your proposal fails, you might succeed in draining the resources of your opponents. Broder examines how big unions are mobilized to fight conservative initiatives with their own big money campaigns.

■ Initiative campaigns almost never stimulate intelligent, reasoned, deliberative debate over the issues involved. Television ads are intended to exaggerate an issue and distort the views of opponents.

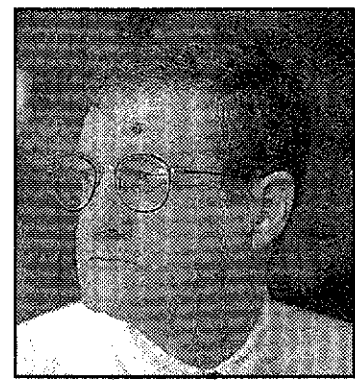
All of these things are coming into play in the current campaigns over vouchers and home rule.

The voucher issue, in particular, is an example of trying to bully an issue through the ballot process that could not, would not, be supported in the state Legislature (even with the current conservative Republican majority). The result is a big money showdown. On one side are the forces of Amway's billionaire president Dick DeVos and the religious right, along with the Catholic Church. On the other side are the two big teachers unions and civil liberties groups (and in the shadows most public school officials and board members).

Broder argues that the reason the founding fathers created a republican form of government was their belief in reasoned debate and reflection, the value of compromise and the built-in checks and balances of a three-branch structure. While it's true that special interests have an influence over representatives and form a fourth branch of government, those interests are checked by other interests in the debate that goes on continuously in the state and national legislatures.

While it might seem that the initiative process is democracy at its best, Broder shows how wrong that idea is.

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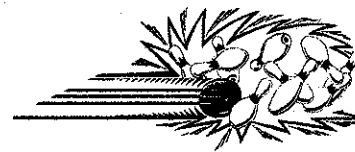
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Islam jury hears testimony on crime scene

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When a death investigation dog was led into the Roe Street home of Azizul Islam last January, "he immediately went downstairs into the basement and within minutes was down and barking."

Sandra Anderson from K-9 Solutions International in Midland, Mich., testified Tuesday in the first degree murder trial of Islam. He's accused of murdering his estranged wife, Tracy, whose arms and legs were found in an A&W Restaurant dumpster in Dearborn, and her torso in a field in northeast Ohio.

Anderson told jurors that her Doberman-German shorthair mix dog, Eagle, is trained to sniff out human remains, including one time finding a Native American burial ground for archeologists.

"When he finds a scent, he lays down and barks next to the area," said Anderson. "And, on command, he puts his paw next to the area where the scent is, so as not to disturb it."

"Eagle was very intense, very excited, like a kid in a candy store," testified Anderson when describing the search in Islam's home. "He had indications within minutes, and I recommended to police officers they immediately get a search warrant. It was the quickest indication (of human remains) in my eight-and-a-half years of working with Eagle."

Police don't have a murder weapon or cause of death; however, they speculate Tracy Islam's body was dismembered in the basement of the home she once shared with Azizul.

"In an area in front of the washer and dryer area, he touched numerous times on the floor," testified Anderson. "He continued his search next to a paint tray and roller. He also indicated near the water heater, and he tried to get under some things piled underneath the stairs. Eagle then made a hit on the shop vac and a mop."

Anderson said Eagle didn't find anything outside, but did want to get into a closet in a groundfloor bedroom.

Investigators say blood was found under the freshly painted basement floor, the same color as found in the paint tray and roller. Blood was reportedly found in the shop vac and on the mop.

Lucas County, Ohio, coroner James Patrick testified the torso "had flecks of paint" on it.

Eagle's search was done with the consent of Islam on Jan. 7. However, after the findings by the canine, Plymouth police got a search warrant and arrested

Islam.

The trial is progressing slowly, with less than half the prosecution's 40 witnesses appearing during six days of testimony. Much of the trial deals with medical experts identifying the remains and police officers from Ohio explaining their investigation when Tracy Islam's torso was found. A sister and boyfriend from England testified Tracy feared for her life.

For the first time, jurors were shown photos of the body parts found in Dearborn and Ohio as family members from London, England, looked on. They didn't appear too shocked at seeing the remains.

Defense attorney Michael Schwartz isn't making it easy for the prosecution, filing numerous motions in an attempt to block evidence and testimony. He frequently draws the ire of Wayne County assistant prosecutors

MURDER TRIAL

Mike Lehto and Kelly Gleason as they attempt to present their case.

Azizul Islam, dressed daily in a dark blue suit with a white shirt and dark tie, mostly stares ahead as testimony is heard by the jury of six men and six women. Tuesday was the first

time he smiled while talking with his legal team, which consists of Schwartz, a second attorney and a paralegal.

In other testimony, Ottawa (Ohio) County Det. Steve Levorchick told of being called to a field where the torso was found Dec. 31.

"On Jan. 4 I went with Lt. (Wayne) Carroll (Plymouth police) and Det. (Paul) Keiper (Dearborn police) and several other investigators to conduct a search of Plymouth Plating Company, the place of employment for the defendant," testified Levorchick. "I assisted in the search of the building for any evidence of the missing person."

Levorchick said nothing was

found at the company where Islam, a chemist, was a vice president.


Tracy Islam left her family in August 1999 because of marital problems, moving to her native England to live with her sister. She arrived back in Plymouth Dec. 16 for an eight-day visit to see her children and finalize a divorce. She went to bed around midnight Dec. 20 and wasn't seen or heard from again.

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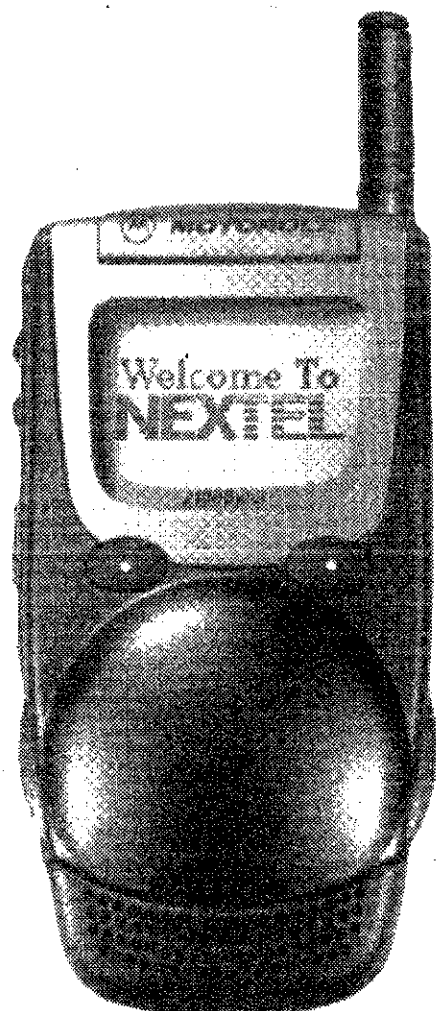
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KIMBERLY MORTSON

My husband's heaven would have camouflage gates

If my husband had his way I believe I recently got a glimpse of what heaven would look like. It's called ... Cabela's.

Known to outdoor and sport enthusiasts as the world's foremost outfitter of fishing, camping, hunting and outdoor gear — the company recently opened a 225,000-square-foot store in Dundee, just 10 miles south of my home. They are estimating the mega-store will attract more than 6 million visitors annually.

More than a year ago we read about the proposed store and it's anticipated August 2000 grand opening. Ever since, my husband has been chomping at the bit for the doors to open. We even drove down there one night a couple of months ago when a billboard near our house erroneously read "NOW OPEN."

Much to his disappointment the store was still in the process of being constructed. I'm not even kidding when I say the next day the sign read "Open August 2000." If I didn't know any better I'd think my husband called the store to complain about the cruel joke someone played ... making him think the store was open when it was actually several weeks from completion.

I do

I married a "jack of all that is outdoors." Our basement looks like Cabela's own "Bargain Cave," with everything from scuba gear and skis to fishing poles and snowmobile paraphernalia. He's not so obsessed that our bridal party wore blaze orange, but some of our calendar year is planned around opening day of deer season.

He can now sleep easier knowing the store and all its merchandise are at his beck and call. When I got home from work Wednesday, Aug. 30, he was waiting in the doorway for me. "Are you ready?"

"Ready?" I asked as if I didn't know what he was talking about.

What I was really thinking was, "You mean ready to eat the dinner you made me when you got home early? Ready to buy new furniture for our living room? Or ready for the hot bath you drew for me with lavender scented bath salts?"

When I snapped back to reality, I responded "Ready for what?"

"Are you ready to go to Cabela's grand opening? It's today."

"Sure," I said even though I could think of 1,000 other things I should or could be doing. "Don't you want to change clothes?"

"No, let's just go."

Needless to say I made him change clothes first so I had time to pack a few snacks for our 19-month-old daughter. I should have been thinking survival food as I wasn't sure how long we'd be lost in the maze of fishing lures and gun racks.

Call of the wild

As we made our way to the store, I could see the troops had been called out to handle the crowds. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department and Dundee Police were directing traffic ... a good sign I should have packed a flare gun.

I have to admit the store is impressive, not only because of its sheer size, but the animal diorama's and the 48-foot mountain erected in the center of the store lends itself to a lot of oohs and ahhs.

I spent most of the two hours people watching while my husband and 1,000 other men shopped in a trance-like state wandering from display to display.

Our daughter was entertained by a man testing out the duck calls and her bag of pretzels more than anything, but give her a few years and I have no doubt her father will have her scoping out whirly gigs (those are fishing lures) and duck decoys.

Our checkbook was relatively unscathed by our first visit ... \$21. But I have a feeling we're going to be upgrading all of the gear we already own. I'm going to have to change my attitude real quick if St. Peter turns out to be Ted Nugent standing at heaven's camouflage gates.

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Students perm, cut, color their way through ...



Beauty school

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For 19-year-old Alysia Dunn of Plymouth, attending beauty school wasn't just a choice, but rather a family tradition.

"I've always wanted to do this," she said, sitting amid the fervor of a busy day in the salon at Miss Katie's Plymouth College of Beauty. "My dad owns his own salon in Novi."

She's always viewed cosmetology as the right career for her, and an honorable one. The most rewarding part of the work, said Dunn, is seeing her client's happy faces.

Perhaps it is those happy faces that have kept Miss Katie's Plymouth College of Beauty and its students going strong. The college itself has a 17-year history. It's founder, Marilyn Lehmann retired and sold the Plymouth College of Beauty to current owner, Katie Bauman in 1992. A smaller, private beauty school, it welcomes about 50 students at any given time in its cosmetology and nail technician courses.

Working with students

"I like the idea of getting to work with my students one-on-one," said Bauman. Like her students, she never wondered what she wanted to be when she grew up. "I guess it was something I just always wanted to do," Bauman discovered a talent for hairdressing as a teenager at friends' sleep-over parties and she never looked back.

Echoing her sentiments, Natalie Clark, a student who lives on the border of Redford and Detroit, also knew she wanted to become a cosmetologist from an early age. "It's always been something fun for me," she said. "When I was little, I would paint my mom's nails. I thought it would be a great way to work my way through college."

In demand

Clark wasn't the only one with such aspirations. In a business that used to draw employees with no intentions of pursuing a degree at a university, it's now a career springboard, even a supplement to higher education.

Much has changed since the days of the bouffant,



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Anxious: Heather Couch smiles as she cuts the hair of Alex Scott, 4, of Plymouth. Lower left, Student Meredith Day of Livonia perms Selma Hegazi's hair.

most importantly the way the business of beauty is conceived by the public. Bauman believes the career has become quite more lucrative, and well-respected. Not only are students earning a license and using their talents to pay for college, they are pursuing business degrees and opening their own salons.

"We used to be beauticians," said Bauman. "Now we're hairdressers. That's different. We have salons calling us to get students."

As often as you change your hair

Bauman has witnessed many changes over the past years. "We used to go to the state boards and have to do a roller set, finger waving and pin curls," she said. "Now they have to do a blow dry and curling iron techniques. Hair cutting is pretty much the same. It hasn't changed much."

It hasn't changed, that is, except for the styles. To keep up with the most modern styles and techniques, students and teachers alike attend hair shows in the area. Most weekends during the fall months, said Bauman, there will be an opportunity to attend a hair show. "We try to go to all of them," she said. "You learn about all the new products, the new techniques in hair cutting."

Former students, Jim

and Brooke Amo of Livonia take their continuing education quite seriously. The couple own Santa Fe Salon, in their hometown, Livonia, but travel across the country to events which enable them to stay current in the industry. "It becomes a lifestyle," said Jim Amo, who went from co-owning a hardware store to co-owning a salon.

The latest in beauty

Right now, wispy razor-thinned ends are the fashion in shorter hair styles. And for any length, curl is back with a vengeance — think 80s volume minus that old hairspray crunch.

The style comes down to the client, said Amo, but some styles he's seeing quite often are layered bobs and variations on the *Friends*-inspired "Rachel" haircut. "Highlighting is very popular still," he said.

If you ask Bauman, "everything is in." But the tools of the trade seem to have forgotten the way of

Please see **BEAUTY**, B2



Client: Miss Betty Seres (left) from Westland helps Canton resident Beth Dividock roll Ruth Wroblewski's hair.



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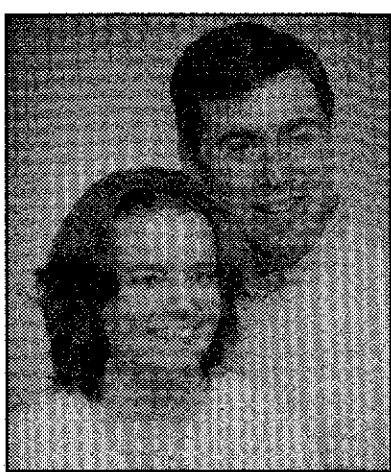
Washer-Gaylord

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Washer of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to John Anthony Gaylord of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Michigan State University, where she majored in music therapy. She works at Father Murray Nursing Home in Centerline as a music therapist.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Caldwell of Troy, is a graduate of Troy Athens High School and Michigan State University, where he majored in marketing. He works for Dial Corp. in Troy.

A May 2001 wedding is



planned at Our Lady of Sorrows and a reception will follow at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

Colangelo-Kerr

Robert and Sherry Colangelo of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristy, to Ryan Kerr of Canton.

The bride-to-be graduated from Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in computer graphics technology.

Her fiancé, the son of Douglas and Judy Kerr of Canton, is presently attending Schoolcraft College to be a gage technician.

An October 2001 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Church in Canton. The couple will receive guests at the Italian American Club.



Matteson-Purcell

Robert and (the late) Toni Matteson of Shelby Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Renee, to Lee Burton Purcell of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture and works for Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Alice Pugh and the late Lee Purcell, is a 1987 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture. He also works at Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

A September 2001 wedding is



planned at St. John Vianney.

Schmidtke-Johnson

Thomas and Barbara Schmidtke of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Lynn, to David Lawrence Johnson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Lake Superior State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Her fiancé, son of Bruce and Lori Johnson of Cedarville, is a 2000 graduate of Lake Superior State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in social work.



A summer wedding in 2002 is being planned.

ANNIVERSARIES

Campbell

Bruce and Gayle (Wise) Campbell of Canton celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month. The couple wed on Aug. 23, 1975 at St. Paul's Chapel in Detroit. They have lived in Canton for the past 20 years and have two children, Christopher and Lauren.

Bruce Campbell works for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn and Gayle Campbell works for Lincare, Inc. in Plymouth.

To celebrate the occasion, the couple shared dinner with family and friends and took a



Caribbean cruise.

Heilman

Emil and Jane Heilman of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 12 with a large gathering of friends and family at the VFW Hall in Livonia. The couple wed Aug. 12, 1950 in Detroit.

The Heilman's children include Ron Heilman of Phoenix, Ariz., Sandy Heilman and her husband Mark Neracher of Scottsdale, Ariz., Gary Heilman of Fort Collins, Colo. and Dan Heilman of Tucson, Ariz. They also have three granddaughters, Ashley, Amber and Shanell Heilman.



Emil is retired from Burroughs Corporation and Jane is a retired office manager.

WEDDINGS

Reeder-Kanaan

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reeder announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Marie, to Daniel Paul Kanaan II.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School who is currently attending Eastern Michigan University and pursuing a degree in early education. She works at Summit on the Park in Canton as a lifeguard/swim instructor.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kanaan of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University. He is pursuing a degree in business management



and a career in aviation. He works for Advanced Communications Inc.

A May 2002 wedding is planned.

Orlewicz-Daniels

Dennis and Cheryl Orlewicz of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Marie, to Joel David Daniels of Kill Devil Hills, NC.

The bride-to-be is graduating from Evangel University of Springfield, MO with an elementary education and middle school science degree in December of 2000.

Her fiancé, the son of the Rev. David and Kay Daniels of Kill Devil Hills, NC, will graduate in May 2001 with a multicultural-international studies degree from Evangel University of Springfield, MO.

Danielle and Joel hope to pursue a life that is a reflection of Jesus Christ and the love He has



for His church.

A December wedding is planned at Northville Christian Assembly of God.

Rotole-Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rotole of Newport announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to John W. Alexander of Clarkston.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and is employed as a nurse practitioner at the University of Michigan Hospital - Pediatric Cardiology.

Her husband, the son of Rosemary Alexander-Jones of Canton, received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. He is employed as a mechanical engineer for DaimlerChrysler.

The couple wed Sept. 2 at St. Charles R.C. Church in Newport before Father William Tinley.

The bride was attended by Mary Ann Caponi, Beth Duffy, Teresa Theisen, Sarah Rotole and Molly Rotole.



The groom was attended by Matthew Alexander, Jim Bergstrom, Sean Clouse, Ed Smith, Joe Rotole and Luke Alexander.

Rebecca and John received guests at the Toledo Club in Toledo, Ohio and took a honeymoon trip to Maui and the Hawaiian Islands. They will make their home in Clarkston.

Ryan-Augustyn

Grelinde and (the late) Bob Ryan of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. announce the marriage of their daughter, Anne Margarethe, to Mark Augustyn, son of Ken and Rita Augustyn of Plymouth.

The bride is an orthopedic surgeon at Ohio State Medical Center. She graduated from Michigan State Medical School and the University of Illinois.

Her husband is a radiologist at Ohio State Medical Center. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, University of Michigan and Michigan State Medical School.

The couple wed on July 29 at Wayfarer's Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. The bride was attended by Elisabeth Ryan and Lauren Augustyn. The groom was attended by Mike Augustyn, Pat Ryan and Mike



Ryan. The couple received guests at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif. and took a honeymoon trip to South America.

They plan to make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

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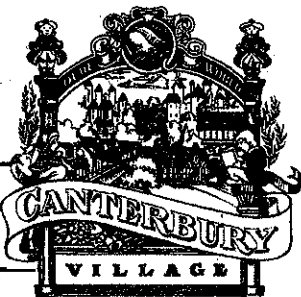
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

WEEKEND

PUNT, PASS AND KICK

■ Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual Punt, Pass and Kick football contest 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Griffin Park, on Sheldon north of Cherry Hill. There will be a girls division. No cleats are permitted. Registration will be on site, birth certificates are required. The contest is open to non-Canton residents. Call (734) 397-5110.

CAR WASH

■ The Plymouth Mite A Stingrays hockey team is hosting a car wash 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Classy Chassis, 5790 N. Canton Center. Call (734) 207-1979.

NIGHT HIKE

■ Maybury State Park is hosting a night hike at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the park, on Eight Mile west of Beck in Northville Township. Meet in the farm demonstration building. A motor vehicle permit is required for entry. Call (248) 349-8390.

HEALTHY HEARTY

■ The Michigan Association of Senior Centers and Pfizer Inc. will be sponsoring a free health screening for cholesterol, blood pressure, risk assessment of heart disease, and blood sugar, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sept. 23-24 at the Super Kmart, 5851 Mercury Drive, Dearborn. Results will be explained on-site. Call (248) 656-0797 for further information.

VEGAS KNIGHT

■ Knights of Columbus will hold a Vegas Knight Saturday, Sept. 23, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the K of C, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth. Black Jack, roulette, dice, wheels, food and drinks will be available. For information call (734) 453-9833.

AROUND TOWN

SWIM LESSONS

■ Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is now offering Saturday swimming lessons. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. and running until 12:30 p.m. for eight weeks starting Sept. 25, classes are at the Central Middle School pool in downtown Plymouth. New this year is Saturday open swim, 12:30-2 p.m. Also being offered are Arthritis Aquatics and Water Walking. Registration is on-going at the Starkweather Community Education department 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays and in the evenings at Canton High School from 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Call (734) 416-2937 for information. Kindermusik ■ Village Music, a professional music facility located in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, is registering students for the fall Kindermusik semester which began Sept. 11. Classes are available for newborns through 7-year-olds. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825 to register.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS

■ Youth co-ed basketball clinics will be held 9-10:30 a.m. for grades 3-5 and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for grades 6-8 Saturdays, Sept. 23-Nov. 4 (no class Oct. 21) in the Summit on the Park gymnasium, 46000 Summit Parkway. Fee is \$56 for annual pass holders, \$62 for residents, \$75 for non-residents. Call (734) 397-5110.

BIKE TOURS

■ Bike tours throughout the Plymouth community sponsored by the Plymouth Newcomers start at 6 p.m. every Monday through October. These low-mileage bike rides (8-11 mph, 8-20 mph) will meet at the Com-

erica Bank back parking lot on Ann Arbor road just west of Sheldon initial rides, which always return before dark, will start off at the low-mileage end and be geared toward basic bicycling abilities. For those seeking a more challenging ride, the AABTS will lead a bike tour that meets, starts and ends at the same place and time as the ride. Wearing a helmet is strongly recommended but not required. A multi-gear non-racer bike is preferred but not necessary. Call tour leader Alan VanKerckhove at (734) 455-9144.

COMPOSTER TRAINING

■ Learn backyard composting and yard waste reduction by attending Wayne County's fall 2000 Master Composter training session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 27-Nov. 1 at Northville City Hall, 215 N. Main. Classes are limited. Call (734) 326-3936 to register.

FESTIVAL OF FASHION

■ Redford Suburban League's Fall Festival of Fashion 2000 will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003 or Vera at (734) 727-0261.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

■ New Morning School in Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: half-day kindergarten (afternoons); the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to new.morning@mediaone.net. Visit the Web site at people.mw.mediaone.net/new-morning.

SENIOR GOLF OUTING

■ The first Canton Senior Golf Outing will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Pheasant Run Golf Course for \$30 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart; a continental breakfast: coffee, juice, bagels and muffins; lunch (hot dog, chips and pop). Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun scrambles to begin at 8 a.m. Teams will be chosen by blind draw by the golf outing committee. Rain date is Tuesday, Oct. 3. Call the Senior Program at (734) 397-5444.

DANCING CUCKOOS

■ The Dancing Cuckoos, the Michigan Chapter of the Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy appreciation organization, invite all Laurel & Hardy fans to attend their next meeting Thursday, Sept. 21, at Mama Mia's, 27770 Plymouth Road (just west of Inkster Road). Dinner is at 6 p.m.; meeting and movies from 8-10 p.m. For information, contact Don Channing at (248) 626-9039 or e-mail at Channing.DandD@aol.com.

WALSH COLLEGE FALL CLASSES

■ Registration for fall semester 2000 is in full progress. New students can sign up now through Oct. 4 for the 11-week semester at any of the college's four campuses: Troy, Novi and the University Centers in Clinton Township and Port Huron. Walk-in-Wednesdays continue in the Admissions Office from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Web address is www.walshcollege.edu.

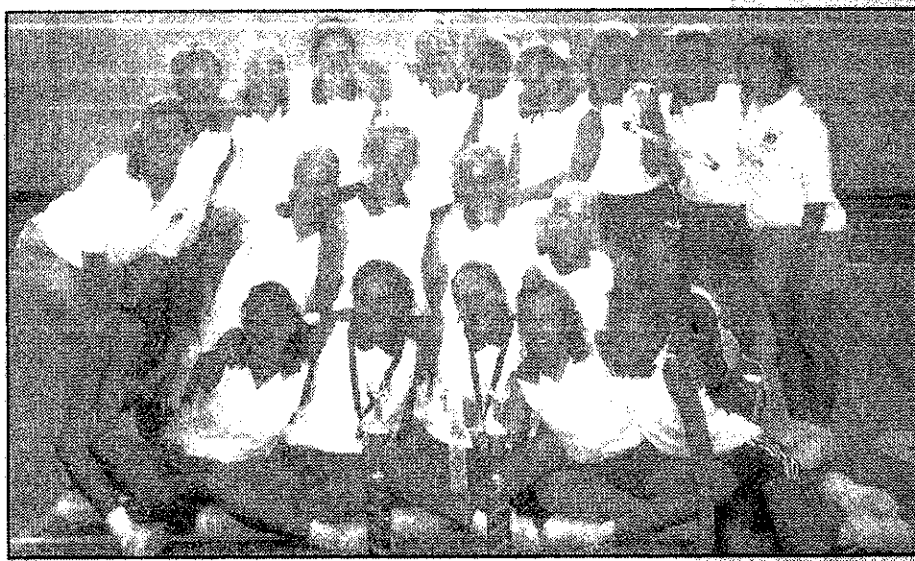
SENIOR PROGRAMS

■ Summit On The Park is offering the following senior programs: Ballroom Dancing; Session II: Oct. 30-Dec. 4; Monday afternoons, 12-1:30 p.m. in the Maple Room. Nora Nader

Something to cheer about



Cheerful faces: The Plymouth Canton varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders took high honors at the recent Universal Cheerleaders Association Elite Summer Camp at the University of Illinois. In honor of their performance the cheerleaders were invited by UCA to perform at the Citrus Bowl in Florida Dec. 28 through Jan. 2. Both squads were named "camp champs." Squads are judged on home pom, extreme and cheer routine. The varsity placed first in cheer and third in both home pom and extreme. Both squads also received a superior award for stunts, cheer, dance and sideline cheer. Senior Ashleigh Sartor and freshmen Jen Horton and Lynn Rodriguez were chosen to the UCA All Star team. Varsity cheerleaders include Gina Ackley, Melissa Allen, Amanda Bostic, Shannon Brunner, Eren Denski, Megan Dishman, Jackie Driscoll, Ann Gardner, Becky Komsa, Meaghan Mackin, Laura McCue, Angela McKinney, Kendra McKinney, Bridget McNicholas, Heidi Medeiros, Angie Neiger, Cheri Opasik, Ashley Paquin, Ashleigh Sartor and Julie Smith. Head coach is Jen Morse. JV cheerleaders include Deana Binford, Kendall Denski, Jessica Dzialowski, Monica Eisenmann, Laura Han, Jen Horton, Amanda Jones, Jessica Liddell, Chloe Kind, Stephanie Landin, Alicia LePage, Ashley Maloney, Susan Pinta, Lynn Rodriguez, Kristen Sarna, Emma Schmid, Jessica Shantz and Martina Sigg. Coach is Heather Strauss.



will teach the fox trot and the waltz. Partners are not necessary. Register at the front desk; Cost: Session I: \$15, for residents, \$18 non-residents; Session II: \$15, residents, \$18, non-residents; Yoga: Session I: Sept. 20-Oct. 25; Session II: Nov. 1-Dec. 6: Wednesdays. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Dance Studio C; Taught by Nora Nader, a certified member of the Yoga Association. Yoga is a class of stretching postures that help the body be flexible

and teaches you to reduce stress and tension; Cost: Session I: \$18, for residents, \$22 for non-residents; Session II: \$18 residents, \$22 for non-residents. The drop-in fee is \$4/\$5 per class: Fun Conversational Spanish; Session I: Sept. 19-Oct. 24: Session II: Nov. 14-Dec. 12: Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Pines Room; Lydia Nava will guide you through the beauty of Spanish. Register for an authentic experience, featuring weekly

review and Mexican-style refreshments. Cost: Session I: \$9 residents, \$11 non-residents; Session II: \$7.50 resident, \$9 non-resident; Oil Painting; Sept. 25-Nov. 13; Mondays, 12:45-3:45 p.m. in Arts I. Artist Anita Sonnenberg will provide individualized instruction for those with no painting experience, as well as experienced artists. The class will be limited to 12 students; Cost for the eight week class is \$32 residents, \$39 non-resident;

drop in fee is \$5/5.50.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP

■ The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) are invited. Adults must accompany those 6-11. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of the meetings. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET

■ The Knights of Columbus holds a Breakfast Buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair Street, Plymouth. All you can eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. For further information, call (734) 453-9833.

FALL FESTIVAL

■ The American Cancer Society will be hosting a "Fall Festival" in all of its metro-Detroit Discovery Shops Thursday-Friday, Sept. 28-29. Individuals interested in donating items may drop them by their local Discovery Shop. Discovery Shops are quality resale shops owned and operated by the American Cancer Society and run by volunteers. For more information about the Discovery Shops or the "Fall Festival," call your American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353.

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

■ The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School, Saturday, Nov. 18, is seeking artists and crafters. Especially interested in: eatables (candy or other foods), calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit) wood shelves or anything unusual. Other items wait-listed at this point. Call Dianne at (248) 553-0913 for further information.

DIABETES SCREENING

■ Free diabetes screenings will be offered at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D at Lilley Thursday, Sept. 28. Call (734) 981-1086.

ORAL CANCER SCREENING

■ Free oral cancer screenings will be offered Monday, Oct. 2, at the office of Richard Stoler, DO, located in the Marian Professional building at 14555 Levan, Suite 206 in Livonia. Call to register by Friday, Sept. 29, at (734) 655-8940. Visit www.stmarymercy.org for directions.

TAI CHI

■ Ongoing Tai Chi classes are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit their Web site at www.ttcs.org. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

VOLUNTEERS

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

■ The American Cancer Society is looking for individuals in the fight against breast cancer to volunteer for Metro Detroit's third annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Detroit's Belle Isle Park. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Interested individuals please contact Jenny Christopher at (248) 557-

5353.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED

■ Oakland Family Services located in Pontiac is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. There are many school-age children who need temporary or permanent families. Foster parents provide a temporary family for children until they can be reunited with their families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, please call Vicki Landsman Peterson, at Oakland Family Services (248) 858-7215 Ext. 236.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

■ The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is seeking volunteers. Training began Monday, Sept. 18. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5524.

FIRST STEP

■ First Step project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is seeking volunteers. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in Western Wayne County and Downriver communities for over 20 years. Committed and dedicated volunteers are needed in several communities for a variety of services. Training is provided. The next training for women and men at least 18 years old begins in September. Call (734) 416-1111 Ext. 202.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF SUPPORT

■ New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center offers grief support groups and resources to the community free of charge. Groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in various locations in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties. Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248) 348-0115.

DOWN SYNDROME

■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. Call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

■ Families Anonymous holds monthly meetings at 8 p.m. every Thursday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. Call (734) 416-0315.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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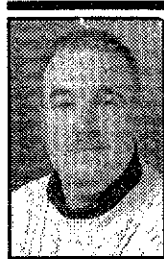
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Freedom plays important role



LES
HARDIN

Freedom has a prominent voice in American culture. Slavery has been a prominent part of our past, and not just on a racial basis. Because of the prevalence of slavery in our past, freedom has acquired an authentic voice in American culture. And as the media have become the preachers of the information age, here are just a few of the places you see this concept of freedom taking center stage.

I first saw it in my favorite movie of all time, *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy gets caught up in that tornado, and her house lands on the wicked witch of the east. And after the munchkins come and confirm her death, they herald Dorothy as their great liberator and cry, "Today is a day of independence, for all the munchkins and their descendants!" Freedom!

We've talked before in this column about Sean Connery's classic line in *First Knight*. As King Arthur, Connery is accused of making laws which enslave the people of Camelot. His response? "There are laws which enslave men and laws which set them free!" Main concept? Freedom!

And there's that famous speech, Dr. King's civil rights address in which the famous line is repeated over and over, "I have a dream." What was that dream? That all men, black and white, would be ... FREE!

But most telling is the story of the liberation of Scotland at the hand of William Wallace in *Braveheart*. Mel Gibson plays William Wallace, a Scottish leader bent on liberating Scotland from British rule. He's becoming popular, winning one campaign after another with nothing more than well-trained farmers, and

the tribal leaders are looking toward him for leadership of their forming nation.

He is joined by these leaders at a "leadership summit," and, in short, refuses to submit to their military plan. He storms out of the room in an attitude of beligerence. One of the diplomats at this meeting, Robert the Bruce, chases after him. He climbs up in Wallace's face and exhorts him, "Come on, Wallace. Rise up and give these men courage!" I love the response. Wallace exclaims, "Men don't want courage. They want freedom. Give it to them, and they'll follow ya!"

Biblical lesson

I only thought of one verse of Scripture when I heard this: "Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). The Bible makes it clear that we're prisoners to sin. Whether we want to admit it or not, in all of our heightened, enlightened humanity, we are still slaves to sin. There are more self-help and recovery groups than there ever have been, crime is up and scandal abounds. We're slaves to sin. And the only one who can truly grant freedom is Christ Jesus. Every other source of freedom is flawed and temporary. No freedom lasts, except that found in Jesus.

"Men don't want courage. They want freedom. Give it to them, and they'll follow ya!" It's true. Jesus didn't come to give us courage (though we are encouraged by him). He came to give us freedom, to set us free from our sin. And people have been following him ever since!

Les Hardin has served as the minister of Christian education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and lives with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sunday School is currently holding open registration for the 2000-2001 school year. Beit Kodesh is located at 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Kindergarten through youth group classes available. New members will benefit from a special tuition discount their first year. Tuition assistance is available to those who qualify. Call Mrs. Green (248) 477-8974.

RELIGIOUS POEMS SOUGHT

Good news for sincere poets. The Bards of Burbank are offering a \$1,000 prize in their Poetry Competition 2000, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is Oct. 2, 2000. To enter, send one poem or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506 or online at www.friendlypoets.com. "We think religious poems can invite achievement," said John Scribner, the organization's Contest Director.

SUNDAY COURSES

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) will be offering courses on Sunday evenings from 4:45-6 p.m. Adult classes include: "Man of his Word, Shaping the Next Generation, Habits of the Heart, Woman to Woman: Preparing Yourself to Mentor, and Easy Communication Basic Sign Language." For youth: "Salt Mine" and kids "TeamKid Club." For information call (734) 421-0472.

SATELLITE SERIES

Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist church (33144 Cherry Hill Road, west of Veno) in Garden City will offer a satellite series titled "The Midnight Cry" hosted by Lonnie Melashenko, director of the Voice of Prophecy and featuring Kenneth Cox as speaker. Cox is a speaker whose ministry has covered most of the world. Meetings are scheduled five nights a week from 8-9:30 p.m.

started Sept. 9 and continuing each evening, except Monday and Thursday, through Oct. 14. Admission is free, child care will be provided and parking is ample.

RCIA CLASSES

If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith or wish to learn more about our faith, please call Deacon John (734) 425-4421. Our RCIA classes will start Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore Parish in our Parish Center building located at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled for Sept. 22-24 and Oct. 20-22 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill & Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan & Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwwme

BARBARA KEEFE CONCERT

Barbara Keefe, spiritual teacher and new thought vocalist, will perform in concert at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) at 7 p.m. Sept. 23. The program will be offered on a love offering basis. The concert will be preceded with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Call (734) 421-1760.

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

"How Do We Say Who We Are?" Our religion doesn't have a set creed, so answering the questions about our religion takes a little thought. Rev. Bob Renjilian will present a few examples, and get us exploring how we can speak thoughtfully and from the heart about our Unitarian Universalist religion. Sept. 24. A "polylogue" discussion time will

follow, to encourage questions and a diversity of voices on this topic. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River) Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wvnet.com/~uucf/

UNITY OPEN HOUSE

Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will host an open house at noon Sept. 24. the public is invited to attend and see services that are offered at the church including prayer ministry, support groups, senior fellowship, youth education, special classes and more. Refreshments will be provided. Call 421-1760.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Weigh Down Workshop - Join us Monday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. for a free orientation and you'll never have to worry about your weight again. Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

MOMS PRAYING

An informational meeting for area Moms In Touch International groups will be held, Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the chapel at St. Michael Lutheran Church, (7000 Sheldon Road) in Canton. Moms In Touch is two or more moms meeting weekly to pray for their children and their schools. Call Karen (734) 397-2771 or Elaine (734) 459-3896.

WORLD HEALING FORUM

A World Healing Forum will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity teacher. At Unity Church of Livonia in the sanctuary. Come for sharing, meditation, prayer, a healing circle and presentations. Unity of Livonia is located at 28660 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

VESPERS SERVICE

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Unity of Livonia will

host a weekly vespers service featuring the music of Danny Holley and talks by Rev. Gene and Lucille Sorensen. Call (734) 421-1760.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Congregation Bet Chaverim of Western Wayne County is conducting its High Holiday services, Rosh Hashanah, at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton. Yom Kippur will be held at the same location on Sunday Oct. 8 at 7:15 p.m. and again on Monday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. with a potluck breakfast to follow. Come celebrate the new year with us. No tickets required. Donations welcome. Cherry Hill Methodist Church is located on Ridge Road, just south of Cherry Hill in Canton. Call CBC Hotline at (734) 480-8880.

BEIT KODESH SERVICES

Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, will hold High Holiday Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: Rosh Hashanah Sept. 29, 7 p.m.; Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Kol Nidre, Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. and Yom Kippur Monday Oct. 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Tickets will be on sale 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Sept. 17 and 24 at the synagogue. Call Aaron Engel, (248) 661-4279 or Marty Diskin (248) 474-7616.

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An Adult Enrichment Opportunity at Clarenceville United Methodist church (20300 Middlebelt Road) Livonia. "Beyond the Birds and the Bees: Sexual Issues Facing Today's Kids and their Parents." Friday, Sept. 29 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. with special guest Robin Sullivan (WMUZ) and Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with special guest Teresa Tomeo. cost is \$20 individual or \$35 for a couple. Saturday lunch is included. Call (248) 474-3444 to register.

St. Richard Parish marks 40th milestone

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The church planned other events this year to recognize the milestone including a 40th anniversary Mass June 25 that more than 500 people attended and a golf outing Sept. 9.

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■ **Mike and Connie Wall** of Plymouth Township announce the birth of their daughter **Clara Elizabeth** born Sept. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Clara joins sisters Carolina, 6; and Christine, 3. Grandparents are Ed and Carol Wall of Plymouth and Donna Kent of Lansing. Great-grandparents are Alice Wall of Plymouth and Thelma McIntosh of Samburg, Tenn.

■ **Kevin and Trish MacDonald** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Samuel Everett** born Aug. 29 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Samuel joins brother Maxwell James, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Sandy and John Heenan of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (formerly of Novi) and Kathleen and Allan MacDonald of Melvindale.

■ **Cindy and Rob Wight** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Jacob Robert** born Aug. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Jacob joins sister Allissa, 17 months. Grandparents are Jerry and Theresa Keene of Harrison and Dan and Diane Wight of Garden City.

■ **Shawn Komarynski and Crystal Miles** (formerly of Westland) of Whitmore Lake announce the birth of their daughter **Katelyn Christian Komarynski** born Aug. 12 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Katelyn joins siblings Robert, 11; Stephanie, 8; and James, 2. Grandparents are Jo Miles, Barb Millard and the late Cindy Miles all of Westland.

■ **Barbara and Michael Lund** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Katherine Ann** born Aug. 18 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Nellie and George Baldwin of Plymouth and Amy and Charles Lund of Waterford.

■ **Brittany Bynum** of Canton and **Michael Abee** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Riley Michael Abee** born Aug. 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Terri Bartley of Canton, James Bynum of Livonia, Denise Abee and Michael Abee of Westland.

■ **Darlene and Timothy Howell** announce the birth of their son **Charles Raymond** born Aug. 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Charles joins siblings Dana, 6; Kyle, 4; and Angelica, 2. Grandparents are Charles and Carol Howell of Garden City and Barbara and Jack Richards of Redford.

■ **George and Adriana Huber** of Westland announce the birth of their son **George Matthew** born Aug. 24 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Raymond and Elsa Claudio and Alicia of Quito, Ecuador.

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FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will hold their Annual Fall Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 23 at the church (10000 Beech Daly between Plymouth Road and West Chicago) in Redford. White elephants, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books will be sold from Wesley Hall. Clothing of all sizes will be in Fellowship Hall, with special women's garments in the boutique section. Proceeds will be used for church and district missionary projects.

2000 AIDS WALK

AIDS Walk Michigan - City of Detroit is a 5K walk-a-thon that raises money for HIV/AIDS services in the metro Detroit area. It will be held Sept. 24 at Hart Plaza. Registration is at noon;

and the walk starts at 2 p.m. For information call Cynthia Brenner (313) 446-9809.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) of Livonia will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 30. Get gently used clothes (maternity and infant through pre-teen available) toys and furniture. Hot dogs, chips, kool aid, coffee and bake sale. Also clowns, facing painting and balloon animals. Table renters get free lunch and free child care. Call (734) 422-0149.

FUND-RAISER

The Van Buren Eagles has a member, Richard Farkas, who will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant as well as other treatments. To raise money for his expenses. We are having a dinner dance on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at 9961 Beck Road in Belleville (1/2 mile north of I-94 and 1/2 mile west of Belleville Road). The cost will be \$15 per person which includes international food buffet, keg beer, open bar available, band, auction and more. Public is welcome. Tickets can be purchased at FOE #3996 Auxiliary Club or call (734) 669-5265 or (734) 699-8836.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for the fall rummage sale. Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia between Wayne and Newburgh Roads.

RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt) Oct. 12-13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bag sale

Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Light lunch and bake sale.

MAKING STRIDES

Metro Detroiters are invited to join the American Cancer Society on Oct. 14 to participate in the third annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk on Detroit's Belle Isle. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. Call (248) 557-5353 for information.

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The St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 14 at St. Edith's Parish Hall. (located just south of Five Mile on Newburgh Road). Rent a table at the sale and turn your child/children's gently used items into cash. Come to the sale to find items for your nursery and child's needs. To reserve a table call (734) 266-6182.

ST. GENEVIEVE RUMMAGE SALE

St. Genevieve School in Livonia will be sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Oct. 20-21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Genevieve is located at 28933 Jamison (2 blocks east of Middlebelt and 2 blocks south of Five Mile). Tools, clothing, furniture, toys, housewares, books, electronics, sports and exercise items. Please come and help support our school!

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The Irish Pallotine Fathers will host a dinner/dance Nov. 4 at the Hellenic Cultural Center (36375 Joy Road, Westland). Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing until 1 a.m. Music by Brian Bonner and his Arranmore Band. \$45 per person. Call Colleen Karagozian (248) 546-1289.

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WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances include: Sept. 22, and 29. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

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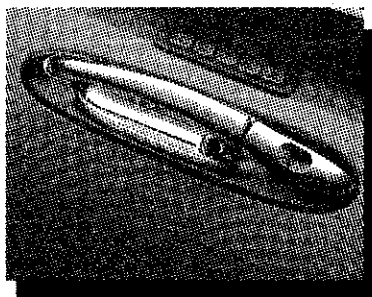
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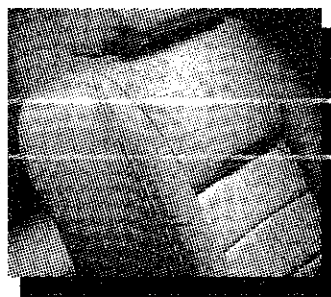
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Shull is player of week

Christen Shull, a freshman defender for Madonna University's women's soccer team from Canton (Plymouth Salem HS), has been selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and NAIA Region VIII player of the week.

Shull helped the Lady Crusaders post a 2-0 record last week in victories over WHAC rivals Concordia College and Tri-State University. Shull scored twice against each opponent and also had one assist for the week.

For the season, Shull has four goals and an assist for nine points, helping Madonna to a 5-1-1 record and a 3-0 WHAC mark.

Other Crusaders honored

•Salvatore Piraine, a junior midfielder on Madonna University's men's soccer team, was named WHAC and Region VIII player of the week. Piraine, a Dearborn Crestwood graduate and the WHAC player of the year last season who missed four games with an injury, scored three times against WHAC foe Concordia College and added another goal in a non-league loss to Goshen College.

Piraine added two assists as well, giving him a team-best four goals and two assists (10 points) in four games this season.

•Brandy Malewski, a senior middle-hitter for Madonna University's volleyball team and a Redford Thurston graduate, was chosen as WHAC player of the week.

Malewski led the Crusaders to a 4-0 record for the week, collecting 42 kills with a .438 kill percentage in 12 games. She also had five solo blocks and 12 block assists. For the season, Malewski has 196 kills, an average of 4.56 per game (and a kill percentage of .433), and a team-best 68 blocks (1.58 per game).

Lightning reign

The Plymouth Lightning '83' won the under-19 age group at the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational August 18-20. After tying their first two games, the Lightning defeated the BSFC 84 Blazers 2-0 to advance to the finals. In the championship game they silenced the Rochester Thunder, 4-1.

Team members are: Marisa Biniacki, Rachel Brezak, Arielle Bryant, Jenny Curran, Jill Dombrowski, Melanie Dunn, Megan Gourley, Betsy Huebler, Shara Huggins, Lindsay Lasher, Mandy Marsonnek, Allison Mills, Jessica Palis, Danielle Portelli, Betsy Radtke, Nicole Schilk, Natalie Thomas and Amber Williams. The Lightning is coached by Dan Schilk.

Braves split

Dave Shumaker (Canton) doubled home two runs to tie the score with one out and came home with the game-winner when Will Wojcik Shook (Plymouth/AA Gabriel Richard) singled to left with two out in the bottom of the sixth Saturday to give the Michigan Braves a 7-6 victory over the Michigan Thunder.

The Thunder won the first game of the Total Baseball Fall League doubleheader, 3-2, despite an excellent pitching performance by Kris Mackmiller, who allowed just one earned run and didn't give up a hit after the second. Mackmiller also doubled for one of three hits by the Braves (6-1-1).

Clay Weldon (Plymouth Christian) got the victory in relief, entering in the fourth and striking out two to end a Thunder threat. He pitched two-hit shutout ball over the last two innings of the game, shortened by the time limit.

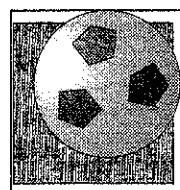
Wojcik Shook walked three times in the first game and went 2-for-4 with a double and a walk in the second. Catcher Mike Markey (OLSM), one of 20 players chosen to attend a Doyle Baseball national showcase, walked four times in the first game.

Hole-in-one

Terrie Smithers of Canton used an eight-iron on the 72-yard 11th hole of the Snow Snake Mountain Ski and Golf Club in Harrison to get a hole-in-one. Smithers got her ace on Sept. 8.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Canton, N'ville ends in a draw



BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

In a pivotal clash Wednesday night between two Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rivals, nothing was decided.

Plymouth Canton and Northville, two of the three teams (the other is

It was a supreme test, this battle between division rivals Plymouth Canton and Northville, under conditions that made the challenge even more extreme. In the end, neither team could claim control of the outcome.

Livonia Churchill) with talent enough to win the Division title, played to a 1-1 draw at Northville in conditions you'd rather watch on "The Weather Channel" than actually endure.

Both teams are 1-0-1 in divisional play, and neither has played Churchill yet. Canton is 6-4-1 overall; Northville is 5-1-2.

"It was an important divisional

game," said Northville coach Henry Klimes. "With a tie, now everyone's still alive."

"Sure, we knew how important it was. And so did they."

A driving rainstorm blowing in from the north was a major factor in the game's outcome. If one team was more skilled than the other, it was impossible to tell in these conditions.

It was apparent through the second half that Northville was emotionally charged. The Mustangs, with the wind at their back for the final 40 minutes, attacked relentlessly — and physically. Three Northville players were given

yellow cards, two for rough play and a third for arguing, in the second half.

Canton had the early lead, getting a first-half goal from Mike Zemanski.

That advantage lasted for 11 minutes of the second half. With 28:17 left, a centering pass eluded the Chiefs' defenders, who were battling the uncertain footing. It slipped through to Jeff Fielhauer, and he powered it past Canton keeper T.J. Tomasso, ending his five-game shutout streak.

The outcome keeps the race interesting, particularly since Churchill and Livonia Franklin played to a 0-0 tie Wednesday in another division match.

Every score matters:
Rocks manage to edge
Chiefs by just 1 stroke

BY C.J. RISAK
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A high school golf meet isn't usually the kind of sport that draws a lot of fan attention. Unless that meet is between rivals like Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.



Top shooter: One of Canton's best against Salem was Derek Vermeulen, who shot a 39.

The Rocks and Chiefs clashed at St. John's Golf Course Monday with more than just bragging rights at stake. Both teams were unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association; as Salem coach Rick Wilson said, "In this league, you just about have to win all of your home matches and hope you win the majority of your road matches."

"We couldn't afford to lose a home match."

On Monday, the Rocks didn't. And it was a somewhat unexpected source that kept them from bowing to the tough Canton team.

With junior Jon Gordon posting his best score of the season, Salem just managed to eke past the Chiefs, 203-204. The win pushed the Rocks' record to 4-0 in the WLAA; Canton is 2-1.

Gordon, who was part of the Rocks' third two-some, had broken 40 just once in his previous three matches this season. Against Canton, he shot a medalist-earning 38.

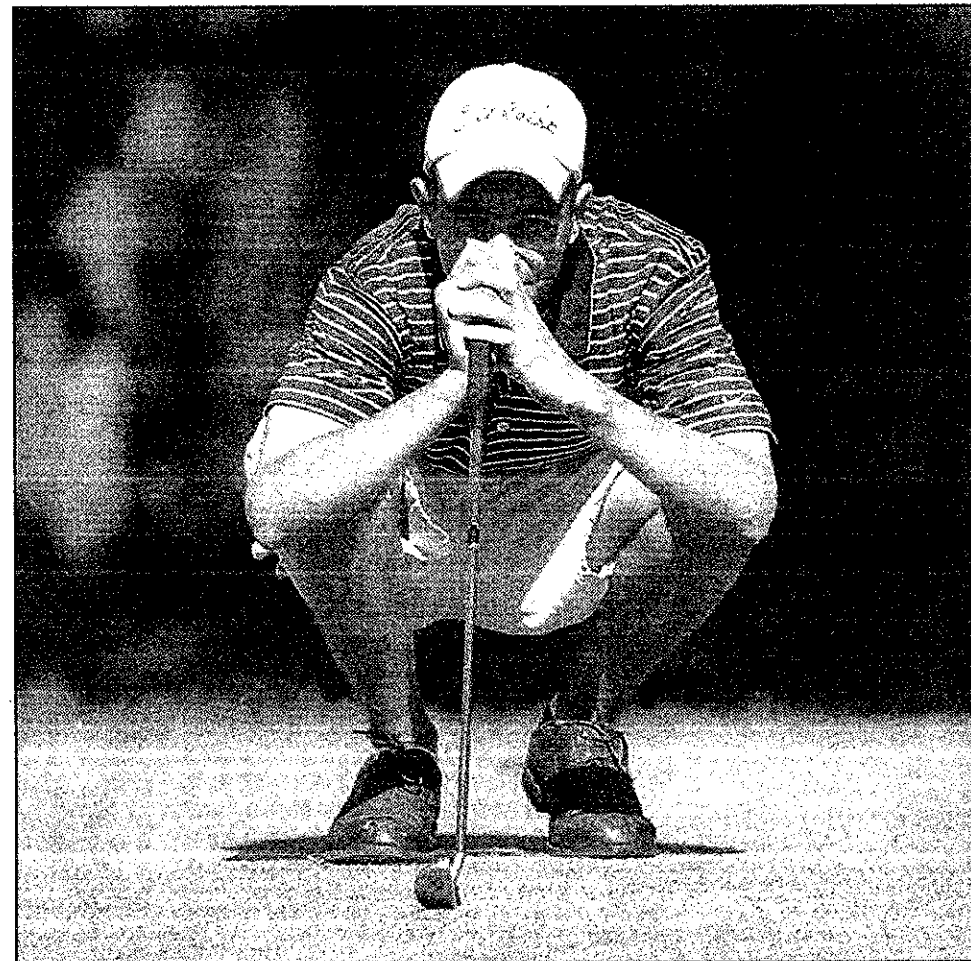
And it couldn't have come at a better time, as far as Salem was concerned.

With a crowd of onlookers watching, Salem's top twosome of Jay Smith and Mike Thackaberry each had a rough match, shooting matching 43s.

"Those two are co-captains, and they'll tell you it was their teammates who picked them up," said Wilson.

When Canton's top twosome of Derek Vermeulen and Ryan McKendry came in with identical 39s, the Rocks found themselves trailing by eight strokes — a lot to make up.

They started their comeback with the



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Quite a comeback: One reason for Salem's victory was the comeback Bobby Jones staged. After struggling through a double-bogey on the first hole, Jones rebounded to shoot a 39.

next twosome, in particular Bobby Jones, who got off to an awful start by losing his ball on the first hole and posting a double-bogey.

Jones, however, rebounded to shoot an impressive 39. Teammate Brian Gullen was nearly as good, firing a 40 — both scores bettering Canton's twosome of Mike Baracy (45) and Jason Brand (46).

Which left it up to the final twosome

of Gordon and Ryan Williams. Gordon's 38 and Williams' 43 were equalled by Canton's twosome of Scott Oliver (39) and Andrew Wagner (42), by the final stroke count (top five scores) favored Salem.

"It was pretty emotional," said Wilson. "We actually had a crowd, a gallery."

"Part of (the difference) was having

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Strong 2nd half boosts Canton to a win

Once again, defense saved Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer in a non-league game Tuesday, but did so with virtually no first-half offense. Canton could muster only 12 points in the opening two quarters.

Fortunately, their defense was present, limiting Pioneer to just 19 points in the first half for a seven-

GIRLS BASKETBALL

point halftime lead. And that was something the Chiefs could overcome.

Which they did, thanks to Janine Guastella. The senior guard/forward, who returned a week ago from a knee injury suffered last spring, scored a game-

high 19 points — 11 in the second half — to carry Canton to a 38-34 victory.

"We struggled early against their zone," said Canton coach Bob Blohm, his team now 4-2. "We just had a hard time getting the ball where we wanted to."

"But even though we struggled offensively, we sure played well defensively."

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Is this their year?

A strong group of returnees lifts Whalers' hopes

BY NICK GISMONDI
SPECIAL WRITER

Last season was supposed to be one to rebuild, to re-examine and re-train a young group of athletes for the day-to-day stresses of the Ontario Hockey League.

It turned out to be something quite different for the Plymouth Whalers,

who for the second-straight season posted the best regular-season record in the OHL and advanced all the way to Game Seven of the OHL Finals.

After a vast majority of the 1998-99 team had moved on, two-time CHL coach of the



year Pete DeBoer and his staff were faced with a virtually new team last season. The campaign began as many anticipated, with the rookies adapting to the rigors of the OHL.

But then something happened. That "inexperienced" squad of newcomers threw aside the rebuilding cliché and turned what was supposed to be a tumultuous season into a championship run that fell a single game shy of a trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia and a bid for the coveted Memorial Cup.

The Whalers did finish with several high notes, including the West Division title and the regular season championship. In addition, Plymouth set a franchise record with a 17-game winning streak, instrumental in its finishing the year 45-19-4 with 95 points.

Returnees are abundant

That, though, was last year. With virtually all of those players returning to the roster this season, the experience gained should convert Plymouth into a winning squad — again.

The Whalers did lose four of their mainstays to last season's success,

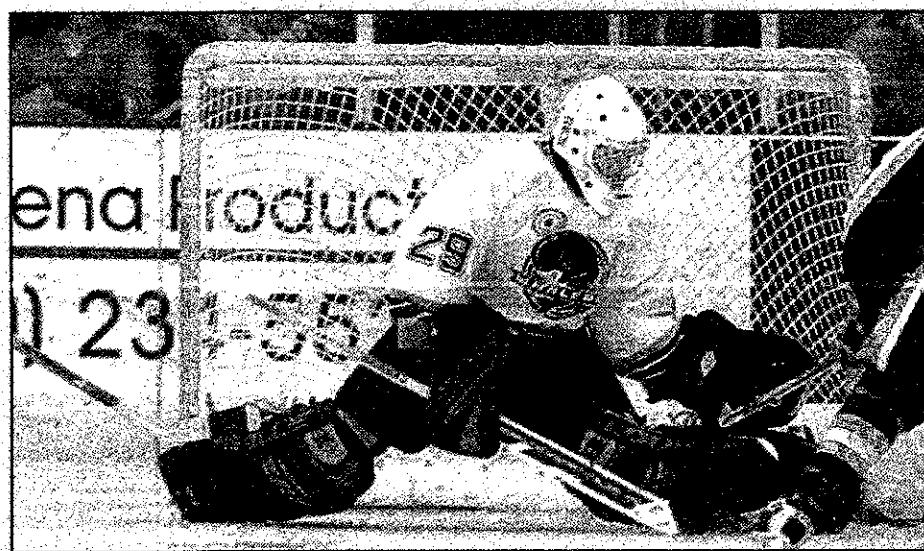


Top scorer: Justin Williams led the Whalers in goals with 37 and points with 83.

players that contributed not only skill but also character and leadership.

Co-captains Randy Fitzgerald, Eric

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Big backstop: The play of Rob Zepp — 2.38 goals-against average, .903 save percentage — was a key to the Whalers' season.

Chiefs jolt No. 2 Stevenson

He had to be joking. Or perhaps Plymouth Canton soccer coach Don Smith was just trying to maintain perspective.

After all, the Chiefs had what in many ways was a bigger game last night at Northville, a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival. A win over state-ranked Northville would take them one step closer to a berth in the WLAA championship match.

Still, beating second-ranked — and previously unbeaten — Livonia Stevenson 2-0 surely should elicit a stronger response than "It was a very nice game."

Whatever Smith's reaction, it was an outcome with huge consequences for the Chiefs, who struggled to find the net in the first three weeks of the season.

That changed in the last 10 days. In consecutive wins over Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and Monroe, Canton totaled 24 goals.

That alone should have alerted the Spartans. If it didn't, Monday's match, played at Canton, certainly did.

"We rose to the occasion," said Smith. "The boys were taking a lot of whacks and were still coming back."

"Our attack is a whole lot better. The kids are hustling, that's (the difference). It's that

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extra effort."

Evan Malone gave the Chiefs a 1-0 lead with a first-half goal, assisted by Nick Houdek. Evan Baker added an insurance goal in the second half, with Malone assisting.

The win was the fourth-straight for Canton and was the fourth-straight shutout for keeper T.J. Tomasso, who now has five for the season. He had nine saves in the net.

Stevenson slipped to 4-1-1 with the defeat.

Salem 3, John Glenn 1: Plymouth Salem got first-half goals from Brian Popeney and David Daigneau and held off WLAA Lakes Division foe Westland John Glenn to collect the road win Monday.

The victory boosted Salem's overall record to 10-2.

Dan Longpre assisted on Popeney's goal; Jamie Zdrodowski drew the assist on Daigneau's. Zdrodowski made it 3-0 in the second half, with the assist going to Jeff Bennett.

The Rockets averted the shutout with a second-half goal by Derek Gismondi.

Canton 10, Monroe 0: Three players had multiple-goal games and six scored to carry Canton past visiting Monroe Saturday.

Shon Washington led the scoring barrage with three goals. John Kaczmarek contributed two goals and three assists, and Nick Rolfe finished with two goals.

Mike Zemanski, Evan Malone and Jeff Bennett each had single goals for the Chiefs. Others to collect assists were Matt Strabbing, Matt Magers, Pat Meyn and Andrew Holmes.

PCA 3, Agape 1: After a scoreless first half, Plymouth Christian Academy scored three-straight goals to pull away from Canton Agape Christian Tuesday at PCA.

The Eagles improved to 5-1-3. The Wolverines slipped to 5-3-1.

Tim Maes scored PCA's first goal, assisted by Steve McLean. Dan Carty made it 2-0, assisted by Brandon Kreis, and John Sink scored the third goal.

"It was good from that aspect," said PCA coach Rick Ericson after "his team pushed across three goals. "We put the ball in the net. I hope we can continue that Saturday."

The Eagles host Michigan Independent Athletic Conference rival Southfield Christian at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Canton's boys take 4th at Ludington; Salem's girls run well, but trail

No, he wasn't particularly happy with his team's performance.

Still, Bill Boyd's Plymouth Canton boys cross country squad didn't do all that poorly at last Saturday's Ludington Invitational. The Chiefs finished fourth overall in the 29-team event, scoring 124 points.

It was where Canton placed among the three Division I teams racing that bothered Boyd — second.

"We were very disappointed (with that placing)," said Boyd. "It was really just a two-team race."

Muskegon Mona Shores edged the Chiefs in Division I scoring, 26-29. Muskegon was a distant third with 85.

In the overall scoring, Benzie Central — a Division III school — finished first with 70 points. Mona Shores was second with 104, and East Jordan was third with 111.

Top runner for Canton was Jon Mikosz, who finished eighth overall and second in Division I in 17:28. Next best was Scott Gillen, who was 20th overall and fifth in the division (17:55), followed by Brandon McClellan, 25th and sixth (17:59); Pat Pruitt, 29th and seventh (18:02); and Casey Maloney, 42nd and ninth (18:18).

The Chiefs have nothing scheduled until Saturday, when they travel to the Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

X-COUNTRY

Salem competes in the Catholic Central Invitational Saturday at Cass Benton.

Canton girls win division

Among the Division I teams competing at Saturday's Ludington Invitational, Plymouth Canton fared well. The Chiefs easily outdistanced Muskegon Mona Shores, scoring 19 points to the Sailors' 44.

Those, however, were the only two Division I teams in the 25-team field. Canton placed ninth overall, scoring 244 points. First place overall went to Big Rapids, a Division II school.

Best for the Chiefs was Mary Maloney, who finished first in Division I and 10th overall in 20:56. Next for Canton was Pam Reason, third in the division and 53rd overall (22:36), followed by Erica Stoney, fourth and 55th (22:37); Tonda Shimbo, fifth and 56th (22:38); Rachel Lindman, seventh and 70th (23:16); Shiri Leventhal, eighth and 71st (23:17); and Terra Kubert, ninth and 74th (23:27).

In the junior varsity race, a pair of Canton runners also fared well. Sarah McCormick was third in 23:06 and Jessica Levely was ninth in 24:04.

The Chiefs' next race is Saturday at Monroe Jefferson.

Doubly sweet

Sweep in doubles carries Canton to victory

TENNIS

Double trouble.

That's what Plymouth Canton's tennis team gave Livonia Stevenson Monday at Canton. The Chiefs lost three of the four singles matches, but they swept the doubles to earn a 5-3 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association match.

Stevenson is 2-1 overall and in the conference.

Three of the eight matches went three sets, with three sets going to the tiebreaker. Canton's only victory in singles came at No. 3, with Katie Maloni beating Stevenson's Jen Jensen 6-3, 6-4.

In doubles, the Chiefs' No. 1 team of Susan Franck and Beth Treadwell beat the Spartans' Kim Samsel and Gloria Ghorman 7-6 (7-4), 5-7, 6-0; the No. 2

pairing of Tracy Robey and Jenna Delaney topped Maria Dimopoulos and Stephanie Mucci 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; at No. 3, Jessica Lacey and Lauren Dew stopped Katherine Fretz and Lindsey Novotny 7-6 (7-4), 6-2; and at No. 4, Christa McKay and Jennie Kazmierczak bested Lauren Falzon and Jody Winkler 6-3, 6-1.

Stevenson's wins came at No. 1 singles, with Erin Mazzoni defeating Christina Slupek 6-0, 6-2; at No. 2 singles, with Sara Gonzalez knocking off Lisa Niemiec 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; and at No. 4 singles, with Jilian Bohn beating Stephanie Chang 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

Canton hosts North Farmington at 4 p.m. Friday.

Salem stops Rockets

Three wins in singles play propelled Plymouth Salem to a 5-3 win over WLAA rival Westland John Glenn Monday at Glenn.

The Rocks are 4-1 overall, 3-1 in the conference. Glenn fell to 2-4 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA.

Winners in singles play for Salem were Lindsay Pyle at No. 2, 6-4, 6-2 over Stephanie Fedulchak; Jacqui Slebocknick at No. 3, 6-3, 6-2 over Megan Lyons; and Sheema Rabbai at No. 4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 over Kiran Dashairya.

Salem also got doubles victory from Mandy Bradley and Missy Nelson at No. 1, 6-3, 6-0 over Autumn Palmer and Kirby Thomas; and at No. 2, with Zarina Dohadwala and Krystal Finney, 6-3, 6-1 over Christian Miller and Kristin Blossom.

The Rocks' No. 1 singles Niki Hlady lost in three sets to Glenn's Maria Baldysz 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. The Rockets also won three-setters at No. 3 doubles, with Lisa Vacca and Renee Durigon topping Salem's Sarah Medley and Jessica Shamberger, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, and at No. 4 doubles, with Jenny Bloomer and Jessica Parks beating the Rocks' Kerry Griffith and April Aquinto 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Salem plays at Livonia Churchill at 4 p.m. Friday.

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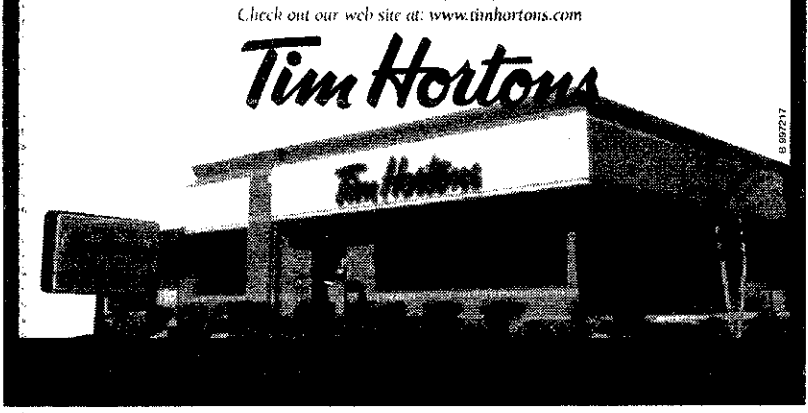
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No. 1 singles: Erin Mazzoni (LS) defeated Christina Slupek, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Sara Gonzalez (LS) def. Lisa Niemiec, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Katie Maloni (PC) def. Jen Jensen, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Jilian Bohn (LS) def. Stephanie Chang, 6-3, 7-6.	Sept. 18 at John Glenn
No. 1 doubles: Susan Franck-Beth Treadwell (PC) def. Kim Samsel-Gloria Gherman, 6-7, 6-5, 6-0; No. 2: Tracy Robey-Jenna Delaney (PC) def. Maria Dimopoulos-Stephanie Mucci, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Jessica Lacey-Lauren Dew (PC) def. Katherine Fretz-Lindsay Novotny, 7-6, 6-2; No. 4: Christa McKay-Jennie Kazmierczak (PC) def. Lauren Falzon-Jody Winkler, 6-3, 6-1.	No. 1 singles: Maria Baldysz (WJG) def. Niki Hlady, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; No. 2: Lindsay Pyle (PS) def. Stephanie Fedulchak, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Jacqui Slebocknick (PS) def. Megan Lyons, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Sheema Rabbai (PS) def. Kiran Dashairya, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
PLYMOUTH SALEM 5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 3	
Sept. 18 at John Glenn	
No. 1 singles: Mandy Bradley-Missy Nelson (PS) def. Autumn Palmer-Kirby Thomas, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Zarina Dohadwala-Krystal Finney (PS) def. Christian Miller-Kristin Blossom, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Lisa Vacca-Renee Durigon (WJG) def. Sarah Medley Jessica Shamberger, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; No. 4: Jenny Bloomer-Jessica Parks (WJG) def. Kerry Griffith-April Aquinto, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.	
Glenn's dual meet record: 2-4 overall, 2-3 in WLAA.	

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Basketball

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That the Chiefs did — throughout the game. The Pioneers (4-2) opened the second half with a quick 5-1 run to go up 24-13, their biggest lead of the game. That was as good as it got for them, however. Canton closed the quarter with a 13-0 run and took a 26-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

It was a battle after that, and the Chiefs won it, thanks to Guastella's seven fourth-quarter points. Pioneer's last lead was 31-30 late in the final period, but Guastella made the game's pivotal play with 20 seconds left and her team clinging to a one-point lead.

Guastella rebounded a missed Canton shot, converted the put-back and was fouled. She knocked down the free throw to increase the Chiefs' lead to four points.

Next highest scorer in the game for Canton was Anne Morrell with six. Pioneer got 18 points from Chris Kutschinski; next best was Chigo Ozor with

six.

Ladywood 52, Marian 35: Livonia Ladywood (5-2, 1-0) opened the Catholic League Central Division schedule Tuesday with a major road victory at Birmingham Marian (4-3, 0-1) as senior forward Michelle Harakas led the way with 22 points.

The Blazers, who led 13-2 after one quarter, also got 11 points and 13 rebounds from junior center Liz Obrecht.

Ladywood was able to overcome early third-quarter foul trouble as starting guards Melissa Harakas and Lauren Hesano each picked up four.

"Marian came out and pressed us all over the court in the second half," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We were not totally in sync, but we withstood it. Our freshman point-guard Amber Willoughby came in and did a good job."

"It was a good road battle for us."

Junior guard Kate Solner led

the Mustangs with 13 points, nine coming from the free throw line. Marian hit 15 of 25 for the game, attempting 23 in the second half.

Ladywood was 10-of-14.

"We did a good job in our man-to-man half-court defense," said Gorski, whose team jumped out to a 13-2 first-quarter lead. "We did a good job coming out on their shooters and stopping their dribble penetration."

Baptist Park 48, Agape 30: Canton Agape Christian was out of this one from the start, falling behind 14-5 after one quarter and 27-15 at the half in a game played Tuesday at Taylor Baptist Park.

The loss left the Wolverines with a 5-3 record. Baptist Park is 3-3.

Amy Henry was the only Agape player to reach double-figures in scoring; she had 11. Heidi Hodges scored 16 to pace Baptist Park; Stephanie Demos contributed 12.

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the home-course advantage. With a match that's going to be this close, it can make a difference, just knowing the course.

"That and Jon Gordon's score. He hadn't posted a score like that all year. He's been steady, but this was big for us because it came in that last group."

It also meant a lot for the aforementioned reasons. This was Salem's first home match of the season, which means the Rocks started their WLAA season with three road wins.

This victory keeps them on solid ground in the league race. For the Chiefs, who still have six duals and a tri-meet remaining (three at home), they're not out of the running yet. Not by any means.

Salem plays Northville at 3 p.m. Friday at St. John's. Canton plays Walled Lake Central at Bay Pointe at 3 p.m. Friday.

Whalers

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Goody and Shaun Fisher are pursuing careers in the NHL, and Jamie Lalonde retired after a second collapsed lung forced him to give up hockey and pursue a career in law enforcement.

"We lost all four captains from last season," said DeBoer. "Those guys brought a lot to the rink in their skill, leadership and character. We will look for someone to step up this season and fill those voids."

One of the greatest attributes of last season's team was its depth. Despite the loss of the four co-captains, depth should again be one thing the Whalers will thrive on in 2000-01. Team effort got Plymouth to where it was last year, not the individual. It's an element DeBoer and his staff will emphasize this season.

"Depth is one thing that we had last year and will again be present this season. It was not one or two players that made a difference from night to night, it was the unit as a whole that got us to where we were," DeBoer said.

Top scorers are back

The Whalers return five defenseman and nine forwards as well as top netminder Rob Zepp, who is back from an NHL training camp with the Atlanta Thrashers.

Last season Zepp powered the Whalers' title drive with a 2.38 goals-against average and a .903 save percentage, as well as a stellar performance throughout the OHL's post season.

Other key players returning are right wing Justin Williams, who had 37 goals and 46 assists for a team-best 83 points; wing/center Damian Surma (34-44, 78 points); center Stephen Weiss (24-41, 65); left wing Tomas Kurka (36-28, 64); cen-

ter Kris Vernarsky (16-22, 38); left wing James Ramsey (2-3, 5) and center George Nistas (6-17, 23).

In case you're counting, that's four of their top five scorers returning and seven of their top 10.

Back on the blue line, the Whalers have the big and strong Libor Ustrnul (0-15, 15 points), an Atlanta draft choice, together with veterans Jared Newman (1-15, 16) and Andre Robichaud (2-7, 9) — who, like Morris and Zepp, return after spending the last few weeks at NHL training camps.

Nate Kiser (3-5, 8), drafted last summer by the Phoenix Coyotes, is back this season with more size and a deadly accurate slap shot. Cole Jarrett (3-7, 10), who proved to be a valuable rookie last season, is also back on the blue line for another season with Plymouth.

Additions look good, too

The new Whalers hold much promise as well. In the pre-season, the Whaler rookies showed skill and speed in the absence of the 10 veterans who were away at camps, helping the team win two of its three exhibitions.

Up front for the Whalers, second-round draft pick Karl Stewart, who played for the Thornhill Rattlers Junior A team last season, brings speed and craftiness around the net. Greg Campbell adds strength to the Whalers' offense; so do over-ager Stacey Britstine, Tony Williams and Nathan O'Nabigon.

On defense, the Whalers picked up two quality additions for an already solid defense, one that allowed an average of only 24 shots on net per game last season.

The Whalers' first-round pick

(20th overall) was Canton native James Wisniewski, a product of the Computware Ambassadors Junior A team. His size and mind for the game should be his biggest attributes.

The Whalers also completed the Kevin Holdridge deal and acquired Mike Gresdal from the Ottawa 67s. This big defenseman should be a valuable asset on the point, and he possesses offensive versatility which may double his worth.

Memorial Cup potential

In the net, the Whalers did lose Bill Ruggiero to the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, but they found a solid back-up to replace him in former Chatham Maroons' goaltender Paul Drew. A goaltender that is quick and loves challenging the shooter. Drew is exciting to watch and tough to beat.


Guided by DeBoer and associate coaches Steve Spott and Mark Gowans, this Whalers squad could arguably be the strongest team in not just the OHL, but the entire CHL. Position for position, the Whalers have depth and skill.

Certainly one of their biggest weapons last year was an ability to sneak up on opponents who didn't know what to expect from this rebuilt team. That won't be the case this year.

Goals are high, but not unreachable for Plymouth.

"We want to win a Memorial Cup Championship," DeBoer stated flatly. "After the year we had last season and the number of players we have returning, it would be hard to settle for anything less. It's expected of us and a lot has to fall into place, but this year's team will be solid, position for position."

The quest begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, when the Whalers host the Erie Otters.



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GRID PICKS



PAUL BEAUDRY

A couple of weeks ago, a friend of mine (who will remain nameless) mentioned how much he enjoyed reading the weekly grid picks.

"But Paul," said the friend, "we'll call 'Joe.'" "Picking those games are easy. Even a child could do them."

Now, I've known "Joe" for several years. And if anyone knows child-like picks, it's "Joe," whose annual foray into fantasy football kept other league members wondering who was actually the brains behind the "Rodes Scholars" — "Joe" or his son, Kyle.

I thought about what "Joe" said. I wanted to see if he was right. So I cruised out to a game last week in search of youngsters willing to do the picks. And so you'll find our 14 guests a little later in this story — taking one game each, collectively trying to beat us. To their credit, none of them picked a winner based on the color of the uniforms.

They can't be any worse than our

staff, all of whom stumbled to at least two losses during the weekend. The joined-at-the-hip combination of Farmington sports editor Dan O'Meara and his evil twin, Livonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons — who have pretty much picked the same teams for the last three weeks — went 10-2 and lead the way at 50-7 (but get no points for originality). Plymouth-Canton sports editor C.J. Risak stumbled once again, much like the Detroit Lions' offense, to earn a 9-3 record and 45-12 overall mark.

Et moi? A 10-2 record and 47-10 overall, leaving me somewhere between greatness and mediocrity.

On with the picks (Mine are in parentheses and *italics*). Oh, and we'll let you know next week how our 14 guest predictors did.

Friday's Games

(All times 7 p.m. unless noted)

Belleville (4-0) at Wayne (0-4): "Belleville, because it looks like they have a big team and I've seen them win before." — Charlie Graves, 12. (*Smart kid, this Charlie*) **PICKS: Belleville** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Taylor Truman (1-3) at Garden City (3-1): "Taylor Truman; I saw a lot of their youth football teams before because my sister used to live

there and they have a lot of good sports teams and I've seen a lot of them." — Andrew Huska, 12. (*I used to date a girl who was from Taylor. I've seen a lot of their sports teams too.*) **PICKS: Garden City** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Redford Union (0-4) at Wyandotte (3-1): "Redford Union, because I have a couple of friends who go to RU. I really don't know Wyandotte, so I can't say." — Amy Riker, 12. (*When RU wins, I'll start picking it.*) **PICKS: Wyandotte** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Farmington (1-3) at N. Farmington (0-4): "Farmington, because I think they have a big team and have pretty big people too. The only game I saw them, they beat the other team. I don't remember the other team." — Holly Miller, 12. (*The other guys laughed last week when I picked Farmington. Then the score came in.*) **PICKS: Farmington** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Walled Lake Central (3-1) at John Glenn (3-1): "The moon team, because they're named after an astronaut and I like the stars and the planets." — Paul Campbell, 5. (*I like the moon team too, because their coach usually does his best work when the moon comes out.*) **PICKS: John Glenn** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Northville (3-1) at Harrison (4-0): "Northville; I just picked them. I don't know." — Eric Aaro, 9. (*Harrison; Something. I don't know...*) **PICKS: Harrison** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Canton (3-1) at Churchill (1-3), 7:30 p.m.: "Churchill, because I saw them play before and they're good. They whupped." — Paul Morgan, 12. (*Canton, because they whupped too.*) **PICKS: Canton** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Franklin (1-3) at Walled Lake Western (4-0), 7:30 p.m.: "Walled Lake, I guess. I don't know. I don't know anybody out there. Who knows anybody out there." — Mary Strzalkowski, 12. (*I do — boys' basketball coach Rex Stanczak, who looked resplendent in his U-M hat, blue turtle-neck, blue sweats and blue mood after Michigan lost on Saturday. And if the football team scores like the basketball team, they whupp too.*) **PICKS: Western** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Stevenson (2-2) at Salem (1-3), 7:30 p.m.: "Stevenson, because I know (Mary) knows some people who go to Stevenson. And they were good last year." — Patty Ray, 12. (*Sheila Taormina went to Stevenson. She's been pretty good every year. Therefore...*) **PICKS: Stevenson** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Annapolis (2-2) at Thurston (1-3), 7:30 p.m.: "Thurston, because (Redford Union) never beat Thurston before. I don't think they've ever beat Thurston. I think they're undefeated against them." — Shannon Cockfield, 14. (*Oh, I think RU might have beaten them once or twice, but Thurston is playing Annapolis.*) **PICKS: Thurston** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Saturday's Games

Clarenceville (4-0) at Lutheran Westland (1-3), 1 p.m.: "Lutheran Westland, because I'm pretty sure they have excellent blocking and they're pretty good." — Nick Cockfield, 12. (*Dunno, I think Clarenceville's pretty good too.*) **PICKS: Clarenceville** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

H.W. Bishop Gallagher (3-1) at Bishop Borgess (0-4), 2 p.m.: "(Bishop Borgess), because Redford is cool. It rocks." — Teri Hendricks, 13. (*Redford may rock, but Gallagher rolls...*) **PICKS: Gallagher** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

Catholic Central (4-0) vs. Brother Rice (4-0) at Groves, 4 p.m.: "Catholic Central, because I don't think they have ever lost a game. They are so good. They have the best players." — Renee Kleabir, 14. (*Don't know, Renee. Brother Rice is pretty strong too. Really strong, in fact. And the only guy who's been coaching in the Catholic League longer than Tom Mach is Al Fracassa, who studied under Knute Rockne. Best game of the season, by far.*) **PICKS: Rice** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

St. Agatha (2-2) vs. Holy Redeemer (1-3) at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.: "St. Agatha, because I know people from St. Agatha and I think they're pretty good." — Christine Kern, 12. (*I think the Aggies are good too — at least better than Redeemer.*) **PICKS: St. Agatha** — Beaudry, O'Meara, Emons, Risak.

FOOTBALL

Close to perfect

Twisters make it 8 wins in a row

The Michigan Twisters kept their record in the Lake Shore Football League perfect with a 31-2 rout of the Glass City Grizzlies Saturday in Toledo.

The win pushed the Twisters' record to 8-0 with two regular-season games remaining.

Donti Hamilton gained 171 yards and scored two touchdowns, one on a 70-yard punt return and another on a 60-yard interception runback. Jake Gibson added 113 yards rushing on nine carries and one TD, and Pat Bowie (from Westland) had scored another TD while gaining 34 yards on nine attempts.

Reggie Brandon (Canton) was in for just one offensive series due to an ankle injury, but he still gathered in a 38-yard scoring toss from Rob Elswick.

The Twister defense was even more dominating, limiting the Grizzlies to 57 total yards and intercepting six passes. Leading the defensive effort were Damon Frendo (Garden City) with four tackles, one assist, one interception and three pass break-ups; Earl Sutton, with two tackles and a fumble recovery; Aaron Brothers, with two tackles, three assists, a sack and one fumble caused; Hamilton, with two interceptions; and single interceptions from Chuck Lauber (Westland), Eric Thompson and Rob Streeter.

Canton JV still unbeaten

The Canton junior varsity football team upped its record to 4-0 with a resounding 60-6 victory over Livonia Franklin last Thursday. The Chiefs scored 60 points in the first half, with seven rushing touchdowns and an eighth on a Dave Nicoloff-to-Andy Howald 70-yard pass play.

The Chiefs' Doug Davidson scored four rushing TDs along, Reggie Joyner got two and Matt Bennett added one. The Chiefs also scored on six two-point conversion attempts.

The Chiefs' defense played solidly throughout, stopping the Patriots three times within their own 20. Next up for the Chiefs at the halfway mark in the season is Livonia Churchill, at 4 p.m. today at Churchill.

Freshmen back on track

The Canton freshmen recovered quickly from their loss to Farmington Harrison, improving their record to 3-1 by defeating Livonia Franklin 36-12 Thursday at Canton. The Patriots scored first following a Chiefs' fumble deep in their own end. The Canton frosh managed to knot the score at six with just nine seconds remaining in the first half.

The Chiefs took control in the second half aided by a Patriots fumble and two interceptions by Eric O'Shaunessy.

Steelers sweep Splitters

The Plymouth Steelers varsity football squad routed the undermanned Lincoln Railsplitters (who played with only 13 players) 44-12 Sunday in a Junior Football League game. Tim Storch scored touchdowns on offense and defense, the latter a 50-yard fumble recovery and return.

Other TDs were scored by Jake Powers, Chuck Schumacher, Kevin Bradley and Steven Lehane, and Steelers' placekicker Dylan Tobin was good for three two-point conversions.

The Steelers' junior varsity team also recorded a win, topping the Splitters 28-7. Shawn

Little, Romeo Young, Deshon McClendon and Matt Mauldin each scored for the Steelers, with Matt Stott, Jeffery Piper and Colin Richter leading the defense. Richter accounted for a Splitters' safety in the first half.

The Steeler freshmen were winners as well, stopping the Splitters 13-0. Dalton Walser scored both touchdowns for the Steelers.

Others making significant contributions on offense were Thomas Engle, Michael Bashawaty and Nathan Bachert, with strong defense provided by Jeffrey Stott, who got a key interception, Spencer Tobin, Adam Powers, Joseph Massel and Paul Kanaan.

Lion varsity now 2-0

The Canton Lions varsity football team improved its Junior Football League record to 2-0 with a 16-13 victory over the Garden City Chargers Sunday.

Jensen Kilgrove scored both Lion touchdowns, the second (and game-winning) with just four minutes left to play. Julian Smith converted both pivotal points-after-touchdown placements to assure the victory.

The Canton Lions junior varsity squad saw their 11-game winning streak end in an exciting 7-6 loss to the Garden City Chargers JV Sunday. The Lions took the early lead when a drive sparked by Konrad Konsitzke's passing was capped by a 12-yard scoring run by Vernon Stewart, making it 6-0.

The Lions JV had a chance to recapture the lead in the fourth quarter, but a long TD run by Mathew Farmer was called back. Defenses by both teams ruled through most of the game.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 22

Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.
RU at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Annapolis at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Clarenceville at Luth. W'sld, 1 p.m.
Bish. Gallagher at Borgess, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Birmingham Groves, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Holy Redeemer at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 21
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Flint Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

RU at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.

Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Marine City at Luth. W'sld, 7:30p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Agape vs. River of Life at Wayne Memorial, 5 p.m.
Birm. Marian at Mercy, 7 p.m.
H.W. Regina at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Divine Child at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Harrison vs. Southfield at West Bloomfield, 6 p.m.
Zoe at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 21
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
Häimtramck at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Luth. W'sld, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22
Country Day at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Garden City, 4 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Macomb Christian at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Gibraltar Carlson at RU, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 23
S'field Christian at PCA, 11 a.m.
Canton at Saline, 12:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Berkley, 1 p.m.

Harrison at Seaholm, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Madonna vs. Taylor (Ind.) at Liv. Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Cuyahoga at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 21

St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Madonna at Spring Arbor, noon.

Schoolcraft at MSU Club, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Sept. 21

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22

Madonna at Palm Beach (Fla.)

Atlantic College Tourney, TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.

Madonna at Palm Beach (Fla.)

Atlantic College Tourney, TBA.

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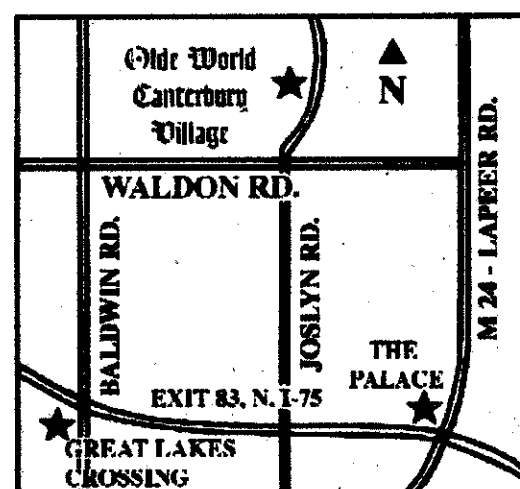
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Schoolcraft looking good in conference

This Schoolcraft College volleyball team is beginning to make the description made by their longtime coach, Tom Teeters, sound believable.

"This is one of the best volleyball teams I've coached in my 24 years of coaching," Teeters said. Quite a statement, considering among those SC teams he's coached is an NJCAA champion.

But on Tuesday, the current Lady Ocelots ran their record in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference to 7-0 with a 15-6, 16-14, 15-5 victory over Macomb CC at SC.

SC is 11-4 overall.

Fran Hamilton's 13 kills led SC (a

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.440 kill percentage); she also had seven digs and three blocks. Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) contributed nine kills (.316 percentage), six digs and two blocks; Nicole Boyd (Westland/Livonia Franklin) had six kills; Andrea Kmet (Westland/Franklin) had four kills, three aces, eight digs and three blocks; and Jana Nitschke had five kills (.400 percentage), three service aces, seven digs and 31 assists to kills.

Last weekend at Alpena CC, the Ocelots defeated the host team twice, 15-0, 15-1, 15-2 and 15-2, 15-3, 15-0.

Boyd led the attackers with 14 kills

(.438 percentage) in the two matches. Ruprecht added 11 kills (.556), 12 digs and two blocks; Kmet had nine kills (.286), five aces, 13 digs and six blocks (including four solos); Hamilton had seven kills (.333) and three aces; Amanda Yaklin had nine aces; and Nitschke totaled six kills (.750), four aces, 15 digs and 39 assists to kills.

Madonna wins 3

Madonna University remained perfect in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play by sweeping past host Siena Heights 15-5, 16-14, 15-8 Tuesday.

The Lady Crusaders improved to 12-2 overall, 4-0 in the WHAC. The Saints slipped to 14-5 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) topped Madonna with 20 kills (a .576 kill percentage); she also had eight digs. Kelly Artymovich added 15 kills (.462), 19 digs and two blocks; Erin Cunningham had 10 kills and 19 digs; Marylu Hemme (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) had a team-high 25 digs; Amanda Suder (Plymouth Salem) had 14 digs; and Jennie Wind totaled 50 assists to kills and 12 digs.

On Sunday, the Crusaders rolled to a straight-set triumph over host Hillsdale College, 15-11, 15-9, 15-8 in a non-conference match.

Top attacker was Malewski with 18 kills (.424); she added 21 digs and five blocks. Artymovich had 16 kills (.265) and 14 digs; Jennifer Frost had 12 kills

and two blocks; Cunningham contributed nine kills (.333), 21 digs and three blocks; Hemme had 17 digs; Suder had 15 digs; and Wind finished with 54 assists to kills, 17 digs and three blocks.

Last Saturday at Madonna, it was Concordia College that fell victim to the Crusaders' straight-set sweep, falling 15-5, 15-2, 15-6 to the host team. Again, Malewski paced the attack with 16 kills (.577) to go with three solo blocks and four block assists.

Cunningham was next best with seven kills (.333); she also had two aces and three blocks. Other notables: Hemme, 11 digs; Artymovich, five kills, two aces and 10 digs; Wind, 19 assists to kills and three aces; and Natalie Sayre, 10 assists to kills.

Late goal lifts SC; Madonna falters

Kevin Callender headed a pass from Phil Moore past the Cincinnati State defenders with a minute left in regulation Saturday to lift Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team to a 2-1 victory in Cincinnati.

The triumph raised the Ocelots' record to 3-3-1 overall. Cincinnati State slipped to 2-2-1.

The game was marred by rough play, which ended up costing the host team a pair of starters, both red-carded. The first came midway through the first half, the second with five minutes left in the match — one minute after Cincinnati's Scott Evans had knocked in a restart taken by Chris Gaines to knot the game at 1-apiece.

"I thought we should be leading 5-0 and we were tied," said SC coach Van Dimitriou.

Three times in the first half, the Ocelots missed ideal scoring chances on breakaways. That changed when Dan Lipon (from Livonia Stevenson) put SC on the board 10 minutes into the second half on an

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assist from Tim Moxie (Redford Thurston).

Doug Koontz (Plymouth Canton) played well in goal for SC, stopping three shots. "He's giving us our best goalkeeping since Eric O'Neil (Livonia Stevenson) in '97."

Madonna stumbles

Madonna University's men's soccer team got the early lead but couldn't sustain it, losing to Goshen (Ind.) College 2-1 Sunday at Livonia Ladywood.

Sam Piraine gave the Fighting Crusaders the early lead with a first-half goal. Gary Bell assisted.

The 1-0 lead didn't last, however. Goshen got second-half goals from Sam Richardson and Andrew Vargo to secure the victory.

Joe Suchara (Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna, making two saves while facing nine shots. Joe Maxim had one save for Goshen and faced 10 shots.

It was a match with important regional repercussions, but Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team didn't play that way — at least at the start.

It took a goal to get them going, one scored by their opponent, Cincinnati State, midway through the first half.

After that, the Lady Ocelots dominated and eventually pulled away from the host team for a 5-3 victory Sunday.

The victory kept SC, ranked 12th in the NJCAA in the pre-season polls, unbeaten with an 8-0-2 record. Cincinnati State slipped to 3-2.

"They were a stronger team than I had anticipated," said SC coach Bill Tolstedt. "They were very physical. For our first 15 or 20 minutes, we played very lethargic. They were a high-pressure team."

"Once they scored, we got our act together."

The Ocelots took a 2-1 lead into halftime with goals from Michele Baldori (from Plymouth Salem), assisted by Angela Maile, and Maile, assisted by Kristen Hait.

"We took a 2-1 lead and a lot of momentum in the second half," said Tolstedt.

Kristah Manteuffel (Redford Thurston) pushed SC's lead to 3-

scores from Connell (from Maile), Baldori (from Manteuffel), Maile (from Connell) and Shaffer (unassisted).

Kerri LaPorte (Livonia Churchill) was in goal for both wins.

"We're looking good," said Tolstedt. "I was concerned early in the season with our inability to finish. Not anymore. We're focused."

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Madonna had a 32-7 advantage in shots, forcing Tech keeper Wendy Jacobs to make 12 saves. Jennifer Barker (Livonia Stevenson) made just one save.

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Jacobs, Delaney, Susan Hill and Becky Guibord also scored for Madonna. Assists went to Delaney (two), Nicole Allevato (two), Briana Sleek, Scott, Anitra Schatow and Bryant.

Jennifer Dumm was in the net for the shutout.

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1, with an assist from Katie Weber, and Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton) made it 4-1, assisted by Manteuffel.

Maile got her second goal of the game to close out SC's scoring on an assist from Toni Perry.

Amy Dorogi (Canton) was in the net for the winners.

The previous weekend, SC posted wins against reserve teams from Central Michigan and Michigan State, beating CMU 3-1 Sept. 9 and MSU 6-1 Sept. 10.

In the win over CMU, the Ocelots got goals from Melissa Click (assist from Hait), Maile (assist from Manteuffel) and Manteuffel (unassisted). Against MSU, the SC got two goals from Manteuffel (Perry, Danielle Shaffer assisting) and single

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES/
CLINICS

WESTBANK ANGLERS

Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, offers a free casting clinic on Saturday mornings. Participants meet at the store at 8:30 a.m. and then travel to a location where an expert staff will help anglers refine their skills. For more information on this program or additional classes conducted by Westbank Anglers, call (248) 538-3474.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

FALL BOAT SHOW

The 30th anniversary Fall Boat Show runs through Sept. 24 at Metro Beach Metropark in Mount Clemens. More than 1,100 boats of all shapes and sizes will be on exhibit, with 400 of the larger boats set to be displayed at the docks in the water. Hours are noon-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$1 for children under the age of 12. Metro Beach is located at 16 Mile Road and Jefferson.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY
FEDERATION

The Huron Valley Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation hosts its 12th annual banquet and auction at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Thomas Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Tickets are \$45 (individuals) or \$65 (couples) and that includes dinner and membership into the NWTFF. For tickets or additional information, call (734) 421-2593.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST
BLOOMFIELD

Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more

information, call (313) 825-2110.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

SHOOTING
RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays

and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark

offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

KITE FLY

Join a worldwide effort to illustrate the desire for world peace at the One Sky One Word/Third Annual Kite Fly. The event is scheduled to be held Sunday, Oct. 8 from noon-4 p.m. in the Meadowlark Picnic Area at Indian Springs Metropark. Learn how to fly kites like the experts during this special program. Registration is not required and participants may try the kites for free. Kites will also be available for purchase. For more information, contact Indian

Springs at (248) 625-7280.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187.

For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.


WAYNE COUNTY
PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314.)

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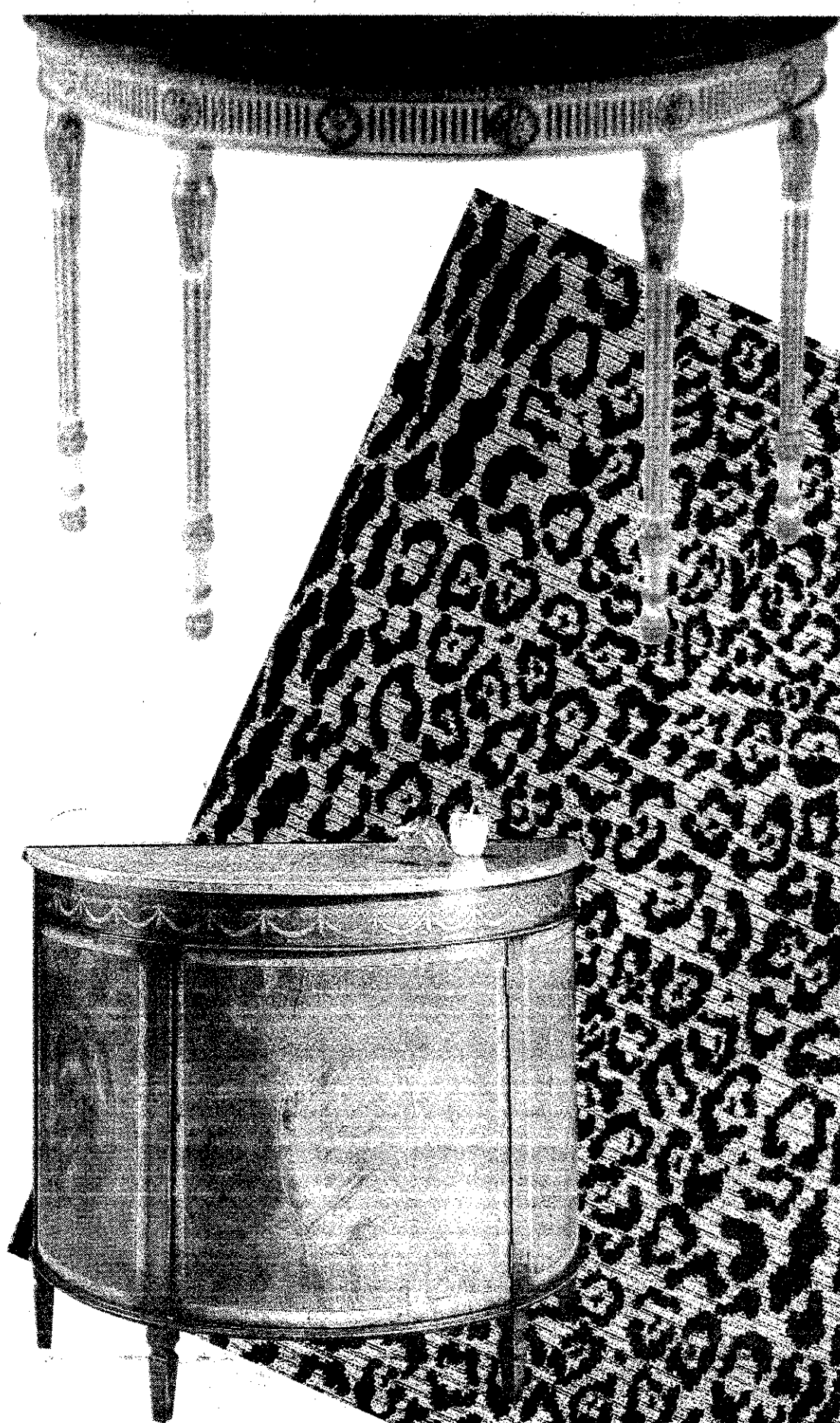
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Where In The World...?

Design center Fall Market takes world view of style

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Participants in Michigan Design Center's Fall Market 2000 next week will be on top of the world.

This year's event – taking place Thursday, Sept. 28, at the design center in Troy – has the theme of "Where In The World..." and focuses on the vast array of products at MDC from around the world.

Fall Market at MDC is an important day for professionals in the interior design trade. It offers a variety of seminars and lectures for interior designers, architects and builders, and introduces new furnishings and fabrics.

Just as an international traveler would keep a journal from sites at various countries, someone on a "style tour" could record the following about the international products at MDC:

Postmark: England

"Classic style pieces at Carlton-James and Beacon Hill transported me to the 18th and 19th centuries. Such detail and craftsmanship!

"An elegant demilune table by Arthur Brett at Carlton-James is like something out of Jane Austen. The top has a maple burl veneer and mulberry finish. The tapering legs end in carved feet. Gilt flutes and rosettes are exquisite accents.

"A console and a table are among the reproduction furnishings by Bristol House – exclusive to Beacon Hill – that resemble heirlooms.

"Regional manager Patty Mulkiten at Beacon Hill showed me the solid oak and dovetail construction – and that was just in a drawer! Veneers include mahogany, burl walnut and satinwood.

"The furnishings are ideal for someone looking for a piece to complement others that were handed down in a family, Mulkiten says.

"It fits right in," she said."

Postmark: Africa

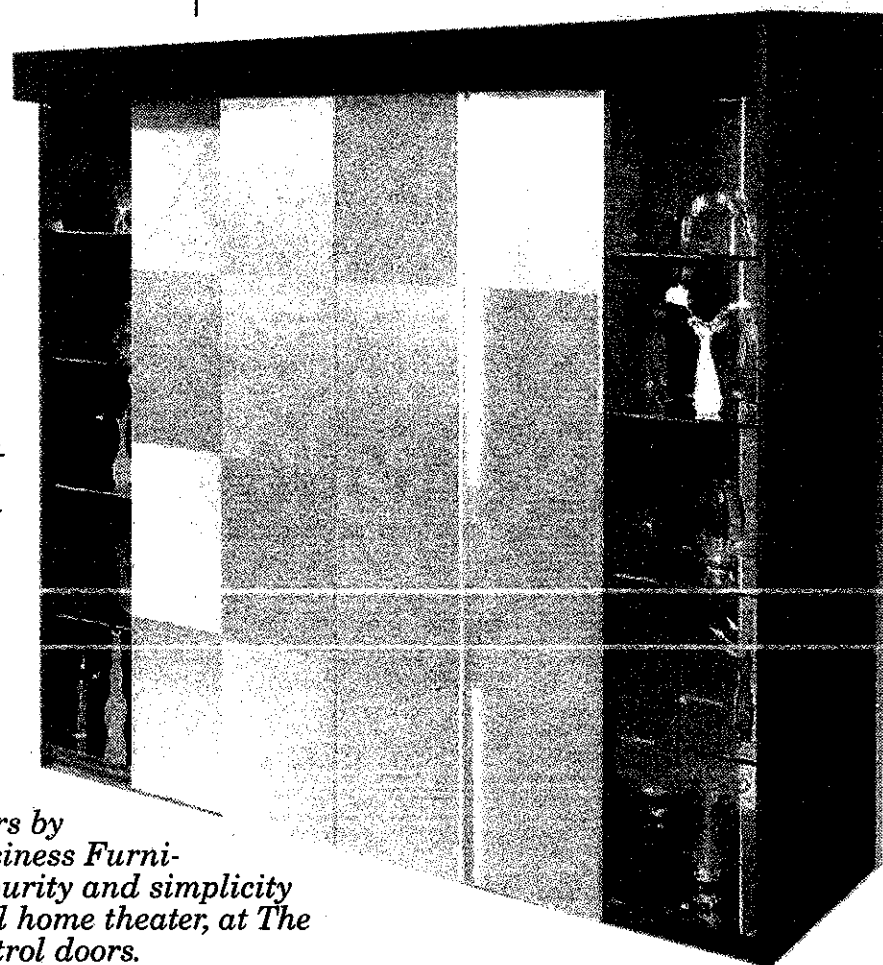
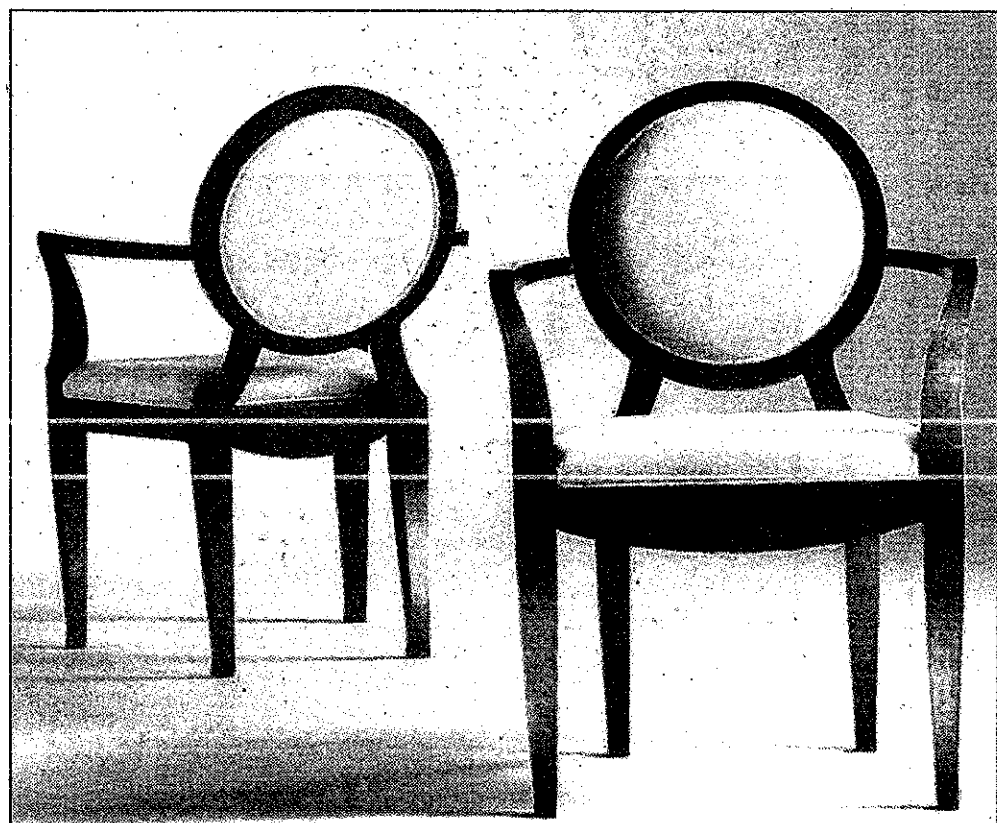
"Morocco always suggested something mysterious to me. That mystery has a different meaning with the new Curtain Call home theater by Ello, at The Designer Group.

"It features Morocco finish and satin chrome doors that open and close by remote control. Display units are on both sides.

"It's a place to actually house a TV without it having to be displayed all the time," said showroom manager Harriett Pauluzzi.

More from Morocco: *Tangier chairs by Orlando Diaz-Azcuy for Hickory Business Furniture, at The Lane Group, reflect the purity and simplicity of African design. Ello's Curtain Call home theater, at The Designer Group, features remote control doors.*

Continental charm: Two tables, both made in England, a demilune style from Arthur Brett (top) and a classic console from Bristol House, are among the international products that will be featured at Michigan Design Center's Fall Market. They are available at the Carlton-James and Beacon Hill showrooms at the Troy center. The Akela Grospoint leopard print fabric is available at the Brunswick & Fils showroom. The annual Fall Market event is for professionals in the interior design trade.



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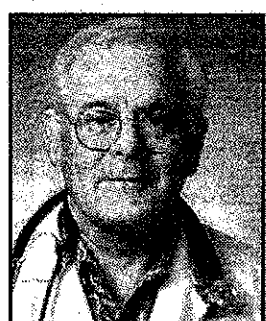


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Here's some helpful hints to take better photographs in Focus on Photography.

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JOE GAGNON

A flood of advice

Once the floodwaters recede in your basement, check your dryer's gas valve, the Appliance Doctor says.

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MARTY FIGLET

Beautiful hostas

Volunteers' activities helped create an awesome display in a large garden.

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CREATURE COMFORTS

Cleaning pet's teeth gives reason to smile

ASK THE VETS



DRS. MICHAEL AND TRACY JAFFE

Dear Doctors,
My veterinarian recommended I have my 4-year-old dog's teeth cleaned because

she has a lot of tartar on her teeth and her gums are red. Do you think it's worth the expense?

Definitely. The majority of dogs and cats we see that are more than three or four years of age have some form of dental disease. Lift your pet's lip and examine the teeth and gums and you might be surprised at what you find. You might be able to identify the cause of his or her bad breath!

What causes dental disease? Plaque is a clear, bacteria-containing film that coats the teeth. People remove plaque from and between their teeth by brushing and flossing. When plaque combines with the minerals in saliva, a hard, brownish-yellow substance called tartar is formed.

Tartar firmly adheres to teeth and can build up adjacent to and beneath the gum line. This can cause the gums to separate or recede from the teeth. Sometimes deep pockets are formed in

Help your pet become accustomed to teeth brushing at an early age.

the gums in which food particles and bacteria collect.

As tartar develops, the gums become inflamed. Inflammation of the gums is called gingivitis. Gingivitis can damage the gums, tissue and bone that surround the teeth and hold them in place. With periodontal disease, the diseased tooth may eventually become loose and fall out.

Bacteria in the plaque and tartar can enter the bloodstream via the gums. The bacteria travels to other organs of the body, such as the heart, liver and kidneys. Sometimes infections can occur in these organs because of the bacteria from dental disease.

Getting your dog or cat's teeth scaled and polished will help prevent dental disease. Animals won't tolerate a thorough teeth cleaning and polishing while awake, so your pet will need to be anesthetized.

Before the dental "prophy," which refers to a prophylactic cleaning and polishing, your veterinarian will examine your pet and perhaps perform a few diagnostic tests to help determine whether your pet is a safe candidate for anesthesia.

Since an increased volume of bacteria will enter the bloodstream during the prophylaxis, your

pet will probably be placed on oral antibiotics for the day or two prior to and for several days after the dentistry.

It is difficult to determine exactly which dental procedures will be required until your pet is anesthetized and the veterinarian can examine and probe all the teeth and the surrounding tissue. During the prophylaxis, the veterinarian uses dental instruments to remove large pieces of tartar, excise unhealthy gums or extract teeth. Ultrasonic instruments are used to scale teeth and remove plaque and tartar from the tooth and reach beneath the gum line.

A high-speed polisher is used to smooth the surface of each tooth. Special anti-bacterial or fluoride rinses may be applied after the polishing.

Prevention

What can you do to help prevent dental disease? Examine your pet's mouth frequently and have your veterinarian examine him annually.

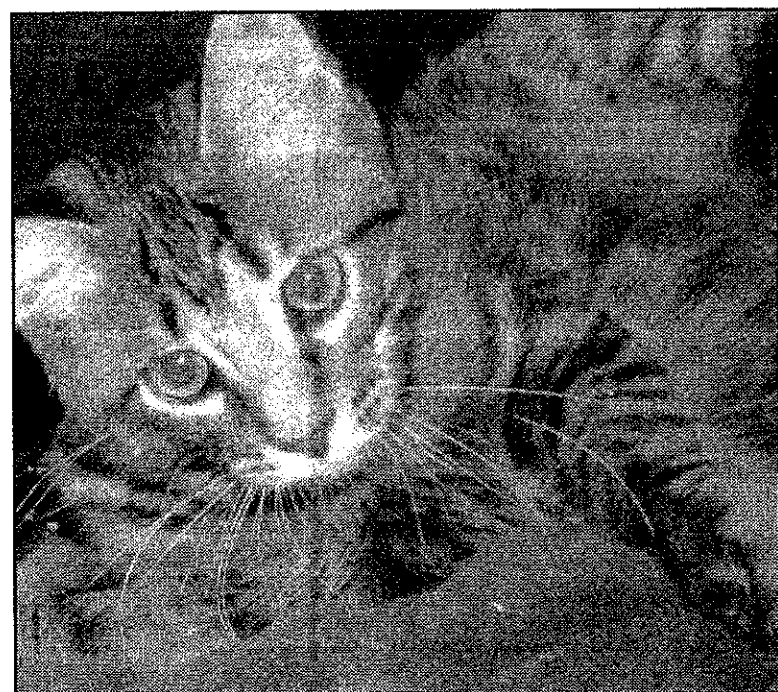
Look for tartar or any inflamed, receded or tender gums. Check for discolored, loose, missing, fractured, eroded or painful teeth. Make certain that there isn't any tan or pale yellow fluid coming from the base of the teeth or gums, which might indicate an abscess.

Brush your pet's teeth daily with a toothbrush, sponge or pad. Use flavored toothpaste formulated for dogs and cats. Toothpaste intended for humans may upset your pet's stomach when it is swallowed.

Help your pet become accustomed to teeth brushing at an early age. It may take weeks for you to train your pet to allow you to brush his teeth. Patience and positive reinforcement are required. Your veterinarian or veterinary technician can demonstrate the proper brushing technique and give you helpful training tips.

Send questions to be addressed in this column by mail in care of Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009; or by e-mail to askthevets@juno.com

ADOPT-A-PET



Maxwell: Maxwell is a fun-loving 1-year-old domestic short hair. He was found as a stray but has a wonderful "purr"-sonality. Maxwell also enjoys a good game of cat and mouse (catnip mouse, that is). He's an affectionate and social kitty that is wonderfully suited to a home with other cats. Come see Maxwell at the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter, 37255 Marquette. Call (734) 721-7300 between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Dogs will go on a roll for tasty treat

Dogs can savor the tantalizing taste of fresh, hickory-flavor sausage with the new Summer Sausage premium dog treats from Crazy Dog.

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retail price of \$4.99. For more information, call Crazy Pet LLC at (800) GEE PETS or (626) 969-3797, or visit www.crazypet.com

Live peacefully with wildlife with these tips

Drive anywhere in metro Detroit and chances are you will encounter some kind of residential or commercial construction.

The simple fact is that as natural habitat is depleted, wild animals are forced to live in smaller areas.

Conflicts between homeowners and urban wildlife are on the rise, and because these animals are often considered nuisances,

many people wage war against them by shooting, trapping, or poisoning them. The Michigan Humane Society stresses that "problems" with urban wildlife can be solved humanely and offers the following tips for living in harmony with wildlife:

Do not feed the animals. Although tempting, feeding wild animals is not a good idea. Human feeding causes artificially high densities of animals, which leads to disease, territorial fighting, and complaints from neighbors.

Clean below bird feeders. Seed dropped on the ground can attract scavengers such as raccoons and skunks.

Eliminate entry-areas for animals in your home. Animals can enter through amazingly small openings so be sure to repair any holes or gaps along your roofline and under your deck or garage. Be sure all animals are out before you permanently seal off openings.

Trim any branches that overhang your roof.

Install a chimney cap to prevent wild animals from falling into or nesting in your chimney. Again, be sure all animals are out before you cap the exit.

Consider local wildlife when planning; protect your landscape from foraging deer by surrounding plants with less tasty shrubs such as barberry and boxwood.

Purchase locking garbage cans or secure lids with straps.

Let grasses grow long around ponds and lakeshores. Canada geese will be much less likely to nest in areas where they cannot see predators.

If you find an orphaned baby wild animal, please do not attempt to care for it yourself. Most of these animals have not actually been abandoned; adults often leave nests unattended for periods of time. Do not feed or give water to the animal until you have spoken with the MHS or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society 248-852-7420.

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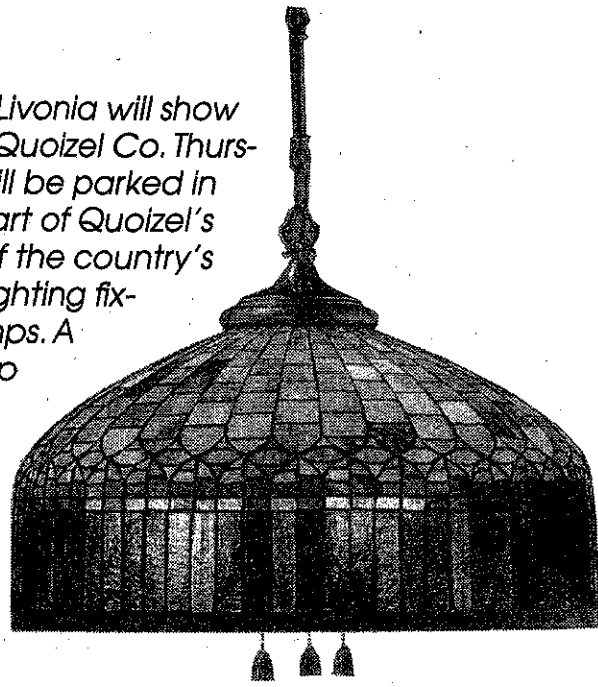
AT THE MARKETPLACE

Tiffany tour

Light up: Brose Electrical Construction of Livonia will show off a truckload of Tiffany lamps from the Quoizel Co. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 28-30. A semi truck will be parked in the lot of Brose at 37400 Seven Mile as part of Quoizel's Tour de Tiffany. Quoizel is one of the country's largest manufacturers of lighting fixtures and portable lamps. A beautiful Tiffany lamp will be raffled off.

Featured will be wall lamps, floor lamps, night lights, window art and vases. This Tiffany favrite glass and bronze crocus lamp, created 1899-1920, will be displayed. Brose is open 9:30

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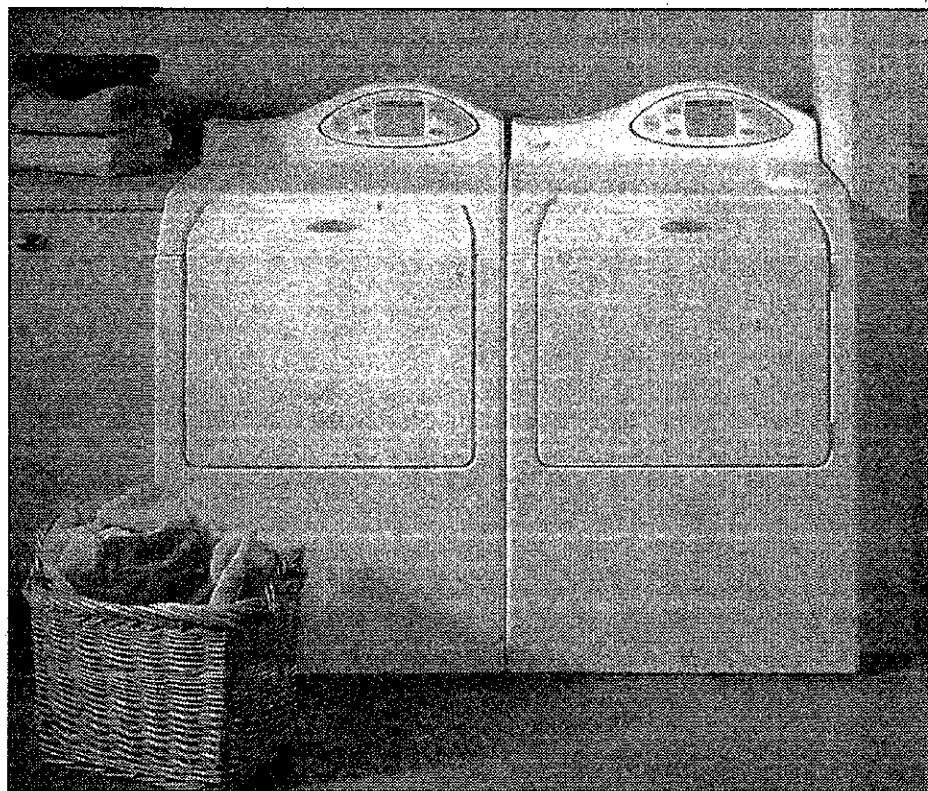
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Follow these pointers to keep out of trouble

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTE NAGLER

Has your meter ever failed, causing you to pack it in for the day because you had no other way to determine exposure? Have you ever shot a roll of film, perhaps of a very important event, only to find out afterward to your dismay that the film never went through the camera?

Well, fear no more. This week, and in my next column, I'm going to share my list of helpful hints for better photographs and pointers to help you keep out of a jam.

If your meter fails, all isn't lost. Use the rule of "Sunny 16." Set the camera's aperture at f-16 on a sunny day (hence, sunny 16)

and the shutter speed at the number closest to the ASA of your film.

For example, with Kodachrome 64, proper exposure is yours with an exposure of f-16 at 1/60 second. On a bright, overcast day, use f-11 at 1/60; with overcast skies, use f-8 at 1/60.

Film didn't pass through the camera? Here's a surefire way to make sure it never happens again.

On manual wind cameras, always watch the rewind crank as you advance the film. If it rotates, there is film in the camera and it's passing through properly. If the rewind lever isn't turning, the film isn't advancing. It's as simple as that!

Use a skylight, haze or ultraviolet filter on all your lenses. They will not only warm up colors and cut through haze, but they will also serve as an invaluable protector for each lens.

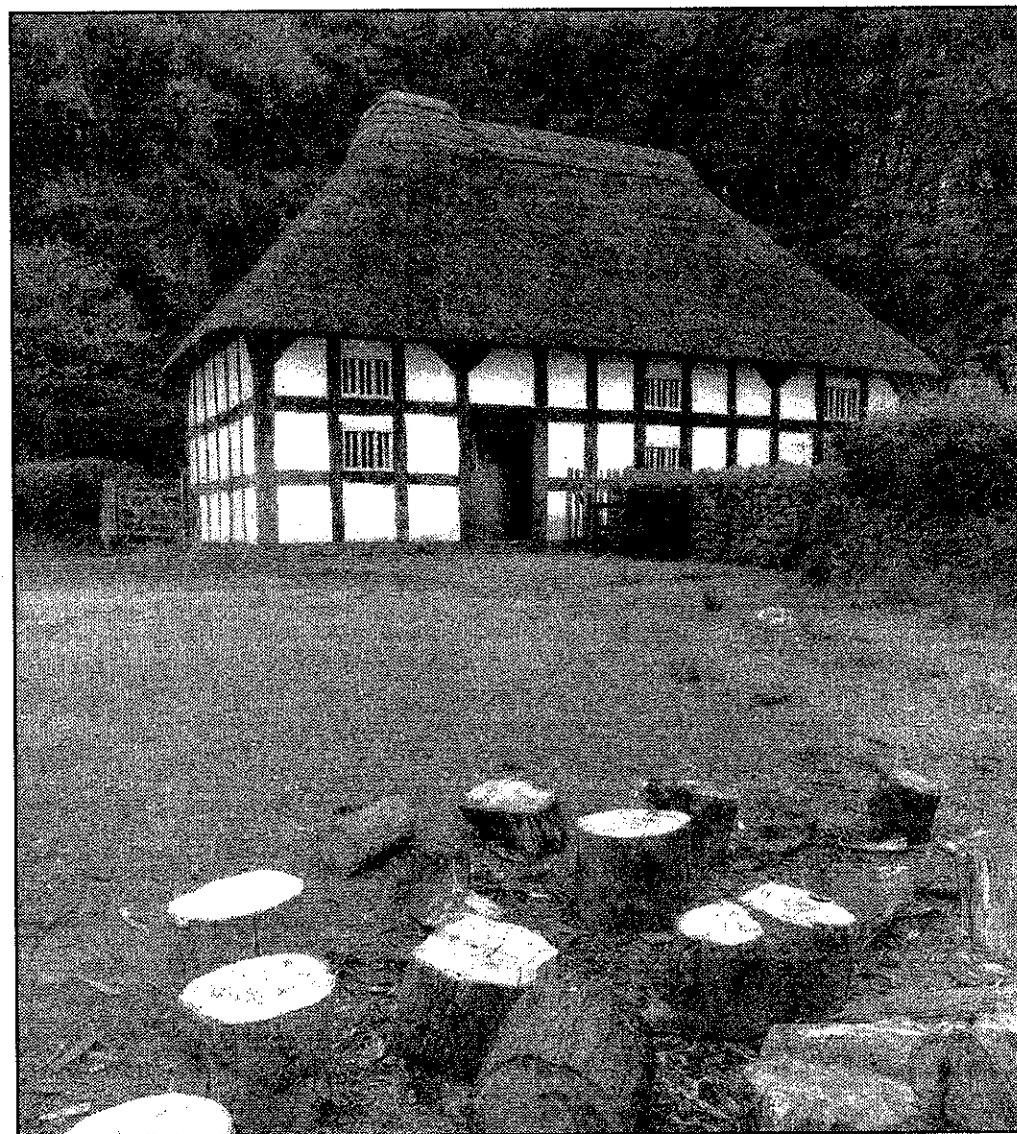
Tape the label from your film box to the back of your camera (some cameras have slots for this

purpose). This will serve as a reminder of what film you're shooting. If you don't take many pictures or haven't used your camera in a while, it's easy to forget what kind of film is in the camera.

We're all guilty of buying a new product and not taking the time to read the owner's manual. This is true for cameras, too. So shake this bad habit and read your instruction manual! Not only will you have a more thorough understanding of how your camera works, but you'll find much useful advice to help you take better pictures.

Stay tuned. In my next column I'll give you more helpful hints on taking stronger photographs and keeping out of a jam.

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



Of prints of Wales: Everything worked perfectly for Monte Nagler and his camera in this memorable picture of an old cottage taken near Cardiff, Wales.

Stop static electricity

Static electricity is an inevitable occurrence during the dry winter months.

Static electricity occurs when two objects are brought together with opposite charges. The transfer of electrical impulses between the objects creates the static charge.

There are many simple steps you can take to prevent static electricity. Use a humidifier to add moisture to the air. Static

electricity thrives in dry air. Heaters make it all the more common in the winter months.

Neutralize your house by using anti-static sprays. Products such as Static Guard will help neutralize static electricity in common places like your closets and around electrical equipment. Control unruly fly-away hair caused by static electricity. Clean your hairbrush regularly.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

ST. AIDAN CRAFTERS

The Women of St. Aidan will have a craft show at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in the activity center (17500 Farmington Road, Livonia). There will be a bake sale, craft raffle and hot lunches. Admission will be \$1. Call (248) 477-8942.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

Crafters wanted for the Mercy High School juried Arts & Crafts Show. Reserve your spot for the fall show on Oct. 7 and the holiday show Nov. 24-25. Call (248) 476-8020 ext. 253 for an application or information.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Bill Johnson Arts and Crafts Show at Livonia Mall Oct. 6-8. Tables available. Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

HOLIDAY MART 2000

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial (32 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Farms) will be turned into a gallery of shops filled with merchandise from 31 of the nation's premier specialty vendors Oct. 13-15. The annual Patron Preview Party will kick off the event Oct. 12. The Holiday Mart will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 13; Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 15. A cafe will be open for lunch and light snacks. Parking at the War Memorial is free. To obtain tickets for the preview party (\$50) or for information call (313) 884-7624.

FALL ARTS/ARTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Crafters are wanted for the Redford Suburban League's Annual Lunch, Boutique and Fashion Show — Oct. 18 at the Burton Manor. Please call Margaret at

(734) 261-3737 or Gloria at (734) 591-9167 to reserve your table.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters are needed for the 14th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School (44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail) of Plymouth sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. A single space starts at \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri at (248) 349-5344 for information. This year, the members of Delta Kappa Gamma are planning to continue scholarship funding with the proceeds of their 2000 Craft Fair.

SIGN UP NOW

Crafters can sign up now for St. Theodore Catholic Church annual craft show 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, in Westland. Table rental is available for \$20. Call Becky at 721-3454 to reserve a table.

CRAFTERS WANTED

The 19th annual Christmas Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church (West Chicago & Inkster Road) in Redford. Table cost is \$25. Call Josie (734) 522-2963 or Joann (313) 937-0226.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church (26431 W. Chicago Road) between Inkster and Beech Daly Roads. Crafters are needed. Order tables now. Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (313) 937-2880.

HARVEST MOON CRAFTS

Exhibitors are being sought for the Harvest Moon Craft Show at Livonia Mall will be held Nov. 2-5. Tables available. This is a juried event. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (248) 476-1160.

HOLIDAY MAGIC CRAFT SHOW

Crafters applications are being accepted for the 14th juried Leonard Elementary Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school is located East of Livernois, North of Wattles. For more information and applications, call (248) 689-1533 or (248) 689-7672.

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HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran's (20805 Middlebelt and Eight Mile roads) 13th annual Holiday Craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Tables are \$30. Call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

HOLIDAY HAPPENING

Livonia Stevenson "Holiday Happening" Fall Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Located on 6 Mile Rd just west of Farmington Rd. Pictures are required. Over 150 Crafters. Lunch and bake sale are available. The spaces are \$60.00 and are 6 x 16 or 10 x 10. Limited electricity is available at no additional cost. For an application or additional information, please call (248) 478-2395 or (248) 476-0315. Sponsored by the Stevenson Booster Club.

ARTS/ARTS CRAFTS BOUTIQUE

The 18th Annual Arts & Crafts boutique at SS. Simon and Jude Church is looking for crafters for the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 event. Free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale and crafts of all kinds. For table space call (734) 722-1343.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

St. Edith School (15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia) is seeking crafters for their Fall Craft Show. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. Booth rentals are \$40 for a 10 x 10 space. Call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or JoAnn, (734) 464-9370.

ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Dearborn High School will host the Arts & Crafts Extravaganza Fall 2000 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11 at 19501 Orion Drive, Dearborn. For applications or information call (313) 561-0402. Sponsored by the Band Aid Booster Club - proceeds will support the DHS Marching Band, Flag Corps, Orchestra and Jazz Band. Admission is \$1 for per-

sons 12 and older. Ample free parking and plenty of food available.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

St. Edith School will host a Fall Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 at 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1. The show is currently accepting applications.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

Crafters sought for Expressions Arts and Crafts two fall shows. Baker's of Milford will present a show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in Milford. Northville Recreation Center will host the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 in Northville. For an application, please contact (248) 948-5448.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

The St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's 9th Annual Holiday Craft Shoppe will be held Saturday, Nov. 18. Applications are now being accepted. For information and an application call (313) 255-6825 or (313) 532-2367.

CRAFT BAZAAR

The 20th Annual Craft Bazaar Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds go to cancer aid and research. Bake sale, raffles, do your Christmas shopping for that special person. Call Pam for information of applications (734) 721-6304.

JURIED SHOW

The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School, Sat. Nov. 18, is seeking artists and Crafters. Juried show; no manufactured goods. Especially interested in eatables, calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit), wood shelves or anything unusual. Other items wait-listed at this point, but please contact us. Call (248) 553-0913.

DEXTER SHOW

Handcrafted items and holiday gifts will be sold by area Crafters and artisans at the Fourth Annual Craft Extravaganza, Raffle & Bake Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at Mill Creek Middle School, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter, just west of Ann Arbor. For additional information, please contact Sue at (734) 426-4674.

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JOE GAGNON

The news media are literally flooding us with stories about sewage backup in homes.

Communities are growing at such rates that the antiquated sewer systems can't handle all the development, and to top it all off, some systems dump it into our waterways. Beaches are constantly closed and the drinking water supply is becoming a big question mark in a lot of minds.

All of these worthy news articles just might lead to a tragedy similar to the one in Wakerton, Ont., and then you will see a panic in this country. Sometimes it is the things that are not said which can cause concern and make us all wonder why.

Let us take the recent rash of sewage backup caused by the rains of mid-September. Unless you have been a homeowner who has had this happen to you, it's hard to even imagine.

I remember a few years ago in the city of Westland when several hundred consumers were affected by a severe problem with sewer lines. The mayor and Police Chief Emery Price almost begged me to come to a town hall

meeting that night to speak to a group of some pretty irate homeowners. I stood in front of these hundreds and felt like crying because I knew what they were going through. Valuable items were destroyed, basements stunk like a skunk, and health concerns frightened most residents because of the lack of information on insurance issues and money matters. I addressed residents' concerns over appliances, the flood conditions and safety tips.

The topic was gas valves on clothes dryers, which can also be related to gas valves on furnaces and water heaters. Contrary to what consumers are told, these are not sealed units. There is one area on a dryer which will allow

moisture to enter and that is the hole where the gas exits the valve.

The inner portion of the valve is sometimes made up of rubber diaphragms which seal the gas changers and these diaphragms must not come in contact with anything that will corrode them. Sewage backups can corrode the diaphragms — and the homeowner doesn't even know about it.

Back to the Westland story again for a minute. For months following that mishap, consumers called me to report gas coming out of their dryers when they were not using them. I sold a lot of gas valves back then and hopefully saved a life or two.

Here's the scoop — if your dryer

is ever involved in a flood, don't take any chances by doing nothing. We all know that a wet motor must be allowed to dry completely or it will die the minute you turn it on. Don't take any chances on the gas valve. Replace it.

Do you know how sensitive this subject of sewage has become in this country? I wrote not so long ago about a study done by two universities revealing that diseases can be spread through clothing that is washed in machines containing accumulated fecal matter. Service technicians in Maryland now wear rubber gloves when fixing a washing machine. A baby diaper is no longer a joke anymore. These health questions are being

studied like never before.

For the many homeowners who have gone through this most recent flooding episode, I want to tell you that I really feel for you. You must get this cleaned up in a perfect manner. If it means getting someone to do it professionally, then that is what you should do. If you have to change the gas valve in your dryer, call the service parts company called Servall in your area and find out what it cost to buy one. It's not hard to change it yourself and they'll explain how. Stay tuned.

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

From clamps to pliers, here's more tools to add for basic repairs

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

In a previous column about building a starter tool kit, I wrote that more items should be added to the kit as budget or need dictate. As you start adding to your tool collection, you may find yourself

thumbing through handyman magazines and hanging out in tool departments more often. It's kind of like being a kid in a toy store.

Many tools you'll want to have around so they are ready when needed. Some will be purchased "as needed," and others will be purchased as a "got to have it" item.

Tongue-and-groove pliers (Channel-loks), and locking pliers (Vise-grips) probably should be added to your tool kit early. They give much more flexibility and gripping power than slip-joint pliers. Vise-grips can also

double as a clamp in many cases.

A compact hand saw, such as the Stanley Short-cut toolbox saw, and a hacksaw are two of the tools that I would call essential. (I was tempted to include these in the basic kit.) A wood-cutting hand saw — with 9 to 12 teeth per inch — would do well for most simple household projects. Hacksaws, which are used for cutting metal, have replaceable blades. They should have a sturdy frame and a comfortable handle.

Combination wrenches (open-end wrench on one side and a box on the other) have fixed sizes, but are much easier to use than an adjustable wrench. They can get into tighter spaces than adjustables.

For starters, buy a set with 1/4-inch through 3/4-inch wrench sizes. When buying a ratchet/socket wrench set, start with a 3/8-inch drive set with socket sizes 3/8-inch through 3/4-inch. I suggest a 6-point set over a 12-point set. The 6-point sockets are less likely to slip off hex-nuts.

Quality is a must with wrenches and sockets. My father, who

■ When making electrical repairs, a neon tester is a near necessity.

was a mechanic for many years, called cheap wrenches "knuckle busters."

A cordless drill-driver is one tool you will wonder how you did without. These come in so many types, sizes, voltages and prices that selection can be confusing. As a rule, the more volts the better. A 12- or 14-volt should do well for the household mechanic. In any case, don't consider less than 9.6 volts and, unless you are working commercially, no more than 18 volts. Look for packages that include two batteries to minimize down time. Some good brand names are Ryobi, Makita, Dewalt and Porter-Cable.

Clamps also are important items. They free one of your hands by holding the project to a work surface. They can also hold two or more pieces of material while glue dries or while drilling aligned holes. Their uses are

endless. I like the Quickgrip mini bar-clamp by Vise-grip. Also it's good to have a couple of C-clamps and a spring clamp or two.

When making electrical repairs, a neon tester is a near necessity. These inexpensive devices light when the probes are touched to live electric wires. They can also help detect electric leaks, breaks in continuity and can check polarity.

Pry bars are next. I've found that a flat pry bar such as the Stanley Wonderbar is the handiest to have. For heavier prying, a wrecking bar (better known as a crow bar) is necessary.

When painting and weatherizing, a caulk gun will be useful. You needn't buy a large caulk gun. In fact for most household work, a large tube won't be used up and will be wasted. The small, 10.5-ounce tube size gun will do fine.

A chalk-line is a reel of string in a box filled with powdered chalk. The string is pulled off the reel, held taut on two points and snapped, leaving a long straight line, which is helpful when making long cuts in plywood or snap-

ping a plumb line when hanging wallpaper.

At the same time you are picking up a chalk-line, consider a combination-square. This square can be adjusted for marking thickness, or depths. It has a 45-degree edge for marking miters, a work light, and so on and so on. Oh don't forget a plunger.

Later, as necessary, you may want to add a framing square and a speed square.

Other hand tools that are handy to have around the house are: a pipe wrench, blowtorch, Shop-Vac, tin snips, various files, a work light, and so on and so on. Oh don't forget a plunger.

For power tools, a good place to start is a saber saw or a portable circular saw, later adding a power miter box, and, if desired, a reciprocating saw and a router.

All these are merely suggestions. Your needs, your budget, and your desires will be the

guide to follow when making these purchases. As you find the joy of do-it-yourself, you'll be looking for reasons to add to your tool collection.

The famous Stanley Tool Co. says, as part of their logo "Make Something Great." I like to say "he who dies with the most toys wins."

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students in a school district in western Wayne County.

Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym will be writing "Ask Dad," a column on home repairs and maintenance and building and remodeling projects. Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym, care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Repair Web site conducts contest for do-it-yourselfers

(PRNewswire) — RepairClinic.com, the online source of home appliance parts and repair advice based in Canton Township, sees the Internet as a powerful medium to educate consumers and has launched a new contest to help demonstrate, through do-it-yourself stories, that home appliance repair can be easy.

"As an Internet company, one of our objectives is to provide a resourceful venue for do-it-yourselfers who want to fix their own home appliances," said Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com. "Going the extra mile to help educate consumers about home appliance repair means that we provide do-it-yourself solutions for everyone who has a home appliance repair problem."

The contest is open to all RepairClinic.com visitors who want to share an unusual or interesting home appliance repair story. "We created the Do-It-Yourselfer of the Week contest

because there are some fun stories and resourceful people out there that deserve recognition," said Hall.

Winners will be prominently featured on the site for one week and will then be archived for one year. DIYers can nominate themselves or someone else who has successfully repaired home appliances by visiting <http://www.repairclinic.com>.

Anthony Cupillari, Sr., a recent Do-It-Yourselfer of the Week winner, and his wife of 25 years, Cindy, live in rural Pennsylvania and when their dishwasher needed a new fan blade, he called the nearest parts distributor.

After learning that the part was not in stock, Cupillari decided to research other options. He quickly learned that he'd save time and money by ordering the part online at RepairClinic.com. "I saved at least \$50 in labor and about \$20 on the part. Plus, I didn't need to drive to the distributor, 30

miles away."

Catherine Peterson, a single new homeowner, was in the middle of a major kitchen renovation when her washing machine stopped draining. She called her dad, the "Mr. Fixit" of the family, for help. After several attempts he could not find the problem and recommended that she purchase a new machine.

Not wanting to spend a lot of money on a new machine because her kitchen still needed renovations, Catherine turned to the Internet to learn more about DIY home appliance repair.

At RepairClinic.com she found advice in the washing machine troubleshooting section that led her to discover her problem. A sock was lodged between the outer and inner tubs, clogging the drain. "Not only did RepairClinic.com help me to have clean laundry again, but they also saved me a lot of money."

About RepairClinic.com

RepairClinic.com offers a

selection of household appliance parts, troubleshooting advice and maintenance tips, making it easier for consumers to get the parts they need to repair their own appliances. Founded in March 1999, RepairClinic.com has been recognized as one of the top ten home improvement Web sites by the high-tech tool guy, Tom Kraeutler and as one of USAToday.com's Hot Sites.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Designers show flair for Chair Affair ware

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When participants are asked to "take a seat" for Chair Affair, they don't take it easy.

These prominent local interior designers, architects, artists and notable personalities take "gently used" chairs and work on turning them into fun, fantastic and sometimes functional furnishings to be auctioned at Chair Affair. This is a fund-raiser for the Furniture Resource Center of Oakland County, which redistributes used, usable furniture to the needy.

You have a few days left to see the results for the sixth annual event in an unusual display at Somerset Collection South, southeast corner of Big Beaver and Coolidge in Troy.

The chairs are exhibited there now through Sunday, Sept. 24.

Chair Affair 6 will take place Friday, Oct. 6, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge in Troy. Chair Affair is open to the public.

Here are some of the chairs that will be auctioned. Others were featured in At Home last week.

Artist Lois Teicher fashioned a doll-size chair. For her "Tan Rat on Rattan," Joan Whitman of Joan Whitman Interior Design included a rat-shaped pillow in the back of a chaise.

Some participants played with musical themes. The "Music Chair" by Mike Pawlowski of Illusions to Order is a melodic arrangement featuring piano-like legs and a cutout lyre shape on the back.

Suzanne Dolan Manji of Alchemy Blue composed "Standing Room Only" in wood, gold and silver leaf, fabric glass and found

objects associated with music. "Inside Music Series - The Princess" by Cristina Radocea of Studio C Art & Design resembles some kind of sleek musical instrument in rich wood tones.

"Le Maestro" by Leslie Benser, Donna Chisholm, Jill Muschella and Lauren Quanton of La Belle Provence features instruments in the upholstery design. The piece was inspired by a baroque painted armoire and has hand-painted gold leaf.

Paula and Frank Carnovale and Sara Flynn of Sweet Peas called their handpainted iron bench "Sweet Rhapsody." Among its restful elements is a winding vine along the back.

Designer Brenda Treece of Hudson's at Northland covered her chair with marbles and painted eyes and called it "The Eyes Have It." "The Salon Chair" by Rebecca Prior of Rebecca Prior Interiors has a delicate,

antique look, including flowers and tiny tassels.

A new feature to this year's Chair Affair is the Corian Student Chair Design Contest, sponsored by H. J. Oldenkamp Co. The first place chair, by Melissa Endress of Center for Creative Studios, has been fabricated and will be auctioned at the event. Also new to Chair Affair 6 is a silent auction of items related to home furnishings.

WXYZ-TV meteorologist Kim Adams will be the emcee, and - for the sixth year - David McCarron of the Frank H. Boos Gallery in Bloomfield Hills will be the auctioneer.

Tickets for Chair Affair 6 are \$60.

For more information, or to order tickets, call Colette Kelly at the Furniture Resource Center, (248) 332-1300.

DESIGN CALENDAR

■ The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 22-24, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, \$6 regular, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Parking is free. Celebrating its 20th year, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European and Oriental antiques and fine art. Merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally

known experts will exhibit and sell their collections. Dining will be featured. On-line show previews are available at www.antiquet.net/M&M

■ Margo Bishop and Mary Rose Farkas of Hudson's Interior Design Studio will host *Getting Your Home Ready for the Holidays*, a free seminar 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Hudson's at Northland and Westland. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call (800) 480-1623 for more information. Join designers from the studio as they present a continuing series of seminars on creating a wonderful home.

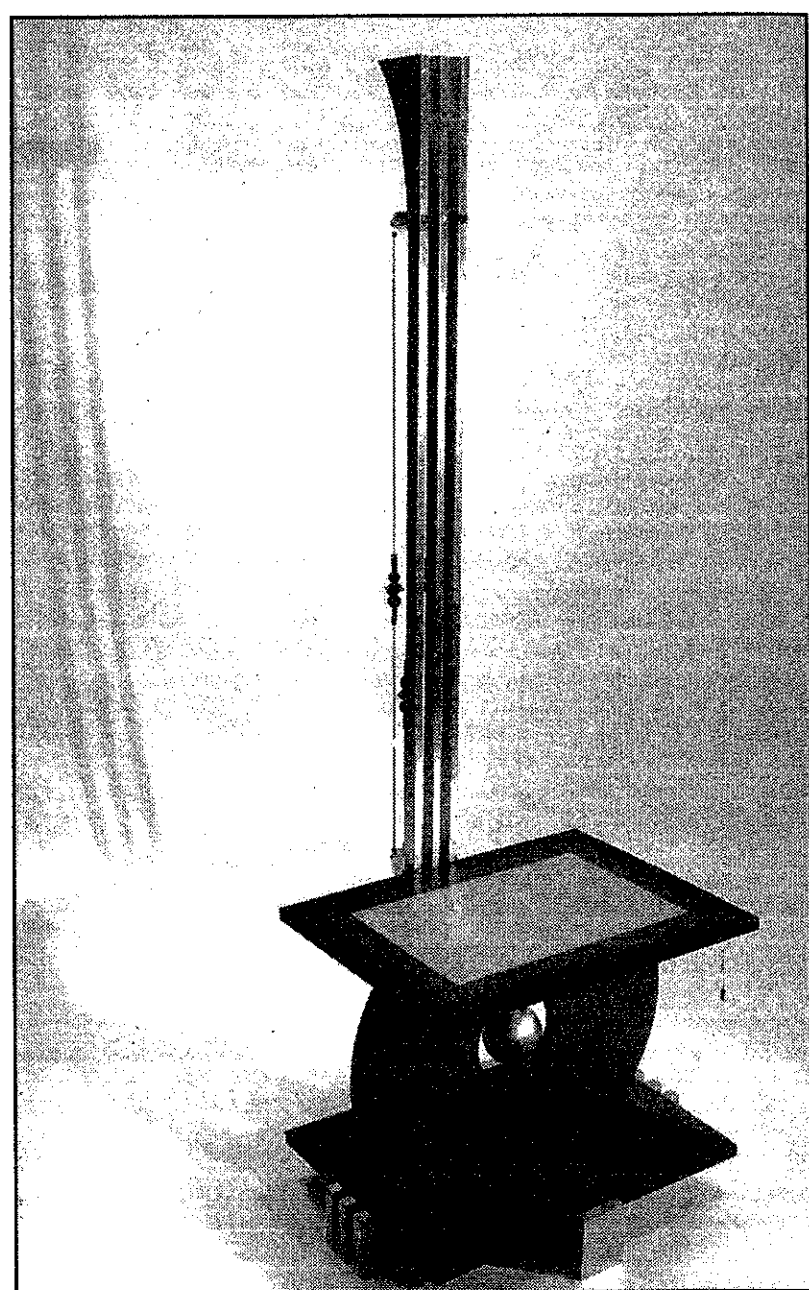
■ Fall training for new and continuing docents at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester has been scheduled 9:30 a.m. in the Wilson Room. General orientation will take place Saturday, Sept. 30; training sessions will be Saturdays, Oct. 7-21. Call (248) 370-3140.

■ Saturday, Sept. 23, youngsters may stop in 1-3 p.m. at Kids Castle in Art Van Furniture in Novi (call (248) 348-8922) and on 14 Mile in Warren (call (810) 939-2100) to pick up a Summer 2000 Olympic activity sheet and free ruler.

■ Free craft demonstrations will take place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, throughout

the JoAnn ec store at 43570 West Oaks Drive in Novi. Call (248) 443-8491. Participants will receive great tips that they can apply anywhere in the house or use for gifts, such as how to make an autumn leaf picture frame, make a flowerpot wreath, or decorate an edible haunted house from a kit.

■ Discover the principles of the ancient Chinese art of feng shui in a free event at Art Van Furniture stores in Novi (Wednesday, Oct. 4) and on Eight Mile in Warren (Monday, Oct. 16). Each event will take place 6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199.



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For Chair Affair: Cristina Radocea designed this work, "Inside Music Series - The Princess," for a benefit at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

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GARDENING

Hidden Lake Gardens full of beauty, interest

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

dict Hosta Hillside. What an awesome sight!

I was really impressed with this large garden that is planted with more than 500 labeled hostas and also contains ferns and other shade perennials, all beautifully displayed on the hillside. The leaf color, texture, shape and sizes of the hostas are amazing.

Wide paths separate each large area of plantings so that the hostas can be viewed up close. A cascading stream runs through the garden from the top of the hill to a small pond at the bottom. A large lake is situated along the bank.

After a picnic lunch and a short business meeting, Clarence Owens of Jackson was presented

with an award in recognition of his many years of coordinating workers (and working long hours himself) in the hosta garden.

Members who worked on the hillside that day for the first time, and new members who joined them, received an H. "Krossa Regal" plant. This is a great way to recruit workers.

Then a lively auction took place, with much enthusiasm. The plants came from members' gardens and growers.

I was amazed to see that the friendly bidding resulted in one hosta, "Heavenly Tiara," being sold for the astounding price of \$110! Now this is serious stuff! Two plants were sold for \$105 each, and another for \$85.

All in attendance could get into the bidding wars, as some sold for as little as just more than \$3, with many sold for \$5.

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will have its first meeting of the season 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at Telly's Greenhouse in Troy. Call Jan Everson at (248) 642-1619 if you're interested. George Papadalis, owner, will give a slide presentation.

Gardens delights

Although I have lived in Michigan for many years, I had

never visited Hidden Lake Gardens, a short 1 1/2-hour drive from Birmingham, in beautiful country near the Irish Hills.

I urge you to make plans to visit these lovely gardens, which were begun in 1926 and are now a 775-acre botanical garden and arboretum owned by Michigan State University.

In addition to the hosta garden, the Demonstration Garden contains all manner of plants artfully arranged to give visitors ideas for their own gardens. All-American Selections annuals are also displayed here.

Visitors can drive through the grounds (I saw several bicyclists) and enjoy the oak and hickory forest, the Dwarf and Rare Conifers with more than 500 specimens, one of the finest in the country, and a Woodland Drive with oak and hickory trees.

A visit to the Arboretum will round off the day. There you will see many different native and exotic trees; large specimen trees and lowland trees that tolerate damp soils, flowering and deciduous trees, shrubs and lilacs.

That's not all! The Conservatory complex can be enjoyed year-round. Here you will find much beauty and interest that represents plants from many parts of



MARTY FIGLEY

Capital hill: The Benedict Hosta Hillside at Hidden Lake Gardens features beautiful plants, with wide paths so they can be viewed up close.

the world.

The lathhouse provides the perfect place for ferns, begonias and others. And for the bonsai enthusiast, the Bonsai Collection will be a special treat.

Picnickers are welcome. Handicapped accessibility, marked hiking trails, educational programs, guided tours by reservation, and a gift shop make Hidden Lake Gardens a most attrac-

tive place to visit and enjoy.

The Visitor Center includes an auditorium, meeting rooms and a reference library — a perfect place for clubs and groups to use as a special meeting place.

The Fall Foliage Festival will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Demonstrations, music, wagon rides, corn maze, food and fun for the whole family will keep everyone busy and happy. Admission to the festival

is \$3.

Hours and admission fees for general garden visits are: April through October, 8 a.m. to dusk, \$3; November through March, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$2.

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, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.home.com.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN TALKS

FREE LECTURE

Saguaro Rare and Traditional Plant Nursery and Gardens offers a series of free lectures by various garden experts 1 p.m. Sundays at the nursery, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake. The talks last about an hour. Reservations aren't necessary. A 10-percent discount is given on any plant discussed in the lectures. Call (734) 449-4237.

GARDEN CLUBS

POND WATER

The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Koi & Pond Clubs meets 4 p.m. the third Sunday of every month, now to November. New members and guests are welcome. Call (248) 646-7675 for details, location and questions.

FARMINGTON CLUB

The curator of the University of Michigan Herbarium will be speaking at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club at noon Monday, Oct. 2, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Dr. Reznicek, who visited the mountain tops of Mexico on a plant expedition, will show slides during his lecture. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (248) 613-3616 or (248) 476-3017.

FLOWER SALE

AFRICAN VIOLETS

The Michigan State African Violet Society will sponsor a fall display and sale of African violets at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, in Ann Arbor, while supplies last. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

REGISTER NOW

MASTER GARDENERS

Master gardening programs are offered by the Michigan State University Extension Services. Classes meet for 13 weeks starting in January in Wayne and

Oakland counties. Master gardeners must complete 40 hours of classroom instruction and 40 hours of volunteer time. Applications will be available in October for Wayne County residents. Call (313) 833-3417.

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile Road, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Level 1 Classes last September through December 2000, which are prerequisites to many others.

Please register in advance. Many classes are limited in size. Janet Macunovich teaches a practical gardening class Monday, Oct. 23, and a focus on design class will be taught in November by three instructors. Advance classes include all about lawns on three consecutive Thursdays, starting Oct. 2, instructed by Janet Macunovich and Steve Nikkila; and shade gardens on two consecutive Tuesdays starting on Oct. 17, instructed by Pam Palechek. Other classes have been added. They include: Fall Planting Tips, instructed by Pam Palechek, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3; Doubling Up Perennials, at the same times on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall classes, times and costs or click on www.michigan

gardening.com.

COMPOSTING TRAINING

Learn the How-To's of Backyard Composting and Yard Waste Reduction by attending Wayne County's Fall 2000 Master Composting Training sessions. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 27-Nov. 1 at Northville City Hall, 215 Main Street. There is a \$25 material fee due by the first night of class. Register now as class size is limited. To register, call (734) 326-3936.

MORE SEMINARS

FREE LECTURES

English Gardens hosts free weekly gardening seminars for the public at its five locations, including 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Royal Oak/Troy store, 4901 Coolidge Highway, north of 14 Mile (call (248) 280-9500), and 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple (call (248) 851-7506). Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens, or visit www.englishgardens.com

MATTHAEI CLASSES

HERE'S SHRUBS

Learn about the many shrubs

which are key home landscape plants, providing color and textural accents; learn also about the invasive exotics that have caused problems by escaping into native habitats. Sylvia Taylor, a certified wildlife biologist, will present a classroom discussion

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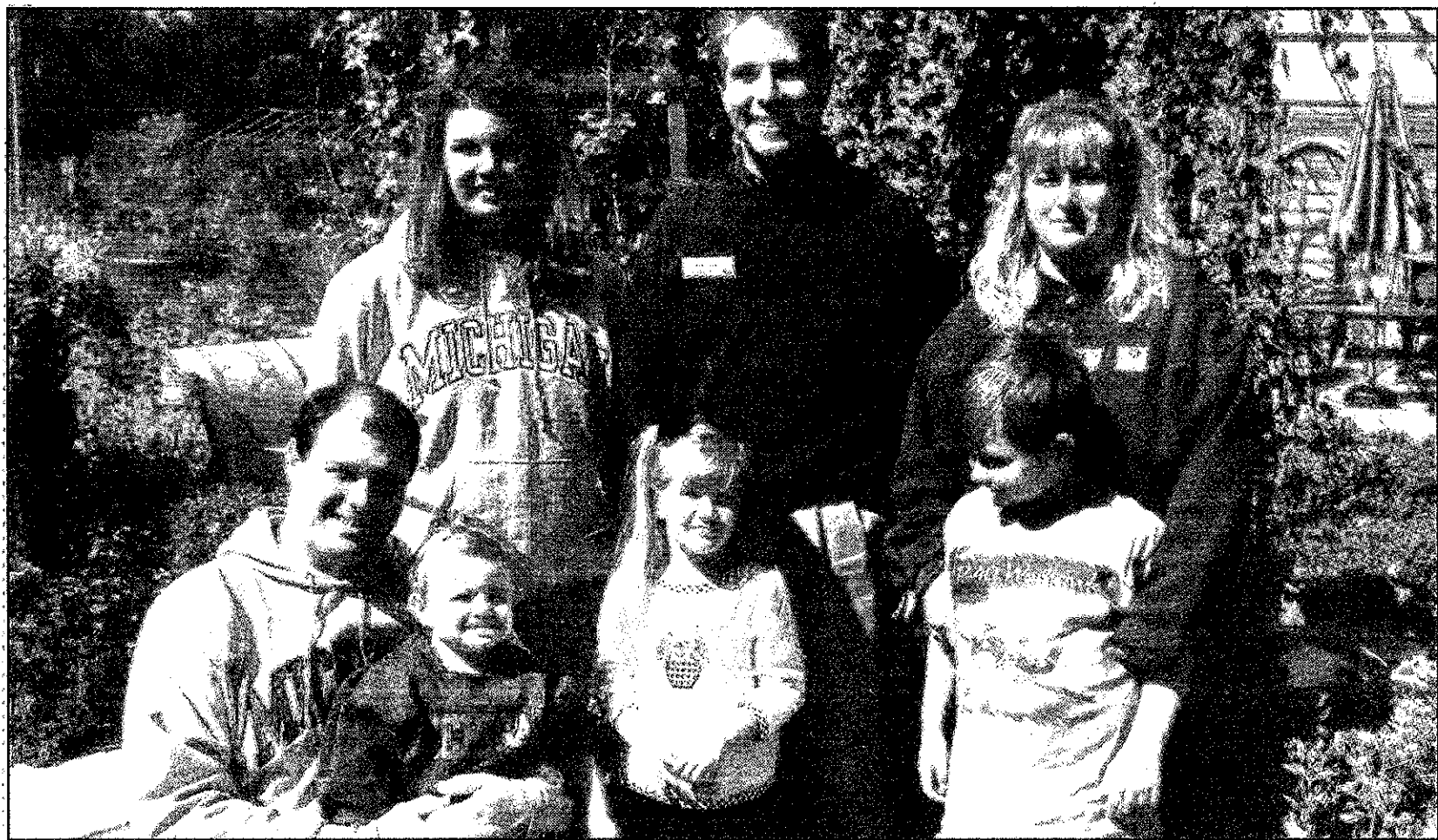
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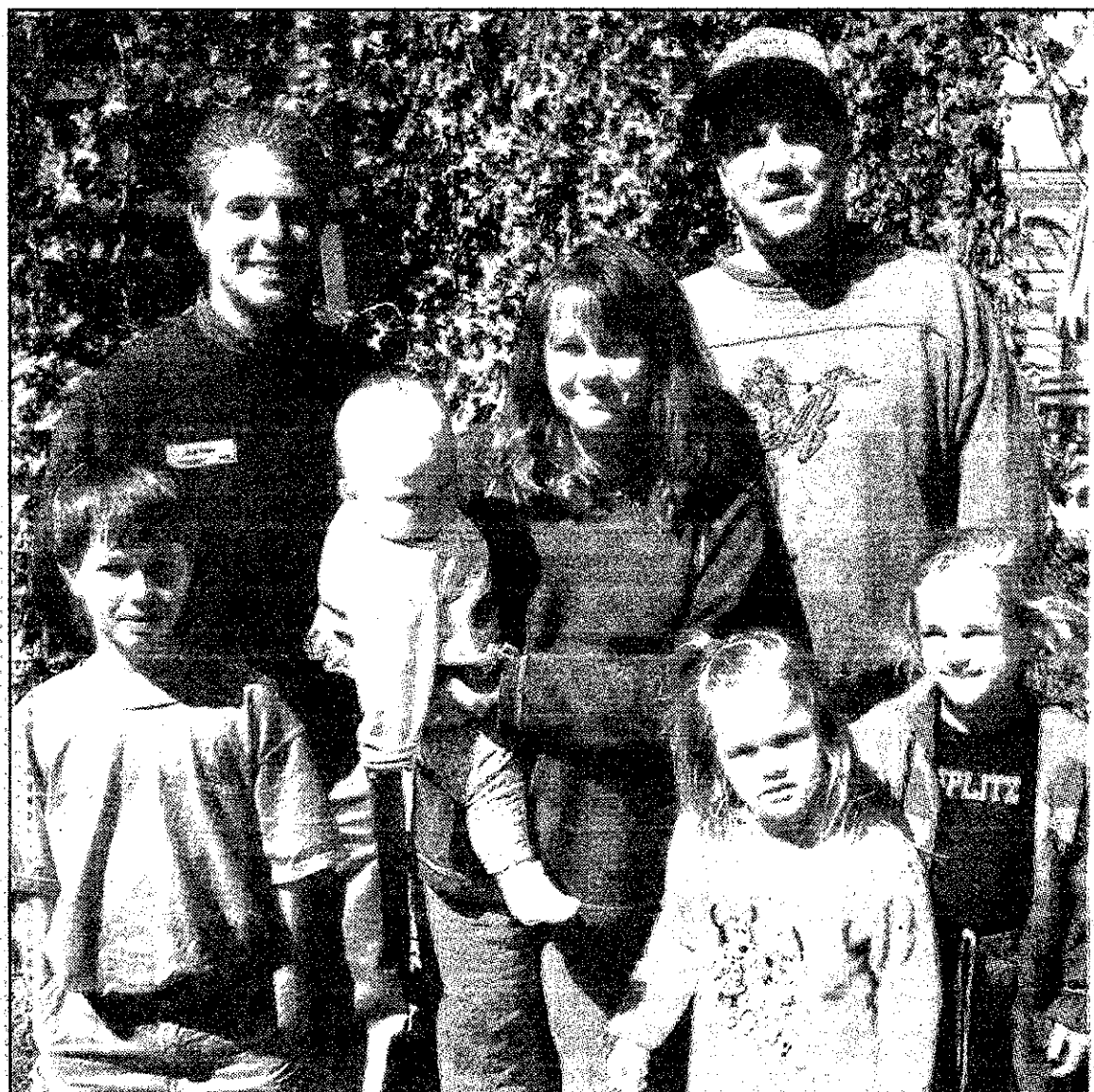
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SUNFLOWER CONTEST



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Super sunflowers: Winners of the Observer Newspapers area High Hopes Sunflower Contest. Above photo: Winners for growing the sunflower with the largest seed head are Tom Aloisi, his daughter, Sidney, (bottom row left), and his wife Julie, representing their daughter, Kali, (back row), Rick Vespa, vice president of operations for English Gardens, Jahna Hennika and her son, Christopher Kotcher, and Kayla Jakel (center bottom row). Below photo: Winners for growing the tallest sunflower are Kyle Maier (left bottom row), Rick Vespa (back row left), Dena Pierce and her daughter McKenna and her husband David, and daughters Kali and Riley.

Awards top fall planting seminar

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Winners of the Observer Newspapers High Hopes Sunflower Contest learned about fall planting on Saturday before receiving their gift certificates from English Gardens in West Bloomfield.

First prize in each category was a \$75 gift certificate, second price \$50 second, and \$25 third.

As temperatures turn cooler, it's time to think spring and begin planting fall bulbs.

"You can plant until the ground freezes," said Bonnie Krimmel, assistant store manager. And that applies to bulbs, shrubs, and other plants.

Advantages

"As the climate cools off, moisture levels go up causing ultimate plant growth," said Krimmel explaining some of the advantages of fall planting. "The moisture and climate are conducive to plant growth." More good reasons to plant in the fall include a wide variety of plants offered for sale, and it's economical, you can find discounted bargain plants on clearance.

Cooler temperatures, and more rain put less stress on plants. The optimum temperature for plant growth is between 58 and 68°F.

Krimmel said it's also important to fertilize to give plants a boost during this peak growing season. "There is no best fertilizer," she said explaining the differences between organic and synthetic fertilizers and water soluble, granular and slow release varieties. "It's a matter of personal preference and convenience. Water soluble affects the plants immediately, granular breaks down over a period of time so you need to use less, and slow release will last until

spring."

Don't forget to water. "Plants are climate controlled," said Krimmel. "They don't stop growing until the weather changes. Deeply water evergreens, but don't water them."

Seminar

Learn more about house plant care Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-28 at English Gardens. Topics include how to properly select and care for house plants that will thrive indoors, tips to courage plants to flower, and using plants to enhance a home's decor.

The free seminar will be offered 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 at English Gardens in Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27 at English Gardens in Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at English Gardens in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506.

Contest winners

The winners of the Observer Newspapers High Hopes Sunflower Contest were:

Tallest Sunflower

First place - Steve and Cindy Randles of Garden City (13-feet, 6-inches)

Second place - David and Dena Pierce of Canton (nearly 12 feet)

Third place - Kyle Maier, 9, son of Randy and Jody Maier of Westland (10 feet, 10 inches)

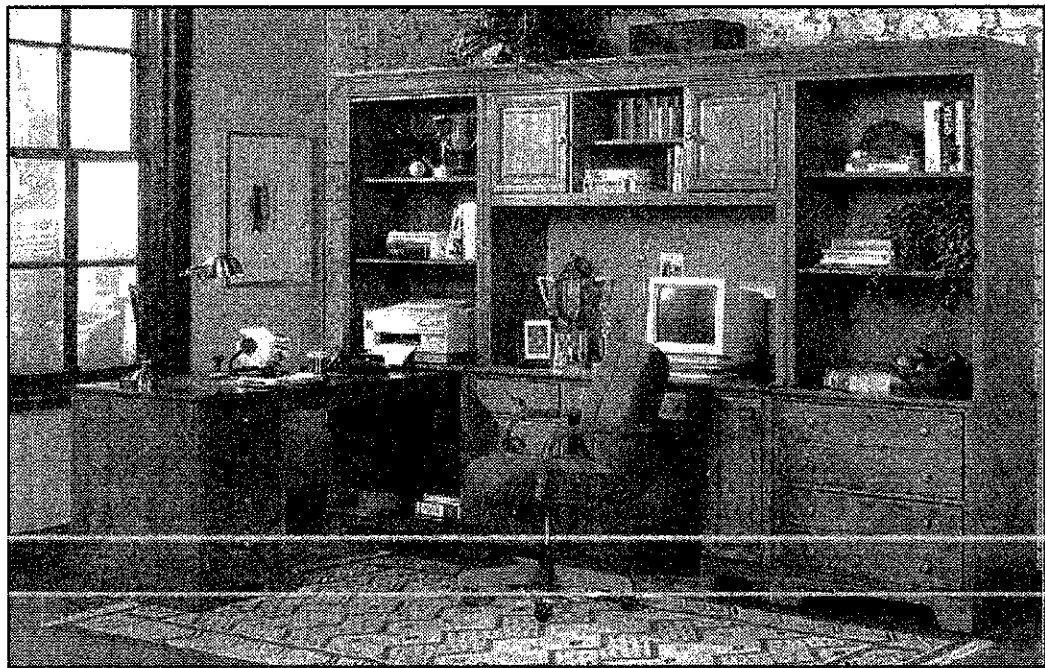
Largest Seed Head

First place - Kali Aloisi, 5, daughter of Tom and Julie Aloisi of Westland (17 inches)

Second place - Christopher Kotcher, 5, son of Jahna Hennika and Vincent Kotcher of Canton (16 inches)

Third place - Kayla Jakel, 4, daughter of Paul and Alan Jakel of Garden City (13 inches).

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Farmington Players opens its 2000-2001 season with Neil Simons' "Fools" 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in West Bloomfield. Tickets \$12 each, call (248) 553-2955

SATURDAY



Richard Jeni brings his high energy comedy to Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person, call (248) 542-9900.

SUNDAY



Andrea Caruso plays the "Capriccio" from Albin Repnikov's "Concert Suite" during the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's "Music for Young People of All Ages" concert 2 p.m. at Plymouth Canton High School. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 children. Call (734) 451-2112.

TICKET



The Ice Capades 21st Century Tour featuring guest star Trifun Zivanovic, United States Men's 2000 bronze medalist and the 1999 silver medalist, and Rebecca Bockstanz of Canton, stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills, Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 21-24. Tickets \$35, \$25 and \$15 reserved, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100. For showtimes and more information, check the Web at www.palacenet.com

UMS dazzles audiences with diversity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Kenneth Fischer isn't shy about mentioning the University Musical Society is the only multi-disciplinary performing arts presenter in the region. He's especially proud of the diversity of offerings UMS has lined up for the new season — renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles, and performers of classical, jazz and world music.

Veteran jazz pianist Keith Jarrett and his trio kick-off the 122nd season Saturday, Sept. 23, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

What: The University Musical Society opens its 122nd season with Keith Jarrett's jazz trio
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23
Where: Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$45, \$38, \$26, \$18. To request a season brochure or order tickets, call (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229. Tickets and information on the UMS season also available at the Web site — www.ums.org

"It's really fabulous," said Fischer, University Musical Society president. "We're just pumped. In the last week we've received \$400,000 as part of the State's Arts & Quality of Life grants for the Royal Shakespeare Company's performances of the

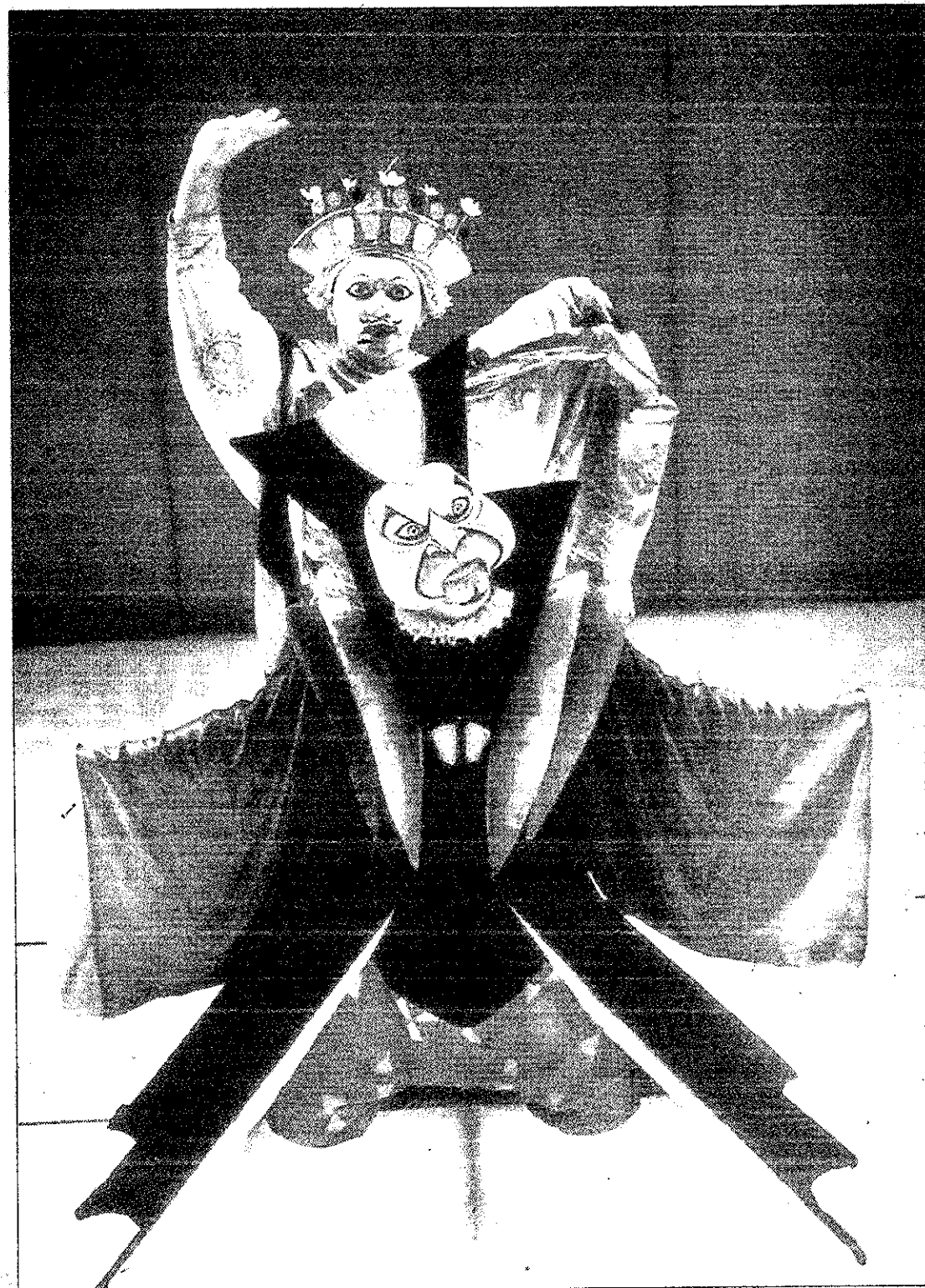
third cycle of Shakespeare's History Plays which includes *Henry VI, Parts I, II & III*, and *Richard III* (March 13-15 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts).

"Ann Arbor is the only place in the U.S. that these four plays can be seen, only in Michigan and England at Stratford-on-Avon. We've tried to make it tourist friendly where someone can fly in on a Friday and see the cycle Saturday and Sunday and fly back home on Monday."

Thomas Sheets is as excited as Fischer about the Royal Shakespeare Company presenting Shakespeare's vision of 60 years of England's bloody and turbulent history, but also about the rest of the new International Theater Festival featuring the Gate Theatre of Dublin, American Repertory Theater and the co-commissioning of a new work, *Curse of the Gold: Myths from the Icelandic Edda*, performed by Sequentia in con-



Season opener: Jazz pianist Keith Jarrett and his trio open the University Musical Society's 122nd season.



Tragicomic tale: The American Repertory Theater presents a delightful mix of puppetry, masks and costumes in "The King Stag" Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

junction with Ping Chong and Company.

Of course, Sheets' favorite part of the entire season is conducting the University Musical Society Choral Union's performances of Berlioz's *Requiem* April 22 and Handel's *Messiah* Dec. 2-3.

"The Royal Shakespeare Company is only a part of the new season," said Sheets, who also directs the Oakland Community College Masterworks Chorale in Farmington Hills. "There's all the different choral offerings from vocal chamber music to two of the largest choral works in international repertoire — Berlioz's and Verdi's *Requiem*s."

"Berlioz's *Requiem* is the most colossal of all the choral works with a large on-stage orchestra. In addition, four brass orchestras will be placed around the hall so at certain moments the audience is just surrounded by sound, a quadraphonic sound dated back to 1837. It's spectacular."

Multitude of offerings

Like Sheets, Fischer could go on and on about the multitude of

offerings by artists such as Bryn Terfel (Oct. 25), the Welsh baritone "who's been a sensation at the MET but hasn't done that many recitals."

The list seems endless. Jazz legends Nina Simone (Nov. 3) and Herbie Hancock and Wayne Shorter (Nov. 11), the Mingus Big Band (Jan. 15), and violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman (in a tribute to Jascha Heifetz and the 100th anniversary of his birth Saturday, Sept. 24) will dazzle audiences during the season which runs through April.

As part of a plan to bring together Detroit arts organizations, the University Musical Society, Arts League of Michigan and the Detroit Opera House will bring the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (Jan. 31-Feb. 4) to perform Ailey's signature piece *Revelations* with live music by the Detroit-based Rudy Hawkins Singers.

Another joint venture with the Arts League of Michigan will spotlight the Rudy Hawkins Singers in *A Gospel Christmas* at Music Hall Dec. 16. April 22 brings another marriage with a community in the state when

Please see UMS, E2

ELECTRONIC MUSIC

LTJ Bukem elevates drum 'n' bass to State Theatre stage

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Accidents happen.

And sometimes, they lead to careers. For drum 'n' bass pioneer LTJ Bukem, DJing was more of an accident and less of a choice. Having started his own record collection at an early age, friends always knew where to turn when there was a party. "They would say, 'Danny, you've got records, you play the music,'" he recalled, speaking from a hotel in Canada.

"I was always on the other side of the decks."

With the release of *Progression Session 5*, on his own Good Looking label, Bukem — Danny Williamson to friends — stands again in that place, bringing about a mix album that is at one time atmospherically flowing and jarring. Joining him on the mic are MC Conrad and DRS. Included this time around are soundscapes that bleed one into another, seamlessly by the likes of Pariah, Intersperse and Makato, along

with Bukem's own *Close To The Source*, and MC Conrad's *Logical*.

"*Progression Sessions* is something I've done for a few years now," said Bukem, who tries to take his music to a different place with each record he makes. This installment in the series was meant to mimic what he does at a live show. He doesn't try to describe his music any longer, and instead listens to the fans who approach him after performances. "Some will say it's a lot smoother, some will say it's a lot harder. You'll have 45 different conversations. Music is very personal."

What does it all mean to Bukem? "I love to tell a story with the music," he said. "I'm always looking for the perfect set."

Though he threatens to give it all up once he truly achieves "the perfect set," it's hard to believe. Music had coursed through his veins from early on.

Bukem the pianist?

"When I was very young, my parents had a piano in the house," he said. "I

didn't play to any standard, I used to tinker on the piano. When I was 6 or 7, I would make some kind of noise."

The early interest inspired his parents to hire a music instructor, someone who would teach young Danny Williamson classical music. Like so many innovative artists, one person was truly influential. For the DJ, producer and innovator who would come to be known as LTJ Bukem, that person was Nigel Crouch, an early music teacher who introduced him to the mystique of jazz and soul, by artists like Clive Washington Jr.

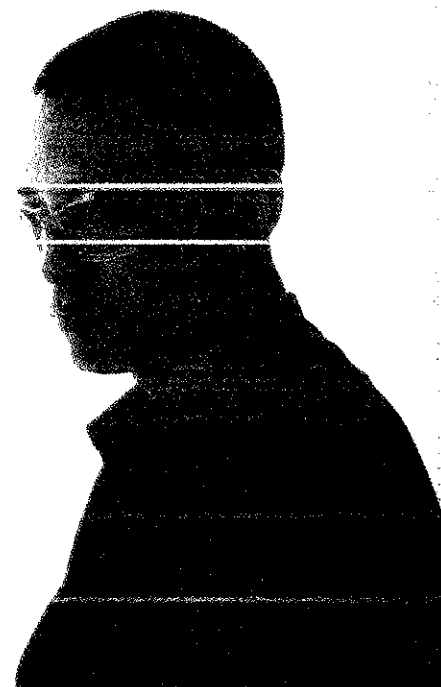
"He took me to concerts where I got interested in trumpets and drums," said Bukem.

And the drums took hold.

The DJ gig

"I was just sort of DJing and listening to music when I went to my first warehouse party," said Bukem. Experiencing a blend of jazz and hip hop in a room filled with 10,000 bodies was

Please see BUKEM, E2



Innovator: LTJ Bukem, drum 'n' bass pioneer, performs with Nookie & MC Conrad.

Paris the Black FU from the Detroit Grand Pubahs opens the show, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave. in Detroit.

COMMUNITY THEATER

'Romantic Comedy' offers evening of laughter

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents Bernard Slade's "Romantic Comedy" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23 and 29-30, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at its theater, 21730 Madison, south of the intersection of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn opens its 73rd season with Bernard Slade's enjoyable and light-hearted play, *Romantic Comedy*. With insightful directing, a strong cast and careful attention to detail, the show is a

great start to what promises to be an interesting season.

Romantic Comedy is the story of two playwrights who are "the victims of unsynchronized passion." Though instantly attracted to each other, their personal lives never allow them to be romantically available at the same time.

Phoebe, a schoolteacher and budding writer, meets Jason, a seasoned playwright, on his wedding day. After an introduction filled with hilarious mishaps, they are none-the-less drawn to each other and become partners.

Phoebe becomes so much a part of Jason's life that, despite his being married, he subtly pre-

Overall, director and Garden City resident Tony Lawry's insight into the characters is sensitive and insightful.

vents her from connecting with anyone romantically until a quirky and determined journalist tries to win Phoebe's affection. How the characters grow and meet their emotional needs over 14 years is a touching, human and very funny story.

Director

Overall, director and Garden

City resident Tony Lawry's insight into the characters is sensitive and insightful. He had the characters, especially his leads, use body language that portrayed their true feelings while their glib lines covered their real intent. We knew Jason wanted to propose to Phoebe when he knelt in front of her, but his cowardice had him blurring out instead that they "had trouble with their second act" - a double entendre if ever there was one.

After Phoebe discovers Jason's dalliance with a svelte actress, she starts doing a series of stomach crunches, while verbally denying her distress over Jason's infidelity.

Lawry allows only two noticeable lapses to occur: Phoebe's silly and out-of-character whiskey swilling straight from the bottle while snooping through Jason's office and waiting to meet him, and some awkward blocking for Jason that hid him from the far left side of the house during the opening scene.

Jason Carmichael

Lance A. Abke of Plymouth plays Jason Carmichael with a balanced mixture of ego and insecurity. He's the ugly duckling kid who reinvented himself as he

became a successful playwright. Although Abke doesn't appear to age during the 14 years of the story, he handles his character's changes well, especially his intense and frustrated feelings for Phoebe. His solo anguished outbursts of embarrassment and frustration were as funny and touching as his philandering was infuriating.

Deborah Pletzer of Dearborn plays Phoebe Craddock with warmth, charm and believability. She captures Phoebe's nervousness and insecurity with a fast, witty patter of conversation that emphasizes her nervousness while capturing the essence of her character's clever, self-deprecating wit. During her best scenes with Abke they "verbally copulate" as Phoebe's loyal Leo put it: They finish each other's thoughts and sentences, anticipate each other's responses, and intuitively know each other's needs.

Philip Booth of Dearborn is the show's delightful surprise as Leo Janowitz, Phoebe's determined love interest. Booth's deadpan humor is both unexpected and hysterical. His droll one-liners are delivered with such dry intensity that the audience was collapsing with helpless laughter during several of his scenes. Booth took a small role and turned it into one of the highlights of the show.

Nancy Schuster of Livonia is delightfully flamboyant as Blanche, Jason's agent. A former *Follies* girl who never gave up sequins and feathers despite her

retirement from the stage, she made some great entrances, and delivered some equally memorable exit lines, being among the first to realize Jason and Phoebe's fate.

Meredith Gorden of Dearborn is both elegant and sensibly sensual as Allison St. James, Jason's wife. She balances the character's patience and understanding of both Jason and Phoebe well, given a situation few wives would understand let alone live with. She cuts an elegant presence on stage, aided by some stunning costumes.

Elegant set

Gordon Mosley's elegant set is a visual treat, with detailed woodwork and muted colors. However, it needed to tighten its upstage angle, since the far left side of the house had trouble seeing the action at the bar or doorway near it.

Mary Calder and Diana Reynolds' costumes are elegant, from Allison's wedding gown and opening night dress to Blanche's beautifully bedecked costumes in every scene. If anything, Phoebe could have been frumpier when nursing Jason back to health, in keeping with her harried demeanor and Leo's frank assessment of her appearance.

Romantic Comedy is a sure bet for a laughter-filled, light-hearted evening of entertainment. From its clever dialogue to the cohesive cast, it's a comedy that captures the ups and downs of a 14-year romance you won't want to miss.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Quo Vadis, Star Rochester Hills, Star Southfield, Star Theatres, Star Great Lakes Crossing, Showcase Pontiac 1-5, Showcase Pontiac 6-12, Star John-R, and Main Art Theatre III. Listings include movie titles, ratings, and showtimes.

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with a community in the state when the University Musical Society Choral Union performs with the Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra.

The University Musical Society season spotlights nearly 90 performances of 50 events. More than half of those feature artists, including the Cuban rhythms of the Buena Vista Social Club Oct. 14, from outside the U.S.

"Those 26 events represent 20 nations and that represents the diversity of our programming," said Fischer. "At least 30 percent of our audience over the last few seasons has been new to the UMS database. We want people

coming to Ann Arbor and knowing they can find all forms of cultural expression."

Education and creation

In addition to performances, audiences and area students have the opportunity to participate in more than 200 educational programs including pre-concert lectures, teacher workshops, meet the artists, and residencies by ensembles such as Sequentia. The theater series culminates with Sequentia, the medieval musical ensemble, performing a new work by Ping Chong and Benjamin Bagby - *Curse of the Gold: Myths from the Icelandic Edda* April 25-26. Sung in Ice-

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enough to initiate the young DJ into the London scene. "I would go out three times a night, four times a week," he said. "That was just madness. I had to be a part of that."

When exactly does classical music training translate into the high-speed life of DJing electronic dance music? Bukem doesn't really know. "I think it's just from being into drums," he ventured a guess. "Hearing a lot of hip hop, soul and house, I was always into this kind of beat."

Somewhere along the line,

house music was ruptured with a breakbeat, a beat that began to filter throughout the music and as Bukem puts it "drum 'n' bass just sort of happened."

"The early 1990s were good because there were so many different forms," said Bukem of the genre, also called jungle. "It's good at the moment, we just need to find better ways of marketing it." While it's infiltrated the world of dance, and film directors have caught on to include it in soundtracks, something more needs to be done, he believes.

Visiting Detroit is sure to help that cause. But Bukem won't comment on what the State Theatre show will be like. "That's something you leave for other people to judge," he said, somewhat bashfully. "Hopefully, it will be a wonderful experience."

Judge for yourself and see *Progression Sessions USA* features *LTJ Bukem, Nookie & MC Conrad, with Paris the Black FU* from the Detroit Grand Pubahs 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. Call (248) 645-6666.

'Fantasia' returns to IMAX screen

(PRNewswire) Henry Ford Museum's IMAX theater will celebrate its first year anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 19, with the return of Disney's *Fantasia/2000 The IMAX Experience*.

The film will be shown through Dec. 31, 2000. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors 62 and over and children 12 and under. They are on sale now at Henry Ford Museum by calling 313-271-1570.

Fantasia/2000 The IMAX Experience was first released in January 2000. Henry Ford Museum was one of only 75 theaters across the world and the only theater in Michigan to show the film.

At the end of the exclusive four-month run, Henry Ford Museum's IMAX theater ranked among the top four IMAX theaters in box office sales worldwide behind Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City. *Fantasia/2000* is the first feature-length animated film to be formatted and shown in IMAX theaters.

"*Fantasia/2000* was a big con-

The film continues to build upon Walt Disney's dream of combining classical music with animation.

tributor to the success of the first year," said Dave Brown, Director of IMAX theater and Visitor Services. "We received so many requests to see the film again, it only made sense to bring the feature back for a return command performance."

The film continues to build upon Walt Disney's dream of combining classical music with animation to create a stirring experience for moviegoers across the world. It contains seven new animated segments and one original, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. A new generation of Disney animators and filmmakers bring to life the classical compositions by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Respighi and Stravinsky. To add to the fun, each segment is intro-

duced on-screen by celebrity hosts including Bette Midler, Steve Martin, James Earl Jones, Penn & Teller and Quincy Jones.

Henry Ford Museum's IMAX theater originally opened November 1999 and has since shown *The Magic of Flight*, *T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous* in 3D, *Wolves*, and *Cirque Du Soleil/Journey of Man in 3D*.

CyberWorld 3D is scheduled to open Oct. 6. *Fantasia/2000 The IMAX Experience* will join *Cyberworld* and *Cirque Du Soleil Journey of Man* in a daily schedule Nov. 19-Dec. 31, 2000.

For more information, call (313) 271-1570.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and the IMAX theater are at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn just west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39), south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12) and three miles north of I-94. For more information or combination tickets, call (313) 271-1620 or visit us at www.hfmvgv.org. Group rates are available.

STREET SCENE

deathgirl.com's 'pieces' coming together



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

If there's one credo the music world has learned from megastar Madonna, it's that the only true constant is change. For two decades, we've witnessed this former Rochester

Adams High School cheerleader transform from her beginnings as a rising "Lucky Star," into a trend-setting "Material Girl" and her latest incarnation in "Music" toying with sound and image as a new diva of pop-electronica.

If one Detroit-based band has taken note, it's gotta be deathgirl.com. With a stunning, spacey cover of Madonna's *Lucky Star*, and radio-ready originals like *Pieces*, which held a 13-day winning streak on 89X's *The People's Choice Awards* this summer, the band finally seems poised for much-deserved recognition.

After all, it's been a long journey.

In 1993, the band set out under the moniker Caelum Bliss with engaging singer Melissa Emily, guitarist Tony Hamera and drummer William King. After seven years and multiple line-up changes, the band shifted back to its core. Far from its Goth-punk origins and down to a tight four-piece unit, which now includes bassist Marvin Shaouni, deathgirl.com emerged in 1999, taking pop sensibilities into a darker realm of electro-rock.

"It was suggested that if we wanted to go into a pop direction, it would be (advantageous) to go with something more basic," said Hamera. "Deathgirl

■ 'It's been a 7-year evolution toward pop.'

William King
deathgirl.com

was the name of one of our songs."

King added: "It's been a 7-year evolution toward pop."

The pop genre, though, seems hardly able to contain songs like *Diabolical Love Scheme* and *Blue*, among a group of tracks recorded at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio with Dave Feeny and Dennis White. Evident among such songs is deathgirl's penchant for contagious hooks and melodies, atmospheric loops and lyrics often inspired by a betrayed but fearless ex-girlfriend.

When I met with Hamera and King at Ferndale's Woodward Avenue Brewery Sept. 13, I found out just how they got to this point. Hamera was spurred into playing guitar in the early 1980s when he first heard ACDC's *Back in Black*. He soon traded in his time wielding a tennis racket like a rock star for his first guitar, a Sears catalogue model.

For King, early memories of watching the Michigan State University marching band pound their way across the field led him to the drums, his instrument of choice. "It was so powerful," said King, a drummer since 1985. And he credits rock icon Joan Jett for his introduction to music. Listening to his parent's 45 of *I Love Rock & Roll* seemed to have struck a chord early on.

Onstage this all translates into a furiously-paced flashy rock show, blending heavy riffs with



You know the address: deathgirl.com is (left to right) Marvin, William, Tony and Melissa.

candy-coated vocals amid a barrage of electronic-induced ambiance that can't be compared to what the rest of the Detroit rock scene is offering. "We're just one part of the diversity of the scene," said Hamera.

Local music fans made a point to fit deathgirl.com onto the airwaves, though. Listeners called in for nearly two weeks straight to vote for *Pieces* on 89X's band-to-band competition *The People's Choice*. The song recently appeared on a compilation produced by Stewart Francke titled *Detroit Now*.

"It ended up the DJ on 89X fell in love with the song right off the bat and decided to play it," said Hamera. "It just kept winning and on the 13th day when it lost, we were like, 'that's cool.'"

While the band doesn't plan to release a CD locally, its music can be purchased on the Web at — what else but — www.deathgirl.com.

"The plan is to get signed and then our album will be out," said Hamera. "Other than that, buy it at our shows or download it."

After seven years playing together, Hamera and King show no signs of stopping. "The reward of having someone pay us to play music is, for me, drive enough," said Hamera.

Catch deathgirl.com as they co-headline with Blush, featuring former members of *Stun Gun*, and *W-Vibe*, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030. Westsiders can see the band when they open for Esion, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555.

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AVON PLAYERS: *Victor/Victoria* Sept. 22-24 and 28-30, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior rates available Thursday and Sunday. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Bus Stop by William Inge, Sept. 21-23, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Depot Theater, Clarkston. Tickets \$9 Thursday, \$11, Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Neil Simons' *Fools* 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, continues weekends through Saturday, Oct. 14, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile roads, West Bloomfield. Season tickets \$33 for three plays, \$44 for four plays, or \$12 each. (248) 553-2955

GENESIS TROUPE: "Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29-30, Oct. 6-7, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. Tickets \$5. (734) 981-3163.

MT. ZION THEATRE COMPANY: "If the Good Lord's Willing & the Creek Don't Rise," a two-act comedy, Sept. 22-23 and 29-30, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. \$10 at door, and \$8, \$7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more if purchased in advance. (248) 673-5432/(248) 391-6166

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: "Romantic Comedy," a hilarious play written by Bernard Slade, Sept. 22-24 and 29-30, all performances begin at 8 p.m. except for the 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 matinee, at the theater, Dearborn. \$11, (313) 441-TKTS

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: "The Wisdom of Eve," a play based on the film "All About Eve," Sept. 22-24, and Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Troy. \$11 includes coffee/sandwich afterglow, \$10 for students/seniors on Sunday. (248) 988-7049

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD: "Ancestral Voices" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 28-30 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the theater at Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. Call (248) 644-0527 for information.



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DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: Bear in the Big Blue House, showtimes vary, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, at the opera house, Detroit. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14. \$14-\$25 opening nights, otherwise all tickets \$12. (313) 983-6616

PUPPETART: "The Crane Maiden," a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 and 30, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Shoemaker and The Elves," a summertime musical, Sept. 23, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the theater, Northville. \$6.50. No children under age 3 1/2 admitted. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

ICE CAPEADES: Tickets on sale now for performances Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 21-24, at The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$35, \$25 and \$15 reserved. (248) 645-6666

OCTOBERFEST: Music by Stan Mejac Orchestra, performances by Bavarian Schuhplattler, and 2 folk dance groups, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, doors open at 6:30 p.m., at Carpathia Hall, Sterling Heights. \$12. Reservations (810) 786-9058

REDFORD THEATRE: "Grease" starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

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DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The benefit black-tie event features the orchestra and Harry Connick Jr., begins with a 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception in a Gala Tent in Orchestra Place courtyard followed by an elegant sit-down dinner and 9 p.m. concert Friday, Sept. 22. Tickets \$125 for the concert only. (313) 576-5111

EMPTY BOWLS EXHIBIT: Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery present the 10th anniversary National Exhibition of the "Empty Bowls" project against hunger through Sept. 24, at the gallery, 33 East Adams, Detroit. Call (313) 963-7575. An Empty Bowls meal will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 and people will be asked to "pay what you can, if you can" for their meal and bowl. For information about the Oct. 13 benefit to help several local and national organizations, call (248) 628-4842 or visit the Web site at www.emptybowls.net

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UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY: Itzhak Perlman performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$60, \$50, \$35, \$20. Call (734) 764-2538 for information.

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LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: Auditions for the 2000-2001 season, call Wendy Bernard for an appointment, (734) 591-7649

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: Auditions for 2000-2001 Youth Ensemble actors, singers and talented young (ages 12-19) people interested in technical theater 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 26-28, at Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit. For appointment (313) 554-1422

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: The traditional British-style competition brass band based at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, is seeking new members. The group meets Monday evenings, brass and percussion instruments needed. (248) 349-0376

NEWFUTUREPRODUCTIONS: Open auditions for 2 men and 2 women (ages 15-35) for new play, "Moments on the Earth," dance experience a plus, be prepared to read from script 5-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. For January performances. (313) 937-3977

NORTHVILLE CONCERT CHORALE: Auditions for Handel's "Messiah" 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 to schedule audition.

P.R.C.U.A. SYRENA DANCE ENSEMBLE: The Polish group for all school age children is enrolling new students for the current dance year, practices are held Wednesday evenings at St. Michael's, Redford. (313) 563-1761

SCOOL JAZZ: Join SCool Jazz, the jazz vocal group at Schoolcraft College, open to all singers with an interest in vocal jazz, meets 3-4:20 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, in the Forum Building room 310, (734) 420-8984

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: The theater is planning a "Night of One Acts" for winter or spring. If you've written or performed a one-act play that you'd like them to consider, call the theater at (734) 464-6302

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE OF MICHIGAN: Auditions for the a cappella vocal group, looking for all voices to sing at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and special events. (313) 299-0451/(734) 941-5955

THE NOVI THEATRES' CHILDREN ANNEX: "The Nutcracker," 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, The Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Rehearsals Tuesday & Thursday. Shows Dec. 8-10. Cast includes children in grades 5-9. A fee of \$125 must be paid if the actor is cast. (248) 347-0400.

POPS/SWING

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through September, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND: A Closer Look concert featuring solos and ensembles as well as the entire band 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 seniors/students, \$25 family. (248) 788-6618/(248) 424-9022

JAZZ

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

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

KEITH JARRETT TRIO: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$45, \$38, \$26, \$18. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229. Tickets and information on the UMS season also available at the Web site - www.ums.org

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With saxophonist Chris Collins 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

TONY POPE'S DIXIE SIX: Play 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and 28 at Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. \$5 cover. (248) 588-4450

PAUL VORNHAGEN: 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310

ED WELLS: 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

ONE FLIGHT UP: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Hartland Music Hall, Hartland. \$10. (810) 632-6022

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

DICK SIEGEL: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

IAN TYSON: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

SIUCRA: 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 623-0624

COMPANIA TANGODANZA: Perform as part of the 7th anniversary celebration presented by the Latin & Argentine Tango Club of Detroit 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$70 dinner and show (current members), \$80 nonmembers, \$40 show only. (313) 561-3236

COUNTERGROOVE DANCE COMPANY: "One American Landscape" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio at Wayne State University, Detroit. Call (313) 577-6154

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$6, \$5 students. (734) 434-0953

SQUARE DANCE CLASSES: Beginners and plus workshop began Monday, Sept. 11, 7-9:30 p.m. class open to Sept. 25, at the V.F.W. Hall, Southfield. \$3 per lesson. (313) 292-7699/(248) 476-7253

COMEDY

HILL AUDITORIUM: Dave Chappelle and Jim Breuer star in "Completely Baked: A 'Half-Baked' Stand-Up Reunion" 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$15 or \$10 with student I.D. (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Harland Williams Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 21-23, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Totally Unrehearsed Theatre Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAIN STREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: Jim McHugh, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23 at the club, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Richard Jeni Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 21-23; The Amazing Johnathan, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 5-7, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

PENN THEATRE: Jimmy Dore, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the theater, Plymouth. \$13 advance, \$15 at door. (734) 453-3230

SECOND CITY: "Gratit Happens," at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com; The Detroit Improv Festival - featuring the premier of Josh Funk's independent film, at the club, Detroit. (313) 965-2222 or www.secondcity.com.

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: Math becomes interactive and fun for families with the newest exhibition "Fun 2,3,4: all about a number of things," continues to Oct. 17; the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club has donated magnetic blocks that have both printed and Braille letter for the magnetic wall so that visitors can write poetry or leave their names on the wall; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (through end of October), at Hall of Fame, on Oakwood Boulevard, adjacent to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5.50 seniors, \$3 ages 5-12. (313) 240-4000

CRANBROOK HOUSE: Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE: Harvest tea feature an afternoon of tradition, socializing, decadent food, and tea 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$21. (313) 884-4222

8 days a week

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

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: "Cirque du Soleil: Journey of Man" plays in the museum's IMAX Theatre, in Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "The First Ladies of Fashion" exhibit featuring 14 reproduction Inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "On the Streets Where You Live" exhibit continues to Saturday, Oct. 28, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/citizens. (248) 656-4663

TIFFANY: THE ESSENCE OF LIGHT: From the Meadow Brook Hall Collection continues on exhibit to Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Oakland County Galleria, Pontiac. Free. (248) 858-0415

LIVE MUSIC

RYAN ADAMS: Formerly of Whiskeytown, joined by openers The Volebeats, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (313) 961-MELT or (248) 544-3030.

MOSE ALLISON AND DAVID "FATHEAD" NEWMAN: 7 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$25. 18 and older. (734) 662-8310.

ANGIE APARO: 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. 18 and over. (248) 544-3030.

AT THE DRIVE-IN: 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

BAD RELIGION: With Promise Ring, Kid with Manhead, Gutter Punx, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$17.75. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

BARENAKED LADIES: With Guster,



7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$33.50-\$43.50. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50. (248) 645-6666.

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: Friday, Sept. 22, 29, Hunter House, Detroit. (313) 965-0265; Saturday, Sept. 30, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150.

BT'S JENSENERGY TOUR: With Hooverphonic, and an interactive pavilion, Saturday, Oct. 14, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

LTJ BUKEM: Progression Sessions USA with Nookie & MC Conrad with 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. Call (248) 645-6666.

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30, the Bone Jour Tour, Trombone Driven Blues Party, Kansas City Grill and Music Room, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900.

CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, The Majestic, Detroit. \$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

CAPTURE THE FLAG: With Inside 5 Minutes, Hand Over Eyes, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555.

CARL CRAIG: *Designer Music* Detroit Record Release Party, 4 hour DJ set, 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, Temple, Ferndale. Free. (313) 964-8899.

THE CIVILIANS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067.

CONNIPTION: CD Release Party for "Perfect" 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

DEATHGIRL.COM AND BLUSH: With W-Vibe, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

DJ DEL VILARREAL: 7:30 Sunday, "Swing-a-Billy," Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5/\$3 after 9 p.m. (734) 996-8555.

DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Tuesday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

THE DRAGONS: Saturday, Oct. 14, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

ELASTICA: 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Shelter, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced.

EL VEZ: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

ESION: With Deathgirl.com. Blush, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555.

FEW AND FAR BETWEEN: With Shiner, Radio Holiday, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

FLAMING LIPS: 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$13.50. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

FOURPLAY: With Keiko Matusi, Wednesday, Sept. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$37.50. (248) 433-1515.

FREEHEAT: Featuring ex-Jesus and Mary Chain members, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

FRONTIER: With DJ Daddy Riff, Persona, Saturday, Sept. 30, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

FUNKTELLIGENCE: With Smoke Stack, Thursday, Oct. 5, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (313) 455-8450.

THE GET UP KIDS: With The Anniversary, Koufax, Jebediah, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. All Ages. (313) 833-9700.

THE GHETTOBILLIES: With Small Craft Sighting, Imaginary Posse, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

GOOD CHARLOTTE: Saturday, Oct. 28, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. (313) 961-MELT

GORDON BENNETT: 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, Karma, Ferndale. (248) 541-1600; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 542-9922.

HANSON: Thursday, Sept. 28, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666 or online at sfx.com.

BEN HARPER & THE INNOCENT CRIMINALS: With Blackalicious, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, State Theatre, Detroit. \$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

EMMYLOU HARRIS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$23. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT.

HIGH ON FIRE: With Acid King, Five Horse Johnson, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700.

STEVE HOWE: 8 p.m. Oct. 21, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$25. (248) 544-3030.

JULIO IGLESIAS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$100. (248) 433-1515.

IMMIGRANT SUNS: With Krakatoa, Wednesday, Sept. 27, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110.

BONEY JAMES AND RICK BRAUN:



8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JAZZ MANDOLIN PROJECT: 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

LUCID JONES & CARL BLACK FIASCO: With Hello Dave, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030.

JURASSIC 5: Thursday, Oct. 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT.

KING CRIMSON: 8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Nov. 5-6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$30. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

KOTTONMOUTH KINGS: With Rehab, Linkin Park, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (313) 961-MELT.

BILL MALLONEE AND THE VIGILANTES OF LOVE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10/\$8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

MATCHBOX TWENTY: With The Jayhawks, Thursday, Sept. 28, Eastern Michigan Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$28.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 487-2282.

CLUB CIRCUIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

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

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

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

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

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

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

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

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

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6806

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

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

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-6506

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

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

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

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

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

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XNEDOS CAFE: Sieta Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE BAND: 7 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 13-14, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. 18 and older. \$20. (734) 662-8310.

TIM MCGRAW AND FAITH HILL: Soul 2 Soul Tour, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-59.50. (248) 645-6666.

M80'S: 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030.

THE MERCHANTS: Thursday, Sept. 21, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (313) 455-8450.

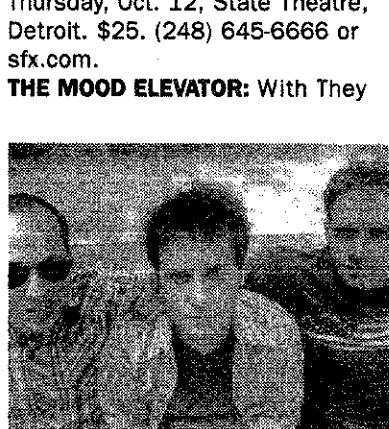
METROPOIX: With Blissfield, Inner Recipe, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

MIDNIGHT CHOIR: Friday-Saturday, Sept. 22-23, Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$16. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

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ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION: Monday, Sept. 25, Scores, Westland. (734) 458-3828.

NOVA DRIVER: With MAN, Friday, Sept. 22, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

JOAN OSBORNE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2

DINING

European spirit

Northville's Essence concentrates French flavors

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Metro Detroit's "west side" dining scene has craved a French-style restaurant for some time. Essence, open since late July in Northville, while not formally French, is French-inspired and true to its name, offering selections with concentrated flavors.

Pates and French terrines of the day among the appetizers have a Southfield's Golden Mushroom ring. With good reason. Essence Executive Chef and Director of Operations Michael Trombley trained under the Mushroom's legendary Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka and Executive Chef Steve Allen (now chef/partner at Steve & Rocky's in Novi).

Imitation may be the best form of flattery, but Essence is not a cookie-cutter, not of the Golden Mushroom or any upscale restaurant in the area.

It's just the right touch of French.

Wild Mushroom Cassoulet, a blend of seasonal exotic and wild mushrooms with cognac and cream, or Escargot Saute as appetizers do let you know.

Where: 146 South Center in the MainCentre building in downtown Northville; (248) 735-8755
Hours: Lunch, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner, 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 5-9 p.m. Sunday
Menu: Contemporary American with defined French accents
Cost: A la carte dinner menu with main course offerings, \$16-32. Lunch dishes are scaled down a third in size and price
Reservations: Preferred

Steamed Fresh Green-Tipped Mussels in a white wine and herb butter broth could carry the French name Moules. But this is also a New American menu, so Trombley's not "pushing it" with unfamiliar French culinary jargon.

He'd rather ease you into it with "Pillows" of House-Smoked Salmon, thinly sliced and stuffed with Boursin cheese, then garnished with frisee, red onion, and capers drizzled with citronette.

Here's a menu where choosing appetizers and then a Duck Confit salad make a meal. On such an occasion, the streetside lounge off the bar, with its high-top tables and chairs, classy white table cloths and polished stemware, create an ideal environment.

The lounge area is the perfect spot to order a glass of wine and the Imported Cheese Melange garnished with fresh fruit. It's the right ambiance for the lighter-side pasta offerings such as Chicken Fettuccini Boursin or Herb-Crusted Shrimp and Sea Scallops with Lemon Pepper Linguine.

For serious dining, request a table in the more formal 72-seat dining room. There are eight two-person booths for an intimate occasion and larger tables for four or more. On colder nights sure to come, a fireplace will lend a romantic glow.

Essence has one of a growing number of Certified Sommeliers. Brian Cislo, the restaurant's

Maitre d', received his certification (the first of three steps toward becoming a Master Sommelier) a year ago.

Southfield's Il Posto diners will recognize him. He was the only American-born waiter there.

"I enjoy guiding diners through a complete dining experience," he said.

"But I'm happiest when they'll take suggestions away from the stereotypical and try something new."

This is possible with Cislo's out-of-the-mainstream wine list. He and Trombley have organized well-thought-out offerings to complement the menu and delight the inexperienced palate while keeping a connoisseur amused.

"Essence occupies what was formerly the Northville Athletic Club," Trombley said. "An area builder (who wishes to remain anonymous) owns a few casual eateries, but this is his first high-end venture."

Upscale, French-accented, great wine list, and bent on offering top-rated service, Essence is sure to be a hit in Northville with its perfect mix of trendy yet traditional downtown appeal.

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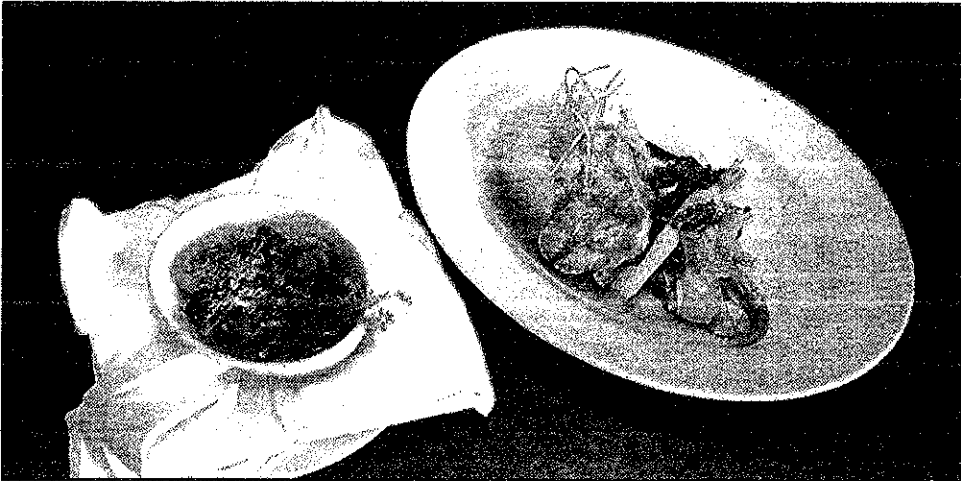
Essence of dining: General Manager Brian Cislo (left) and Executive Chef Michael Trombley prepare for lunch at Essence, a French-inspired restaurant that opened in July in downtown Northville.

On the side:

■ Cocktail hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, 2:30-7 p.m. Monday-Friday

■ Martinis come standard or garnished in many delectable ways including smoked salmon, bleu cheese or anchovy-stuffed black olives and almond, bleu cheese, anchovy or jalapeno-stuffed green olives (cocktail-cultured bartender George Bloch has created 40 others)

■ Essence is staking its reputation on top service, but a newly-opened restaurant can skip a beat in this category during the first few months after opening, especially when very busy



Classics and more: Wild Mushroom Cassoulet (left) and Grilled Ahi Tuna with Asian vegetables are among the dishes offered at Essence in Northville.

Essence Uncorked

Certified Sommelier Brian Cislo recommends:

■ Pillows of House-Smoked Salmon appetizer and 1998 Jermain Vinnai (an excellent Italian white wine from the little-known Ribolla Gialla grape variety)

■ Grilled Yellowfin Tuna and 1997 Cote de Lechet Premier Cru Chablis

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I bought some windows for our home from an out-of-state company on their Web site. The windows have now turned out to be defective. Can we sue that manufacturer in a Michigan court, although it doesn't have any offices or stores here?

It appears that people are purchasing property more frequently on the Internet. Based upon a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision, a company that avails itself of the Internet doesn't necessarily subject itself to the jurisdiction of the state where the consumer product is delivered.

That court of appeals decision indicated that just because the company in that particular case had previously sold components to Michigan entities and had a Web site that created potential for out-of-state sales didn't establish the "continuous and systematic business activity" necessary to establish jurisdiction under Michigan's long arm statute for general jurisdiction.

It would appear, therefore, that if you don't have any recourse through various consumer protection agencies, that you would have to initiate an action in a state in which the manufacturer of the window does business, presumably its principal place of business.

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RANDALL MASTERS / STAFF ARTIST

Fall can still mean sales

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

Call this the second season for Realtors, between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, a productive but not-quite-prime-time listing and selling period for homes here.

And it can be a whole new kind of client now than what Realtors saw earlier, when families with younger children put their homes on the market in the hope of moving during summer vacation.

"It's people relocating by business who don't have much say when they move or don't move," said Julie Thomas, a Realtor with Morgan, Moreno & Milzow in Clarkston.

"It's people enjoying the summer and enjoying their house before moving within the area," she added. "It's people who want to move within the area and get settled before the holidays."

"Often, it's first-time buyers, too," Thomas said.

Children can still be part of the equation, especially where transferees are concerned, said Maud Granzow, a Realtor with Max Brook in Birmingham.

"Companies now try to transfer people with children during the school year," she said. "They feel children get involved right away in school, the parents get involved, and it makes the transition easier for them."

There are a few other reasons why folks would be buying or selling now.

"People have new construction ready soon and put their houses on the market," said Josie Baker, affiliated with Real Estate One in Plymouth. "It could happen that someone gets a divorce

and the house gets on the market."

Even an astronomic phenomenon — less and less daylight at this time of year as the earth circles the sun — could play a role, Granzow speculated.

"People aren't outside as much. The come in and see maybe the house is a little cramped or, from a downsizing perspective, a little big," she said. "They start thinking, 'Why not (move) now?'"

According to figures provided by Realcomp II, a multi-listing service, sales September through November the last three years generally were down substantially from the spring/summer months, but up significantly from the cold weather months December through February.

Listing, houses available for sale, mirrored that pattern.

There's pluses and minuses to selling now.

"With fewer homes on the market, you have a better chance of a buyer coming along with less competition," Thomas said.

The competition factor can be huge, Baker said.

"I (previously) had a listing that sat all summer and finally sold in October. It was really strange. The house was so nice. It was priced right. It was just that a lot of houses were available at that time and a buyer came by at the right time."

Fall color change can be a great backdrop for showing a house, especially if it's well landscaped.

The major drawback, however, remains fewer prospective buyers.

"You have to aggressively market the home," Thomas said.

"I always use a take-one flier box outside the home and make sure it's filled for drive-bys. I send fliers out to real estate offices. I personally like to do broker open houses, maybe serve lunch," she said.

"One thing I use a lot is virtual tours on listings," Baker said. "That way, you pick up buyers from everywhere. They can sit at a computer and look at a house right at home in their own time and leisure."

It costs about \$100 per listing, but it's money well spent, she said.

"I do a lot of open houses," Baker added. "Some (buyers) don't want to work with agents, they don't want to feel obligated."

And Baker said she's had success placing a wrapper around candy with a picture of the house for sale at open houses. The goal? "Eat the candy, but pass the wrapper around."

Janet Sykes, a Realtor with Century 21 Elegant Homes in Southfield, also believe in more open houses when things get slow.

"That's pretty much what I do — keep them open every Sunday," she said. "With fewer buyers out there, if they don't see it one Sunday, they'll see it the next."

Sykes said she's actually had prospects drive by an open house before eventually stopping and buying.

This is no time to try and go it alone, the professionals say.

"Sellers, I feel, shouldn't try to sell themselves," said Phyllis R. Soper, a Realtor with ERA Country Ridge in Livonia. "They will spend more time, energy and money, too, trying to save money. We work around the clock."

No proof needed for mortgage.

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

When I first heard the term "no-document mortgage," I thought of several other oxymorons: metal woods, fun run, plastic glasses, paid volunteers, and legally drunk. Then, I flashed back to the heap of papers I signed for my first mortgage and recalled nursing writer's cramp for days afterward.

"No-document" does not mean that you, the borrower, have nothing to sign at closing. No, no, no. It simply means that the lender does not require that you prove your financial solvency in order to get a mortgage — no tax returns, no 1099s, no W2s, and no pay stubs.

"No-document" lenders require exceptional credit scores and normally at least a 5-percent down payment. These lenders acknowledge that it is unlikely that you will default on a mortgage if you have a proven record of handling your smaller bills reliably.

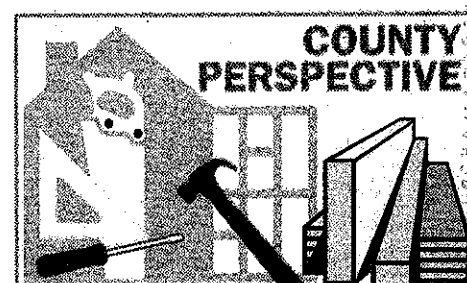
The costs associated with "no-document" mortgages are similar to those of conventional mortgages with two notable exceptions. First, lenders may add an origination fee to cover their administrative costs. Second, you will usually pay a higher interest rate — usually two percentage points higher than for a standard mortgage.

"No-document" mortgages have become popular with self-employed business owners, seasonal workers, sub-contractors, commissioned salesmen, and buyers with less than two years in their career fields. This is especially relevant to managers caught in corporate America's "down-sizing."

Recently, a Realtor paged me on a Sunday night and said he wanted to place a bid on a \$250,000 home with 20-percent down. Two problems: The buyer was self-employed and could not prove it, and the buyer did not have access to most of his personal files because they were in storage.

"Can you get him a loan?" the Realtor asked me anxiously. I checked the buyer's credit scores, verified a few things with the buyer, then said, "Yup." Like many others, this buyer now sees "no-document" as "no-hassle."

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tir.com, or at (734) 591-5900 with questions about residential or commercial mortgages. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



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Genesee	1,185	1,302	-9
Oakland	3,062	3,775	-19
Washtenaw	1,098	1,415	-22
TOTALS	13,757	14,762	-7

Source: Housing Consultants Inc.

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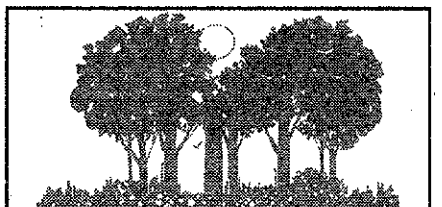
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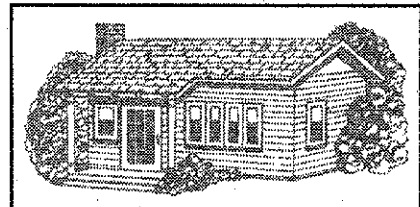
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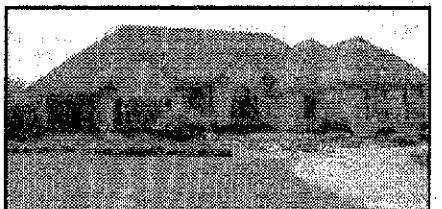
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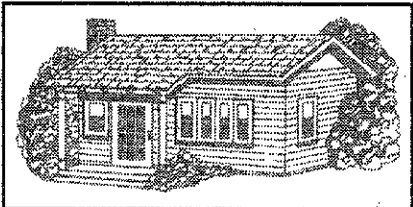
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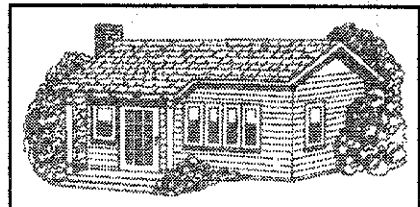
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\$214,900	Sharp brick Ranch, 3BR, 1.5 BA	490 Griswold	Northville
\$104,900	1882 sq. ft., 4 BR, Imm. Occupancy	28646 Birchlawn	Garden City
REMERICA HOMETOWN ONE			(734) 420-3400

\$134,990	Ranch, 3 BR, fin. Bmnt., All appliances	20497 Fox	Redford
\$128,900	Ranch, 3 BR, Many updates	32311 Avondale	Westland
REMERICA SUBURBAN REALTORS			(734) 261-1600

\$404,900	4 BR. Contemp. 2-car garage, C/A	24118 Elizabeth	Novi
\$228,000	4 BR. Colonial, hot tub, basement	42419 Old Bridge	Canton
\$162,900	3 BR. brick Ranch, 2.5 BAs., C/A	18383 Grimm	Livonia
\$89,500	3 BR. Bungalow, 2 BAs, 2-car gar.	7514 Rockdale	Detroit
REMERICA INTEGRITY REALTY			(734) 525-4200

\$119,000	55+ older co-op condo community	61958 Tecnderoga	South Lyon
\$229,000	Cul-de-sac, 3 BR, 2 bath	11428 Tall Shadows	Pinckney
\$205,000	Walkout, 2 car gar., secluded	2625 Marine	Pinckney
\$259,000	Victorian style, new build, 4 BR	11435 Tall Shadows	Pinckney
\$439,900	Whitewood Lake, sandy beach	3350 Apache	Pinckney
\$169,900	Mickey Carl Lake, 2 BR, 2 car gar.	Weiman Drive	Pinckney
\$69,900	Vacant land, waterfront, buildable	Rush Lake Road	Pinckney
\$115,000	Vacant land, 7+ acres, buildable	9 Mile	South Lyon
\$225,000	Hi-Land Lake chain, great view	12022 Weiman	Pinckney
REMERICA LAKES REALTY			(810) 231-1600

\$134,900	4 BR, updated Bungalow	1456 Lillian	Westland
\$245,000	4 BR Colonial w/private yard	387 Welch	Northville
\$148,248	Updated Cape Cod w/Ply/Canton schools	1988 Elmhurst	Canton
\$258,000	4 BR Colonial, '95 built, 2515 sq. ft.	43662 Amber Ct.	Canton
\$209,999	Freshly painted 4 BR Colonial	44710 Crestmont	Canton
\$134,900	3 BR brick Ranch w/2 car garage	9166 Appleton	Redford
REMERICA HOMETOWN III			(734) 459-9898

\$209,999	Condo, 3 BR, 2.5BA, 2 car att. gar.	1939 Hawks	Canton
\$159,900	Ranch, 3 BR, 1 BA, 2 car det. gar.	39876 Hillary	Canton
\$299,900	Col., 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 car att. gar.	45361 Gerald Ct.	Canton
\$199,500	Ranch, 3 BR, 2 BA, 3 car att. gar.	44243 Brandywyne	Canton
\$189,900	Quad, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car att. gar.	43463 Laurelwood Ct.	Canton
\$157,000	Ranch, 3 BR, 1 BR, 2 car det. gar.	1552 Rustic Ridge	Canton
\$312,500	Col., 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car att. gar.	45112 Weymouth	Canton
\$159,800	Ranch, 3 BR, 1 BA, 2 car garage	39843 Lynn	Canton
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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded July 10 - 14, 2000 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
43934 Arlington Rd \$187,000
43473 Barclay Way \$256,000

43502 Barclay Way \$290,000
2277 Brook Hm \$190,000
1515 Brookdale Dr \$249,000
45020 Brunswick Dr \$230,000
1857 Century Ct \$191,000
48280 Chesterfield Dr \$380,000
1876 Crosslock Ct \$363,000
219 Darthmouth Ct \$233,000
526 Delaford Ct \$362,000
39625 Dorchester Cir \$284,000
41460 Hanford Rd \$182,000
46461 Killarney Cir \$196,000
46465 Killarney Cir \$203,000
46469 Killarney Cir \$207,000
8470 Kingsley Dr \$196,000
42799 Lilley Pointe Dr \$100,000

1748 Marlowe St \$136,000
48959 Martell Ct \$366,000
44536 Meadowcreek Ln \$204,000
44436 Newburyport Dr \$50,000
1678 Orchard Dr \$76,000
1688 Orchard Dr \$65,000
1723 Orchard Dr \$63,000
47615 Pavilion Rd \$377,000
46724 Registry Dr \$276,000
3527 Riverside Dr \$223,000
44984 Satz Rd \$215,000
41543 Simcoe Dr \$172,000
4673 Timberline Dr \$59,000
377 Troon Ln \$390,000
512 Waterview Ct \$370,000
1955 Wentworth Dr \$290,000

856 Westchester Ln \$226,000
865 Westchester Ln \$227,000
44056 WestminsterWay \$205,000
6977 Willow Creek Dr \$180,000

Garden City

31507 Barton St \$111,000
32129 Chester St \$181,000
28833 Dawson St \$69,000
28472 Elmwood St \$99,000
28952 Marquette St \$117,000
812 Radcliff St \$105,000
29764 Rosslyn Ave \$118,000
1413 Schuman St \$177,000
1453 Schuman St \$177,000
6628 Sunset St \$124,000

690 Venoy Rd \$112,000
6636 Whitby St \$148,000

Livonia

16076 Alpine Dr \$268,000
35998 Ann Arbor Trl \$96,000
38230 Ann Arbor Trl \$110,000
113900 Ann Arbor Trl \$139,000
9968 Caveil St \$129,000
33207 Fargo St \$61,000
11261 Garden St \$139,000
18612 Gillman St \$135,000
39213 Grenada St \$221,000
29521 Hathaway St \$141,000
32225 Hees St \$162,000

29560 Hill Brk \$163,000
31789 Hill Brk \$318,000
18775 Loveland St \$165,000
38641 Mark Ln \$172,000
14779 Melrose St \$179,000
30976 Orangelawn St \$145,000
31705 Plymouth Rd \$83,000
18968 Purlingbrook St \$150,000
20211 Rensselaer St \$105,000
11726 Rose Linda Dr \$64,000
28257 S Clements Cir \$140,000
14209 Sunbury St \$170,000
14641 Susanna St \$190,000

Plymouth

183 Amelia St \$152,000

13398 Andover Dr \$298,000
48760 Beaver Creek Dr \$,000
9004 Elm Hurst \$138,000
11057 Fellows Creek Dr \$515,000
40951 Greenbriar Ln \$179,000
48966 Harvest Dr \$342,000
13250 Hidden Crk \$250,000
11704 Landers Dr \$42,000
42005 Micol Dr \$143,000
50194 N Ridge Rd \$125,000
49382 Plum Tree Dr \$295,000
49187 Quail Run Dr S \$352,000
9701 Terry St \$189,000
1212 W Ann Arbor Trl \$220,000
50903 Weston Dr \$389,000
50950 Weston Dr \$338,000

12406 Woodgate Dr \$162,000

Redford

14177 Arnold \$160,000
17602 Brady \$86,000
15586 Centralia \$113,000
18218 Delaware Ave \$134,000
13439 Farley \$134,000
15215 Garfield \$53,000
26212 Grand River Ave \$110,000
20150 Kinloch \$59,000
12149 Nathaline \$133,000
9610 Norborne \$128,000
18876 Norborne \$47,000
9975 Riverdale \$110,000
15337 Summer \$61,000

26341 W 7 Mile Rd \$48,000
27115 Westland Rd \$126,000

Westland

29120 Badelt St \$114,000
251 Bedford Dr \$190,000
33628 Beechwood St \$109,000
38245 Carolan Blvd \$89,000
8424 Ingram St \$127,000
7724 Melvin St \$123,000
8585 N Hubbard St \$155,000
8135 Pickering Pl \$229,000
7818 Rivergate Dr \$131,000
34215 Sheridan St \$128,000
820 Van Sull St \$119,000
38530 Warren Rd \$225,000

Deadline approaching for county tree, plant sale

The Wayne County Conservation District is selling plants and trees again this year. The agency must receive your request form and money by Monday, Oct. 2.

Everything can be picked up 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the agency office. If you can't pick up these items on Oct. 13, you have to make arrangement before then.

Instructions for planting will be given out on pick-up day.

Care must be taken when selecting fall planting sites and soils for the best winter survival. Avoid

planting in low areas that may collect water and freeze, damaging seedlings. Limit planting in heavier clay soils because they have a greater tendency to freeze and thaw, causing seedlings to be heaved from the ground. The liberal use of mulch will help moderate temperatures and reduce heaving.

To order trees and plants, fill out the accompanying forms and attach full payment. Then send the form and payment to the Wayne County Conservation District, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne MI 48184.

For more information, call the agency office at (734) 326-7787.

Hostas	size	price	Qty	Price
Abba Dabba Do	1-1/2" plug	\$3.00		
Baby Bunting		6.00		
Bitsy Green		6.00		
Blue Angel		3.50		
Blue Jay		8.50		
Cherub		6.50		
Fire & Ice		10.00		
Francee		3.00		
Frances Williams		3.50		
Island Charm		9.50		
Masquerade		4.50		
Patriot		5.00		
Paul's Glory		6.00		
Pizzazz		5.00		
Plantaginea		3.00		
Shade Fanfare		4.00		
Sum & Substance		5.00		
Sun Power		5.00		
Tukudama "Aureonebulosa"		6.00		
Wolverine		8.00		

species seedlings	Age	Size	price per:			Qty.	Price
			25	50	100		
Austrian Pine	3-0	8"-12"	\$20	\$30	\$40		
White Pine	3-0	6"-12"	20	30	40		
Misty Blue Spruce	3-0	6"-12"	20	30	40		
White Spruce	3-0	6"-12"	20	30	40		
Douglas Fir	3-0	6"-12"	20	30	40		

Transplants	Age	Size	5	10	20	Qty.	Price
Balsam Fir	P1+2	6"-12"	6.50	12.	20.		
Fraser Fir	P1+2	6"-12"	6.50	12.	20.		
White Pine	2-2	8"-15"	6.50	12.	20.		
White Cedar	2-1	5"-10"	6.50	12.	20.		
Red Pine	2-2	8"-15"	6.50	12.	20.		
White Flwrng Dogwood	2-2	10"-15"	6.50	12.	20.		
Red Maple	2-2	18"-25"	6.50	12.	20.		

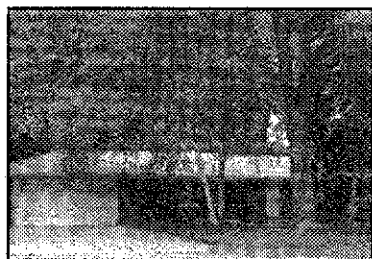
Naturalizing Bulbs	5	10	25	Qty	Price
Toronto Greigil Tulip				12.	
Giant Darwin Hybrid Tulip Mixture			8.		
Lily Flowering Tulip Mixture	8.				
Wood Hyacinth (Spanish Bluebells)		8.			
Large Flowering Crocus Grand Collection			8.		
Narcissus "Gold Medal Mix"			18.75		
Narcissus "Golden Harvest"			18.75		
Narcissus "Ice Follies"			18.75		
Asiatic Lily Pastel Mix	8.				

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WHITNEY KNOLL SUB
Very private area. Brick ranch with large Florida room, 2 fireplaces, finished rec room, on 1/4 acre lot. Well treed. Great for entertaining.
(700KN) \$169,900



JUST LISTED
Huge Quad with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large stunning treed backyard, cul-de-sac, family room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, A/C, humidifier, formal dining room, living room & 2,250 sq. ft.
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CLASSIC BRICK 2 STORY, 2 FAMILY
All brick, classic 2 story, single family look home was constructed as a 2 family in 1940. Houses two, two bedroom units. Unique floor plan needs to be seen. Interior needs updates.
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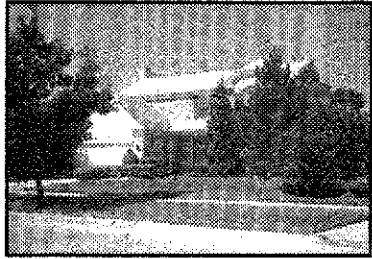
MAYFAIR COLONIAL
In North Canton! 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal living & dining rooms, spacious eat-in kitchen, family room with fireplace, master bath, first floor laundry, fenced yard, basement and 2 car attached garage.
(364WE) \$239,900



ONE OF THE LOWEST
4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial has family room with fireplace, basement, attached garage, all new carpet, very neutral, all freshly painted clean white, newer roof and hot water heater.
(355RO) \$185,000



WALK TO DOWNTOWN FROM THIS METICULOUS RANCH
Close to the community center for all the family activities. Many updates include: kitchen, furnace, A/C, hardwood floors, office/library could be 3rd bedroom. This home has all the features you could ask for. Immediate Occupancy.
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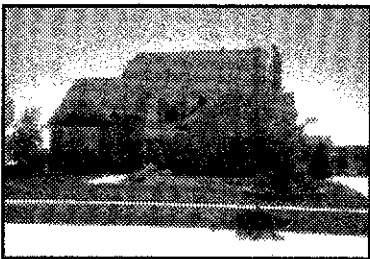
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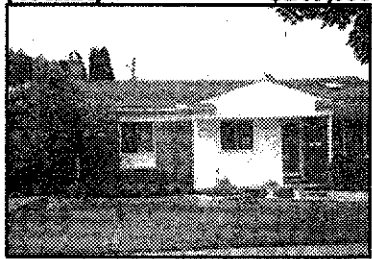
CANTON GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY
Popular Windsor model backing to commons, 2 story foyer, oak floor in foyer & kitchen, premium wood package, paver patio, sprinklers, 1st floor laundry, butler's pantry, spacious master suite, 2 way fireplace & immediate occupancy.
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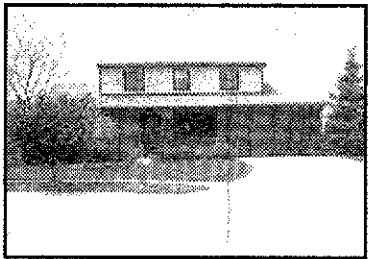
FAIRWAYS WEST AT IT'S BEST
4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & a 3 car garage, large lot with cedar deck, sprinklers & front patio, 2 story entry with ceramic flooring, oak kitchen with island, 1st floor den, family room with fireplace, formal living & dining rooms with 10' ceilings. Immediate occupancy.
(689QL) \$354,999



ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD
3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, new vinyl windows and siding, new roof, flexible occupancy. Plymouth/Canton Schools.
(183HO) \$164,000



YOU HAVE TO SEE THIS ONE!
Full brick ranch with skylight in living room, 1 1/2 baths on main floor, huge country kitchen with oak cupboards, newer furnace, C/A, windows and 2 car garage.
(358OL) \$190,000



GREENBROOK VILLAGE IN CANTON
Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, new roof, new carpeting, C/A, new windows, full partially finished basement, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage and shed. Nice yard on a court. Close to Summit, golf course and shopping.
(836CE) \$228,900



FIVE MOSTLY TREED ACRES
5 acres currently zoned for 1 acre lots. Possible rezone to half acre lots, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is older, but very well kept. Home is located at northwest corner of the property.
(731BE) \$550,000



RELISH THE ROOMINESS
Tradition reigns in this "super-sized" Plymouth Colonial boasting 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, large den, family room with custom brick fireplace, circular drive, half acre plus lot & a downright nifty setting.
(614DA) \$387,500



GREAT AREA!
3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, finished basement rec room with newer furnace, hot water tank and C/A, hardwood floors under carpet, large master bedroom and lovely kitchen with built-in desk and eating area. Beautiful fenced yard.
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MORTGAGE BANKERS

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Michigan sponsors an education day and vendor exhibition 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Seminars include cyber servicing, emerging technologies and online mortgage training.

Cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$65 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. To register, call Joanne Misuraca at (248) 945-3875.

BUILDERS LICENSE

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a 16-hour class designed to help participants pass the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Oct. 4, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$200, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

APARTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Apartment Association of Michigan presents a 13-week Registered in Apartment Management course 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays starting Sept. 26 at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

Topics include marketing rental housing, processing applications, financial management and maintenance.

Cost is \$395, plus an additional \$150 certification. To register, call (248) 862-1033 or (248) 204-4010.

SELL HOME CLASS

Teri Ciucci and Sean Cragg, senior mortgage advisors with Approved Mortgages, sponsor a free seminar on how to sell your home easier, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue,

Canton.

To register, call (734) 414-0805 or (734) 455-5120.

SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a seminar on developing a succession plan for a family business 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$25 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$45 for nonmembers.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Lawrence Technological University presents Steve Badanes, architect/professor, in a free lecture, "Architect as Artisan," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in the architecture auditorium on campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

For information, call (248) 204-2880.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Schoolcraft College sponsors several day-long continuing education real estate classes on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Classes are scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Sunday, Oct. 1, and Saturday, Oct. 14.

Presenter: Namir George. Cost is \$45, \$36 for senior citizens registered in advance. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

MECHANICAL CONFERENCE

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan holds its annual fall conference Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 28-30, at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn.

Workshops include 2000 Code Update, Firestopping Issues and a Mock Code Hearing.

Registration fee is \$375 for members, \$430 for nonmembers, which includes lodging.

To register, call the association offices at (248) 649-5443.

TRADE SHOW

The Apartment Association of Michigan and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan host their ninth annual Fall Trade Show 3-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Southfield Pavilion in the Southfield Civic Center.

Tickets are free and available in advance by calling (248) 737-4477.

A couple of for-fee seminars will also be presented as part of the show that date.

They include "Fair Housing," 12:30-3:30 p.m., (\$39 for property management council members, \$49 for AAM and BIA members and \$59 for nonmembers).

Also, "How to Effectively Communicate with Your Legislator," 4:30-6 p.m., (\$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers).

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a dinner/program on buying, repairing and selling distressed homes Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 Main, Clawson.

Dinner, which costs \$14 for everyone, begins at 6:30 p.m. The program, free for members, \$10 for nonmembers, begins at 7:30 p.m. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

BUY HOME CLASS

RE/MAX Classic Realty presents a free class on how to purchase a home with zero down payment 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.

To register, contact Juliette Bauman at (734) 779-9977.

REMODELING SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its eighth annual Fall Remodeling & Furniture Show Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 12-15, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 at Novi Road.

More than 200 exhibitors are expected.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Satur-

day and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children 6-12 years of age. Parking is available on site for an additional fee.

For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org

CONDO CLASS

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer and O&E columnist, presents a class, "Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success," 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 17-Nov. 7, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Bingham Farms.

Cost is \$95. To register, call (248) 471-7729 or (248) 644-4433.

CAREER EXPO

The Washtenaw Contractors Association sponsors a free construction career expo 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

Apprentice schools and colleges will describe programs available for construction careers. Demonstrations also will be given.

For information, call (734) 662-2570.

REAL ESTATE FORUM

The University of Michigan/Urban Land Institute present their 14th annual real estate forum, "East Side Story: Riding the Wave of Real Estate Development in Macomb County," Thursday-Friday, Nov. 9-10.

A bus tour of Macomb County is scheduled for Thursday, workshops at the University of Michigan Student Union in Ann Arbor Friday.

Cost for both days is \$250 before Oct. 23, \$280 after that date. Single day registration is \$150.

To register or obtain more information, call (734) 764-4276.

HAZARD REPORT

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations

and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www.NearMyHome.com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caionline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

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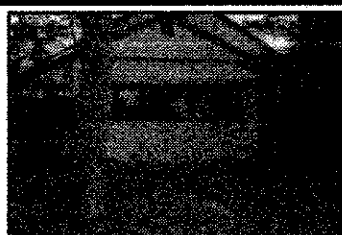
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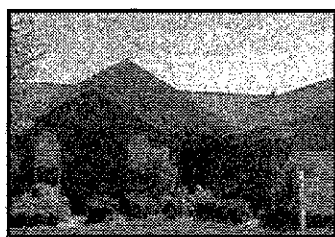
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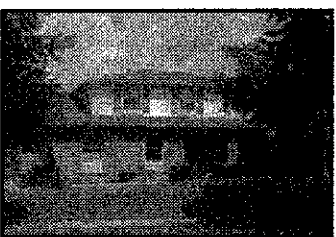
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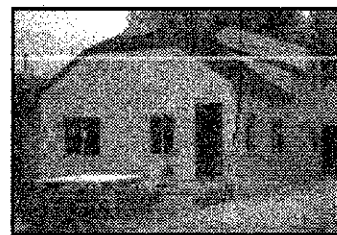
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Aaron Paczkowski has been promoted to project superintendent for Oliver/Hatcher Construction in Wixom. Paczkowski, formerly a project engineer, holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University. He's also active with the Associated General Contractors of America.

Paczkowski lives in Livonia.

Phillip Beeton joins Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit as a mechanical engineer in the automotive/ industrial group.

Beeton, who has 35 years experience, will develop and maintain overall mechanical and design concepts and evaluate energy requirements of mechanical systems.

He holds bachelor's degrees in chemical engineering and engineering math from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in engineering from

Wayne State University. Beeton resides in Livonia.

ARCADIS Giffels, an architectural, engineering, planning firm in Southfield, has raised more than \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. The firm raised the money through two events, Clays-for-Kids and Client Golf Outing.

First-time home buyers deserve a few extra tips

(NUE) - You're tired of renting. In the long run, it's cheaper to buy a house anyway. So why not?

Because buying a home can become a tedious, tiring process. At some point, it surely becomes a situation of buyer beware.

But if you're thoroughly educated about the real estate market, buying can be a breeze. Here are some tips to

get you started.

■ Enlist the services of a competent real estate agent. Pick one that you feel comfortable with, recommended to you by people you trust, to guide you through this complex process. The agent can provide details about home prices, schools, tax rates, utilities, amenities, civic issues and more.

Realtors also arrange each visit and conduct the on-site tour. There's no fee for this as agents work on commission.

■ Consider how much you can afford. Your monthly housing costs - including mortgage principal and interest, property taxes, and mortgage insurance - should total no more than 25 to 28 percent of your monthly gross (before tax) income.

Your monthly housing costs plus other long-term debts - like payments on car loans, alimony or child support, payments on credit cards, or any other installment loans with more than 10

months left to repay - shouldn't exceed 33 to 36 percent of your gross income.

■ Don't overextend your income, no matter what. You'll have closing costs and other moving expenses.

■ Know the area. Make sure you know the property status, neighborhood status and the seller's motivation. The more you know, the better armed you will be to negotiate.

■ Keep in tune with your own requirements before entering a negotia-

tion.

■ Submit the offer in writing through your real estate agent. You can use contingencies, like items you want included or upon approval of your mortgage. It's OK to be flexible - there's always some give and take - but don't break.

■ Remain objective. Even if it's your "dream house," don't let your emotions get in the way.

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2 real estate groups honor appraiser

James Sands is doubly blessed professionally. Sands will receive the community service award for 2000 from the Birmingham, Bloomfield, Rochester, South Oakland Association of Realtors. The annual award recognizes significant contributions to community service made by an association member.

In addition, Sands was named Realtor of the Year by the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors. He is the current president of DACBOR and has served as treasurer for that organization in the past. DACBOR encompasses seventeen counties in Southeastern Michigan and is the state's only Commercial Realtor association. Sands will be presented with his award in September at the Michigan Association of Realtor annual convention in Grand Rapids.

Sands is also the immediate past president of the Oakland county Realtors group and is active in many industry associations, such as the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and the Women's Council of Realtors, as well as various community interests, chairing the first Paint-The-Town in Oakland County, raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and working for Habitat for Humanity.

"The board of directors, the nominating task force and the association members congratulate James Sands on being named BBRSOAR's community service award

recipient for 2000," said Judy Waugh, chief executive officer of BBRSOAR.

"Among Sands' many contributions to the community are: Director of Paint the Town Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Pontiac and Taylor; supporting member of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit; and Habitat for Humanity volunteer and contributor."

Sands said, "Standard Federal Bank has always emphasized community service both as a good corporate citizen and through the encouragement of individual employee efforts. We do this not only as a matter of corporate policy, but quite simply because it is the right thing to do."

Among his many titles, Sands holds the GAA (General Accredited Appraiser) and RAA (Residential Accredited Appraiser) designations from the National Association of Realtors and is a CRA (Certified Review Appraiser) and RMU (Registered Mortgage Underwriter).

Sands is senior vice president and chief appraisal officer with Standard Federal Bank, which is headquartered in Troy. Sands has been an employee of Standard Federal Bank since 1986.

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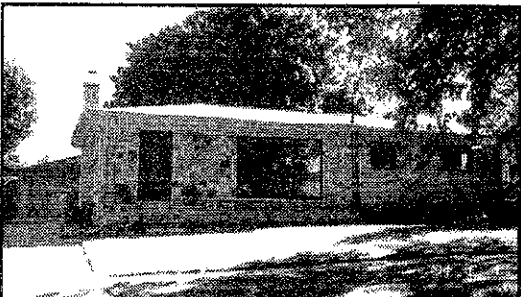
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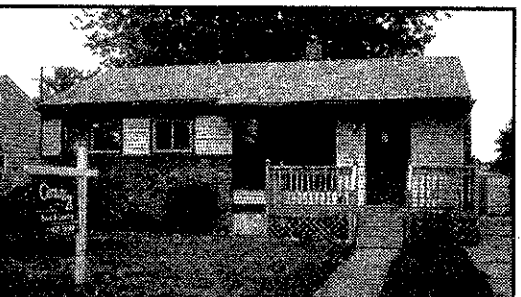
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE! Many updates! Newer roof, siding & windows. Refinished hardwood floor, freshly painted, newer decor, refaced kitchen cabinets, bay window in dining area, 2½ car garage, home warranty. (13ELY) \$225,000. 734-455-5600



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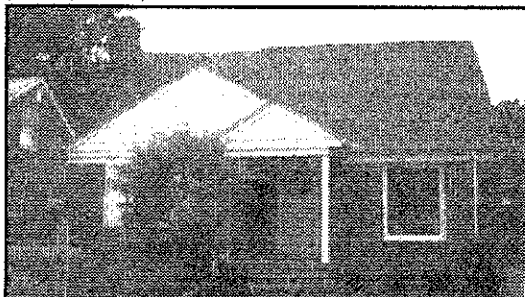
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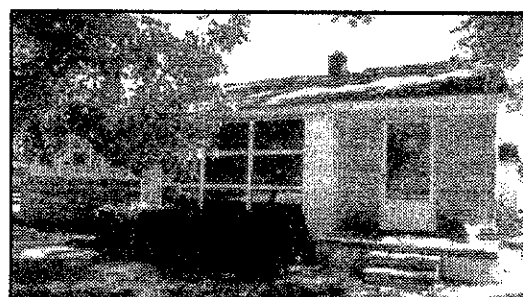
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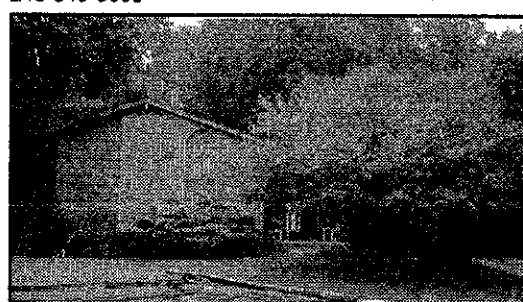
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\$489,900 (B40476) 734-591-9200



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MUST SEE! Beautiful Northville colonial features 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 1st floor laundry, dining room, family room, library, central air. Nearly 3000 sq. ft.!

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LIVONIA

CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, 2 master suites, 2 furnaces & air conditioners, 3 car garage, .5 acre lot, private yard. Seller to provide lawn service for 1 year and pay \$7000 bonus for AP&T.

\$428,900 (H20440) 734-591-9200



NOVI

CLASSIC 1989. 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial on gorgeous wooded lot in exclusive Timber Ridge! Updates: wallpaper, paint, gutters, roof, etc. Novi w/Northville schools!

\$414,500 (10SER2) 248-348-6430



CANTON

REMARKABLE '93 BUILT. 4 bedroom, 3½ bath home in prestigious Buckingham Place! Dual staircases, 3 car garage, 2,866 sq. ft., finished basement & Plymouth/Canton schools!

\$389,900 (04WAD2) 248-348-6430



MILFORD

GREAT 4 BEDROOM RANCH on 3.5 acres! Parklike setting, 2½ baths, living room w/fireplace, island kitchen, walk-out lower level w/family room, 2 story barn - great for cars, business, hobbyist & more!

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PLYMOUTH

THIS 2,445 SQ. FT. COLONIAL shows like a model home. From the full basement to the bonus room off the 4th bedroom, the extras add up. Extra windows too.

\$329,900 (T45620) 734-591-9200



LIVONIA

CALIBURN MANOR CONTEMPORARY 1½ story w/1st floor master suite, great room w/vaulted ceiling, fireplace, skylight, impressive 2 story foyer from dining room, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. Bright white kitchen w/Memlat cabinets.

\$319,900 (K37472) 734-591-9200



CANTON

BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL! The comfort quotient is way up in this nearly new 4 bedroom colonial with a 3 car garage, finished basement, sprinklers, deck. Immediate occupancy!

\$309,900 (23b45672) 734-455-7000



TAYLOR

WELL CARED FOR! This Ranch has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and hardwood floors thru-out. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom plus many other updates. Nicely landscaped with deck.

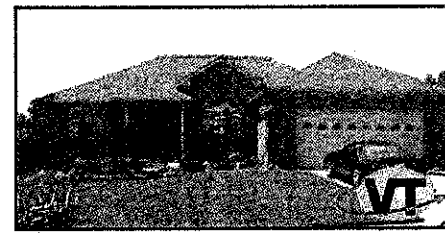
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FARMINGTON

ALTA LOMA 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL! Tons of updates, enjoy the park-like setting from a 4-season Florida room, central air, etc. A short walk to downtown or elementary school!

\$299,999 (17SCH2) 248-348-6430



WAYNE COUNTY

BUILDER'S CUSTOM HOME. Wow!!! This model home features 3 great bedrooms, master bedroom will delight all w/walk-in closet and glamour bath and shower. See me today.

\$299,000 (T294) 734-326-2000



NOVI

GORGEOUS CONDO in golf course community! Neutral, move-in condition. Master w/Jacuzzi tub. Lower level walk-out w/possible 4th bedroom, finished basement with wet bar.

\$279,500 (23m1652) 734-455-7000



LIVONIA

OUTSTANDING GREAT ROOM RANCH! NW Livonia. Immaculate move-in condo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1583 sq. ft., attached garage, finished basement, professional landscaping w/sprinklers.

\$249,900 (M39159) 248-591-9200



NOVI

SPACIOUS, WELL MAINTAINED all brick Ranch! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new kitchen, living room w/fireplace, large fireplace, full finished basement w/bath, home protection plan provided.

\$249,900 (86SHA2) 248-348-6430



LIVONIA

SUPER CONTEMPORARY HOME! Quick occupancy, shows very well, area close to x-ways & shopping, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial, lovely country kitchen.

\$247,900 (88WA2) 248-348-6430



CANTON

CUL-DE-SAC COLONIAL! Spacious floor plan w/many upgrades, 3 bedrooms, possible 1st floor laundry, neutral carpeting, ceiling fans in bedrooms, brick patio.

\$239,900 (23r3338) 734-455-7000



WESTLAND

CHERRY OAK ESTATES. 4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, all upper bedrooms w/walk-in closets, Pergo flooring, sprinklers, large deck, 2 car attached garage, family room.

\$229,900 (S229) 734-326-2000



LIVONIA

IDEAL FAMILY HOME. 4-bedroom brick Colonial in Castle Gardens Sub. 1½ baths, large open family room w/fireplace, 2½ car attached garage. Close to schools/shopping/x-ways.

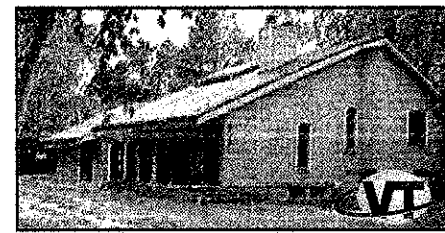
\$224,900 (S14502) 734-591-9200



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

42847 BERKDALE. Besides style & charm, this Colonial has 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, upgrades like ceramic tile, privacy fence, deck, sprinkler & alarm system, 2nd floor laundry.

\$214,900 (B428) 734-326-2000



LIVONIA

STUNNING & UNIQUE gorgeous custom-built home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautiful woodwork, huge family room, cathedral ceilings, oversized garage.

\$196,900 (L942) 734-326-2000



LIVONIA

WOW a 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad w/updated kitchen & baths. Vinyl windows & new furnace, family room w/fireplace. Enjoy the yard from the master bedroom. Private deck.

\$192,500 (C15614) 734-591-9200



LIVONIA

NEWER RANCH built in 1994. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths w/jetted tub, attached garage, basement. Sharp move-in condition.

\$189,900 (B28731) 734-591-9200



WESTLAND

NICE 4 BEDROOM, 2 bath brick Ranch! Livonia schools, all major items: furnace, air conditioning, roof, windows, driveway, electrical, updated baths & full basement. "Show & Sell."

\$168,900 (39ROS2) 248-348-6430



WESTLAND

WONDERFUL 4 BEDROOM HOME w/Livonia Schools! Many updates including roof, carpeting, hot water heater & windows. Spectacular upper level addition in '97!

\$164,900 (25ANN2) 248-348-6430



REDFORD

OVERLOOKING WESTERN GOLF, large Ranch, newer roof, newer deck, updated master bath, oversized front room, 3 bedrooms, marble fireplace in family room, 1939 sq. ft.

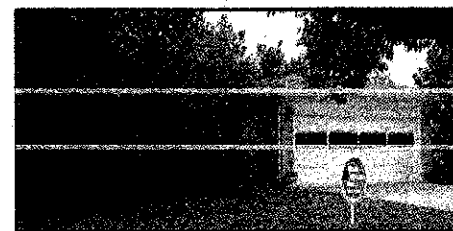
\$162,900 (G25166) 734-591-9200



WESTLAND

VACATION IN YOUR OWN YARD. Huge lot with inground pool, great home with 1500 sq. ft. Home currently used as 2 bedroom w/family room, 2 car garage.

\$149,900 (H132) 734-326-2000



DEARBORN

FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET! Immediate occupancy in this W. Dearborn, 3 bedroom Bungalow. Kitchen-dining room combo, living room w/gas fireplace. Many updates. Relax on the full front porch!

\$149,900 (23w421) 734-455-7000



REDFORD

YOU'LL LOVE THIS ADDRESS and the price too! Only \$135,500 gives you beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom Ranch with partially finished basement. Move right in!

\$135,500 (H9647) 734-591-9200



WAYNE

OLD COUNTRY CHARM. Updates include oak cabinets, counters, windows, skylights. Home has large front porch with swing. French doors lead to real deck.

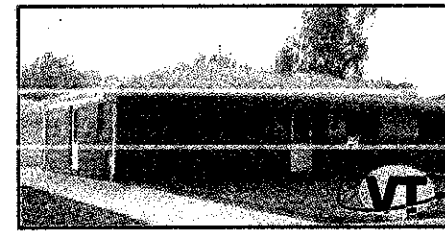
\$132,900 (F447) 734-326-2000



WAYNE

1634 SQ. FT w/4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. Hardwood flooring & wet plaster construction. 20x20 garage. Maintenance free brick & aluminum exterior.

\$129,900 (E34552) 734-591-9200



WESTLAND

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION. 3 bedroom brick ranch w/lots of updates. Oversized 2 car garage, lush landscaping, 1st floor laundry. Wayne/Westland Schools.

\$114,900 (A359) 734-326-2000



DETROIT

GREAT 3 BEDROOM, 1½ bath Bungalow in "Copper Canyon"! Recent updates: roof, windows, air conditioning, kitchen, bath, plumbing & driveway. Partially finished basement.

\$109,500 (01DOL2) 248-348-6430



WESTLAND

VINYL SIDED RANCH recently redecorated throughout. Updated kitchen and bath, dining room, large shed with room for that boat and yard equipment. Nice yard.

\$73,900 (S351) 734-326-2000



WESTLAND

A RARE FIND at even a rarer price. 2 bedroom Ranch condo starting at \$59,990. Full brick, full basement, private yard, appliances, no association fees.

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Farmington Schools, 3 bedroom ranch with basement & 2 car garage, 50x210 lot and loaded with updates.
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\$124,750

REDFORD
Telegraph frontage office building with 3 offices and reception area. Completely rebuilt. Great Opportunity!
\$99,900

DETROIT
Brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partially finished basement, 2 car detached garage w/potter, A/C, One Year Home Warranty.
\$84,900

DEARBORN
Spacious brick home, 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen, full basement, 2 car garage, fireplace in living room and all appliances stay.
\$105,000

NEW LISTING
Over 2,500 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial. Home has plenty of room also a bonus room over the garage, and a 1,200 sq. ft. w/finished basement.
\$299,900

DETROIT
Great area! Four bedroom brick bungalow, 2 kitchen, 2 baths, covered patio leading to garage.
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WESTLAND
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ENGLAND REAL ESTATE (248) 474-4530.

LIVONIA - Open Sun. 2-4PM
9825 Hertel, 3 bedroom brick ranch, finished basement, Livonia schools, completely updated. HERITAGE REAL ESTATE, (810) 227-1311.

303 Open Houses

PLYMOUTH - 3 bedroom bungalow, updated kitchen, bath & bedroom. Price negotiable. Open Sun., Sept. 24, Noon-4pm (734) 414-0309

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35239 Stellwagen (E. of Wayne Rd. S. of Ann Arbor)
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BEVERLY HILLS Dream Ranch. Updated 3 bedroom. Immediate occupancy. 16036 Elizabeth. \$191,000. 248-644-1478

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HOWELL. OPEN SUN. 2-4pm.
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Call Sara, (248) 921-8580
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NOVI - OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
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SUNDAY 9-24 1-4PM
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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS
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BIRMINGHAM
\$189,900
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Is this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial offering great room w/waluted ceiling, skylights & fireplace, large oak kitchen w/land, beautiful finished basement w/oak & glass block bar, fantastic yard w/2 tiered deck w/whot tub, brick paver walkway, garage & more. All for - \$249,900

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1700 sq. ft. ranch offers 3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, 2 sided fireplace between living room & dining room, 1st floor laundry, huge heated garage & outbuildings, all on 660x70 ft. lot w/pond! Freshly painted in & out too. \$189,900

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Immediate occupancy, full basement. Only \$139,900!
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326 Milford
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327 New Hudson
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328 Northville
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329 Novi
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2 Full baths, spectacular updated kitchen, full basement \$229,900
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NOVI'S Meadowbrook Lake, Open Sun 1-4. Large 3 bedroom ranch, .6 acre, 23063 Enlishore \$243,900. 734-748-5042.

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333 Pinckney
PINCKNEY - 1700 sq. ft. home on 1.12 acres, 3-4 bedrooms, air, 85% Remodeled, large deck, 2 1/2 car garage, 30x40 finished shop w/3 phase air, natural gas. Must sell! \$158,700. (734)878-3390

334 Plymouth
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\$184,900
Well maintained 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath classic Ranch offers living room w/marble fireplace, kitchen w/updated counters & floor, formal dining room, heated pine Florida room overlooking large backyard & finished basement w/fireplace. (SA176)

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\$174,900
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
Lovely 1,628 sq. ft. Colonial offers formal living & dining rooms, family room, 2 1/2 bath, C/A, basement, patio & 2 car garage. Three bedrooms, including master suite w/walk-in-closet & private bath. Appliances stay. (AB271)

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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
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Park West Gallery, an international fine art and auctions company, is seeking individuals who wish to begin their career in the art field. Must be detail-oriented and capable of working in a fast-paced challenging environment. Should have degree preferred but not required.

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POSITIONS AT \$11.00 PER HOUR

Established glass manufacturing company is currently accepting applications for full-time light industrial and production team positions. Ideal candidates will be dependable, self-motivated individuals with preferably two years minimum experience in a production setting. Full benefit package including medical, dental, life, disability, paid vacations, paid holidays and 401K plan.

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Positions are available in the Westland and Ann Arbor area. Prefer one year of group home experience. Must be DMH/CMH trained or similar training. Competitive wages and full benefits. Must have valid driver's license. Fax resume to: Independence Village of Plymouth, 7458-7652 or call Tary at 734-458-8140.

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Auto parts packaging firm is seeking a responsible individual with 1 to 5 years supervisory experience in Warehousing. Familiar with computerized systems. Duties include: Insuring that inventories are maintained both system wise and physically in the warehouse. Trouble-shooting and resolutions of inventory inaccuracies. Responsible for all departments. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume and salary requirements to: Human Resource Dept., 12285 Dixie Street, Redford, MI 48238 Fax: 313-631-5243

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Forklift experience needed. Aluminum manufacturer of commercial storefronts and entrances has an immediate opening. Send resume or fax: United States Aluminum 13106 Waco, Livonia, MI 48150 734-542-9356 734-542-9268 Fax

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Northwest suburban distributor seeks a full-time shipping clerk. Hours are 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM Monday - Friday. Accuracy, neatness and dependability a must. Good working conditions and benefits.

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Accepting applications for this blue jean job in our clean, modern warehouse. Permanent positions for men or women in good physical condition. Lifting required. Steady work hours, Mon. thru Fri. College students and retirees welcome. Some flexibility in hours. Experience helpful but not necessary. \$7.50 or more an hour to start for qualified individuals. Progressive wage increases. Apply in person Mon thru Fri. 10am-4pm

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43155 W. Nine Mile
Novi, MI

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needed for St. Mary's Catholic School, K-8, in Wayne. Call: 734-721-1240/fax 734-467-7381

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Afternoon shift. 2-3 years supervisory experience needed. Good wages & benefits. Apply in person Box 600, 7010 Middlebelt Rd., Farmulus, MI 48334-3595-0106

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Needed for Fire/Water Restoration Co. Good leadership ability, organization skills & attention to detail required. Drivers License & good driving record is required. Wage & benefits negotiable. Call 313-541-2059

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NO TELEMARKETING
We are a 24 hour fast paced call center with full time positions available. Previous supervisory experience required.

Supervise 30+ employees. Must be multi-tasked oriented with strong decision making skills. Provide counseling and ensure high quality performance. Salary commensurate with experience. After 90 days, position includes up to an 18% pay incentive based on performance.

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30 hrs.; great pay; wk. paid vacation; paid holiday bonus. Livonia. 734-525-3730

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With experience. Excellent pay. Excellent benefits. Close tolerance work. (734) 425-5165

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TEACHER

For Toddler program in Farmington Hills. 9:30am-6pm. Exp. & degree helpful, but willing to train. Join our team! (248) 661-3630.

TEACHER needed for Preschool

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Part-time Instructor. Mon-Thurs., 4-7pm, flexible hrs. Call or fax resume: Sylvan Learning Center, Livonia & Dearborn. FX: 734-462-1132. FH: 734-462-2825.

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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
Early childhood ed required. Great benefits. Perry Nursery School, Ann Arbor. 734-677-8130 or fax: 734-677-0280

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Now hiring Teachers & Assistants for Fall, full & part-time. Benefits available. (248) 489-0810

TEACHERS WANTED

Are you looking for challenges, gratification, and a place where you can utilize your creativity and find support in your district? Novi Star Academy is the milieu for you. We are seeking teachers for the elementary and high school levels to work in a self-contained classroom with students with learning disabilities and/or attention disorders. Fax your resume to: 248-557-6794. For more information, call: 248-557-8393

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Full time or 2 part time Teachers. Experienced. Very small class. Excellent school. 313-532-1916.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT REP. (TSR)

Time Warner Cable is seeking part-time TSRs for its Road Runner high speed Internet service. Responsibilities include providing customer support for connectivity problems related subscriber PC configuration and the local distribution network. Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Must have 3-4 years of experience in a customer service role with personal computers, including at least 2-4 years as an HR Tier 1 customer care professional. Minimum one year experience with Internet or on-line service usage. Send resume to: Time Warner Cable, 14525 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 Attn: Human Resources. An EEO/AA Employer and supports a Drug Free Workplace. (M/F/D/V).

TECHNICIAN

Security Technologies Group, Inc. (STG) is the nation's largest provider of fully integrated commercial security system and services, providing a complete spectrum of security system design, installation and maintenance. We have an opportunity for a Technician in our Canton office. Desire backgrounds in installation of low voltage, alarm, and closed circuit television (CCTV) equipment. Training provided on installation and troubleshooting. High school diploma or equivalent required. STG offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits and drug screen. We offer a competitive salary/benefits package and a professional work environment with an opportunity to grow. Please send your resume with salary requirements to: Attn: Area Operations Manager, Security Technologies Group, 42930 Koppernick Road, Suite E-71, Submitt, Michigan 48377. FAX: (734) 454-2517. EOE/Drug-Smoke Free Workplace.

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Full time for credit union in Livonia. Come and experience good communication skills, pleasant attitude, self motivated. Experience preferred, not required. Knowledge of CUPS a bonus. Competitive pay, benefits. Send resume to: Jennifer at 734-525-7027, 38525 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 No phone calls.

TERMINAL OPERATOR

Gasoline distributor seeks full time. Terminal Operator. Includes daily inventory, loading of trucks and light maintenance. Computer experience helpful. Experience a plus, but not necessary. Excellent benefits package, including major medical, 401K and life insurance. Please send resume to: Knight Enterprises, Inc./Delta Fuels, 40800 Grand River, Novi, MI 48375 ATTN: Jim Demyan or Fax to: (248) 478-1441

TRAVEL AGENT

Busy Farmington Hills Agency needs experienced Sabre or Worldspan. (248) 851-7760.

Travel Agents

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No experience necessary. Will train friendly, confident, hard working individuals to sell vacations using proven telephone sales techniques. No cold calling. Paid training, flexible 30 hrs./wk. \$7,700/month plus \$100-\$200/wk. commissions. Dearborn 312-278-4100 mvtravcon.com.

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500 Help Wanted General

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TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

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TRUCKERS/MOVERS

Needed for Fire/Water Restoration Co. Experience with lifting & moving furniture preferred, but will train CDL License with good driving record required. Benefits & wages negotiable. Call 313-541-2099.

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Experienced only need apply. Full or Part-time. (248) 875-0149

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ASSISTANT SERVICE MANAGER/HANDYMAN needed for dynamic West Bloomfield Builder. Some experience necessary, but will train right person.

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

must have experience, be dependable, energetic and not afraid to get dirty. We specialize in development & construction of single family home communities, as well as condominiums. Send resume to: Cohen Associates, Inc., 6022 West Maple, Suite 405, West Bloomfield, MI 48322, or fax to (248) 851-0697.

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Livonia distributor will offer competitive wage/benefit package for accurate full-time warehouse person. Experience and computer knowledge helpful. Informal driving - perfect driving record a must. Fax resume to 734-591-0618 or mail to 38035 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Attn: HR.

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Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers has Entry FT openings in our distributor center. Duties include: stocking, inventory, filling orders, loading and unloading 70+ pounds. \$8-11/hr. to start. Excellent benefits including 401K. Apply in person 12500 Merriman, Livonia, MI or 96. Phone: 734-522-7600.

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Large distribution center needs mature, dependable persons for full time positions for the mid-level staff. Men or women. Good physical condition for this clean modern warehouse. Competitive starting wage plus shift premium with formal salary review program and scheduled wage increases. Full time with benefit package including medical & dental. Apply in person 10am to 3pm, Tues. thru Fri.

Frank W. Kerr Co.
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Novi, MI 48376
or fax to 248-374-6065.

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needed to work in Small Sales & Marketing Company Warehouse. (734) 207-7900 or fax to 734-207-0443

WAREHOUSE PERSON

Automotive warehouse in Redford has stock positions available. (313) 255-1122.

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We have full-time day shift/part-time evening positions available. This job requires sorting cases of merchandise by destination. Must be team oriented. Benefits. Apply: American Logistics, 28340 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. 734-515-2521 x234.

We have an opportunity for you!

Growing company in Plymouth area is looking for career minded individuals to manage their own routes. This is an entry-level position with lots of growth opportunity. This customer service position will require you to drive a company owned straight truck to service established accounts throughout the Detroit area. Michigan, ideal candidates will have excellent communication skills, a good driving record, and the motivation to learn. Submit resume to: Service Specialists, P.O. Box 701248, Plymouth, MI 48170. Or fax resume to: 481-46-3810. EOE.

WELDER/FITTERS

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Experienced individual needed for hardware distributor. \$14/hr. Century Hardware, Wixom 248-348-6500/fax 248-348-1299

WELDER MIG LIGHT ASSEMBLY

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501 Computer/Info. Systems

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The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Programmer/Analyst. Professional work in the programming, maintenance, development, training, and user support of the Township Management Information Systems. A minimum of two years workplace programming experience with a minimum of one year FoxPro and/or Visual Basic experience. Must have already passed or must pass within 12 months of being hired or promoted Microsoft certification exam 70-176 and one other of the following Microsoft exams 70-029, 70-175, or 70-100. Extensive hands-on experience with personal computers, Novel networks, and database engines (SQL Server and FoxPro). Graduation from a college or university with specialization in Computer Programming, or a related field; or any equivalent combination of experience and training. Applications must be picked up at the Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to above address to request Program/Analyst application form. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file with the Canton Township Personnel Division by 4pm, Sept. 29, 2000. Resumes will not be accepted without completed written application form. Job description will be posted at the Township. Administration based on experience and ability. Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

PROGRAMMERS

Five year old company located in Farmington Hills is looking to expand its programming staff. Degree in Computer Science and/or experience in Delphi, Databases, C++, Javascript, HTML, ASP or Pascal an advantage.

Experience is important but if you have had the right training, we can give you the right experience!

We offer a full competitive benefit plan, with a starting salary based on experience and background. \$25K-\$75K (not including bonus).

Are you ready to join an expanding organization working on state-of-the-art projects? We are looking for people who desire to succeed, and the ability to make it happen.

You would be joining a start-up style company, with excellent opportunities for advancement for the right people. Get in on the ground floor and help build a successful corporation.

Send your resume to: HR Manager 24851 Halsted Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Or Fax to: (248) 426-9086

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We are seeking an experienced Programmer/Analyst at our Livingston Campus in Howell. Experience with Relational Database experience welcomed, must like VB & Visual FoxPro. Responsibilities include all aspects of the development cycle. Knowledge of Recruiting and Academics helpful. Bachelor's degree required and 3+ yrs. experience or an equivalent combination of both. Candidate must possess strong analytical and design skills and be self motivated. Competitive salary, including medical, dental, vision, 401K, 403B and free tuition. Please send resume and salary requirements to Cleary College, IT Coordinator, 3750 Cleary College Dr., Howell, MI 48843. FAX: 517-541-2171 E-mail: tshelp@cleary.edu.

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Accounting firm seeks entry level accountant. Competitive salary & benefits. 12 Mile & Telegraph area. Fax resume & salary requirements to: 248-358-1011

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Farmington Hills firm. Part-time until January 1st when full-time becomes available. Accounting skills stressing payroll preferred. Fax resume and wage requirements to: (248) 553-4955

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Corporate headquarters located in Farmington Hills seeking dynamic individual for our HR department. Candidates must have some accounting background, attention to detail, 10-key skills & be able to work in a fast paced environment. Excellent benefits package. Fax to: Controller, 248-932-9040

ACCOUNTING POSITION

at growing Canton trucking company. Health insurance, benefits, 401K plan. No vacation ends. Call Brian 248-688-8720

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical**ACCOUNTING SUPPORT OPENINGS**

• Accounts payable / receivable.
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Clinton Twp. 810-226-9642
Farmington 248-473-2933
Taylor 734-284-6457

ACCOUNT PAYABLE CLERK

Local Stamping Plant seeks experienced Accounts Payable Clerk. Competitive wages & excellent benefits. Apply in person or send resume to: BAYOFF DIE & MACHINE 5910 Belleville Rd. Van Buren Twp. MI 48111

LITTLE VALLEY HOMES

Need detail oriented and professional individual for data entry in accounting dept. Please call (248) 349-2500 or Fax resume (248) 349-4519 Attn: Kristy.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounting firm seeks a full-time Accounts Payable Clerk who is dependable and detail-oriented. Must have prior computer experience. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume & salary requirements to: Office Administrator, 44744 Helm, Plymouth, MI 48170-6023.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Livonia office seeks a dependable, detail oriented full-time person for Accounts Payable, Payroll & multiple job tasks. Excel & Word Exp. 40 hrs. & Benefits. Please send resume with salary requirements to: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK/RECEPTIONIST

Experience or accounting background preferred. Fast paced, professional environment. Full time benefits. Please send resume to: Office Manager, P.O. Box 705 Novi, MI 48376 or Fax to: 248-348-0021

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK

Auto parts packaging firm is seeking a responsible individual in our Accounting Department. Duties include: Accounts receivable, credit & post checks. Computer operations a must. Microsoft a plus & switchboard relief. Please forward resume with salary requirements to: Attn: J.R.3 department 12255 Dixie Street Redford, MI 48239 Fax: 313-531-5243

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

A/P, A/R, computer literate. Fax resume to: 734-452-9475

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Desire, motivated, computer oriented Assistant. Salary and benefits. Call 1-800-663-4057 or fax resume: 248-661-3941

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

IMMEDIATE OPENING!
Part time for Farmington Hills property management co. Flexible hours. Must have good computer skills. 734-729-0710.

PART-TIME/FULL-TIME help for small office. Experienced in payroll, billing, accounts receivable & payable. BlueCross & pension. Send resume to: PO Box 531177, Livonia, MI 48153.

PAYROLL CLERK PART-TIME

We have a newly created permanent part-time position for a payroll person that wants to work 20 hrs. per week. The position offers flex hours & flex days for the right person. Apply Stark Hickey Ford, 24760 W. Seven Mile Rd.

PERSON NEEDED for Livonia based equipment distributor. Full-time position. Phone work & computer experience required. Resumes to: CCME, 36520 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 Attn: B. Howard

PURCHASING AGENT/BUYER

Livonia based computer systems integrator has opening for a purchasing agent/buyer with experience in procuring computer system components. This position requires a self-motivated, detail-oriented, computer literate person with a minimum of 3 years purchasing experience. No travel required. We offer competitive salary & benefits including 401k. Please send resume w/salary requirements to: PO Box 531177, Livonia, MI 48153-1187.

RECEPTIONIST/ACCOUNTING CLERK
Seeking a skilled Administrative/Accounting Assistant for approximately 30-40 hrs. per week. Responsibilities include answering the phone, processing Accounts Receivable & Payable, Data Entry & Filing. Must have good computer skills and at least 2 yrs. of previous office experience. Fax resume to: 734-421-8850

Receptionist/Administrative
Company located in Livonia has an opening for a Receptionist with administrative experience; work will involve answering phones and a variety of administrative duties. Must be proficient in using Microsoft, Excel, Word & Publisher; excellent pay, benefits & working environment. Mornings to 10:30 am. P.O. Box 51580, Livonia, MI 48150

RECEPTIONIST

Auburn Hills Insurance Agency is seeking experienced receptionist/switchboard operator. Must possess good phone, computer & people skills. Please send salary and benefits. Fax resume to: (248) 377-0082 or Call: (248) 377-9600

RECEPTIONIST/CALL COORDINATOR

Part time Receptionist needed for Farmington Hills real estate company. Seeking friendly, energetic, self motivated persons. Excellent phone skills & computer skills. Short term interview. Ask for Tonya (248) 626-8000 or fax (248) 626-2057

RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL
For busy non-smoking Nov medical office. Mon-Fri, 9-5:30. Competitive wage, benefits. NOT a temporary position. Call Janet: 248-426-9300 x227.

RECEPTIONIST - Dependable
& mature for Farmington Hills real estate office. Full time, phone & computer experience required. Fax resume 248-851-4820 or call 248-851-4800

★RECEPTIONIST★

Evenings 5-10pm, Mon-Sat.
Waterwood of Royal Oak Senior apt. community seeking flexible, energetic, outgoing, organized, and responsible people to work as Receptionists. Applicants must be caring and have the ability to work well with the public. E.O. Call 649-6400 or

Apply in person
3450 W. 13 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI
(corner of 13 & Woodward)

RECEPTIONIST
for computer hospitals in Livonia. Over 10 good voice typing, computer skills. 1PM-5PM 3 days per week; 2 Saturdays per mo. 8am-5pm. (248) 476-0570

RECEPTIONIST
For civil litigation firm in Royal Oak. Must be experienced and know Microsoft Word. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume via fax to: 248-544-1191, or mail to: Cardiac Rehab & Lanier, 322 W. Lincoln, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

RECEPTIONIST
FOR mortgage company in Livonia. Pleasant working environment and full time position. Fax resume to: 734-425-4834

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• Computer knowledge
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• Positive Attitude
• Monday to Friday
• 8:30 to 5:00
• \$8 per hour
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Fax: (734) 453-8808.

RECEPTIONIST - Friendly
real estate office in Farmington Hills seeks capable receptionist for busy front desk. 35 hrs. per week. Ask for Ms. Friedman: 248-737-9008.

RECEPTIONIST - FULL-TIME
Livonia/Farmington area. Please call Mon & Thur: 734-261-3650 or Tues & Fri: 248-947-9876

RECEPTIONIST

Full-time position requiring multiple phone experience, typing, computer, and good general office skills for fast-paced office. Excellent benefits. Send resume or apply at: Human Resources, 27000 W. Trolley Industrial Dr., Taylor, MI 48180.

RECEPTIONIST
Full time receptionist. Livonia publisher requires energetic person to answer multi-line phones Mon-Fri. Hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm. Some computer experience necessary. This job requires a customer friendly attitude. Call Carrie at 248-477-6650 ext. 128.

RECEPTIONIST / GENERAL OFFICE

Assist patients. Full or part-time. Some computer experience helpful. Dawn: 313-565-5744

RECEPTIONIST/NEEDED
full time for busy Real Estate Office in Novi. Call (248) 348-6430 ext. 272.

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RECEPTIONIST
Manufacturing company in Rochester Hills seeking person with excellent phone, clerical and computer experience. Flexible hours, competitive pay, benefits. Non-smoking office. Fax resume to: 248-853-6650

RECEPTIONIST
Marty Felman Chevrolet is looking for a friendly, pleasant full time receptionist. For an interview, please call Teresa or Laura at (248) 348-7000 or apply in person at 42355 Grand River/Novi. Resume may be faxed to: (248) 348-8990

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needed for busy Farmington Health Care facility. Fax resume to: 248-471-6682

RECEPTIONIST

Ophthalmology practice in Livonia seeks caring, dependable, people-oriented person for full-time. Fax resume to: 734-522-1236, or apply in person, 9am-noon at: 29927 Six Mile Rd., Livonia.

RECEPTIONIST

Our busy ophthalmology practice in Livonia is looking for a warm, outgoing person to fill an immediate opening for a full-time medical receptionist. Our office is a fast-paced, fun environment. Qualified candidate will schedule appointments, greet patients, obtain and update patient information, and facilitate appropriate billing. We offer competitive salary, medical benefits, profit sharing pension plan and opportunity for growth. Fax your resume to: 734-522-1236

Or apply in person at: 29927 Six Mile Rd., Livonia.

RECEPTIONIST / PHONE QC

Full-time, Good benefits. Call 734-462-0500, or fax resume to: 734-462-9577 EOE

RECEPTIONIST - Plymouth
food broker. Part-time. Some benefits. Please send resume and good people skills. Computer knowledge preferred. Call 734-207-7900 or fax to 734-207-0443

RECEPTIONIST - Popular W.
Bloomfield real estate office in need of reliable, mature person to answer phones, type, & do misc. duties. Mon-Fri, 12-4pm. Call Sharon Spindler, 248-951-4100, ext. 330

RECEPTIONIST

PROFESSIONAL, computer literate, good organizational skills. Benefits. Call: (313) 921-0882.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
Phones, Microsoft Windows helpful. Ann Arbor, Detroit, Novi, Sterling Hts & Troy. 248-344-9510.

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

Part-time Receptionist/Secretary for House of Denmark furniture stores. Duties include answering phone, order entry, and data entry. Customer relations an important part of position. Apply at / send resume to: 35555 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Fax 734-425-5230

3325 Orchard Lake Rd., Keego Harbor. Fax 248-738-7719

RECEPTIONIST SPOT

for friendly person with at least 6 months experience in multi-line receptionist, filing, and data assignments open in the Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills area. Fax resumes to Sharon: 248-737-5886.

RECEPTIONIST

The Electronic Newspapers is seeking a professional and reliable individual to be our full time Receptionist in our Birmingham office. We are an award-winning newspaper offering a great work environment plus excellent benefits. Candidate must have one year prior office experience. Please submit resume to: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

E-mail: ebibik@oe.homedom.net Fax: (734) 953-2057 Must include job code: Receptionist

RECEPTIONIST WANTED
for sales, engineering & accounting office. Good computer skills needed in Word & Excel. Willing to help in other areas. Contact R. Barnes at (248) 669-9040.

RETIRED LEGAL SECRETARY

(Preferred). Good typing skills. Good pay. Part time. References. Call (248) 352-2220.

SALES SECRETARY

Manufactures Rep. located in Farmington Hills. Full time position. Typing, computer skills, Excel, & good communication skills a must. Pay commensurate with experience. Call (248) 442-9880 or Fax Resume: (248) 442-9698

SALES TRAINING POSITION

Kurtie Kitchen Bath See ad under General Help Wanted

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Growing Northville general contractor needs a plus-sized person with a great memory. Must have a strong secretarial, computer & bookkeeping (with Quicken software) skills. Fax resume: 248-465-1441 Call 8:30-5pm: 248-465-1440.

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Non-profit residential children's agency seeks energetic, reliable self-starter with good work ethic as support in Development/Public Relations department. Requires professional demeanor with excellent communications and interpersonal skills. Good phone presence, proficient in MSWord and Excel. Experience with fund-raising software desirable. Send resume with wage requirements to Methodist Children's Home Society, Attention: H.R. Staff, 26643 S. Six Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48404. No phone calls please. (EOE)

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Part-time, 5 days a wk with flexible hours & flexible law office. Secured parking available. Computer skills needed. (248) 594-4422.

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SECRETARY POSITIONS

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Livonia.....248-473-2933

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Apply Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm Same day interviews if possible.

Guardian Security 18000 W. 8 Mile Southfield, MI 48075 (248) 423-3000

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With computer skills for fast paced company. Fax resume to: Marty at 248-557-4315

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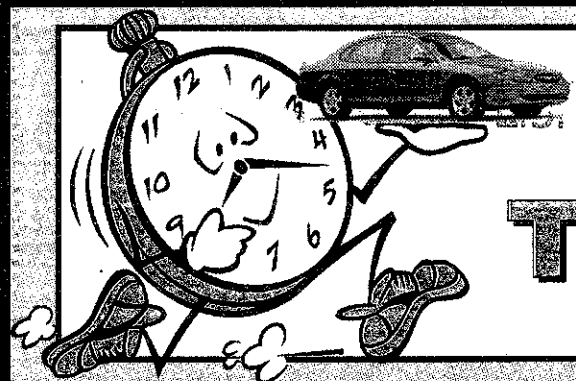
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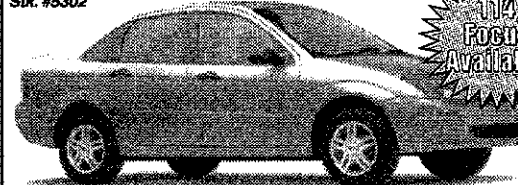
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Stk. #2154



Toreador red, AM/FM stereo w/cassette/lock, anti-lock brakes, remote keyless entry, V-6 engine, automatic O/D speed control, tilt steering wheel, power locks, power windows, auxiliary A/C and heat, bay windows, 12.1 overhead LCD TV package, running boards, Nitro wheel upgrade.

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2000 EXPLORER SPORT 4X4 • 2 DOOR

Toreador Red clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth sport bucket, 4.0L V-6 engine, trailer towing package, premium sport group, step bar, fog lamps, cruise, tilt, mach audio w/cassette & CD. Cargo area cover. Stock #1776

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WAS \$32,970

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\$26,257^{50*}

A-PLAN

24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL

ZERO DOWN

\$317^{90}** per mo.

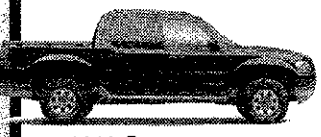
\$1500 DOWN

\$254^{37}** per mo.

2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 • 4 DOOR

Black clearcoat, dark graphite cloth sport bucket, XLT series, 4.0L V-6 engine, 5 speed automatic, step bar, aluminum wheels, trailer towing package, cassette CD, convenience group. Stock #10506

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WAS \$26,175

BUY

\$22,157^{30*}

A-PLAN

36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL

ZERO DOWN

\$330^{45}** per mo.

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Stk. #2837



4x2 STYLESIDE XLT

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2000 RANGER XLT 4x2

Stk. #4394



REG. CAB XLT

Red, medium graphite cloth seats, XLT trim, power windows, power locks, AM/FM stereo/clock, spare tire lock, 2.5 liter EFI I-4 engine, automatic overdrive, sliding rear window, remote keyless entry, air conditioning, 4.0 liter regular axle.

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A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$124^{94**} per mo. \$1500 DOWN \$108^{00**} per mo.

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
2000 EXPLORER SPORT 4x4	0 Down \$1500	\$500 \$2020
2000 EXPLORER XLT 4x4	0 Down \$1500	\$506 \$2028
2000 F150 4x4 REG. CAB	0 Down \$1500	\$451 \$1970
2000 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC	0 Down \$1500	\$429 \$1968
2000 FOCUS SE FOUR DOOR	0 Down \$1500	\$281 \$1523
2000 RANGER 4x2 REG. CAB	0 Down	\$351
2000 F-150 4x2 REG. CAB	0 Down \$1500	\$322 \$1862
2000 TAURUS 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1500	\$384 \$1928



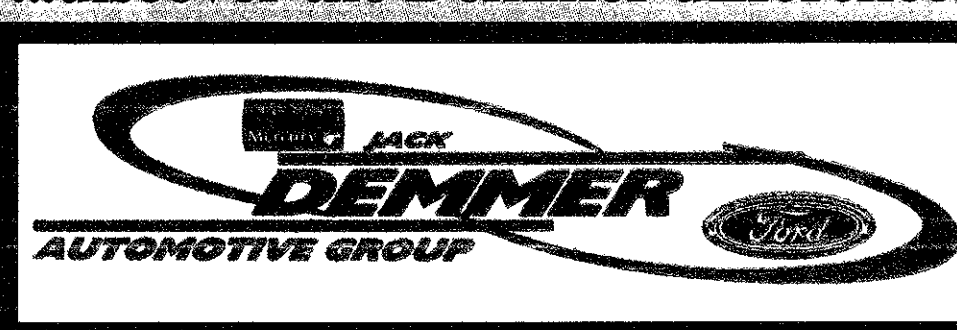
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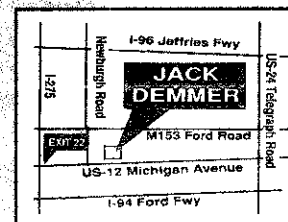
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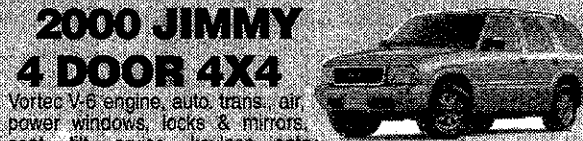
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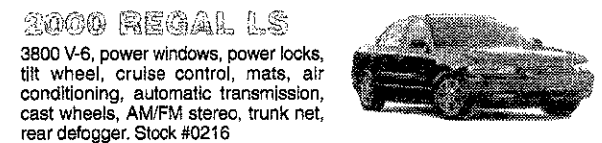
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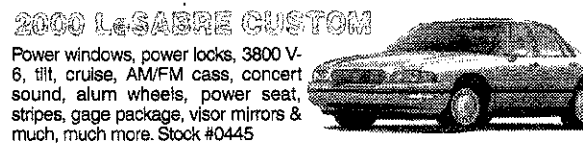
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3800 V-6, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, mats, air conditioning, automatic transmission, cast wheels, AM/FM stereo, trunk net, rear defogger. Stock #0216.

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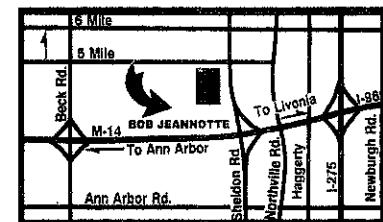
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710 Estate Sales
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Was \$14,604
Sale Price **\$13,295***
Lease For **\$185.97**** 36 mos.
\$2038.83 due at signing

2000 CAMRY CE

Anti-lock brakes, daytime running lamps, cruise control, air conditioning, power windows & locks, power mirrors, intermittent wipers, carpet mats, mud guards. Stk. #8378-Y

Was \$20,590
Sale Price **\$17,848***
Lease For **\$243.41**** 36 mos.
\$2492.71 due at signing

2000 TUNDRA REG. CAB P.U.

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Was \$18,040
Sale Price **\$16,259***
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2000 4-RUNNER LIMITED

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Was \$38,602
Sale Price **\$33,442***
Lease For **\$422.17**** 36 mos.
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Sale Price **\$19,595***
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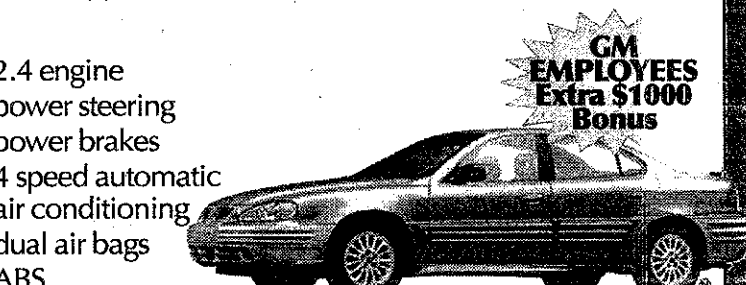


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GM PRICE
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- power locks
- power seats
- cruise control & tilt wheel
- keyless entry
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GM PRICE
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- air conditioning
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- ABS
- rear defog.
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Bonus

\$1500 Rebate
or
0.9% APR for 36 mos!

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Extra \$1000
Bonus

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GM PRICE
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GM PRICE
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- aluminum wheels
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- keyless entry
- cruise control
- two tone paint
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or 0.9% APR
36 mo.

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MODEL	STOCK#	SALE PRICE	GMS PRICE
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6109Y	\$23,595 ^{21*}	\$23,245 ^{42*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6157Y	\$22,895 ^{22*}	\$22,656 ^{21*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6158Y	\$22,795 ^{22*}	\$22,511 ^{21*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6231Y	\$24,695 ^{82*}	\$24,469 ^{82*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6323Y	\$24,295 ^{82*}	\$24,069 ^{82*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6594Y	\$24,695 ^{82*}	\$24,405 ^{82*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6595Y	\$24,495 ^{82*}	\$24,110 ^{92*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	6937Y	\$19,795 ^{73*}	\$19,492 ^{73*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	60146Y	\$20,895 ^{92*}	\$20,523 ^{92*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	60147Y	\$22,195 ^{94*}	\$21,834 ^{94*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	60174Y	\$21,395 ^{14*}	\$21,038 ^{14*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	60180Y	\$21,995 ^{14*}	\$21,613 ^{14*}
Sierra Reg Cab 4WD	60188Y	\$20,495 ^{99*}	\$20,166 ^{99*}
Sierra Reg Cab 2WD	60195Y	\$19,995 ^{86*}	\$19,649 ^{86*}



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MODEL	STOCK#	SALE PRICE	GMS PRICE
Sierra Reg Cab 3/4 4WD	6348Y	\$21,495 ^{22*}	\$21,152 ^{22*}
Sierra 1 Ton 4WD	6412Y	\$20,695 ^{85*}	\$20,346 ^{85*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	6476Y	\$25,795 ^{02*}	\$25,477 ^{02*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	6477Y	\$26,595 ^{32*}	\$26,319 ^{32*}
Sierra Classic 3/4 4WD	6570Y	\$20,295 ^{93*}	\$19,948 ^{93*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	6596Y	\$25,195 ^{92*}	\$24,812 ^{92*}
Sierra 3/4 2WD	6668Y	\$19,995 ^{92*}	\$19,755 ^{92*}
(2) Sierra 3/4 4WD	6679Y	\$22,695 ^{31*}	\$22,343 ^{31*}
(3) Sierra 3/4 2WD	6685Y	\$19,995 ^{92*}	\$19,755 ^{92*}
(2) Sierra Classic 1 Ton 4WD	6798Y	\$23,195 ^{42*}	\$22,831 ^{42*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	60099Y	\$25,995 ^{32*}	\$25,622 ^{32*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	60114Y	\$24,895 ^{72*}	\$24,526 ^{72*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	60115Y	\$25,195 ^{42*}	\$24,850 ^{42*}
Sierra 3/4 4WD	60148Y	\$24,895 ^{63*}	\$24,363 ^{63*}
Sierra 3/4 2WD Ext Cab	60185Y	\$25,699 ^{69*}	\$25,409 ^{69*}
Sierra Classic 3/4 4WD	60193Y	\$23,595 ^{93*}	\$23,332 ^{93*}
Sierra Classic 3/4 4WD	60210Y	\$19,995 ^{18*}	\$19,646 ^{18*}

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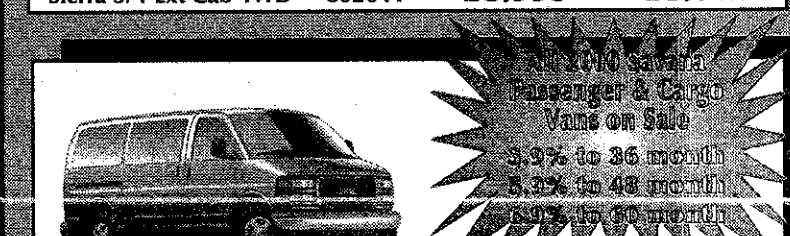
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MODEL	STOCK#	SALE PRICE	GMS PRICE
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5643Y	\$23,995 ^{00*}	\$22,252 ^{00*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5656Y	\$24,895 ^{68*}	\$22,877 ^{68*}
Jimmy 2Door 4WD	5660Y	\$22,195 ^{00*}	\$20,500 ^{64*}
Jimmy Diamond	5738Y	\$26,695 ^{05*}	\$24,690 ^{25*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5786Y	\$24,995 ^{48*}	\$23,077 ^{12*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5797Y	\$25,995 ^{26*}	\$24,232 ^{14*}
Jimmy Envoy	5837Y	\$29,995 ^{05*}	\$27,700 ^{25*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5844Y	\$24,995 ^{50*}	\$23,202 ^{75*}
Jimmy Diamond	5852Y	\$27,595 ^{05*}	\$25,425 ^{25*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5879Y	\$25,995 ^{30*}	\$24,124 ^{50*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5881Y	\$24,895 ^{33*}	\$22,977 ^{82*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5894Y	\$25,905 ^{9*}	\$23,928 ^{62*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5900Y	\$27,595 ^{51*}	\$25,644 ^{39*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5951Y	\$24,995 ^{50*}	\$23,161 ^{30*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5951Y	\$25,995 ^{55*}	\$23,937 ^{28*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5951Y	\$27,995 ^{00*}	\$25,703 ^{92*}
Jimmy Diamond	5977Y	\$26,995 ^{55*}	\$24,802 ^{75*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	5978Y	\$26,895 ^{70*}	\$24,971 ^{10*}
Jimmy 2Door 4WD	5981Y	\$23,995 ^{94*}	\$22,052 ^{46*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	50004Y	\$24,995 ^{98*}	\$23,164 ^{62*}
Jimmy Diamond	50019Y	\$28,995 ^{05*}	\$26,919 ^{25*}
Jimmy Diamond	50020Y	\$26,995 ^{35*}	\$24,802 ^{75*}
Jimmy 2Door 4WD	50035Y	\$22,646 ^{26*}	\$20,638 ^{14*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	50039Y	\$28,495 ^{55*}	\$26,178 ^{75*}
Jimmy Diamond	50040Y	\$29,457 ^{70*}	\$27,081 ^{10*}
Jimmy 4Door 2WD	50043Y	\$23,582 ^{05*}	\$21,465 ^{25*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	50048Y	\$27,995 ^{91*}	\$25,703 ^{99*}
Jimmy 4Door 4WD	50049Y	\$25,195 ^{98*}	\$23,164 ^{62*}



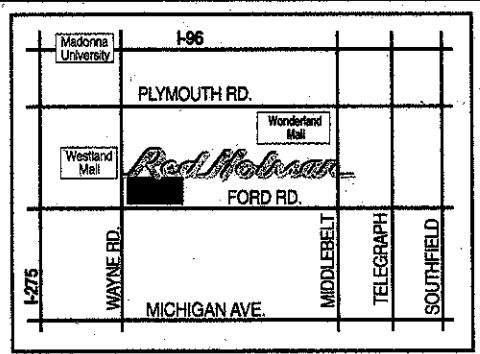
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MODEL	STOCK#	SALE PRICE	GMS PRICE
DEMO Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6592Y	\$27,595 ^{11*}	\$27,398 ^{11*}
DEMO Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6912Y	\$28,595 ^{72*}	\$28,329 ^{92*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6958Y	\$28,195 ^{57*}	\$27,938 ^{57*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6959Y	\$28,495 ^{91*}	\$28,087 ^{91*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6961Y	\$27,995 ^{81*}	\$27,701 ^{81*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	6987Y	\$27,995 ^{81*}	\$27,701 ^{81*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60135Y	\$28,795 ^{72*}	\$28,529 ^{72*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60141Y	\$26,895 ^{46*}	\$26,602 ^{46*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60143Y	\$28,595 ^{32*}	\$28,222 ^{32*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60156Y	\$24,595 ^{51*}	\$24,133 ^{27*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60161Y	\$27,995 ^{51*}	\$27,793 ^{51*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60162Y	\$28,295 ^{92*}	\$27,942 ^{92*}
Sierra 3/4 Ext Cab 4WD	60169Y	\$28,795 ^{88*}	\$28,544 ^{88*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60172Y	\$28,795 ^{72*}	\$28,529 ^{72*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60186Y	\$28,795 ^{36*}	\$28,453 ^{36*}
Sierra Ext Cab 4WD	60189Y	\$28,495 ^{41*}	\$28,150 ^{41*}
Sierra 3/4 Ext Cab 4WD	60199Y	\$30,195 ^{74*}	\$29,944 ^{74*}
Sierra 3/4 Ext Cab 4WD	60200Y	\$30,495 ^{24*}	\$30,150 ^{24*}
Sierra 3/4 Ext Cab 4WD	60264Y	\$28,995 ^{59*}	\$28,612 ^{59*}



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MODEL	STOCK#	SALE PRICE	GMS PRICE
Savana Passenger Van	6082Y	\$24,242 ^{13*}	\$23,743 ^{13*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6121Y	\$19,484 ^{58*}	\$18,484 ^{58*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6158Y	\$19,484 ^{58*}	\$18,484 ^{58*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6232Y	\$19,516 ^{08*}	\$18,516 ^{08*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6235Y	\$19,876 ^{30*}	\$18,876 ^{30*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6241Y	\$19,482 ^{88*}	\$18,482 ^{88*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6283Y	\$19,642 ^{83*}	\$18,642 ^{83*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	69329Y	\$19,107 ^{48*}	\$18,107 ^{48*}
Savana 1 Ton Cargo Van	6406Y	\$20,468 ^{04*}	\$19,468 ^{04*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6465Y	\$18,929 ^{03*}	\$17,929 ^{03*}
Savana 3/4 Cargo Van	6515Y	\$20,365 ^{73*}	\$19,365 ^{73*}
Savana 1/2 Cargo Van	6521Y	\$19,559 ^{83*}	\$18,559 ^{83*}
Savana 1 Ton Cargo Van	6759Y	\$21,458 ^{37*}	\$20,458 ^{37*}



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Step one, make sure you select the right contractor

Perhaps the most important step in replacing or upgrading your home's comfort system is choosing the right company to do the job.

A good contractor can help you make the right choices and give you the best value for your money.

Choosing a reliable contractor is more important than the brand of equipment because no matter how well-made a furnace is or who manufactures it, the comfort, reliability and energy-efficiency that furnace provides is still in the hands of the company doing the installing.

If you know a good heating contractor, that is an excellent place to start. If you don't, ask your friends or neighbors for recommendations. Remember: What they charge is less important than what kind of a job they do, how honest they are and how they treat their customers.

Some prefer to get several estimates. That isn't a bad idea, as long as you don't consider lowest price the main reason for selecting a contractor. What should you look for?

- Avoid any company offering to give you an estimate without coming out and looking at the job.
- A good company will supply you a written proposal clearly outlining the work to be done and the agreed-on price.
- A reliable contractor will usually provide more than one furnace choice. Know the costs, quality and savings of the furnace or air conditioner you're buying.
- An estimator for a reliable company should ask about heating and cooling problems experienced with your old equipment, then offer understandable solutions.

• A good company will usually have a financing plan available.

• Most reliable contractors offer extended service agreements which include maintenance inspections.

• A well-trained, up-to-date contractor won't try to discourage you from purchasing high-efficiency equipment. If he does, get a second opinion.

• A good contractor is professional. Their people are prompt, they meet appointments, they are courteous, neat and well groomed. This neatness should be reflected in their vehicles and offices and installations.

• They should have an office/shop facility and not be ashamed to have you visit it.

• Many less qualified companies don't provide employees proper training. Rather than keep current with the latest technology, some discourage selling new designs.

Demand quality! What about price? For us to tell you what a high-efficiency furnace or air conditioner installation should cost would be misleading. Pricing is determined by several factors including: the added costs of correcting venting or duct work problems, difficulty in installing the furnace in the selected location, code, licensing or inspection requirements, local labor costs, the quality of the job, etc.

Better companies usually charge more, but offer greater value. While one price may look better on paper, the most important consideration is your satisfaction with the end result. Did you get what you paid for?

Reliable companies, those meeting the requirements above, are interested in keeping you as their

long-term customer. They want to maintain their fine reputation, so the price offered will usually be reasonable. If you have any questions, ask another company for a quote, then choose the best value.

Ask these questions

What should you ask a contractor? Here's a start:

- Are you licensed?
- Are your technicians CFC certified?
- Any technician working with refrigerant needs to have a certification mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency showing that he is certified in the proper techniques for recovering, recycling, reclaiming and disposing of used refrigerant. Ask to see a copy of the certification card. It needs to say EPA-approved program.
- Do you carry the proper business and workmen's compensation insurance to do the work?
- Do you have the ability to perform warranty service throughout the warranty period?
- Some contractors only install, they won't service the equipment.
- Will you please provide references?
- When the HVACR contractor arrives, ask:
- Is he in a clearly identified company vehicle?
- Does he respect the consumers property?
- Are necessary permits included?
- Is the contractor a member of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) NWHCDA?

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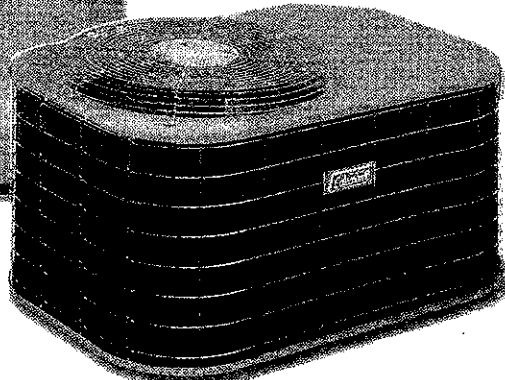
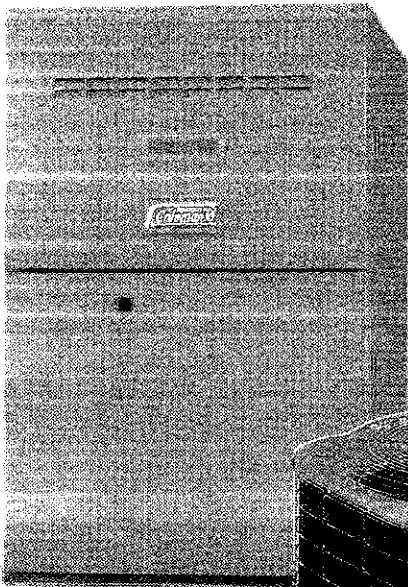
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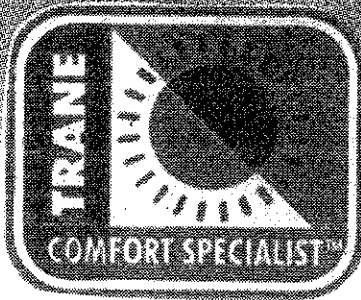
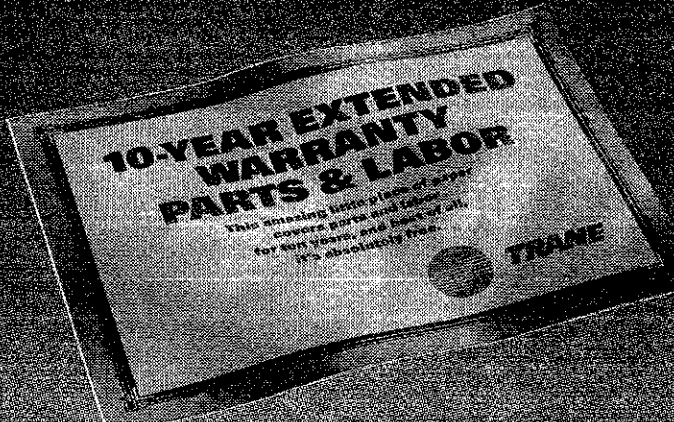
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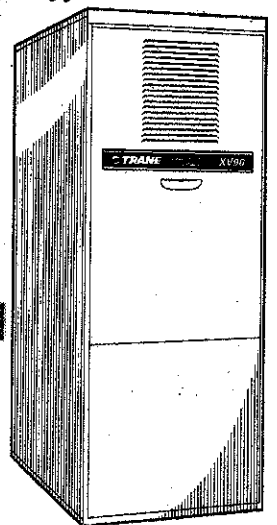
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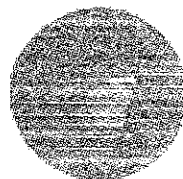
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Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Questions & Answers about the "Silent Killer"

Carbon Monoxide Facts

What is carbon monoxide (CO)?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is odorless, colorless, deadly gas that is a product of incomplete combustion. When CO is introduced into a human's bloodstream through the lungs, it is accepted in place of oxygen at a rate of 300:1 and literally suffocates its victims. Because you can't smell, taste or see it, CO can kill you before you know it's there.

Who is at risk?

Everyone is at risk. CO poisoning can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Pregnant women, infants, senior citizens and people with respiratory or coronary problems are considered to be at greatest risk.

What to do if you suspect CO poisoning:

Get fresh air immediately! Acting quickly will save lives. Open windows and doors. Turn off the fuel (gas, oil, propane, etc.) to any appliances, such as furnace, water heater, range, etc. Call 911 if anyone is seriously ill. Call an ACCA professional contractor to check for the source of the carbon monoxide.

What's a proper test for CO?

A properly trained ACCA contractor's technician uses a sophisticated gas analyzer instrument designed to register carbon monoxide at very low concentrations.

Is your home safe?

- The chimney is cleaned each fall, especially if a fireplace or wood-burning stove is used.
- All heating appliances are properly maintained and checked for broken heat exchangers and proper combustion.
- The chimney is checked each fall for bird's nests or other blockages.
- Water heaters which are connected to the chimney are checked for proper combustion and proper venting.
- Stoves, ovens and ranges are checked for proper flames (blue in color - not yellow which represents poor combustion)

• Carbon monoxide detectors are installed on every floor and checked for proper operation. This may require changing the reactor element and/or the battery.

What are possible sources of CO in the home?

- Improperly vented or installed gas, oil or propane furnaces and water heaters
- Kitchen ranges and ovens
- Wood stove
- Barbecue grills
- Gas dryers
- Fireplaces
- Space heaters
- Cigarette smoke
- Power lawnmowers
- Automobiles running in attached garages or near living spaces
- Damaged or corroded appliances
- Manfunctioning equipment or parts
- Poor ventilation or blocked exhaust draft hoods or vents

Do I need an annual heating tune-up, if I have a CO detector?

Yes, one does not replace the other. A tune-up helps to prevent CO problems in the first place.

A CO detector will sound the alarm if the level of CO reaches 100 parts per million (ppm) but the acceptable limit for health effects of CO is only around 10 ppm. You could have a serious problem before the CO detector lets you know.

A heating tune-up assures that your furnace or boiler is operating safely and efficiently. Your furnace may be producing CO, but vented properly, and you would be unaware of the danger. If that furnace develops a crack in the heat exchanger, that CO could leak into your home. Your safety controls may also be malfunctioning without your knowledge.

An annual heating tune-up by a qualified ACCA contractor's technician finds minor problems before they become major repairs.

How can you protect your family?

- Schedule an annual tune-up and CO analysis on your heating system

by a professional ACCA contractor. They will have the proper instruments for detecting CO.

- Install a carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home.
- Do not use ovens and gas ranges for heating purposes.
- Make sure your furnace has an adequate supply of combustion (outside) air.
- Do not operate gasoline engines (car or lawnmower) in confined areas such as your garage or basement.

Health Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Feeling ill or tired at home or upon leaving home

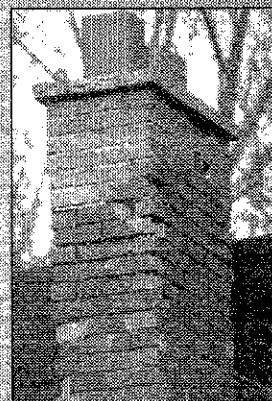
- Dizziness, blurred vision, nausea
- Chest pain when exercising
- Persistent, severe headaches
- Impaired perception and thinking
- Slowed reflexes
- Fainting, loss of muscle control
- Fatigue or drowsiness
- Waking up without feeling rested

Carbon Monoxide Clues

- No chimney draft or hot chimney draft back into house
- Smell of exhaust fumes
- Soot around outside of chimney furnace or fireplace
- Very high humidity, often resulting as moisture on windows
- Stale, foul-smelling air throughout the house

Do You Have a Healthy Chimney

At least one third of all chimneys are in trouble! As a result of a shift to higher efficiency natural gas heating appliances, some chimneys show tell-tale signs. Loose mortar, damp spots, and exterior deterioration. Acids and moisture work out of sight, doing interior damage that can lead to carbon monoxide leaks and a life threatening chimney.



Chimney liners prevent deterioration of chimney flues and ensure proper venting of combustible products that could condense into damaging moisture and acid in oversized chimneys. Most chimney problems can be corrected with the proper installation of a chimney liner. A chimney liner is an acid resistant one piece flexible liner that, once installed, discourages condensation and creosote build up, the two major causes of chimney hazards.

What to Look For

(Keep Your Chimney Healthy)

- Damp spots on side wall or near the chimney
- Water running out of, or debris, at the chimney base
- White powder or stains on the outside bricks of the chimney
- Broken tiles or stains on the outside bricks of the chimney
- Missing bricks or loose mortar from the top of the roof line
- Irregular "rumbling" sounds on furnace start up



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Safeguards

Mechanical permits serve to protect your family's safety

Whenever a furnace is installed a permit is required for the homeowner's safety and well-being.

This process is necessary for two reasons: to assure that the contractor is qualified to install the equipment you have selected, and once the equipment is installed, that it has been inspected and is in compliance with the current Mechanical Code rules and regulations for proper

installation of mechanical equipment.

Mechanical inspectors ensure that contractors are properly licensed in this jurisdiction and that they obtain the permits for regulated work that requires permits.

"Local mechanical contractors must be licensed by the state of Michigan and registered with the city."

In order for that contractor to operate legally, he must carry his annual contractor's license with him. Homeowners will want to see a copy of the license or ask for the license number before deciding on the contractor who will install their air conditioner or furnace.

"A permit must be obtained prior to commencing any mechanical work. If his license doesn't cover

what he's trying to install, he won't be issued a permit."

Once installation is complete or prior to any work being concealed, the contractor is responsible to call for inspection on the equipment.

The permit process is one that has been instituted for one purpose - to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public. It's a matter of peace of mind.

Zoning makes each room comfortable

Enjoy comfort in each of your rooms with zoning.

At last you have an option. With zoning you can effectively move hot and cool air to the rooms you want when you want it.

Zoning uses your existing duct system so you do not have to install a separate system. By installing a mechanical damper into the ductwork

that goes into individual rooms or levels, you can control the airflow.

Each damper is controlled by a separate thermostat so you can maintain exact comfort and temperature level into the desired areas of the home.

In addition to the added comfort zoning gives you, it also saves you money and conserves energy. Because you can set the thermostat in each

zone, the areas you are not using can be maintained at a more economical setting. For example, in the evening when you go to sleep, you could have the upper level set at a comfortable 72 degrees and the lower level can be set at a more economical temperature of 65 degrees. This will save energy and save you money. In the daytime, just reverse the settings.

In many cases, homeowners expe-

rience dramatic changes in comfort from one part of their house to another.

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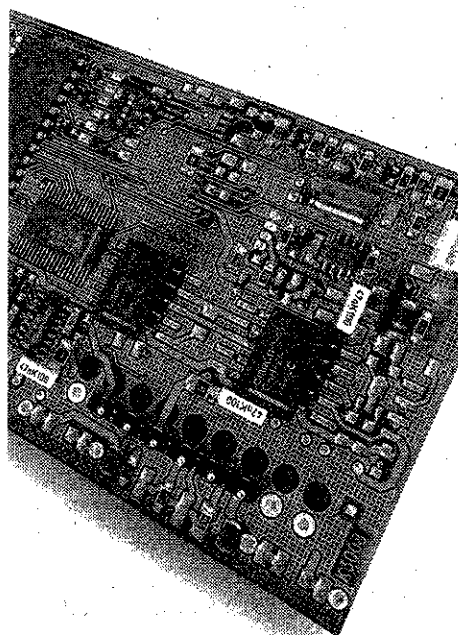
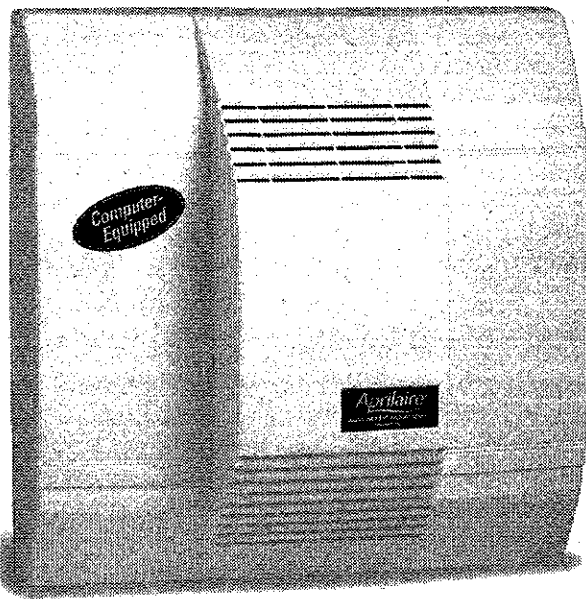
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Questions about the ACCA, NWHCDA

What is the ACCA?

The Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) is a non-profit trade association of service to the independent heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) contractors.

Since its onset in the 1960s, ACCA objectives have been to promote and protect the interest and welfare of the HVACR industry, its members and the public which it serves.

In doing so, its members maintain the highest ethical standards of selling, advertising, pricing, installation and service, guided by the principles of honesty and integrity. While competing in our free enterprise system, the members of ACCA share certain goals and aspirations designed to improve the quality of service provided to the American people.

ACCA and its members work with the Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state and local agencies on formulating energy programs and policies.

ACCA and its members stay in touch with the local utility compa-

nies on issues that affect the consumer.

ACCA and its members work with local and state agencies concerned with licensing and inspections to maintain consumer safety and satisfaction.

ACCA and its members participate in a program designed to rapidly locate defective products introduced to the marketplace so corrective action may be taken without delay to avoid cost and inconvenience to the consumer.

ACCA furnishes to its members a technical and management library unequalled in the HVACR industry.

ACCA and its members work with local and state educational organizations in an effort to ensure a steady influx of trained people in order to provide consumers with the quality service they deserve.

ACCA members are dedicated to:

- Instilling the highest respect for their profession within their community.
- Complying with all local codes and regulations.
- Upholding the highest ethical

standards in selling, installing, and servicing heating and cooling equipment.

- Yielding an excellent policy of consumer relations and upholding the policies and warranties of the manufacturer.

- Carrying the proper liability and workmen's compensation insurance to avoid risk to the consumer.

- Supporting energy conservation efforts through federal, state, and local agencies.

- Contributing to consumer education through agencies such as local consumer affairs offices.

- Maintaining the proper state and local licenses for the consumer's protection.

What is NWHCDA?

Locally in the metro Detroit area, the ACCA chapter is called the Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association. There is also a state chapter called Michigan ACCA (MI ACCA).

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Frequently Asked Questions About A/C Covers

Why should I cover my air conditioner?

1. To avoid costly repairs caused by falling debris such as sticks and leaves that can cause blockage in the fans and coils.
2. To aid in preventing the fan blades from freezing up.
3. To help protect the cabinet from rust and extend the life and appearance of the air conditioning unit.
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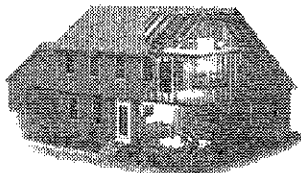
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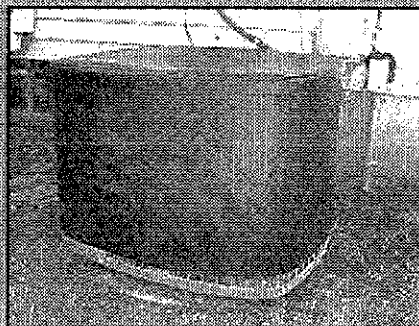
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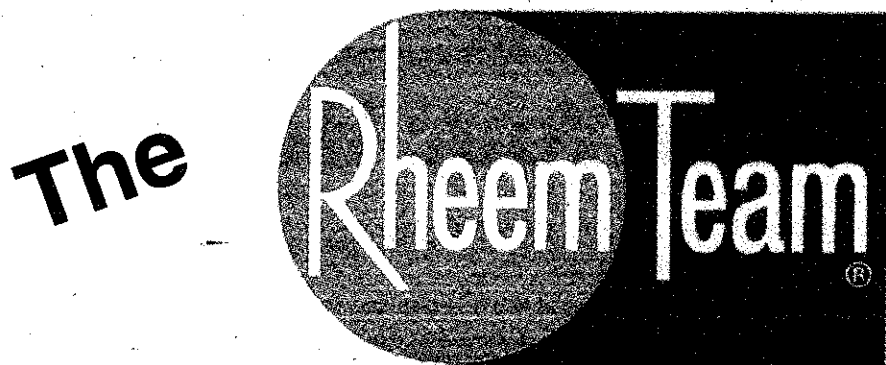
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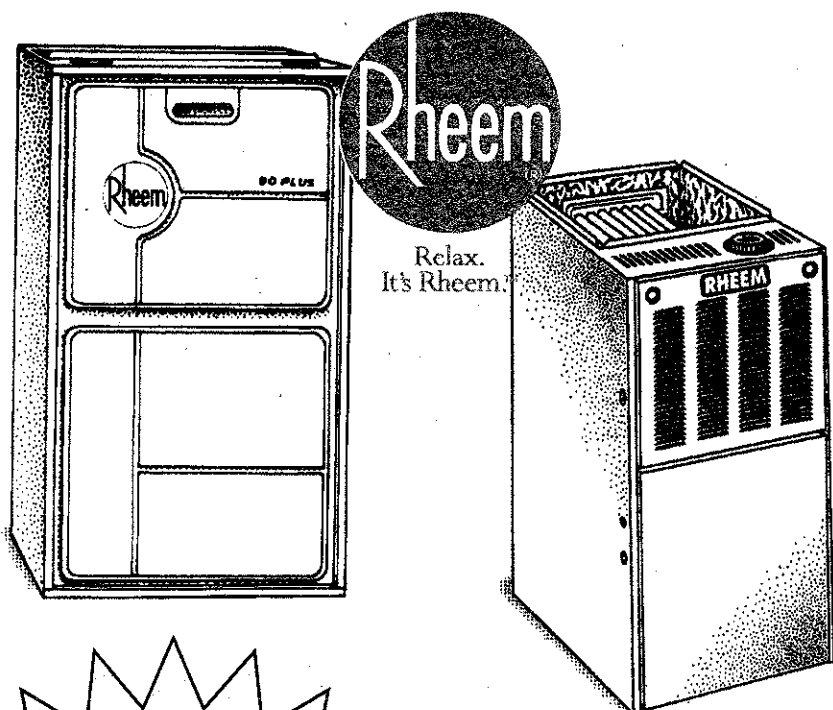
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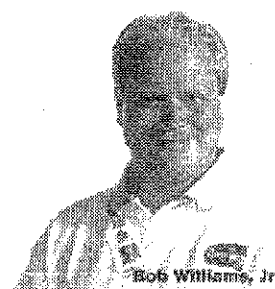
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Six Symptoms Show Your House Is Thirsty

If your house could talk, it might be crying for water. During the winter heating season, dry indoor air can suck enough moisture from floors and furniture, paneling and pianos to do permanent damage.

If your home is showing any of the following signs, it's a good bet your house needs added humidity:

- Splits or cracks in woodwork or walls.
- Wooden doors that show gaps, or that no longer fit tightly.
- Gaps between the boards in hardwood floors.
- Widening joints in cabinets or wooden paneling.
- Loose or wobbly chair legs and arms.
- Pianos that don't stay in tune.

What causes all this damage? Wood shrinkage. The wood structure of a typical new 2,100 square-foot home contains an astounding 635 gallons of water. As long as the indoor humidity level stays around 35 percent, the moisture content of the wood remains pretty much constant.

However, during the heating season the relative humidity of a home's indoor air may plummet to 13 percent or less. That's drier than Death Valley.

That super-dry air steals moisture wherever it can find it - from walls, floors, furniture. And, as wood loses moisture, some species may shrink more than seven percent, according to the U.S. Forest Products Laboratory.

Dry Indoor Air Is One of Winter's Avoidable Discomforts

Don't blame the cold for all of the discomforts you feel when winter weather hits. Dry air is the real cause of many winter's minor irritations.

People blame cold weather for everything from rough, itchy skin and frizzy hair to mild nosebleeds. But the real culprit in many cases is super-dry indoor air that steals the moisture from everything it touches.

The good news is that there are things you can do to prevent or minimize some of these uncomfortable conditions.

- Use moisturizing ointments immediately after bathing to lock moisture in, paying special attention to problem areas on hands, face, knees, elbows and feet.

- Avoid long, hot showers. They may warm you after a cold day, but they also dry your skin.

- Install a whole house humidifier to keep indoor relative humidity in the comfort zone. Most experts, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recommend maintaining relative humidity in your home between 35 and 45 percent in the winter.

Relative humidity is the percentage of moisture in the air compared to its maximum capability to hold moisture under the same conditions. 70 degree air can hold more than 12 times as much moisture

Please see **SYMPTOMS**, 17

What Happens When The Air Is Too Dry?

• You Feel Colder

Since dry air causes moisture to evaporate from your skin at a higher than normal rate, you feel uncomfortably cool even in a home heated to 75 degrees.

• Higher Energy Costs

It's well known that excessive dryness aggravates upper respiratory ailments. Allergies, sinus problems, even skin irritations can worsen by a lack of proper humidity.

• Damage To Your Home and Furnishings

Dry heated air is like a sponge searching for water, drawing moisture from your furniture, plaster, woodwork, paneling, fabrics, carpets, and musical instruments. It all adds up to accelerated wear of everything in your home.

• Heat Loss

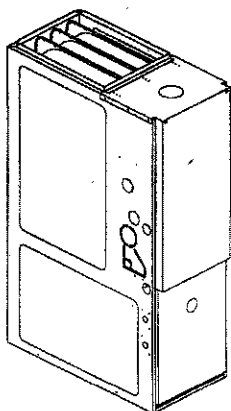
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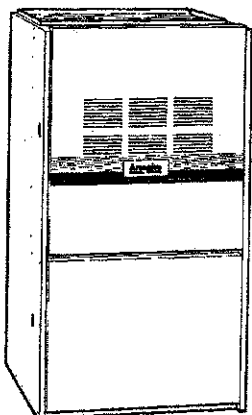
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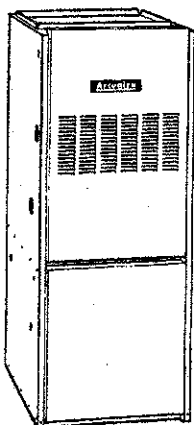
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ACCA explains its code of ethics

Code of Ethics

Members of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America agree to abide by and conform to the following code of professional conduct:

Instill the highest respect for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) contracting profession within their communities.

- Maintain strict compliance with all laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the HVACR industry and business operations prescribed by federal, state, county and municipal governments.

- Design, install, service and repair heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems in accordance with accepted industry standards.

- Develop and maintain an understanding of proper equipment selection to assure customers of safe, dependable and comfortable performance.

- Ensure that quality, honesty, integrity and good faith are hallmarks of contractors' business practices, including individual contractor sales, advertising, installations and service of HVACR systems.

- Maintain a clean, safe, respectable and well-identified place of business commensurate with the high standards of the profession.

- Increase the safety and efficiency of the HVACR contracting industry by participating in the education and training programs of ACCA.

- Develop the highest quality standards of customer service and nurture long-term relationships with customers.

- Encourage and support business development in which skilled and professional HVACR contractors are empowered to provide high-level services to consumers and end-users.

- Refrain from engaging in any activity defined as cross-subsidization.



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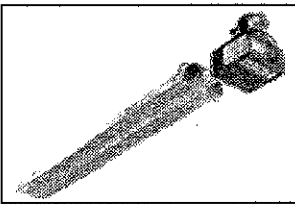
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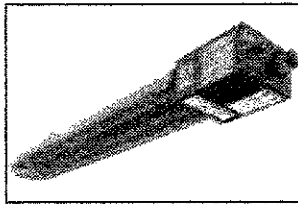
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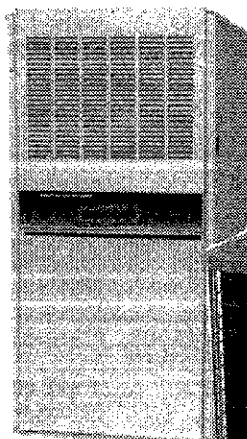


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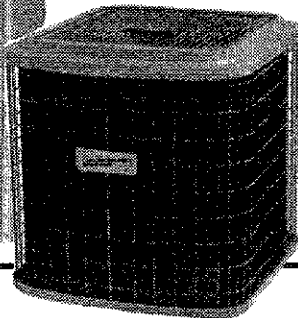
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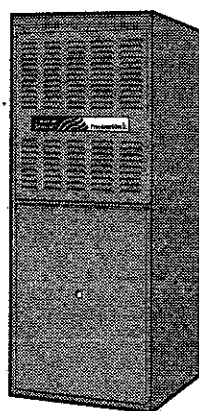
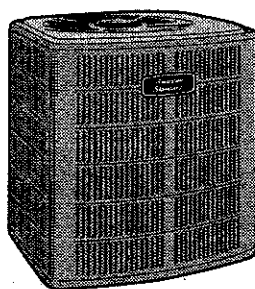
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Cool jobs available in climate control

The heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) industry manages indoor environments.

It is an industry that our society depends on year-around. The HVACR industry is a \$150 billion a year business and employs many people. More and more skilled people are needed to fill the increasing demand. The industry works on issues that affect our environment such as indoor air quality and protecting the earth's ozone layer through refrigerant recovery.

Everyone depends on the HVACR industry:

- People depend on air conditioning and heating to keep comfortable.
- Electronic and computer manufacturers need cool, clean, and very dry air for their products.
- Hospitals, day care centers and community centers depend on HVACR equipment to maintain comfortable temperatures and good air quality.
- Research labs, medical manufacturers and food preparation companies need HVACR equipment to

ensure that their products are pure and safe.

- Farmers, livestock shippers, and fruit growers rely on refrigerated trucks, warehouses, and display cases to keep their products fresh.

- Printers use high-speed, multi-color printing equipment that requires strict humidity control to ensure product quality. To get started in the field, you should enroll in the following courses in high school or trade schools:

- Applications
- CAD-Computer-Aided Design
- Air Conditioning
- Math - algebra and geometry
- Sheet metal
- Electricity/electronics
- Mechanical drawing
- Blueprint reading

After graduation from high school, you can get additional training at a local community trade school or at a university. Look for two-year associate programs or colleges and universities with high rates of job placement. Often they can find jobs for 100 percent of their HVACR graduates with four-year degrees with average starting salaries from

\$30,000 to \$50,000, depending on the applicant's experience and job location. Universities like Ferris State report there are 25 jobs available for each HVACR graduate.

Another direction can be to participate in an apprenticeship program. Apprentices gain hands-on skills by working in the field, earn money, and learn at the same time. Northwest Heating and Cooling Dealers Association endorses an HVACR apprenticeship program in the Detroit metro area. For more information call (248) 544-1965.

Once in the HVACR industry, jobs available include:

- Sales and marketing specialists who sell and market heating and air conditioning systems to small and large businesses and to homeowners. Technical know-how is a plus.
- CAD designers who design heating and air conditioning systems for today's "smart" office buildings and homes.
- Service technicians who install new units, service broken ones, and maintain existing units.
- Manufacturers who research, design, test and manufacture heating and cooling systems that deliver the maximum comfort for the lowest cost.
- Project engineers who supervise

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multiple crews and work at different job sites. The engineer must schedule the right people, have the correct supplies on site and communicate each day's objectives to the site staff.

- Quality control engineers who ensure that HVACR products work to specification. As products come off the line, these engineers test, locate, and correct any production defects before the appliance reaches the consumer.

This is a profession and new jobs are predicted to increase through this century. Average first year salaries (as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics) are:

- HVACR professionals, \$29,500*
- Lawyer (public sector), \$29,200
- Travel agent, \$21,300
- Secretary, \$19,100
- Cosmetologist, \$14,800

*With a two-year degree (Source, in part, the Air Conditioning Contractors of America).


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out delay to avoid cost and inconvenience to the consumer.

NWHCDA and its members work with local and state educational organizations in an effort to insure a steady influx of trained people in order to provide the consumer with the quality service they deserve.

NWHCDA sponsors a four-year federally-approved apprenticeship program to train new technicians for the HVACR industry.

NWHCDA supports, through legislation and regulation, an effort to prohibit cross subsidization by the utilities.



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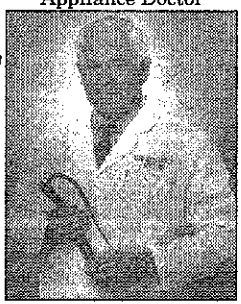
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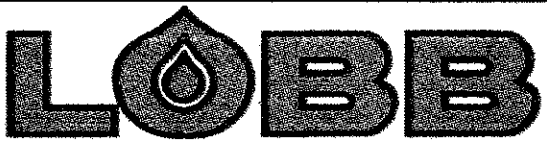


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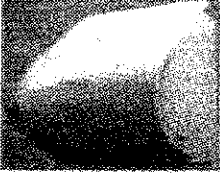
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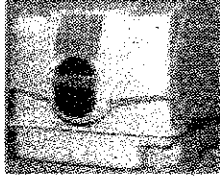


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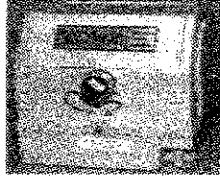
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Michigan ACCA ProKare Service Agreements Outperform Utilities

Participating professional contractor members of the Michigan Chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (MI-ACCA) have a unique service agreement plan that protects homeowners from unexpected service expenses on their home heating and cooling systems, hot water heaters, and even accessories such as humidifiers and air cleaners. The ProKare service agreement program includes covered repairs that are excluded on the typical service plans offered by utility companies such as Consumers Energy, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, and Detroit Edison. Typical utility plans exclude steam boilers, circulator pumps, heat exchangers, zone valves, humidifiers, electronic air cleaners, motorized vent dampers, motorized zone dampers as well as numerous other items. One utility's plan had so many conflicting inclusions and exclusions that an Ingham County judge found the utility had violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act because their plan included "calculated ambiguities" and the judge ordered Consumers Energy to cease their deceptive practice and change their agreements. The judge also ordered Consumers Energy to settle all complaints from homeowners regarding any ambiguous language contained in their plan in the favor of the homeowner. It was professional HVAC contractors who brought the charges against Consumers Energy and their home heating service plan.

Contractors are quick to point out that most utility plans exclude any coverage whatsoever for some of the most important components of heating and cooling units. In an air conditioning system, the most significant components of the refrigeration cycle are the compressor, condenser

coil, expansion device and evaporator coil. For furnace and boilers, the heat exchanger or boiler sections are the single most expensive components which can fail, yet typical utility plans exclude these items outright. (See the accompanying chart of comparisons between ACCA participating contractor ProKare agreements, and those of typical utilities.)

With a ProKare service agreement available from a participating professional ACCA heating contractor, these items are covered up to the maximum coverage of \$400 per occurrence and \$750 annual cost per unit. Items covered under the ProKare service agreement include all unit components as originally shipped by the product manufacturer. This means that heat exchangers, compressors and other major system components within the unit cabinetry or installed as a integral part of the unit such as the circulator pump for a hot water boiler, are covered under the ProKare service agreement. Water heaters and system accessories such as humidifiers and electronic air cleaners are also eligible for coverage by a ProKare service agreement.

One of the most valuable features of ProKare service agreements is the ability to apply the maximum annual allowance of \$750 per furnace or boiler, or per air conditioner, or even a \$300 maximum allowance per water heater toward the purchase of replacement equipment. For example, if your boiler cracks or furnace heat exchanger cracks, and there is not an in-warranty or out-of-warranty replacement available, typical utility plans would not cover any expense toward these major repairs. However, with the ProKare service agreement, you would receive \$750 toward the purchase of a replacement unit through your

SERVICE PLAN COMPARISON		
Available Coverage:	ProKare Agreement	Typical Utility Plan
Boiler Sections*	YES	NO
Expansion Tank	YES	NO
Circulator Pump	YES	NO
Sight Glass	YES	NO
Zone Valves	YES	NO
Furnace Heat Exchanger*	YES	NO
Vent Damper	YES	NO
Humidifier	YES	NO
Electronic Air Cleaner	YES	NO
Programmable Thermostat*	YES	NO
Air Conditioner Compressor*	YES	NO
Condensing Coil	YES	NO
Evaporator Coil	YES	NO
Expansion Valve	YES	NO
Water Heater Tank Leak*	YES	NO

*ACCA Contractors with ProKare want you to compare. On items such as Furnace Heat Exchangers, Boiler Sections, and even your Hot Water Tank, you will receive up to \$300 to \$750 toward purchase of a new unit from your ProKare Dealer! See one of our ProKare plans for complete details. You won't get that level of service from a typical utility!

participating ProKare dealer. Likewise, if a covered water heater ruptures, you would receive a \$300 allowance toward the purchase of a replacement water heater from your participating ProKare dealer.

Another unique feature of the ProKare service agreement is that it is available for all qualifying units regardless of age. As long as your ACCA service professional has inspected the system and certifies that it is in proper operating condition, it qualifies for coverage.

Homeowners don't have to invest in the annual cost of the ProKare service agreement all at once either. There is a monthly payment option for twelve equal payments, or another

option of opening an ACCA revolving charge account for your ProKare service agreement or any other services offered by your qualified ACCA professional contractor. By opening an ACCA revolving charge account, qualified homeowners have a pre-approved line of credit which can be used to purchase new equipment installations, service repairs, service agreements, and any product or service offered by your selected participating professional ACCA contractor.

Call your participating ACCA contractor today for an application for a ProKare service agreement and to open your ACCA revolving charge account.

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as 10 degree air. Outside air at 10 degrees and 70 percent relative humidity drops to 7 percent relative humidity when heated to normal room temperature without other internal sources of moisture, such as cooking, laundry, showers, etc. That's only a fraction of the humidity recommended for the average heat-

ed home, and it's this 'desert dryness' that makes you feel uncomfortable and takes moisture from your home, furnishings - even you and your family. The recommended indoor relative humidity is 35% and up to 45% in warmer climates or where special construction prevails - and not all humidifiers have the capacity to reach these

levels. Doctors often times have mentioned dry air as one of the causes for nose, throat, and other physical aggravations. Heated air dries out and shrinks wood framing around doors and window frames. Gaps occur, permitting cold outside air infiltration. Heat loss

and higher heating costs are often the result. Heated, parched air causes separation of wood in floors, trim and furniture. . .excessive wear of fabrics and carpets. . .loss of piano tone quality. . .wall and ceiling cracks. . .plant damage and annoying static shocks are also a by-product of dry air.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

How To Choose the Right Heating System

Choosing the right furnace can be as challenging as buying a new car. When shopping for a new heating system, there are certain things you should be aware of that will help you save money and ensure worry-free operation.

When shopping for a new car, reliability is a key factor, because it determines how well and how long it will run. A furnace is really no different. Purchasing a quality furnace can save you headaches and money down the road.

In addition, many manufacturers back their products with 20-year or more limited warranties on heat exchanges, with optional extended warranties available for part and labor.

Here are some things to look for when buying a furnace:

Efficiency

A furnace's efficiency rating, or AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) tells you how efficiently the furnace uses fuel (gas or oil). In general, the higher the efficiency, the less fuel it will use to heat your home. The minimum rating is 78 percent and some furnaces are rated as high as 96 percent.

Usually a higher-efficiency furnace is a bit more expensive than other units. However, if you live in a cold climate, you may recover your investment in a high-efficiency furnace back in lower utility bills. Of course, after the payback, you continue to save on your energy bills for the life of a system.

Variable-Speed Furnaces

Some furnaces can make you more comfortable. For example, variable-speed furnaces can run on low speed up to 90 percent of the time, and operate very quietly.

Variable-speed furnaces run on low speed most of the time, switching to high speed during the coldest times of the year. This can mean dramatic energy savings and a quieter heating system.

Your local heating and air conditioning dealer is the most reliable source for information on furnaces.

Appliances	Fuel	Typical Potential Problems
Central Furnaces Room Heaters Fireplaces	Natural or Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Cracked heat exchanger; Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective/blocked flue; Maladjusted burner
Central Furnaces	Oil	Cracked heat exchanger; Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective/blocked flue; Maladjusted burner
Central Heaters	Wood	Cracked heat exchanger; Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective/blocked flue; Green or treated wood
Central Furnaces Stoves	Coal	Cracked heat exchanger; Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective grate
Room Heaters Central Heaters	Kerosene	Improper adjustment; Wrong fuel (not-K-1); Wrong wick or wick height; Not enough air to burn fuel properly
Water Heaters	Natural or Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective/blocked flue; Maladjusted burner
Ranges; Ovens	Natural or Liquefied Petroleum Gas	Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Maladjusted burner; Misuse as a room heater
Stoves; Fireplaces	Wood Coal	Not enough air to burn fuel properly; Defective/blocked flue; Green or treated wood; Cracked heat exchanger or firebox

Residential IAQ Standards Now Open for Public Review

ATLANTA, GA – The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) announced that the proposed residential indoor air quality (IAQ) standard is now open for public review.

Proposed Standard 62.2P "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings," recommends whole-house mechanical ventilation systems for all residential buildings of three or fewer stories.

Also up for review are four addenda to the ASHRAE 62-1999 IAQ standard, "Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality," which sets minimum ventilation rates and other requirements for commercial and institutional buildings:

- Addendum o provides design guidance for controlling odor in indoor spaces where smoking occurs;
- Addendum 62t clarifies requirements related to condensate management, including drain pan design, carryover from cooling coils, and access for inspection and cleaning;
- Addendum 62u relates to the control of ventilation systems, specifically system controls to ensure adequate ventilation whenever buildings are occupied and under any load conditions; and
- Addendum 62y classifies air with respect to contaminant and odor intensity and limits the recirculation of lower-quality air into spaces that contain air of higher quality.

The public review, which began August 11, will end on October 10. Drafts of proposed standards are available only during their public review periods. To obtain electronic draft version of standard 62.2P during the comment period, log on to ASHRAE Online at www.ashrae.org/STANDARDS/pub-revdr.htm.

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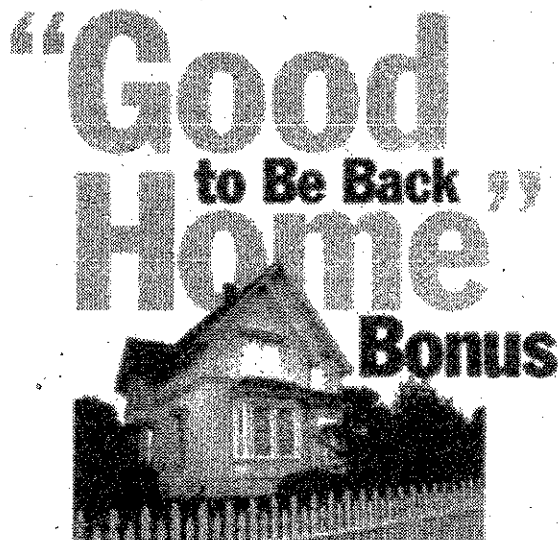
So how do you know if you are going to get a good job? How do you know what to look for? Here are some ideas:

1. **Be sensible about the price you are quoted.** If you are given three bids of: \$600, \$500, and \$125, you need to be alert. It's highly unlikely you will get the same job at \$125 that you will get at \$600 or \$500.
2. **Listen to the contractor giving you the price.** Does he sound like he knows what he's doing? How long has he been in business? Does he seem straightforward or evasive?
3. **On larger jobs you should have a written estimate.** It should tell you the details of the work. Compare estimates. See if each company is providing the same service. Don't be baffled or fooled by technical words. Ask what they mean so you can understand the service being offered.
4. **Ask for references.** This is an old tried and true method. Not a complete guarantee you'll get a good company, but almost. Even a young company should have satisfied customers to refer you to. If a duct cleaning business has a broad list of well known clients, you probably have a winner.
5. **If the company a National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) member?** That helps. That means they have a desire to keep up with the industry and take a professional attitude about their work.
6. **When you get the work done, take notice of what they do.** You don't have to crawl in the attic with them, but keep an eye out. Use common sense. If a worker spends three minutes on the roof with the air conditioning unit and declares it "clean"... I don't think so. On the other hand, you can usually tell when people are working hard to do a decent job. Workmen moving about diligently, popping off registers or crawling ducts and getting things done - that's a good sign.
7. **Equipment used.** Small inexpensive equipment denotes inexperience and lack of long term commitment.

Using these guidelines, a duct cleaning consumer has a decent chance at finding a quality company at a fair price and avoiding the grim discovery of finding he paid for nothing.

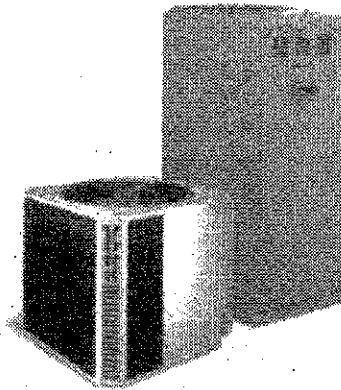
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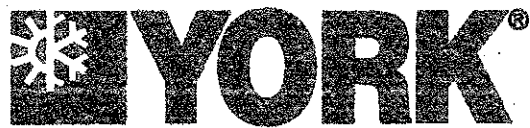
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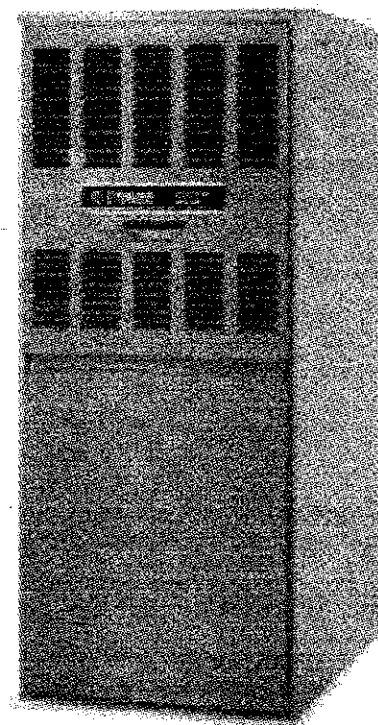
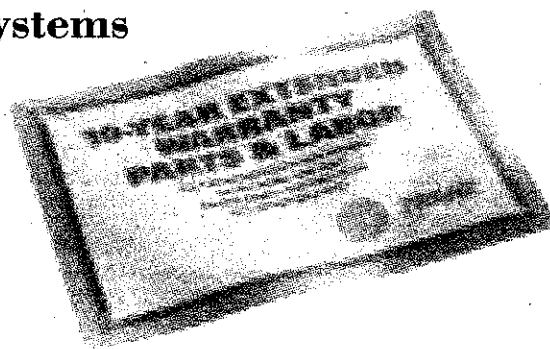
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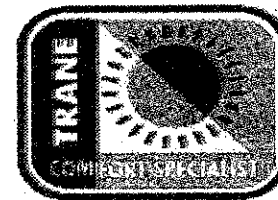
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Filters for Cleaner, Healthier Indoor Air

Central system air filters and air cleaners are installed "upstream" of your forced-air heating and air conditioning equipment. They are categorized into several groups:

Basic furnace dust-stop filters, which come with most heating and cooling units,

Media air filters, which use a rather porous media typically formed into pleats,

Self-charging media filters, which use the static-electricity-generating properties of plastic fibers such as polystyrene,

Charged media filters, which use an external direct dc voltage source, and

Electronic air cleaners, which use the elegant principle of two-stage electrostatic precipitation.

Portable room air cleaners are used as a supplement to central air cleaning or when central air cleaning isn't possible.

Throw-Away Fiber Glass Filters

Virtually all manufacturers of heating and cooling equipment include with their units a throw-away fiber glass filter, whose media is usually fiber glass or open-cell foam. For about 90% of the equipment sold, this is the only filter that ever gets installed.

That's really too bad, considering that throw-away fiber glass filters operate at an efficiency of only about 2% to 3% (initial dust spot) or 70% (bulk dirt), which does next to nothing for cleaning the air. Practically speaking, these filters only protect the blower compartment from large dust particles, or "bulk dust," that can clog the equipment before the warranty runs out.

Media Air Filters

These filters are made from media (paper or fiber "fabric") stretched across a plastic or metal frame. Usually the media is arranged in pleats—a zigzag pattern that increases surface area devoted to collecting particles.

Although they appear solid to the naked eye, media filters are actually quite porous when viewed under a magnifying glass. The fibers criss-cross to form an overlapping pattern, with plenty of tiny spaces for air (and small particles) to pass right through.

Media filters clean the air in three ways: by straining, by impaction (interception), and by diffusion.

Larger particles are strained out of the air, similar to the way "particles" of cooked pasta are strained when poured into a colander. The pasta (particles) are too large to fit through the holes in the colander; the water (air) passes through easily.

Smaller particles are able to pass through the same microscopic holes that allow air through. During their quick journey through the filter fibers, however, these small particles are jostled by random collisions with air molecules, which causes diffusion. This diffusion causes many particles that would otherwise pass through the filter to collide with and stick to the fibers in the process of impaction.

Self-Charging Media Filters

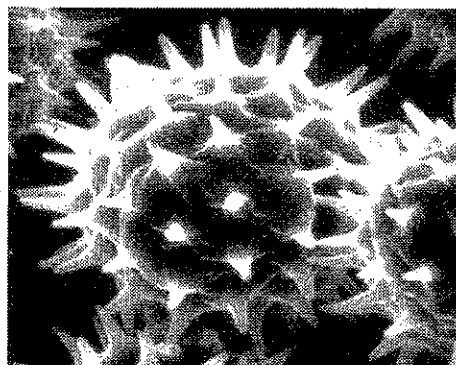
Self-charging media filters rely on straining, impaction, and static electricity to clean the air. The media consists of plastic fibers that are excellent electrical insulators, such as polystyrene and polypropylene.

One of the properties of polystyrene is its ability to create static electricity as air moves quickly through the filter. You've seen how those styrofoam "packing peanuts" cling to anything in their path. Moving air leaves random charges, and the effect is similar to the electrostatic charge that builds up on your body as you shuffle across the carpet in winter, then discharges when you touch a doorknob.

In theory, this electrostatic field polarizes dirty air particles, causing more of them to stick to the medium. In practice, self-charging media filters are only marginally better than performers than throw-away fiber glass filters of the same density. The strength of the electrostatic field is insufficient to polarize most particles, and the polystyrene media is too thin for effective straining and impaction. Moist air also reduces the static charge.

Charged Media Filters

Charged media filters also rely on straining, impaction, and static electricity to collect particles. Unlike their self-charging cousins, however, charged media filters use an external, direct current (dc) voltage source to generate the electrostatic field. Charged media filters are made of fiberglass or cellulose fibers, which can pick up an electrostatic field when a high dc voltage is applied.



Pollen

4200X magnification
size range 8-100 microns

Like plant spores, pollen is everywhere at certain times of the year. Its presence inside a home causes allergy sufferers numerous miseries, such as watery eyes, irritated sinuses, and sore, runny noses.



Dust Mites

320X magnification
size range 30-60 microns

Greedy devourers of skin flakes, dust mites live out their entire reproductive lives in your carpets and mattresses, leaving behind a trail of droppings, carcasses, and more dust mites. Not surprisingly, breathing these particles into your nose and lungs can cause an allergic reaction.

Electronic Air Cleaners

Electronic air cleaners operate from a principle everyone learns early in life—that opposites attract. In scientific jargon, electronic air cleaners are "two-stage electrostatic precipitators." In the first stage, dust particles enter the charging section of the electronic air cleaner and pass between high-voltage ionizing wires. Charge to 8000 volts, these ionizing wires rip electrons from any particle in the vicinity. Particles leave this section carrying an intense positive or negative charge.

In the second stage, these charged particles enter the collection section and encounter a series of collector plates. Positively and negatively charged collector plates shove the particles toward oppositely-charged collector plates, while those same plates exert a nearly irresistible tug on the particles. The dirty air particles strike the charged plates, where they stick like glue due to electrostatic attraction until they are washed away.

Only the very smallest particles can get through, pulled along by a fast-moving airstream before they have a chance to be collected. At maximum airflow rates, electronic air cleaners are approximately 70% efficient, and can be up to 95% efficient at lower airflow rates.

Not all electronic air cleaners are equally efficient, however. Differences in power supply design, ionization voltage, and collector plate spacing all affect efficiency.

HEPA Filters

High Efficiency Particulate Air, or HEPA, filters use deeply-folded media to trap particles. With effi-

ciency ratings of close to 100%, true HEPA filters are the top performers in the air cleaner circle and are used in settings where perfectly clean air is the highest priority.

It takes a powerful fan or blower to move air through a HEPA filter, which rules out their use in typical central system, forced-air applications. But they are perfectly suited for portable air cleaning in conjunction with a powerful fan.

Applications where central system HEPA filters are found include hospital burn-patient rooms and clean-room manufacturing areas. Some manufacturers offer "HEPA-like" or "HEPA-type" filters. These filters are actually extended-surface media filters and have efficiency ratings of only 10% to 35%.

Portable Room Air Cleaners

In many instances, central air cleaning isn't possible or practical. People in condominiums, apartments, and individual offices can use a portable room air cleaner such as a High Efficiency HEPA Filter Portable Room Air Cleaner or Portable Room Electronic Air Cleaner to remove indoor air pollutants.

When properly sized for the room area, these portable air cleaners are just as efficient at removing indoor air pollutants as central air cleaning.

Many allergy sufferers have found that supplementing their central air cleaning with a portable room air cleaner in the bedroom gives them even cleaner air to breathe as they sleep and helps their symptoms significantly.

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What Is Variable Speed/What Does It Do?

The variable speed blower motor is a "smart" motor, which means it varies its speed depending upon your home's heating requirements. And it does this so quietly you may not even know it's running.

The variable speed motor operates quietly, particularly during first stage of low heat operation. During continuous fan operation, the blower operates at a selected percent of cooling airflow, so sound is minimized.

In a conventional single-stage furnace, air is pulled through the filter at a consistently high rate of speed. This lessens the filter's ability to collect dust and allergens.

If you have a central air condi-

tioner, you'll really feel the difference with an extra added bonus that comes with the variable speed furnace. This will give you greater comfort during cooling because of an enhancement feature built right into the system.

The enhanced comfort you'll feel is the result of better humidity control. During cooling, air moves over the coil more slowly at start up. This allows the coil to rapidly cool down, resulting in increased moisture removal.

Because a variable speed furnace operates at slower speeds, your indoor air quality will greatly improve. A slower fan speed means

more unwanted particles cling to the filter, allowing cleaner air to flow into your home.

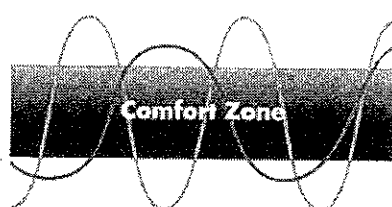
The variable speed motor/module combination is programmed to be a constant airflow blower motor. The drive module controls the motor speed and torque to ensure a constant volume of airflow. If the resistance to airflow in the duct system increases (i.e. due to dirty filters, closed registers, etc.) the drive module will be able to detect this because the RPM of the motor will tend to increase and the power consumption (amp draw) will decrease. This is a normal characteristic of an indoor "squirrel cage" blower. When the drive module picks up the higher RPM, the resident program will increase the speed and torque to move more air. When the desired airflow is again achieved, the motor RPM settles to the proper speed. Therefore, the motor/drive varies its speed to achieve a constant volume of air. This feature helps ensure adequate airflow over a wide range of restrictions within its power rating. This helps ensure compressor relia-

bility, proper system capacity and airflow distribution throughout the duct system.

Variable Speed air handlers and furnaces also provide a unique combination when used with dual compressor systems, dual circuit indoor coils and zoning applications. In these systems, the airflow delivery can be programmed to deliver 50% airflow during the first stage operation and 100% for second stage. A ramping feature can be selected to vary the airflow during the cycle to provide improved moisture removal during cooling operation. Variable speed blower operation also improved control of humidity in winter.

When used in a zoning system, the motor drive may be required to deliver very low airflow as the zone control system is only calling for part load operation. In this type of application the system controller sends a speed command to the drive which can vary the airflow to achieve optimum system performance, increased comfort, application flexibility and quiet operation.

Conventional Variable Speed



Conventional Variable Speed

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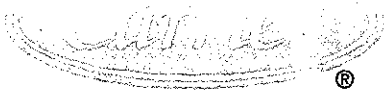
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