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The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$4.5 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1996 are:

■ DAILY 3:

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■ DAILY 4:

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■ CASH 5: 1,30,32,33,37

■ LOTTO: 7,9,30,33,48,49

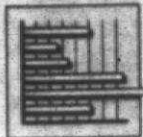
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# Job posted before board nod



Canton Township officials are already advertising the opening for the \$65,000 a year finance and budget services director although trustees will not vote on the reorganization until their next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Although Canton Township trustees have not yet officially approved a reorganization of the township chain of command and creation of a new job — finance and budget services director — advertising for applicants has begun.

The township board agreed at a study session in late November to combine the duties of two existing financial services jobs under one position. And the board is expected to make its wishes official at the Jan. 9 meeting.

Advertising for applicants, however, has already begun on the town-

ship's cable TV channel and in the Government Finance Officers Association newsletter, as well as area newspapers.

The proposed creation of the new \$65,000-a-year job has caused some hard feelings because Chief Financial Officer John Spencer was not offered the job and will be out of work if he isn't hired for the new job.

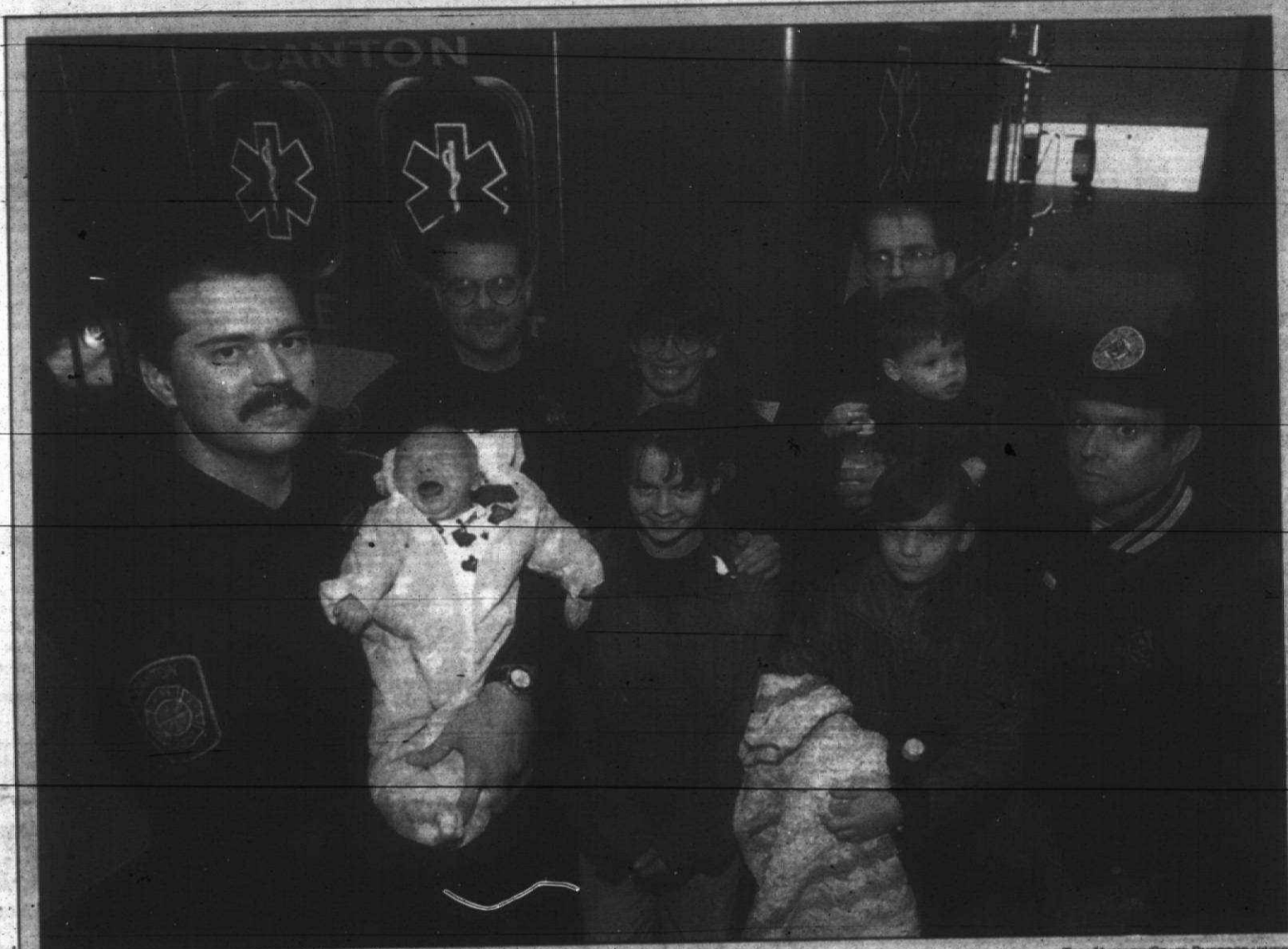
"I think it was the consensus of the board to advertise and make John (Spencer) a finalist," said Trustee Phil LaJoy. "The fact that they advertise (before official approval is given), I really don't know what the

harm is in that."

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett said that, if the board does not approve the reorganization and the creation of the new job, applicants will be told that the job does not exist.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said, "There are a lot of jobs we post even though we don't have openings just to have a backlog of people available. They get put on a list, and as jobs become available we have quality people available."

See JOB, 2A



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Star receivers:** Firefighter Greg "Spike" Kowalski holds Ryan Groves, whom he and firefighter Kevin Henderson (second from left) delivered Dec. 8. To the right of Henderson is the mother, Alexandra Groves, and father, Brian Groves, holding baby Brendan Groves. In front are Chrystal Gesler, Jacqueline Gesler and Sgt. Jim Davison.

# Firefighters help bring baby into world

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Canton Township resident Alexandra Groves knew her baby was about to be born Dec. 8 when she pulled into the bank parking lot and her contractions began.

"They started at five minutes apart," she said. "I figured I had at least an hour."

So Groves sent 12-year-old daughter Chrystal into the bank to conduct her business, then drove home with the idea that she could get a

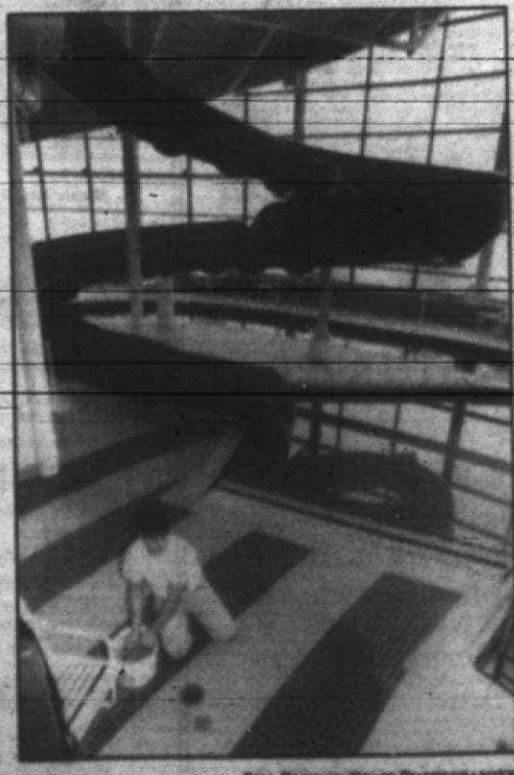
few things together and go to the hospital.

But the baby had other plans. "When my water broke I knew I was out of time," Groves said. "I saw doom and gloom and I yelled to Chrystal, 'Bring all the towels!' I

was not in the mood to have him at home. I'm sorry."

Groves then phoned the keeper of husband Brian, who works for Technicolor Video Services. "Where are you at?" she said when he called

See BABY, 2A



BILL BEHNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Winding down:** Steve Combs of Foster Flooring finishes grouting tile in the pool area of the Summit on the Park community center. Residents are invited to grand opening festivities Saturday and Sunday.

# Community center opening a pinnacle of achievement

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the Summit on the Park community center Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6-7.

The Summit is located on Summit Parkway, south of township hall, west of Canton Center at Palmer Road.

Residents may attend grand opening festivities on either day. Use of the facility will not be available during the two days. It will open for regular use Monday, Jan. 8.

Here's a schedule of the grand opening events:

- Jan. 6:
  - 1 p.m. ribbon cutting at the west end of the building.
  - 1:30-7 p.m. tours of the building, demonstration and giveaways.
  - 1-4 p.m. Plymouth-Canton junior basketball demonstrations.
  - 1-4 p.m. Canton Public Library Kids Club puppet shows.
  - 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. magician Philip Lega performing.
  - 2-5 p.m. line dancing demonstrations.
  - 3-6 p.m. Checkers and Little Checkers the Clowns.
  - 6-7 p.m. clogging demonstrations.
- Jan. 7:
  - Also on tap are fitness class demonstrations.
  - Grand opening festivities run noon to 6 p.m.
  - 12:30-2 p.m. clogging demonstrations.
  - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. magician Philip Lega performing.

- 1-4 p.m. Canton Public Library storytime, CD-ROM demonstrations.
- 1-3 p.m. Plymouth-Canton junior basketball.
- 2-3 p.m. line dancing demonstrations.
- 2:30-5:30 p.m. Checkers and Little Checkers the Clowns.
- 4-6 p.m. Canton High Boys Basketball practice.
- The afternoon also will feature various fitness class demonstrations.

Tours of the facility will include the aquatics center, gymnasium, fitness areas, the cultural portion of the building, meeting rooms, banquet halls, professional development center and senior citizens area.

A display by the Summit food services, Summit Cuisine Inc., will be set up to showcase formal banquet settings.

Residents are reminded that Jan. 18 is the last day to obtain an "early bird" annual pass. The regular price of a family pass for residents is \$350; the early bird special is \$300.

Because of the expected crowds for the grand opening, residents are asked to remain patient. Parking space will be at a premium. The Summit main parking lots holds about 350 cars. Additional parking is available at the Heritage Hideout play-cape and township hall. Shuttle services will run every 20 minutes from township hall and the play-cape on Jan. 6 and 7.

Job from page 1A

Township officials, Yack said, want to move fast. "There has been some concern within our ranks for filling this position as soon as we can," he said.

Baby from page 1A

back. "He said, 'Westland,' I said, 'Get home!'" Chrystal called 9-1-1, and Canton firefighters arrived at the Groves' apartment a few minutes later.

Department to the newly-named Administrative and Community Services Department. Currently, the township government is set up with a chief financial officer (Spencer) and a director of financial services (who recently resigned). Spencer is responsible to Supervisor Tom Yack.

I had a long list of things to do (that day), including buying a baby crib.

Alexandra Groves said, "There was nothing in the house to eat either. I had to go grocery shopping that day." Mother and son were taken to St. Mary Hospital, where it was determined that the 21½-inch-long Ryan weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces.

Papal meeting an honor for pupil

BY M.B. DILLON STAFF WRITER The Woffords are still walking on clouds. Seven-year-old Olivia Wofford of Canton received her First Communion from Pope John Paul II at Midnight Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

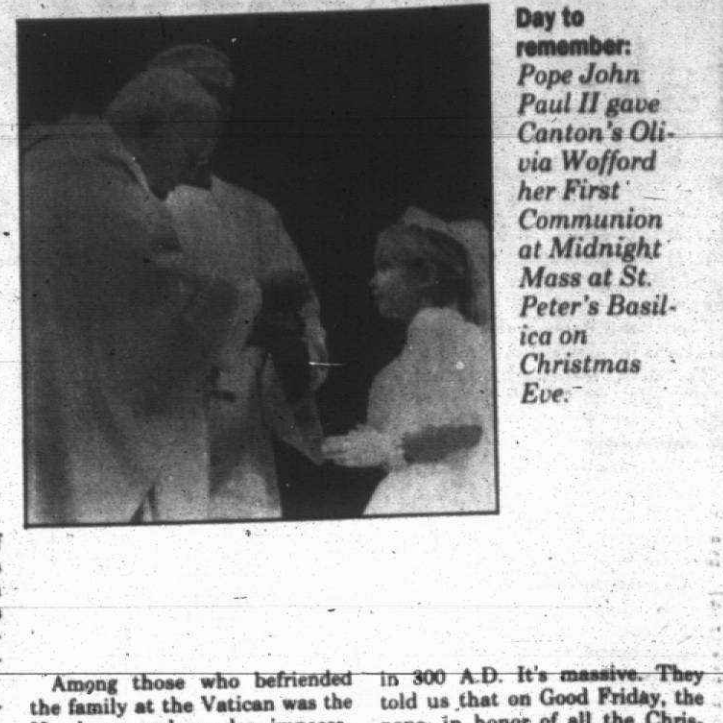
Man treated for auto accident injuries

Listed below are some of the Canton fire and rescue incidents reported during the past week, as well as fire safety tips and programs available free to the community.

Olivia and her mother were the only two Americans to receive Communion from the pope. Many who made the pilgrimage to Rome were disappointed Christmas morning.

Man treated for auto accident injuries

The man was transported to Annapolis Hospital with neck and back pain. No one was injured in a car hit a tree at Beck and Bartlett at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 1. The car occupant was left in the care of the Canton police.



Skilled workers take their pick

BY MARY BROUQUE STAFF WRITER The concept of a temporary worker is changing. No longer is it simply someone called in to answer telephones for an employee who is ill.

community colleges where the software just isn't up to date," she said. "And high schools are using obsolete software." The candidates we are looking for are very professional. We're finding the better people we get are older people whose situations change.

Canton couple pleased with donations

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER Canton Township residents Matt and Carol Adams, who collected toys, clothing and food for the poor last month, have declared the effort a success.

Waterbed Gallery advertisement for bedrooms, mattresses, futons, and furniture. Includes contact information for Plymouth Equipment Rental.

Driver offered a plea bargain

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER Jerome Maurice Larente, who drove the car that killed Canton teen Judy Rosin Nov. 16, was given a week to consider a plea-bargain agreement offered by the county prosecutor.

ularly scary for the family. If you can't put a guy away for a length of time on his 19th offense, I don't know who you can put away."

Canton supervisor envisions many changes in the township

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER Canton residents can expect to see many changes in the coming year as the township continues to grow rapidly.

Canton Observer subscription information and contact details.

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Michigan Academy of Martial Arts advertisement for classes starting now, including Karate, Judo, and Taekwondo.

SPECTACULAR SAVINGS advertisement for Walker/Buzenberg fine furniture, featuring 30%-60% savings on bedrooms, dining rooms, and sofas.

READER SERVICE LINES advertisement for the Canton Observer, providing contact information for classified ads and circulation.

Canton supervisor envisions many changes in the township advertisement, detailing plans for infrastructure, community policing, and new stores.

Your Kitchen Show! Kitchen Glamor's advertisement for a 20% to 50% off winter sale on quality cooking and baking equipment.

Count me in Canton Goodfellows!

Here's my donation to the 1995 Christmas program.

Name: Address: Amount: Please mail to: Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48108, Attn: N. Spencer

Goodfellows still need your help

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Christmas has come and gone, but your help is still needed for the Canton Goodfellows. "We would be happy to break even at \$2,500," said Nancy Spencer, Goodfellows president.

Expenses for the Goodfellows included buying food for a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, cranberry sauce, potatoes, as well as other food items, such as cake mixes and canned and other non-perishable foods.

The Goodfellows are in the hole after buying food and gifts for 86 Christmas baskets that were delivered to families in need in Canton during the holidays.

The Goodfellows' annual paper sale Dec. 2 garnered \$3,997.56 and miscellaneous donations amounted to \$2,000. But expenses total \$9,618, Spencer said.

Anyone who would like to help out is asked to either fill out the accompanying coupon with a donation or contact Spencer at 397-8975.

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"We did not receive a lot of donations of food, such as canned food, that we usually receive," Spencer said.

Expenses also included dolls, minimal gifts for adults, a sweat shirt or T-shirt for each child in the families that received baskets, as well as \$6,000 of gift certificates to Meijer, Kmart or Kroger.

"Each family got a minimum \$50 certificate, then it went up \$25 per child," Spencer said.

The Goodfellows also received two \$500 checks, donated anonymously, that were given to specific families in need.

LEONA M. LEAVENWORTH

Services for Leona M. Leavenworth, 75, of Plymouth were at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 27, 1920, in South Bend, Ind., and died Monday, Dec. 29, in Plymouth. Mrs. Leavenworth was a homemaker who retired as a registered nurse in private practice. She was a member of the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church and also affiliated with the Northville Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of the Grace School of Nursing.

She is survived by her husband, Jay; daughters, Deborah Lightfoot of Northville, and Linda Leavenworth of Plymouth; son, Gary Leavenworth of Naperville, Ill.; four grandchildren; and brother, George White of New Port Ritchey, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family fund.

OBITUARIES

Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

He was born May 25, 1921, and died Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He worked for Michigan Bell for 40 years and retired in 1963.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; daughter, Nancy Ann Sandulovich of Livonia; sons, Gregory F. Leist of Oakland and David Leist of Shelby Township; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made as Mass offerings or to the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Services for Peter Galambus Jr., 72, of Canton were held at Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. Rob Cook of Tri-City Assembly of God of Canton officiated. Burial was in Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.

1942 from Tri-State University, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; sons, Edwin of Portland, Ore., and Roger of South Lyon; brother, Lloyd of Seattle, Wash.; sisters, Mary Jane Boughner of Oscola, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

Services for Loretta A. Lieberman were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Funeral arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. She was born May 16, 1899, in Maybee, Mich., and died Thursday, Dec. 28, at Oakwood Hospital.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family fund.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth J.; sons, Ronald R. and James W.; sisters, Mabel Cauthier and Ruth Laubach; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services for John S. Duncan, Sr., 41, of Canton will be held noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Pawlus Funeral Home, 45100 W. Warren in Canton.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons, Russell, Joseph, Anthony, Jonathan, Timothy and John Jr., all of Canton; and parents, Roy and Margaret Duncan of Las Vegas.

O&E On-line has new look, more info

BY EMORY DANIELS STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric On-line entered 1996 by going live with its newly re-designed and content-enriched World Wide Website to better meet the need of Internet users in the region and worldwide.

The re-designed Website is not only colorful and attractive but easier to use, streamlined for more efficient access, and loaded with information for anyone with Internet access.

"The Observer & Eccentric wants to remain out front in Web publishing to offer the very best to our on-line users," said General Manager Steve Pope. "Our re-designed Website is part of O&E On-line's commitment to maintain high quality at low cost, and to make 'surfing the Net' an enjoyable and fulfilling family experience."

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SBT overhaul wins praise from business

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Over a handful of sharp protests, the Michigan Legislature has passed a package of bills to cut the single business tax (SBT) in two stages.

"A powerful message to job providers to locate and expand in Michigan" was the description of Chuck Hadden of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

SBT overhaul wins praise from business

whether or not it's in Michigan.

"This encourages Michigan companies to stay here and ends tax breaks to firms for investment in other states," said Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Jenison, one of the sponsors.

On the key measure, Senators voted 29-6 in favor. "Voting yes were Loren Bennett, R-Canton; Robert Geake, R-Northville; and George Z. Hart, D-DeARBORN."

Post aids students

Plymouth Township's Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 of the American Legion is accepting applications from local students who are dependents of veterans for two \$500 scholarships.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from the office of high school counselors or by contacting the Beasley-Zalesny American Legion Post 112, at 451-3574 or at P.O. Box 701134, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

The two scholarships being awarded have stipulations pertaining to eligibility to the scholarships. For more information, contact the post or area high school counselors.

Post aids students

Despite Canton's appearance of affluence, there are plenty of hardship stories in the community. "We hide our poor very well. Nobody realizes that here's more and five kids, no dad and no income," Spencer said.

The Goodfellows offer help, not charity. "We give them a helping hand. They are people who just need a hand to get through the tough times. And Christmas is a tough time for kids," Spencer said.

There are plenty of families in Canton who have suffered losses of family members or jobs and have fallen on tough times. The baskets, Spencer said, are designed to help families through the rough spots.

"We have situations where people may not have needed help before but because dad left or something else happened, they are having a rough time," she added.

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Volunteers needed to help disabled learn to ski

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan will be hosting an "off-hill" volunteer training program for people interested in assisting physically challenged individuals in learning to ski.

Volunteers are needed to help both on the hill and off the hill, so even those who can't ski can help.

The one-day volunteer training program for adaptive skiing will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Haggerty Center of Neurorehabilitation, a satellite facility of the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, at 22600 Haggerty Road in Northville.

At the workshop, volunteers will learn how to transfer physically challenged individuals to and from skis and learn specific techniques using different adaptive ski disciplines. In addition, participants will view a video on wheelchair sports and receive specific information about different disabilities.

New law allows horse tracks to expand wagering

State racing commissioner Nelson Westrin hailed the Legislature's passage of a bill he says will save Michigan's per-mutuel horse racing industry.

House Bill 4526 "will enable the industry to compete effectively in the increasingly competitive environment in which it finds itself," said Westrin, a lawyer who commutes from Grand Ledge to his Livonia office.

Gov. John Engler praised the industry "for coming together to develop this bill that will hopefully permit this industry and prosper and grow once again."

The House on Dec. 13 concurred 93-9 in Senate amendments to a bill that allows eight horse racing tracks to expand their gaming operations. All area

New law allows horse tracks to expand wagering

lawmakers voted yes except Republicans Penny Crissman of Rochester and Willis Bullard of Milford who were absent.

The measure directly helps racing — particularly the major tracks of Ladbroke DRC in Livonia, Northville Downs and Hazel Park — by repealing the tax on wagers on live racing. This will increase funds for winners' purses and track operations.

All horse tracks are authorized to operate year-round with live or simulcast racing programs. Simulcasting is wagering on races televised from other tracks. Current rules allow one simulcast per day and 25 per season.

Simulcasting will be taxed and provide funds for county fair and horse development programs in Michigan.

Volunteers needed to help disabled learn to ski

The workshop is for free. Pre-registration is not required. Call Carol Roubal at the Michigan Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association at (810) 682-3966. Register by Jan. 2.

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# Task force Keep recreation report alive

There's no doubt that people in Canton love to play. They love their recreation and leisure and have plenty of ideas for the community.

Approximately 112 residents plus Canton Township staff turned out to lend their ideas for the future of parks and recreation activities and facilities in the community over the past few months.

The result is a 26-page report of wishes and dreams, which with good luck and careful planning may become realities in the future. The report's next step is the Township Board of Trustees, which will decide what to do next with the report.

The residents who joined the effort should be commended for the time they gave as well as their dedication to the community.

Residents interested in an ice arena for Canton are urged to join forces to make the idea a reality. Township officials have passed the torch to hockey enthusiasts. In other words, the only way an arena will become a reality is for residents to start a groundswell of their own.

With the completion of the task force report, we hope volunteers' efforts will not be in vain. Often reports — no matter how difficult to compile — wind up on a dusty shelf never to be heard of again. The task force report provides great ideas for the community, ideas that are worth some careful thought and planning.

Canton officials should run with the ball and begin planning for some of the ideas residents brought forth.

# Look for more changes in 1996

The winds of change are blowing — howling? — through Michigan. But will change be improvement or deterioration for the suburbs in metro Detroit? Answer: both.

Republicans this year took control of both chambers of the Legislature for the first time since Gov. George Romney's era, but they weren't Romney Republicans. Their agenda was worked out in closed-caucus retreats fueled by ideology rather than knowledge, experience and public input. That's the chief reason why it's difficult to predict the results of their changes.

26 percent this year. Then they cut several state taxes. Now they are moving to thrust the duty of preserving our heritage onto the counties through more property taxes. We see through this sham.

The jury is out on whether Engler is right to split off a new Department of Environmental Quality from the Department of Natural Resources. Their missions are related. Unfortunately, DEQ answers directly to the governor with little public input, whereas the DNR has a commission.

Engler provided little public education and no public debate on the question of whether our air, land and water will be better protected or not by DEQ. His style is abominable.

**Bad: roads, schools**

Our state and local roads and bridges are an embarrassment.

Who's at fault? Anyone with eyes and a sensitive spine knows both state and local roads need help. Gov. John Engler's position that the state roads should be favored is based more on tax-cutting ideology than the public good. We remind the governor and Transportation chief Pat Nowak that a smaller fuel tax hike, enacted five years ago, would have been sufficient. Instead, it looks as if more road deterioration is in store for 1996.

After Engler, lawmakers, educators and voters performed heroically in 1994 to fix public school funding. Lansing took the lead road in 1995. Fortunately, Engler's goal of ripping up the School Code and opening up the floodgates for state aid to charter (private) schools was tripped up in the House, but not entirely derailed.

Public schools are getting better.

Only hard-core, private school zealots on the State Board of Education and the Senate Education Committee are continuing to push for lower curriculum standards, lower teacher certification standards, segregationist "choice" schools and a thinly disguised evangelical mantra called "parents' rights."

The Legislature spoke with forked tongue on the issue of crime. It stayed up at night to concoct new racketeering, juvenile punishment, license-lifting punishments. But it barely kept up state police strength, and it actually hurt law enforcement by cutting local revenue-sharing.

Lawmakers cut arts and cultural funding

**Now the good**

The state will junk the shady practice of allocating aid to local units on the basis of "relative tax effort." Kudos to Engler if it sticks.

Our leaders hiked aid to public schools, community colleges and universities 2.7 to 3-plus percent. It's not much, but in an era of low inflation with many other demands on the budget, it shows a little respect for public education.

Engler and GOP lawmakers jammed through their welfare reform plan in a month. It's hard to say that those affected understand how the new system will work.

But conceptually, Michigan's new welfare system makes sense. The new system calls for a contract — albeit required by government — for the needy to plan steps to get out of poverty.

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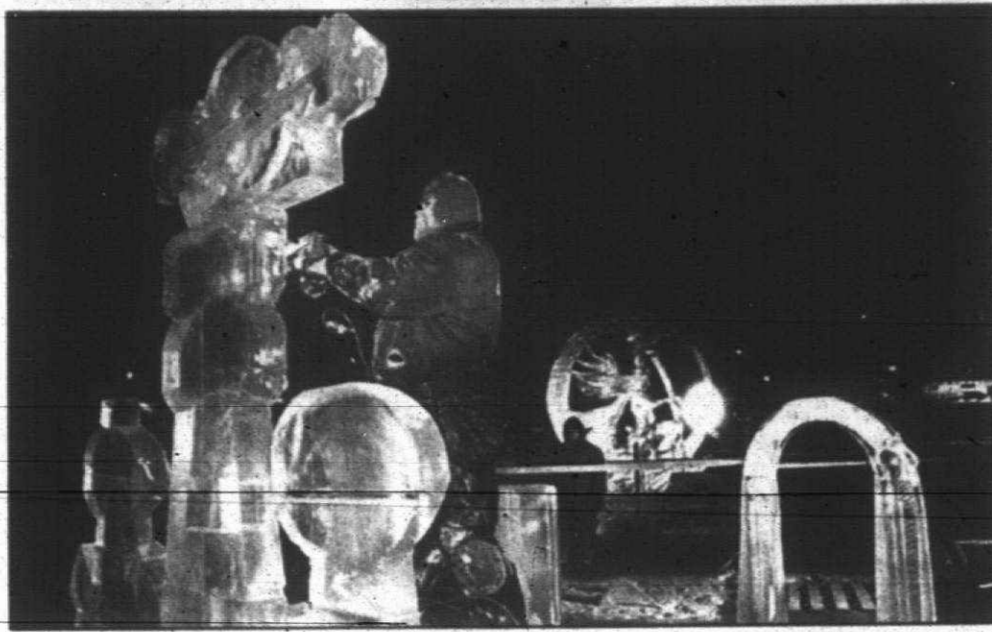
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## Night carving



Chilly work: Plymouth is the place to be Wednesday, Jan. 10, when the 14th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular kicks off. The events in and around Kellogg Park run through Monday. Above, a professional ice carver works through the night.

## LETTERS

### O'Hair should study

The Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair states in his guest column Dec. 14, that "car seizures are an effective way to stop prostitution." He must truly be a miracle man, since prostitution has not been stopped or even slowed since history began. In light of obvious historic facts, the immediate question that comes to mind is why is he doing this and more importantly, why is he wasting our money in performing this obviously futile task.

### Tim makes him mad

Rep. Jam Richard: His verse is perverse. Democrats: Put off making decisions until the "marathon session of the last working day."

Republicans:

1. Listen to "generalized public input."
2. Craft a specific, ideology-laden bill without interference.
3. Hold brief public hearings on a very complex bill.
4. Move it through the Legislature.

Tim Richard quotes a welfare advocate "Time is needed to study... complex issue." (Points of View, Nov. 30). Is it wrong to get something done, putting together a complicated program with people who are experts in the field? Must everything be slowed by someone yelling "unfair?"

Richard gives the same studied analysis to the school code. Because it passed the committee in just a couple of sessions it must have been unfair. Since it made no provision for transportation it was designed only for the rich. Transportation means cross-district busing, Tim.

That is a game that caused me and many others to migrate to the suburbs 30 years ago, and it has destroyed every school district it has touched.

I remember now why I usually don't read Richard's column. It only gets me mad.

Hank Borgman, Farmington

Maybe Mr. O'Hair should study what some enlightened communities have done to make prostitution a non-problem and come back to us with a similar plan for Wayne County and not subject us to these futile, money and time wasting schemes that merely irritate the existing situation.

Janusz M. Szyszko, Canton

O'Hair is very close to understanding the big picture about prostitution when he says that seizing the cars of the prostitutes' customers is the only way he can get at the demand side of this business. He admits that this is and has always been, a business. Whenever there is a demand for a service there will always arise a source to satisfy that demand. This is a fundamental law of business as well as of social life in general.

In history, society has from time to time tried to eradicate or abolish a certain social demand that it feels is improper or contrary to its moral and/or religious beliefs or standards. Any and all efforts to quash or in some way negate an established social need has historically failed. Remember prohibition. How about drugs, dirty movies, topless bars, etc. If there is demand, there will always be a supply.

O'Hair makes a good point in saying that activities such as prostitution can damage a neighborhood and affect the well being of "innocent victims." It also exposes the prostitutes themselves to physical danger and disease as well as their customers.

Some U.S. and world communities have recognized that prostitution will never go away but it can be controlled so as to minimize the negative effects it has on non-participating citizens and their communities. Some districts (Boston) designate a special area (red light district) for prostitution as well as other activities of a sexual nature (topless dancing), etc. This sequesters that particular activity into a designated area that can be patrolled and controlled. It also advertises to the potential customers that this is the only area supplying their particular need/demand.

O'Hair believes he is doing something to help the "innocent" citizens of Wayne County. Examining the history of prostitution leads me to believe he is merely wasting our money and taking up valuable police officer time who could be doing something that is really beneficial to Wayne County, like fighting real crime.

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:** What are your hopes for the New Year?

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We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.

# Church-school ties: They pose no problems

By JOSEPH WIRA  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I had read Mr. Richard's "School and church ties raise legal, ethical questions" in the Dec. 7 Observer and would like to comment.

I wonder, what ethical questions he is talking about. What could be ethically wrong with school and church ties? Such ties can only bring good, more good, and nothing but good to those involved, and to the nation. We should have strong school and church ties, the stronger the better, then this society would reverse its moral decline.

We wouldn't have our prisons filled to capacity and need for more. We wouldn't fear for our lives when walking the streets of our cities. We wouldn't fear being cheated, exploited, harassed and otherwise threatened. We wouldn't have our unborn children murdered. We would

live in much better environment like in the olden days, some of us remember.

Legal questions? That problem can easily be solved. If bad, defective, or lacking clarity laws were enacted in the past by incompetent people, or interpreted perversely, these laws can be clarified, or changed by decent and wise people. Only God's laws are perfect.

I am sick and tired of hearing that nonsensical talk about public funds being used for private schools. What are public funds? More often than not, those parents who seek better education for their children, in a safe and otherwise conducive to learning, decent environment, are the biggest contributors to these funds. More often than not, those who contribute the least, or nothing, claim to be the public which is entitled to decide how other people's money should be disposed of.

## GUEST COLUMN

If our government is so inept, so ineffective, incapable of guaranteeing safe and conducive to good learning environment in public schools, then the parents who care enough about the well-being of their children, are not only justified but obligated to seek schools that can provide better educational opportunities in a decent, moral environment.

And what kind of moral environment we find in many, if not most of our public schools?

There is an epidemic of drug usage, misbehavior, lack of respect for teachers, lack of safety (students bring weapons of all kinds, and use them on occasions), sex education (instead of religious education), promotion of Darwinian theories

(people come from monkeys), distribution of condoms with instructions (very suggestive to immoral behavior), "politically correct" indoctrinations (like in the former Soviet Union), no prayers allowed (misguided interpretation of the so-called separation of state and church).

It is only fair that parents who send their children to private, denominational, or any other superior-to-public, non-public school, should be reimbursed to the extent what it would cost if the children were in public school in the district where they live. It is their own money they would be getting back. They are the public.

The primary purpose of schools is to educate children in scholastic skills. After graduation, when they find themselves, on their own, in the real, highly competitive world, what counts most is not what kind of school they went to, but

how much they know. Socially, what counts most is what kind of citizens they are. Are they decent, responsible, assets to communities, or troublemakers and burden to them?

If non-public schools can do better job in these respects, they should be welcomed to our educational system with open arms, and supported at least to the extent the public schools are supported, regardless what constitutions say. Constitutions are man-made, and if defective, they can be man-changed. They wouldn't mind being changed for the better, may even welcome it. We shouldn't blame, again and again, constitutions for not allowing us to do something constructive and desirable, for the common good.

Joseph Wira is a Canton resident. The Observer uses guest columns on a regular basis. For information, call 459-2700.

# Educational reforms just scratch the surface

Several weeks ago in tony Oakland County, about 3,000 people rallied "in support of public schools."

The dominant view among the demonstrators was that public education is just fine, thank you, and that the Legislature's current efforts to improve the state's school code go "too far."

The heart of the present controversy is whether to lift the cap on the number of public school academies that universities may charter and whether the State Board of Education should be included as a chartering agency. The charge is familiar: We should move slowly with the charter "experiment" and wait until we have more research to know whether or not they work. Just how long, one has to wonder, are we supposed to continue to wait?

In 1983, the epochal "Nation at Risk" report warned that "if an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might have viewed it as an act of war." Of course, opponents of change in our educational system view that bipartisan report as a right-wing assault.

Consider then the more recent report of our education condition contained in the Goals 2000 federal legislation backed by President Clinton:

- "During the last 20 years, relatively little changed in how students were

taught... despite much research suggesting better alternatives..."

- "The rate of decline in our urban schools is escalating at a rapid pace. Student performance in most inner city schools grows worse each year. At least half of all students entering ninth grade fail to graduate four years later."
- "Many elementary and secondary schools in the United States... are structured according to models that are ineffective and rely on notions of management and governance that may be outdated or insufficient for the challenges of the next century; and are unsuccessful in equipping all students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as citizens and in the working world."

Even the executive director of the country's largest teachers union, the National Education Association, is calling for dramatic changes in school governance. In a recent speech to his fellow union members in Arkansas, Don Cameron declared: "It's not sufficient for us to tinker at the margins. Even if we do a substantially better job at what we are doing now, we won't meet the needs of kids in the 21st century."

It's not just the "experts" that sense that something is wrong with the current system either. A nationwide poll done by the Public Agenda Foundation found that nine in 10 Americans say under-

## GUEST COLUMNIST



MARILYN LUNDY

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is no guarantee that a student has done so. Moreover, a whopping two-thirds of the Americans polled are calling for a soap-to-nuts overhaul of the way our schools operate. (Twenty-eight percent favor school vouchers, 10 percent embrace the idea of school privatization and 28 percent want an "overhaul" of public schools).

Eleven years passed between the "Nation at Risk" report and the congressional findings contained in Goals 2000. Virtually all of the students in 1983 were gone by 1994, too many of whom have lost their educational opportunity forever.

Tell them that — given time (and "resources," of course) — the public education system will fix itself.

Talk to inner-city parents who look to the schools for a route to better lives for their children, but find them incapable of providing it yet cannot afford to pay tuition or move to a different school district. Tell them that we should be slow and cautious and evaluate for another 10 years. Tell them the Legislature is going too far. I'm sure you will hear a very different response.

Marilyn F. Lundy is vice president of the state Board of Education.

# House math doesn't add up

**THE RIGHT HAND DOESN'T KNOW... DEPT:**

News release from the House Republican Communications office in Lansing: "Our agenda this legislative session continued to build on our recent successes." (Speaker Paul Hillebrand said, "The Republican agenda has resulted in a savings to taxpayers of over \$600 million this year alone.")

News release from Rep. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, chair of the House Tax Policy Committee: "Savings for taxpayers in 1995 totaled more than \$1.26 billion."

Shucks, what's \$600 million here and there in a \$29 billion spending program?

**MISSING LINK DEPT:**

With all the interest in taxes, no one in state politics has produced a news release on how much fees, university tuitions, community college tuitions, professional licenses, sportsmen's licenses, motor vehicle fees, court filing fees, bridge tolls and other governmental revenues were increased this year.

**WHOPPER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Here's how the House GOP Communications office describes the way the Legislature lowered teacher certification standards in Michigan: "Senate Bill 679... expands teacher certification standards..."

**MISSING INTEREST DEPT:**

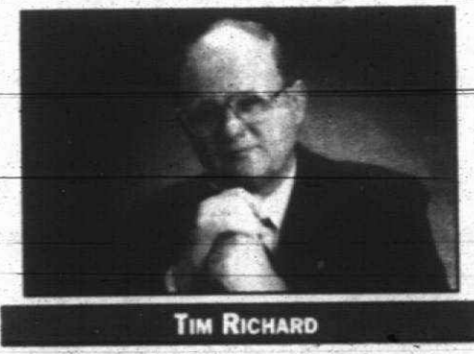
State Democrats are whooping it up over the way majority Republicans are refusing to place limits on political action committees and "special interest" donations to candidates.

Let us not hold our breaths while awaiting the Democrats' proposal to curb labor unions — the AFL-CIO federation, the UAW, AFSCME, AFT, MEA and other public employees' unions which are part of the Democratic Party structure.

**FRIENDLY PERSUASION DEPT:**

The Outdoor Advertising Association of Michigan, in its latest newsletter, beats up on billboard opponents, specifically Attorney General Frank Kelly and Michigan United Conservation Clubs (which it refers to as "muck").

On the same page, the billboard lobby notes it received thanks from state Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, and first lady Michelle Engler "for contributing 250 billboards — a donation valued at \$87,000" — to the 1995 Michigan Harvest Gathering to generate food and funds for the hungry.



TIM RICHARD

Omitted is the fact that Schuette chairs the Senate Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulator Affairs — the body that would deal with any bills to limit billboards.

Chances that Schuette's committee will report out legislation hurting the billboard business: somewhere between zero and nil.

**TWO-EDGED SWORD DEPT:**

Economists at the University of Michigan's conference in November were puzzled: Unemployment is down, interest rates are low, inflation is very low, but consumers were pessimistic. It didn't seem to add up.

Perhaps Frank Kelley, our attorney general for life, put his finger on it when his investigators reported that price scanners in retail outlets showed an error rate of more than 20 percent — errors on 41 items out of 280 purchased — in Oakland County alone.

The real news: Not all the errors are overcharges. Undercharges are increasing. Undercharges accounted for 16 of the 41 errors, or 40 percent.

Kelley's guess: "Retailers are trying to attract customers with ever more complex sale schemes. Maybe these one-day sales, two-hour sales and percentage-off sales are as confusing to the stores as they are to the public."

We'll keep that in mind next time some bozo from the Mackinac Center or chamber of commerce tells us business is so much more efficient than government. Although we catch our friendly supermarket in errors practically every week, we've never caught the U.S. Postal Service or state Department of Natural Resources in those kinds of mistakes.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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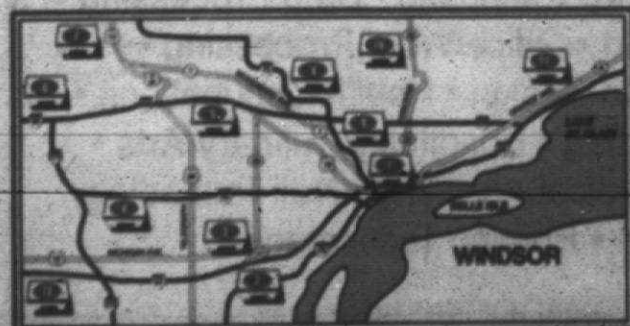
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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Wave good-bye at the airport

Once children come along, air travel becomes very challenging. So challenging that I, for one, haven't been on a plane since becoming a parent well over a decade ago. I think it's got to do with that when you become a parent, you become, also, overprotective and underfinanced.

Anyway, as I sit here inside my house, years later, on a cold winter's night, I hear the distant roar of an airplane, high above the clouds and I recall my own air travel days. As I remember it, flying was pretty awesome.

For instance, those people right now flying overhead in that plane are doing things like reading — blankets on their laps, pillows behind their heads. Or maybe they're eating some airplane peanuts and drinking a cup of Sprite. Or maybe they're just looking out through the window, if they're next to one. Though the lookers are looking out into complete darkness tonight, since a blanket of clouds covers us all up here down below. But maybe further on, the clouds won't be in the way, and the lights will shine from the patches of humanity and the fliers will feel connected again.

Flying is such an amazing thing; it's such a leap of faith on the part of those who climb aboard. Planes are huge and heavy, and they're

See FAMILY ROOM, 10A

Disabled veteran's sharing brightens holiday for needy

Jack Sibal may not have much, but what he does have he gladly shares with those less fortunate. With some help from others, he was able to buy \$1,000 worth of gifts that brightened the holidays for the homeless.

BY CHRISTINA PUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth resident Jack R. Sibal is a disabled ex-Marine who lives on a sparse income. Yet for the last two years, he has made sure that less fortunate children have a special Christmas.

By cutting down on take-out food, movies and other luxuries, he scrimped and saved nearly \$1,000 to buy toys for charities.

"I had such a burning desire to help children," Sibal said. "I was an orphan myself and that is what really gave me the inspiration to do something for these children who had nothing. I could really relate to many of the things (they're going through)."

His loyalties are with the Marines and Toys for Tots, but this year he took the toys to the Plymouth Township Police Department.

"I wanted to do it all on my own to prove to myself that it could be done on a limited income," he said.

The police in turn donated them to the Salvation Army and to homeless people, according to Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

"He's a guy with a big heart," Berry said. "Every year he brings

some stuff to us for kids in need and we make sure that they get them. He puts a tremendous amount of effort into it. Those are the kinds of people that make this world go around in a positive manner."

Sibal was an orphan at "Saint something or another" until the age of 10 when he was adopted by the now-deceased Karma and Lou Sibal of Redford. When he was 17, he left home to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The Army talks about being the best and I wanted to be better than that," he said.

When he got out of the Marines, he did a lot of volunteer work. He fulfilled his dream of a earning a degree from the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. He graduated in 1976 at the top of his class and earned an entry in "Who's Who in America's Trade and Technical Schools."

He moved to Florida when his multiple sclerosis got worse and worked for a handful of radio stations down there.

"Home is home, and as I told my sister one time, 'My body's been in

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Creature comforts: The Salvation Army and the homeless were on the receiving end of the generosity of Jack Sibal, a disabled veteran who gave up some of his creature comforts to finance his special holiday giving.

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Participants also will discuss

specific contributions they can make to the world, explore a deeper connection with their personal energy and power within and how to make a difference in the lives of loved ones and the planet on which they live.

The last class will be Living with Joy, offered 7-9 p.m. Thursdays for eight weeks, beginning Jan. 25. Participants will learn to create clarity, harmony and peace in their lives, change negatives to positives and gain clarity in relationships.

All the classes cost \$25 per session and pre-registration is required. It can be completed by calling (313) 464-2160.

Janisse, a limited licensed psychologist, has a master's degree in education and marriage and family counseling. She taught for 15 years before becoming a therapist 11 years ago.

Her private practice is based at Newman House and she also does some work at the Eastwood Clinic in Livonia.

## Voices from page 11A

**MARK and CHERYL JONES** of Westland announce the birth of **LAUREN MICHELLE** Sept. 5 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She has a brother, Ryan. Grandparents are Michael and Phyllis Hutzman of Westland and Harold and Gladys Jones of Wixom.

**KEN and LINDA BLAD** of Westland announce the birth of **KATLYN DELORES** Oct. 31 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis

Center-Wayne. Grandfather is William Crump of Garden City.

**RICHARD STAMPER** of Garden City and **STACEE STANGER** of Westland announce the birth of **AUBREE PATRICIA** Dec. 6 in the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She has six brothers — Robert, Randy and Ryan Stamper and Larry, Todd and Scott Stanger — and one sis-

ter, Carrie Stanger. Grandparents are Bob and Sophie Bilkie of Garden City and Bob and Renee Stanger of Westland.

**DAN and PAULETTE WYMAN** of Canton announce the birth of **ROBERT WILLIAM** Nov. 3 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Art and Linda Trent of North Judson, Ind., and Mike Brownner and Sandy Wyman of Culver, Ind.

Great-grandparents are Kenny and Patty Chessore of Forsyth, Mich., and Laura Beran of Delavan, Wis.

**GREG and MICHELLE TRAME LANZI** of Plymouth announce the birth of **GABRIELLA MARIE** Dec. 7 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Paul and Joanne Trame of Canton and Al and Wanda Lanzi and Tom and Janet Fern, all of Atlanta, Ga.

## Seminar will focus on head pain issues

Dr. Joel Saper, director of the Michigan Head Pain and Neurological Institute, will lead a discussion on "Migraine and Other Headaches" from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road, Novi.

The seminar, presented by the Head Pain Association of Michigan and Chelsea Community Hospital, will focus on issues associated with recurring head pain. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Saper will speak about current treatment strategies, headaches and head trauma, headaches and children, hormones and headaches, the impact of chronic pain on families and more. A prominent Michigan neurologist and a pioneer in the treatment of chronic head pain, Saper is chairman of the Michigan Council on Pain.



Dr. Joel Saper

A well-known educator and author, Saper also chairs the Michigan Council on Pain, an advisory council created by the Michigan House of Representatives' Health Policy Committee.

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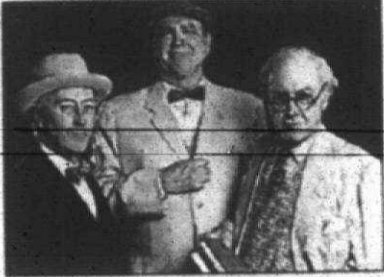
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Enjoy  
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Carving: Ted Wakar of Canton, a professional carver, turns a piece of ice into a stunning sculpture at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

**T**hey don't call Michigan a winter wonderland for nothing. What could bring out seasonal affective disorder in a Floridian means it's the high season for skiing, sledding, skating and ice sculpting in Michigan.

And, in our own back yards, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular - commonly called the ice festival - is the main draw.

The 14th annual ice festival begins Wednesday, Jan. 10 and runs through Monday, Jan. 15. Up to 500,000 visitors are expected to view the show, which will feature professional carvers from around the U.S. as well as from Japan, Canada and Switzerland.

Carvings are on exhibit continuously, free of charge, in downtown Plymouth. Special events, such as a light show, individual and team carving competitions and a fireworks display, are scheduled for each day of the six-day festival.

Kellogg Park, The Gathering and the central parking structure are the sites of the major displays and events. (See related story for a schedule of events.)

Visitors can shop and eat in downtown Plymouth in addition to enjoying the ice fest. The festival is run by a nonprofit group but has a number of sponsoring organizations and companies.

Here is a look at other winter events around the state:

■ The third annual Walled Lake Ice Festival will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ice-carving demonstrations at the Walled Lake Community Education Building courtyard, 615 North Pontiac Trail, south of Maple in downtown Walled Lake. Indoor activities throughout the weekend at the Community Education Building's "Thaw-Out Center." Key Largo Restaurant's annual polar golf outing will take place on Sunday, Feb. 4, on Walled Lake. The free event is sponsored by the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission, Walled Lake Community Education, the Downtown Development Authority and Midwest Ice Co.

■ Senior citizens can enjoy skiing free on trails throughout northern Michigan during Silver Streak Week, Sunday, Jan. 21 through Thursday, Jan. 25.

■ The Northern Michigan Nordic Ski Council has nearly 1,000 kilometers of groomed trails, and they will be offered free of charge to skiers 55 and older. For more information, call (616) 271-6314.

■ Beginners and expert skiers will enjoy Ski & Feast Gourmet Weekend March 8-10. Enjoy trail-side gourmet fare and skiing at all northern Michigan Nordic Ski Council facilities. For more information, call (616) 271-6314 or

write to: NMNSC, P.O. Box 525 Suttons Bay, Mich. 49682.

■ Every Thursday, beginning today through March 14, excluding Feb. 9, is ladies day at Sugar Loaf Resort. With every lift-ticket purchase women will receive free nursery care for up to two children. All women are invited to participate in a \$5 ladies day clinic at 1 p.m., hosted by Donna Popke and Sugar Loaf's pro staff. There will also be a lunch special served in the skiers cafeteria for skiers and nonskiers. Advance reservations for nursery care required - call (616) 228-1866. Reservations appreciated for 1 p.m. clinic - call (616) 228-1867. For more information, call the Sugar Loaf ski school desk, (616) 228-1867.

■ Zehnder's Snowfest '96, Jan. 30 through Feb. 5 in Frankenmuth, features snow- and ice-sculpting, dogeared races, an ice maze, a fireworks display, entertainment and more. For more information, call (517) 652-9925.

■ The White Pine Stampede, which offers point-to-point skiing events of 50, 20 and 10 kilometers, is Saturday, Feb. 3, in Mancelona. Entry fee is \$45, \$25 for 10-kilometer event. For information, call (616) 587-8812.

■ Cross country skiers can get up-to-the-minute trail conditions and special event information by calling 1-800-MI4-SNOW.

Here is a tentative schedule of events for the 14th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which begins Wednesday, Jan. 10 and runs through Monday, Jan. 15.

**Every day of festival**

- First of America's Fantasyland, "Animation in Ice."
  - International, professional and student sculptors carve major sculptures in Kellogg Park and Fantasyland.
  - Twenty-four hour light show in Kellogg Park and Fantasyland.
  - Register at participating businesses to win the "Plymouth Basket of Hospitality," valued at over \$3,000.
  - Plymouth Observer decorated cake competition and display at Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Plymouth Observer gingerbread house contest and display at Westchester Square Mall from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10**
- "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 11**
- Sunshine Honda and Acura celebrity charity carving competition at noon in The Gathering. First-place winner will make a donation to his or her favorite charity. All celebrities will be assisted by a professional ice-carver.
  - "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 1-4 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 12**
- Ford Motor Co. 20-hour, two-man professional team competition in Kellogg Park from 6 p.m. through Saturday afternoon.
- Saturday, Jan. 13**
- Food and beverage demonstrations at Sideways Gifts on Forest Avenue.
  - Twenty-hour, two-man professional team competition continues in Kellogg Park.
  - Individual college and high school competitions from 1-5 p.m.
  - "Young Country 99.5" fireworks display, 7 p.m.
  - "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 1-4 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 14**
- Ford Motor Co. individual professional and amateur competition, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Two-man student team competitions in Kellogg Park, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Food and beverage demonstrations at Sideways Gifts.
  - "Miniatures of Many Sizes" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 2-5 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 15**
- Awards presentation to the winners of the Plymouth Observer middle school art students ice sculpture design contest, 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

HOT TICKET



Hot tip: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville presents the musical comedy "The Wizard of Oz." Call (810) 349-8110 for tickets.

SPECIAL EVENT

## New guidelines give carvers more freedom

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER



Creativity in Action: John Fitzer of Westland carves out the competition at Plymouth's International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 10-15.

All John Fitzer will reveal about the subject he will carve in competition at the 14th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 10-15 is that "it's something of a prehistoric nature."

The 44-year-old Westland resident enters the Individual Professional Competition 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, in the Central Parking Structure.

Winner of the 1994 professional single block competition, Fitzer finds this year's change in judging guidelines and other rules refreshing for carvers. In his event-only traditional ice carving tools like chisels and chain saws will be permitted this year, no power hand equipment.

"Each year we try to come up with something new. It's the creativity of an idea that makes the difference in winning, the uniqueness of a carving," said Fitzer as he pointed to a

wall lined with plaques and medals won in team and individual competitions.

A commercial ice carver by trade, Fitzer learned his sculpting skills from his nephew Ted Wakar, an award-winning carver from Canton Township. If Ford unveils a new model of truck, Fitzer recreates it in ice for the occasion. He does about 250 pieces a year, everything from logos for supermarket grand openings to Detroit Lions' events. A Grammy for a party for Aretha Franklin, and a Bacardi rum bottle created with a new technique called ice painting were two of his most memorable.

Although he received no formal training in art, Fitzer's ice carving skills have since led him to pursue sculpting in the mediums of wood and polymer clay.

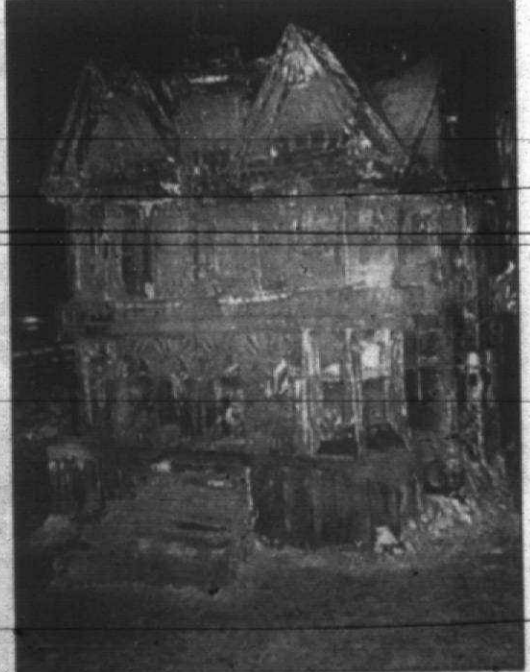
Granted, Fitzer has built up a tolerance to cold while working at Midwest Ice in Detroit, but that doesn't

give him an edge over his competitors most of whom are professional culinary artists. Carving remains a taxing sport no matter how you cut it.

"Physically, it's very hard to do. At the ice house you have to be able to stand up a 400 pound block of ice on a pallet, and working with a chain saw for hours is difficult," said Fitzer.

Sculpting a block of ice 12-inches thick to portray depth is not easy either. "The most difficult thing to do is to get three dimensions. It's easy to get one dimension," he said.

So what makes a good ice carving? For the first time this year, competitors will vote the Carvers Choice Award, revealing their standards. According to Fitzer, most will award points for a piece that is proportionally correct, especially as it pertains to figures.



Ice House: John Fitzer did this commercial carving of a Victorian house for the cover of a builder's brochure.

See EVENT, inside



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STREET BEATS



Scream, Dracula, Scream! — Rocket From The Crypt

Most rock bands understand the power and beauty of the distorted power chord. San Diego's Rocket From The Crypt takes it one step further and finds all the noisy glory of a single power chord strummed endlessly.

All of their best songs contain at least one simple, chugging section, everybody pounding away at the same fret with John "Speedo" Reis's raw howl barely audible over the din.

The Hammer horror film-titled "Scream, Dracula, Scream!" (InterScope) is the band's third full-length album, coming after a slew of vinyl-only singles. It's classic Crypt. All 14 songs slam from start to finish with no breathers and minimal filler. Especially heady is the opening combo of "Middle," which (to paraphrase Morrissey) is so urgent that it seems to end before it's even begun right into the curled lip and backbeat of "Born in '69."

Evocative, visual titles like "Ball Lightning" and "Heater Hands" start blending into each other with the breathless pacing of the album, but it doesn't matter. "Dracula" is meant to be digested as a whole.

That said, there are few standout songs. Rocket From The Crypt's last album, 1993's "Circa Now" contained the one-chord classic "Sturdy Wrist" and the working man's anthem "Ditch Digger."

But if nothing here is as memorable, the overall quality is higher this time around. You can practically see the bowing shirts and smell the hair grease in every slice of guitar-crazy sensibility. Whenever the rifts get stale, a newly expanded horn section joins in the fray to keep things moving.

Reportedly a raging live act, Rocket From The Crypt's only real sin is churning out too much of a good thing. There are other great bands whose songs are all variations on the first one they ever wrote (AC/DC, Psychedelic Furs), but their albums usually contained 10 songs, max; they knew their weakness.

However, Reis and company's charisma and "Dracula's" incredible energy make up for its few dim lights. Like someone once wrote about the Furs, "Who cares if it's all the same song? It's a great song." Fortunately for Rocket From The Crypt, their song still rocks.

—Todd Wicks

A Rochester Hills resident, Todd Wicks is a Michigan State University journalism student.

The Forbes Brothers — The Forbes Brothers

Guitarists, vocalists and brothers Scott (who owns Mr. B's in Troy) and Dennis Forbes (who owns Mr. B's in Shelby Township, and engineered Bob Seger's "The Fire Inside"), performing as the Forbes Brothers, have been heralded as one of the area's best country bands for a couple of years. If this is any indication, the reasons are clear. With a sound reminiscent of sources like the Flying Burrito Brothers, Desert Rose Band and Dan Fogelberg, this is hands down one of the best local releases of 1995.

The opening, "She's Alright," with gorgeous harmonies and an exceptional electric guitar break, for instance, could have come straight off the first Desert Rose Band album. "Man Like Me" has a sound that brings to mind a cross between the Ozark Mountain Daredevils and the New Riders of the Purple Sage. That's how this disc goes. Every song here is a treasure for those of us who have fond memories of those nascent days of country rock.

Even the song with Mitch Ryder guesting, "How Are They Gonna Learn" is closer to a country rock than the legendary rockers has probably ever been. If Joe Walsh could assimilate to Fogelberg, why not?

Bands like the Forbes Brothers, who recently won a Detroit Music Award for Best Country Band, are a rarity in this town, for no other reason than that this kind of music is too frequently blown out of the water by high-octane rock, techno and blues bands. If there's still room on your musical plate for organic, adult country music, make this a priority item. The Forbes Brothers are not just the best the area has to offer, they have here one of the best reasons to take a visit back to the roots released in 1995.

—Mark E. Gallo

Mark E. Gallo is a freelance critic from Farmington Hills.

Blues festival takes off winter chill

By MARK GALLO

Twenty-five years ago, when Bobo Jenkins was organizing blues festivals and just getting his Detroit Blues Club off the ground, he couldn't have imagined that his efforts would still be bearing fruit on a frigid three-day weekend in January 1996.

The 10-year-old non-profit Detroit Blues Society, organizers and beneficiaries of the second annual Deep Freeze Blues Festival benefit Jan. 5-7 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, have vision, though they remain true to the spirit of "keeping the blues alive," the late bluesman's famed battle cry.

Representing the most proficient members of a multi-generational contingent of Detroit blues musicians, the festival is a guaranteed pleaser, no matter what your blues preferences might be.

Friday night's lineup of Robert Noll, the reigning electric bluesman in town who has recently added Johnny B. Gayden, a long-time member of the late Albert Collins' icebreakers to his Blues Mission; Mimi Harris and the Snakes, who will be debuting a new lineup; the harmonica-guitar duo of Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Shari Kane; and Mudpuppy, with Big Daddy Kinsey and his sons, the Kinsey Report, headlining, is a major snow-melter all by itself. Martin Gross of the Howling Diablos and WEMU fame serves as master of ceremonies and this is only the beginning.

Saturday has the award-winning Butler Twins, whose "Not Gonna Worry About Tomorrow" (on the British JSP label) garnered critical praise worldwide; guitarist Johnnie Bassett, an early session player for Fortune Records in the 1960s, fronting his Blues Insurgents, the Grandmaster Revue, with one of the Grand old blues scene, Albert Adams; and WDET's Robert Jones, who doubles as an extraordinary acoustic bluesman; with guitarist/keyboardist/vocalist Lucky Peterson and the Sun Messengers Rhythm Krew closing it up and Jay Butler of WQBH ending master of ceremonies duties.

On Sunday, former Howling Wolf saxophonist and harmonica player Eddie Shaw and his prodigious guitar-playing son Vann Shaw will be preceded by Willie D. Warren, one of the stellar names of the 1960s and '70s Detroit blues scene, joining forces with Jimmy McCarty of Mystery Train (and formerly of the Detroit Blues Band, Mitch Ryder and Cactus); Thornetta Davis, whom

many fans call the best singer in town, with the Blues Disciples; Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones, among the most exciting and authentic acts in town who we rarely get to see, joining forces with the Blue Suit Blues Band; and the great Uncle Jesse-White and his 29th Street Blues Band, representing the old guard.

Among many highlights of the weekend will be the appearance of one of the most recognized blues names in town, the Famous Coachman, who will serve as MC for the Sunday night program. It was on Jan. 6, 1976, that he first cued up what was to become his theme song, "After Hours" by Erskine Hawkins, and launched his Blues After Hours program on WDET (101.9 FM). To call him one of the most important bluesmen in town is an understatement.

"I started in 1970," he said, "broadcasting out of my store (Coachman's Records) on WGRP. Bobo Jenkins called me up and asked why I stopped doing the show and I said it was because I had run out of money. I was paying them to do the show. He said, 'When I get a radio station, you're going to be on it.' A couple of years later, he called me up and said, 'I got a station.'"

Jenkins didn't exactly own the station, but he had pitched the blues show idea to the Wayne State University public radio station.

"They said I talked too much, but Bobo said, 'listen to what he's saying. He's telling you the history.'"

George Seedoff, president of the Detroit Blues Society, understands history, too. A blues buff of the first order, he can wax eloquently on the subject endlessly. One of his and the Detroit Blues Society's most noteworthy projects is their Son House Memorial Project.

"Son House, who was a mentor to Robert Johnson, spent his final years here in Detroit," Seedoff said. "He is a founding father of the blues and he is buried on the west side of Detroit." Among the society's future plans are to dedicate a park adjacent to the cemetery as Son House Memorial Park.

When he joined the Blues Society in 1990, there were "35 or 40" members. Now there are 350 paid members. When Bobo Jenkins was hustling theaters for Blues Club concerts, there were rarely more than 25 or 30 people in the audience. The Deep Freeze Festival will see close to 1,000. Time has changed, but not the enthusiasm that greets this music.

"When the holidays are over, there is a deep chill that pervades the landscape," Seedoff said. "There's nothing like red hot blues after the holidays. And the quality and the price just can't be beat."

Blues artist Mimi Harris agreed. "The idea of gathering in the cold of winter — any excuse is good — because it takes about 15 bands to melt the snow," she said warming to the subject.

"The lineup is great. I like group efforts. And I can't wait to debut (my) new band. This will be the first job of the new year with a new band."

Famous Coachman, never one to sit and talk about it, is already planning for his Indoor Blues Festival at the Magic Bag in March and is working out details for a summer concert on 60 acres outside of Mount Clemens, with, he teases, a "special surprise guest who will be making a homecoming."

Tickets for the festival are \$12.50 per night or \$25 for a three-day pass. For more information, call (810) 544-3030.



Heating up Ferndale: The Kinsey Report, featuring Big Daddy Kinsey, will headline one night of the "Deep Freeze Blues Festival" Jan. 5-7 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

"We've got more blues clubs and more blues on the radio than any other city in the nation — and that includes Chicago, and we get less publicity," he said.

Like Magic Bag's Steve Milgram and Detroit Blues Society's Seedoff, though, the Coachman sees the future for the blues as getting better all the time.

"When Bobo Jenkins died," he said, "it was there at his hospital bed and I shook his hand and promised him I'd keep the blues alive."

This barbecue, beer and blues blast is certainly a major step in that direction.

Send us a postcard with your name, address, and daytime telephone number to receive a pass for two to a preview screening of "Cry the Beloved Country," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the AMC Maple in Bloomfield Hills.

Based on the novel by Alan Paton, "Cry the Beloved Country," opening Jan. 12 exclusively at the AMC Maple in Bloomfield Hills, is the story of the reconciliation of two men, who have each lost a son to the violence of South Africa — one black, the other white. "Cry the Beloved Country," a Miramax release, stars James Earl Jones.

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SINGLES CALENDAR

- STARLITERS: Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YMCA, 25940 Grandview Rd., at Beach Day, Livonia.
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DINING

# Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy offers leisurely lunches

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's a step back in time when luncheon guests walk up the steps of a quaint farmhouse on busy Grand River in downtown Farmington. It becomes an even more authentic journey to a bygone era when they cross the threshold of Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy.

Visitors are greeted by waitresses garbed in long dresses, aprons and caps in an entry area resplendent with turn-of-the-century furniture and accessories. The period pieces fill each an every room of the house-turned-eatery and every niche, creating a feast for the eyes.

Another initial attraction, and one that gently creates the peaceful atmosphere, is the harpist (either Cecelia Webster or Kay Brown) who strums lilting music from a location near the front door.

This unique eatery is a dream come true for Doris Lovill, who established her reputation as a warm hostess and exceptional baker, especially of cheesecake, by owning and operating a popular tea room in Franklin for a number of years. Her search for a bigger place to offer an extended menu brought her to the Farmington location.

Lovill purchased the house in 1993 and spent several months renovating the interior. The house was built in 1884 and was the home of Minnie Maas for many years. On the grounds, which contain lovely gardens, patios and a gazebo, is the original barn, complete with the cedar horse stalls.

"It was a lengthy process converting the house into a restaurant, but it was an exciting chal-

**Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy**  
Where: 32905 Grand River, Farmington, (between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads), (810) 477-8307.

Hours: Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Some special occasion dinners (Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, etc.) by prepaid reservation only.

Menu: Light (tuna stuffed tomato, seafood, and chicken salads and soups du jour) and hearty (chicken pie, stuffed chicken breast and quiche of the day). A wide assortment of teas and desserts.

Meatless options: Choices are available in the light range, including the fresh fruit and cheese tortellini salads. Those with a

hearty appetite can be satisfied with the homemade vegetable lasagna.

Highlights: A step back in time to the days of peace, tranquility and graceful good manners is offered with delicious and totally satisfying fare. A harpist entertains, providing soothing music in a quiet atmosphere conducive to unhurried and easy conversation. Prices: Moderate to expensive. Entrees range from \$9.50 to \$11.95 (seafood pasta salad). A pot of tea, which serves two, is \$3.

Reservations: Not accepted except for prepaid special dinners and events.

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard accepted.

lenges," Lovill said. She participated in each and every step of the renovation and decorating, including making the exquisite valances and drapes for the windows.

Tables, covered with linens, vases with fresh flowers and other period adornments, including small bells to summon the waitress, fill what was once the house's parlor and dining room. One dining area, known as Lady Kathleen's room, was once the kitchen. The kitchen occupies the former bedroom of Miss Maas.

"It was when I visited a Williamsburg inn on vacation one year that I realized what I really wanted to do," she said. "I wanted to create an elegant atmosphere for dining that would give my guests a pleasant experience and perhaps take them back to a quieter time."

Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy does just that. And, with the help and support of other family members, including sons Carl Jr. and Steven, she has not only created a charming environment, but she offers a wonderful assortment of homemade entrees, desserts and teas.

Carl Jr. is the cook and a creative chef with the ability to provide guests with delicious and satisfying offerings. One especially popular dish is the homemade chicken pie, which is flaky pie crust filled to the brim with chunks of chicken breast, fresh vegetables and a creamy chicken gravy. Like most of the entrees, this dish is served with a fresh fruit garnish, a salad of fresh garden greens (the house dressing — raspberry walnut — is wonderful) and either a homemade muffin or bread.



Cozy dining: Doris Lovill, owner of Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy, encourages guests to relax and have a leisurely lunch.

Another popular offering is the My Friend and I Luncheon. This includes an assortment of delicate tea sandwiches, a cup of homemade soup (which varies daily), a fresh fruit garnish, warm peach cobbler and French vanilla ice cream, and a pot of Mrs. Lovill's Friendship Tea.

"My desire is for the guests to not only enjoy the food and the atmosphere, but to also feel that they can relax and have a leisure-

ly lunch. This is definitely not a quick 'in and out' type of place," Lovill added.

To help maintain the gentle atmosphere, Lovill enforces a "proper attire" code. "No jeans, no shorts and no sweats/jogging suits are allowed," she said.

Lovill invites all her guests to join the Tea Cup Club. Whoever desires donates a teacup and saucer, which is kept at the res-

taurant. These people are then invited to monthly functions at which time they drink from their teacup.

"One restriction we do have because of our limited seating (50) is that we cannot serve dessert and/or beverages only during our luncheon hours," Lovill added. "We initiated this policy because we have become more popular than we ever dreamed."

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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### Events

#### EAST SIDE MARIO'S

Garlic Festival through Jan. 21. Seven new garlic-enhanced menu items will be offered, and Gallo Winery's new Tuning Leaf Pinot Noir and Chardonnay will also be available. Garlic Festival entrees start at under \$8. East Side Mario's serves lunch and dinner seven-days-a-week from its Rochester Hills and Livonia locations.

#### EAGLE TAVERN

Costumed wait staff serve dinner at the tavern, Saturday, Jan. 13 in Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Cash bar begins 6:30 p.m. followed by family-style dinner at 7 p.m. Cost \$25 per person includes tax, gratuity, and musical entertainment. The meal will include potato soup, baked trout, rib of beef and vegetables. Call for

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#### College

##### DINNER BUFFET

Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. International Dinner Buffet, two seatings, 6 and 8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10 with Mediterranean cuisine; Jan. 17, Middle European; Jan. 24, Asian; Jan. 31, Italian. Cost is \$15.95. Reservations recom-

mended. (313) 462-4488

#### AMERICAN HARVEST RESTAURANT

Waterman Center, Schoolcraft College, opens for lunch Thursday, Jan. 11. Open noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Call for reservations. (313) 462-4488

#### Menu changes

##### OCEANIA INN

in the Meadow Brook Village Mall, corner of Walton & Adams, Rochester Hills, now serving Dim Sum, fresh seafood, including live lobsters. (810) 375-9200

##### STAGE & CO.

Restaurant at 6873 Orchard Lake Road (between 14 and 15 Mile Road) in West Bloomfield is now offering a late night

menu in addition to its regular fare. Owner Steve Goldberg is encouraging patrons to stop in after theater, exercise or work to enjoy specially priced after-9 favorites including fish, chicken, sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts, coffees and more. Stage & Co. is open everyday except Monday. (810) 855-6622

#### PAPARAZZI RISTORANTE

Tableside cooking available 5-10 p.m. Saturdays at Paparazzi Ristorante, 6263 Orchard Lake Road, 1/4 mile north of Maple on the east side of the street, in the Sugar Tree Shopping Plaza, West Bloomfield. James Moore, formerly the maître d' of the Ritz Carlton grill, puts romance back into dining as he cooks from a special menu and takes special requests for entrees, desserts and coffees. (810) 855-3993

# Schoolcraft College presents Winter Getaway dinner dance

You can escape the doldrums of winter at Schoolcraft College's Winter Getaway dinner dance, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19.

Dinner will be prepared by the college's award-winning culinary arts students and features roast prime rib.

The Johnny Trudell Orchestra will serenade dancers after dinner.

Tickets \$37.50 per person and tables of eight are available. Proceeds will be used for the Culinary Arts and Continuing Education Services — Physical Educa-

tion departments.

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# SPORTS

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1996

## CANTON SPORTS SCENE

### All-State academic

**R**edford Catholic Central offensive lineman Jeff Monnette and Farmington quarterback Tim Streit were both named first-team Academic All-State by the MSHFCA. Earning All-Academic Special Mention honors: Lutheran High Westland's Kris Skov, Livonia Churchill's Robert Lusa, and Plymouth Salem's Ashraf Youssef.

### CC's Mach honored

**R**edford Catholic Central's Tom Mach, who guided the Shamrocks to a 13-0 record this season and the state Class AA football championship, was named 1996 Coach of the Year in Class AA by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

### Cruisers registration

**T**he Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club will begin its winter season Monday at the Plymouth Salem HS pool. Registration and swimming for ages 10 and younger will be from 6-7 p.m.; for those 11-14 years old, it will be from 7-8 p.m. Regular practices begin Jan. 9. Swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool. Registration fee is \$70 for the first participant, \$60 for the second. This program is organized through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. For further information, call 459-6074.

### Macomb Track and Field

**T**he Macomb Track and Field Season Opener, a competition open to collegiate and post-collegiate competitors, will be Saturday at Macomb CC's South Campus Fieldhouse in Warren. Entry fee is \$3, with unlimited events. No awards will be given. For more information, contact University of Detroit-Mercy track and field director Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or call the track office at Macomb CC at (810) 445-7477.

### Tour baseball tryouts

**T**ryouts for the Roberto Clemente All-Star summer baseball tour (ages 12-19), June 24 through July 3 in Puerto Rico, will be at the following sites: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at Oakland University in Rochester; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse North High School; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Grosse Pointe North High School. The All-Stars will receive instruction from former major leaguers and tour famous sights such as El Yunque National Rainforest and the 450-year-old El Morro Fort. To preregister, the fee is \$25 or \$20 by calling the All-Stars' regional office at (810) 791-8295.

### Recreation news

**T**he Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor a beginner's cheerleading class for girls 5-11 years-old starting Jan. 23. Classes will be held once a week for 10 weeks; for ages 5-6, from 7-7:30 p.m., and for ages 7-11, from 7:30-8 p.m. Classes will be at the Canton Recreation Center, located at Michigan and Sheldon. Cost is \$25 per person. There are no residency requirements. Registration ends Jan. 22. For more information, call 397-5110.

**C**lasses and leagues are now forming for all ages and ability for roller skating, in-line skating and Rollerblading. Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with the Skatin' Station II of Canton, will offer classes in all three, and has a Rollerblade hockey league forming in three age levels. All of the above will be at Skatin' Station II in Canton. **An in-line blade class for kids 15 and under starts Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and continues every Saturday for 10 weeks. Registration deadline is Feb. 8.** **A beginner children's (15 and under) roller skating class starts Saturday, Jan. 20 from 12:15 p.m. until 1 p.m. and runs for 10 consecutive Saturdays. Registration deadline is Jan. 18.** **A beginner adults (18 and over) roller skating class starts Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and goes for 10 straight Wednesdays. Registration deadline is Jan. 15.** **A Rollerblade hockey league gets under way Sunday, Jan. 14 and will feature a game every Sunday for 10 weeks in each of three age divisions: 7 and under, 8-10 and 11-14. Game times are from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 11.**

Costs are \$40 for classes, which includes skate rentals, and \$95 for the Rollerblade hockey league. There are no residency requirements. For more information, call 459-6401 or 397-5110.

**C**anton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a winter season of men's recreational basketball for Canton residents only, starting Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Field School. Cost is \$25 per person. The sessions go from 6:45-9:45 p.m. for 10 weeks. Registration ends Jan. 8. For more information, call 397-5110.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150; or may fax them to (313) 991-7279.

## Salem strong despite losses

**■** Last season, Salem compiled the finest volleyball record in school history. Unfortunately, the team goal of making it to the final round of the state tournament fell short when the Rocks were beaten by Livonia Ladywood in the opening round of the regional. Salem is eyeing a return trip.

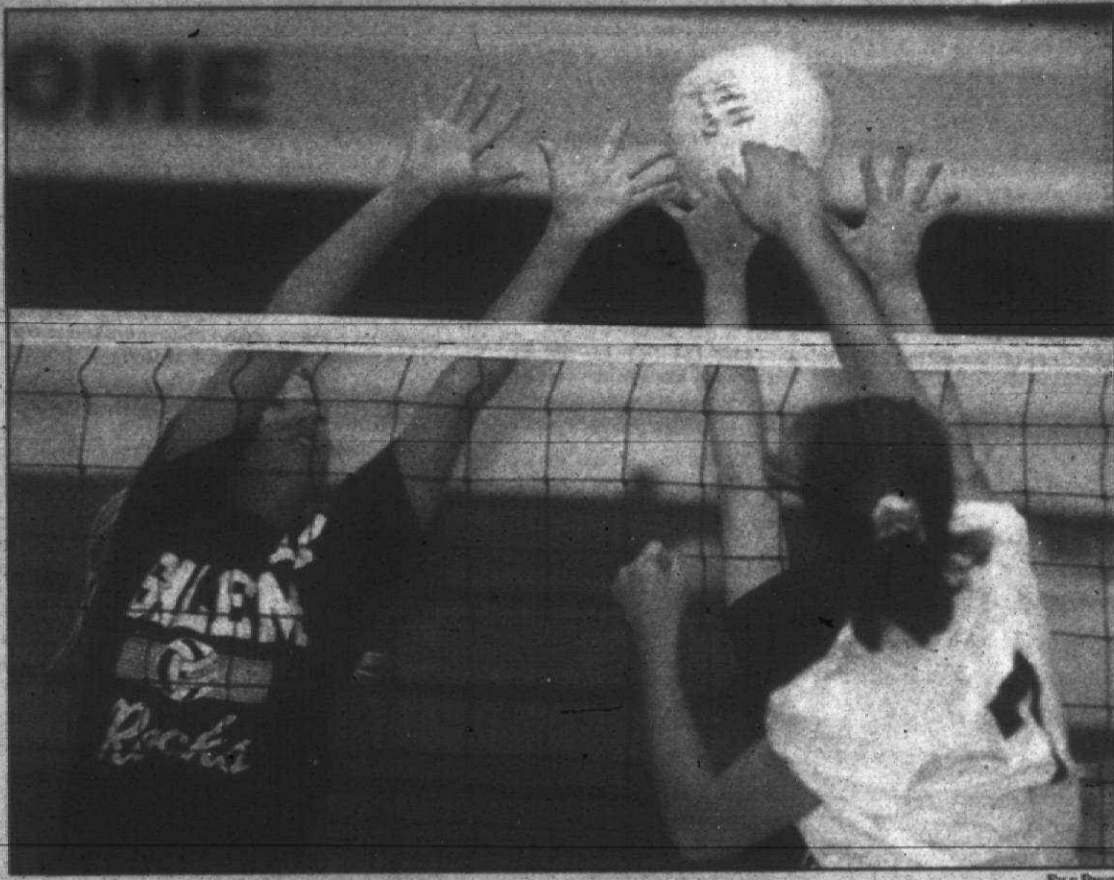
BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER



It's a tough act to follow. Plymouth, Salem's volleyball team enjoyed its best season ever in 1994-95. The Rocks set a school record for wins, going 45-9-3, and were the first team in Western Lakes Activities Association history to post a completely perfect record in regular season play, winning all 11 of their matches without losing a game.

But that was then, and this is now. How good will the '95-96 Rocks be? "We have five kids who played a lot last year, but now they're in somewhat different positions," said Brian Gilles, who shares Salem's coaching duties with Allie Suflety.

See SALEM, 2C



FILE PHOTO

League's best: Salem's Shellye Sills, voted the WLAA's top player last season, will lead the Rocks' run for a second-straight league title.

## Chiefs look to fill the role of spoiler

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

There's plenty of on-court experience, from the coach on down. And the talent isn't lacking, either.

What is lacking on Plymouth Canton's volleyball team is very apparent: The Chiefs have little height.

And that could be a (pardon the pun) big problem. First-year coach Steve Anderson, who replaces Melinda Cain, takes over a team that posted a 25-12-3 record last season but suffered a first-round loss in the state district tournament.

It won't be easy for Anderson, a 1985 Livonia Stevenson graduate who has no varsity coaching experience. He has, however, assisted under Lee Cagle at Stevenson, Tom Testers at Schoolcraft College, and Gary Gray at Henry Ford CC (where he still serves as an assistant coach in the fall).

And Anderson has played as well, for some first-rate men's club teams. So his credentials go beyond just watching and instructing.

Still, all that can't provide Anderson with what he needs most: size. "The biggest problem we'll run into is (a lack of) height in the front court," Anderson said. "That might hurt us. Height is one thing that can't be coached."

But don't underestimate the Chiefs. They still have a solid team, capable of overcoming their "shortcomings."

"Our serving's strong, our setting's strong, our defense is strong," said Anderson.

He has four seniors to build around, starting with co-captains Amber Wells, a 5-foot-5 setter, and Kristie Drinkhahn, a 5-9½ outside hitter. Other senior returnees are 5-10 middle hitter Beth Ostach and 5-6 setter/outside hitter Anne Alioto.

Ostach provides the Chiefs with most of their size, while Alioto gives Anderson options. Her setting ability allows him to switch from a one-setter lineup to a two-setter style. "She's more critical than she knows," said Anderson.

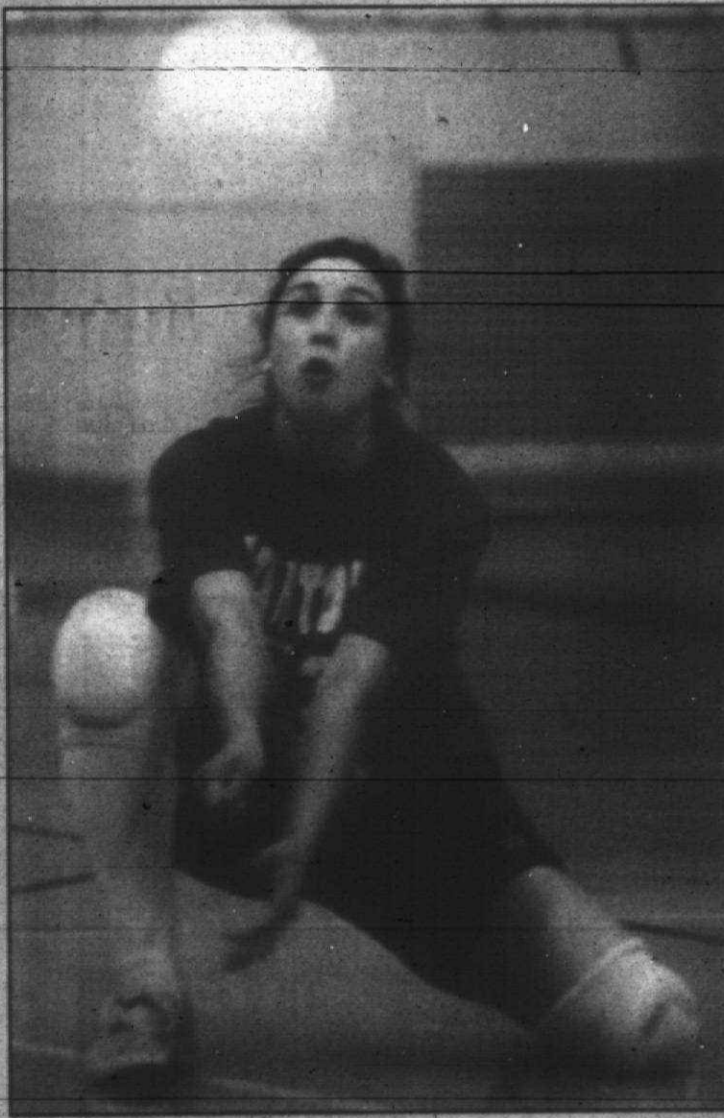
Then there's 5-8 junior middle hitter Jessica Orleman, whom Anderson has high hopes for. "She's going to be our most visible hitter," he said. "She hits a heavy ball, puts a lot of heat on it."

"Jessica and Beth are our power hitters. The others have to go for position hitting."

Defense is one of Canton's best weapons. Nikki Kovachevich, a 5-4 junior, and Jenny Sikora, a 5-5 junior, are both strong back court contributors. Kovachevich also provides "a really good top-spin serve. She leads the team in aces and is our primary passer on defense. She moves well, she reads the hitter on blocks, and is a very smart player."

Donna Logsdon, a 5-10 junior, will give the Chiefs additional blocking at the net. Anderson has also called up Stephanie Chefan, a 5-9 sophomore, from the junior varsity and plans to insert her into the lineup at outside hitter.

See CANTON, 2C



FILE PHOTO

Building: Jessica Orleman is one of eight players returning for Canton with at least some varsity experience.

## Shorthanded SC can't stop Owens Tech

A month ago, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team had a chance at vengeance and nearly made the most of it, losing in the final seconds to Grand Rapids CC — a team that had beaten the Ocelots by 46 points 2½ weeks earlier.

In last week's Holiday Classic, hosted by SC, the Ocelots faced a similar scenario when they played Owens Tech (from Toledo) in the opening round Friday. On Dec. 9 in the final of the Owens Tech Tournament, SC had been pummeled by the host team 114-58.

Unfortunately, the outcome bore no resemblance to the SC-Grand Rapids CC rematch: Owens treated the Ocelots the same way they did in the earlier meeting, building a 48-27 halftime lead and rolling to a 98-62 victory.

Mott CC, which defeated Spring Arbor's junior varsity 106-47 in Friday's other game, ended up edging Owens Tech 63-62 Saturday for the tournament championship.

SC beat Spring Arbor 97-70 in Saturday's consolation game. The tournament MVP was Mott's C.J. Harrel-

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son. Tim Burns was the Ocelots' lone selection to the five-man all-tournament team.

The split left SC with a 5-8 record. The Ocelots played both games without starters Aaron Brown and Naron Burks, who were being disciplined after missing practice. Burns is the team's top rebounder; both players averaged better than nine points a game.

In the loss to Owens Friday, only Dwan Warmack (with 15 points) and Dave Pavlak (12 points) reached double-figures in scoring for SC. Warmack also had five assists and eight steals, but he committed 12 turnovers. Burns collected six points and 11 rebounds.

Owens had six players reach double-figures in scoring: J.T. Reese (18), Marcus Langhorne (16), Kevin Roberts (15), Wesley Lamb (12), and Byron Gladdan and Jerry Wells (10 each).

Part of SC's problem came at the free-throw line. The Ocelots were a mere 12-of-29 (41 percent), including just 6-of-20 in the second half (30 percent). Owens was 24-of-35 for the game (69 percent).

In the win over Spring Arbor, SC's offense was working far better. Burns connected on 10-of-12 from the field and led the Ocelots with 23 points. Warmack had 15 and 10 assists, with both Dave Pavlak and Jason Maschke (from Livonia Franklin) netting 11 points and Tyris Williams getting 10. Rudy Hatfield (Livonia Churchill) added nine.

Jason Feig topped Spring Arbor with 25 points; Dave Tebo netted 19 and Matthew Taylor had 18.

SC exploded in the first half, jumping out to a 48-34 lead, and just kept cruising, outpointing Spring Arbor 49-36 in the second half. The Ocelots made 42-of-75 shots from the floor (56 percent) to Spring Arbor's 25-of-68 (37 percent). However, SC's free-throw troubles continued; the Ocelots were 5-of-15 from the line (33 percent).

The Ocelots are now idle until next Wednesday, when they host Alpena CC.

# Chiefs have depth to stay near top

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It was a season of firsts for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team last year.

The Chiefs won their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship. They finished fourth in the state. And coach John Cunningham collected state coach of the year honors for the first time.

Canton approaches this season with more firsts. Cunningham welcomes his biggest team ever, with a roster of 40 girls — including 22 freshmen.

However, what the Chiefs won't have for the first time in several years is that singular star, the one performer who could keep them in the state championship hunt.

Katey Gilles, who won the state title in the all-around as a freshman and finished fourth last year as a sophomore behind three gymnasts who each bettered the state's existing all-around record, has opted not to compete for Canton this season. Gilles will instead concentrate on performing for her club team, Michigan Academy of Gymnastics out of Westland.

"Well, we were going to be thinking about the state championship," said Cunningham. "Without Katey, we're looking to see what other teams are lacking."

Canton won't be lacking too much — although much has been lost. Besides Gilles, the Chiefs are without Kari Jackson, Michelle Cimeot, Angie Lamerato and Mindy Sofen. All have graduated.

Back are seniors Brie Wall, Kim Nowak and Brooke Larson. Wall and Nowak are team co-captains; Cunningham figures Wall is a definite contender for the Division II all-around championship.

Nowak's and Larson's strengths are in the floor exercise and balance beam, which says something about the kind of team Canton will field this season.

"I'm looking forward to this team being a pretty strong team without Katey," said Cunningham. "Actually, our strength is being a team. We'll be emphasizing that more than in the past."

In other words, there will be fewer all-around stars. Cunningham is counting Canton's depth as its greatest attribute.

It showed in a pre-Christmas double-dual meet at Freeland Dec. 16. The Chiefs won both ends, scoring 127.95 points compared to Freeland's 126.45 and Vassar's 116.25.

Those expected to contribute heavily for the Chiefs are junior Beth Muijsert in the beam and vault; sophomore Sandy Mulder in the floor exercise; sophomore Bobbi Jones in the all-around; sophomore Nicole Vasagnes in the uneven parallel bars, the vault and the floor exercise; junior Becky Wolfrom; sophomore Holly Graham; and freshman Marcie Emerick in the all-around.

"Our advantage is, we have four or five counting scores in each event," said Cunningham. "Most other teams have two or three. They have three strong girls, then scramble to find a fourth."

How much that will help Canton in the bigger meets is uncertain. But Cunningham is convinced his team deserves a spot in the top 10 in the state.

Unfortunately, there are several others within the WLAAs that are in the same position and could be difficult to beat. Northville, ac-

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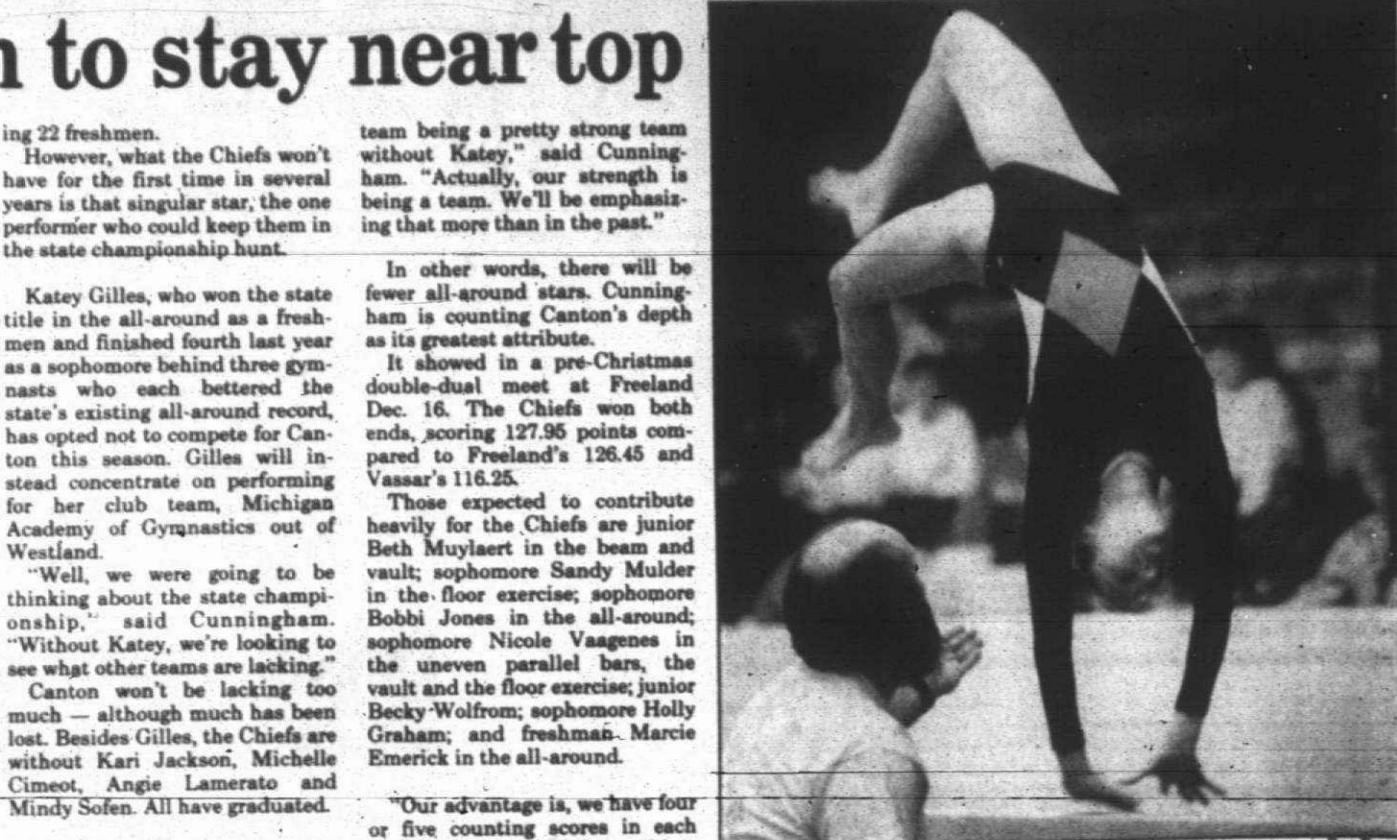
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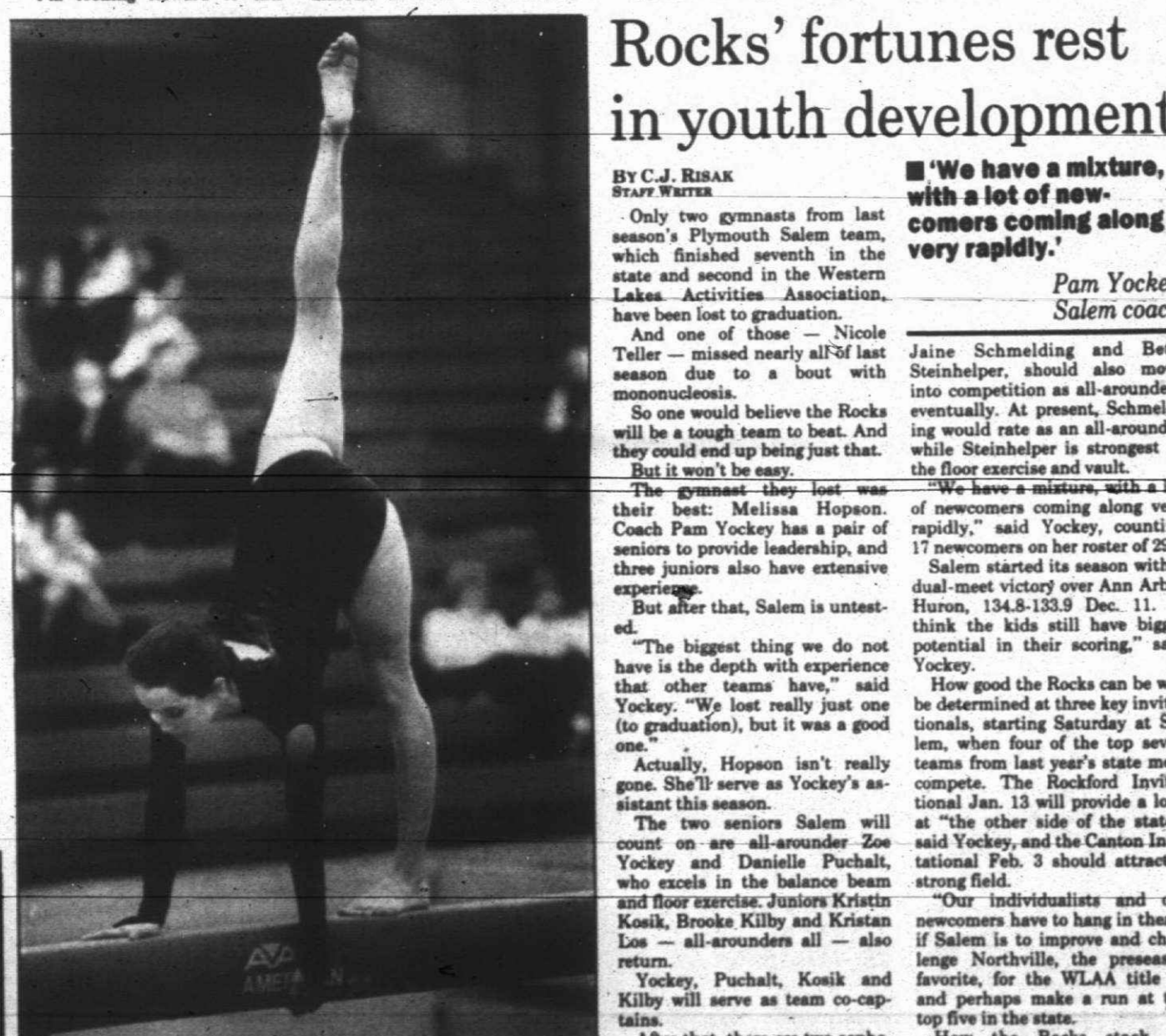
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**Experienced returnee:** Canton has some personnel losses to fill, but veterans like Kim Nowak should help keep the Chiefs in the WLAAs title hunt.

Invitational (Feb. 3) should pretty well know where we stand in the state," said Cunningham. Saturday's Salem Invitational, followed by the Rockford Invitational Jan. 13, will also provide some answers.

"By the time we get through our



**Co-captain:** Danielle Puchalt is one of two senior co-captains for the Rocks, who have the makings of another strong squad.

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"Last year's team did a couple of things: They played good defense and they served real well.

"This year's team serves well, but I don't know about our defense. This year's team does hit better than last year's. The question is, how good is our defense and our passing?"

If Salem can blend those two elements together with a successful changeover in setting — from a 5-1 featuring the now-graduated Erin Koch, to a 6-2 with 6-foot-4 senior Karen Springsteen and 5-5 junior Nicole Bolton — it could regain its league title.

It's a lot to ask, sure. But remember the Rocks do have middle hitter Shelly Silja, a 6-foot senior who was named the WLAAs' best player last season, returning. A team co-captain, Silja committed over the holiday break to attend the University of Toledo to play volleyball next year.

Also back are Springstien; Kim Sheldon, a 5-6 senior outside hitter and team co-captain; Ni-

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He also plans to do a lot of situational subbing to take full advantage of his team's strengths.

Which the Chiefs will have to do to stay on even terms with the top teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Defending champion Plymouth Salem figures to be challenged by Wallied Lake Central, North Farmington and Livonia Churchill.

And Canton? Said Anderson: "The way I see it, to say we'll win the league would be presumptuous. But I think we could be the spoiler.

"We can surprise some people if our defense holds up."

The Chiefs' lack of offensive firepower will put added pressure on their defense, to be sure.

# Loss of 5 seniors could cripple CC

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Rockford Catholic Central returns only two letter winners from a state team that finished second in the Class A regional and eighth at the state meet.

Duplicating last year's success may be difficult with the loss of five main point-getters, including Jeff Buckley, who won the Mount Brighton Division of the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, the regional, and finished fourth in the giant slalom at the state meet.

The Shamrocks' other significant losses were Steve Williams, a top five finisher at both the division meet and regional, Matt

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Connolly and Steve Hartsock. Williams was 16th and Connolly 28th in the slalom at the state meet. Hartsock finished 46th in the giant slalom.

The Shamrocks will have only one senior on the roster when they begin the season at 4 p.m. today with a giant slalom race at Mount Brighton.

"It's a coach's nightmare graduating five seniors," CC coach Tom Gable said. "That was a solid group that skied together for four years. They had some tough races, but kept their chins up and that's a sign of maturity. It's hard

to replace that leadership." If there's any consolation, Gable said he expects a lot of last year's strong teams also to be young.

The Shamrocks finished second in the division behind Brighton before surpassing the Bulldogs for second place in the regional behind Birmingham Brother Rice. CC then outduelled Rice in the state meet, surpassing the Warriors by two places in the final standings.

The lone senior is Mike Phillips, the team captain who skied mostly giant slalom last year. "He has looked extremely strong in training and last summer went to camp at Mount Hood in Oregon," Gable said.

Gable expects a lot as well from Nick Muscino, who gained experience as a sophomore last year and took 32nd in the slalom at the state meet after earning all-division honors.

"He is a real strong racer," Gable said.

The Shamrocks' lineup also includes sophomore Jason Anderson, who also attended camp at Mount Hood, junior Yale Jallou and brothers Courtney Robinson and John Robinson. Courtney is a junior and John is a sophomore.

"They've been on skis a long time and are very aggressive," Gable said.

Jallos' strong suit, according to Gable, is slalom.

# Madonna resumes season with a split

After a nine-day holiday break, Madonna University's women's basketball team returned to action last weekend with mixed results.

The Lady Crusaders had won six of their previous eight games prior to the Christmas vacation. On Friday, they picked up where they left off by routing Concordia College 83-64 at Madonna.

Saturday, however, the competition was far more fierce. Aquinas College visited the Crusaders, using a second-half getaway to pound out a 73-45 triumph.

The split left Madonna with an 11-8 record. Concordia's loss left it at 4-7.

In the win over Concordia, Katie Cushman and Stacy Lamphere combined for 46 points and the Crusader defense limited the Cardinals to eight first-half baskets (8-of-31, 25.8 percent) allowing Madonna to pull out to a 46-23 halftime lead.

Cushman's 24 points paced the Crusaders. The freshman guard connected on 5-of-9 three-pointers, dished out four assists and had five steals. Lamphere scored 22 points on 9-of-13 shooting (4-of-7

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three); she also grabbed eight rebounds and had four assists.

Mary Murray added 11 points, with Megan Mariatt, collecting nine and Erin Wiley eight.

On the down side for the Crusaders, they did commit 37 turnovers. Cushman had seven, with Lamphere, Francine Williams and Angie Negri making five apiece.

Concordia's Pam Scheer had 18 points. Lori Shingledacker netted 12 and Kristen Strang scored 11 (with nine rebounds).

In Saturday's loss to Aquinas, Madonna managed to keep it close for a half — the Saints led at the break, 30-25. But the Crusaders, who were just 10-of-35 from the floor in the opening half (28.6 percent), were even worse in the second, making only 6-of-35 (17.1 percent). Aquinas outscored Madonna 43-20 over the last 20 minutes.

Cushman and Lamphere each scored 10 points to pace the Crusaders. But Cushman was 4-of-20 from the field, and Lamphere was 3-of-13.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL	W.L. Western at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.	Huron Valley vs. St. Field Christian at Marshall J. High, 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Jan. 6
Friday, Jan. 5	New at F.H. Hancock, 7 p.m.	Notzville at St. Salem, 7:30 p.m.	Spring Arbor at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Clarensville at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.	Py. Canton at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.	Burgess at Rockford CC, 7:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft at Seneca (N.Y.), TBA
Py. Christian at Oak Christian, 7 p.m.	Burgess at Rockford CC, 7:30 p.m.	Det. Loyola at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.	
St. Joseph at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.			
Liv. Churchill at Farmington, 7 p.m.			

## SWIMMING

The Plymouth-Canton Swim Club collected its fall league championship recently, scoring 1,570 points to outdistance second-place Dexter (1,390) and third-place Saline (1,130). In addition to being overall winners, the Crusiers won the 9-10 boys, 13-14 boys and 13-14 girls age divisions.

The Crusiers were led by Ben Dzialo, Adam Sommatine and Don Leclair with three individual wins a piece. The following swimmers scored for the Crusiers:

8-and-under girls: Allison Goldsmith — second, 25-yard freestyle and 25 breaststroke; and fourth, 100-yard freestyle; Ashley Schofield — fifth, 100 free, and seventh, 50 free; Kristen New — fifth, 100 individual medley; and 25-111, 25 backstroke; Nikki Droubay — fifth, 50 free, and sixth, 100 IM and 25 breast; Patricia Albert — 10th, 25 free; Stephanie Baska — 12th, 25 back, 100 medley relay — first, team of Droubay Goldsmith, New and Schofield, 1:00. Reg. relay — 11th, Heather Hayslett, Stacy Ward and Baska, and 12th, Emily Stephens, Katie Gorman, Stacey Ward and Becky Ward.	8-and-under boys: Rob Rymish — fourth, 25 butterfly, fifth, 100 free, and 10th, 25 back; Christopher Early — fourth, 25 back, and ninth, 100 free; Nick Dixon — seventh, 25 breast, eighth, 100 IM, and 10th, 50 free; Chris Bennett — seventh, 25 free; Robert Cyrek — fifth, 50 free, eighth, 25 free, and 10th, 25 breast; Chris Allen — 12th, 25 back; 100 medley relay — fifth, team of Cyrek, Dixon, Rymish and Early; 100 IM relay — sixth, Nick Bartzke, Allen, Ryan Stone and Bennett.	9-10 girls: Alicia Dotson — second, 50 free, and fourth, 200 free; Amy Martens — third, 100 free, fourth, 50 free, and seventh, 200 free; Trina Dotson — sixth, 100 IM and 50 back, and 11th, 100 free; Shay Reilly — ninth, 100 IM; Stephanie Lamer — seventh, 20 breast; 200 medley relay — seventh, team of Lamer, Caine Verme, Rachel Brooks and Reilly, and 10th, team of Alexandra Dorian-Toth, Katie Baska, Sarah Beatefeld and James Baska; 200 free relay — first, team of T. Dotson, LaFur, Martens and A. Dotson, and 10th, team of Beatefeld, K. Baska, Dorian-Toth and J. Baska.	9-10 boys: Ben Ostalo — first, 200 free, 50 free, and 50 free; Kyle Silbermager — second, 200 free and 50 free; fourth, 50 back; Ron Schafer — fifth, 100 free, sixth, 200 free, and seventh, 50 free; Adam Sommatine — first, 100 IM, 100 free and 50 breast; Jeff Nevi — first, 50 back, third, 50 free and fourth, 100 IM; Jeremy French — sixth, 50 free and tenth, 100 IM; Nicholas Yee — 11th, 100 IM and 12th, 50 back; Garrett Stone — second, 100 free, and fifth, 50 free; Matthew Vidan — 10th, 50 free, and 12th, 100 free; Aaron Perel — ninth, 50 free; John Battista — 11th, 100 free; Matt Showalter — seventh, 50 back; Jay Le — ninth, 50 back; 200 medley relay — first, team of Nevi, Sommatine, Silbermager and Stone and fourth, team of Showalter, Yee, Kyle Dirk and Battista; 200 free relay — first, team of French, Stone, Schafer and Ostalo.	11-12 girls: Sarah Martin — third, 50 back and 11th, 200 free; Brendie Roberts — seventh, 50 back, ninth, 100 IM, and 11th, 50 free; Karl Fourn — fourth, 50 back, 10th, 50 free, and 11th, 100 back; Chastene Dorian — 11th, 50 back; 200 medley relay — eighth, team of Dorian, Chastene Schaffer, Sara Higgins and Sarah Brooks, and 12th, team of Roberts, Alex Evans, Kimberly Larsen and Laura Burek; 200 free relay — 10th, team of Fourn, Higgins, Brooks and Martin.	11-12 boys: Brian Martens — third, 200 free, sixth, 100 free, and eighth, 50 breast; Paul Perel — first, seventh, 200 free, eighth, 50 free, and third, 50 free; Brad Nelson — first, 100 free, second, 50 back, and third, 100 IM; Eric Lynn — 10th, 100 IM, and 11th, 50 free; Chris Lamer — second, 50 breast, and 12th, 100 IM; Michael Segrest — 12th, 50 back; Peter Droubay — 11th, 50 breast; 200 medley relay — third, team of Dorian, Baska, Lamer, Lynn and Matt Warewski, and seventh, team of Segrest, Droubay, Ben Martin and Adam May; 200 free relay — fourth, team of Perel, Lynn, Nelson and Martens, and ninth, team of May, Droubay, Segrest and Warewski.	13-14 girls: Brandy Shuler — fourth, 100 free, and seventh, 200 free; Michelle Nelson — sixth, 100 free, eighth, 200 free, and ninth, 100 back; Sarah Rogers — fifth, 100 free, and sixth, 200 free; Jenny Droubay — third, 200 IM, and 10th, 100 free and 100 breast; Leah Reeder — 10th, 100 free; Jenny Slavick — sixth, 100 breast, 11th, 200 IM, and 12th, 100 free; Kathy Kelly — first, 50 free, and third, 100 free; Tricia Kuhn, Elizabeth Gable — ninth, 50 free, and 11th, 100 back; Sarah May — 12th, 100 free; Leah Kuhn — 12th, 100 free, and 10th, 100 breast; 200 medley relay — sixth, team of Reeder, Droubay, Shuler and Kelly, and seventh, Gatie, Kaiti Shurt and Rogers; 200 free relay — first, team of Kelly, Shuler, Nelson and Kelly; and fifth, Gatie, Kelly, Brooks and Segrest.	13-14 boys: Justin Hartsock — first, 200 free, and third, 100 free; Scott Smith — second, 100 free, and fifth, 50 free; Don Lester — first, 200 IM, 100 free and 100 breast; Ben Rogers — seventh, 100 free, and eighth, 50 free; Leland — 10th, 100 breast, and 11th, 200 IM; Mark Withoff — 11th, 100 breast, and 12th, 200 IM; Andrew Lott — eighth, 50 free, and 10th, 100 free; Ed Lynn — eighth, 50 free, and 10th, 100 free; Ed Lynn — eighth, 50 free, and 10th, 100 free; Agost Reeder — fourth, 100
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# Bad beginning gets a quick turnaround

After a lousy start, the ice fishing season heated up in a hurry for Marty Drum.

The 32-year-old Westland resident opened the season last week on Union Lake and experienced a disastrous trip.

At first, Drum chipped a tooth when he smacked himself in the face with a pole from his ice fishing shanty. Then he broke the top on his favorite daddling pole. Drum topped off the trip by getting a soaker on his way of the ice when he stepped into his fishing hole.

"I was ready to call it quits," he chuckled.

Drum was back on Union Lake on Dec. 28 and his second trip turned out much better than his first. Using the same rod with a broken tip, Drum landed a whopping 9-pound walleye on 3-pound-test line.

"We were using worms fishing for perch," explained Drum. "I had a peat tar drop on it and I decided to try a minnow. I lowered it pulled and he bit it immediately. I pulled it back in to see if I still had the minnow and when I dropped it back down the hole he took it again. He made about four or five nice runs before he finally came up."

Drum immediately tackled the fish to Dick's Bait and Tackle in Union Lake to have it officially weighed and measured. The monster tipped the scale at nine pounds even and was 28 inches long.

Orchard Lake producing, too.

Redford fishing guide and tournament angler Bob Mitchell reports great success for pike and pan fish through the ice on Orchard Lake.

"We've been doing pretty good out there," said Mitchell. "We've been averaging three to four nice pike each time out and a dozen or two blue gills. When the barometer is falling, the fishing seems to be fantastic."

Mitchell and his party have caught several pike in the 7- to 9-pound class with an 11-pounder topping their success. The blue gills are running 8 to 10-inches with an occasional 12-inch showing up. On Monday, Mitchell caught a 27-, 29-, 31- and a 34-

inch pike and three dozen nice blue gills."

Hunting success continues

Although the deer hunting season came to an end at dusk on Jan. 1, it still has some hunting success reports to wrap up.

Lake Orion's Steve and Donna Wallace teamed up to take a pair of Clare County bucks during the firearms deer season.

Hunting along some farmland, Steve bagged a 6-point on Nov. 15. It was his 15th buck in 16 years. He was the same stand. Donna waited until Thanksgiving Day to fill her tag. Donna shot a spike-horn after missing the same deer six days earlier. It was her first deer in three years of hunting.

Livonia's Jeff Cullen took a nice 8-point buck with his shotgun during the firearms deer season. Having missed twice with his bow, Cullen made the best of his opportunity during the firearms season when he dropped his first deer, an 8-point with a 15 1/2-inch spread. Cullen was hunting on state land in Jackson County with his hunting partner Eric Ridenour.

Jeff Brown traveled to the Upper Peninsula to bag a buck on opening day of the firearms season. Hunting from "The Schoolhouse Camp" near Trout Lake in Chippewa County, Brown knocked down a spike at 4:15 p.m. on Nov. 15.

"I was hunting in a forested area between two swamps," explained Brown. "It's a natural funnel and the deer really come through there. While it was field dressing this one, a real big buck came through."

Canton's Adam Hammons didn't let the fact that he was away at college distract from his deer hunting. A sophomore at Grand Valley State University majoring in geology, Hammons lives off campus in a rented house on eight acres of huntable land. Hammons started the season by shooting a button buck with his bow on October 4. On opening day of the firearms season, Hammons dropped a 170-pound, 5-point buck, and on Nov. 17 the Plymouth Salem rang bagged a 162-pound, 8-point. And he still found time to keep up with his studies.

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## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

### CLASSES

**FLY TYING**  
The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited is offering two courses in fly tying. The classes begin Jan. 22 and will be held at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration is underway. Call (810) 647-1400 or (313) 359-4149 for more information.

### SHOWS

**CAMPER SHOW**  
The Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel and RV show will be held Jan. 24-28 at the Pontiac Silverdome.

**BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING**  
The Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be held Feb. 14-18 at the Silverdome.

**OUTDOORAMA**  
MUCC's Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 23-March 3 at the Novi Expo Center.

**SPORTSMAN EXPO**  
The 8th Annual Greater Detroit Sportsfishing Expo, Michigan's biggest pure fishing show, will be held Feb. 29-March 3 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call (810) 477-3816 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 470-2965 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDYS**  
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0566 for more information.

**METROPARKS**  
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration is required for all programs. Call a respective park, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

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Through April 15 in Zone I. Through April 15 in Zones II and III.

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A naturalist-led hike under the light of the full moon begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

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### SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
The rifle and pistol range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
The range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays through Sundays. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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### STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area and Highland Recreation Area are offering 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 (810) 349-8390, for Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433.

**VEHICLE PERMITS**  
The 1996 state park motor vehicle permits are available for \$20 each at state parks and state recreation area offices. (313) 983-0241.

**CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS**  
Campsite reservations for the 1996 season are now accepted. Call 1-800-5432-YES, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends to make your reservation.

**MIND ON THE MOON**  
Join members of the Oakland

**ASTROLOGY CLUB**  
for lunar stories and how to telescope viewing, a campfire and a snack during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday at Independence Oaks.

**FEATHERED FRIENDS**  
Learn to identify some of Michigan's feathered winter residents during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Sunday at Independence Oaks.

**OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC SKI NIGHTS**  
Cross country skiing clinics will be held, weather permitting, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at Addison Oaks and Saturday, Jan. 27, at Independence Oaks.

**LEARN TO SKI DAYS**  
Cross country ski instruction and demonstrations will be offered 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, and Saturday, Jan. 20, at Independence Oaks.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SKI NIGHT**  
Cross country skiing and instruction, ice skating, hayrides and prizes are all part of this program, which will be offered 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, and Saturday, Jan. 20, at Addison Oaks.

**WOLF MOON**  
Learn about wolves, owls and animal tracks during an evening hike under the light of a full moon, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

**WINTER WEEDS**  
A naturalist-led hike through the meadow to learn some of the uses of wildflowers by humans and animals, begins at 10 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

**STORIES IN THE SNOW**  
Look for animal tracks and animal signs during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

**1996 PERMITS**  
The 1996 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle permits and annual boat launching permit are on sale at all Metro-park offices. Vehicle permits are \$15, \$8 for senior citizens. Boat launch permits are \$18, \$9 for seniors. Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

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Widowed WF, tall blonde, late 50s, friendly, outgoing, seeking a handsome, clean-cut male, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**GREAT CATCH BEKES**  
Exciting, blonde professional, 38, attractive, traditional values, seeks handsome, clean-cut male, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**EXCITING, FUN AND BRIGHT**  
Busy entrepreneur, NB, social graces, seeks successful, outgoing man, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Intelligent, kind, fun-loving, 39, seeks handsome, professional, successful man, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**FREE SPIRIT**  
37, curvaceous, blonde, vibrant, psychology degree, outgoing, fun-loving, seeks a man who is successful, educated, and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**CLASSY LADY**  
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**WANTED**  
SMM professional, 40, 175lbs, very fit, seeking SMM WF to share special times, fun activities and bonding. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SWF 29, 5'9", Catholic, NB, fun-loving, outgoing, seeks a handsome, clean-cut male, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Cute DW 40s, 5'2", slim, warm, intelligent, seeks a handsome, clean-cut male, 30s-40s, who enjoys the outdoors and has a good sense of humor. Reply to (810) 656-0566.

# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

## AUDITIONS

**■ CHORUS**  
The Plymouth Community Chorus is calling for people who love to sing. Auditions will be held by appointment at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, and 23, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritone. Some openings also exist for altos and sopranos. Rehearsals for the spring concert will soon be under way. Call 455-4080.

## Y.M.C.A.

**■ "Y" KIDS**  
The philosophy of "Y" Kids is to help each child develop socially through the process of adapting to his or her peers through play. The sessions are designed to promote enjoyment through work and play, refine large and small motor skills, promote physical coordination, and encourage self-development. Free and individualized play is encouraged through the availability of table games, clay, music, kitchen area, cars and trucks, and many other items. Organized activities and projects will provide new ideas and endless wonderment to each child. Participants will explore the worlds of community helpers, animals and insects, weather, nutrition, and many other concepts. Bonnie Graham, B.A. in early childhood, is the instructor. Register at 453-2904.

## CLUBS

**■ AMERICAN LEGION**  
Plymouth Township American Legion Post 112 and Auxiliary Unit 112 will hold regular business meetings noon Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth St. in Plymouth. All veterans welcomed. Information, 451-3574.

**■ CANTON BPW**  
The Canton Business and Professional Women's group meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road in Canton. This is an organization to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. Information, (313) 699-1970.

**■ STAMP CLUB**  
West Suburban Stamp club meets 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

**■ NEPPS**  
Michigan Emergency

Pharmaceutical Program offers middle-income seniors a one-month supply of prescription drugs. Must call for appointment noon to 2 p.m., 455-7526. Appointments are on the second and third Friday monthly at Plymouth Township Hall (by clerk's office).

**■ ATTENTION DEFICIT**  
The Attention Deficit Disorders program will begin new Attention Deficit Disorder groups for children, teens and adults in the Canton area. These groups will meet in the evenings and Saturdays. Groups for parents of children with ADD are also being offered which run at corresponding times. For a brochure or for more information, call the Center for Behavior and Medicine, 677-0809.

**■ PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS**  
Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130 Parents Without Partners is meeting at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. Diane, 464-1969.

**■ SMOKERS' RIGHTS**  
Group will meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month in Denny's on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, Plymouth Township, for people supportive of smokers' rights. Information, call Marc at 455-1635.

**■ JAYCEES**  
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

## FOR KIDS

**■ CANTON CRICKETS**  
Limited openings are available for winter Canton Cricket registration preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds held at the Canton Administration Building. The winter session is 16 weeks from Feb. 12 through June 14. The cost is \$180 for two-day session, \$270 for three-day session. Crafts, organized games, story time, special events, trips and snack time. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Summit on the Park community center. Information, 397-5110.

**■ NURSERY SCHOOL**  
Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for 3-year-olds Wednesday morning and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon for 4-year-olds. Information, 455-8250 or 459-3111.

**■ TINY TOTS**  
The Salvation Army Tiny

## Festival begins



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**Ice festival: The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular kicks off on Wednesday, Jan. 10, and runs through Monday, Jan. 15, in and around Kellogg Park. Professional carvers will start work at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Kellogg Park. There is no admission charge.**

Tots Preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds will be from 9:30-11:35 a.m. through May. For information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

**■ NEW MORNING SCHOOL**  
There are limited openings for students in second, third, and fifth through eighth grade at New Morning School. Information, 420-3331.

## BOOKS FOR SALE

**■ SYMPHONY LEAGUE**  
The Plymouth Symphony League is raising funds by selling the Entertainment 1996 book. Each book contains hundreds of "Two-for-One" discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions and hotels. The profit from the sale of Entertainment books will help support the Plymouth Symphony. To order your Entertainment 1996 book, call 453-3016.

**■ PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS**  
Friends of Youth will deliver 1996 Entertainment books to your home. All proceeds go to children's

charities. Up to 50 percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel. Car washes and much more. Price \$40. Call Bill VonGlahn at 453-8253 or Ken Fisher at 728-7619.

**■ PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
The Plymouth Community Chorus Entertainment books are now available. Huge savings offered on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, cleaners, car washes, and more. Proceeds will help fund the chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. Call Stan at 459-6829.

## AROUND THE TOWN

**■ REC CENTER**  
Canton Recreation Center, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road, will continue to be available for community groups and individual rental through April 1996. This facility is available for Canton Township residents and groups only. The facility can hold events for up to 100 people and the rental rates are as follows: social event, \$200 deposit, \$25 per hour; non-

profit service club/organization (Canton-based): business meeting, \$25 deposit — no rental fee, social event, \$200 deposit and \$7.50 per hour (no limit). Information, Canton Parks & Recreation Services, 397-5110.

**■ OPEN SKATE**  
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation open skate will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer, noon to 1:20 p.m. Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Wednesdays, 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Fridays. Fees: \$2 city residents, \$2 if you work full time in the city of Plymouth (pay stub required), \$2.50 non-resident. Information, 455-6623.

**■ FISH FRY**  
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 will have a fish fry 5:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth. Information, 459-6700.

**■ YOUTH EXCHANGE**  
The Plymouth Rotary Club Youth Exchange is seeking interested students ages 16-18 looking for an opportunity to spend a year abroad learning the culture and language of an-

other country. No application fee. Travel overseas August 1996 to July 1997. Any place in 22 foreign countries. Contact Marie A. Morrow, Plymouth Rotary Youth Exchange chairwoman, at 453-6879.

**■ CAMP CYO**  
The Catholic Youth Organization of Metro Detroit is looking for former CYO camp staff and participants to include in special 50th anniversary celebration of the CYO camps in 1996. If you or anyone you know is a former camp staffer or attendee, call the CYO at 963-7172, or send a postcard with your name, address, phone number and year you attended camp to: CYO Camp 50th, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48226.

**■ CLOTHING BANK**  
The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Good quality clothing available to needy Plymouth-Canton school district families. Located in a portable building behind Central Middle School in Plymouth. Call for appointment, 416-6179.

**■ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Learn how to be an Arbor Hospice volunteer and serve patients and the families in your area. Provide respite for families, transportation for patients, companionship, support and encouragement. Information, 677-0500.

**■ ARTS COUNCIL**  
The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering its new facility at 774 N. Sheldon Road for rent for seminars, recitals and lectures. The facility has auditorium seating for 225 people. The parking lot has room for 28 cars and street parking is available. There are coffee pots, a slide projector and a piano available. Interested groups, call 416-4278.

**■ ALUMNI INFORMATION**  
The Plymouth-Canton schools are putting together an alumni directory of former students to help people find old friends and plan reunions. It will include the current names and addresses of alumni. If you have a list of alumni from any class year, any updated names and addresses or you know someone who has either, call Emily Brazzi at (800) 654-4548, or fax the list to Brazzi at (800) 829-4142. The mailing address for the directory project is: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Directory of Alumni, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company Inc., 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Va. 23502-4169.

**■ SUPPORT GROUP**  
Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries, (313) 427-LIFE, from

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Confidential. Free.

## DANCE

**■ IRISH DANCE**  
Adults interested in "Celi" dancing (Irish folk dancing) meet 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Oddfellows Hall on Elizabeth in Plymouth. Interested, call 522-5787.

**■ BALLROOM DANCE**  
Ballroom dance is offered 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 8, by Redford Parks and Recreation 10 weeks for \$22. Jane Addams Elementary School, 14025 Berwyn, Redford. 471-4168.

## REUNIONS

**■ PLYMOUTH SALEM/CANTON CLASS OF 1986**  
10-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 5, 1996, at Burton Manor. Information, James Dunn, (810) 401-5858.

## SPORTS

**■ RUNNERS/WALKERS**  
Canton Road Running Club men's and women's running club, meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track. Inviting runners of all abilities and ages. Come enjoy the fun, encouragement, and security of running with new friends, 453-7330 or 397-0912.

## EDUCATION

**■ PLUS**  
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## CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Moran, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

**■ GEORGE KOVACHEFF**, son of Stanley and Christine Kovacheff of Plymouth, graduated from the New York Chiropractic College. He is the third doctor in his family. His brother, Gregory, is a dentist and another brother, Jon, is a psychologist. He expects to practice in southwest Michigan.

**■ GEOFFREY JOHN RAHIE**, 16, of Plymouth has

been awarded a Chrysler Junior Golf Scholarship. He is currently a junior at Catholic Central High School. He was one of 40 young Americans selected from thousands of applicants to receive this award, now in its second year. Winners were selected based on a series of personal essays and parent, teacher and/or mentor recommendations. The applications were judged by the Chrysler Junior Golf Scholarship Advisory Board, which includes PGA Tour Player and Program Ambassador Tom Kite and representatives from Chrysler, the AJGA and Golf Digest. The \$1,000 scholarship will be issued in Geoffrey John Rahie's name and forwarded directly to his college upon confirmation of enrollment.

**■ LAURENE URSG**, RN, of Plymouth was awarded the 1995 Toumy award from Mission Health. The Toumy Scholarship Awards are granted annually to those who demonstrate excellence in their work and participate in an accredited academic nursing program. Community scholarship awards are granted annually to Michigan nursing students who have demonstrated a high level of initiative, commitment and leadership.

**■ STEPHEN R. SEDORE**, an Albion College senior majoring in computational mathematics and German, has been selected as a member of the British Eighth, the college's marching band, for

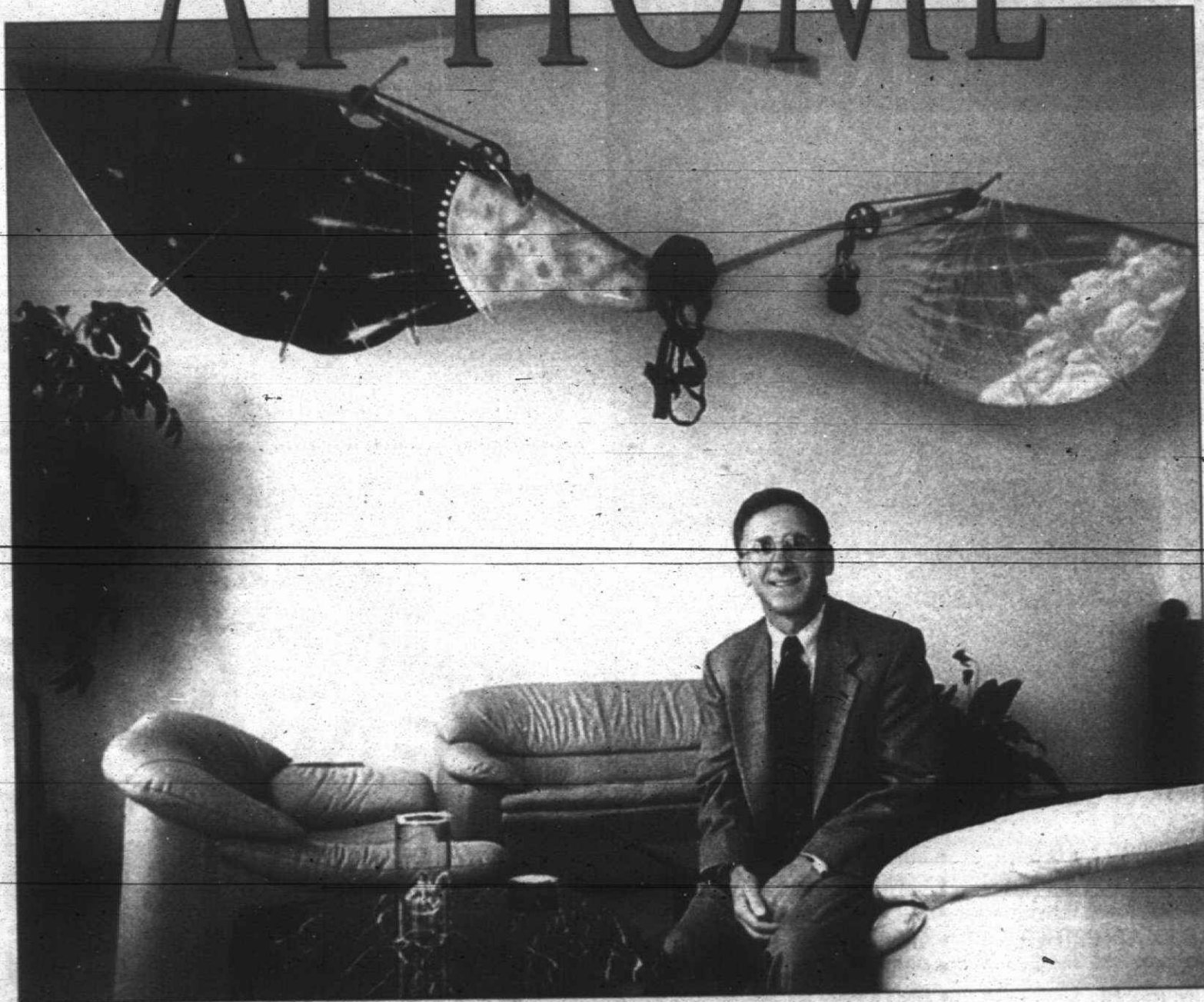
the 1995 season. Sedore is the son of Robert and Alyce Sedore of Plymouth, and a graduate of Canton High School.

**■ JONATHAN P. MILLER**, an Albion College junior majoring in music and chemistry, has been selected as a member of the British Eighth, the college's marching band, for the 1995 season. He also has been selected as a member of the Albion College Concert Choir for the 1995-96 school year. The singers in the concert choir are selected each fall by audition. The choir performs at a variety of concert and functions each year. Miller is the son of Robert and Rhonda Miller of Canton, and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

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# AT HOME



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## **Wing and a flair**

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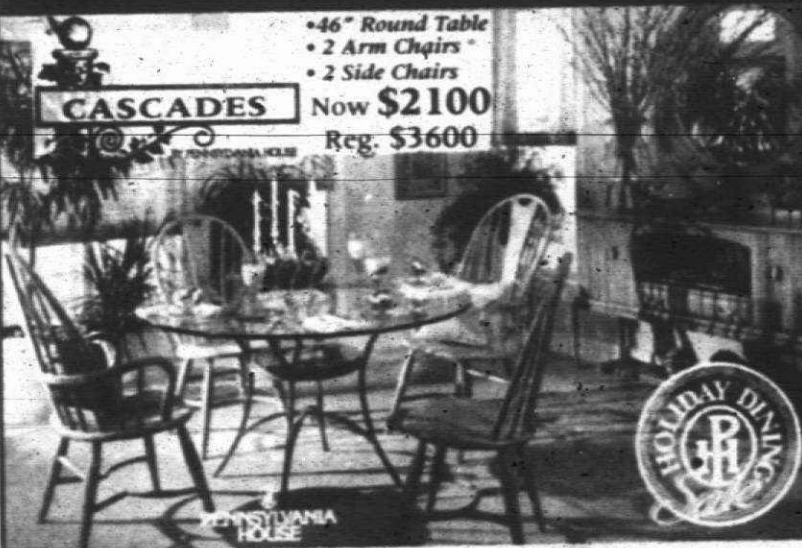
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## GARDEN SPOT

### A gardener's winter: memories and plans



MARTY FIGLEY

Another year, and before we know it the gardening season will be upon us. Catalogs are filling our mailboxes so it's time to dream and plan as the winter weather continues.

Sit by the fire and contemplate what was successful in your garden and what you would like to change. This is the time for memories and plans. Soon it will be time to press these tiny life-giving seeds into some warm soil and wait for the miracle to regenerate our belief in their power.

Gardening is the top recreational activity in the United States. Perhaps that is why we need to keep in touch with nature and the world of growing things to preserve our connections with our past.

As you turn the pages of the catalogs you may come upon some terms that

aren't clear in your mind. Therefore I will try to demystify species, hybrids, standards and cultivars so that you will be more aware as you make choices.

#### Hybrids

The National Garden Bureau published a bulletin in July 1993 that clearly explained about hybrids and standards. Hybridized plants result in specific cross breeding.

"A hybrid is the result of pollinating one specific variety of a class of plants with the pollen of another genetically different variety of that class."

The female plants have their pollen-bearing anthers removed and are then only pollinated (by hand) from plants that have been specifically selected.

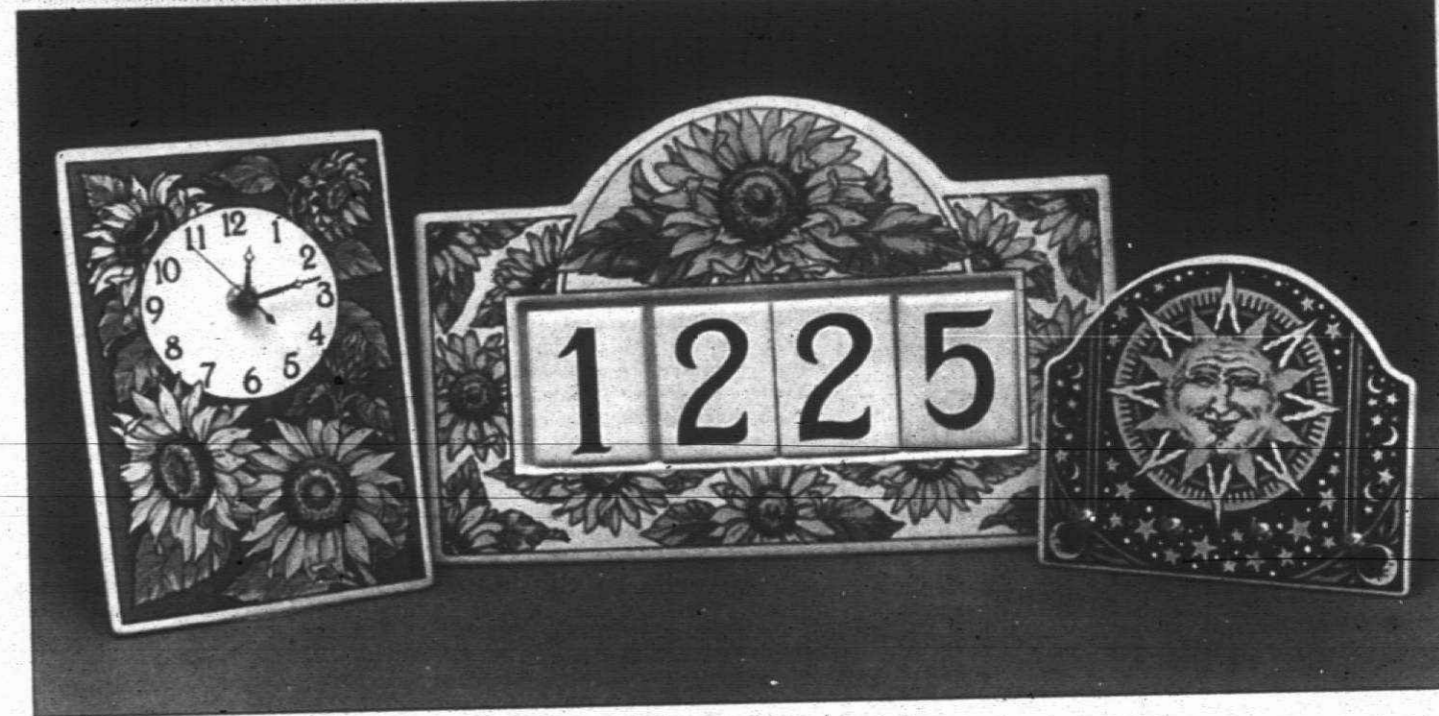
The seed or the offspring of this cross is called an F1 hybrid, and will produce plants that are uniform in habit and have some traits as the parent plants.

"These hybrids generally exhibit a wider adaptability to environmental

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## MARKET PLACE

### Ceramic style

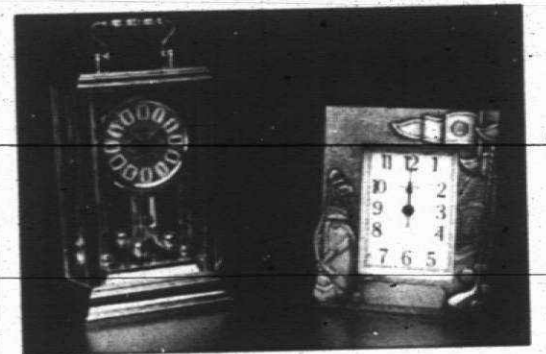
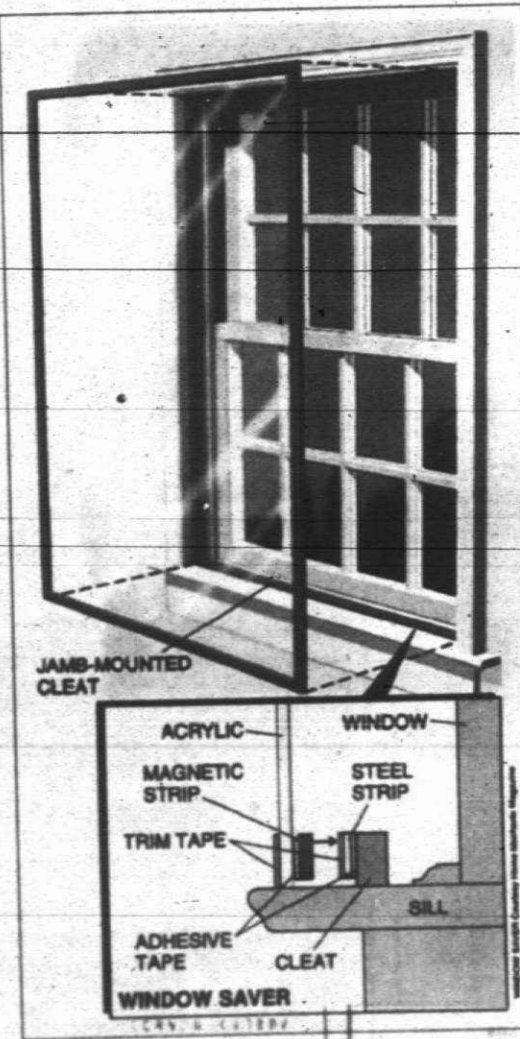


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#### AT HOME

Mary Klemic, editor  
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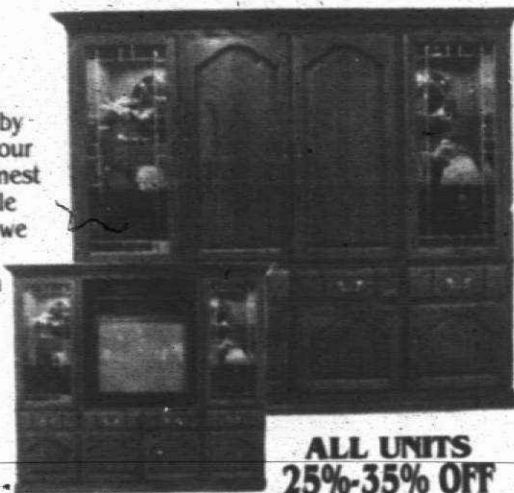
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## Gardening from page 2D

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The breeder of an F1 hybrid variety can own an exclusive on that variety because only he or she knows exactly which parent plants were chosen to produce the seed for that particular one.

Standard varieties are those that have generally "stabilized" in their habits from one generation to the next. They are "open pollinated" in fields where they are cross pollinated by wind and insects, and will produce similar plants. Sometimes plants with too much difference in them appear, and they are then pulled from the field so they don't cause too much variation in the standard plants.

"Because standard varieties are easy to reproduce, breeders can 'patent' a plant under the Plant Variety Protection Act of the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

Seed companies or breeders can then control the sale of seeds of this variety.

"This encourages the development of new standard varieties."

What about species and cultivars? Species is a group of individual plants that share many characteristics and interbreed freely. A species is identified by two Latinized words. To go back to the hybrids, when two members of the same species (with very different characteristics) are crossed the result is a hybrid.

A cultivar (short for cultivated variety) is a plant variety maintained in cultivation by vegetative propagation or inbred seed. Vegetative propagation (or asexual) is done by grafting, leaf cuttings, softwood cuttings and tissue culture. If a plant is propagated from regular seed, a mixture of genetic material would result in variations in the plant.

A named cultivar is written with a capital letter and is enclosed in single quote marks, written after the Latin species name on the label or any other written material where it is to be identified.

### TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

- Use the Christmas tree branches as a mulch on garden beds.
- Take a cutting from a favorite houseplant to increase your stock.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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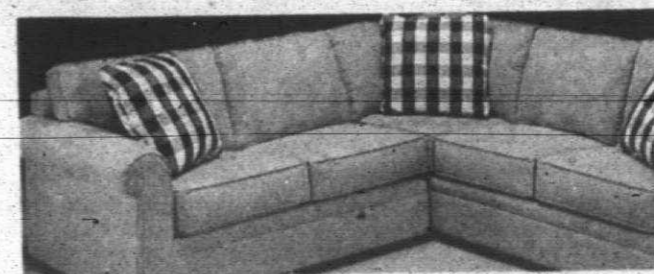
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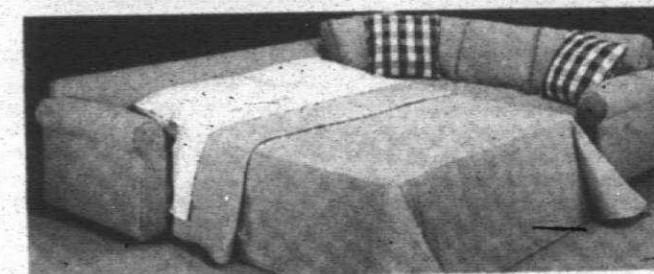


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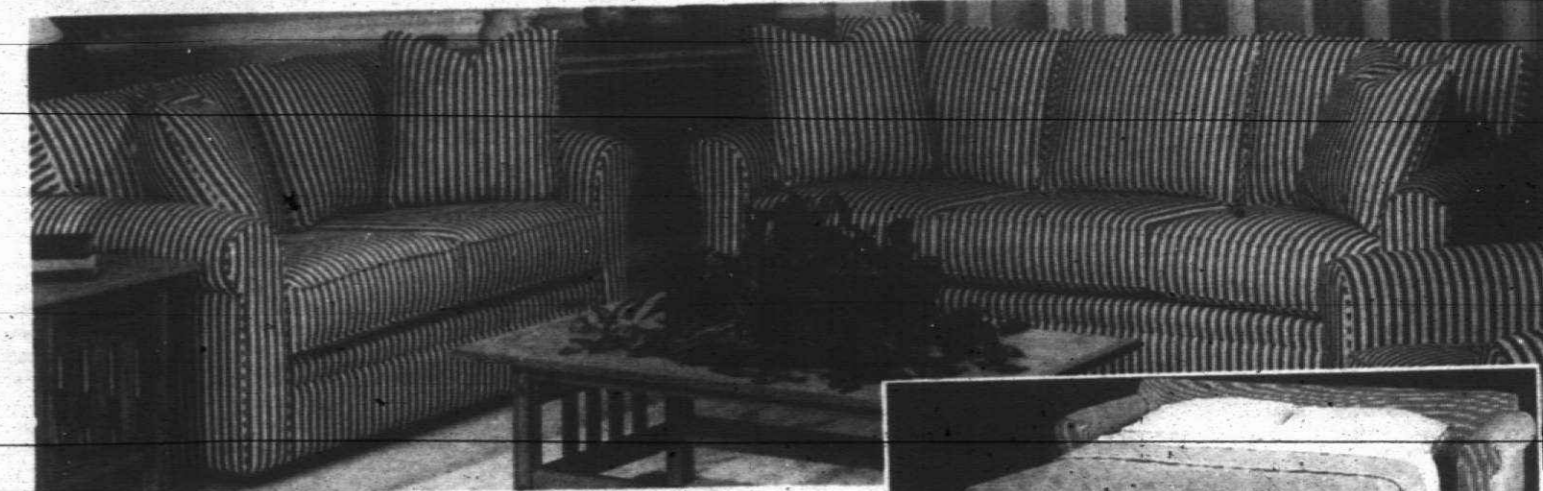
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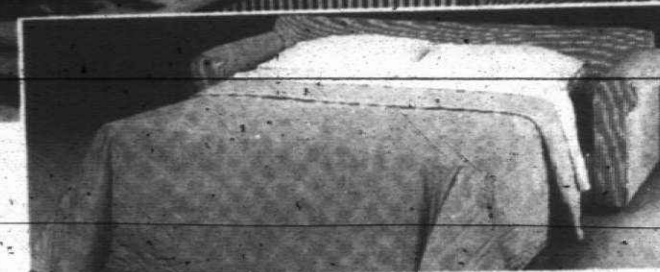
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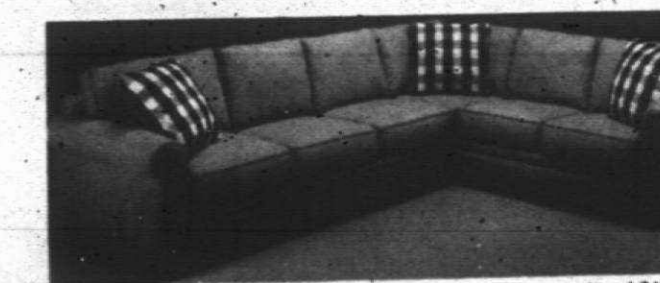
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## BOOK BREAK

## Reuther biography is penetrating study



ESTHER LITTMANN

"The Most Dangerous Man in Detroit" (Harper Collins, 1995, \$35) by University of Virginia history professor Nelson Lichtenstein is billed as the biography of Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers for 24 years.

But Lichtenstein's 445-page book covers more than the life of the revered and resourceful union organizer. It is a penetrating study of the American labor movement, a narrative account of the epic struggle between workers and corporate management as the two parties fought over wages, working conditions and, most of all, control of the production process and price structure in the automotive industry.

At no time was this conflict greater than in 1945 during the UAW strike against General Motors. Basing its demands on corporate profits accrued during wartime high-capacity production, the UAW insisted on a 30-percent wage boost without an increase in the price of cars. The giant auto firm, declared Reuther, had the "ability to pay" and must guarantee that wage increases wouldn't be paid by the "wooden nickels of inflation."

In response, George Romney of the Automobile Manufacturers' Association articulated corporate America's

darkest fears by calling Walter Reuther "the most dangerous man in Detroit because no one is more skillful in bringing about the revolution without seeming to disturb the existing forms of society."

## Early years

The object of such consternation was born in Wheeling, W.Va., on Labor Day even, Sept. 1, 1907. He was the second of four sons in a German immigrant working class family. Like his brothers, young Walter was exposed to all the vicissitudes of his family's financial fortunes as well as his father's brand of Debsian socialism.

Pre-World War I socialist ideology, Lichtenstein explains, was an organic outgrowth of American life, not an alien import. It took the moral high ground, proclaiming the dignity and independence of the working man and teaching that "industry, knowledge and socialist ideas go hand in hand."

Throughout his life, Reuther remained dedicated to his father's principles and to his close-knit family. As an adolescent, he and his brothers renovated the farmhouse that his parents were finally able to buy. At 15, he contributed to the family income by dropping out of school to do menial work at Wheeling Corrugated. A year later, Walter landed an apprenticeship in the firm's tool and die department to learn a trade. Higher wages soon followed, half of which were sent home until he was 21 years old.

In 1927, Reuther headed for Detroit, the boom town anonymous with

"speed, innovation, skill and power." After more than five years with Ford Motor Co. and a program of self-improvement, which included finishing high school at Fordson, Walter and his brother Victor traveled to the Soviet Union. There they worked at an auto plant and taught Russian workers to use equipment manufactured by Ford.

Full of enthusiasm for what they considered "genuine proletarian democracy," their letters home extolled the virtues of the Soviet system. Composed mainly by Victor but signed by both brothers, the Gorky letters were a source of embarrassment years later when the "workers' paradise" was exposed as a brutal regime of corruption and repression.

Aside from Reuther's marriage to the attractive and intelligent daughter of Russian-Jewish immigrants and the birth of their two daughters, we learn very little about the man's personal life. Ostensibly, his aspirations and activities were integrated with those of the union he shaped and led.

Thus, most of the book is devoted to Reuther's professional life, from the early, sometimes bloody, confrontations with corporate management to the later triumphs in collective bargaining with GM and Ford.

Reuther's relationships with high-profile unionists of all stripes are meticulously described and documented, as are his interactions with corporate magnates such as Alfred Sloan, Charles

Wilson and Henry Ford II. Rising to the heights of international fame, Reuther's work with four presidents, from Truman to Johnson, and his meetings with prominent European and Soviet leaders are portrayed in vivid detail.

## Weathering the storm

By the time of Reuther's death in 1970 as the result of an airplane crash, it could truly be said that American workers had entered the middle class. No one could have predicted that only 25 years later, the union movement in the United States would lie in shambles, its membership laced with lost strikes and plant closures.

The rise of worldwide competition has certainly contributed to union failures, writes Lichtenstein, but the United States could have weathered that storm, as did Germany, Sweden and Canada, if this country had formed an independent Labor Party. Reuther's efforts produced results in improved working conditions and higher wages, but did little toward the structural reorganization of American capitalism.

To blame, writes Lichtenstein, is liberalism itself, foremost its inability to solve the racial conflict and thereby create a united front against conservative policies. In the end, the labor movement failed in its original ideological mission — to inculcate in its members the socialist principles of justice and solidarity.

Strangely, Lichtenstein says little about the economic hardships countries such as Germany, Sweden and Canada have faced in recent years. The welfare state, whether private or public, must fund the growing costs of social spending, often at the expense of business expansion. Nonetheless, Lichtenstein's book is fascinating and sheds much light on the economic problems facing us today.

Nelson Lichtenstein will be at Borders Book Shop on Southfield Road 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, to speak and sign copies of his book.

Esther Littmann, a resident of Bloomfield Township, is a lecturer of English and German at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. As an only child, Littmann grew up regarding books as substitutes for siblings. You can leave her a message from a touch-tone phone at (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1893. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

## Library holds used book sale

The Friends of the Huntington Woods Library will have a used book sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the library, 26415 Scotia, south of 11 Mile and west of Woodward.

All proceeds benefit the library. For information, call (810) 543-9720.

In a clearance sale, buy the first 20 paperbacks for \$1, then at the regular price of six for \$1. Hardcover books are three for \$1.25.

## Haberman holds home fashion seminars

Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, offers an extensive lineup of seminars and hands-on classes on creating home fashions for winter and spring 1996.

"It's a trend that makes sense," said Toby Haberman, co-owner. "Not only homemakers, but a cross section of the population is basking in the glow of instant positive feedback from surprisingly easy and quick projects (some even requiring no sewing), and the constant reinforcement of living in fresh, visually pleasing surroundings, and loads of praise from family and friends. The enormous financial savings, though really appreciated, are almost incidental."

Sessions will be taught by Lynn McCabe and Charles Poole. For information, call Haberman Fabrics at (810) 541-0010.

MCCabe, manager of Haberman Fabrics' second floor home decorating department, is the source of much excitement at the store. Joining the staff last

November, with a bachelor of fine arts degree in fashion design and education, McCabe brought a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm and is engineering the expansion of the home fashion merchandise and educational programs at the store.

Poole, with years of design and upholstery experience, including fine antique pieces at Greenfield Village, is another bonus to the decorating department.

In Haberman Fabrics' winter and spring home decorating series:

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Learn the basics for creating your

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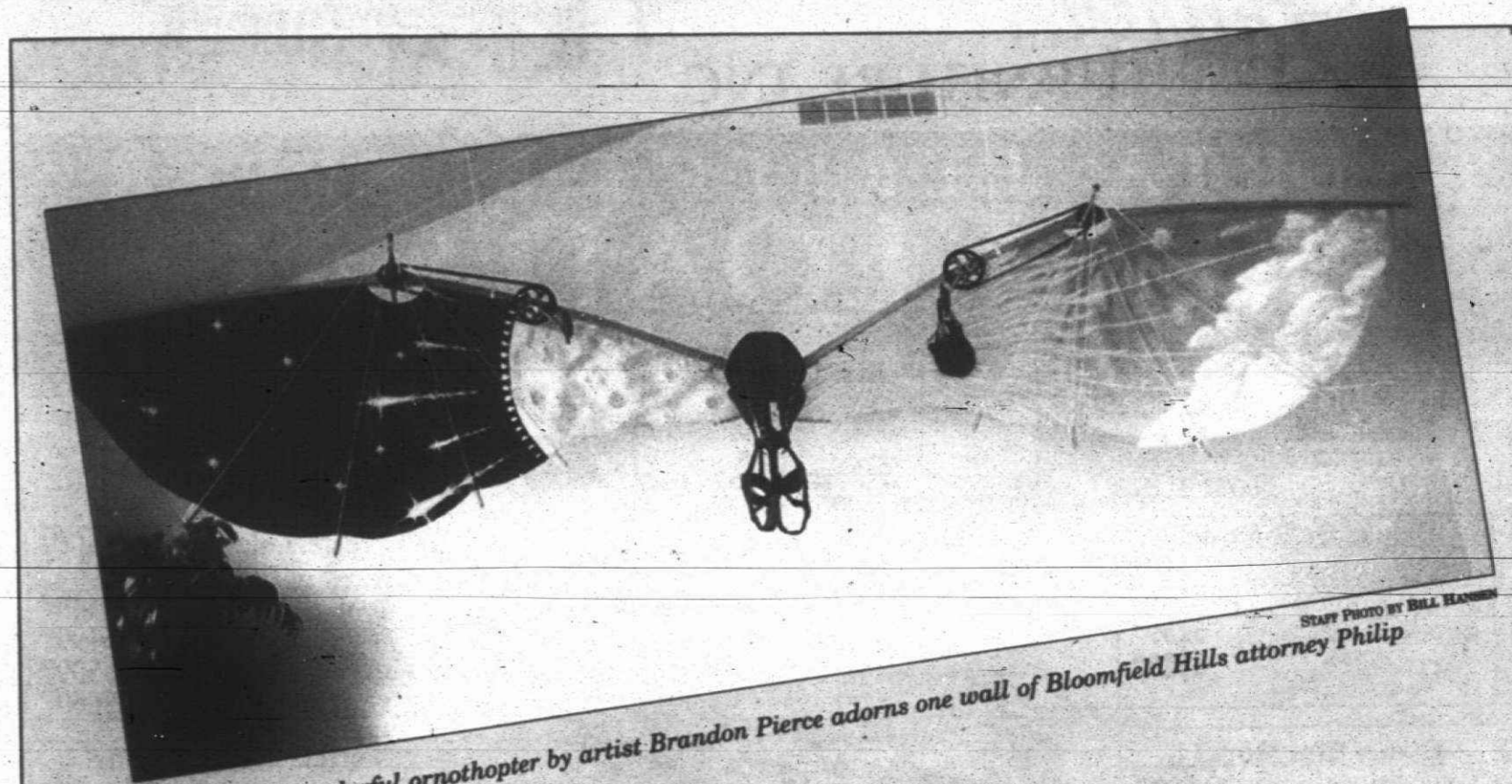
Bring your window measurements, swatches of the colors in your room and decorating ideas to share in a personal home design seminar 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Cost is \$15.

Sessions in March will create a working Roman shade (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. three Saturdays beginning March 2, cost \$30) and a swag or valance window topper on a decorative rod (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, cost \$15), and inspire ideas for tapestry accessories (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, cost \$15).

In April, learn to make an impressive working balloon or cloud shade. The four sessions will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Cost is \$40.

Adults and teens learn basic sewing skills while constructing classic decorative pillows 5:45-8:45 p.m. four Thursdays beginning May 2. Cost is \$40.

## COVER STORY



Winging it: This colorful ornothopter by artist Brandon Pierce adorns one wall of Bloomfield Hills attorney Philip Adkison's residence.

## Wings!

BY MARY KLEMIC  
AT HOME EDITOR



Philip Adkison poses under an unusual art work at his home. The little flying machine by Brandon Pierce measures 19 feet tip to tip, stretching across one wall. Staff photo by Bill Hansen.

Call it decorating on a wing and a flair. The residence of Bloomfield Hills attorney Philip Adkison features a spacious living room with tall ceilings and broad walls. To work with some of the space at one end of the room, the Adkisons commissioned artist Brandon Pierce of St. Joseph.

Pierce created a whimsical, wonderful flying machine — a giant ornothopter — that adds an unusual and attractive touch. The room contains white, off-white and black furnishings.

"What we really wanted was some color in this room," Adkison said. "I had this design kicking around," said Pierce, who attended the Rhode Island School of Design. Pierce combined such materials as ash, leather, metal, walnut, sprockets and grommets to form a graceful piece.

The art work consists of two wings stretched out as

if already soaring, a harness in the center and an arrangement of gears and wheels. It measures 19 feet tip to tip; the wall where it hangs is 25 feet wide.

One wing has a night motif, with a starry, dark blue sky and part of a textured moonscape. The other wing has a day motif, with part of a fiery sun, a light blue sky and puffy, white clouds.

For the harness, Pierce made a plaster cast of his own back. The finished harness is made of hammered metal and leather.

Handles, which were made to look used, are placed arm's length from the harness. One handle is on each side. Each handle is attached to a gear wheel, which is in turn attached to a bicycle chain and a smaller gear wheel at about the center of the top of the wing. A leather helmet hangs from one gear wheel.

The way the adjustable piece is held in place could be a work of art itself, with curtain cord forming a geometric ballet around it.

The work took 6-1/2 months to make and two days to hang.

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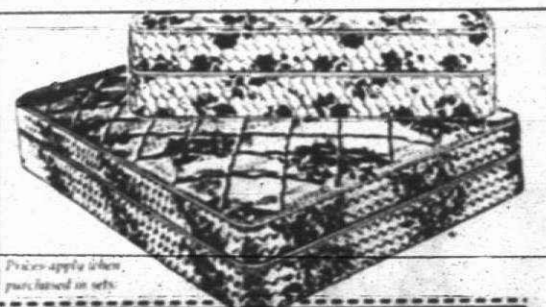
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# Beans fit the bill for January dinners



RUTH MOSSAK JOHNSTON

The bills are still coming in, the charge cards have not had a chance to return to their minimum, and putting any added pressure on your checkbook is out of the question. It's not a lifetime commitment, it's just after holiday, belt and wallet tightening. What to do? Take your pulse.

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Quick soaking is how I like to prepare beans. Place picked over, washed beans into a pot. Be sure to remove any debris, stones, damaged or discolored beans. Cover beans with cool water and bring to a boil, keeping the pot uncovered. Boil beans for 2 minutes, cover the pot and remove from heat. Let beans sit 1-2 hours or until they appear plump. All types of lentils and split peas can be cooked without soaking.

Specialty food shops, ethnic grocery stores, and many upscale produce markets stock an array of beans pretty enough to place in glass jars and use as part of your decor.

For something different, try designer beans. My favorites are Anasazi Beans and Christmas Limas. Here are two sources for designer beans: Adobe Milling Co., Inc., P.O. Box 596 Dove Creek, CO 81324, 1-(800)-54-ADOBE or Dean & DeLuca Imports, 560 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, 1-(800)-212-7714.

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1 1/2 cups beans of your choice — use three types (1/2 cup of each)

- Navy beans, garbanzo beans, fava — or any three of your favorites
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- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped
- 1/2 red or yellow sweet bell pepper, finely chopped
- 4 cups beef stock or vegetable broth
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms (any type, try wild mushrooms)
- 3 bay leaves
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 pound pasta (any type — ziti, linguini or spaghetti)
- Freshly ground Parmesan and Romano cheese

Prepare beans ahead. Quick soak so they are plump and ready to cook. Heat olive oil in a medium size pot, add garlic and onion. Sauté until the onions are transparent. Add celery and peppers. Continue to cook until vegetables are tender.

Drain beans and add to pot. Add beef or vegetable stock, mushrooms and bay leaves. Cover and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to a simmer and remove lid. Continue to cook beans until they are soft (approximately 1 1/4 hours, depending on the type of bean used). Remove bay leaves and add red pepper. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

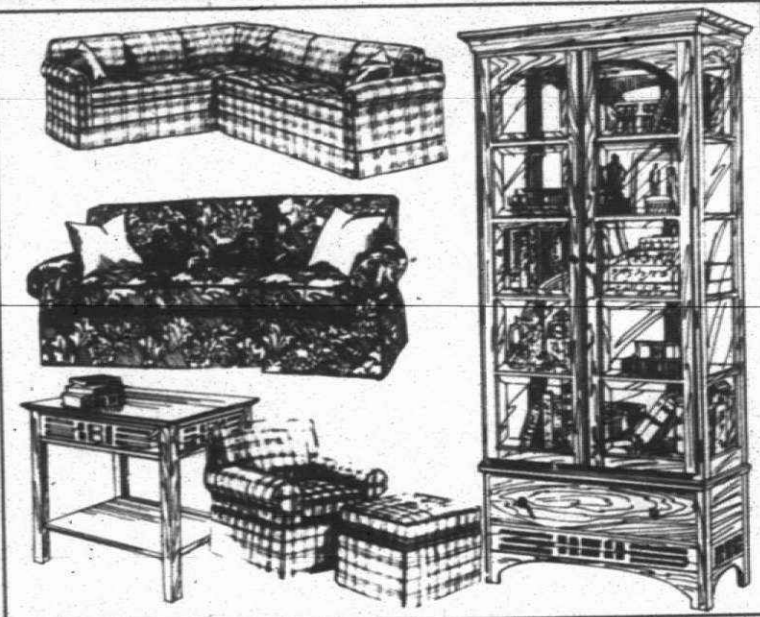
In a separate pot cook the pasta according to package directions (al dente). Drain pasta thoroughly.

Place pasta in a large bowl. Toss with cooked beans and freshly grated cheese. Serve warm. Serves 4-6.

Ruth Mossak Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave a Voice Mail message for Ruth, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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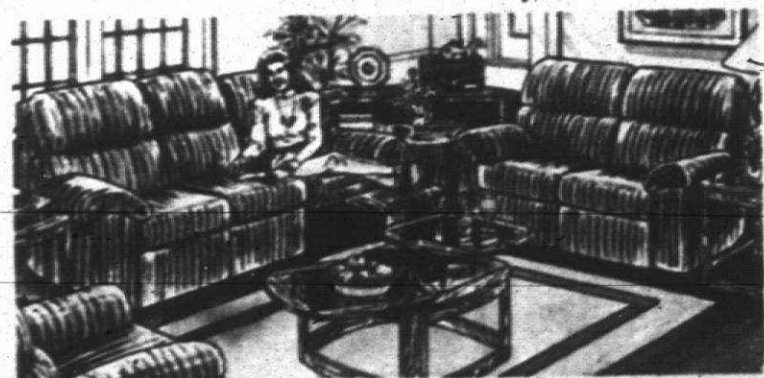


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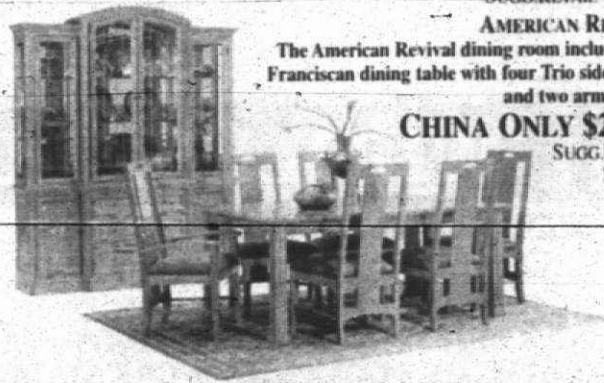
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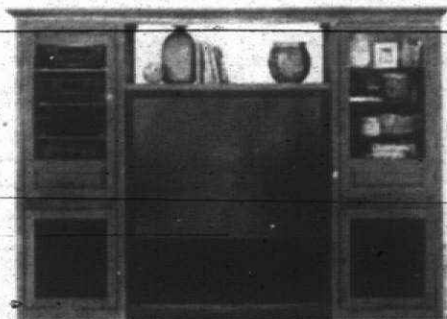


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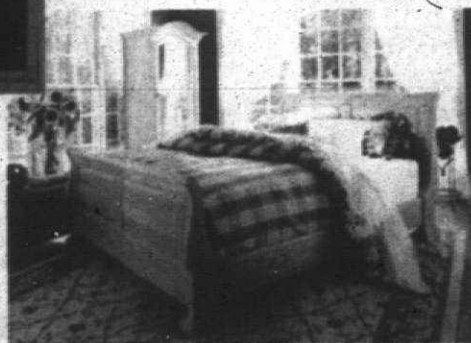


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**Sielaff gets certification**



Nancy Sielaff

Nancy Sielaff, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Bloomfield Hills, has received the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Agents receiving the designation must complete required course work and demonstrate specific expertise in applied residential real estate marketing.

Sielaff is a member of the Birmingham, Bloomfield, Rochester, South Oakland Association of Realtors. She is membership chairman of the Birmingham/Bloomfield Women's Council of Realtors.

**Howe tops \$15 million**



Jared Howe

Jared Howe, a Westland resident and a 1973 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, has topped the \$15 million mark in a personal financial portfolio that includes about 160 residential mortgages, U.S. Treasuries and state municipal bonds.

Howe also is president of Great Lakes Investment Group. He's mulling the possibility of opening an appraisal company here sometime this year.

**Bennett certified**

Michael Bennett, vice president of Trammell Crowe Co. in Southfield, has been awarded the professional designation of Certified Commercial Investment Member by the Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute. Bennett lives in Rochester Hills.

**Jockett certified**

Janice Jockett, an agent with Real Estate One Livonia, has received the professional designation of Certified Buyer Representative. Jockett, a Redford resident, is a multi-million dollar producer.

# REAL ESTATE

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## Real estate outlook rosy for '96

BY NORMAN PRADY  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're looking for a pessimistic real estate agent, leave town.

If you're searching for a real estate agent who didn't love 1995, save your strength.

If you're dreaming of a residential real estate agent who does not say that 1996 will be even more lovable, wake up and smell the marketplace.

It's a marketplace riding an upward curve and refueling itself again and again with its own optimism.

It's a marketplace unlike many others in the U.S., where smaller and small increases in used-home values are expected and where you probably could find those lower-spirited real estate agents.

It's a marketplace where the median price of a used home is predicted to rise 4.9 percent in 1996, from \$97,003 to \$101,756, according to a recent report in Money magazine. ("Median" is the point at which there are as many homes priced above as below.)

And in this \$101,756 halfway world, according to local agents and brokers, is opportunity both for buyers and sellers.

While the current and coming sales status generally is described as a "seller's market," many agents say that buyers, too, can benefit. The sooner buyers become owners, the sooner they have a chance to join what one agent calls "the appreciation process," riding their higher-priced purchases to even higher values in months to come.

Money credits "a manufacturing resurgence" for Metro Detroit's move up from last year's number-30 position on its list of the 60 largest Metropolitan areas to this year's number-four position.

(Preceding the metro area on the list are Salt Lake City, with a predicted price rise of 7.5 percent; Portland, Ore., 6 percent; and Charlotte, N.C., 5.5 percent. In last place: Los Angeles, 0.2 percent.)

In a recent informal and random survey of opinions about market conditions, conducted by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, many agents said they thought the 4.9 percent was literally on the money, some thought it was conservative, and some had doubts.

Whatever differences there might be among the agents, they sing harmoniously about the bright days ahead.

Presented alphabetically by agents' names, here are views of what they saw in last year's real estate activity and thoughts of what might be ahead.

**CHARLES AFLIGIAN**, Realtor, Re/Max West, Livonia:

"Hard to say what's going to happen in '96, being a political year. Every year we have a political year, odd things happen. In '92, the market was down, that was a political year; '88 was a little on the softer side than it was in '87. Political years, there's a lot of uneasiness with the buying public. I don't know if we'll see that. Maybe not.

**AL BUTTS**, broker, Red Carpet Kelm, Birmingham:

"I saw the '95 housing market as exceptionally good.

"One of the problems that we did encounter, though, was that we ran into a lot of people selling their own properties.

"Most of this, I've seen in the lower price ranges. Probably under \$130,000, \$120,000. A lot of first-time buyers in that price range. The sellers



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**Moving houses: Realtors who stay focused usually have a good year whether the market tends to favor sellers or buyers.**

not-out wasn't that great so they felt they couldn't afford to pay the brokerage fees."

**JIM DUGGAN**, broker/owner, Duggan Realty Inc., Livonia:

"There's been four or five percent appreciation in Livonia, so a house that was \$135,000 last year might be \$160,000 next year and the year after \$180,000 and then \$175,000. I moved here in 1966, paid \$13,500; in '72, (these houses) were selling for \$25,000; in '82, they were \$66,000, and now they're \$105-\$110,000."

**EVELYN F. FORREST**, broker-owner, Help-U-Sell of South Oakland, Royal Oak:

"I think a lot of the people who normally would have moved, refinanced and they need to stay a little longer to recoup their equity because they took some money out when they refinanced."

**GORDON E. FOX**, Realtor, Hall & Hunter, Birmingham:

"I think that '96 is going to be very good . . . the interest rates are going to hold . . . or drop a little bit, so that will encourage even more."

"(A cause of the current) limited inventory is that people trying to move up are finding that there isn't a comparable community around. If you had a house here in Birmingham, and even though it's an older house, and it's worth, say, \$260,000, and you want to go and find a larger home, and in order to do that, maybe it becomes \$400,000."

"But then you're out someplace where you don't have the community sense or feeling. So it's easier for them to put an addition on the home. For the \$160,000 difference, the addition will make the home comparable to the other one and retain the owners (neighborhood) comfort area."

"(As for Money magazine), it's a very large area. That could be the middle of downtown Detroit, where a house here that's \$300,000 you could buy there for \$37,000. If it goes to \$41,000, it's seen a 10 percent increase. The three most important things in real estate are location, location, and location. Location generally is per community, not per metropolitan area."

**CAROL FRICK**, manager, Ralph Manual Associates, Inc., Birmingham:

"I think continued low interest rates are going to keep growth strong. And I think that in an election year the government is going to do everything it can to keep the economy stable. And that bodes well for housing. Everybody who has the power to change the

economic factors wants to stay in office, so they keep everything as strong as they can."

"There's much less volatility in the marketplace than there used to be. People don't pick up and move the way they used to move. I think there's a difference in how people think and in what they expect of each other."

"It used to be socially expected to move up in housing every five or seven years. I don't think that's expected of people anymore. It people like the house they're in, they're going to put on an addition. You don't have to move just to prove . . . how successful you're being. So that socially competitive moving is no longer a factor."

**SHANE HUSACK**, marketing executive, Jack Christenson Inc., Troy:

"With the influx of buyers out there, there's not necessarily less inventory . . . it just moves real fast and therefore you've got more competition for the seller and that drives prices up."

A woman bought a house for \$30-\$36,000 in Madison Heights. Two and a half years ago, she refinanced it up to \$50-\$55,000 and put it all into the house and we ended up selling it this year for \$62,000. It's a strong market."

**CHRIS KNIGHT**, Realtor associate, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, Plymouth:

"I think the stock market being up meant people had a little more money than they anticipated. I think a lot of people were concerned with interest rates and when they started dropping toward the middle of the year, that obviously helped us."

**FRANK KUHN**, broker, Max Brook, Birmingham:

"Prices have been boosted up (by multiple bids). Because of the demand for homes, the astute buyers are very knowledgeable because they've looked and they've done a thorough investigation of the market, and now that they have an opportunity to bid on a new listing, they're not going to take a chance of letting it slip through their fingers."

"I think (the Money magazine prediction) is conservative."

"If there's anybody who is pessimistic relative to the real estate market here in '96, they should get out of the business."

**BOB OLSON**, broker-owner, Realty World Robert Olson Realtors, Canton:

"It was a great market. Seller's market, for the most part."

"In a buyer's market, buyers will pay more in interest, so if they pay a

little more in price now, they got on the bandwagon and becomes a part of the appreciation process. And the sooner they got into the market, there's the tax-deductibility aspect as well as building equity."

"Buyers should not be fearful of this market."

**SHELLY SCHELLENBERG**, associate broker, Century 21 Town & Country, Rochester:

"(In this rising market) we're seeing increases (in home values of) as much as 10 percent a year."

"I think a lot of people who bought homes as recently as one or two years ago are going to be looking to refinance in March, April, May. They'll want to watch out for the prepayment penalties (in their current mortgages)."

**DICK SCHRAEGER**, Realtor, Century 21 Advantage, Troy:

"(The year) went well and '96 will be the same or better. The buyers are there."

The question is if the sellers feel confident to take the next step to the next level. Entry-level buyers are eager."

"Inventory was much lower than in the past, but in years past when the inventory was higher, 40 percent of it never sold."

"(In the past year), I've seen houses sell in two, three, or four days, some with multiple offers and I've seen houses on the market for three to four months and nothing wrong with them. Now there's a good balance between inventory and buyers. There's no problem coming up with 10, 16, or 20 homes to show."

**DARLENE SHEMANSKI**, broker-owner, Better Homes & Gardens Quality Real Estate Properties Inc., Plymouth:

"Demand in the less expensive homes was very fierce, especially in Plymouth and Canton. When you got to \$300,000 . . . \$400,000, those houses took a longer time to sell. We're anticipating the same thing for '96, as long as the interest rates remain low. We'll still have a large demand for houses under \$300,000, and the houses over \$300,000 will take expert marketing."

"I think (Money magazine's estimate) is conservative. Our prices in '95 rose at least 10 percent from January to December. As long as the rates remain low and the demand is as high as it is, I continue to see the houses under \$300,000 increase in price, especially in the western suburbs."

**SUZANNE STEWART**, Realtor, Countryside, Inc., Real Estate, Troy:

"There's more pressure on buyers; they have to react more quickly and bid higher. They proceed cautiously in the first ones and then they get realistic. They have to make their best offer. (But some) sellers think they can get anything."

"(Regarding Money magazine's prediction), part of that is because our prices have been so low compared with the rest of the nation. This area was noted for being very affordable."

**JAMES P. SUNDBERG**, associate broker, Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating, Birmingham:

"It was a very good year, from beginning to end. Confidence in the economy, interest rates, and the pent-up demand from people that were sitting on the fence for some time."

"And '96 looks as though it's going to be even better."



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## Ethics code covers conflicts of interest for managers

**REAL ESTATE QUERIES**



ROBERT M. MEISNER

**Q. I understand that the Community Associations Institute has published a professional managers Code of Ethics. Does it address the question of conflict of interest on the part of a manager?**

**A.** Under item Number 6 of the 12 separate CAI Professional Manager's Code of Ethics, a manager is to "disclose in writing to the client any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest if the client may have dealings with another party in some way related to the manager." The explanation corresponding to the paragraph provides as an example that a "manager (individually or through a company) may have a financial interest in the service contractor, supplier or professional firm which is being considered by that manager's client. Disclosure must be in writing and sufficiently in advance of the

selection process to allow full consideration of the possible conflicts and any alternatives. The fact that the client may still choose the manager's related entity is not a violation of the Code, provided ample disclosure was given." While this Code is not necessarily binding on managers in Michigan, those who have received designation by the CAI as a Certified Property Management Company should obviously be bound to this Code as should, for that matter, any other professional management company as a practical matter.

**Q. I am so confused as is the Board of my homeowner's association regarding at-will contracts. Can you briefly describe what the law is in this state regarding a presumption in connection with at-will contracts.**

**A.** Generally speaking, employment contracts for an indefinite period are presumed to be terminable at the will of either party for any reason or for no reason. This presumption may be rebutted where the employee establishes the existence of an explicit

or implied in fact promise of employment terminable for just cause only or presents evidence of employer policies or procedures creating a legitimate expectation of employment terminable for just cause only. However, an employer's written policy statements that create a legitimate expectation in employees of employment terminable for just cause only may be unilaterally modified by an employer upon reasonable notice of the change to affected employees. You are best off to have an attorney experienced in employment law advise you as to your rights and/or obligations.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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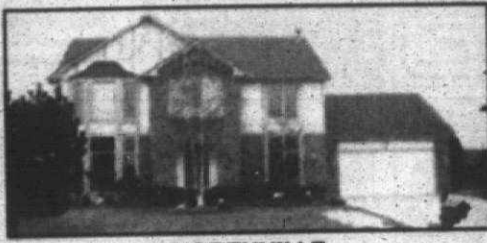
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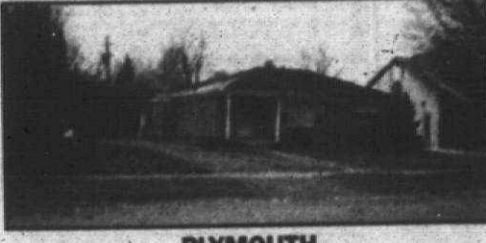
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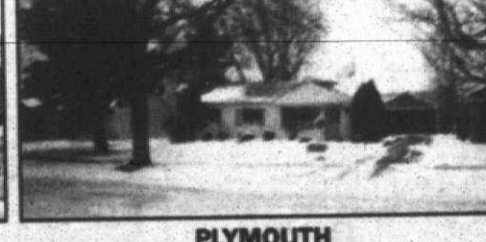
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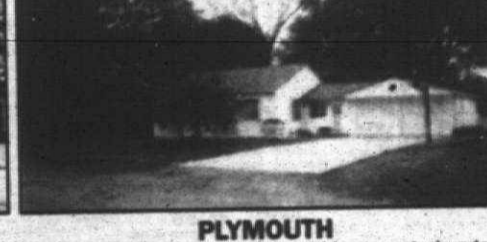
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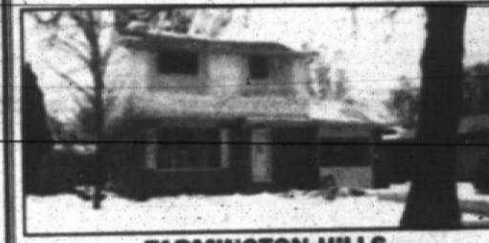
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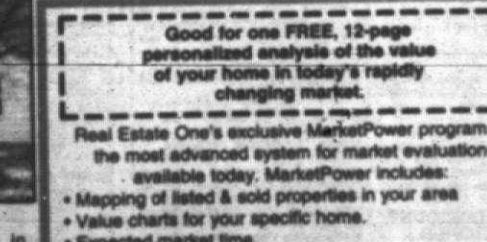
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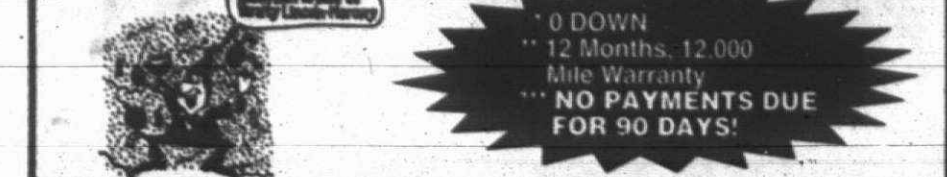


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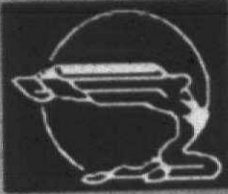
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## Brookstone Village offers tradition with a twist

There's traditional and twists on traditional in the eight floor plans offered by Cohen & Associates at Brookstone Village in Northville Township.

You have colonials with the living room flowing into dining room along one side of the house, and the kitchen eating nook and family room together along the back.

Then there's living rooms and dining rooms, but on separate sides of the house. Also, first floor master suites and studies. Two-way hearths and hearth sitting areas off the kitchen. Bedrooms and a loft upstairs.

All that's available at Brookstone off Six Mile west of Haggerty.

Prices range from \$279,500 for a 2,544-square-foot colonial to \$313,500 for a 3,268-square-foot colonial, each with four bedrooms and 2½ baths.

"We have two types of buyers," said Larry Cohen. "We have family buyers who have children in school.

"We also see people who have raised a family and maybe have kids in high school or college. They want to live in Northville. Perhaps they want a master bedroom on the first floor," he said.

Typically, buyers will have built at least one new house previously. Fifty-one houses are planned for the 35-acre site.

"Twenty-five to 30 percent have been devoted to open space," Cohen said of the acreage. "We are adding over 200 trees. We're putting sidewalks in.

"Brookstone is big enough to be substantial, small enough to be private. We're a mile and a half from Laurel Park. We have great access to all freeways, a mile from I-275."

Two models will be built. The Cambridge II, nearly finished, contains about 3,500 square feet of living space.

The main floor features a library and family room with a two-way fireplace between those two



rooms; a kitchen/eating nook with island, walk-in pantry and built-in desk; dining room and butler's pantry connecting to the kitchen and a living room/parlor off the foyer.

Four bedrooms and two full baths are upstairs. The master, with cathedral ceiling, has a pair of walk-in closets, a vanity on either side of the soaking tub and a separate shower.

"In the Cambridge, I wanted to do something different, but not so different that people don't want to live in it," Cohen said of the living room separated from the dining room and inclusion of a library.

A variation of the Cambridge II with smaller rooms proved to be a hot seller at Westmont in Novi, Cohen said, and he expects the same in Brookstone. Base price is \$313,500.

The Concord II, a story and a half with the master suite on the main floor, also will be constructed as a model.

This plan, 2,870 square feet, features a kitchen/eating nook/hearth area with a two-way fireplace connecting to the family room. A library and dining room are on either side of the entry foyer.

The master, with tray ceiling, also has two walk-in closets, separate tub and shower and two vanities.

Upstairs, there's an option for three bedrooms and a bath or two



**Brookstone Village:** Houses built by Cohen & Associates in Northville Township will feature many peaked gables and blend brick, wood and stone on the exterior.

bedrooms, loft and bath. Base price of Concord II with either selection is \$302,500.

Standard elements in all floor plans at Brookstone include fireplace, two-car garage, first floor laundry, oven/cooktop/dishwasher and basement. Exterior materials are brick, wood and stone — no vinyl or aluminum.

"I think the things we include as standard impresses many people — brick on all four sides, nine-foot ceilings," said Judy Korby, sales manager. "A lot of

people are familiar with the builder's reputation. That's very important."

All except seven lots carry a price premium ranging from \$2,500 to \$23,500, the latter allowing for a three-car garage.

The subdivision, within the boundaries of Northville Public Schools, is serviced by city water and sewers.

The property tax rate is \$27.80 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$280,000

house in Brookstone would pay nearly \$3,900 the first year.

Cohen projects an annual fee of \$100-130 per house to maintain and landscape common areas.

Mitchell and Linda Lupescu, along with children Jason, Brice and Randi, are buying a colonial.

"It always came back to location," Mitchell said. "It's a mile away from 275. There are other added pluses like the fact they offered cement driveways. Others were offering asphalt."

"I also like that they're going to

have sidewalks," he added. "I like newer stuff like nine foot ceilings. We're going to get a three-car garage. I wanted the option of getting an extra-height ceiling in the basement."

"My wife made the comment how nice sized the utility room, laundry, was," Lupescu said.

The sales office at Brookstone Village, (313) 420-1145, is open noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, noon-3:30 p.m. Monday, closed Thursday.

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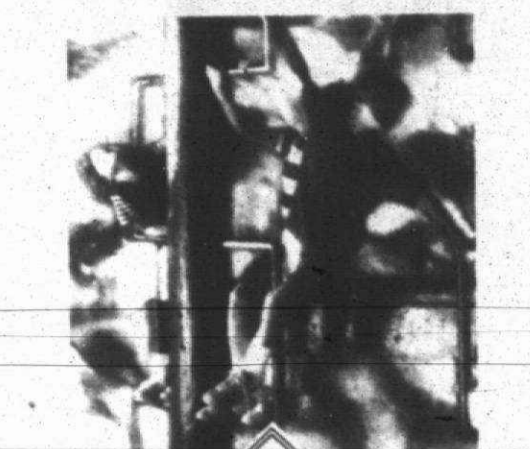
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SWF, 39, super quiet-intellect, seeks SM, who can love and appreciate a woman of size, for friendship and possible serious relationship. Ad# 7185

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### LIVONIA MOM

DWCF, 40, 5'5", 130lbs, golden hair, loving, caring, son & N.S., enjoys music, dancing, bowling, family, seeking sincere, confident, committed SM. Ad# 5454

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### ATTRACTIVE LADY

SWF, 41, 5'6", medium build, N.S. social drinker, enjoys dining out, movies, cruising, travel, seeks honest, sincere, financially secure, good-looking SM, 30-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible special relationship. Ad# 5413

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SWF, 41, 5'6", red hair, blue eyes, mom of two, likes biking, park walks, camping, art, music, concerts, dining out, dancing, seeking SM, with similar interests, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 5413

### MARRIAGE-MINDED

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### SOMEONE SPECIAL

Professional SWF, mid-40s, petite, Rochester, likes creative, dancing, museums, fishing, concerting, for theatre, antique shops, seeking N.S. non-drinking SM, 30-45, 5'8", for dating, sharing. Ad# 5413

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DWCF, 44, 5'5", 125lbs, brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, college educated, professional, seeks SM, to share fun times, activities, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 4567

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DWCF, 45, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, healthy, spiritual, loving, professional, seeking fit, secure, healthy, N.S. gentle, compassionate, loving SWHM, 44-55, 5'11", who places God first, for possible happy relationship. Ad# 1578

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SWF, 47, enjoys sports, all a health care professional, seeks SWM, who likes capricious, basketballers, long drives, music, country, walks, chattering over a plate of pasta. Ad# 4837

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DWCF, mid-40s, petite, slim, attractive, enjoys reading, dancing, hiking, gardening, seeks romantic, honest SM, to share life and grow with, for a loving and caring relationship. Ad# 9432

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SWF, 48, 142lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, extremely active, enjoys biking, dancing, aerobics, long walks, seeks honest SM, 35-45, 6'0", with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 7238

### ATTRACTIVE

SWF, 47, 5'7", 145lbs, N.S. social drinker, professional, seeking SM, 40-57, for one-on-one, honest, monogamous relationship. Ad# 9627

### DINNER DATE

SWF, 47, no dependent, employed, N.S., enjoys basketballs, long drives, music, country, walks, seeks SM, with similar interests, Ad# 4833

### EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS

SWF, 48, independent, enjoys theatre, plays, concerts, music, seeks SM, who is outgoing, financially secure, for companionship. Ad# 4269

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Professional SWF, 48, 5'4", brunette, blue eyes, warm, caring, tender-hearted, employed, enjoys gardening, computer, seeking SM, with similar qualities. Ad# 1024

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SWF, 49, lively, honest, reliable, seeking educated SM, with similar qualities, who likes the free life and who can also enjoy a Saturday routine. Ad# 9804

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SWF, 49, 5'7", Auburn hair, brown eyes, outgoing, seeking nice, intelligent, outdoors, seeking SM, who enjoys good conversation, going out, doing different things. Ad# 7183

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SWF, 50, N.S. employed, college graduate, has a daughter in college, two dogs and three cats, enjoys antiquing, flea markets, theater, walking, conversations, seeking N.S. SM, to share time/communities. Ad# 4545

### LET'S BEGIN TOGETHER

SWF, 50, short, medium build, enjoys movies, dining in/out, bowling, camping, walks, Greenfield Village, seeks SM, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 2045

### YOGURT AT HUDSONS

DW, mom, 50, enjoys dining, movies, flea markets, antiquing, weekend travel, seeking degreed SM, N.S. with some interests. Ad# 5454

### YOUNG MIND/HEART

SWF, 51, 5'6", plus-size, lively, smart, interesting, loves music, reading, movies, plays, friends, dog, children, walking, board games, trying different things, seeking sweet/soft SM, 5'8", to share interests, life, for friendship. Ad# 3344

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SWCF, 57, N.S. loves the Lord, enjoys walks, travel, entertaining friends, sports, seeks SM, who also loves God, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 1938

### SOUTHERN BELLE

DWCF, 58, 5'5", 135lbs, warm, caring, sincere, outgoing, enjoys antique shops, museums, Greenfield Village, basketball, museums, big band music, seeks a long-term, meaningful relationship with a quality, gentle SM. Ad# 2236

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### IS THIS YOU?

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### GET TO KNOW HIM!

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### HE'S THE ONE

SWM, 21, college student, likes to party, go out to dinner, seeking N.S. non-drinking SM, for fun, good times. Ad# 5921

### HELLO TO ALL!

SWCF, 22, enjoys Bible study, walks in the park, learning about wildlife, seeks SCF, 20-23, any race who looks on the inside first, for possible relationship. Ad# 1024

### WHADDYA THINK?

SWM, 22, enjoys hockey, movies, going out, seeks well-proportioned, attractive, smiling SM, 18-25, to share interests and possible relationship. Ad# 8888

### SEE WHAT HAPPENS

SWM, 22, 6'2", 245lbs, enjoys hockey, basketball, some football, movies, relating to one, seeks SM, 18-22, somewhat independent, kind, funny, for fun times, maybe more, no one-night stands. Ad# 2380

### GIVE A JINGLE

SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, athletic, enjoys love, loves sports, playing, great romantic evenings, outdoors, seeks SM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1304

### STOP HERE!

SWM, 24, 5'7", 160lbs, seeks SM, 18-28, petite, slim, white, water skiing, bowling, comedy clubs, working out, willing to try new things, don't hesitate, leave him a message. Ad# 5454

### LET'S GO OUT!

SWM, 24, 6'0", 170lbs, muscular build, brown-skinned, seeks SM, to share fun times, dinner out, concerts, and a possible relationship. Ad# 8187

### WOW!

Handsome SWM, 24, financially secure, professional, enjoys coffee, talks, movies, novels, theatre, adventures, sincerely wishes to be made of dreams come true for the right SM, in a wonderful, loving relationship. Ad# 9899

### A GENTLE PERSON

SWM, 24, 5'7", slender, dark hair, handsome, born-again Christian, enjoys all night parties, home cooking, dining out, seeking SM, who likes to dream, for a relationship. Ad# 5454

### KIND OF SHY

SWM, 24, 6'0", brown hair, blue eyes, full-on, seeks SM, 18-28, who likes to share the outdoors. Ad# 3777

### SEEKING A COMPANION

SWM, 24, 6'4", 190lbs, enjoys snowboarding, boating, hiking, long drives, looking for SM, N.S. Ad# 2453

### BELIEVES IN FAMILY VALUES

SWM, 24, seeking romantic, loyal, sincere SM, who believes in God, taking care of body and mind, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 8888

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WAYNE BUSINESS & Finance

Exhibit Works out details for auto show

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER
A Livonia company has been putting its creativity to work with the opening of the 1996 North American International Auto Show in Detroit this weekend.

A year in the planning and executing, the Volkswagen and Audi exhibits have been handled by Exhibit Works of Livonia down to the last detail.

An international auto show is different from a domestic auto show, according to Tony Rutkowski, sales manager at Exhibit Works. The international shows have "unbelievable attention to detail," he said.

Details such as permanent installation of stonework wouldn't be thought of for a domestic show, he said.

This year the Audi and Volkswagen exhibits will also feature German food.

Rutkowski has traveled to France, Germany and Japan in preparation for this auto show.

"The last trip I had was literally around the world," he said.

Coordinators from around the world have contact with Rutkowski in Livonia as he coordinates the exhibit here. "My morning is very unique. I have to create a window for calls," he said. He talks with people in Europe in the morning because of the time difference.

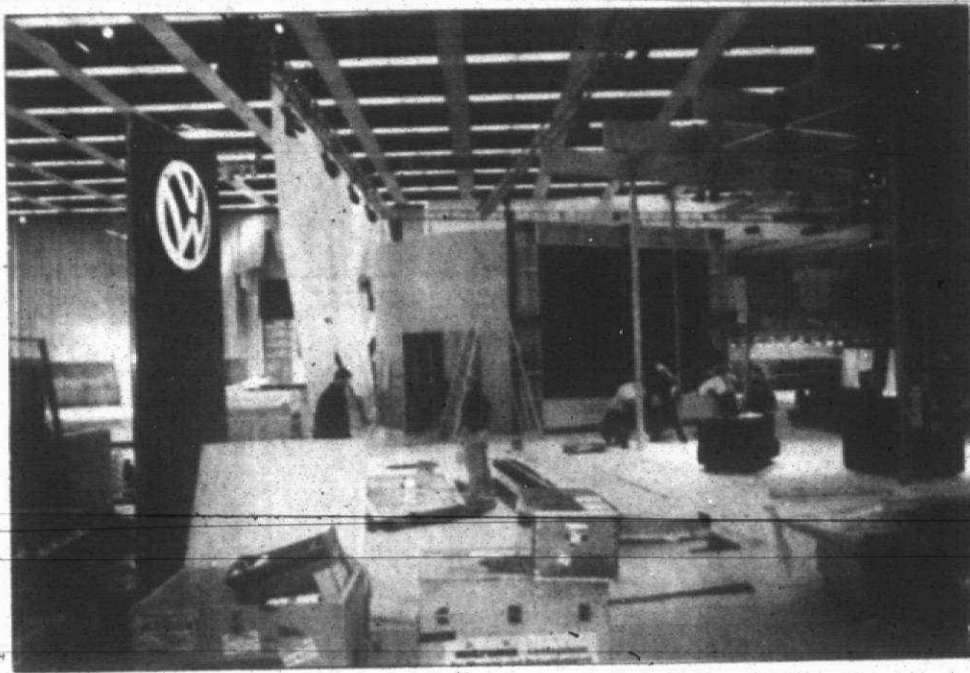
Correspondence is also done by fax, where he often receives 20-30 faxes from Europe.

A lot of what keeps him busy are the details — the emphasis is on detail — such as fabric for the table top, which must be six inches off the ground, and the napkins which have to be folded in a precise way.

"My beeper's going, the phone's going and I'm talking about folding napkins," Rutkowski said.

Along with the German cuisine supervised by chefs from Germany, the exhibit will feature a Cyberdome, which is an 80-person presentation area where cybernauts will perform for visitors wearing 3-D glasses.

Granite flooring has been installed by a German stone mason flown in from Europe.



Under construction: The Volkswagen exhibit at the Detroit North American International Auto Show is assembled by Exhibit Works of Livonia.

Welding supervisors were flown in to assemble a two-story stainless steel structure.

And professional European actors and actresses have been flown in to perform at the exhibit.

In all about 45 supervisors, carpenters, electricians and riggers have put in more than 11,520 hours of labor in 16 days to assemble the exhibit.

"Exhibit Works is part of the whole process and keeps the message going," Rutkowski said.

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Along with that, Susan Hillis, the account coordinator, works for Audi in Auburn Hills and also has been working at Exhibit Works as the displays have been designed and engineered to make sure everything is perfect.

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"They go ballistic on that." YW is the fourth largest auto manufacturer in the world, but because of smaller sales in the United States, "We're not aware of what they do in the world," he said. "They're the 'General Motors of Europe,'" he said.

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Exhibit Works, which also worked on Ford's exhibit, went into competition to do an international show. They had done a domestic show, but that doesn't automatically mean an international show. "We went through a bid process," he said.

"Winning the account shows that Exhibit Works has gained a reputation for quality," Rutkowski said.

Now Rutkowski hopes Exhibit Works can get in on the show in Europe. "We're not on that circuit yet," he said.

The North American International Auto Show runs from Saturday, Jan. 6, through Monday, Jan. 15, at Cobo Center in Detroit. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a parent. Tickets are available through Cobo Center and TicketMaster outlets.

The Michigan Travel Bureau has its own Website on the Internet that can be visited at http://www.travel-michigan.state.mi.us. The Michigan Travel Bureau Website, which includes written and photographic information about Michigan travel attractions, also has links to other Websites with Michigan information through convention and visitors bureaus and other state agencies, such as the Governor's office, the Michigan Jobs Commission, the Department of Natural Resources and the Bureau of History. This move by the travel bureau is part

Troops in Bosnia as close as on-line



EMORY DANIELS

Still cleaning off my desk. And I came across an item of interest to any on-line user who knows someone in the military who has been sent to Bosnia. A new Website to help people contact the UN troops in Bosnia was launched in mid-December. The site is called "Operation Home Front" and features E-mail service, private and public chat rooms, postcard gifts and more.

Anyone wanting to contact troops in Bosnia should point to http://www.worldshop.com/HomeFront/.

If you have spent a minute on the Internet you know there's this large database of Websites that you can search by category known as the Net, you have discovered and used large searchable Internet sites such as Lycos, InfoSeek, and Webcrawler.

There also are now appearing several Websites with search capabilities on specific and narrow subjects. An easy way to obtain reviews of the latest movies, is to visit the Internet Movie Review Query Engine at http://www.cinema.pgh.pa.us/movie/reviews/.

The Living Medical Encyclopedia has a full-text search engine that allows users to locate archived information on all types of cancer. Most of the existing cancer-related lists on the Internet are now archived at this site and to date some 44,375 records have been organized. You can also search by specific cancer-type resource. Simply point to http://www.medinfo.org/.

I learned of this source through Liz Tompkins, president of NBN/STP Corporation who herself maintains many lists of Web links on specific topics which can be accessed at http://www.tricky.com/.

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of ongoing upgrades by the Michigan Jobs Commission to expand Michigan's economic and workforce information.

General Media is hosting "A Lost Dog on the Net" contest on the Internet. The contest is done on a weekly basis with the winner announced every Friday. Entering is as easy as finding General Media's site at http://hey-media.com and find the lost dog. This is done by following the trail of clues carefully placed throughout the site.

Once the person has found the dog, he/she can send a message via e-mail to General Media letting them know that they found the lost dog. Prizes include trips to such places as Hawaii, Mexico or Aruba. General Media created this contest to put a cute and fun site on the Internet. It is also used as a marketing technique to generate traffic to clients. General Media's home page will link you to other useful and enjoyable sites.

France Public Relations Group has completed its interactive WWW Internet site on the World Wide Web site which can be visited at http://franco.com.

The site has four major areas, each with interactive capabilities. "Our Firm" tells of services provided by the public relations, technology and graphics design units, plus biographies of Franco Group staff, lists of clients by categories, and case studies. E-mail addresses and links to other sources in the area are available.

A separate section, called "PR Chat," allows business people to post questions and comments about public relations issues, interacting with each other and with senior personnel in the Franco firm.

A third section, "News You Can Use," contains articles that offer tips to business executives on topics ranging from improving their presentation style to using video. With a single click, readers can access e-mail and send a message directly to the author regarding topics in the articles.

The final section, "Client News," contains recent news releases of general interest about Franco clients. News media will be able to call up the full-text of these releases at any time.

(You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by E-mail with emory@online.com or fax number 591-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313)591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "net" and Michigan Jobs Commission, the Department of Natural Resources and the Bureau of History. This move by the travel bureau is part

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SCHOOL HONORED Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford Township recently received an award from General Motors Institute in Flint. Presented by Ken Snelton from GM to principal the Rev. Harold Gardner, the award states: "Catholic Central is one of the 25 top schools for its outstanding preparation of students for GM's unique cooperative education program, designed to develop future business, government and community leaders."

MAGAZINE LAUNCH "The Left Bank," a magazine designed to produce cultural and art awareness through the eyes and ears of the people of Detroit, will be published bimonthly and distributed through suburban and campus bookstores and local retailers. The magazine plans to publish articles on local restaurants, architecture, artists, music, business and city of Detroit developments.

Shawn A. Santo, editor in chief, studied at Wayne State University, pursuing urban planning, architecture and design and fine art. Magazine design will be under the direction of graphics artists/de-

signers Chris Gorski and Rita Sayagh.

EXPANSION ANNOUNCED Expansion Personnel Ltd. now has a Livonia location. The company places people for temporary and long-term employment in light industrial, clerical, electronic assembly and supervisory fields.

Anne M. Parks has joined the company as sales manager. The new office is at 33813 Five Mile Road in the Civic Center Plaza.

DISTRIBUTOR STA Detroit Diesel-Allison (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. has been appointed the new distributor for Detroit Diesel products in Singapore.

Singapore Detroit Diesel-Allison is a joint venture company, with Singapore Technologies Automotive Ltd. holding a 60 percent equity position and Detroit Diesel Asia Pte. Ltd., a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Detroit Diesel Corp., holding the remaining 40 percent.

The new company will sell and service three products: heavy-duty and medium-duty diesel engines from Detroit Diesel Corp.; automatic transmissions from Allison Transmission Division of General Motors Corp.; and power generation equipment.

MOVE ANNOUNCED Livonia-based Co-op Services Credit Union has moved from its 1,700-square-foot branch at 966 N. Pontiac Trail to a 3,500-square-foot new building at 1260 N. Pontiac Trail in downtown Walled Lake, between South Commerce and Decker roads.

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# Shoppers can surf Web for car info at no charge

PR Newswire — Car shoppers can now easily navigate the vast universe of makes and models by tapping into the huge database of a growing online automotive service on the Internet's World Wide Web. The Web site, called The "DEALERNET(R)" Service, offers car shoppers a wide range of information on more than 350 current and 1996 models at no charge. Shoppers will find specifications, manufacturers' suggested retail prices, and details about options, safety features, and warranties. Photos, graphics and, in some cases, video footage are also on line.

The service can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dealernet.com>.

"Our interactive search tool helps shoppers quickly sort through 4,500 pages of model information from 45 auto manufacturers to find cars that meet their requirements," said Marty Road, director of DEALERNET operations. "Car shoppers can also visit the virtual showrooms of dealerships at the site."

More and more dealerships across the country are utilizing the Web site to showcase their inventory and services to interested car buyers. From a virtual showroom, buyers can easily set up test drives or make inquiries about models and prices using the service's electronic-mail feature.

"On a whim at about 10 p.m., my wife and I decided to check out the automotive information on the World Wide Web," says Brian Schroeder, a San Francisco Bay-area resident upon discovering DEALERNET. "We were amazed to find exactly what we were looking for."

The Schroeders used the search feature, culled their list to four cars, and studied the specification sheets and photos they found at the site before scheduling test drives. "The entire process was much quicker than tracking down information from individual sources," said Schroeder.

The DEALERNET site can be accessed on the World Wide Web through CompuServe, America Online, Prodigy and Microsoft Network at <http://www.dealernet.com>, or by direct Internet access at [infodealernet.com](http://infodealernet.com).

DEALERNET was recently purchased by Reynolds and Reynolds, a Fortune 1000 company headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. Reynolds provides integrated information management systems and related value-added services to automotive, health care and general business markets. The company reported fiscal 1994 revenues of \$809 million.

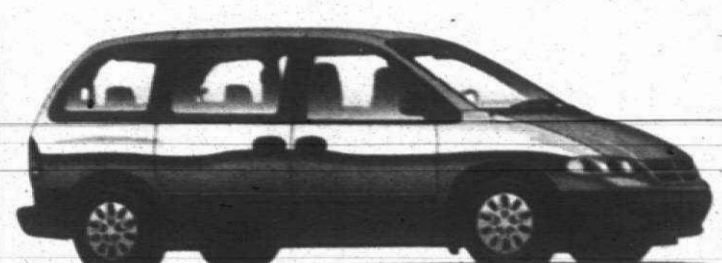
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From entry-level economy cars to expensive, lightning-fast sports cars and everything in between, the auto industry is well-represented.

Sport-utility vehicles, including the first one ever offered by Toyota's Lexus division and Ford's Lincoln-Mercury division, will play a starring role at the 1996 NAIAS. Toyota's new 4Runner and the 1996 AM General Hummer equipped with a turbo-diesel engine will make their worldwide debut. The next generation Jeep Wrangler makes its first North American appearance.

Indicating the increasing popularity of trucks, the introduction list also includes pick-up trucks and vans. Ford's F-150 pick-up, the best-selling vehicle in America, and GMC Truck's newest van, the Savana, make their worldwide debuts. Also making its first worldwide appearance is the 1996 Chevrolet S-Series sport side pick-up, which goes on sale

information from individual sources," said Schroeder.

The DEALERNET site can be accessed on the World Wide Web through CompuServe, America Online, Prodigy and Microsoft Network at <http://www.dealernet.com>, or by direct Internet access at [infodealernet.com](http://infodealernet.com).

DEALERNET was recently purchased by Reynolds and Reynolds, a Fortune 1000 company headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. Reynolds provides integrated information management systems and related value-added services to automotive, health care and general business markets. The company reported fiscal 1994 revenues of \$809 million.

## Chevy's trusted nameplate offers much variety for '96

From the value-packed Cavalier, Lumina and Monte Carlo to the tested and praised Corvette and Caprice, Chevrolet is doing what it takes to become America's most trusted nameplate.

Cavalier - The 1996 Cavalier offers more value than ever, with features like the new 2.4 Liter Twin-Cam SPI engine, standard in Z24 Coupe, and available in LS Sedan and Convertible.

Lumina - Lumina for 1996 remains a contemporary, well-equipped sedan built to impressive standards, and is affordably priced. A powerful 3100 V-6 engine and more interior room than any Toyota Camry or Honda Accord sedan.

Monte Carlo - New for 1996 are radio controls on the steering wheel, standard on Z34, optional on LS. The performance-oriented Monte Carlo Z34 will have strong appeal to male buyers who will appreciate the refinements and additional performance of Z34's 3.4 Liter DOHC V6.

Corvette - Models help celebrate the final year of the Corvette current design life cycle. The new LT4 V8 engine is pure automotive adrenaline, with 330 hp & 5800 RPM, a 10 percent improvement over its predecessor, the LT1.

Caprice Classic - Standard features include a powerful 4.3 Liter V-8 engine, interior room for six, spacious trunk and full-frame construction. Other features that make Caprice Classic one of the



Refined engine: Chevy Blazer boasts a refined V-6 engine, and five new exterior colors for 1996.

best full-size value in America include dual air bags, ABS and standard comfort features like air conditioning and an AM stereo.

Impala SS - It packs a Corvette-inspired LT1 V8 engine with 260 eager horses. The look is mean and clean, with body-color grille, black taillight moldings and body-color wheel opening moldings, door handles and rocker moldings.

Camaro - A new, more powerful standard engine, the 3800 V-6 engine lurks under the hood in Camaro Coupe and Convertible, while a big 5.7 Liter V-8 returns for applause in Z-28 Coupe and Z-28 Convertible. A new 2nd-gear select switch (V6 with automatic transmission only) permits 2nd-gear starts for improved launch on slippery surfaces. Available T-Tops are a low-cost alternative to convertible models.

Corisca - For '96, Corisca offers ABS, a spirited 2.2 Liter engine and plenty of passenger room. Other standard features include air conditioning, power front disc rear drum brakes, 3-speed automatic transmission and AM stereo.

Beretta - For 1996 key features include sporty style, affordability, standard ABS and a driver-side air bag. Several Beretta Special Value Packages bring together the options desired by most Beretta buyers at one low price.

## Put 'tires' on your winter check list

PR Newswire — Now is the time to think winter and ensure that tires are in good shape to handle the cold weather and slippery driving ahead, according to America's number one tire maker.

The first step in winter preparations should be a thorough visual inspection of tires for damage or unusual tread wear patterns, according to Dave Cvengros, manager of passenger tire programs at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

"Tires that are excessively worn should be replaced," Cvengros said. "An easy way to check tread depth is to look for treadwear indicators that begin showing up at 2 1/2 inches tread depth. Or you can stick a Lincoln penny head-down into the groove. If any part of the head appears, it's time to replace the tires."

Checking air pressures is vitally important in winter, he added, because as outside temperatures fall, so do air pressures — as much as one pound for each 10 degrees when outside temperatures are 30 degrees or below. Correct air pressure also leads to improved fuel economy, longer tire life — and can help prevent flat tires, Cvengros said. Running a tire 20 percent underinflated — only four to five pounds per square inch — increases fuel consumption by as much as 10 percent and reduces tire life by as much as 15 percent. And the Society of Automotive Engineers reports that 87 percent of all flat

## Charity Preview to raise money for kids

The Charity Preview gala, which officially kicks off the 1996 North American International Auto Show, is expected to raise more than \$1.6 million for 10 Detroit-area children's charities.

One of the largest black-tie events in North America, the 1996 preview drew 13,527 people in 1995 and brought in more than \$1.6 million.

This year's gala begins with a pre-party in the Cobo Center concourse at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, followed by a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. when the doors open.

These charities include: Barst Human Services; Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan; Boys Hope Detroit; The Children's Center; Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League; Detroit Institute for Children; the Easter Seal Society of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties; Judson Center; March of Dimes; and the Detroit Police Athletic League.

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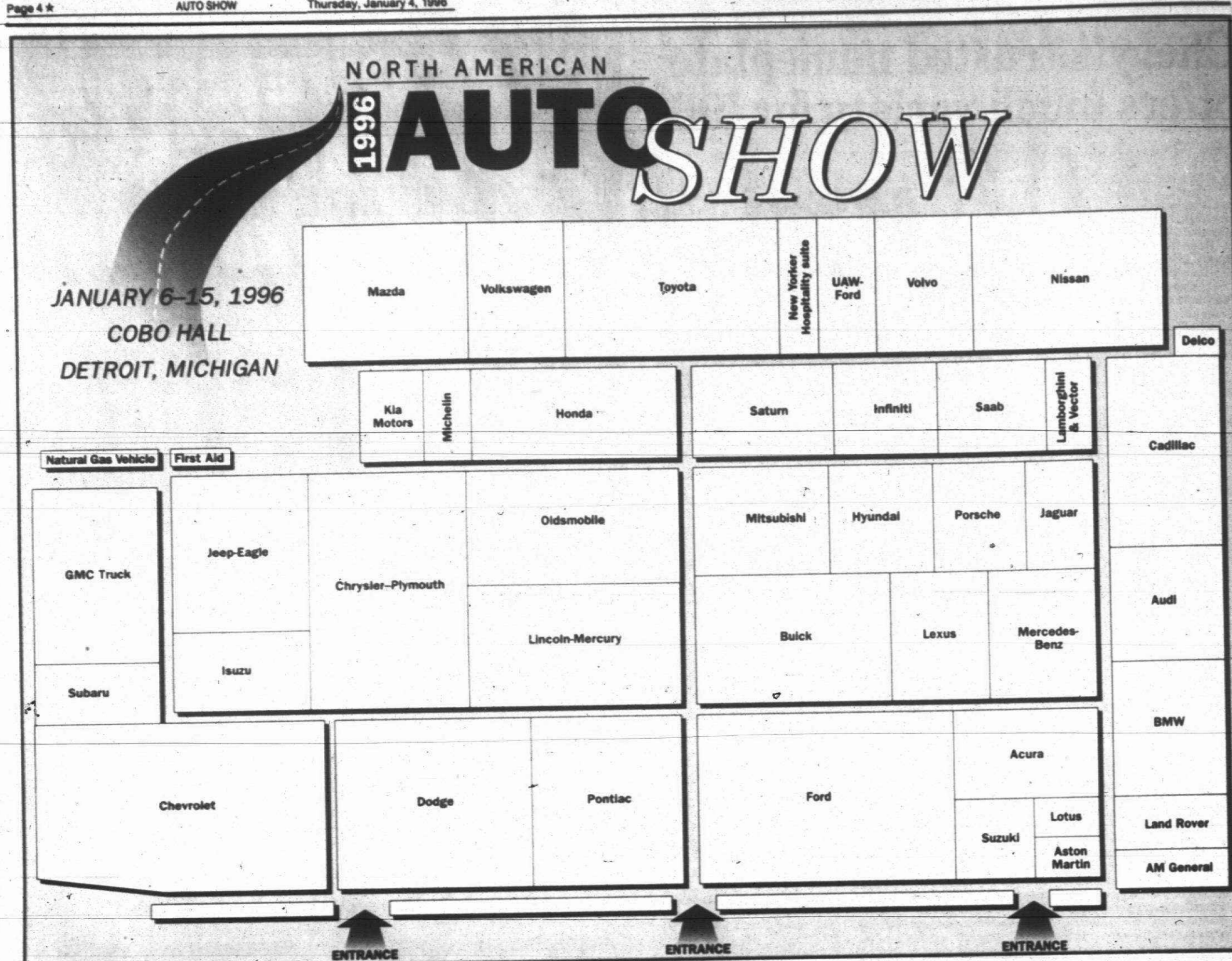
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## Cobo to shine with 700 new cars and trucks

**BY CASEY HANS**  
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It eyes will be on Detroit come January, as the 80th annual auto show opens at Cobo Center downtown. This is the eighth year the show has been an international event in the city.

Organizers of the 1996 North American International Auto Show said that since the show went international in 1989, not only has attendance leaped, but Detroit's profile has increased worldwide.

This year's show runs from Saturday Jan. 6 through Monday, Jan. 15.

"We put some big names on the table in 1995," said James P. Teller, who co-chairs this year's

event with George M. Gorno. "For 1996, we want to top them all."

Teller noted that more than 50 vehicle introductions are scheduled this year, and attendance from suppliers, press and visitors from around the world.

"Quite simply," he added, "everyone has come to the party."

In 1995, auto show organizers reported attendance of 693,569 for the 10-day show — the highest in NAIAS history. This year, the show will stay open for one additional day, with the final day of the show falling on a Monday — the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Organizers said they hope that staying open for the holiday will encourage even more people to at-

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tend the show, which is expected to include six North American concept cars, nine worldwide concept cars and the introduction and unveiling of 31 new production vehicles.

More than 700 cars and trucks will be on display.

Show hours will be:

- 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturdays and on Sunday, Jan. 7
- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14 and

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, the closing day of the show.

Persons with disabilities may enter the show one hour early on all days.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a parent. Tickets are available through Cobo Center and TicketMaster outlets.

The show is coordinated through the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, with major financial

sponsorships from: Ameritech, Delco Electronics, Johnson Controls, Michelin North America and PPG Industries.

Manufacturer exhibits include: Acura, AM General, Aston Martin, Audi, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler-Plymouth, Dodge, Ford, GMC Truck, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti and Isuzu.

Others exhibiting are: Jaguar, Jeep/Eagle, Kia, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln-Mercury, Lotus, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Porsche, Saab, Saturn, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

Special displays will be done by the Center for Creative Studies, Delco Electronics, Michelin Tire

Corp., Michigan Natural Gas Vehicle Association, Suntera and UAW/Ford.

Other major events surrounding the auto show opening this week include:

- A Black Tie Charity Preview Friday, Jan. 5 which is expected to raise \$1.5 million for Detroit-area charities. Call Detroit Institute of Children (313) 832-1100 x205.
- Earlier that day, the Detroit Economic Club will feature Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer as keynote speaker. Call (313) 963-8547.
- Automotive News World Congress. This conference of world automotive leaders discussing current issues runs from Jan. 7-10 at the Westin Hotel. Call (313) 764-5592.

## Artists at work

### Creative Studies alum have big impact on '96 auto show

If you like what you see at the 1996 North American International Auto Show, chances are you should thank a Center for Creative Studies alumnus.

Graduates of the world-renowned CCS transportation design program were designers for many of the cars on display this year, including some of the most important introductions of production and concept cars, like the Dodge Caravan, the Ford Taurus, and the Oldsmobile Aurora.

The design of the '96 Ford Taurus was credit to Douglas Gaffka (ID '78) the project's design chief. According to Gaffka, the final product used many ideas and design elements from Paul Hudacok (ID '80). Hudacok also worked on the Lincoln concept car, the Sentinel.

A showstopper, the new Mercury Mountaineer, was worked on by CCS alumni Gordon Flattie (ID '80) and Ron Steffey (ID '87). Steffey also helped design this year's Crown Victoria and Grand Marquis.

The design chief of AeroMax, Ford's commercial show truck, was George Bucher (ID '89). Dolly Cartwright, a 1995 graduate from the CCS Crafts Department, is the color and trim man-

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ger for commercial trucks at Ford, and she is responsible for the color and trim for the AeroMax sleeper cab.

Chrysler boasts CCS alums as designers of two of their show cars. The design of the Dodge Intrepid show car was done 100 percent by two CCS alums. Bob Bonifacio (ID '83) designed the exterior and Ralph Gilles (ID '83) designed the interior. Mark Trevette (ID '83) is credited for designing the exterior of the Chrysler LX concept car.

Four CCS alumni, including design chief Dave McKinnon (ID '88), Tom Odett (ID), Steve Holmes (ID '77), and Wallace Preston (ID '91) were among the designers who created the new Dodge Caravan, this year's Motor Trend Car of the Year.

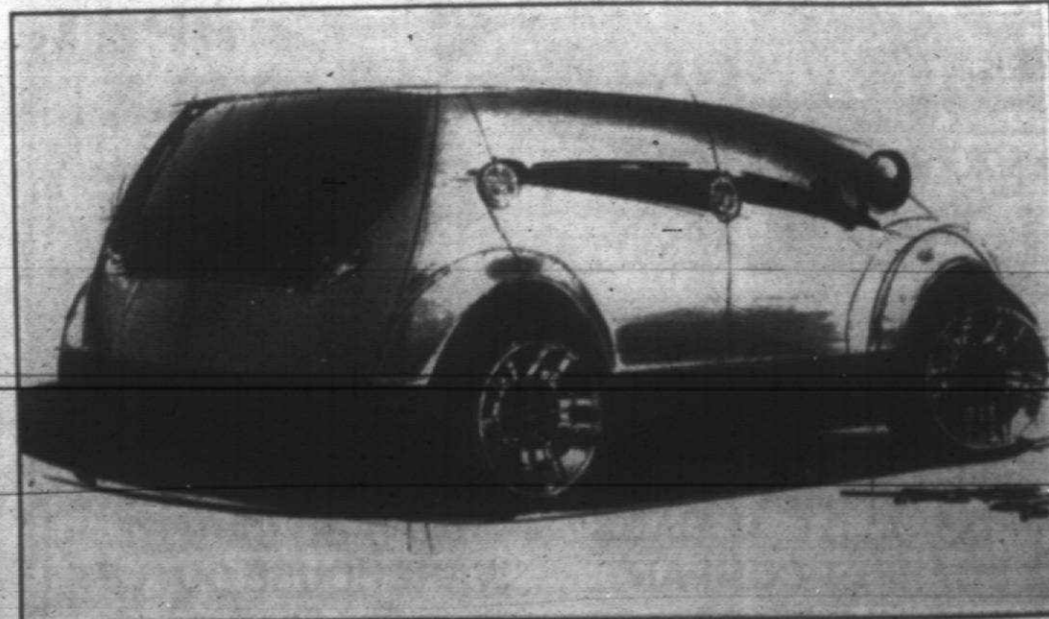
At General Motors, Peter Lawlis (ID '86) worked on the Antares concept car and Oldsmobile Aurora.

The 1997 Buicks on display had a number of CCS alums contributing to their look. The Park Avenue and the Park Avenue Ultra had four CCS alums and one CCS student intern on the design team, including Brian Booth (ID '88), May Ellis (ID '83), Chris Gamble (ID '86), Gerald Durkin (ID '86), and interns David Gillespie (ID 194). Jim Fleming (ID '84) worked as an intern with Gamble on the 1997 Park Century.

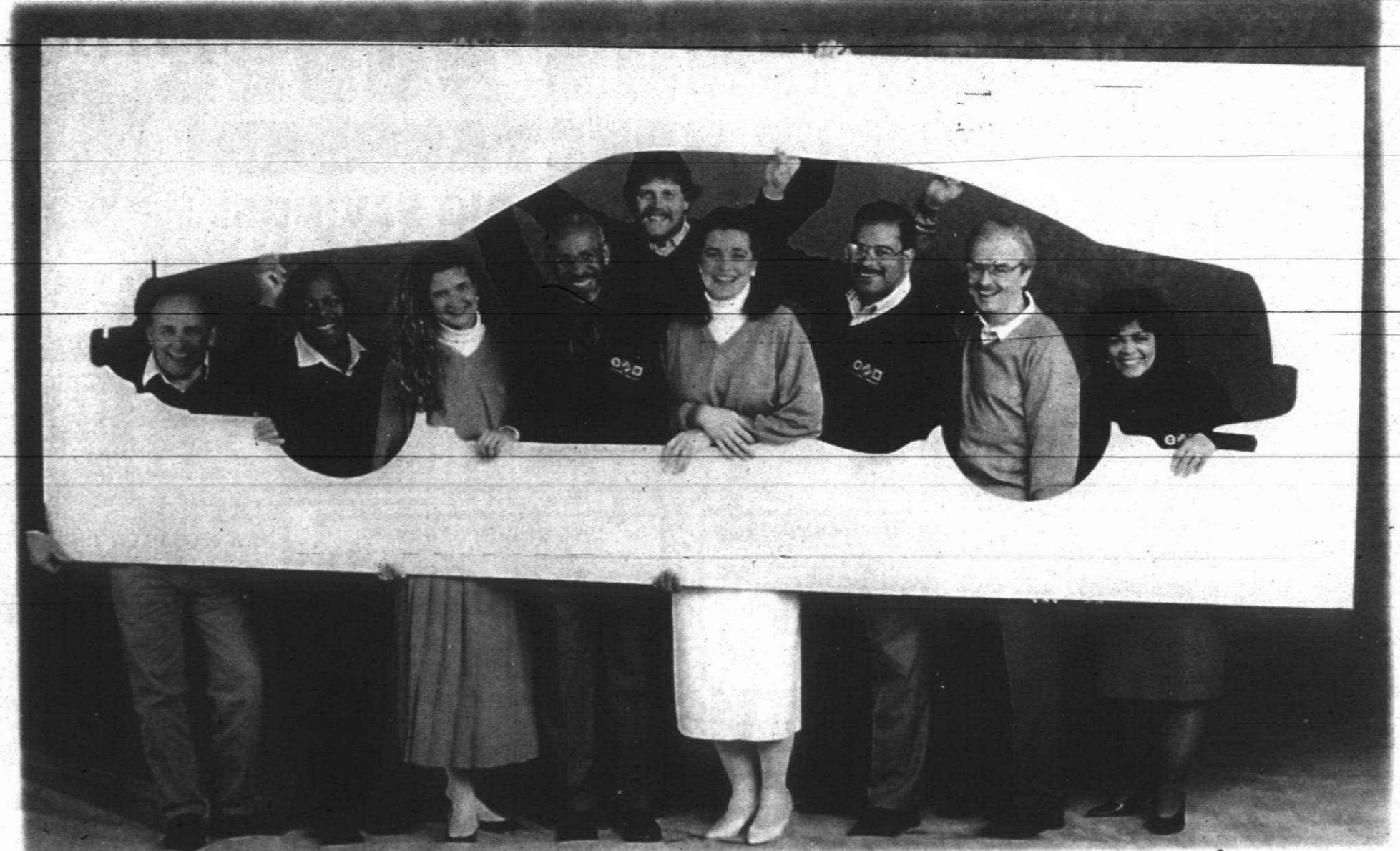
Kevin Hunter (ID '82), a chief designer at Calty Design Research, Toyota's North American design studio, created the look for the 1997 Toyota Tacoma, which looks to be a big hit at this year's show. Also working out of Calty Design Research are Dennis Campbell (ID '74), senior chief designer, who was in charge of the Lexus SC400 and Dave Doyle (ID), senior designer, who designed Toyota's Previa.

Since the beginning of this century, the Center for Creative Studies has taken young creative individuals, nurtured and developed their talent, and produced

some of the area's finest visual and performing artists. Through its two divisions, the College of Art and Design and the Institute of Music and Dance, CCS has made an indelible mark on art and design communities locally, nationally, and internationally.

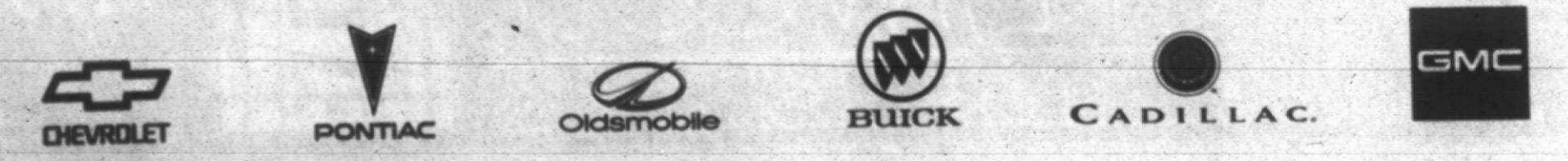


**Mini-van:** Here is one of several sketches on display at the Center for Creative Studies booth at this year's auto show. The display is sponsored by Ford Motor Company. A number of CCS graduates are involved in the design of new vehicles being shown this year at Cobo Center.



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# Dodge Viper is '96 Indy Pace car

In 1991, a car unlike any other appeared at the front of the Indianapolis 500 field. Fast, loud and unrestrained, it reintroduced the classic American sports car and showcased the beginning of a Chrysler Corporation product renaissance. On May 26, 1991, one of the first chapters in the history of Dodge Viper RT/10 was written. Fast-forward exactly five years

to May 26, 1996 where Viper historians will pen another exciting chapter in the car's short, but storied, history as the 1996 Dodge Viper GTS Coupe will pace the 80th running of the Indianapolis 500. The 1996 Indy 500 marks the first public introduction of the next generation of Viper: the GTS Coupe. The metallic blue Viper will not require any power-

train modifications to meet the Indy pace car standards and is nearly identical to the production version due out in the Spring of 1996. After the overwhelmingly positive reaction following Viper's debut as a concept car at the 1989 North American Show. The first and most noticeable changes in the 1996 Viper are three new exterior design themes.

Customers will have a choice of red exterior paint with yellow five-spoke wheels and yellow Viper logo decals; black exterior paint with a silver center stripe and polished aluminum five-spoke wheels; or stone white exterior paint with a blue pearl center stripe and white five-spoke wheels. All previous color choices will be retired at the end of the 1995 model year run.

Interior changes include red leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter knob and hand brake with the red and yellow exterior theme; and blue leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter knob and hand brake with white exterior paint and blue pearl stripe. A new all-black interior will be provided with the black exterior paint and silver stripe.

# Ford trucks add appeal

Ford Motor adds even greater appeal to its products for 1996. The F-Series full-size pickup offers a wide variety of body and cab styles, wheelbases and power-train combinations for 1996. On 4-wheel-drive models, the hub-locking system is modified for greater durability. "Signal mirrors" seen on the Ford GT90 concept car get their first "real world" use on the 1996 Bronco. The mirrors are standard on the Bronco XLT Sport and optional on XLT and Eddie Bauer models.

The 1996 Ranger maintains its wide choice of models. It is also first in its class to offer an optional passenger air bag to supplement the safety belt and complement the standard driver's side air bag. All Ranger models now have a 100,000-mile scheduled tune-up interval under normal driving conditions with routine fluid and filter changes.

Ford Explorer offers V-8 power for the first time in 1996. While the 4.0-liter V-6 remains the primary engine on the Explorer, a 5.0-liter V-8 can be ordered on XLT, two-wheel-drive models equipped with a four-speed automatic transmission. Along with the expanded engine line-up, Explorer provides standard dual air bags to supplement the safety belts.

Improvements to engines and transmissions are seen in Econoline cargo vans and Club Series full-size passenger vans in 1996. In addition, four new metallic clearcoat paint colors are available, and lighter, 15-inch wheel covers are standard on all E-150 models.

Ford Windstar upgrades its 3.8-liter V-6 engine to produce 200 horsepower. The engine is optional on the GL series and standard on the LX model. The 1996 Windstar also is the only minivan to offer All-Speed Traction Control and four-wheel disc brakes. Windstar is available as either a seven-passenger wagon or a cargo van.

A fully electronic automatic transmission is standard on the Ford Aerostar minivan for 1996. An improved AM/FM electronic search radio with 24 watts of power, controls that are easier to use, and four speakers is now standard on the passenger wagon and optional on the van. Properly equipped, the rear-wheel drive Aerostar wagon has a trailer-towing capacity of 4,400 pounds.

## Awards to be announced

The North American Car and Truck of the Year awards will be presented to winners at the 1996 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Modeled after the highly respected European Car of the Year Award, the North American awards are determined via special ballot by a jury of North American journalists who cover the auto industry for daily newspapers, news weeklies, wire services, enthusiast publications and radio and TV stations. The winners are selected by a jury of 43 journalists from a list of 18 eligible cars and six trucks.

To be eligible, cars and trucks must be introduced into the North American market between Dec. 15, 1994 and Dec. 15, 1995. Cars must have an anticipated sales of at least 5,000 units per year; trucks require expected annual sales of at least 2,000 units. Vehicles must be all new or have significant design, structural or mechanical changes from a previous year in order to be eligible.

Nominees for Car of the Year honors are: Acura TL, Audi A4, BMW 318i, Chrysler minivans, Chrysler Debring convertible, Mercedes E-Class, Ford Mustang Cobra, Ford Taurus/Mercury Sable, Honda Civic, Honda Odyssey, Hyundai Accent, Infiniti I30, Lincoln Continental, Nissan Sentra, Nissan 2000X, Saturn SL, Subaru Legacy Outback and the Suzuki Esteem.

Nominees for the Truck of the Year include: GMC Yukon

Chevy Tahoe, Ford F-150, Nissan Pathfinder, Range Rover 40SE, Suzuki X90 and Toyota Tacoma.

# Lexus to introduce sport utility in early '96

The Lexus Division of Toyota Motor Sales has announced it will introduce a luxury sport utility vehicle in early 1996.

The newest Lexus model will join the highly acclaimed Lexus line-up of three sedans and two sport coupes.

Building upon Toyota Motor Corporation's formidable history of creating the most respected 4X4 vehicles in the world, Lexus will base its SUV on the rugged and proven Land Cruiser platform and powertrain. This platform brings with it a heritage of outstanding service and reliability.

Currently designated the LX450, the newest Lexus will be the ultimate expression of the SUV, combining exceptional off-road capabilities, well-appointed interior accommodations, the highest quality platform in sport utilities and the luxury ownership experience unique to Lexus.

LX450 will incorporate new features and options appropriate for the luxury vehicle customer and consistent with the overall Lexus model line-up. It will be positioned above such SUV's as Jeep Grand Cherokee, Ford Explorer,

Nissan Pathfinder and Toyota RRunner and Land Cruiser and will compete most directly with Range Rover and offerings from other luxury competitors.

In addition to providing a more comprehensive luxury vehicle line-up, the LX 450 will enable Lexus Division to retain satisfied and loyal customers, whose lifestyle makes a sport utility attractive.

"Lexus has enjoyed the highest customer loyalty among import luxury makes," said James E. Press, Lexus senior vice president and general manager. "Our owners interested in an SUV have told us very clearly they would prefer to purchase from their Lexus dealership." The LX450 will provide these customers and others, he said, "the finest combination of product, quality, dealer treatment and ownership experience available."

This new Lexus will be targeted at a different customer profile than Land Cruiser, which will continue this successful role as the top-line Toyota SUV. LX450 buyers are more likely to be affluent couples who place an emphasis on prestige, luxury and urban driving while traditional Land Cruiser buyers purchase their vehicles more for functional, rugged and family oriented attributes.

In developing the LX450, Lexus chose a proven and powerful high torque, 4.5-liter, twin-cam, 6-cylinder powerplant. Compared to V8s and even the 4.0-liter Lexus V8, this engine provides excellent low rpm torque and pulling power as well as smooth highway drivability.

Both interior and exterior elements will offer Lexus design and expected refinements such as alloy wheels, unique colors, leather, wood, automatic climate control and premium audio systems. Lexus vehicles have gained a reputation for the industry's best quality and durability and Lexus dealers provide a level of service and treatment that exceeds customer expectations. Lexus has earned the top spot in the JD Power and Associates Customer Satisfaction Index for five years in a row.



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## Breeze leads class

The newest entry from Plymouth — the Breeze compact sedan — is further confirmation that Plymouth is taking aim at the affordable entry level market.

With the latest in cab-forward architecture, comfort, handling and style for much less than many simpler subcompacts and sedans, this four-door sedan offers a combination of features and benefits for younger buyers with an active lifestyle.

Available in the first quarter of 1996, the Breeze will come equipped with a standard 2.0-liter 16-valve, SOHC four-cylinder engine mated to a five-speed manual transmission. A four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission will also be available. Breeze offers class-leading room, numerous storage compartments in both front and rear seats, the largest trunk (15.7 cubic feet) in its class with lockable pass-through, and many other standard comfort and safety features. Standard equipment will include driver and passenger air bags, air conditioning, AM stereo radio, tilt steering column, electric rear window defroster, full-folding rear seat, remote trunk release and tinted glass. Anti-lock brakes, power windows, locks and mirrors, an integrated child safety seat, personal security group and either cassette or compact disc player will be optional.

"Breeze supports our philosophy of providing vehicles for important life stages, specifically young people who have recently married or have a small family," said Steve Torok, Chrysler-Plymouth general manager. "Along with Neon and Voyager, we now can welcome the entry level buyer at any stage."

Plymouth's research shows that 45 percent of people trading out of sub-compact cars graduate to a compact full-size car, while 30 percent of compact full-size traders move on to a minivan. "We no longer run the risk of losing our owners coming out of sub-compacts," Torok said. "With Breeze, Neon owners can now find a compact sedan with the same kind of style and personality they enjoyed at any stage."

Plymouth's efforts to reach the entry-level market go beyond building fun, youthful cars and minivans. They involve breaking down the apprehensions of first-time buyers who are hesitant about entering the shopping process. Over the past six months, Plymouth has test-marketed several concepts aimed at providing customers with practical, helpful information before they enter a dealership. This has included information centers and vehicle displays in shopping malls, where consumers cannot buy a car, get pricing information and design the Plymouth vehicle they want before entering a showroom. The in-mall showroom — known as Plymouth Place — features vehicle displays, interactive computers and customer advisers to answer any questions.

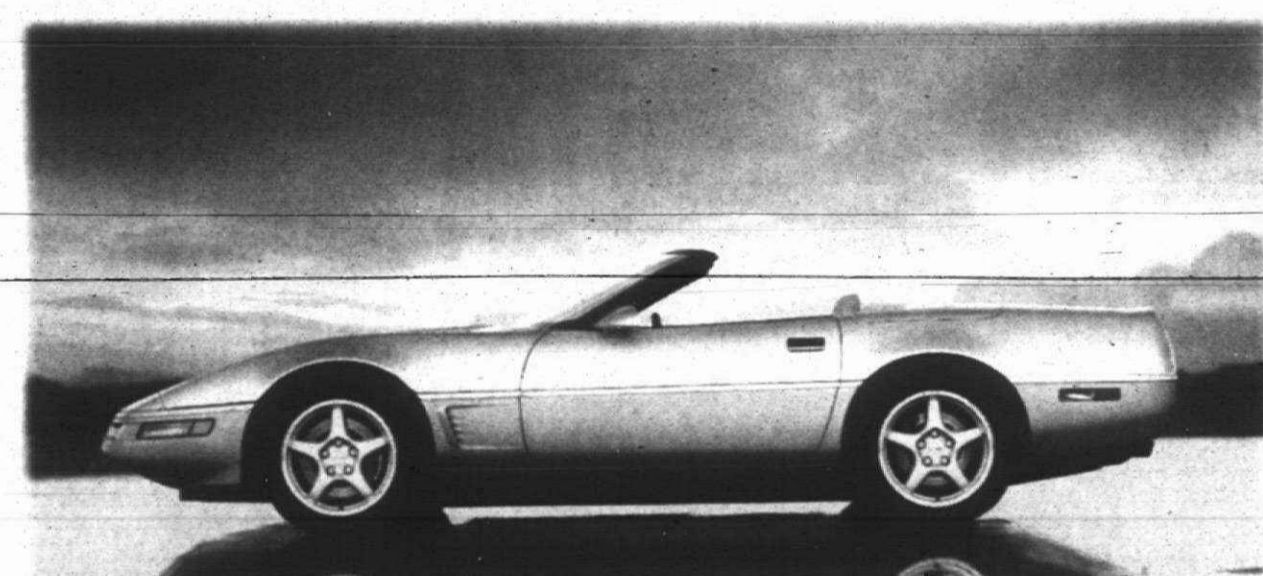
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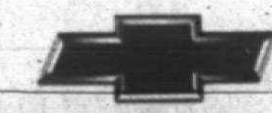
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25 Others at Similar Savings

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**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **AIR BAG**

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GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1141.80

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**DUAL AIR BAGS** **ANTI-LOCK BRAKES**

**\$22,495**

WITH AIR CONDITIONING AND AUTOMATIC

Air conditioning, automatic overdrive transmission, V6, tilt, cruise, power steering, power brakes, gauges with tachometer, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, traction control, floor mats, body side moldings, spoiler, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette with equalizer and steering wheel controls, 6-speaker sound system, power antenna, buckets with console, PASS-key theft deterrent, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, rear window defogger, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #239961.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1399.35

**NEW 1995 GMC SONOMA**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **ONLY ONE LEFT!**

**\$10,495**

2.2 liter LA, P205/75R15 A15 Tires, AM/FM stereo with clock. Wide side body SL decor airbag. Stock #507099.

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**DUAL AIR BAGS** **ANTI-LOCK BRAKES**

**\$19,695**

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GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$1679.

**NEW 1995 GMC VANDURA 1/2 TON WORK VAN**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **AIR BAG**

**\$16,095**

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Air conditioning, SL decor, anti-lock brakes, 4.3 V6 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, AM/FM stereo with clock, full size spare, power steering, power brakes, heavy duty cooling, rear door glass. Stock #550794.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$910.90

**NEW 1995 GRAND PRIX COUPE**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **DUAL AIR BAGS**

**\$15,495**

Air, automatic transmission, V6 engine, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette with steering wheel controls, keyless entry, bucket seats, rear defroster, delay wipers, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, tinted glass, pass key theft deterrent, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #243158.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$891.70

**NEW 1995 GMC 1 TON CUBE VAN**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES**

**\$21,195**

Automatic overdrive transmission, 350 V8 engine, 10,000 GVW, AM/FM stereo, 14 ft. box, power steering, power brakes, dual rear wheels. Stock #541364.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$961.85

**NEW 1996 FIREBIRD**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **DUAL AIR BAGS**

**\$16,495**

WITH AIR CONDITIONING AND AUTOMATIC

Air conditioning, automatic overdrive transmission, V6 engine, tilt, power steering/brakes, gauges with tachometer, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, floor mats, body side moldings, spoiler, aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette, four-way manual seat adjuster driver's side, pass key theft deterrent, tinted glass, rear defogger, 36 month/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty, 24 hour roadside assistance. Stock #205845.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$882.55

**NEW 1995 SIERRA DUMP TRUCK**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **AIR BAG**

**\$20,995**

Air conditioning, 11,000 GVW, two yard dump, 350 V8 engine, heavy duty chassis, SL Decor, automatic, AM/FM stereo cassette with clock, tilt, cruise, four speed overdrive, power steering, power brakes, large stainless steel mirrors. Stock #516453.

GM Option Buyer Subtract Additional \$988.60

**NEW 1995 SIERRA STAKE TRUCK**

**ANTI-LOCK BRAKES** **AIR BAG**

**\$18,995**

11,000 GVW, 12 ft. stake, 350 V8 engine, automatic overdrive transmission, heavy duty chassis, AM/FM stereo, power steering & brakes, heavy duty transmission oil cooler, large stainless steel mirrors, dual rear wheels. Stock #535397.

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