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Assessor's office returns following 'temporary' move

BY RICHARD PEARL
SPECIAL WRITER

Canton residents and township officials alike are pleased with the return, after a five-year absence, of the assessor's office to the main administration building.

The move last December relocated the seven-person office from the rear of Canton's Fire Station No. 1 about a half-mile south, to the remodeled lower level of township hall. The fire station will close after a new station is completed in the civic center complex.

"The comments we've heard is people appreciate the move," said John McLenaghan, chief appraiser of the Canton office.

"It's one-stop shopping" for residents, McLenaghan noted. "They can pay their water bill and their tax bill in the same building."

That hasn't been the case since around 1992, when the assessor's office departed the second floor of township hall in what was then called a "temporary move."

Various delays postponed its return, said Anthony Minghine, the township's budget and finance director, giving rise to an oft-repeated joke around township hall that "It was a 'temporary move' that lasted five years."

"Peoples' natural instinct, when they came to township hall, was to be able to talk about their tax bills to both the township treasurer and the assessor" in the same office building, said Mingh-

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Sex assault baffles police



Investigators don't know what to make of an alleged sexual assault involving two Canton families. The victims - and assailants - are all young children. Three of the four are siblings.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

A sexual assault involving four young children has stymied Canton Police and officials from Wayne County's Child and Protective Services department.

A 7-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister have been accused of sexually assaulting their 3-year-old

brother and a neighbor girl, 4. The children live at the Sherwood Village trailer park on Old Michigan near Haggerty.

Canton Police were called to the home of the 4-year-old Friday afternoon when the little girl told her mother about the alleged attack at her neighbor's house.

According to police, the 4-year-old girl said she was assaulted first by a

7-year-old boy, and then the same act was repeated by the boy's 5-year-old sister. The brother and sister also sodomized their 3-year-old brother in the neighbor girl's presence, police said.

"The two children (assailants) need help very badly and Protective Services refuses to do anything," said the mother of the 4-year-old victim.

The two young assailants and their 3-year-old brother live with their grandmother next door to female victim's home. A grandmother was in another room when the incident occurred, the female vic-

tim's mother said.

The three children allegedly were sexually abused in the past. Their natural mother lost custody of the children, she said. This also isn't the first time such an incident occurred with the children sexually assaulting other youngsters, the victim's mother said.

"The grandmother has been trying to get them help and Protective Services hasn't done anything. Now this happened to my daughter and I have to deal with a behavioral problem," she said.

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Life of the party



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Birthday bonanza: Tyler Simpson celebrated his second birthday Saturday at another party - the festivities marking Summit on the Park's first anniversary. Presenting Tyler with a birthday balloon parrot is Flip Flop the clown. Additional photos from the Summit celebration are on Page A3 in today's Observer.

School board sets bond vote

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

"Tell your friends there's going to be an election." That was the word Tuesday night from Plymouth-Canton Board of Education President Mark Horvath after board members, voted unanimously to hold a special election to pass a \$79.7 million bond issue Saturday, March 22.

More school news, A3

The funds would finance a new high school and a new elementary school; school buses; remodeled school facilities; enhanced classroom technology and computers.

Superintendent Charles Little said that with community support, the bond steering committee will have made "a significant difference in the life of the school district."

Board members who'd raised questions about the proposal climbed aboard. Trustee Carrie

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Yack praises work, maps plan in speech

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
EDITOR

It's not a new, unique or even unusual strategy.

But paying attention to quality of life issues has made Canton one of the fastest-growing communities in Wayne County and will help maintain that vibrancy when the pace of development slows, Tom Yack said Wednesday.

The supervisor also used his annual "State of the Township" address to give a strong plug for the \$79.7 million bond issue Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will put before voters March 22. (See related story above.)

"(Local) property values, the neighborhood school concept and quality of life - all of that's in jeopardy," Yack said, citing previous decades where he felt schools were short-changed.

"Regardless of where you live (in the district), the bottom line is

you've got a stake in this issue," the supervisor told a crowd of about 200 attending the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Summit on the Park.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Charles Little, attending the speech, said he was pleased but not surprised by the vocal show of support. "Tom has a wide view of the township and I think he sees how all the pieces fit together," Little said.

"And I think he understands that (the bond issue) is a need based on fact."

The balance of Yack's quick-paced, 40-minute talk focused on dramatic growth in Canton the past few years and some new initiatives for 1997.

He sounded a note of caution, though, on new road improvements, inferring the township's dependence on Wayne County, state and federal funds makes such projects difficult. He said township officials will work on a five-year plan to find more local

See SPEECH, A2



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

High-tech talk: Supervisor Tom Yack said he's more comfortable with the township's progress than he is using a computer to help illustrate his speeches.

Activists: Whyman apology comes up short

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

I'm sorry I said you were ugly, but you're really not the most attractive person I've met.

A similar theme was used by state Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, in an apology to The Triangle Found-

ation, a homosexual rights group that contributed funds to the campaign of Democratic challenger Deborah Nesbit. The mailer went out to constituents in the 21st District last week.

Whyman, recently appointed to the House committee on Constitution and Civil Rights, sent out an-

11th hour campaign brochure days prior to the November election attacking her opponent as a "homosexual extremist" and supporter of pedophiles.

Nesbit had accepted contributions from the Michigan Pride PAC and leaders of The Triangle Foundation. Both organizations promote homo-

sexual rights.

Nesbit and The Triangle Foundation threatened libel lawsuits for the statements. Triangle president Jeffrey Montgomery said the organization's attorney, Rudolph Serra, sent a letter to Whyman in mid-December.

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Hot wheels

Now we've seen everything. That staid, suburban dream machine - the minivan - is being enlisted by the Canton Public Safety Department in the war on crime and drugs.

Well, maybe not so staid. The 1997 Ford Windstar just donated to the department is painted bright red and is decked out with a full police package including lights and siren.

The vehicle, currently undergoing modifications, was donated on a two-year lease by Blackwell Ford in Plymouth for use by the Canton DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

The minivan's primary role will be to draw attention to public safety efforts, rather than to

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catch criminals, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro. The vehicle will be used to transport high school students working with the program, heavy equipment, teaching supplies and reward merchandise to and from program activities.

The DARE program reaches fifth-graders at 10 area elementary schools.

Capt. Alex Wilson and officer Colleen Antal are the department's DARE officers.

Bowling for dollars

Youth bowlers at the Superbowl in Canton raised \$145.50 recently for the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor. Al Smith, general manager of Superbowl, presented the donation to Dave McDowell, executive director of the Ann Arbor house, which hosts families of children confined to local hospitals.

More than 100 youth bowlers, between the ages of 5 and 18, participated in the Superbowl Youth Tournament to help raise money during the holiday season.

McDonald's of Canton, owned by Al and Rosie Fellhauer, is the sponsor of the youth bowling league.

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financing for road improvements. The supervisor relied on an off-the-cuff speaking style and computer-generated slides - he joked about not being entirely comfortable with new technology - to detail key areas including public safety, the economy, parks and recreation, cultural resources, transportation and municipal leadership.

Yack said the township showed one of the largest increases in State Equalized Valuation in its history and at \$1.335 billion has the highest SEV in Wayne County outside of Detroit. The state measure of property value went up by more

than 12 percent between 1994 and 1995, the latest figures available, he said.

"I believe that level of growth will continue for 1996," he said.

The supervisor "predicted" a major health-care provider would announce a new facility for Canton in 1997. A similar prediction during last year's address resulted in American Yazaki Corp.'s plan to build a second research and development facility as part of its manufacturing complex at Haggerty and Warren roads.

Yack said recreation would be a primary focus for new projects this year and lauded the Summit as a prototype for other commu-

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nities looking to build community centers.

"There are still an awful lot of young people living in this community and we have to offer them (recreational) opportunities," Yack said.

He cited three new parks the township hopes to build or improve: Barchester, a partially developed neighborhood park between Barchester and Hanford streets in northeast Canton; an unnamed park at Palmer and Sheldon roads; and a new soccer complex at Denton and Proctor roads.

ber in an attempt to avoid filing suit.

"The letter said one of the ways we could do that is if a retraction is made apologizing for the inflammatory and slanderous remarks she made. The suggested wording is in about five-point type at the bottom of (the mailer)," Montgomery said.

Whyman's apology reads as follows: "While we wish that The Triangle Foundation would be more specific in which sexual minorities they support, we accept them at their word. We regret, and apologize for, any confusion this may have caused."

In the next paragraph, it questions Serra's attempts to change gross indecency laws through the Michigan Supreme Court. It also criticizes two articles Serra wrote that can be found on The Triangle Foundation's World Wide Web site.

"A quick study of current Michigan law demonstrates that homosexual acts between consenting adults are indeed felonies... Since Mr. Serra appears to be well aware of the legal status of homosexual acts in the state of Michigan, why isn't he concerned that his client, The Triangle Foundation, is sup-

portive of individuals who engage in felonious behavior.... The Triangle Foundation should oppose all felonious sexual acts, not just the ones inconvenient to their cause," the mailer says.

Montgomery said the retraction "may have actually provided material to enhance our complaint" in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nesbit said it doesn't appear to be an apology at all and "contin-



Deborah Whyman

ues to insult the gay and lesbian constituents. I don't know why (Whyman's) meanness and ugliness has to continue."

But Whyman said her campaign committee has met all legal requirements of a retraction.

"If Jeff Montgomery wants to file a lawsuit, go ahead. Then, we can depose members of The Triangle Foundation and find out what kind of criminal sexual conduct they're involved in," Whyman added.

Montgomery said the group advocates redefining the gross indecency laws to support consensual sex between same-sex adults if nonviolent and in the privacy of their own home.

Whyman was reapointed to two House committees, Tax Policy and Public Utilities, and two new committees, Computers and Technology and Constitution and Civil Rights.

Whyman said she didn't request to be on the Constitution and Civil Rights committee. "I think I was chosen to be on it because of my work on the Recorder's Court legislation," she said.

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Since the incident, the woman said her daughter has been wetting her pants and becoming violent while playing with her toys. "This is tearing me up because my daughter is so scared," she said.

Canton Police Sgt. Ed Tanner said the assault case is under investigation. Police could press charges against the youngsters.

"We may send it through Probate Court so that the kids can get counseling. I've seen them

sent as young as 9 (years old)," said Tanner.

Police also contacted Wayne County's Child and Protective Services. Spokesperson Gene Hashley said Protective Services has received the referral from police and is conducting its own investigation. He couldn't talk specifically about the case.

"We will take whatever steps are necessary to protect the interest of these children... Typically, we don't get involved in

that kind of a situation unless an adult, responsible for their care, is neglecting to take care of them," said Hashley.

Protective Services could make recommendations to a juvenile court so that resources are available for counseling, he said. In the most extreme cases the children could be taken out of the grandparents' custody and put in foster care.

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ine, who became the director six months ago and who oversees both offices. "It really was an inconvenient situation."

He added that holding regular staff meetings after township board meetings every couple of weeks had been awkward at

best, and the situation also kept the assessor's office "out of the loop on day-to-day communications."

McLenaghan and his staff, whose main clients are real estate agents and appraisers, are with Wayne County Appraisal Company, which has been contracted by the township since 1982 to provide all assessing services. Canton supplies office space, equipment and other general support.

The assessor's office telephone number is 397-6826.

In addition to the assessor's office, the recently carpeted and partitioned lower level of the administration building is home to three new meeting rooms available, free of charge, to Canton civic organizations.

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Kindergarten registration begins Feb. 24

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Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they will be five-years-old on or before Dec. 1, 1997. Parents are urged to register their children during this period in order to permit adequate planning for fall kindergarten classes.

To register, parents need to bring the following items to the elementary school in the child's current attendance area. If the attendance area is unknown, parents should contact Ginnie Murdoch, pupil accountant, 416-4842.

- Child's birth certificate: Birth certificates for children born in Michigan can be obtained from the office of Community Health Vital Records, 3423 North Martin Luther King, Lansing, 48909. The cost is \$13. The phone number is 313-355-8657.
- Proof of residency: A current utility bill and a property tax bill with name and address on it or a signed rental agreement are acceptable. A driver's license is unacceptable.
- Child's social security number.
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Celebrating a milestone at Summit on the Park



For families: Activities for the whole family were the focus Saturday at the first anniversary party for Canton's Summit on the Park community and recreation center. Clown, face painting, magic shows dominated the free event, along with representatives from Mission Health who were also in attendance. Pictured at right is Sara Anderson, 2, who got a little help from her mom, Felicia, making a funny hat in the birthday art workshop. Above, 3-year-old Adam Rosenberg had his face painted with the Batman logo by Kristen Dillenbeck, 14. More than 130,000 people have visited the center during its first year in operation.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Bond vote from page A1

Blamer said she is now satisfied that there is no other suitable site for a third high school. But, she said, "equity is going to be an issue. We are giving up a personalized, nurturing atmosphere at the high schools. I would like to see the district take on this challenge. We can do a better job of making it student-friendly."

Board Vice President Mike Maloney is backing the plan, having "given this a great deal of thought. This isn't necessarily the way I would do it, but I can live with it."

Trustee Liz Givens said, "I go into this realizing not all questions are answered. If we have the foundation, we can build on that. We need to pass the bond,

then gather the specifics as we go along."

Susan Kopinski, bond steering committee chairperson, urged support. "I want to ask everyone, pro and con: Never lose sight of why we are really here."

At a cost of \$88 per year for the \$100,000 homeowner, "we can do what's best for our children," she said, namely relieve

overcrowding, and adding computers and buses.

"As parents we are always looking for educational gifts for our children. Wouldn't this be one of the most valuable gifts you can give your child?" Parent Gayle Pivowar urged the Plymouth-Canton Education Association to review its neutral stance on the bond issue. "Silence is not

going to help the bond pass. I urge the PEA to support this."

The PCEA executive board voted to take no position on the bond issue, and is directing its membership to make an independent decision.

Parent Suzanne Dershem also urged support. "The problems we face are bigger than which elementary our children attend. If

we don't work together, our problems are only going to get worse."

Parent Mark Slavens said also urged teachers to "bury the hatchet. I know there is underlying animosity, but we have much bigger problems. It's not a problem between administration and teachers, it's that we have too small a piece of the pie."

District chooses experience over cost in hiring counsel

Richardson bid \$19,750 plus \$3,500 in expenses.

The bid of Pollard & Albertson wasn't opened, as it arrived after the district's deadline.

The district advertised for services in Lawyer's Weekly, and requested bids from seven bond counsel firms and five real estate firms.

Last year, the district spent under \$3,000 for its real estate counsel. "We don't expect it to be any more this year," said Judy Evola, the district's community relations director.

Board vice president Mike Maloney has long advocated seeking bids rather than retaining the same contractors from year to year. "I'm a little concerned, because it looks like the (bond counsel) firm we are recommending is the highest bidder," he said.

Goldman said there are several advantages in going with Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg. "The attorney involved would be the person involved in 1991. There would be one fee, and all of our questions would be answered. That wasn't clear with Miller Canfield." Also, said Goldman, other firms lacked a school and bond law.

While hiring other firms "would be less expensive, I don't think it would be prudent to tie our hands to save \$15,000 on legal fees," Goldman said.

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Bond firm familiar too

BY M.B. DILLON
 STAFF WRITER

The same financial advisor that handled Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' 1991 bond issue will handle the 1997 bond issue.

Stauder, Barch & Associates - one of four firms asked to bid - was re-hired by the Board of Education Jan. 28.

The high bidder was Bendzinski & Co. at \$44,008. Erickson & Associates bid its services at \$41,900. Stauder, Barch & Associates' bid was \$41,418, while Municipal Financial Consultants, Inc. bid \$33,428.

John Birchler, executive director for business, told the board that Stauder Barch was recommended because of its "more extensive experience with school districts and related knowledge of finance and legal issues related to schools; its proven record; and good working relationship" with the district.

"Stauder Barch worked on 54 bond issues greater than \$10 million in 1996. None of the other firms worked on more than six. Each inter-

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Local support agency wins accreditation

Wayne Community Living Services was awarded national accreditation by The Accreditation Council.

"We are the first agency in Michigan and also the largest agency in the country to receive this accreditation," said James Dehem, executive director of WCLS.

WCLS is a nonprofit organization supporting people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Wayne County.

To attain accreditation, WCLS underwent a review conducted

by professionals from the Accreditation Council who interviewed people receiving services, family members and others close to them.

"To be accredited by the Accreditation Council is very significant to use because it is the first organization of this type to evaluate agencies by actually looking at results, rather than promises or intentions," said James Dehem.

"This accreditation is based on observable outcomes and interviews with the people we serve to determine our effectiveness.

Other organizations primarily review paper and care more about documentation in the records. The outcomes they look for are 30 significant quality-of-life issues which have been identified by people with disabilities as being most important to them."

WCLS contacts with the Detroit-Wayne County Community Health Board to provide supports to over 1,700 people with developmental disabilities to have a home, a circle of family and friends, and meaningful lives including employment and full citizenship.

The Accreditation Council is a national, private organization sponsored by nine advocacy and professional groups. The sponsors of the Accreditation Council are the American Association on Mental Retardation, American Network of Community Options and Resources, American Occupational Therapy Association, American Psychological Association, The Arc, Association for Behavior Analysis, Autism Society of America, Epilepsy Foundation of America and United Cerebral Palsy Associations.

Consortium to focus on educational leadership

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Educational leaders face a dilemma when the best K-12 teachers are promoted and become principals or assistant principals.

While these promotions often represent well-deserved advances in teaching careers, they also remove a vital cog in the day-to-day operations of school districts.

Educators have noticed the trend. They have created a consortium with seven K-12 and intermediate school districts and two community colleges to test and swap educational leadership innovations.

The Galileo Consortium was named after an Italian astronomer who lived 400 years ago who challenged orthodox dogmas. Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction at Schoolcraft College, said the consortium probably was named more for the idea of exploration, and appropriately, after a satellite also named for the astronomer.

The consortium will "explore" and develop ways to expand educational leadership at all levels, from principal to teacher, Jeffress said. It will be aimed at offsetting the loss of good teachers.

"If we keep pulling the best out of the ranks, I think we're robbing the system," said Conway Jeffress.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded the consortium with a \$1 million grant with participating districts expected to contribute about \$50,000 apiece. The educational leadership project is expected to last

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*Conway Jeffress
—vice president of academic instruction at Schoolcraft College*

four years.

The consortium will include Farmington, Novi, Northville, Southfield and Walled Lake school districts, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and Oakland County Intermediate School District. Seven instructors will be chosen this year from each of these nine institutions for educational leadership conferences. More will be added to the group each year, Jeffress said.

Guest speakers will appear at the conference to discuss leadership.

Jeffress expects instructors will be going to workshops on weekends during the summer.

"The districts talked about the difficulty of recruiting and fostering leadership within their own district," Jeffress said. "What the consortium is designed to do is foster leadership, but really try to get leadership developed at all levels."

"It's not just a promotional scheme. We're looking to develop these skills among our faculty and with staff members."

Duggan responds to stadium critics

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Wayne County intends to issue no more than \$95 million in bonds funded through hotel and rental taxes approved by county voters in November for the new baseball stadium in downtown Detroit.

For Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, and the 11 county commissioners who supported the action on Jan. 30, it was nothing more than meeting a contractual obligation first approved by the commission in August and following recent legal advice from bond counsel to notify the public of the upcoming sale.

For the three opposing commissioners, it meant public money possibly spent on the stadium should revenue collected from the hotel and rental tax approved by county voters in November fall short of projections.

A legal obligation

Wayne County residents were notified in a legal newspaper advertisement that tax dollars will be pledged in "full faith and credit" to cover bonds. Commissioners were notified Jan. 29 that they had to approve the agreement by Jan. 31.

The notice also states the county intends to enter into a lease with the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority.

Commissioners supporting the resolution were Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit; Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland; Commissioners Edna Bell, D-Detroit; Edward Boike, D-Taylor; Christopher Cavanagh, D-Grosse Pointe; Ken Cockrel,

D-Detroit; George Cushingberry, D-Detroit; Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn; William O'Neil, D-Allen Park; and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Bruce Patterson, R-Canton; and Michelle Plawewski, D-Dearborn Heights, opposed the authorization.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, was absent.

For the bonds to be issued March 31, a 60-day notice of intent must be published first, according to state law, county officials said.

The pledge is \$15 million higher than the \$80 million in bonds outlined in the memo, but the memo also pledges the full faith and credit of the county "to the extent necessary."

The \$95 million includes other expenses related to the bonds' issuance, including legal counsel, reserve requirements, legal fees and insurance, according to Duggan.

Duggan likened the additional costs to those in mortgaging a \$100,000 house.

"You'll put down \$20,000, and borrow \$80,000, and add other costs like points," he said. Total payments amount to more than the \$100,000 amount, Duggan said.

Duggan expects the car and hotel rentals will bring \$5 million or \$6 million annually for the county to use in paying off the 30-year bonds.

Vice Chair Beard believed the economy will help the county gather the money to repay the bonds.

"More things seem to be happening," Beard said. "Hotels are

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Choir showcases local talent

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is searching for youngsters who are in tune with their musical talent.

Specifically, Soo Yeon Kim, choir director and Canton Township resident, is looking for children ages 9-13 for the newly created Plymouth Youth Choir. Participants do not need to live in Plymouth.

"Any student who loves to sing is welcome," said Kim, a doctorate of musical arts. "They only need to call the Plymouth Arts Council to set up an audition. Auditions are held periodically. They just come in and sing for me," said Kim, 33. "It's nothing they have to prepare for or be nervous about."

The purpose of the youth choir, according to Randy Lee, executive director for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is to expand the arts for area residents and performers.

"We would like to showcase all of the arts at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Centre for the Arts," said Lee, referring to the new Council Arts headquarters at Sheldon and Junction in Plymouth.

Kim came to know Lee through Kim's 10-year-old daughter, who is involved in children's theater through the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The pair sat down and started talking about music. "They really wanted to develop

a program for children," said Kim. Based on her educational background and past experience, she was hired to direct the group.

"We're very fortunate that she (Kim) was interested and available at this time," said Lee, impressed with Kim's "background and enthusiasm."

"It's something we're all excited about," Lee emphasized. The program was initiated after residents called and inquired about a youth music program. So, organizers feel confident the interest is there, now they just need to find the talent. The director is optimistic.

At the very least, she plans to cultivate a love for the art by providing solo and duet opportunities for the children, Kim said.

Furnace theft chills builder

A \$900 furnace was stolen from a home under construction on the 3000 block of Riverview Circle sometime between noon-4 p.m. Friday. The builder told police MichCon had just installed the meter prior to the furnace being stolen.

Other Break-ins

Approximately \$100 in coins was stolen from a home on Annapolis sometime between 12:30-11:30 p.m. Friday. The thief smashed out a window in a rear door to break-in, police said.

A television, VCR and CD player, valued at \$1,200, was stolen from a home on the 4400 block of Penny sometime between 7:40 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. Friday.

More than \$2,000 worth of tools were stolen from a storage shed at Barnett Roofing, 41700 Michigan Avenue, sometime

COP CALLS

between 5 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The thieves cut through a fence on the west side of the building to gain entry to a storage shed, a padlock was broken off of the shed, police said.

Stolen car

A 1996 GMC Jimmy was stolen from a carport at the Village Green Apartments sometime between 9:45 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday.

Counterfeit ring

Plymouth police are warning area individuals and businesses about a counterfeit ring circulating \$20 bills.

These \$20 bills are 1993 vintage, apparently of poor quality," said Lt. Wayne Carroll. "They

don't have a security strip, and they run if they get wet." Similar to a visible when the bill is held up to the light. The strip is actually a vertical line formed by the words "USA Twenty" repeated the width of the bill.

Counterfeit \$20 bills have circulated in Canton, but not yet in Plymouth Township or Plymouth, said Carroll.

The U.S. Secret Service is working on the case. "They haven't hit this far up yet," said Carroll. "The closest was Canton. They've had some passed there."

Canton police recently reported counterfeit \$20 bills being passed at the Canton Cinema on Ford Road.

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East principal honored

Ellison Franklin, principal at East Middle School for the past two years, has received the Extra Miler award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

Franklin was nominated by her entire staff at East Middle School. "Ellison has the ability to make everyone feel valued and important - students, staff parents - everyone," the staff said.

Franklin was commended for being positive, optimistic, open-minded, supportive and encouraging; and for volunteering for

leadership roles in numerous groups and committees in the district.

Franklin served as president of the Plymouth-Canton Administrators Association, and on many East committees.

She established and conducted after-school study tables for students to assist with organization, time management and study skills.

"As an administrator at East, she has streamlined staff meetings; established cafeteria procedures which promote a positive environment, and integrated technology into the daily routine. Ellison reads extensively and channels relevant information to students, staff and parents," the East staff said.

Franklin also has served as curriculum coordinator for math and science, representing the district at meetings and conferences.

Franklin was given the Extra Miler certificate of recognition, a pin of the flag of liberty and learning, and a dinner gift certificate from Ernesto's by board member Jack Farrow.

The people's choice

New Pioneer principal gets high marks from students, staff

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

If you let students and staff be the judges, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools made a good choice in naming Thomas Owens to succeed Cheryl Johnson as Pioneer Middle School principal.

Selected as interim principal in July, Owens was recently hired for the \$76,604 position. He served as assistant principal at West Middle School from 1990-1996.

"He's fun," said sixth-grader Andy Brown. "He is not really mean, and not really strict. He likes to go around and talk to people and make sure the rules are being followed."

"He's pretty cool," said eighth-grader Kyle Smith. "He is great, because he keeps school under control," said eighth-grader Amber Williams.

Student Norajan Karas agreed. "He's nice. He doesn't yell or anything. He tells us what to do; he's comfortable to talk to. If something goes wrong, he will be there to help."

Aware a reporter was visiting Owens Monday, secretaries posted signs in his office saying "Tom's a keeper." "We love Tom," and "Tom's the best!"

"It's stressful anytime you change jobs, but this has been a good year; staff has been wonderful," said Owens, a 1974 graduate of Plymouth High School, and a legal resident of Saugatuck, a town on Lake Michigan where he spends

weekends. Most of all, Owens is enjoying the students. "I have a real love of kids. I always have had," said Owens, whose family has lived in Plymouth since the turn of the century. "I was the first boy on the block to babysit. I feel kids can talk to me. I still get former students coming from throughout the district. I think that says something about you."

Owens' grandmother (Class of 1917) and mother (Class of 1944) also graduated from Plymouth High. A nephew is a freshman in the district. Succeeding several family members who were teachers, Owens attended Michigan State University, where he earned an undergraduate and master's degree in education.

He taught fifth grade in West Bloomfield Schools before coming to Plymouth-Canton in 1978. In the district, he's served as an elementary and middle school teacher; and as Central Middle School assistant principal. He's served on committees investigating and implementing ways to improve the district's middle schools.

Hiring normally is done by a selection committee within each school building. Owens, however, was promoted by administration and the school board after a personnel problem at Bentley Elementary prompted a transfer.

Bentley Principal Paul Reeves was re-assigned and is now assistant principal at Pioneer.

Pioneer principal Cheryl Johnson was transferred to Bentley to assume the top post.

Owens, 40, is a believer in the adage, "It takes everyone in the village to educate and nurture young people into productive adults."

He laments the fact that "kids today are forced to be independent before they are ready. That is a struggle for a lot of kids."

"I really do believe kids are our future," he said. "We need to help them, guide them, and keep them focused on what is important. I think society will change even faster from a technological perspective in the next 10 years. We need to have kids and adults be ready for that. I hope I never stop learning. I hope to instill that in the people and kids I work with."

On the technological front, Owens says Plymouth-Canton is "further ahead than most districts. But we don't have enough. We need to do more. Part of the new bond will focus on computers, placing two in every classroom. It's not the answer, but it's a wonderful start," said Owens, who also aims "never to lose focus of the front-line person" in education - the teacher.

With his counterparts in the district, Owens is working on several fronts to improve the curriculum. Goals include offering more art classes, particularly industrial arts; incorporating computer instruction across the curriculum; and starting an



New direction: Tom Owens in the halls of Pioneer Middle School during class change.

exploratory foreign language school. Currently, students are bused to the high schools for orchestra.

Owens says he'd love to see an orchestra program at the middle school. "I'd love to have 35 Plymouth-Canton middle school kids

involved in strings, but in this community, it's not focused on as strongly as band," said Owens, a former high school band member. "It's a numbers issue."

School becomes 'museum' for a day

On Sunday, Feb. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. New Morning School becomes a history/science museum.

All early primary through eighth grade students have selected a topic to study and have assembled information and created an artistic display. Students are now prepared to share what they have learned. Visitors will be able to look at displays covering such topics as Propeller Airplanes, Polar Bears, Chemistry, Trains, the Human Body, the American Civil War, Greek Mythology, and Electricity. As you tour the school students will be next to their display to answer questions about their subject.

The all school museum is a way to see how subjects are integrated at New Morning School. While researching subjects, students will write a report, compare data through graphs and surveys, and create an artistic display. After the museum students will give an oral report to their classmates.

This special event is open to the public. Teachers, staff and parents will be on hand to answer questions about New Morning School. A discussion of the New Morning School curriculum will take place at 3:30. The first opportunity to apply for fall classes is at the Open House. Please phone the school if you plan to attend.

The Open House is also the first time to preview selected auction items scheduled to be auctioned off during the annual school's annual auction on April 19. The house is sponsored by Decision Consultants, Inc. of Southfield.

Snowmobile patrols set

In an effort to address the high number of snowmobile accidents which occurred last year in the state, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will assign conservation officers to conduct intensive patrols of selected areas, beginning with a three-county area of the northern Lower Peninsula.

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PURCHASE OF HOSE WASHER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bid specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. Canton Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 6, 1997

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton Engineering Services, 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m. February 13, 1997.

The Charter Township of Canton is seeking proposals for engineering services in the preparation of a Storm Water Facilities Inventory, Assessment, and Evaluation Study and development of a Storm Water Ordinance. The program is a portion of the Rouge River National Wetlands Demonstration Project being administered by Wayne County and the Rouge Program Office and is eligible for partial Federal funding through the U.S. EPA. The selected engineering firm must comply with applicable Federal requirements governing such grants.

Proposal documents are available to pick up at the above address.

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The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
Publish January 30, and February 6, 1997

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

ZAHN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 134 99 0010 000 AND 134 99 0011 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE, TO C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road between Geddes and Michigan Avenue.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman
Publish February 6 and 20, 1997

35th DISTRICT COURT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL GENERAL CONTRACTOR HEATING/COOLING SYSTEM AND INSTALLATION

35th District Court is currently seeking proposals from vendors to provide and install a heating and cooling system. Specifications may be obtained at: Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the Office of the Clerk by February 14, 1997 no later than 3:00 p.m.

Publish: January 20, 23, 27, 30 and February 2, 6, 9 and 13, 1997

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 6, 1997

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1997 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll call: Casak, Demopoulos, Johnson, Pandit, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda:

- Cheryl & Leonard Persico, 46955 Southgate, Canton, MI 48188, for property located at 46955 Southgate, Canton, MI 48188. Appealing Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulations of the Canton Zoning Ordinance regarding rear lot setback. The request is for a variance of the 40' rear lot setback in order to build a patio enclosure/sun room on a home that is positioned awkward to the lot boundaries. Parcel No. 110-01-0040-000 (Building).
- Charles Jackson, 47627 Stratford Dr., Canton, MI 48187, new owner of Skatin' Station II, for property located at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Section 26.04 Schedule of Regulations of the Canton Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks. The request is for a variance in a side yard setback in order to construct a canopy on a concrete slab. Parcel No. 71-005-99-0002-707 (Building). (Originally on the Agenda March 14, 1996, tabled to May 9, 1996, tabled to November 14, 1996).
- Mark Duxter, 44237 Sheridan, Canton, MI 48187, for property located at 44237 Sheridan, Canton, MI 48187. Appealing Article 26.02, Section 26.02 Schedule of Regulations of the Canton Zoning Ordinance regarding rear lot setback. The request is for a variance of the 35' rear lot setback in order to build a sun room addition onto the south side of the home. Parcel No. 009-02-0261-000 (Building).

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 1997
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 6, 1997

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 6, 1997

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 23, 1997

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held at the Farmington Ice Arena, 35500 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of touring the ice arena, and discussion of construction, revenues, expenses and operations.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, and Kirchgatter
Staff Present: Durack, Minghine, Casar, Dates, Goulet, Weyer
Others present: Valerie Olander, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
The tour consisted of the lobby, two (2) ice surfaces, team rooms, public areas, operations area, Zambooni storage and retail, upper level, mechanical equipment room, pro shop, concession, office area, skate rental and other public areas.

There are presently 95 hours per week of ice time utilized by hockey. There were about 850 participants in the "Learn to Skate" program last year. The tour adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

The above is a synopsis of discussion taken at the Regular Board meeting held on January 23, 1997. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular meeting of the Board on February 11, 1997.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish February 6, 1997

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Pollution controls

Locals: Fed's rules 'bust budgets'

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Stop the brutal federal environmental rules... Help with the Rouge sewers... Save Monroe County's groundwater...

Everybody had a pet project to present to Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) when 13 top administrators sat together for a public hearing Feb. 3 in Detroit...The two-hour hearing was held in The River Place, a hotel built on recycled Stroh Brewery property on the Detroit riverfront.

Director Russell Harding, the lightning rod director of DEQ since it was split off from the Department of Natural Resources 16 months ago, made on-the-spot assignments of staff members to talk to people who brought problems. The two-hour hearing was held in The River Place, a hotel built on recycled Stroh Brewery property on the Detroit riverfront.

Burden on cities

Kurt Heise, representing Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, said complying with drainage and pollution controls for the Rouge River is turning into a budget buster.

"We have added up the costs to Dearborn Heights at a total of \$135 million to \$141 million. In

Everybody had a pet project to present to Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) when 13 top administrators sat together for a public hearing Feb. 3 in Detroit...The two-hour hearing was held in The River Place, a hotel built on recycled Stroh Brewery property on the Detroit riverfront.

a city of 60,000 residents, that's \$2,400 per person," he said, adding that neighboring Redford Township and Inkster are also hard hit. Dearborn Heights was the only suburban unit of government represented at the Monday afternoon gathering.

Heise referred to federal court cleanup orders as "unfunded judicial mandates" and asked federal and state help in paying for 14 combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that must be removed by the year 2000.

Heise charged the city of Detroit is trying to pass on its share of sewer building costs to suburban customers through water rates.

Bob Miller, manger of DEQ's surface water quality division, agreed with Heise's statement of

the costs. "The cost is absolutely staggering. Roads and potholes are almost insignificant compared to CSOs," Miller said.

Big Three's plea

"The (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency's standards on ozone are ill-conceived. Their scientific basis is extremely weak," said Richard L. Klimisch, a vice president of the American Auto Manufacturers Association.

"They will backfire and ruin the credibility of the environmental program," said Klimisch, whose members are the Big Three automakers. "Many states will be in hopeless bureaucratic traps" under EPA's new clean

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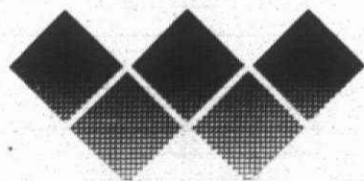
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McNamara proposes new department for airports

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has proposed a reorganization plan to create a Department of Airports.

The new department includes a director, two deputy directors and six divisions. The reorganization will remove 618 employees from the Department of Public Services and place them in the new department.

The reorganization was proposed so county officials could more easily manage the growing number of capital improvement projects, including parks and airport expansion.

The proposed reorganization was reviewed and approved by the Wayne County Commission's Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services on Jan. 31. The plan was sent to the Committee on Legislative Research for study early this week and may appear before the full commission today (Thursday).

Mike Duggan, assistant county executive, said employees numbered 1,673 under Department of Public Services. The reorganiza-

tion leaves approximately 1,055 under public services. Wayne County has 3,542 employees.

"(The Department of Public Services) is just a monster of a department," Duggan said. "Given the number of park improvements planned with the one mill, the road repair projects and the airport expansion, we just felt there was a need to have a separate department."

"The DPS should have no more than 1,000 employees. We just wanted to make it more manageable."

Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, who chairs the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services, said the division leaders will know what's going on with improvements.

"It will make our job easier," Plawecki said. "The airport department will have its own budget and that will be helpful."

The airport committee also discussed McNamara's appointment of Cameron Priebe for director of public services. Priebe replaces Russ Gronevelt who has joined the Livonia engineering



Robert Braun

consultants Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment.

McNamara has submitted to the commission the names of Robert Braun, director of Airports, and Daniel Kerber and Stephen Economy, as deputy directors of airports, along with Priebe's appointment.

McNamara has promoted

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Stephen Economy

Wilbourne Kelley as an assistant county executive for airports and public services and manager of all major county construction projects.

The Department of Airports will be responsible for the coordination and administration of county operations related to the operation and maintenance of

Detroit Metropolitan/Wayne County Airport and Willow Run Airport.

The department will consist of six divisions:

■ Division of Operations — responsible for land side and air side operations, construction coordination, special activities/events, construction

safety and environmental operations.

■ Division of Maintenance/Power — responsible for field maintenance, facilities management, power plant, equipment repair and contract maintenance for the department.

■ Division of Public Safety — responsible for public safety, security and communications for the department.

■ Division of Administration and Airport Affairs — responsible for the personnel, grants, tenant relations, training, contract review and administration, concessions and leases and intern program for the department.

■ Division of Properties and Facilities — facilities planning, property and project management, plan review and construction inspections for the department.

■ Division of External Relations — media, public, government and community relations.

The divisions of maintenance/power, operations and public safety will be led by one deputy director.

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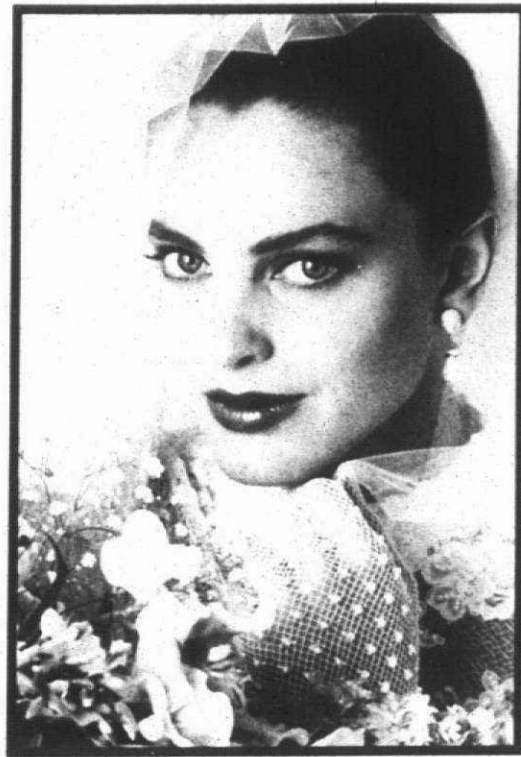
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JOHN J. KOSTIN
Funeral services for John J. Kostin, 84, of Dearborn were Sunday, Feb. 2, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, in Plymouth. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

He was born Aug. 31, 1912, in Chicago, Ill., and died Thursday, Jan. 30, at Oakwood Hospital Dearborn, in Dearborn. He was a change analyst for Ford Motor Company and retired in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Constance Kostin of Dearborn; daughter, Joan Kiefer of Livonia; sons, William A. Kostin of Plymouth, John S. Kostin of Kalamazoo, Richard M. Kostin of Milford, Alan D. Kostin of Battle Creek; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

EDNA V. BURNHAM
Funeral services for Edna V. Burnham, 84, of Novi were Monday, Feb. 3, at Glen Eden Cemetery Chapel with Rev. Lubeck officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, in Plymouth.

She was born May 20, 1912, in Saginaw, and died Saturday, Feb. 1, in Westland. From 1980 to 1988 she lived in Plymouth, since 1988 she has lived in Westland. She was a secretary at L & H Tool and Die - retiring in 1980. She was a member of Lola Park Lutheran Church in Redford.

She is survived by her sons, Robert of Novi, and Frederick of Maryland; one grandchild. Memorials may be made to St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Northville.

KARL K. NOMURA
Funeral services for Karl K. Nomura, 76, of Canton were Monday, Feb. 3, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home - Canton Chapel. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery. The Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church, in Canton officiated.

He was born Sept. 2, 1920, in Seattle, Washington, and died Wednesday, Jan. 29, at University of Michigan Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Y.; son, Ronald S.; daughters, Teresa Isles, and Peggy M. Yokley; sons, Ronald S., James E., and Kenneth N.; three brothers; two sisters; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

STEPHEN M. FERREE
Funeral services for Stephen M. Ferree, 46, of Dearborn Heights were Saturday, Feb. 1, at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home - Canton. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery. The Rev. Edwin Balazy from St. John The Baptist Church officiated.

He was born Feb. 3, 1950, in Springfield, Ill., and died Tuesday, Jan. 28, in Dearborn Heights. He was a lineman for a utility company.

He is survived by his mother, Dollie Pioli; sister, Cheryl Caporosso; brother, Mike E. Pioli; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, William D. Ferree and Eugene M. Pioli.

CLAYTON GOTTS
Funeral services for Clayton Gotts, 88, of Plymouth were Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. The Rev. Ferdinand A. Wolber officiated with burial of remains at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

He was born May 20, 1908, in Bad Axe, and died Monday, Feb. 3, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Superior Township. He was in the United States Army and was a Pool and Die grinder.

He is survived by his son, Earl J. of Plymouth; three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, Suite 2255, 30600 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, Mich. 48025-4532 or as mass offerings.

CAROLE L. FLEET
Funeral services for Carole L. Fleet, 54, of Plymouth Township were Monday, Feb. 3, at Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

She was born in Detroit, and died Saturday, Feb. 1, in Plymouth. She worked as a dining room manager for a restaurant.

She is survived by her fiancé, Raymond Nawas; daughters, Georgia and Tammie L. Fleet of Canton; son, James R. Fleet of Roswell; three sisters; one brother; parents, Mattie and George Brady; four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Road, #200, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

JOHN W. BRAUTIGAN
A memorial service for John W. Brautigam, 81, of Detroit will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monroe. He donated his body to Wayne State University Medical School.

He was born Dec. 14, 1915, in Detroit, and died Monday, Feb. 3. He worked at the Detroit office of ALCOA Aluminum after graduation from Visitation High School in 1934. In 1953 he went to work at Western Golf and Country Club, in Redford, remaining there for 28 years until his retirement in 1981. At this time he moved to Grand Beach near Monroe, where he remained until health problems forced him to sell his home and move into assisted living.

He is survived by seven children: Mary Mutart of St. Clair Shores, Thomas of Erie, Mich., Michael of Plymouth; Dr. David of Charlottesville, Va.; Dr. Mark of White Lake; Patricia of Plymouth; and Paul of Newport; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, of 55 years. Memorials may be made to a local Hospice or charity of the donor's choice.

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air rules. He asked MDEQ to help "bring reality" to the federal rules.

"We, too, were concerned about the standards," Harding replied. "Citizens in southeastern Michigan should be concerned. The standards are unattainable. We're having a hard time understanding the draconian changes EPA is asking."

Use watersheds

Peggy Johnson, Rochester Hills resident and retired executive director of the Clinton River Watershed Council, won agreement from Harding that DEQ should organize its work by watersheds rather than governmental boundaries.

"I'm absolutely convinced that the watershed approach is the way to go," said Harding. "We're trying to get our watershed teams up and running."

On water pollution problem, Harding said, "We've done a good job at the end of the pipe (source pollution), but we still have a lot of non-point (run-off) problems."

Water table falls

Several rural Monroe County residents blamed London Aggregates' quarry for lowering their water table 10 feet, drying up their wells and possibly allowing toxics from a nearby dump to

drain downward into the water.

"Six mining operations were using 70 percent of the groundwater in Monroe County," said resident Olivia Cox. The area is east of US-23 in the northwest part of the county.

"They (London Aggregates) need checking on," said Gray Jarvis, another resident who charged the company falsely claimed its pumps wouldn't handle the volume of water that was disappearing from the aquifer (water-bearing rock).

"Send somebody from DEQ to London Township," said Jarvis. "We could be drinking leachate from that (toxic) landfill that sits on top of the aquifer."

"We don't have the statutory authority," Harding told both residents. He advised them to work with county officials, but Cox replied, "Most local agencies do not have the expertise."

Elizabeth Waffle, a farm resident, said, "We're losing our water. We have to have city water (from Milan to the north-west)." She cited deformities in two breeds of dog and cancer in horses and dogs as possibly resulting from tainted water.

Contacts

DEQ was organized by the governor's executive orders from to existing departments: Natural Resources and Public Health. DEQ is unlisted in the 1995 state telephone directory, though its component offices are listed. A new state directory is due in spring.

In reply to a public request for ways to contact DEQ, Harding's office provided these methods:

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rentals because people will be flying in and out of Detroit to help with some of the contractual work that is specialized.

"These figures I think are within the realm of reasonableness. I know there are a lot of trade people coming in for jobs and coming in on a temporary basis."

"There is some element of risk, and you hope there is no downturn, but we have such a strong economy."

Thomas Naughton, chief financial officer for the Department of Management and Budget, informed commissioners that he expected to provide a draft contract of lease and information on estimated tax collections and annual debt service requirements.

"Any delay in approving the notice would have jeopardized the tax-exempt status of the bonds, Naughton said. Legislation had been introduced in Congress by U.S. Sen. Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., last year that would have eliminated the tax exemption on bonds."

"That would have made it impossible to build sports stadiums," said Duggan.

Congress did not act on it, but the legislation is expected to be re-introduced in April, so it was important to act on the item to allow the bond issuance by March 31. State law requires a 60 day notice of intent.

Moynihan has assured U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, that no tax legislation is expected to be taken up before April. Duggan called that a "wonderful example of federal, city and county officials working together."

Duggan said the county's executive's office was informed recently by bond counsel Lewis, Clay & Munday advising the county to ensure the public was

notified even though voters approved the hotel and car rental taxes in November.

The notice of intent will be published in a daily newspaper.

An opposing view

The three opposing commissioners conceded that they represented Wayne County taxpayers should not be responsible for the bonds.

McCotter has opposed constructing the stadium project with the public money. He believes the public should also vote on the issuing of bonds as a financial backup for the project.

"We could bond to fix our roads, not to fix our stadiums," McCotter said.

Plawecki agreed. "I don't think it's responsible to pledge full faith and credit for a project that should be funded by the private sector," Plawecki said. "It goes back to the fact that you're putting general tax dollars at risk. If a project doesn't go the way it's supposed to go, it's dangerous."

"When they were out promoting this, they weren't talking about all this. The average voter wouldn't call down and get a copy of the entire agreement. They only read the ballot language and they supported it."

"If enough taxes are generated, they will pay the bonds. If the taxes do not generate enough money, taxpayers will pick up the tab."

"That's something the voters did not vote for."

"Every day my phone is ringing off the hook with complaints about the roads. If I had the option to pay for the stadium or the roads, I'd pay for the roads," Patterson was opposed because it was a pledge of public tax dollars. "The issue is this: most appropriate use in putting this amount of money on the tax-

payers' backs," Patterson said. "They keep calling it a tourist tax, but it really is an excise tax."

McCotter said he would continue to vote against resolutions and articles of incorporation with the stadium.

"We didn't believe in it then, we don't believe in it now," McCotter said.

Duggan responds

Duggan called the opposing commissioners' positions "irresponsible" in voting against the full faith and credit of the county for the bonds and their positions in opposing the fund appropriations on Jan. 23.

"The county commission approved that (full faith and credit) back on Aug. 22," Duggan said. "The commissioners are obligated to this agreement, and for somebody to say that they will not follow that obligation is being irresponsible."

"If we didn't follow through with this agreement, the teams would sue us," Duggan said.

Duggan said if the commissioners wanted to bond for roads, they could discuss that with the administration.

The commission must publish the notice and allow a referendum period of 45 days during which time a petition signed by 15,000 registered voters may be filed with the county clerk requesting an election on the county's "full faith and credit" pledge.

If no petitions are filed, the county could close on the bonds 60 days after the publication of the notice.

The commission had to approve the final contract of lease between the county and stadium authority before the bonds can be issued.

AARP offers local tax help sites for senior citizens

The opportunity to schedule a free, personalized tax counseling session is available now for seniors, through the American Association of Retired Persons Tax-Aide program. "AARP is in its 30th year of sponsoring this free service," said Gray Gorton, AARP Michigan Tax-Aide State coordinator. "We served over 47,000 Michigan residents last year, and we're ready to help even more people this year. And we have some new features to make it easier for people to find out about tax-aid sites near their homes."

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Land deals Township policy makes sense

Canton residents might be surprised to learn that township government is one of the biggest players in the local real estate market.

The Observer reported last week that the township actually owns more than 300 acres of vacant property within its borders. Most of the land is in small- and medium-sized bundles scattered throughout the east end of the township. In November, for example, the township bought 62 acres on Sheldon Road, south of Michigan Avenue, for \$260,000.

Canton has, over the years, paid hundreds of thousands of dollars for such property. When fully developed, the land will be worth considerably more.

effect, is marking some parcels as "slow-growth" or "no-growth" without formally adopting such policies.

One example: the township is eyeing 40 acres near Proctor and Denton, in southwest Canton, to expand a section of parkland that a developer dedicated to the township during negotiations to approve the Central Park Sub-division. Parks and other open spaces usually aren't a developer's first choice.

Township-owned property was also a key bargaining chip in the development of Pheasant Run.

The land-buying policy is simply a better alternative than a highly publicized, anti-growth movement which tends to split residents in communities like Canton and unnecessarily frighten off all developers. Used judiciously, it should help the township adhere to a master plan, which is in the community's long-term interest.

Rising land values, though, are just one reason why the township purchases make sense. Even more important, local officials have a chance to control some of the rampant development that has occurred in Canton during the 1990s. What the township is doing, in

Taking note of Summit success

The first year is always the toughest. So the Observer wanted to make sure we didn't let the opportunity pass to wish Summit on the Park happy first anniversary.

The recreation and community center in Canton's civic complex marked its first year of existence Saturday with a host of special family activities. Actually, the Summit opened its doors to the general public on Jan. 8, 1996. Since then, more than 130,000 people have visited the facility and more than 19,000 people have taken a class, attended a seminar or other Summit program.

centrae on putting together a corporate membership program, among other activities, said manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz. Private-sector competition is tough, but the potential is there for Canton to become a hub for business activities in western Wayne County.

Another challenge for the center will be to continue its effort to accommodate local senior citizens, who have been unhappy with access and parking problems.

All in all, though, the Summit's first year was certainly a success. Congratulations are in order to all who played a role in creating a local landmark.

FOIA change is blow to public

Sometimes state legislators get too attached to a pet project.

Rep. Greg Kaza's House Bill 4849, a monstrous set of amendments to the state Freedom of Information Act, is a case in point. Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, started out with a simple, excellent bill to resolve citizen disputes with public bodies declining to divulge public records. In that form, it passed the House of Representatives early in 1996.

The Senate, however, did enormous harm, casting dark clouds over the "sunshine act." Kaza repaired some of the damage when the bill got back to the House, but he should have asked Gov. John Engler to veto it. The Senate is the real villain here. Instead of acting promptly on HB 4849 last spring, it dawdled until the closing days of the "lame duck" session when everyone was in a rush. Instead of holding extensive and orderly committee hearings, the Senate amended the bill on the floor, where affected groups couldn't testify.

The Senate relied on Gov. Engler's administrators for ideas that would make their lives easier. The changes will allow local units to misinterpret the new FOIA, raise prices and hide things.

By the time the House got the bill back, it was past midnight on Friday, Dec. 13. The House removed a few of the worst features and wearily passed it on a 95-1 vote.

The 1976 FOIA said its purpose was to give the public information about "the affairs of government and the official acts" of officials and employees. HB 4849 sharply limited the purpose to "information regarding government-

tal decision-making," giving officials an alibi for hiding documents.

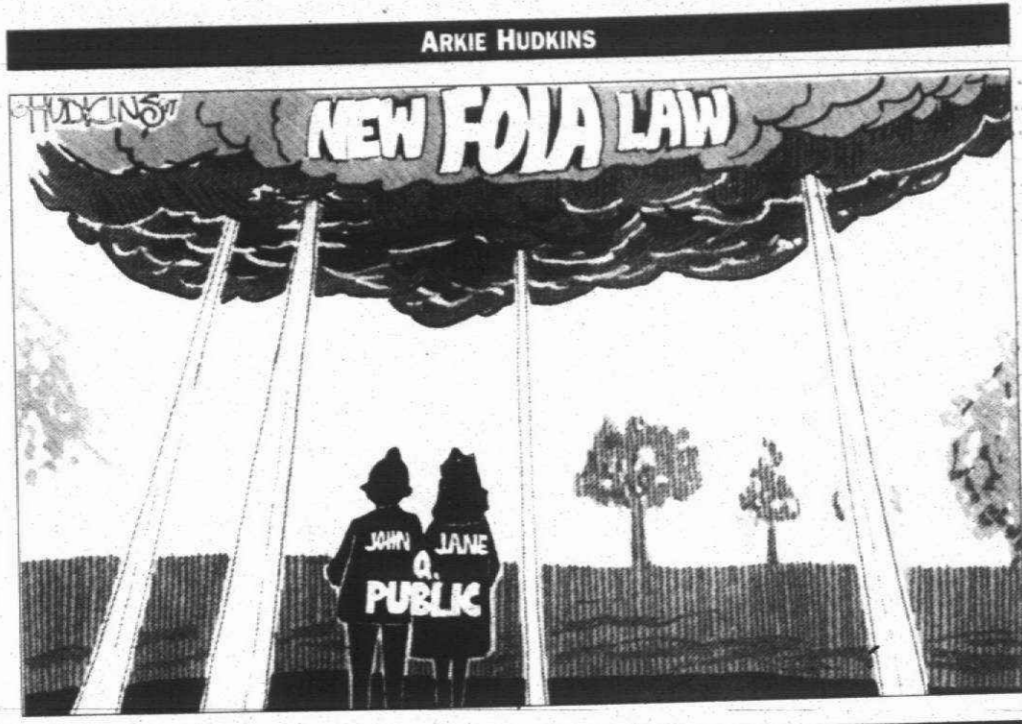
The 1976 FOIA allowed oral or written requests. The bad new law adds a burdensome requirement for written requests that the public body must keep on file for a year. The file will give officials another excuse to say they are being hassled and that certain people should be prohibited from filing FOIA requests. It has happened in the past.

The 1976 FOIA allowed an agency to make a charge for finding a document equal to the wage of "the lowest paid, full-time, permanent clerical employee." The bad new law allows a charge of the wage of the lowest-paid employee "capable of retrieving the information."

As a former township supervisor, Bullard should have known that police departments, in particular, will misuse this provision to charge the pay rate of a lieutenant instead of a clerk. Suburban police departments, in particular, are notorious for overcharging the public for what should be public records.

The 1976 FOIA required a public body to respond to a FOIA request "immediately, but not more than five business days" after receiving the request. The bad new law removes "immediately," giving local officials an alibi for putting off every request for a week.

"Sue us," say many local officials, particularly police, gambling that plain citizens will give up their searches rather than bother hiring a \$125-an-hour lawyer and going to court. The flawed new FOIA is just the kind of cloud over the sunshine law that they crave.



LETTERS

Thanks to Observer

We appreciate the help the Observer provides by printing stories on WSDP. As an educational station our budget is limited and the publicity you provide goes a long way.

We are currently working on our 25th anniversary reunion. It's hard to believe that 1972 will mark 25 years of serving the community through broadcasting and training students. We have heard from many of our former students but others have not been contacted because our mailing lists are outdated and incomplete.

We are asking your readers to use their contacts to help us update the lists. If you know of any current addresses of former WSDP staff members please contact me at (313) 416-7732. Your help is invaluable.

We are tentatively planning for a reunion in the fall of 1997. An organizing committee will begin working in the next few months. As a former graduate of WSDP, I'm eagerly anticipating the chance to catch up with old friends. It has been great hearing from former staff members, especially as they share the important role WSDP played in their lives. Thank you for helping.

Bill Keith
station manager

No solution

Recently a letter was published from my long time friend and treasured colleague on the Plymouth-Canton School Board, Dean Swartzwelder, regarding the problems of student overcrowding at the Educational Park. Much as I dislike disagreeing with a friend, I must question some of his observations and his proposed solution.

The idea of a "one year school" in the secondary school years has been tried and found seriously lacking. Yes right here in Plymouth-Canton. I do not recall with certainty but I do not believe Dean lived here when as a part of the transition from the old high school to the Educational Park we had all of the ninth grades in what we now know as Central Middle School. It was a disaster. I remember well because we had a daughter in that school, that year.

There was almost no curriculum articulation between the schools housing grades seven and eight and the ninth grade at Central. Apparently everyone felt we could just treat it like an entry way to the high school and wait for the high school to do the articulation, it did not work. Many, perhaps most, faculty saw this school as a waiting place until they could

get to be high school. The students saw the school as a place they were being stored awaiting high school. They lacked school spirit, commitment, faith in the program and interest in extra-curricular activities such as sports, music and the like. Those activities which got some student participation frequently showed lack luster performance with little enthusiasm for what was being done. The kids often said, "it's not my school."

Faculty, staff and student acquaintance cooperation and cohesiveness did not occur. Would these matters have gotten better if the school had operated this way three, or more years? Perhaps so, probably not. The temporary arrangement would always plague such a school. Do we dare ignore what we should have learned from our own ill starred experiment?

The assumption that if we build a third high school we will soon be over built and have a tragic surplus of space is badly overdrawn. Many of the spaces built into Salem a relatively short time ago have had to be refurbished and still do not well fit the new curricula. The homes being built in Plymouth Township today are often not the kind of homes that young new families seek. They are more the kind of homes that would be built by families with children the age for middle or high schools. A third high school must be built soon or the overcrowding at the Park will become a serious constraint on quality.

The citizen pressure to put any additional high school space elsewhere has come most directly from a common belief that vehicle traffic around and in the Park is as bad or worse than the crowded halls within. If this be true putting another building on that site would simply ignore of defy such concerns and compound the problem.

This letter is no doubt too long already however I must make one final plea that we not be deluded into thinking we can find a cheap solution to the crowding problem now and guarantee quality education. Our kids do well in high school and in college. We should give them the facilities to keep it up.

E.J. McClendon
Plymouth

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"He should address the economic situation in regards to organized labor. I'm a newspaper striker."
"I have no problem with it. It's hopeful. Except for education, which shouldn't be a political football."
"I'd talk about the budget. Talk about what he's done to fix it in the past year."
"I think that we're fortunate. The president is in a place where he's not in a crisis."

Misuse of test scores hurts students

POINTS OF VIEW

The novel "Great Expectations," was written by Englishman Charles Dickens in the 1800s. In many of his books, Dickens wrote about the social order of his day — the plight of the poor, the working conditions, the welfare of children, and the resulting implications for government.

If he were here today observing and writing about the education of Michigan's children, he might well have penned a sequel titled, "The MEAP and Proficiency Tests — the Great Expectations for the 21st Century."

The continual misuse and the resulting misinterpretation of the MEAP and the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) have all the makings of a poorly written novel. An impa-

tient powerful governor threatens a coup of the locals' worst performing schools. The lists of the so-called "proficient" and the "deficient" schools are routinely posted in the newspapers to convince the public that their schools are failing. There is concern over the unexpected and unexplainable fluctuations in the latest scores. Many voice their opinion. Some say it could be due to the usual suspects — the yearly variables in the group of students and the change of test materials. Still others say to check the calendar, perhaps the weather, and the moon and stars while you're at it. Regardless, the editors and the politicians issue their ultimatums to school administrators — in two months, we want to know who or what is responsible!



MARTHA TRAFFORD

No matter how noble the desire and efforts to make our schools more accountable might be, if we lose sight of the main characters, the students, we will accomplish nothing positive; and, could risk doing much harm.

The ink has barely dried on the Proficiency Tests which are a little over a year old. Nevertheless, the

governor and other elected and appointed officials have declared these tests to be high stakes — the virtual be all and end all of Michigan education. Isn't it blatantly unjust to judge school districts on the basis of only a single measuring tool? Isn't it blatantly unfair to deny hardworking high school students the opportunity to earn an endorsed diploma, because of their test scores on a single test, which is still in its infancy stage? Is the measure of a child's education in this state, being reduced to a testable product? In the case of our high school students, shouldn't all their subject area grades for four years, their SAT and ACT scores, the portfolios of their work, their daily classroom performance, their involvement in their schools and in their communi-

ties, count? Perhaps it is time for the state's elected officials to find out if the MEAP and HSPTs meet the criteria which determine the trustworthiness of any test: validity, reliability, and fairness.

Both the MEAP and HSPT were never intended to be the media's and the public's scorecard.

Lest we forget, behind every hard statistical score in the low, moderate, and satisfactory range on the MEAP and likewise on the HSPT, there are human faces — images bewn from socio-economic status, home environments, and life's experiences.

Martha A. Trafford is a Canton Township resident and Livonia teacher.

Ameritech prospers after workforce resizing

Former employees of Ameritech, the telecommunications octopus, won a battle Jan. 9 in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

They were terminated, some involuntarily, late in 1992. Ameritech lacked the decency to say "fired," referring to it as a "Workforce Resizing Program."

The ex-employees charge age discrimination. Nine, including Thomas Satrikiewicz of Rochester Hills, hired Detroit attorney Rudy Huizenga, a Troy resident who specializes in these matters. The case has dragged on in the bureaucracy and courts for four years. The ex-employees still haven't won, though they may be getting close.

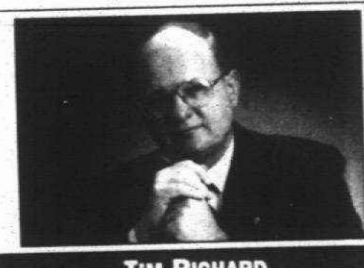
dividend increases; productivity was up 14.9 percent — "the most productive of the regional (Baby Bell) companies," he boasted.

But jobs? That was a far different story, told in charts rather than the chairman's message. In 1987, Ameritech employed 78,510. By the end of 1994, there were 63,594 left, a reduction of 19 percent, with more to come.

There was no recession, like the auto industry suffers. Ameritech's job reduction was constant just as its dividend increases were constant.

According to the federal appeals court opinion, Ameritech designated an "at-risk" pool of low-performing managers, and company vice presidents determined how many would be trimmed. Ameritech's 10-K report to the Securities Exchange Commission is worded to obscure responsibility:

"In 1994, 1,200 management employees left the payroll as result of an involuntary work force program.



TIM RICHARD

Reduction of the work force reflects recognition of technological improvements, consolidations and initiatives to balance cost structure with emerging competition."

Note Ameritech's use of impersonal, abstract words: left the payroll, recognition, technological improvements, consolidations, initiatives, cost structure, competition. The company simply won't admit someone is to blame for booting out thousands of presumably competent workers.

That point is important to the

rather technical lawsuit: Ameritech's people don't write clearly.

Under a pair of federal laws called the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) amended by the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, the court said, Congress sought to "compel employers to provide data so that an employee considering waiving ADEA rights could assess, with the assistance of counsel, the viability of a potential (age discrimination) claim."

It works this way: Ameritech offered severance packages, accompanied by the job data that was supposed to be understandable; in return, the employees signed a waiver of their right to sue. The workers' suit argued that the data were insufficient, containing ages and salary grades but not "job titles."

Ameritech got rough, counter-suing the workers to recover the enhanced benefits they had received. The Court of Appeals ruled for the workers, saying they could continue their suit

without offering to pay back their waiver benefits; instead, those sums would be subtracted from any final judgment.

The appeals court sent the case back to U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn in Detroit for evidentiary hearings on the question of job titles. Earlier, Cohn had ruled summarily in favor of the ex-employees; now he will have to do some more work before ruling in their favor.

I have condensed four years of legal work, a 29-page court opinion laden with legal shorthand, and Ameritech's reports into one column. The points are that 1) Ameritech measures its health in terms of revenues, profits and dividends, not senior workers' jobs; and 2) Ameritech's writers deliberately dodge the question of who scrapped more than 18,000 workers in less than a decade.

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

State of State significance: Education at top of agenda

If you're searching for a good example of the difference between superficial phenomena and underlying importance, look no further than Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week and the reactions to it.

Start by placing in the "sound and fury" category Engler's proposal that the state should take over failing schools. "I realize that some will recoil at the thought of state intervention... (But) no one — no one in this room, no one in this state — can stand up and defend a school district that fails 80 percent of our kids," said the governor.

Next add those who accused "the governor of thinly disguised racism. "Everybody wants to improve schools," commented Detroit NAACP president the Rev. Wendell Anthony, "but when you cut through the smoke, probably all the districts he's proposing the state take over have a primarily African-American constituency."

Finish the exchange with Engler's riposte: "What is racially insensitive is to ignore the failing performance of African-American students. When two students in the Benton Harbor public schools pass their science test and 302 fail their science test, the insensitive person is the one who looks the other way and says that's not a problem."

Now consider the important event undergirding both the sound of Engler's speech and the fury of various reactions to it: For the first time in my memory, the performance of our public schools and what to do about it is at the top of Michigan's political agenda.

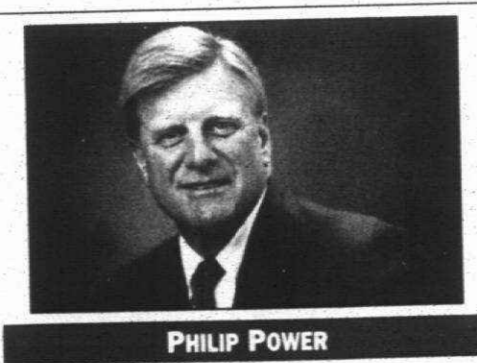
This is an event of the first magnitude, because it means that the political community finally has got the message that concerned parents and irritated employers have been sending for years: Our kids need and deserve the kind of education that prepares them to compete in an increasingly tough global economy.

How did this happen? Two factors come to mind.

First, facts have a remarkable way of cutting through the rhetorical fog.

■ Although Benton Harbor was the only district in which 90 percent of all students failed the state high school proficiency exam in all four areas tested — reading, writing, science and math — the facts are that in 117 of Michigan's 565 K-12 school districts, 80 percent of students failed to earn proficient scores in at least one subject.

■ In eight districts, 80 percent of students flunked in all four subjects, while in 31 districts, 90 percent of pupils failed in one or more sub-



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jects.

These are hard facts to swallow, but they are facts. And facts, at the end of the day, must be faced.

The second point is obvious: No tests, no facts. Without statewide proficiency tests administered to all students in all schools, there would be no empirical basis for measuring and comparing what kids actually learn in our schools. And there would be no reasonable basis for translating the discussion out of personal anecdote and into the public mind and the political process.

For years, school reformers have been arguing that improving schools isn't rocket science. Decide what you want to learn (i.e., adopt a mandatory core curriculum). Then assess what kids do in fact learn (i.e., administer proficiency tests statewide). Make the results public, district by district and building by building (i.e., print them in the newspapers), then hold administrators, teachers, kids and parents all responsible.

I remember years ago when the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests first came out. Back in the early '90s, this newspaper led the fight to obtain the MEAP results and to print them, district by district and building by building. It wasn't easy; a lot of educators — the Plymouth-Canton school district comes to mind — didn't want the light of day to shine on the results.

But after a while, even the big city papers got on the story. And the stage was set for moving the performance of our schools to the top of the political agenda.

That's what is truly important about the State of the State speech.

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Getting up close and personal with pavement

Potholes — in the news! Potholes — in the road! They're everywhere. They're horrible. Terrible. Big.

Driving Carmen to gymnastics today, I drove over a million of them. Well, maybe not a million, but a lot. The pavement's cracking up, and the joke's not too funny. Tires blowing, cars going way out of alignment, tie rods snapping, or rod snaps tying, something, it's awful.

I feel badly for pregnant moms during pothole season, my heart goes out to them. And to those who've had recent surgery, that's gotta be nasty. And to anybody who needs to use the bathroom real bad, oh boy ...

There's a bad spot at the intersection just up the way; there's not exactly a pothole there, it's a pot mountain. The pavement has a bad, bad buckle and when I go through the intersection it feels like I've run over something that used to be alive. It's a sickening, rather disconcerting feeling. I've found myself looking in the rear view mirror to be sure it was only February pavement and not a stray hippo.

Pavement. We're constantly on it, but not really. I mean, we DRIVE on pavement, but we don't usually touch the pavement, like with our feet or hands. Sure, we cross the street and feel the pavement directly underneath our feet, for a moment or two, but then we're back on the sidewalk, which is made out of sidewalk stuff and we're used to that. But road pavement? So different.

I remember back in high school a new highway was built right outside my town. We could get to it by bike and so we did.

Bicycles racing the wind

What an exhilarating feeling that was, driving down the open highway, not a car anywhere, just miles of freedom, racing the wind. No danger creeping up behind, laying on the horn; no danger passing, giving mean salutes. Just a ribbon of highway. It was all ours, kids on bicycles on an empty highway.

Once the highway was completed, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony and the school band was invited to join the crowd and provide music, highway music I guess. I can't remember what we played, but a Sousa march would've been just right, don't you think, loud and big like that.

At any rate, the band gathered under a bridge. We were told to be careful on that steep cement embankment incline thing under the bridge. We were careful, nobody dented a tuba or cracked a reed or ripped the knees in pants.

It was odd, though, to be so up close to that which we passed everyday and never gave a thought. And the noises of a marching band warming up in that vast, echoey place, absolute cacophony.

We marched on that empty highway quite a fair distance. And even though our band had marched in many a parade, we'd never been on a highway ... marching. Our uniform shoes jammed themselves into the highway pavement and each crunch and scrape was so different.

I don't remember exactly, but it seems the sky was blue and big and endless that day.

And just this past summer, on the very first day of our family vacation we got stuck in a miles-long traffic jam in Ohio.

Cars stretched before us forever, we couldn't see where the first car was. And cars stretched behind us, miles of them. Not only was the traffic jam long in distance, but time, too. We were parked for two hours. Nobody moved.

Festive air for a traffic jam

The sky that day was blue and big and endless. And everyone, after a short time, emerged from their cars. The air was festive. The highway felt different — underneath our shoes. And the sounds of the crickets in the tall grasses lining the road were noticeable.

Strangers began striking up conversations with strangers. Where are you headed? Where are you from? Do you want some crackers we have packed in the basket?

Bicycles were unhooked from racks on vacationers' cars and riders took off to see what news they could bring back. The kids in the car in front of us dug through their carefully packed vacation gear and found their buried Rollerblades. They put them on and took off for the wild blue yonder.

The truck driver up ahead of us turned his rig off, climbed up to the top of the cab, took his shirt off, leaned back, and worked on his tan.

Strangers ate together, talked together, we had a highway holiday — concrete under our

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PERFECTIONISM

Helen C. Furcean/Staff Artist



Admirable trait, cause of conflict?

■ Perfectionism, we've been told, is something to aim for, but for some people the quest for perfection translates into high and unattainable goals and no sense of satisfaction or accomplishment, if they do reach them.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Most of his fellow workers say he's a perfectionist. He counters with a "What's wrong with seeking perfection? We're told to in the Bible."

Yes, perfection can be found in the Bible. Matthew 5:48 states that "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." But it's hard to believe that God feels superior to others, is easily irritated by minor things, unable to relax, critical of others, preoccupied with trivial details and never satisfied with his own accomplishments.

Those are the traits of a perfectionist, according to J. Clayton Lafferty and wife Lorraine Colletti-Lafferty, authors of "Perfectionism: A Sure Cure for Happiness."

"Perfectionists are usually very intelligent and highly motivated individuals who often achieve extraordinary levels of success within their fields," said Lafferty. "Their achievements, however, are in spite of their perfectionism rather than as a result of it."

"The myth of perfection is that this is a good thing when it is not. If you're a perfectionist, enjoyment and having fun are dirty words."

The book represents 10 years of work with 9,000 business managers, most of whom were sent to their management consulting business, Human Synergistics International, by their employer because their perfectionism.

A leader in human resource development, Human Synergistics is a \$9 million worldwide company, headquartered in Plymouth, that counts 400 for the Fortune 500 companies, NASA, FAA and the New Zealand government among its clients.

At one time school psychologists in Wayne County, they switched gears when Lafferty founded the business in 1971. Distinguished by its diagnostic systems, the company's philosophy is that to solve a problem you need to know what the problem is, Lafferty said.

Their book, which discusses such

illustrious current or former perfectionists as former NBC "Today" host Bryant Gumbel, "The Joy Luck Club" author Amy Tan and Steven Jobs, the founder of Apple Computer, is geared to moderate cases of perfectionism.

Recognizing the problem

It is designed to help the perfectionist recognize the problem and take measures to overcome it and is organized into three major sections:

- "Perfectionism Under a Microscope: Defined, Measured, Examined and Explored," which defines and discusses the origins of perfectionism.

- "Where Perfectionism Takes You: It's Neither Perfect Nor Pretty," which details the harmful psy-

chological and physiological effects of perfectionism.

- "On the Other Side of Perfect: Where It's Perfectly Acceptable to Be Imperfect and Methods to Get You There," which provides proven techniques for overcoming perfectionism.

The book does not advocate a lack of standards, poor quality work, or mediocrity, but rather seeks to expose the mythical standard of "perfection" that frequently causes its purveyors to be alienated from family, friends and business associates and alone in a pointless and endless crusade.

"There's nothing wrong with trying to be perfect," said Lafferty. "It's not harmless when not taken to extremes."

Paradoxes of perfectionism

What are some of the specific identifiable and counterproductive paradoxes of perfectionism? What does the perfectionist want and how are these "undone" by the drive for perfection?

Doing

1. Perfectionists have an idealistic set of standards for performance and achievement.
2. The perfectionist wishes to protect the image of competence and self-assurance.
3. Perfectionists believe they have all the answers and do not hesitate to impose them on others.
4. The perfectionist is obsessed with punctuality, form and procedure.
5. The perfectionist has a strong desire for affiliation.

Undoing

1. These standards are impossible to meet and hinder rather than assist in accomplishing goals. Aspirations will be tackled with pondering detail, which causes procrastination — and is a prescription for failure before a task is even begun.
2. Underlying and chronic anxiety, doubt and fear predominate.
3. While underlying self-criticism is severe, perfectionists do not actually accept the criticism that they offer others. They are self-doubting and insecure.
4. The perfectionist is a procrastinator, excessively concerned with time, but not accomplishment. Projects and decisions that test the perfectionist's feelings of a sense of worth, are delayed or avoided.
5. Desire for affiliations relates to measurements of self-worth, and perfectionistic behavior drives others away.

Perfectionists see themselves as hard workers and as having high standards. They shoot for excellence, but their goals are impossible, high and unattainable. If they hit a goal, there is no sense of satisfaction or accomplishment.

"There is no enjoyment in the process of doing something and frequently they feel depressed after a great accomplishment," said Colletti-Lafferty. "Perfectionism has nothing to do with perfect anything. They get so caught up with the details, they miss the whole picture."

The Laffertys have found that perfectionists describe themselves as having a sense of superiority, but are hiding a tremendous sense of inadequacy. As a result, they are hard people to know. They tend to stay aloof, don't want people to know them and don't talk about their feelings.

According to the Laffertys, 17 percent of the general population and 25 percent of managerial ranks are perfectionists. Their behavior literally learned at their parents' knees — "No matter what it is you can do, you can do it better," intones Colletti-Lafferty.

A successful group

The managers they treat tend to be highly successful business people who are sent to Human Synergistics for help because they are facing an ultimatum from their employer to change or be gone. Most don't acknowledge being perfectionists, but admit they have been told they are by others.

"They're not fun people and can be exasperating to others," said Colletti-Lafferty who has a 75 percent success rate in retooling perfectionists. "They find fault with other people and offer very little praise. They're not good enough and other people are not good enough."

Colletti-Lafferty does an intensive growth interview with her perfectionist clients, providing them with "a lot of diagnostic feedback on how others see them and how they see themselves."

"They get a confrontation with reality," she said. "We take the time for them to come to grips with reality, so by the end of the day, they have a plan of action for change. A lot of it happens between the ears and that's where change has to happen."

"It's not easy for them, but success is possible," said Colletti-Lafferty. "And the results are so won-

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Cancer survivor meets her No. 1 Piston

Court time:
It's not everyday you get to go one-on-one with Detroit Pistons forward Terry Mills, but that was the case for Churchill High School sophomore Jillian Routzahn who joined Mills in promoting the Evening of Hope dinner-dance last week.



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BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Terry Mills stood just outside the free throw line and with a smooth arm movement sent the basketball sailing through the hoop. In all, he lobbed the ball skyward six times and all but once it dropped neatly in the basket.

Three points. Three points. Three points. Good shooting for Mills, who leads the NBA league leading three-point average. A great show for the small crowd of up-and-coming hoopsters gathered around him.

The Detroit Pistons' forward came calling at Livonia Churchill High School last week much to the delight of fan and new found friend Jillian Routzahn and the high school's boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Mills teamed up with Jillian to promote Leukemia, Life, Research Inc.'s 16th annual Evening of Hope dinner-dance, slated for Saturday, March 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to turn out for a sit-down dinner, elaborate dessert table, a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, travel and entertainment packages, raffle and dance.

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ing to the music of Nights Creed. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$55 per person and are available from Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647.



REAL ESTATE UPDATE by Chris Knight

IF YOU WANT TO READ THE WHOLE THING!

When you buy a house in the Plymouth and Canton areas, you are asked to sign an amazing number of documents, especially if you are obtaining a mortgage. It is prudent to read all of the papers before signing them, but it may not be practical to do this at the actual closing. There is a way you can read everything first without holding up the closing.

The title company should have the papers ready for your review several days before the closing, but sometimes the lender delivers the paperwork at the last minute. If you insist on reading everything, including all fine print, you will probably draw some serious grans from the others at the table. One practical solution is to request copies of all of the standard forms a week before the closing, so that you can read them at your leisure. At the closing you need only to make sure that the information is filled in correctly.

For solid advice when buying and selling real estate, consult **Chris Knight** at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, 313-453-6800.

Denise Dador of WXYZ-TV, Rich Fisher of Fox TV-2 and Lila Orbach of WDIV-TV. Mills is honorary chair of this year's event, while Jillian, her mother, Raelon, and brother Carl are among the many volunteers who help make the event a huge success each year.

Formed in 1981, LRL has raised more than \$2.5 million for cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Mills signed on with LRL because of his love of children and after learning more about childhood cancers.

"Because I now have children of my own, I now know that this can happen to anyone," said Mills. "It's the No. 1 killer disease of children."

Raelon agrees. Daughter Jillian was diagnosed with a stage 4 neuroblastoma at age 18 months. While Jillian did not receive her cancer treatment at Children's Hospital, the family is active in LRL to help children and because it is the only organized group raising money for the study of pediatric cancers.

"Our purpose is to raise money for childhood cancer research, so more children can have the same chance as Jillian had," Raelon said. "We will work as a family at a cancer camp this year."

Success story

Jillian has been in remission for 13 years, a success story considering the survival rate of stage 4 neuroblastoma is less than 10 percent. Initially, doctors had thought the infant had pneumonia and was asymptomatic,

but eventually the malignant hemorrhagic tumor in her chest became large enough to be diagnosed. By then, the cancer had metastasized into her bone marrow.

Under the care of oncologist Dr. Larry Boxer, Jillian went into remission after "total gross removal" of the tumor and 14 months of chemotherapy. Other than a yearly check-up and treatment for intermittent problems related to the chemotherapy, Jillian is a happy, healthy sophomore at Churchill High School.

"I was so young, so I don't remember anything," Jillian said. "But I'm glad I went through it at a young age. I can say I had cancer and lived through it."

Raelon and Jillian became involved with LRL last February after reading a story about a 2-year-old Livonia girl being treated for neuroblastoma at Children's Hospital. Through her business, Raelon's Radiant Party's, she helped decorate Laurel Manor for the 1996 dinner-dance and Jillian joined other cancer survivors in singing during the evening.

This year, Raelon is facility coordinator for the dinner-dance and chair of the decorations committee. Jillian and Carl will help decorate the hall and greet guests during the evening.

It was through then honorary chair Vinnie Johnson that the family got to meet Mills in the Pistons' locker room after the game. They were attracted to him after watching him go talk

to children who waited outside the locker room.

"When we saw that, we knew in our hearts he would be a good mentor for LRL," said Raelon. "He took his own time to go out to the kids. That's when we fell in love with him, when he took time with the kids who weren't so privileged."

That's also when Jillian started dreaming about going one-on-one with the 6-foot, 10-inch Mills. While the only one-on-one was for photographs, Mills did work with her for a bit on her free throw. She's a member of the girls' junior varsity team; a case of the jitters and the wrong ball kept her scoring to a minimum.

"She was great; she never complained and was a hard worker," said her freshman coach, Jennifer Willens, watching from court side. "She's very good with her free throw shooting and has the ability to see the floor. She doesn't have tunnel vision."

A Pied Piper

Mills chuckles when told he has been described as a Pied Piper by his attorney, Harold MacDonald of Birmingham. He admits he attracts children. It's not unusual to have "a lot of kids stop by during the summer to shoot baskets" or have the kids on the school bus "go nuts" when he gets his kids at the bus stop, Mills said.

"I don't have any idea how I got that," Mills said of the Pied Piper moniker, "but I plan to go to the hospital, I want to be able

to visit with the children."

The meeting with Mills at an end, Jillian lamented that she had forgotten to say hello to a young child she has befriended during a television interview.

She met 2-year-old Jasmine in the elevator at Children's Hospital after a LRL meeting. The daughter of a striking Detroit Newspapers employee, she has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma.

It's funny to think about freedom and exhilaration in this pot-holed season of concrete jolts and cement jabs, and skies hovering low and gray, and snows threatening to fall. What a juxtaposition. The cruel roads, "mean streets," against smooth highways that stretch endlessly below blue skies.

Cruel roads against a place where strangers amicably pass time with other strangers as they stand on sun-washed concrete. The roads that during pot-holed season produce bent rims,

derful. I've had clients come back and say that the kids talk to me and we have fun."

"It's a little bit like a computer keyboard that someone has poured molasses on," added Laferty. "You need to clean the keyboard not make a new computer."

"Perfectionism: A Sure Cure for Happiness," published by Source Publishing, sells for \$10. It is available through Human Synergistics, and can be ordered by calling 1-800-622-7584.

to bust undercarriages, angry words, mean hand gestures, can be, and I've seen it, a place for Sousa, crickets in the grass, an offer of food, and a wish for safe journey.

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If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her e-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.

It happens.

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MacFall-LaPointe

Teresa MacFall of Grand Rapids and Joe MacFall of Howard City announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jo, to Scott David LaPointe, the son of Dave and Jean LaPointe of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Rapids Union High School and Central Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Eastern Michigan University.

A June wedding is planned for St. Paul the Apostle Church in Grand Rapids.

Bonnett-Stump

Brenda Bonnett and Kenneth Bonnett, both from Grand Rapids, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Suzanne, to David Scott Stump, the son of Steven and Audrey Stump of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at Voice-tel of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed at Denso International.

A May wedding is planned for St. Robert of Newminster Church in Grand Rapids.

Kopko-Tomkins

Michael and Susan Kopko of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Marie, to James Tomkins, the son of Mary Callahan of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a student at Schoolcraft College. She is employed by the Big Boy Restaurant in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He is employed by Free-Land.

A September wedding is planned for St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Canton.

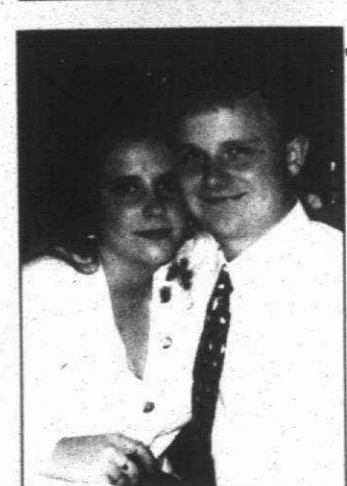
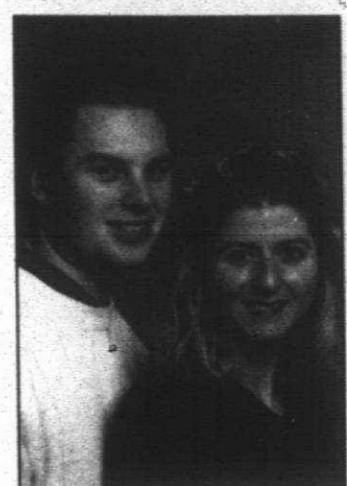
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Goltz-Anderson

Michelle Marie Goltz of Plymouth and Chris Douglas Anderson of Suttons Bay announce their engagement.

The daughter of Elden and Linda Goltz of Plymouth, she graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor of science degree in health information management. She is employed by Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The son of Robert and Effie Anderson of Suttons Bay, he received a bachelor of science degree in HVAC-R from Ferris State University. He is an engineer for Michigan Environmental Controls of Novi.

A May wedding is planned.



Tate-Frese

Alan and Linda Tate of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lynn, to Michael Nathaniel Frese, the son of Jerry and Brenda Frese of Kansas City, Kan.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She will graduate from Hope College in Holland, Mich., in May with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Piper High School in Kansas City. He will graduate from Concordia College in Seward, Neb., in May with a bachelor of arts degree in behavioral science, and will attend Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., in September.

A June wedding is planned for Bethany Lutheran Church in Kansas City.



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LORENE GREEN

Thank you, R.S., Dearborn

Although I have said this before, I believe it bears repeating occasionally. A very brief sample of handwriting does not furnish enough information for me to do a complete analysis. The ideal sample is a full page written on unlined paper. The more handwriting I have to work with, the more complete an analysis I can do.

Today's writer appears to be a non-conformist. The spacing revealed in her margins tells me she has made some type of break with the past. While moving on to new opportunities she has probably dropped some emotional baggage along the way.

This is a woman whose mind

moves more rapidly than she can set her thoughts down on paper. She seeks the freedom to follow her own instincts and talents. She is a creative thinker who has also been blessed with intuition. This is an asset in reading people.

She probably knows when to move in and when to back off. Although she often has the answers she might be hard pressed to tell you how she gets them.

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She enjoys spontaneous expression. Her ability to adapt herself to almost any situation in which she finds herself is outstanding. She will readily accommodate herself to the other person's viewpoint, then to another's and still others.

Our writer is often busy and active. Discipline, however, is not a high priority item for her. She wants to be a free spirit. Routine, repetition or being bound to commitments does not hold much appeal.

Seemingly, she is more interested in where she wishes to go than in how she gets there. Expediting her work may be

Dear Lorene -
Thanks for doing a graphology profile for me. I really believe that they are very accurate. My problem with my writing

of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

more important to her than accuracy. She sets goals for herself, but does not spend a great amount of time on the planning stage. She appears to be restless and/or impatient until her goals are reached. Sometimes she becomes overly optimistic and must keep pulling herself back to reality.

I think she probably hit the nail on the head when she said, "I'm always in a hurry." She might find it helpful to slow down and smell the roses along life's pathway.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet

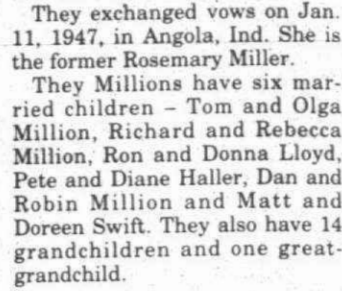
ANNIVERSARIES

Million

Eugene and Rosemary Million of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

They exchanged vows on Jan. 11, 1947, in Angola, Ind. She is the former Rosemary Miller.

The Millions have six married children - Tom and Olga Million, Richard and Rebecca Million, Ron and Donna Lloyd, Pete and Diane Haller, Dan and Robin Million and Matt and Doreen Swift. They also have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Eugene Million

MARC holds radio swap meet

The Michigan Antique Radio Club will hold a swap meet 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Armenian Hall, 19310 Ford Road, between Southfield and Evergreen, Dearborn.

The swap meet will feature items ranging from crystal radio sets of the 1920s, radios and televisions from the 1930s-40s, transistor radios and other related items. There also will be an equipment contest silent auction, 50/50 raffle and donation

auction. The MARC also will have its free "Radio Rescue" service available. Participants will be able to bring in radios for identification and appraisal. They will get help on locating parts or getting repairs, and, if they choose, will be able to sell their radios on the silent auction table.

Admission for the swap meet is \$2.

For more information, call Jim Clark at (517) 349-7187.



Radio swap meet

Curl

Ron and Holli Curl of Livonia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 14 with a family dinner party at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn and a pre-anniversary Caribbean cruise in February.

The couple, who met as students at Michigan State University, exchanged vows Dec. 11, 1971, at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. She is the former Holli Vandenberg.

They have two sons - Eric of Ohio and Ryan of Livonia.



Ron and Holli Curl

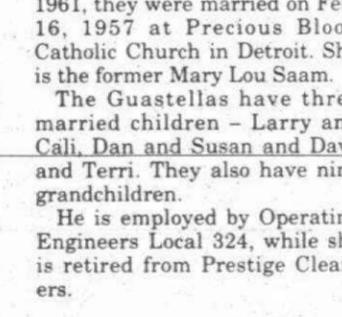
Guastella

Ralph and Mary Lou Guastella of Livonia will celebrate their 40th anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at St. Edith's Catholic Church in Livonia and at a family gathering.

Residents of Livonia since 1961, they were married on Feb. 16, 1957 at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Mary Lou Saam.

The Guastellas have three married children - Larry and Cali, Dan and Susan and Dave and Terri. They also have nine grandchildren.

He is employed by Operating Engineers Local 324, while she is retired from Prestige Cleaners.



Ralph and Mary Lou Guastella

Miloser

Stephen and Julia Miloser of Livonia were the guests of honor at a 50th anniversary dinner with their children and grandchildren, held at the Livonia Marriott Hotel.

The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 15, 1947 in Hamtramck. She is the former Julia Jerry Platenik.

The Milosers have three children - Daniel Richard Miloser of Waterford, Susan Marie Miller of Livonia and Kenneth Alan Miloser of Canton - seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He has been retired for seven years and enjoys bowling on two senior leagues at Merriwell Lanes in Livonia. Her interests include her family and friends.



Stephen and Julia Miloser

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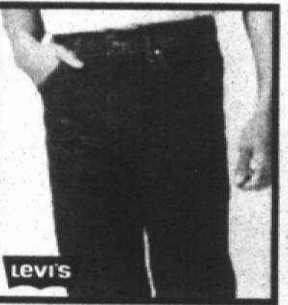
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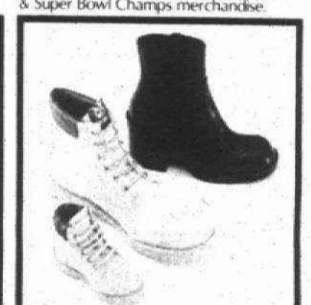
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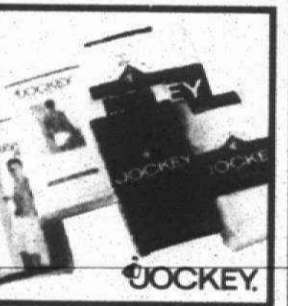
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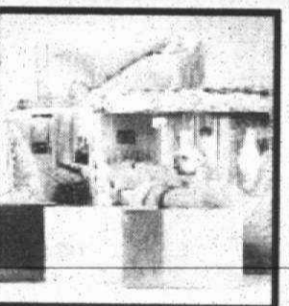
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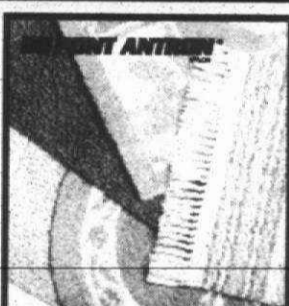
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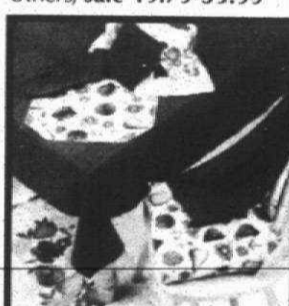
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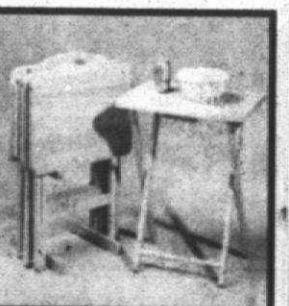
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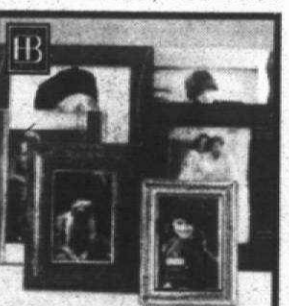
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SPORTS

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Scholar-Athlete finalists

Five from Observerland are among the 111 finalists for the 1996-97 Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Among those finalists include Livonia Churchill's Jessica Jenkins (girls basketball), Livonia Stevenson's Brady West (boys basketball) and Scott Kwiatkowski (boys cross country), Westland John Glenn's Marjorie Brooks (girls cross country) and Plymouth Canton's Angkana Roy (girls track).

The finalists are vying for 24 \$1,000 scholarships, one in each sport the MHSAA sponsors in a post-season tournament.

The scholar-athlete award, created in 1988, is underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance.

A record 2,636 applicants, who must carry at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale), from 497 schools were received for this year's award.

The top 24 scholar-athlete award recipients will be honored Saturday, March 22 during half-time of the state Class C boys basketball finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

New Ladbroke facility

Ladbroke DRC will open its doors to the public and show off its newly renovated first floor clubhouse from noon to midnight, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8-9.

Parent company Ladbroke Group PLC, one of Britain's largest bookmakers, invested \$2.5 million to create a Las Vegas-style teletheater featuring a state-of-the-art simulcasting facility, newly named the Inside Track.

"It's our first major renovation in 11 years," Ladbroke DRC vice president and general manager Bill McLaughlin said. "Our new facility will be totally different from anything ever presented in Michigan horse racing."

"Not only will we be able to serve our regular players with the utmost luxury and comfort, we'll be able to introduce horse racing to a whole new group of fans in a modern, state-of-the-art facility."

The completely revamped Inside Track features 212 TV monitors, individual lighted work stations, theater seating, and a new island bar putting racing fans close to the action.

A new 800-seat dining room has also been revamped.

"This renovation brings DRC into a new era as a premiere entertainment venue," said John Long, president and chief executive officer of Ladbroke. "With this enhancement, Ladbroke DRC is positioned to offer to the public, Michigan's finest Vegas-style facility in an increasingly competitive entertainment market."

Ladbroke DRC is located on the corner of 1-96 and Middlebelt Road in Livonia. For more information, call (313) 525-7300.

Hawks win Challenge

The 1982 Michigan Hawks, coached by Tim Ernst and John Ozog, captured the under-16 girls Total Soccer Holiday Challenge in 1996 with a 5-1 victory over the Cosa Express of Ohio. They also downed the Canton Flames, 8-1, in the semifinals.

Members of the Hawks, who outscored their opponents 32-6, include: Amy Allen, Susan Bear, Nicole D'Hondt, Laura Grode, Alyson Kehler, Kelly Kraft, Michele Lowe, Abby Morrell, Anne Morrell, Brianna Roy, Christen Shull, Andi Sied, Stacey Supanich, Suzi Towne, Michele Vettraino and Kristen Weidle.

CC baseball clinic

Detroit Catholic Central is having a baseball clinic for sixth, seventh and eighth graders Saturday, Feb. 22. Two sessions, limited to 35 players, will be offered.

The first session is from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The second session is from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CC coach John Salter and his staff will be offering fundamental baseball instruction on hitting, pitching, catching, infield/outfield play. Strength training also will be covered.

Current and former college players are among the clinic coaches. Also offering instruction will be Madonna coach Greg Haegar and Jeff Kaiser, both former pitchers in the Tigers' organization.

Cost is \$25 and includes clinic T-shirt, beverages and prizes.

For additional information, call Bob Murray, clinic director, at (313) 522-4393 or Bob Malek, clinic committee member, at (313) 397-0439.

Hoop tourney

The Great Lakes Spring Classic, a boys basketball tournament, is coming to Garden City's junior high and high school April 11 and 13.

There are 11-under and 13-under age divisions.

Cost is \$200 per team. Each team is guaranteed three games. Rosters are limited to 12 players.

There is a limit of 12 teams per division. Eligibility date for both divisions is Sept. 1, 1997.

Make checks payable to Kevin Wilkinson, Tournament Director, 411 N. Military, Dearborn, Mi. 48124.

For additional information, call Wilkinson at home at (313) 274-5405 or work at (313) 981-3000 or Jeff Bradley at home at (313) 595-6096 or work at (313) 874-7990.

Salem 2nd at Observerland

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson was a late entry in the Sixth Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament, and the Spartans were glad they competed again this year.

Putting seven wrestlers in the championship finals, Stevenson captured the title for the third time in four years Saturday.

The Spartans and host Plymouth Salem scored points at 13 of the 14 weights, but Stevenson was six points better in the final tally, 205 1/2-199 1/2.

Wayne Memorial had its best finish, taking third place (180), and defending champ Detroit Catholic Central was fourth (164). Westland John Glenn had the most individual winners (four) but finished fifth (163).

Stevenson had only one champion — senior Nick Petryk — but coach Don Berg found it hard to be disappointed.

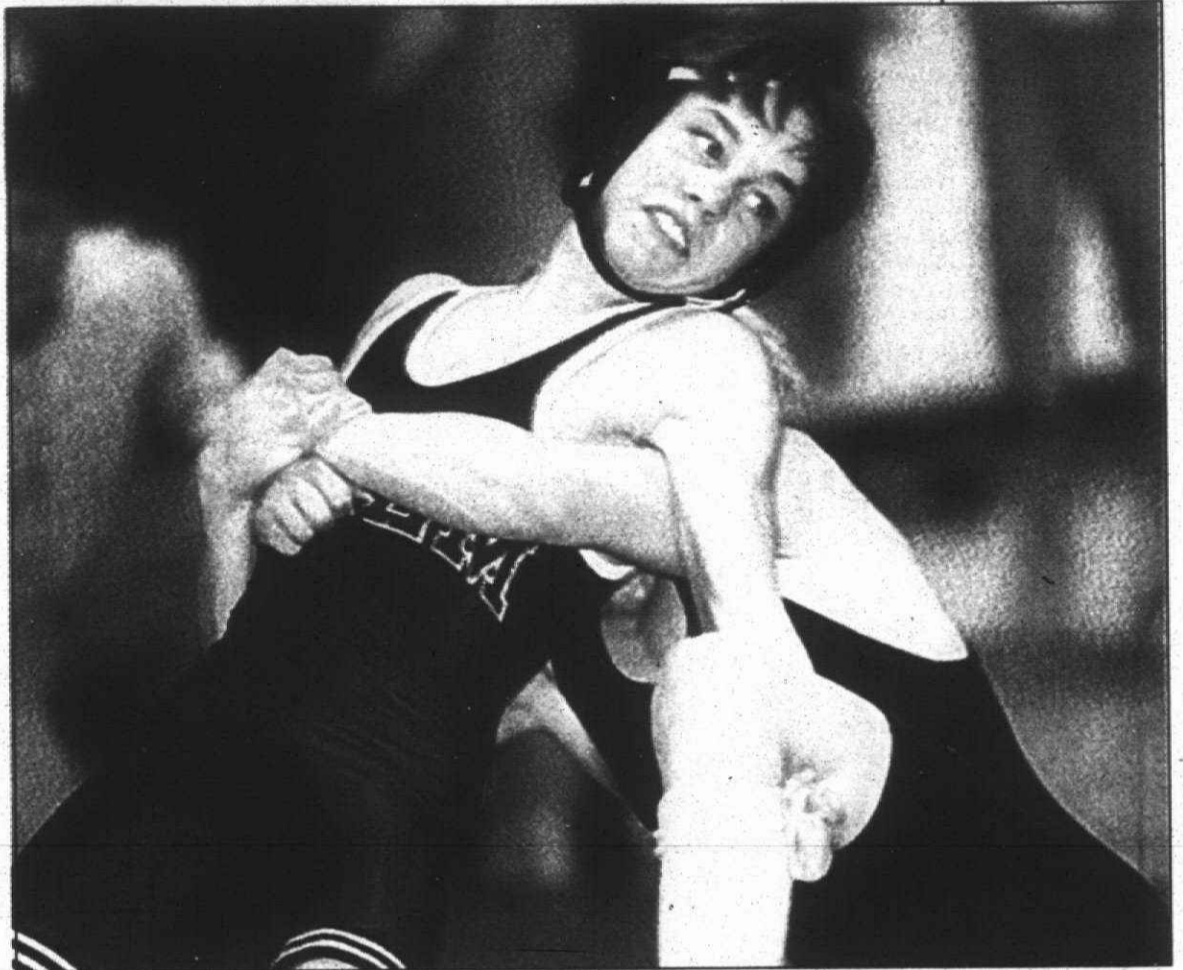
"Hey, we won the tournament; that's what we came for," he said. "We didn't have the champions, but we got seven people there, and those were big points."

"Six other kids also scored points. To have a team victory, everyone has to do his job. I think that's our trademark at Stevenson. Everyone wrestles hard, and we all do our job."

Wayne senior Rich Watson joined former Observerland standouts John Spolsky and Matt Michalski as the only three-time winners.

The 145-pound Petryk became a two-time champion along with Glenn junior Tim Reeves (171).

"Everybody had to place; we couldn't get knocked out," Petryk said of the Stevenson win. "People like K (Katsuhiko Sueda), Jeff Brach and Dan Seder bumped up a weight because it was best for the team. We all made sacrifices."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Good show: Salem's John Mervyn and Wayne Memorial's Nate Wensko battled it out in a 103-pound division match, which Wensko won en route to a first-place finish. Mervyn finished fourth. The Rocks came close to the team title, but Stevenson edged them out.

"One of our goals was to win this tournament, and we're real pleased. Sophomore Joe Moreau stepped up and made it to the finals. Everybody had a good day, and that was the key."

Voted the most outstanding wrestlers by the coaches were CC freshman Mitch Hancock in the lower weights and Livonia Churchill senior Bob Fowler in the upper weights.

Hancock was the 112-pound champion, and Fowler, who finished third in the heavyweight division last year, captured first place at 215.

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Raiders' comeback shocks Canton

Tuesday's result pretty much sums up the way the season has gone for Plymouth Canton's basketball team.

The Chiefs got out in front of host North Farmington and maintained the lead most of the game. But they couldn't put the Raiders away, and that was a mistake.

In the final minute, North overcame a six-point Canton lead with a three-pointer by Brad Rivers, a steal and a layup by Ernest Yeldo, and a game-winning triple by Scott Gold in the final seconds to seal a 39-38 triumph.

"We turned it over down the stretch and we didn't make our free throws," said Canton coach Dan Young, his team slipping to 9-5 overall, 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

BASKETBALL

North is 6-9 overall, 3-5 in the WLAA.

"We had the game, but we left the door open — we didn't shut the door and finish the game, and that's the reason we lost."

The Chiefs led 12-7 after one quarter and 20-15 at the half. They extended their advantage to 29-21 heading into the final quarter.

Despite their poor performance from the free throw line — Canton converted just 7-of-16 — the cushion was still a sizable one. It took a 10-1 finishing run by North to upend the Chiefs.

Nick Hurley was the only one to reach double

figures in scoring for Canton, with 15 points.

Rob Johnson was next best with eight. North got 10 points from Julian Cochran and nine from Gold.

Salem 76, Churchill 50: Livonia Churchill has struggled against everyone this season, and that's when Shawn Woloszyn — the Chargers' best player — was available.

He was resting his injured knee Tuesday at Plymouth Salem, and the effect was immediate: The Rocks exploded to a 24-4 lead after one quarter and coasted to their sixth victory in eight WLAA games. Salem is 11-3 overall.

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A Blaze

Ladywood bounces back for title; Salem falters

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's been quite a rollercoaster ride for the Livonia Ladywood volleyball team.

On Thursday, the Blazers were derailed, losing their first Catholic League match since 1991 when Birmingham Marian came into the Blazers' gymnasium and scored a stunning 15-12, 16-14 victory.

But on Saturday, Ladywood was riding high on the "Blue Streak" once again, capturing its first Schoolcraft Invitational championship since 1988 with 15-1, 8-15, 15-9 win over No. 1-ranked and three-time defending tournament champion Temperance Bedford.

"As a coach you can't dwell on a loss," Ladywood's Tom Teeters said. "We just went back to practice the next day and began working on skills. We were able to pull a positive out of a negative and that's the sign of a strong team."

Ladywood took a 23-2 record into the Marian match, and the Mustangs had not beaten their Central Division rival in 12 years.

But behind the hitting of juniors Katrina Lehman (15 blocks/five blocks) and Kristy Kreher (nine kills) Marian pulled off the upset.

Things changed literally overnight at Schoolcraft, where Teeters coaches the perennially tough junior col-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Something to shout about: Salem's spikers had a few moments like that at Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational, but not as many as they've grown accustomed to.

lege team in the fall. He implemented a 5-1 attack with tournament MVP Nicole Vondracek orchestrating the new offensive scheme with 76 assist-to-kills on the day.

Against Bedford, the 5-foot-9 Vondracek came up with 32 assists her-

self with only one error. She also had three aces as Ladywood improved to 30-3 overall.

Sarah Poglits and Kristen Dause were the team's top hitters, with 12 and 11 kills, respectively.

"One of the major keys is that our

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24th annual SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Feb. 1 at Schoolcraft CC

Championship final: Livonia Ladywood defeated Temperance Bedford, 15-1, 8-15, 15-9.

Semifinals: Ladywood def. Midland, 15-6, 15-5; Bedford def. Walled Lake Central, 15-6, 15-2.

Quarterfinals: Ladywood def. Dearborn, 15-13, 15-3; Bedford def. Livonia Churchill, 15-7, 15-4; Midland def. Chippewa Valley, 15-3, 15-7; W.L. Central def. East Kentwood, 15-12, 10-15, 15-10.

Elimination round: W.L. Central def. Plymouth Salem, 15-10, 15-8; Chippewa Valley def. Birmingham Marian, 15-10, 15-13.

POOL PLAY RECORDS

(top 2 advance)

(A): 1. East Kentwood, 8-0; 2. Dearborn, 5-3; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 3-5; 4. (tie) Farmington and Ypsilanti, 2-6 each.

(B): 1. Livonia Churchill, 7-1; 2. Birmingham Marian, 6-2; 3. Livonia Clarenceville, 4-4; 4. Fenton, 3-5; 5. Garden City, 0-8.

(C): 1. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Midland, 7-1 each; 3. North Farmington, 3-5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 2-6; 5. Carleton Airport, 1-7.

(D): 1. Livonia Ladywood, 8-0; 2. Plymouth Salem, 6-2; 3. (tie) Livonia Stevenson and Woodhaven, 3-5 each; 5. Mount Clemens, 0-8.

(E): 1. Temperance Bedford, 8-0; 2. Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley, 5-3; 3. Grand Blanc, 4-4; 4. Wayne Memorial, 3-5; 5. Harper Woods Regina, 0-8.

Canton too tough for Franklin

Plymouth Canton's volleyball team came ready to play Monday against visiting Livonia Franklin. The Patriots didn't share that enthusiasm, however, which is why the Chiefs rolled to an easier-than-expected 15-7, 15-9, 15-7 triumph.

The win boosted Canton's record to 6-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 30-5-2 overall.

Jessica Orleman led the offense with 12 kills and a solo block; she also had 16 digs. Donna Logsdon led the defense with 20 digs, to go with 10 kills and five service aces. Nikki Kovachevich collected 19 digs and 19 assists to kills, Jenny Sikora added 12 digs and four aces, and Courtney Wells contributed 13 assists to kills.

"Franklin didn't get into the game," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "We took control from the start. Franklin just had a bad night."

Anderson can hope his Chiefs continue to take command; they played at Livonia Churchill last night, then traveled to Plymouth Salem Monday.

Salem streak extended

It wasn't the best, it wasn't the prettiest,

VOLLEYBALL

In the quarterfinals, Canton rocked Romulus, 15-4, 15-2, before taking a tough three-gamer from perennial Class B power Redford Thurston.

The Chiefs had a 13-10 lead in the first game but fell, 16-14, before storming back from a 9-2 deficit to win the second game, 15-13.

Jessica Orleman and reserve Amy Plagens led the Chiefs to a 15-10 win over the Eagles in the deciding third game.

Edsel Ford won back to reach the finals. Canton raced to a 15-2 first-game victory but midway through the second ran out of gas.

The Thunderbirds eked out a 15-13 victory, then crushed the Chiefs, 15-2, in the championship game.

Courtney Wells had 59 assists and served 10 aces to lead a nice front-row attack by the Chiefs.

Orleman had 40 kills in the front line, 65 digs from the back, served 10 aces and made eight blocks. Stephanie Chefan had 39 kills and Donna Logsdon had 20 kills plus 51 digs.

Jenny Sikora had 50 digs plus nine service aces and Nikki Kovachevich had 41 digs, 10 aces on serve and made 34 assists.

Wells had 26 points to lead CC. He made four shots from three-point range.

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defense picked it up a notch," Teeters said. "Mary Lu Hemme (12 digs), Cathy Hermann (17 digs), Nicole and Katie Brogan all did their part."

"Mary Lu put on an awesome show. She made some nice digs and made some great offensive plays, too."

Ladywood did not lose a game in four pool play matches, downing Woodhaven (15-8, 15-7), Plymouth Salem (15-13, 15-5), Livonia Stevenson (15-1, 15-7) and Mount Clemens Dakota (15-1, 15-4).

In the elimination round, Ladywood reached the final by ousting Dearborn (15-13, 15-3) and Midland (15-6, 15-5).

For Salem, the tournament was, in co-coach Allie Sufety's words, "ugly." It was the Rocks' worst tournament performance of the season; they finished with a 3-2 record and were eliminated by Walled Lake Central in the first round of playoffs.

Salem beat Woodhaven, Stevenson and Dakota in pool play to finish second behind Ladywood.

"We played terribly," said Sufety. "We were very, very disconnected as a team. We'd have spurts of greatness, then long periods of nothing."

The long periods of nothing remain a constant concern, but the spurts of greatness breed high hopes. "If we play to our potential, (Walled Lake Central is) very beatable," Sufety said. "And so is Ladywood."

"But we have to play to our potential against teams like that."

Leading Ladywood in the tournament was Pogitis, a 6-2 junior, with 40 kills (33.9 percent efficiency) and 17 blocks, while Woodraeck had a total of 50 digs and 14 ace serves.

Dause and Hemme were named to the All-Tournament team along with Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill), Kreher (Marian) Dion Frazier (East Kentwood), Jennifer Keeler and Becky Cummings (Walled Lake Central), Erin Hartley (Midland) and pair of Bedford players selected by coach Jodie Manore.

A total of 25 teams competed in the day-long tournament.

Westland John Glenn may have turned the corner on its gymnastics season with a 135-4-132.05 victory Monday over visiting Plymouth Salem.

Glenn is now 3-4 overall, but only 1-4 in Western Lakes dual meets.

Salem's Kristin Kosik was the all-around winner with a score of 35.7, but Glenn's Jessica Beach and Katie Boogren finished second and third, respectively, with totals of 34.7 and 33.75.

Rounding out the top seven was Stephanie Thompson (Glenn), 33.65; Kristy Broadrick (Glenn), 31.65; Kristin Los (Salem), 31.05; and Jenny Down (Glenn), 30.7.

In the vault, Salem finished one-two behind Kosik (8.85) and Allison Bracht (8.8). Glenn's Jamie Arble was third (8.45).

On the uneven bars, the order of finish was Thompson (9.1), Beach (8.9) and Kosik (8.65).

Beach won the balance beam (8.9), followed by Kosik (8.85) and Boogren (8.4).

Kosik took the floor exercise with an impressive 9.35, followed by Boogren (8.9), Broadrick and Thompson (8.8 each).

Myulaert also tied for fourth in the vault (8.25), and her 33.15 all-around score was fifth best.

Other top six finishers for the Chiefs were Liz Fitzgerald and Nicole Vaagenes, who tied for fourth in the bars (8.50), and

Holly Graham, who placed sixth in the floor (8.8).

Emerick, Fitzgerald and Vaagenes were among those who didn't compete against Huron. The Chiefs' top scorers: Myulaert, second in the bars (7.60) and third in both the vault (8.4) and floor (8.50); Michelle Farnsworth, fourth in the vault (8.1) and fifth in the floor (7.65); Becky Wolforn, fourth in the floor (7.90); Jenny Demsky, sixth in the bars (7.10); and Marianne Berg, sixth in the beam (6.9).

Canton is at the Freeland Invitational this weekend.

Sound effort: Plymouth Salem got a solid effort against John Glenn Monday, from Lindsay Hawraney (above) and her teammates, but the Rockets were in for a fight.

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Whalers go 1-2 on road trip

The 1-2 weekend left Detroit in fourth place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with a 21-25-5 record and 47 points, two less than third-place Windsor.

In the winner over Barrie, five different Whalers accounted for goals, helping them build a 5-2 lead after two periods. Harold Druken scored one goal and assisted on two others, and both Eric Goody and Randy Fitzgerald contributed a goal and an assist.

Steve Wasylyk and Andrew Taylor also got goals, and Mark Cadotte had two assists.

Robert Esche made 42 saves in goal to lead Detroit's defense.

Against Belleville, Esche did not make it through the second period. He was replaced by

Nathan West after surrendering three goals midway through the second period.

West also gave up three goals as the two combined for 26 saves.

Cadotte and Druken scored goals for Detroit, both coming in the third period.

On Sunday at Oshawa, the Whalers fell behind 4-2 after two periods in a game in which they never led. Taylor and Wasylyk each scored a goal and assisted on another for Detroit.

Bryan McKinney also got a goal, and Sergei Fedotov had two assists. Esche went the distance in goal, making 26 saves.

Detroit plays at Erie at 7:30 p.m. tonight, then hosts Sarnia at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Windsor at 6 p.m. Sunday.

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Churchill fell to 1-13 overall, 1-7 in the WLAA.

Tony Jancevski and Andy Power led Salem's opening onslaught, each scoring six first-quarter points. For Jancevski, a 6-foot-8 sophomore center, the game was the best of his varsity career. He finished with 12 points, six rebounds, four blocked shots and five steals.

Jeff McKian led Salem with 17 points; he, too, had six boards. Power finished with 11 points, and Andres Lopez and Matt Mair each scored nine. In all, 11 Rocks scored. Nate Gray finished with seven assists.

Dale Smith's 14 points paced Churchill. George Kithas was next best with nine.

Notre Dame 85, CC 81: What more can Harper Woods Notre Dame senior forward Greg Stempin accomplish against Detroit Catholic Central?

That may be answered if the two teams meet for a third time in the Catholic League playoffs.

The Shamrocks received their second dose of Stempin on Tuesday — and it wasn't much different from the team's first meeting.

Stempin scored 23 of his game-high 32 points in the second half as the Irish rallied to beat the host Shamrocks in a Catholic League Central Division battle.

With the win, ND has clinched the Central Division championship with an 8-1 record. The Irish are 9-3 overall.

Tuesday's game was much like the first game between the two schools when Stempin scored 34 points in an 85-66 ND win back Jan. 17.

Stempin, who made four shots from three-point range, also got support from teammate Whitney Robinson, who scored 13 of his 26 points in the second quarter.

The Irish trailed 24-9 after one quarter but a 31-17 second-quarter advantage cut the halftime deficit to 41-40. The Shamrocks took a 62-57 lead after three quarters before the Irish sealed the win with a 28-19 advantage in the fourth quarter.

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Rounding out the top seven was Stephanie Thompson (Glenn), 33.65; Kristy Broadrick (Glenn), 31.65; Kristin Los (Salem), 31.05; and Jenny Down (Glenn), 30.7.

In the vault, Salem finished one-two behind Kosik (8.85) and Allison Bracht (8.8). Glenn's Jamie Arble was third (8.45).

On the uneven bars, the order of finish was Thompson (9.1), Beach (8.9) and Kosik (8.65).

Beach won the balance beam (8.9), followed by Kosik (8.85) and Boogren (8.4).

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Crusaders win twice; Ocelots are rolling

Katie Cushman's game-high 29 points lifted the Madonna University women's basketball team to an 80-65 victory Tuesday over Concordia College.

Madonna improved to 10-12 on the year, while Concordia drops to 8-13.

Angie Negri and Jennifer Jacek each contributed 14 points, while Michelle Parmentier chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Any Wilson paced Concordia with 20 points. Pam Scheer and Paula Miller added 11 and 10, respectively. Lori Shingledecker (Livonia Stevenson) had nine.

Madonna 108, St. Mary's 67 (women): A 60-point first half was all Madonna needed to end a two-game skid and claim a record-

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setting triumph over visiting St. Mary's College (South Bend, Ind.) Saturday.

The 108 points scored by the Lady Crusaders is a new single-game record. Madonna had nine players log minutes against the Belles, each of them scored a minimum of six points. Five reached double figures, and two others had nine.

Leading the Crusaders was Mary Murray with 19 points. Others in doubles were Katie Cushman (18), Angie Negri (17), Erin Wiley (14) and Dawn Pele (10, with seven assists).

For St. Mary's, Marianne Banko had 16 points, Nicole Griffin netted 15, Julie McGill

scored 12 and Charlotte Albrecht totaled 10.

SC 86, Delta CC 74 (women): Julie Schmidt and Alana Caver each torched Delta CC for 23 points to boost Schoolcraft College's women's team to its third-straight win Saturday at Delta.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 16-5 overall with the win over Delta.

Schmidt and Caver each had 11 points in the first half to lead SC to a 40-35 halftime advantage. In the second half they were aided by Esther Ross, who poured in nine of her 14 points after the intermission. Kristi Engel (Redford Thurston) contributed 10 points in the game.

Delta (5-4 in the conference, 11-11 overall) got 33 points from Ehrika Kaweck.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL	
Friday, Feb. 7	Greater Life at Agape, 7 p.m.; Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.; Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.; Fordson at Garden City, 7 p.m.; Thurston at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m.; Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.; Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.; N. Farm at Farmington, 7 p.m.; John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.; W.L. Western at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.; St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.; Brother Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.; Borgess at U.D. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.; Huron Valley at Bethesda, 5:30 p.m.; Taylor Valley at PCA, 7:30 p.m.; Bridgeport at Redford CC, 1:30 p.m.; Franklin at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.
PREP HOKEY	
Friday, Feb. 7	Redford Union vs. Southfield at Southfield Civic, 3:30 p.m.; Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
Thursday, Feb. 6	Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.; Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.; WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL	
Thursday, Feb. 6	Bethesda at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.; Mercy at Lathrup, 6:30 p.m.; Luth. West. at Luth. West., 6 p.m.; Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.; Inter-City at PCA, 7 p.m.; St. Agatha at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7	Greater Life at Agape, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	O.L. Lakes Tournament, TBA; Comstock Invitational, TBA; Wayne State Tourney, 9 a.m.
TBA	Time to be announced.

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Possibly the best bout of the day was the last in which Fowler defeated Wayne George Buckner for the championship, 7-6 in overtime.

After nearly being pinned in the second round and trailing 5-1, Fowler rallied to take a 6-5 lead in the third. Buckner got an escape to tie with four seconds left, and Fowler scored the winning takedown at 1:09 in the overtime.

"He tried to throw a headlock and I ducked it," Fowler said. "As soon as he threw it, I knew I had it. I knew I had won. I didn't want to let my coaches down, my family and myself, especially."

Fowler (29-1) said it was his biggest victory of the season, possibly his career.

"I knew I couldn't get in too close to him; I knew he could toss me," he said. "I was giving up a lot of strength on him. He's the strongest kid I've ever wrestled besides Spolaky."

Churchill coach Marty Altounian was among those impressed by Fowler, who has trimmed his weight from 275 as a freshman to a svele 212.

"When Bob sets his mind to something, with his work ethic, I'll put my money on him all the time," Altounian said.

"He got in some bad situations, and the heart of Bob showed when he was on his back; he didn't want to get pinned."

Salem had a pair of champions in senior Eric Coburn (119) and junior James Greene (135), who pinned all three of his opponents.

But the Rocks had two other top seeds who finished lower. That cost Salem the points it needed to win, according to coach Ron Krueger.

"We wanted first, but it didn't happen that way," he said. "We placed everyone but the 215-pounder; so, in that respect, we have to be really happy. Still, when you place that many kids, you have visions of winning."

"Greene had been placing in the big tournaments but had been finishing second. Today he got the big place, and we're real happy for him."

Krueger added unseeded Dave Popeney was a pleasant surprise, taking a place at 160, and Jason Bedoun won not only his first varsity match but his second and third as well and finished fifth in the 171 bracket.

Wayne coach David Davis thought the same as Krueger — the Rocks could have done better, too.

"It seems every tournament we go to we place second or third and always for the same reason," he said. "We're fighting the eligibility and injury bug like every other team."

"We can be a very competitive team when we have a full lineup, and we're going to need a full lineup when we compete against teams like Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem."

In addition to Watson (130), Wayne's William Laramie (275) and Nate Wensko (103) began the finals by winning back-to-back titles over Stevenson opponents.

Willian finally beat a kid he has not been able to beat," Davis said. (Rich) Bramer has always been a very tough kid for him. Wensko beat a Stevenson boy who beat him earlier, too.

"Both are starting to wrestle exceptionally well. If they continue to get better at this pace, they can blossom real quick."

"Rich has been the solid leader of our team. He's doing as well as any Wayne wrestler we've ever had. We're hoping he goes all the way to the state finals and takes it. His only loss (among 35 victories) was at 135."

Davis added Buckner, who had his football season cut short by injury, is still working to get into wrestling shape.

"Fowler is a quality wrestler and to go up against a guy like that, you have to be ready mentally and physically," Davis said. "He wrestled well for two periods and got tired. But the Churchill boy got one of the MVP awards and was certainly deserving of that."

In addition to Reeves, Glenn's other winners were John Fedulchak (140), Matt Biddinger (152) and Richard Donahoe (160).

The other tournament champs were Garden City's Matt Milne (125) and CC's Casey Rogowski (189), a sophomore who edged Salem's Teono Wilson in a controversial semifinal bout, 7-5 in overtime. Wilson had won two previous contests.

"I knew Mitch would do it; he's pretty intricate," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "(Hancock and Rogowski) went there to wrestle and to win. The rest went to watch, I guess."

"I just wish some of the others would pick up on it before the end of the season. When you have young kids, you have to be patient and wait on them."

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RESULTS

6TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Feb. 1 at Plymouth Salem

TEAM SCORES

1. Livonia Stevenson, 205.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 199.5; 3. Wayne Memorial, 180; 4. Detroit Catholic Central, 164.5; 5. Westland John Glenn, 163; 6. Garden City, 115.5; 7. Farmington, 108.8; 8. Plymouth Canton, 100; 9. Livonia Churchill, 94.5; 10. Lutheran Westland, 75; 11. Farmington Harrison, 69.5; 12. North Farmington.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

275 pounds: William Laramie (Wayne) pinned Rich Bramer (Stevenson), 3:09; third: Matt Baker (Lutheran Westland) dec. Jeff Brach (Detroit CC), 12:8; fifth: Charlie Hamlin (Salem) dec. Mike Fisher (Harrison), 1:0; seventh: Joe Banko (Wayne) pinned Dan Henderson (Canton), 4:1.

150: Nate Wensko (Wayne) dec. Joe Moreau (Stevenson), 11:2; third: Mike Bellows (Garden City) dec. John Mervyn, 12:5; fifth: Justin Shaffer (Harrison) pinned Jeff Albrecht (Glenn), 1:32; seventh: Klai Shinlin (Detroit CC) pinned Joe Seymour (Farmington), 1:33.

112: Mitch Hancock (Detroit CC) pinned Katsuhiko Sueda (Stevenson), 4:23; third: Scott Richmond (N. Farmington) pinned Vince St. Louis (Canton), 4:59; fifth: Eric Falkenberg (Lutheran Westland), 5:42; seventh: Justin Beler (Salem), 6:3; seventh: Justin Beler (Wayne), by injury default over Jesse Puroter (Glenn).

115: Eric Coburn (Salem) dec. John Nichols (Wayne), 3:1; third: Chris Giois (Stevenson) dec. Mike Zelecock (Detroit CC), 5:4; fifth: Dave Leberg (N. Farmington) pinned Kevin Sahner (Farmington), 13:6; seventh: Rob Lentz (Canton) pinned Greg Papkins (Garden City), 3:27.

125: Matt Milne (Garden City) dec. Jeff Brach (Stevenson), 8:4; third: Derek Rumlin (Canton) pinned Daniel Burke (Lutheran Westland), 2:43; fifth: Andy Lendun (Detroit CC) by injury default over Andy Bass (Glenn); seventh: Joe Banko (Wayne) pinned John Seder (Salem), 4:15.

130: Rich Watson (Wayne) dec. Dan Seder (Stevenson), 4:0; third: Andrew Ebednick (Lutheran Westland) pinned Jerry Lue (Farmington), 2:54; fifth: Brett Buttermore (Canton) by injury default over Dave O'Hara (Detroit CC); seventh: Sam Boyd (Salem) pinned Mike Schornak (Glenn), 3:21.

135: James Greene (Salem) pinned Charles Jaeger (Farmington), 2:11; third: Steve Walker (Garden City) dec. Kevin Stone (Canton), 3:1 in overtime; fifth: David Mason (Glenn) dec. Brendan Burns (Detroit CC), 5:4; seventh: Phil Ruelwer (Stevenson) dec. Jason Sienko (Wayne), 9:4.

140: John Fedulchak (Glenn) dec. Dan Hamlin (Salem), 5:2; third: Brian Barker (Stevenson) pinned Jeff Pelpinski (Garden City), 2:51; fifth: Keith Britt (Wayne) dec. Ryan Zager (Detroit CC), 11:9; seventh: Aram Sahner (Farmington) dec. Brian Musser (Canton), 12:3.

145: Nick Petryk (Stevenson) by technical fall over Jeremy Wolschlag (Salem), 15:0; third: Pete Langer (Glenn) dec. Matt Totten (Garden City), 4:2; fifth: Sean Bell (Detroit CC) by default over Nick McGowan (Churchill); seventh: Chris Ghanman (Harrison) pinned Jan Shelton (Canton), 1:57.

152: Matt Biddinger (Glenn) dec. Nate Muchow (Churchill), 2:1; third: Anwar Crutchfield (Salem) pinned Jeff Pascoe (Detroit CC), 3:47; fifth: Jason Hempel (Lutheran Westland) dec. Joe Dyonov (N. Farmington), 11:7; seventh: Ben Lukas (Farmington) by technical fall over Dan Shelton (Canton), 19:4.

160: Richard Donahoe (Glenn) dec. Mike Allison (Stevenson), 5:3 in overtime; third: Brian Hinman (Garden City) dec. Sean McInerney (Wayne), 9:5; fifth: Brian Panczynski (Churchill) dec. Dean Gozowsky (Farmington), 3:2; seventh: Mike Popeney (Salem) pinned Derek Anderson (Detroit CC), 1:16.

171: Tim Reeves (Glenn) pinned Justin Asicene (Churchill), 1:21; third: Joe Parrelly (Harrison) dec. J.R. Guth (Farmington), 7:5; fifth: Jason Bedoun (Salem) by default over John Ashize (Detroit CC); seventh: Josh Pinon (Canton) pinned Jeremy Styers (Wayne), 1:18.

185: Casey Rogowski (Detroit CC) dec. Joe Ramlawi (Churchill), 6:0; third: Teono Wilson (Salem) dec. Pat Greczki (Wayne), 5:4 in overtime; fifth: Andrew Wood (Farmington) dec. Mike Stein (N. Farmington), 8:1; seventh: James Dickson (Stevenson) by default over Ryan Bittard (Lutheran Westland).

215: Bob Fowler (Churchill) dec. George Buckner (Wayne), 7:6 in overtime; third: Derek Wieland (Stevenson) dec. Chris Gadev (Harrison), 5:1; fifth: Ryan Cox (Glenn) dec. Jake Lawrence (Farmington), 8:4; seventh: Dave McFarland (Detroit CC) pinned Brian Sinischo (Canton), 2:28.

PARKS AND REC STANDINGS

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JR. BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Through Feb. 1
GIRLS A LEAGUE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First round: Pistons 44, Magic 38; Lakers 36, Kings 22.
Second round: Pistons 44, Bulls 38; Lakers 38, Celtics 36.
Finals: Pistons 36, Lakers 31.

Team	W	L
Bulls	6	1
Pistons	4	3
Kings	4	3
Magic	3	4
Celtics	2	5
Lakers	2	5

Scores: Kings 30, Celtics 26; Bulls 37, Lakers 27; Magic 27, Pistons 22.

BOYS A LEAGUE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First round: Nets 66, Sonics 40; Bulls 68, Lakers 61; Pacers 88, Magic 62; Celtics 69, Jazz 48; Kings 46, Hawks 41; Pistons 59, Bucks 30; 76ers 76, Spurs 57; Rockets 72, Hawks 68.
Semifinals: Pistons 62, Rockets 58; Pacers 88, Celtics 45.
Finals: Pacers 70, Pistons 58.

Team	W	L
Pistons	6	1
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Pacers	4	3
Bulls	4	3
Sonics	4	3
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Bucks	2	6
Knicks	1	6

AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	W	L
Hawks	6	1
Magic	5	2
Spurs	4	3
Rockets	4	3
Jazz	3	4
Nets	2	5
Timers	2	5
Nets	1	6

Scores: Bulls 48, Pacers 43; Sonics 44, Bucks 30; Lakers 52, Knicks 44; Pistons 42, Celtics 35; Hawks 50, Spurs 43; Rockets 43, Jazz 38; 76ers 38, Kings 26; Magic 44, Nets 39.

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Team	W	L
Pacers	6	1
Lakers	5	2
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Bulls	4	3
Sonics	4	3
Celtics	3	4
Bucks	2	6
Knicks	1	6

AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	W	L
Hawks	6	1
Magic	5	2
Spurs	4	3
Rockets	4	3
Jazz	3	4
Nets	2	5
Timers	2	5
Nets	1	6

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BOYS AA LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION

Team	W	L
Heat	3	0
Hawk	2	1
Sonics	2	1
Pacers	1	2
Rockets	1	2
Spurs	1	2

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Team	W	L
Heat	3	0
Hawk	2	1
Sonics	2	1
Pacers	1	2
Rockets	1	2
Spurs	1	2

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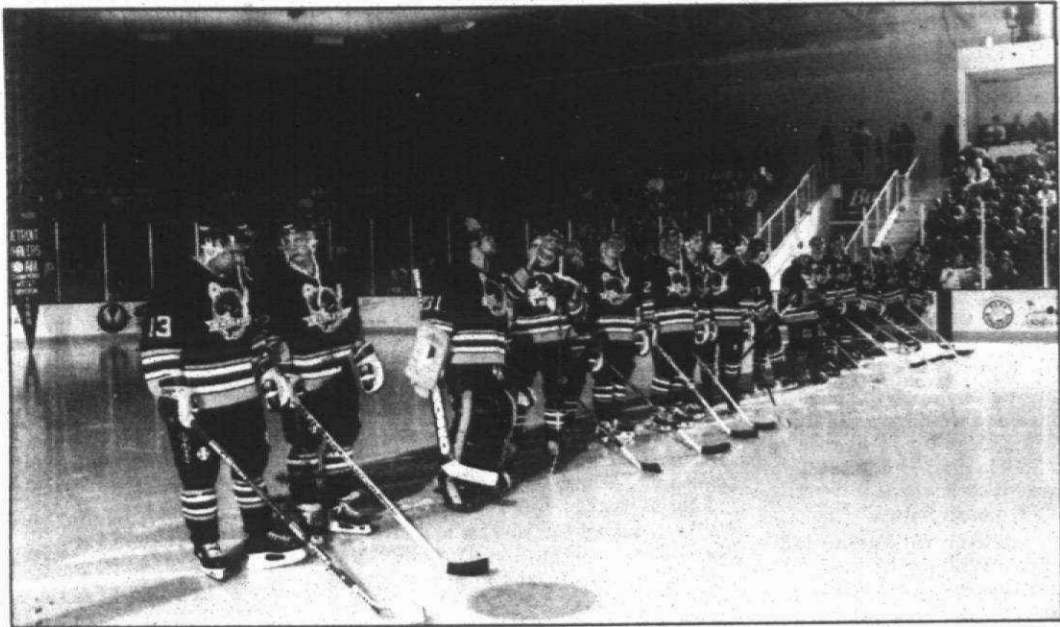
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Autograph session: Members of the Detroit Whalers hockey team will sign autographs before the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Feb. 16 concert.

Whalers sign on with symphony

Sorceer William Heine will join the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for the Family Fantasia concert on 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Novi High School Auditorium at 24062 Tar Road.

Heine, Livonia resident, has been performing magic since he was 8 years old. He has performed with Harry Blackstone, Jr. at the Fisher Theater and has opened there for comedian Robert Townsend. According to Bob Talbert of the Detroit Free Press, "William Heine is one of the best magicians in the area." Heine works for Hovinga in Northville by day and performs

has magic by appointment. Heine has a special act that he does to the music of The Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas. The Youth Artist Winner, Christopher Blossom, on the alto sax, will perform Concertino Da Camera by Ibert.

This is always a fun concert for families because the children and their parents can take a magical tour through the orchestra while it plays, Star Wars by Williams.

Before the concert, players from the Detroit Whalers Hockey team will sign autographs for concert guests from 2-3 p.m. The

Renovated quarters please Arts Council organizers

By KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Arts Council headquarters is renovated and more suited than ever to house arts classes, plays, music shows and more.

With the help of government grants and donor contributions, the volunteer-run arts council in 1995 bought the former Jehovah's Witnesses church on Sheldon at Junction. The arts council moved from an upstairs location in downtown Plymouth for more room.

The church sanctuary provided ample performance space and 225 theater seats. But more classroom space was needed, arts council organizers said.

So they sought more grant money and contributions last year, to begin work on a renovation project. The arts council got \$92,000 in state arts grants and \$140,000 in private contributions to pay for the renovation.

The arts council is seeking an additional \$60,000 in contributions to pay for landscaping and remaining work on the building.

"We want a lighted sign in front, it would be a real plus so people going by day or night can follow what's going on," said Randy Lee, arts council executive director, said the group is looking for a sculpture for the lobby that will make a dramatic impact.

Among other new features of the renovated arts council building is a kitchen and a large classroom that can be divided in half.

A baby grand piano donated by

Stella Greene, a Plymouth city commissioner and arts council volunteer.

The renovated headquarters features a larger lobby with plenty of glass to allow light in. Just off the lobby are administrative offices and the Art Rental Gallery.

Closed for more than a year during the renovation, the rental gallery is scheduled to reopen Feb. 5. Residents and business people can rent pieces for \$6 per month - there is a two month limit - including original watercolors, acrylics, limited edition prints, pastels, oils, and a few reproductions.

The rental gallery is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. "We're working out how to staff it the rest of the week," said a rental gallery co-chairwoman Therese Gall.

"We want to encourage people to come by and see it, the facility generates enthusiasm," Greene said.

Several art classes started the last week of January, and members are still being accepted. A children's choir program is also planned.

Call 416-4-ART for information on classes, renting the facility or donating.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a dinner theater-auction fund raiser Feb. 22 at the Botaford Inn, featuring blues singer Eden Atwood. Tickets are \$50, and can be purchased by calling the arts council.

Evola Music is a standout feature of the new 140-seat performance space. "We're not limited to the arts in renting the space," Lee said.

The arts council plans to schedule performances at the space, including the Whistle Stop Players children's theater group. The space can also be rented for recitals.

The renovation was designed by local architects Eric Carne and Architects & Planners Inc. Construction was performed by E&M Construction.

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Study: Arts programs deter youth crime

LANSING (AP) - Some Michigan communities have new weapons in their anti-crime arsenals - paint brushes, theater troupes and symphony orchestras.

A report done for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs says many of the

state's large cultural organizations offer programs for at-risk youth as part of their contribution to improving community life.

"Art programs indirectly have an impact on crime," said Bernard Brock, director of the Center for Art and Public Policy

at Wayne State University. "You can't measure it, but people who are at-risk who get involved in arts programs deflect their life and go in a different direction."

The study was done for the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

KIME ZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 129 99 0008 702 FROM RR. RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center and Beck Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission will be received at the above address up to the time of the hearing.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Published February 6 and 13, 1997

The Plymouth District Library is operating seven days a week at its temporary location 705 S. Main (formerly Farmer Jack). The following are events scheduled for February:

YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHANNEL 7 AND MING THE MAGNIFICENT

There will be a program for school age children on Thursday evening, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at channel 7 personality will read stories and Ming the Magnificent will perform his magic. Registration will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13. A special collection of Valentine books are

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LITERACY GROUPS MEET

The Community Literacy Council, a non-profit organization serving Plymouth, Canton and the surrounding communities, trains volunteers to work with adults wanting to improve their reading skills. If you are able to volunteer call the Literacy Council at 451-6555.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Donate used eyeglasses and hearing aids at the Library for the Lion's Club. Donate used clean books at the library for the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Bring in Campbell soup labels for the "Labels for Education Program."

BOARD MEETING

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend this meeting should contact the library at 453-0750 (voice) or 453-6712 (TDD) if auxiliary aids of services are needed. Advance notice is required.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 28, 1997

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to go into a closed session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried.

Agenda: Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Absent: McLaughlin

ROLL CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Members Absent: McLaughlin

Staff Present: Durack, Township Attorney Anne McLaughlin

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to return to an open session at 7:02 P.M. Motion carried.

Agenda: Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack
Absent: McLaughlin

Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create "911 Service fund" number 861, and further to transfer any unspent E-911 utility tax monies as of December 31, 1996 from the Fire and Police Funds to this new fund, and to adopt the following budget for 1997:

E-911 Utility Surcharge	#261-000-434-0000	\$165,000
Appropriations		
Communications - Fire	#261-346-850-2060	5,340
Communications - Police	261-346-850-2070	35,710
Capital Outlay - Fire	261-346-877-2060	5,490
Capital Outlay - Police	261-346-877-2070	55,100
Transfer to Fund Balance	261-346-999-0000	63,450
Total		\$165,000

This established the 1997 budget for the "911 Service Fund" #261 at \$165,000. Expenditures shall be made in accordance with the adopted Township procedures and the regulations of the State of Michigan.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to amend the 1997 Fire and Police budgets to remove the E-911 expenditure revenue and expenditure line item budgets, as follows:

FIRE FUND

Revenues		
E-911 Utility Surcharge	#206-000-434-0000	(\$10,740)
Appropriations		
Communications - E-911	206-336-850-9110	(5,340)
Capital Outlay - E-911	206-336-877-9110	(5,400)
Total		(\$21,480)

This budget amendment reduces the 1997 Fire Fund budget from \$4,401,800 to \$4,391,060.

POLICE FUND

Revenues		
E-911 Utility Surcharge	#207-000-434-0000	(\$50,810)
Appropriations		
Communications - E-911	#207-301-850-9110	(35,710)
Capital Outlay - E-911	207-301-877-9110	(15,100)
Total		(\$101,620)

This budget amendment reduces the 1997 Police Fund budget from \$7,585,431 to \$7,534,821.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use and site plan for the proposed Dunkin' Donuts. Mr. Charles D. Mott and Mr. Henry Moore spoke in opposition to approving of the special land use and site plan for Dunkin' Donuts. Discussion occurred regarding future master land use and rezoning. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for AT&T Wireless Communications Tower. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the request of Kroger Supermarket to conduct the special use for the proposed Open Air Display and Sale of Produce subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the increase of salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3% across-the-board and to increase the salary grades for the non-union classified employees by 3%. These increases shall become effective and retroactive to January 1, 1997. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to table the changes in the Longevity Pay Program and the PTO Cash Out Benefit pending further exploration by the Administration. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the expenditure of \$14,055 for training courses for the Programmer/Analysts in MIS. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve the trade in of one (1) MP5 9 mm gun at a price of \$500.00 to be used toward the purchase of eight (8) Colt AR15's at \$800.00 each for the SWAT Team. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchasing policy dated January 1, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the Supervisor and Director of Municipal Services to negotiate the sale of lots 33 and 34 in the Sheldon Park Subdivision for an amount no less than \$15,322. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DON VOYLES FOR HIS ROLE AS A MERIT COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS the members of Canton's various commissions, boards, committees and task forces fill a highly demanding role that calls for the giving of time and energy, dedication to the community and a sense of duty; and

WHEREAS, Don Voyles will be leaving the Canton Merit Commission after more than seven years of service, during which time he faithfully executed the responsibilities required of him as a Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the long time Canton resident has set a fine example of public service to the community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize and thank Don Voyles and his family for his service to the Canton Community as a member of the Merit Commission and wishes him the best in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide funds for a Hadman EDP 2000 department, jointly operated by the Treasurer and Clerk Department.

Increase Revenues:

Charge for Services - Schools	#101-000-610-0000	\$3,500.00
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Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay - Treasurer	#101-253-977-0000	\$3,500.00
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This budget amendment increases the 1997 Treasurer Department's Budget from \$380,170 to \$383,670 and the General Fund Budget from \$11,660,421 to \$11,663,921.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Clerk to act as the designated officer to execute the 1997 Annual permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way, and permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 27707, pages 497 through 498, inclusive. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund to appropriate funds to pay the 1996 winter tax bill on Township owned property.

Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#245-000-699-0000	\$4,300
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Increase Appropriations:

Expenditures	#245-265-700-000	\$4,300
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This budget amendment increases the 1997 Public Improvement Fund budget from \$2,729,000 to \$2,733,300.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the resolution proclaiming February 11, 1997 through February 16, 1997 "Random Acts of Kindness Week." Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

In Canton on February 10-16, 1997

WHEREAS, in a time when we are plagued daily with reports of crime, wars and catastrophes, which leave us feeling helpless and hopeless, National Kindness Week (Feb. 10-16, 1997) asks that we perform at least one act of

kindness toward one another; and WHEREAS, the citizens of Canton, by recognizing these acts during this special week, can become aware of the importance of being kind to others throughout the year; and WHEREAS, by our participation in the Random Acts of Kindness Week, we can inspire others to join in this worthwhile notion; and WHEREAS, by recognizing these small acts of kindness during this week everyone can participate in making this community a kinder and gentler place to live and work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby declare February 10-16, 1997 as Random Acts of Kindness Week in Canton and does further encourage all residents to perform, at least one act of kindness toward one another during the week of February 10-16, 1997. To recognize Dave Khoury - term to expire January 28, 1999, to reappoint Melissa McLaughlin, Catherine Foege, Ralph Shufeldt, Hazen Hiller and Tom Yack for terms to expire January 28, 2000; to appoint new members David Griffin, Tom Gerou and Benny Klei for terms to expire January 28, 2001 to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to create "911 Service fund" number 861, and further to transfer any unspent E-911 utility tax monies as of December 31, 1996 from the Fire and Police Funds to this new fund, and to adopt the following budget for 1997:

E-911 Utility Surcharge	#261-000-434-0000	\$165,000
Appropriations		
Communications - Fire	#261-346-850-2060	5,340
Communications - Police	261-346-850-2070	35,710
Capital Outlay - Fire	261-346-877-2060	5,490
Capital Outlay - Police	261-346-877-2070	55,100
Transfer to Fund Balance	261-346-999-0000	63,450
Total		\$165,000

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use and site plan for the proposed Dunkin' Donuts. Mr. Charles D. Mott and Mr. Henry Moore spoke in opposition to approving of the special land use and site plan for Dunkin' Donuts. Discussion occurred regarding future master land use and rezoning. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to adopt the resolution to approve the special land use for AT&T Wireless Communications Tower. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution to approve the request of Kroger Supermarket to conduct the special use for the proposed Open Air Display and Sale of Produce subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the increase of salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3% across-the-board and to increase the salary grades for the non-union classified employees by 3%. These increases shall become effective and retroactive to January 1, 1997. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to table the changes in the Longevity Pay Program and the PTO Cash Out Benefit pending further exploration by the Administration. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the expenditure of \$14,055 for training courses for the Programmer/Analysts in MIS. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick, to approve the trade in of one (1) MP5 9 mm gun at a price of \$500.00 to be used toward the purchase of eight (8) Colt AR15's at \$800.00 each for the SWAT Team. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the purchasing policy dated January 1, 1997 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the Supervisor and Director of Municipal Services to negotiate the sale of lots 33 and 34 in the Sheldon Park Subdivision for an amount no less than \$15,322. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF DON VOYLES FOR HIS ROLE AS A MERIT COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS the members of Canton's various commissions, boards, committees and task forces fill a highly demanding role that calls for the giving of time and energy, dedication to the community and a sense of duty; and

WHEREAS, Don Voyles will be leaving the Canton Merit Commission after more than seven years of service, during which time he faithfully executed the responsibilities required of him as a Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the long time Canton resident has set a fine example of public service to the community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize and thank Don Voyles and his family for his service to the Canton Community as a member of the Merit Commission and wishes him the best in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide funds for a Hadman EDP 2000 department, jointly operated by the Treasurer and Clerk Department.

Increase Revenues:

Charge for Services - Schools	#101-000-610-0000	\$3,500.00
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Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay - Treasurer	#101-253-977-0000	\$3,500.00
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This budget amendment increases the 1997 Treasurer Department's Budget from \$380,170 to \$383,670 and the General Fund Budget from \$11,660,421 to \$11,663,921.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Clerk to act as the designated officer to execute the 1997 Annual permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way, and permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the release of easement recorded in Liber 27707, pages 497 through 498, inclusive. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following budget amendment in the Public Improvement Fund to appropriate funds to pay the 1996 winter tax bill on Township owned property.

Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#245-000-699-0000	\$4,300
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Increase Appropriations:

Expenditures	#245-265-700-000	\$4,300
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(4) This subsection provides the procedure for the police to follow after a vehicle has been taken into police custody.

(5) This subsection provides the procedure for a registered owner to contest the fact that a vehicle has been deemed abandoned.

(6) This subsection provides the process by which an owner may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(7) This subsection provides the process by which a secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(8) This subsection provides the process by which the police agency shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public sale.

(9) This subsection provides the process by which the police may sell the abandoned vehicle when ownership cannot be determined.

Section 2.5b. ABANDONED SCRAP VEHICLE PROCEDURES.

(1) This subsection provides the definitions of "registered abandoned scrap vehicle" and "unregistered abandoned scrap vehicle."

(2) This subsection provides the process that a police agency must follow after it has taken an unregistered abandoned scrap vehicle into custody.

(3) This subsection provides the process that a police agency must follow for a release form.

(4) This subsection provides that the police agency must provide the release form to the secretary of state.

(5) This subsection provides that the secretary of state must retain records relating to the abandoned scrap vehicle for not less than two (2) years.

(6) This subsection provides the process by which a police agency may take a registered abandoned scrap vehicle into custody.

(7) This subsection provides the procedure by which the registered owner of a registered abandoned scrap vehicle may contest that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned.

(8) This subsection provides the process by which the owner may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(9) This subsection provides the process by which a secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(10) This subsection provides the time frame by which the police agency may conduct a public sale.

Section 2.5c. VEHICLE REMOVED FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.

This Section provides the procedure that a vehicle may be removed from private property.

(1) This subsection provides that after a vehicle is removed from private property at the direction of a person other than the registered owner, the custodian must provide information to the police.

(2) This subsection provides the procedure for a police agency to follow after it received notification regarding a vehicle removed from private property.

(3) This subsection provides that the owner of a vehicle removed from private property may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(4) This subsection provides that a vehicle that is not claimed by the owner is deemed abandoned.

Section 2.5d. VEHICLE REMOVED BY POLICE.

(1) This subsection provides the circumstances when a police agency may provide for the immediate removal of a vehicle.

(2) This subsection provides the process that the police agency must follow after it authorizes the removal of a vehicle.

(3) This subsection provides the procedure by which the registered owner may contest the fact that the vehicle was properly removed.

(4) This subsection provides that the owner may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(5) This subsection provides that the secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle.

(6) This subsection provides the process by which the police may sell the vehicle when ownership cannot be determined.

Section 2.5e. ABANDONED VEHICLE, JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.

(1) This subsection provides that the district court shall have jurisdiction to determine if the police agency acted properly.

(2) This subsection provides the proper venue.

(3) This subsection provides that the bond shall be used to pay towing and storage fees.

Section 2.5f. ABANDONED VEHICLE, DUTIES OF COURT.

(1) This subsection provides the circumstances when notice and a hearing must be given to determine if the police agency acted properly.

(2) This subsection provides that the police agency shall have the burden to show that it complied within the requirements.

(3) This subsection provides the possible determinations that the court shall find.

Section 2.5g. ABANDONED VEHICLE, PUBLIC SALE.

(1) This subsection provides the parameters of a public sale.

(2) This subsection provides the order of priority of proceeds from the public sale.

(3) This subsection provides the alternatives for the police agency when there are no bidders on the title.

(4) This subsection provides that a person who acquires ownership shall apply for a salvage certificate of title.

(5) This subsection provides that upon disposition of the vehicle, the police agency shall cancel the entry in the law enforcement information network.

Section 5.97. SCHOOL BUSES; OVERTAKING, MEETING, OR PASSING.

(1) This subsection provides that the driver of a vehicle overtaking or meeting a school bus must come to a full stop.

(2) This subsection provides the circumstances that the driver of a vehicle need not come to a full stop upon meeting a school bus.

(3) This subsection provides an evidentiary presumption regarding the registered owner of the vehicle.

(4) This subsection provides the penalty for violation of this section.

(5) This Section provides that violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil infraction and provides for penalty any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that the Ordinance is severable, and if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.

This Section provides the manner for the publication of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This Section provides for the repeal of all conflicting Ordinances.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This Section provides that the adoption of the Ordinance does not abrogate or affect any ordinance or act adopted or done, or any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that the Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

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appliance doctor

Fast thinking prevents fire disaster

A few weeks ago I wrote column telling you about clothes dryers which are igniting the clothes within the drum even though the dryers are not operating. The result of writing that piece were many phone calls and a few hundred letters. One of the letters I received

touched me enough to interview the consumer on my radio show on 760 WJR. Here is her letter in whole except for her address and the name of the dryer.
"I just read your article on dryer fires. I had a fire in my dryer this past July

1996. My situation was exactly as you described in the paper. I had shut my dryer off, went downstairs (my dryer is on the second floor of a colonial home) not more than five minutes later the smoke alarms in my home started going off. Thank God I was home at the time.

"When I ran to the top of the stairs, I could see flames coming from the bottom front of my dryer. I ran downstairs to get my young children out of the house and told them to get the cordless phone and call 911. I grabbed a fire extinguisher and ran back upstairs, opened the door of the dryer and all my clothes were in flames. Thank God, we had a fire extinguisher handy and I was home at the time or I know we would have been in the same situation at the family in your article.

"The fire department arrived and finished putting it out. The fire marshal was surprised that the dryer was fairly new. It was a (certain brand) purchased from (so and so store). I believe it was 1990. The fireman was surprised when

he checked the back of the dryer and found that it was fairly new.

"They said the probable cause was a lint fire and then the clothes caught on fire, but I don't think so. I am very careful to empty the lint trap every single time! In times past, I have taken my clothes out of the dryer and they were extremely hot! I never have even thought of having a fire in my dryer, but it is something that I and my children will never forget! We were very lucky, we just lost some clothes, had a hole burnt in the floor, and a very messy house from the extinguisher. I have a great respect for fire extinguishers now, never really gave them a second thought before. I just thought you might like to



JOE GAGNON

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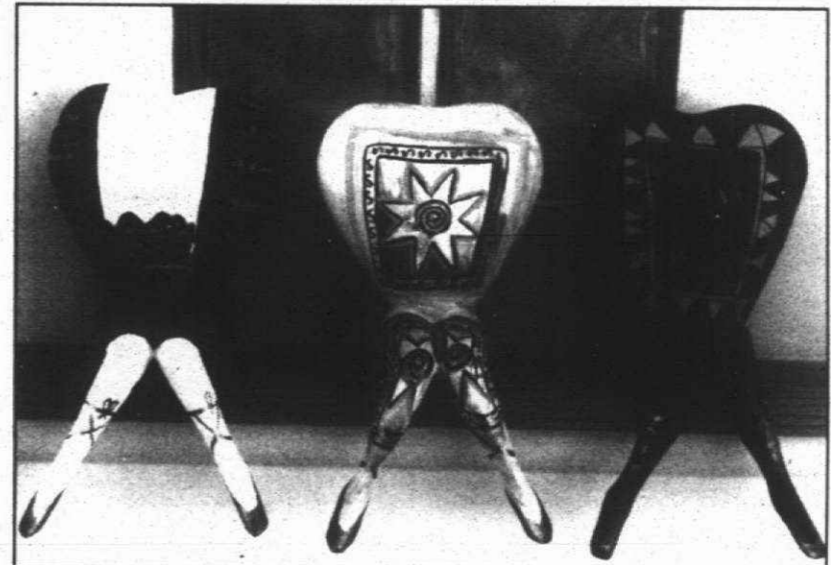
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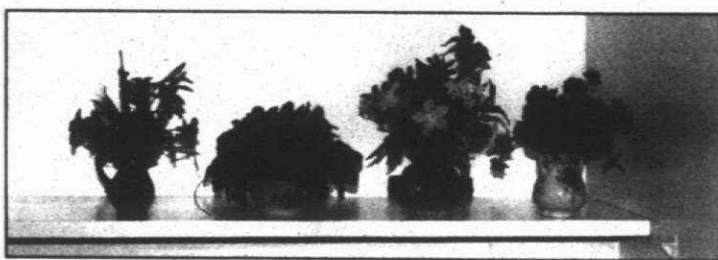
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Gagnon
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hear my story. My name is Shelly Mangas.

My dear Shelly, thank you for the letter and thanks for the interview you did with me on the radio show. As you described on the radio show, when you were leaving the house and spotted that fire extinguisher in the garage, it gave you a new course of action. You had to be a very brave lady to go back up those stairs and attack that fire. I also think that your letter and conversation in regards to the importance of a fire extin-

guisher around the house will help create a new sense of awareness for the readers of this column. Let me offer you something that a lady recently paid \$750 for (she donated this money to the annual WJR children's auction). It's a two hour visit to your home by the Appliance Doctor, to evaluate and advise you and your husband about the appliances you own and will purchase in the future. It's the least I can do for somebody that I consider a hero. See you soon.

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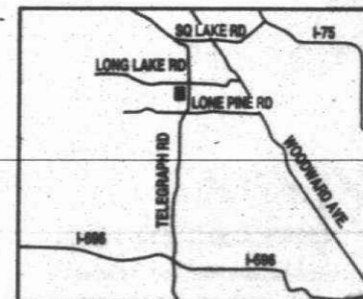
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Set guidelines with your contractor

Q: We have just signed a contract with a remodeler. Is there anything we can do during this process to keep lines of communication open. Our friends went through a similar project and advised the relationship with the contractor deteriorated.

A: Sometimes all it takes to save a relationship is knowing where you stand and what is expected of you. Last week we outlined items that should be included in a contract which is the most important document to work with. Here is a quick checklist to help establish some guidelines for working with your remodeler.

■ Who is the main contact person on the project? Should all communication be directed to this person? What if they are not available?

■ Will there be a specific place to leave messages, forms etc. (some homeowners like to pick an isolated spot. This allows for discreet messages without everyone on the job seeing them, which can be particularly helpful if you are



having a problem with a subcontractor or employee.)

■ Who can initiate change orders? How will they be handled?

■ When will workers begin work in the morning and end in the evening? If there are holidays during the project, will the work be continued?

■ What safety measures will be taken during construction hours and after? Will tools, materials and equipment be left at the site? If so, how will they be secured?

■ Will you give workers keys to your home? If so, who will get them?

■ What security measures will you establish for times when you will not be home? For instance, who will be responsible for closing all windows and locking up before leaving? If you have an alarm system, have you notified the alarm company?

■ Who should sign for deliveries? This should be a representative from the remodeling firm. Homeowners do not want to be responsible for signing for incomplete, damaged or incorrect orders.

■ Are there any items in and around the job site that need to be protected - such as trees, gardens or brick walkways?

■ Are there areas in or around your home that you would like to call "off limits."

■ How will debris be handled? Is there a specific place you would like the dumpster? Will items be recycled?

■ How will dust management be

handled? You must realize that no matter what method of dust barrier is used, you will still get dirt and dust. It is a natural part of remodeling.

■ Are there any anticipated power surges or interruptions of utility service. When will these occur and will you be alerted ahead of time?

■ Who is responsible for furniture removal? Will you need to arrange storage?

■ Will you allow smoking on the site? Inside, outside or neither?

■ May workers use your telephone or use your appliances to chill or heat their lunches?

■ Will there be a bathroom on the site that workers can use or should they arrange for a portable one outside?

■ Where should the workers park? (This is often the most discussed item on this checklist, as it can be tricky in some neighborhoods to find parking for the extra vehicles and equipment.)

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Feng Shui

Feng shui: Make arrangements with energy

By MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

Too high, the wind will sweep you away. Too low, the water will. So find a safe place.

It sounds like a proverb, but it's the background of feng shui, the art of the harmonious arrangement of rooms and furnishings.

Feng shui (pronounced "fung shway," the words are Chinese for wind and water) is an ancient Asian art that is strong today, especially in the East. Recently, the new chief executive of Hong Kong refused to have his office in the old Government House because a feng shui expert rejected it. Feng shui masters have consulted on real estate developments in the United States, a New York Times article said.

According to feng shui, everything animate and inanimate partakes of universal life force energies, an article in Country Living said. If structures or objects haven't been placed harmoniously, they won't enhance positive energy patterns.

Feng shui is hitting close to home, as people apply it to their entire residences, to individual rooms and to property. Local designer Nancy Eveslage has conducted seminars on the subject.

"A lot of people are doing feng shui (unaware)," said Eveslage, who has an office at Michigan Design Center in Troy and who will be featured on the "Sunnyside" program on WLLZ-AM 560 6-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

"It all revolves around energy ... How do you make the energy flow?"

Furniture arrangement is important in feng shui; for example, where a bed is placed affects sleep. Putting a kitchen and bathroom too close together can pull energy away from the house. Colors and certain items can help with harmony; for example, red on a business door means many people coming and going.

Eveslage does feng shui consultation by an hourly fee or by square footage. Her tools of the trade include charts, a tape measure in Chinese with red and black numbering indicating positive and negative, and muscle testing called kinesiography. If a person's muscles go weak when he or she is thinking of a particular room, the energy of that room is too low.

Cures and elements

"I don't suggest that people knock down walls. (Instead) do what we call cures."

Cures less than \$100 was the topic of one of the workshops Eveslage presented. Mirrors, live plants and small waterfalls are examples.

"Mirrors represent a way to move energy and keep the energy flowing."

A house placed where a straight road leads directly to it (with the road like the stem of a T and the house like the top) is being bombarded with negative energy. This can be cured by putting concave mirrors, or a reflecting globe, outside.

Red is leadership, energetic, physically healthy, vital. Blue is creative, sensitive, honest, relaxing. Green is healing, harmony, understanding and creating equilibrium. Yellow is courage, achievement. Orange is energetic, outgoing and sociable.

The five elements - wood, fire, metal, water and earth - should be present.

"You should have a balance of the five elements."

The elements can be represented by color (green for wood, reds for fire, white for metal, black or dark hues for water and earth tones for earth). Glass can stand for water as well; and a building can have metal in the structure within the walls.

Eveslage follows a feng shui chart called a bagua. The bagua map arranges nine sections like a tic-tac-toe game.

From left to right, Wealth and Prosperity, Fame and Reputation, Love and Marriage are in the top row; Health and Family, Earth, Creativity and Children are in the middle row; Knowledge and Self-cultivation, Career, Helpful People and Travel are in the bottom row. When the bagua is applied to a house, Career is at the front door.

An L-shaped house is missing some of the sections. For example, imagine the L with the top of the stem at Wealth and Prosperity. The sections for Fame and Reputation and Love and Marriage aren't included in the L. Among the cures are to place a light in that corner, or a garden or tree outside.

In practice

Eveslage puts feng shui into effect in her office at MDC. Walls are a red (deep maroon). A large mirror is on one wall. Live plants are along the front window and on a table. A painting featuring water lilies is on the wall behind the designer's desk; a faux scene of an archway looking onto a pond fills another wall. The desk is in the corner of the room that is diagonally from the door.

"The Wealth corner is what you see first."

Eveslage applies the bagua to her desk, with Career at her chair. In her Wealth and Prosperity area (upper left), she has placed such items as a small dollar sign and a lamp that is always kept turned on. A low stack of magazines dealing with interior design is next to these, in the Fame and Reputation area. Reference material is in a drawer for Knowledge and Self-cultivation.

Eveslage has been an interior designer for almost 20 years. She became interested in feng shui about six years ago when she took a seminar on the subject presented by the American Society of Interior Designers.

"I was totally captivated by it."

Wealth and Prosperity	Fame and Reputation	Love and Marriage
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Feng shui seminars will take place Thursday-Friday, Feb. 27-28 (cost \$325 at the door, \$300 with pre-registration by Feb. 14), and Saturday-Sunday, March 1-2 (cost \$455 at the door, \$430 with pre-registration by Feb. 14). The location has yet to be determined.

Workshop previews are scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the Holiday Inn Express at I-696 and Hoover in Warren. Cost for the previews is \$5 each.

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garden spot

Start floral show with Lily-of-valley



MARTY FIGLEY

In December I promised to explain how to force the pips of Lily-of-the-valley, if you would dig a clump from your garden.

I surely hope you did, but if not, you can order prechilled pips by mail. White Flower Farm (call (800) 944-9624) and Van Bourgondien (call (516) 669-3500) carry them, or your nursery may have them.

If you dig a clump, check it and when growth starts pull the clump apart and select the largest pips; keep the small pips in the soil and put them back in the garden later, if you wish. The following instructions are for all pips, no matter the source.

For indoor flowering they don't need such long roots, so trim them to two to three inches or to fit the container you will use. A terra cotta wall sconce will make a pretty arrangement when they bloom, but any container at least five inches wide and deep will be fine. Most plants need drainage holes, but break the rules this time and use one without drainage holes.

There are two ways to plant these beauties. If you will use a rich potting soil, place a one-inch layer of pea gravel in the bottom of the container and fill it with three inches of soil. Place the pips one inch apart in a staggered pattern,

then cover them with about 1-1/2 inch of the soil. Water well - saturate the soil.

An alternative method is to place a layer of pebbles three inches deep in the container, set the pips in place, then fill the container with more pebbles to hold them securely.

Set the container in a room with an eastern exposure to take advantage of the morning sunlight, in a room with average temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees.

Lily-of-the-valley likes moist conditions, so water about every four days to satisfy this need, but before adding water check to see if the soil is dry. If the soil feels damp and cool, wait a while before watering. Feed with a quarter-strength liquid plant food just when the flower buds begin to show.

Soon the little bell-like flowers will scent the room with their sweet aroma. If you press the flowers they can be used to make stationery or bookmarks. After the flowers fade, the foliage will remain for several weeks.

By the way, Lily-of-the-valley means happiness, in the language of flowers.

Paperwhites

Paperwhite Narcissus are just as easy to force and a number of them in a container will give a beautiful aromatic display. If you wish to carry the flower into several weeks, plant separate containers every two weeks and the show will last a long time.

The depth of the container for paper-

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■ Will you allow the use of a radio on the site? If so, at what volume?

■ May the contractor show the site to prospective clients?

■ Is there anything about your pets that the workers should know about?

■ Does your contractor have a list of your vacations, business trips or special events that he or she will need to schedule around?

■ Have you met with your neighbors to alert them to the construction project and ask them to warn their children to steer clear of the site?

Working relationships take time and trust. Be open and honest from the beginning. Discuss problems as they occur, so you and your contractor can devise alter-

native solutions. Remember to be patient. Remodeling is stressful on both parties.

Written by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry - the Master Plan.

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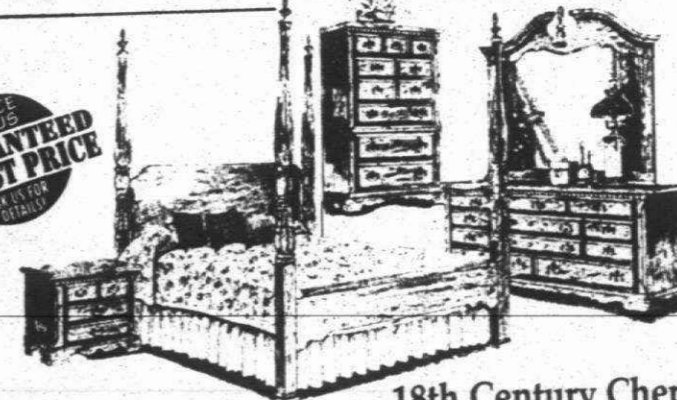
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whites is at least two inches deep with enough surface area to place the bulbs close to each other, but not touching.

Place two inches of pea gravel in the bottom of the container (as with Lily-of-the-valley, no drainage hole). Position the bulbs on top of the stones, about one inch apart and press them gently into the stones so they are balanced.

Add cool fresh water to cover the stones to reach just the bottom of the bulbs. They mustn't sit in the water, but

have the moisture very close so that the roots will reach down and grow. Fill the container with additional gravel to anchor the bulbs in place.

Set the container in a dark location for two to three weeks until you see the root system developing and the foliage has reached a height of three inches.

Move the container to a room with a southern exposure, which has indirect but bright light. Room temperature can be the same as for the Lily-of-the-valley.

Keep the water level just to the base of the bulbs. All the food necessary is stored in the bulbs, so fertilizer isn't necessary.

If the flowers begin to tip over, you can tie the foliage gently together so that they support themselves.

You might want to keep the bulbs after they have bloomed to replant in the ground for fresh foliage in the spring and flower a year later. Be sure to mark the location in the garden.

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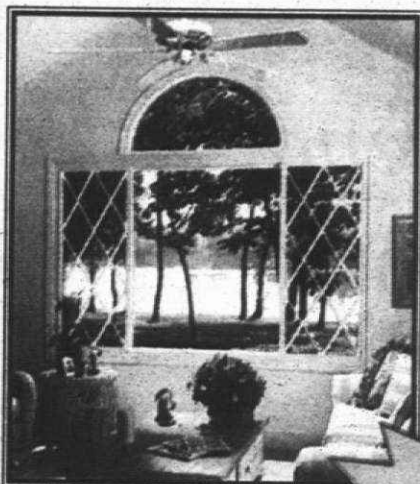
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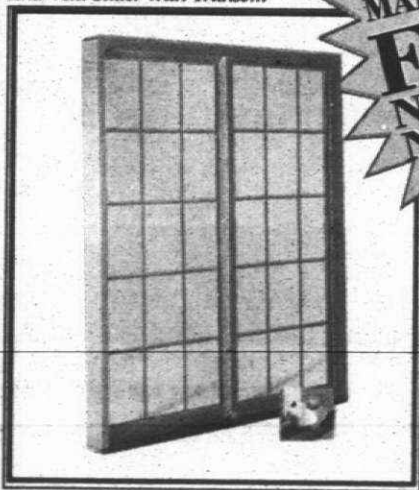
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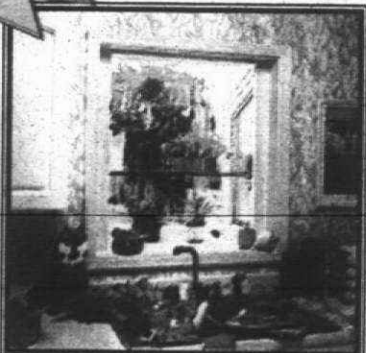


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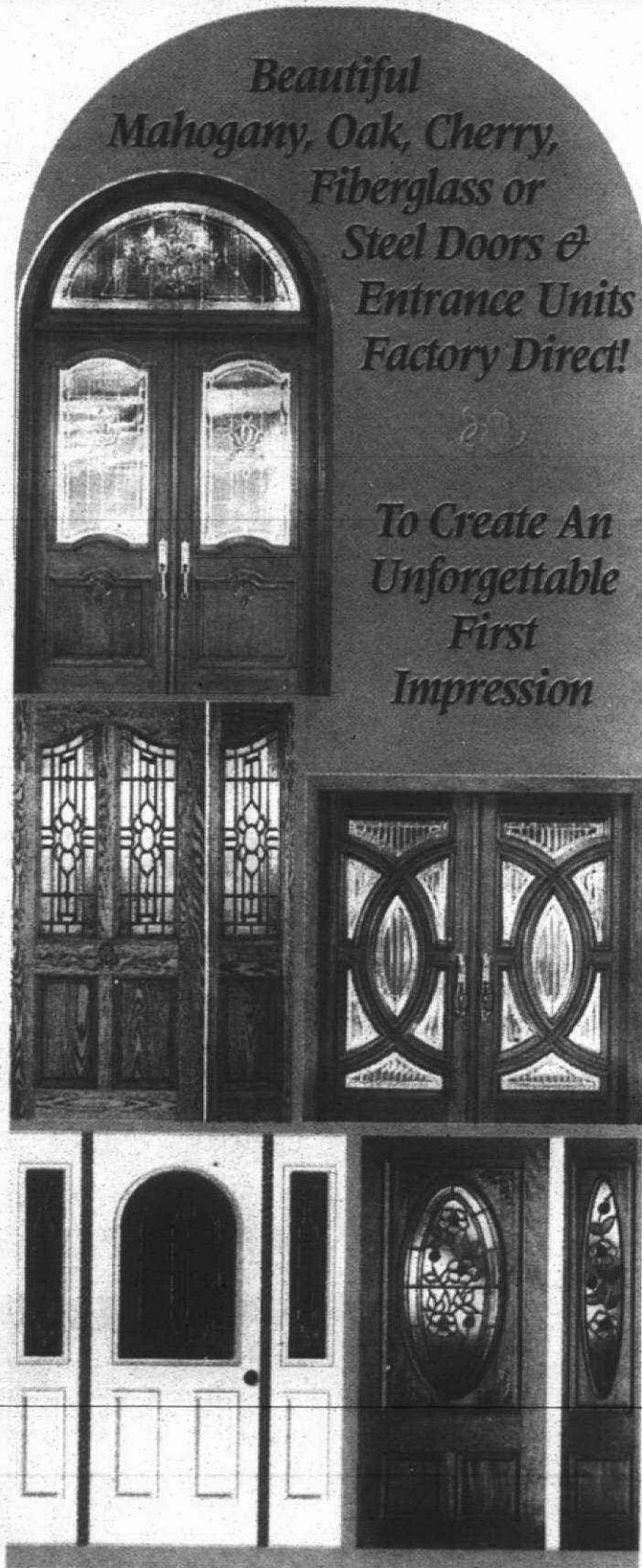
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FRIDAY



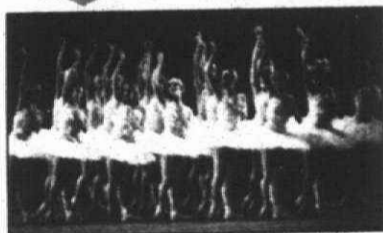
Back from their European tour, Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo will perform their unique combination of jazz with Brazilian and Flamenco music at the Detroit Chamber Winds Nightnotes concert, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets \$16, (810) 362-9329.

SATURDAY



Discover Stars on Ice at The Palace of Auburn Hills features Radka Kovarikova & Rene Novotny with other Olympic and World Champion figure skaters. Tickets \$40 and \$29.50, (810) 645-6666.

SUNDAY



American Ballet Theatre presents "Swan Lake," at the Detroit Opera House. Call (313) 874-SING or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.



Hot Tix: Ray Charles joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for two performances at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8. Tickets range from \$15 to \$50. Call (810) 833-3700.

THE DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:

Director makes exploring a blast

BY GAIL CULLEN
SPECIAL WRITER

Detroit is becoming a showcase for the latest in science and technology.

The spectacular dinosaur display — "Dinoscience" — at the Detroit Science Center through March 9, is a credit to Mel Drumm, the center's director, and a Bloomfield Township resident.

The traveling exhibit with skeletons created by the same company that provided dinosaurs for Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park," features six full-sized dinosaur skeletal displays, four wall-mounted skeletons, six skulls, a walk-through Supersaurus rib cage, Dino Dig sandbox, and interactive computer programs.

Nearly 100,000 people in the Detroit area have seen the current IMAX Dome film "Destiny in Space," according to Drumm.

"We have the only IMAX Dome theater in the state," Drumm said. The three-and-a-half-story IMAX Dome has 180-degree wide-angle viewing. Two seemingly suspended-in-space neon-lighted escalators lead to the theater.

"Computers, laser shows and films offered in our facility can't be found elsewhere in our state," Drumm said. Two different laser shows, designed and built by

Drumm's own company, float above the exhibit hall. Custom-composed music by Jeff Bass accompanies each show.

Mel Drumm's museum history began almost 20 years ago with the Cranbrook Institute of Science, where he met his mentor, Dennis Wint. Formerly director of Cranbrook, Wint is now president of The Franklin Institute and Science Museum in Philadelphia.

In 1976, when the Detroit Science Center was built in the heart of the Cultural Center on land and money donated by the Ferry family, both Wint and Drumm believed success was imminent. Drumm also believes architect William Kessler, who completed phase one of the building plan, was a brilliant visionary.

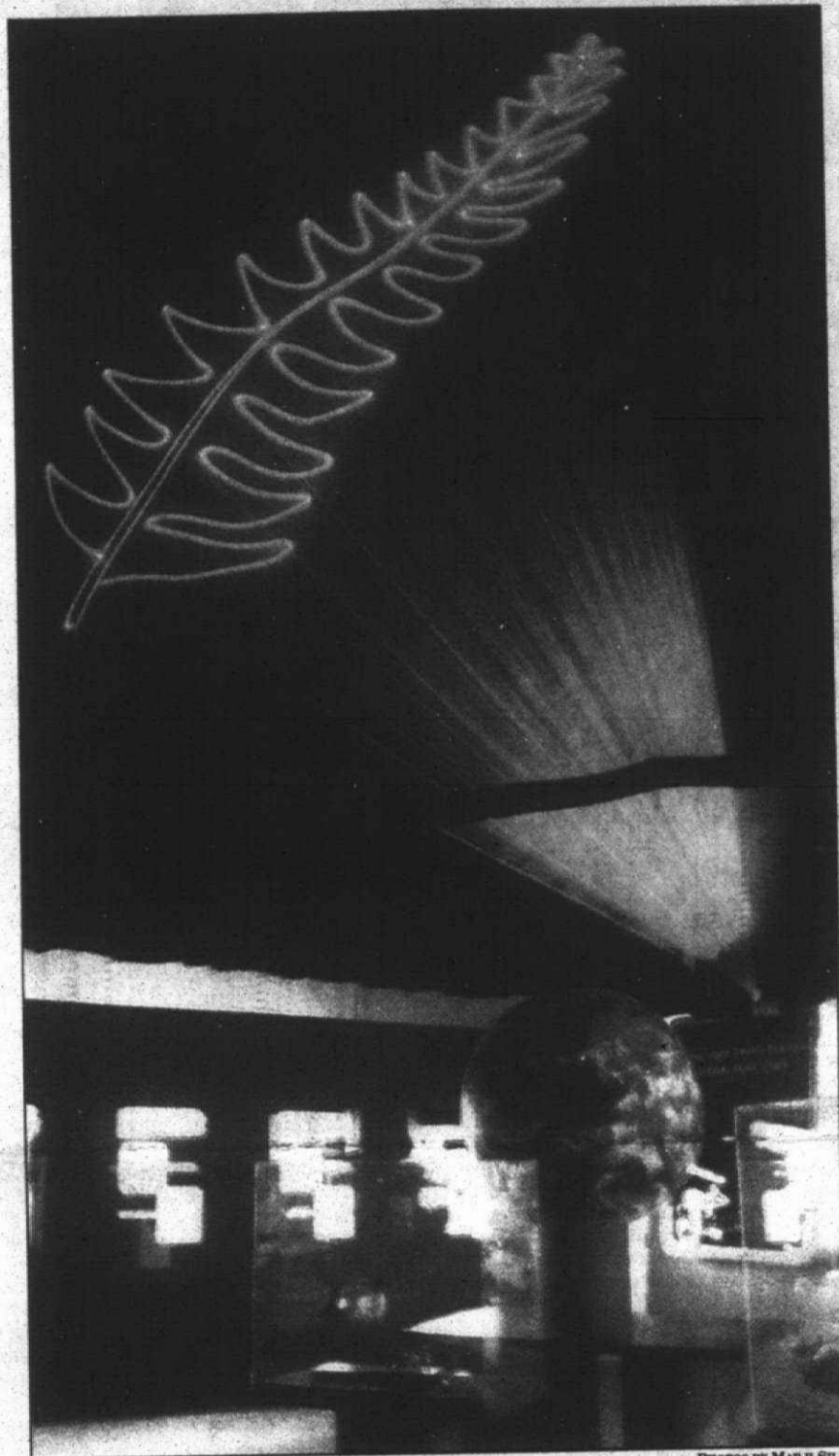
When Drumm was looking for a challenge over a year ago, Wint told him, "The best opportunity to create a world-class science center is right there in your own back yard." Two months after that conversation, Drumm was hired as director of programs and exhibits. He moved quickly to his present position of director, establishing a progressive plan for the center's success.

Methodically, Drumm and his staff advanced his plan. The results are self-generated financial stability for the first time in recent years, and essential repairs to the building. Fund-raising goals were accomplished in 1996, and a 10-year strategic business plan is in place.

Drumm's enthusiasm is contagious. "We have great dreams, including expansion of the newest technologies and maybe even a new building," he said.

In keeping with his vision, a major new computer-based program recently debuted at the center, and in regional malls. Sponsored by a large number of corporate partners, the program is unique to the region.

Confidently, the Detroit Science Center prepares for the International Science Fair, scheduled for here in the year 2000, and the 30th anniversary celebration in the year 2001 of the Ponchartrain d'Etroit.



PHOTOS BY MARI SILK

Laser Show: (Above) "Circle of Life" with accompanying Calypso music, explores plant and animal origins in the rain forest. (Top right) Mel Drumm of Bloomfield Township is the director of the Detroit Science Center.

CURRENT DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER PROGRAMS:

- Through March 9 for the first time in the Midwest: "Dinoscience."
- Three IMAX Dome films:
 - "Destiny in Space" — Experience spacecraft liftoff and thrill to flyovers 250 miles above Mars and Venus.
 - "Titanica" — The "unsinkable" luxury liner collides with an iceberg, sinks in 1912, as 1,500 lives are lost.
 - "Special Effects" — Behind the scenes of the movies "Star Wars," "Independence Day," "King Kong" and "Jumanji."
- Two laser shows: "Circle of Life," plant and animal origins in the rain forest "At the Shore of the Cosmic Ocean," a story of space exploration.

- Discovery Theater: Features interactive videos of live science demonstrations.
- More than 30 hands-on exhibits.
- Apollo Trainer.
- Upcoming:
 - April: A new film in the IMAX Dome theater about the Indianapolis-style race car, including scenes from the Detroit Grand Prix.

The Detroit Science Center is at 5020 John R at Warren, Detroit. Admission is \$6.75 adults, \$4.75 children and senior citizens. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 12:30-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission includes one of the three IMAX Dome Films, the Exhibit Hall, a laser-light presentation, and science programs in the Discovery Theatre. For more information, call (313) 577-8400.

THEATER

Festivals feature new theater works

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Writing a one-act play was "a fun little thing," for David MacGregor to do. "I've made little films, written short stories, and screenplays," said the Livonia resident whose work "The Adventure of the Elusive Ear," will be presented at the Theatre Guild's "A Festival of Plays," this weekend, and Heartland Theatre Company's "Play by Play," March 22. "This was a learning experience. It's useful to get a different perspective."

The Theatre Guild of Redford/Livonia, and Birmingham-based Heartland, a professional theatre company, are hosting these festivals to give local playwrights a voice, and expose audiences to new works.

"To have more theater, better theater, people have to have a place to work," said Blanche Graham, executive producer of the Theatre Guild. "We want to encourage live theater and give people a place to hone their skills."

"We have 36 playwrights who will be presenting 41 plays," said Radcliff. "It is a

truly exciting challenge to bring together such a vast assortment of new works and artists, and then showcase them in a single day."

"Play by Play" is patterned after The Lab in New York, which did it as a fund-raiser in the fall. Michigan's "Play by Play" will feature four plays per hour during the 12-hour marathon. The 41 plays chosen were picked from 70 submissions. Most are comedies, and average 10 minutes. Among the well-known playwrights participating are Kitty Dubin of Birmingham, Kim Carney of Royal Oak, and Milan Stitt of New York whose best known work is "The Runner Stumbles." Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Event proceeds benefit Heartland Theatre Company.

Five new works will be presented at the Theatre Guild's Festival. Three will be directed by their authors. After each play the audience will have a chance to critique the performance, and directing.

"Our goal is to make them do their very best in what they do. We're critiquing the shows so they know how well they did, and

get feedback from the audience," said Graham. The five works were chosen from 15 submissions.

Tony Lawry, a student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is directing two shows — "Tag," which he also wrote, for the Theatre Guild, and "Hello Dolly!" a Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre production.

"They're both on the same weekends," he said. "I'll attend the matinee performance of 'Tag.' It's a two person show."

Lawry, who will be transferring to Eastern Michigan University to study theater education, is amazingly calm for someone with so much on his plate. He recently began directing the Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre, which has been in existence for two years.

The group is presenting the popular musical "Hello, Dolly!" by Jerry Herman and Michael Stewart, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 7-8; and Feb. 14-15 at Wayne Memorial High School. Tickets are \$5, call (313) 722-7620 for information.

"The youngest cast member is five, and

the oldest 16," he said. "They're a bunch of very dedicated performers. They have extreme dedication, a lot of appreciation for theater, and a willingness to learn. We've been rehearsing since October."

Back to "Tag," the one-act play Lawry wrote and is directing for the Theatre Guild. "It's a romantic comedy," he said. "Adam and Chrissy live together. They're not romantically involved, but they probably should be. They both have blind dates, and are trying to arrange it so they can go on the date together. They call movie theaters, restaurants. Adam gets a call from his mother, and Chrissy tries to figure out what to wear."

"Tag" is short for phone tag. "This is all of my dating experience put into a play," said Lawry. "My version of 'Seinfeld.' This all happened to me... kind of. My show will be closing the festival so it adds pressure. Whatever the audience leaves with will be the feeling that my show gives them."

Festival of One-Act Plays

Where: Presented by the Theatre Guild, 15138 Beech Daly Road (south of Five Mile Road, across from Redford Township Hall).

When: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7-9; 14-16.

Tickets: \$10 per person, \$8 senior citizens and students. Call (313) 531-0554.

Play by Play

Where: Southfield Millennium Theatre, J.L. Hudson Drive (near Northland Shopping Mall).

When: Noon to midnight, Saturday, March 22.

Tickets: \$20 per person, call (810) 433-1233

THEATER

Musicals showcase youngsters

The Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre, and Guildings, the youth theatre of the Players Guild of Dearborn, have shows opening this weekend that are sure to delight audiences of all ages.



SEVE SUCIETA

Guidings: Stephen Roth of West Bloomfield stars as Prince Elvis, and Brooke Andros of Livonia as Princess Priscilla in "Sleeping Beauty — The Musical," presented by the Guidings, the youth theatre of the Players Guild of Dearborn.

Westland All-Stars: The Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre, and their new director, School, 3001 Fourth Street (east of Wayne Road, off Glenwood). Tickets are \$5, and available at the door, Westland Parks and Recreation office in the Baily

center, or call (313) 722-7620. "Hello, Dolly!" is the story of matchmaker Dolly Levi who, after years of matching up brides and grooms in Yonkers, New York, has decided to match up one final couple; Yonkers most eligible bachelor, the wealthy owner of The Vandergelder Hay and Feed Store, Horace Vandergelder. Who does she choose? Herself, of course. What better reason for Dolly to retire than for a man of her own.

In the meantime, Dolly tries to help Horace's niece Ermengarde to marry a young painter Ambrose Kemper, who Horace disapproves of. While Horace's employees Cornelius Hackel and Barnaby Tucker are in New York to find true love of their own with hat show owner Irene Molloy and her assistant Minnie Fay they end up needed help from Dolly to keep out of Horace's view or they may get fired.

Buddington of Westland stars in the title role. Also from Westland are Sean Clark as Horace Vandergelder, Ian Maguire as Cornelius Hackel, Corrine Garrett as Mrs. Molloy, Keith Peterson as Ermengarde, Angie Cook as Ambrose Kemper and Robert Harris as Barnaby Tucker. Erin Lulek of Canton plays Minnie Fay.

The Guidings are presenting an original production "Sleeping Beauty — The Musical," 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 7 & 14; 1 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 8 & 15; and 1



BECKY GIZICKI

Musical classic: The Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre, (front row, left to right) Dan Fowler (Westland); Matt Balla (Livonia), Bryan Smith (Westland), Mike Smith (Garden City); (back row, left to right) Sara Nagy (Westland); Jeremy Tocco (Westland); B. Buddington (Westland); Jennifer Wroblewski (Westland) and Lindsay Clark (Livonia) in "Hello, Dolly!"

p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16 at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive) in Dearborn. Tickets are \$5. Reservations are recommended, but not required. The show will have open seating so arrive early for choice of seats. Call (313) 561-TKTS. Written, directed and chore-

ographed by Lisa Andres of Livonia, author of many other children's plays, "Sleeping Beauty — The Musical," is sure to delight both youngsters and adults with its fast paced action and original humor.

Cast members include Lauracine May Plaque and Parker Plaque of Canton; Scott Gizicki of Farmington Hills; Brooke

Andres, Nicholas Andres, Paul Grobosky, Kim McNeillane, Cherrie Pirronello, and Tracey Pirronello of Livonia; Andrea Hoglen and Jillissa Hoglen of Plymouth, and Nicholas Graham of Redford.

Theatergoers are invited to meet the cast in the clubroom after each performance.

Meadow Brook Theatre bridges Detroit gap with drama

BY KEELY WYGNIK STAFF WRITER A lot of people talk about working to bridge the gap between the suburbs and Detroit — Meadow Brook Theatre is doing it by co-producing a show with Detroit's Plowshares Theatre Company.

"I Am A Man," by Michigan-based Oyamo, the story of one man's fight to stop sanitation workers from being treated like garbage during the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968, opens Feb. 12 and runs through March 9.

"This is a historic event," said Gary Anderson who is directing the show. "It's the first time a Detroit theater company is working with a suburban theater company to present a show."

Anderson is also artistic director of Detroit's Plowshares Theatre Company, the only Equity African-American theater company in the state. "We're a small theater company and don't have the staff to do a production of this scale," said Anderson. "It's beneficial for us,

and provides opportunities for our audience to be exposed to Meadow Brook, and for the Meadow Brook audience to be exposed to us. We'll bring talent, and broaden the audience. This partnership will expand both of our audiences."

The play's opening date, Feb. 12 is significant too. On Feb. 12, 1968, 1,000 sanitation workers went on strike in Memphis, Tenn. This was the event during which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

"This play deals with issues of cooperation, dignity, and concerns of the working man," said Anderson. "It looks at what it means to be a worker."

"Prior to the strike, the Memphis sanitation workers had uniforms, their collection trucks were in such poor condition that sludge seeped onto their clothing. They had no health care benefits, pension, job security or overtime," said Mike Vigilant, Meadow Brook spokesman. "They made \$1.60 per hour, only slightly above minimum wage. "I Am A Man," is about a little-

known activist, T.O. Jones. "The final straw for Jones came when two of his men, seeking shelter from a rainstorm, were crushed to death by the faulty compactor of their truck," said Vigilant. "It was Jones who put the wheels in motion to stop the trucks."

Jones, leader of the all-black sanitation workers union, takes on city hall as well as members of his union and community to secure decent wages and safe working conditions for his men.

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Magician joins PSO for family concert

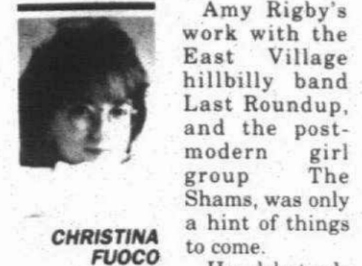
Sorcerer William Heine will join the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for the "Family Fantasy" concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 in the Novi High School Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road. Tickets are \$8 adults, senior citizens and college students' \$4 children in

grades K-12. Call (313) 451-2112 for information. Heine, a Livonia resident, has been performing magic since he was eight years old. He has performed with Harry Blackstone Jr. at the Fisher Theater and has opened there for comedian

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Singer triumphs with beautiful album about marriage



CHRISTINA FUCCO



My Rigby's work with the East Village hillbilly band Last Roundup, and the post-modern girl group The Shams, was only a hint of things to come.

Her debut solo album "Diary of a Mod Housewife" (Koch International) is an achingly beautiful story of the frustrating and lonely struggle to save a troubled marriage.

Broken-hearted album: Amy Rigby's debut solo album "Diary of a Mod Housewife" tells the trials, tribulations, the angst and the joy of marriage and family.

"I guess I would say that probably struggling with the issues that I wrote about was hard but the actual writing and the actual recording was a great thing for me. Writing about the things is always therapeutic. I feel lucky that I can do that. It kind of helps."

Still, singing the songs can be emotional. "I do find when I'm singing a certain song I might get kind of choked up, sad or angry, but then the song's over and I can kind of carry on. It dispelled a little bit of emotion that might have been clogging up inside."

was recorded in Long Island, Hoboken, and the San Fernando Valley, with a slew of top-notch talent. Elliot Easton, who played guitar in the Cars, produced the album. John Wesley Harding plays her husband in the song "Beer and Kisses," while Ira Kaplan of Yo La Tengo lent his organ talents to "That Tone of Voice" and "Don't Break The Heart."

"To me that's one of the best things about playing music is just being able to meet and play with all these great musicians. There's so many of them out there. Elliot was a lot of fun and a great guitar player, just really compatible producer. It was like going on a date with someone and finding you agree on just about everything. It's just really, really nice in that way," said Rigby who lives in New York.

According to Rigby's liner notes, a Mod Housewife "is a woman being dragged kicking and screaming into adulthood. Not quite able to give up her dreams of the good life, but incapable of saying goodbye to the slacker lifestyle that has served her well since before there was a term for it. Stuck in the nether world between Bohemia and suburbia, between sex lists and shopping lists."

"She's been a 'mod housewife' since 1993 when she decided that she was not going to get down on her hands and knees and scrub the bathroom floor unless she could get up on stage and sing about it. "I didn't want to fight about sex and laundry with my husband unless I could turn it into a song. Somehow, going to work at a crappy job made more sense if I could look at it as ... research. Oh, I did played music for years, but that was with friends, for fun. This is different. This is

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Amy Rigby singer

about sanity," she continued in her liner notes.

Rigby, the 37-year-old mother of 8-year-old Hazel, said that the incessant compliments about her album "makes me laugh." For example, Spin magazine called her the "songwriter of the year."

"I feel really happy that I communicated in such a clear way that people heard what I was saying and kind of could apply it to their own stories and their own lives. I won't say that that's why I write. But to have that happen, it makes it seem like there's a higher purpose than just writing to feel better, or writing because I can."

Congratulations to The Verve Pipe whose video for "The Freshmen" has been dubbed a "Buzz Clip" on MTV. The distinction makes it one of the most played videos on MTV. (It still doesn't correct the misspelling of "Villains" in the tagline to the video.) Speaking of "The Freshmen," The Verve Pipe's album "Villains" will feature the remixed version of the song on the next pressing of the record. The CD's single of the song, now available in stores, lists three versions of "The Freshmen," the song "Ominous Man," and a live rendition of "Spoolin' of Sugar" recorded at the State Theatre in Kalamazoo Aug. 23, 1996. The Verve Pipe's next local show will be Saturday, Feb. 22, with Matthew Sweet and Fastball at

the Asylum in Toledo. For more information, call (810) 645-6666. The band is also slated to perform on the new "The Jenny McCarthy Show."

In between all their appearances, members of The Verve Pipe have begun work on their follow-up to "Villains." The Verve Pipe debuted new songs — "In Between," "Motown Mind," and "Charlie in the Box" — at its recent Pontiac and Ann Arbor shows, as well as on "Rockline," the nationally syndicated call-in radio show, on WRIF Monday, Jan. 27. The very Brit pop-sounding songs mark the band's return to its trademark harmonies.

"We decided that we're going to go back to 'Pop Smear's' three-part harmonies and try to do some more pop music," said lead singer Brian Vander Ark. "We kind of missed it. We went out with Imperial Drag in Europe and they have a lot of Jellyfish-like harmonies. It was a pleasure to hear that again." Imperial Drag features former members of Jellyfish.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fucco, you can write to her in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or via e-mail at CFucco@aol.com.

SINGLES CALENDAR

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Valentine's Dances TREMORS Valentine's party with Godiva chocolate liqueur and Close Encounters singles organization will be Friday, Feb. 14 at Tremors Nightclub, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Cover charge \$5 at the door. You must be 21. Fashionable attire. Admission \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN "Single Mingle Dance" will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster, Exit 177, Livonia. You must be 21. Fashionable attire. Admission \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-0443.

TRI-COUNTY "Ladies Choice Dance" is 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster, Exit 177, Livonia. You must be 21. Fashionable attire, no jeans. Admission \$4 or \$3 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 842-7422.

BETHANY Bethany Plymouth-Canton Dance will be 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at St. Gerald's Catholic Church, Farmington Road north of Eight Mile, Farmington. \$8/person. (313) 261-9123 or (313) 421-6751.

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A combined "Fundraisers Valentine's Benefit Social and Dance" presented by several singles groups will be Friday, Feb. 14 at Troy Marriott, Big Beaver Road just east of I-75. \$15. Benefits go to Forgothin Harvest, food to relieve hunger in Metro Detroit. (810) 373-7878.

MSGR. HUNT K OF C SINGLES Ballroom dancing to Mike Wolverton and Eddie 'O. 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays. Msgr. Hunt Drive, between Southfield and Outer Drive, Dearborn Heights. \$4. Dance lessons 6:45-8 p.m. Cost \$2. (313) 295-1134

MOON DUSTERS Ballroom dancing, 9 p.m.-midnight Saturdays at the Moon Dusters, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. \$5. Dressy attire. (313) 422-3298

NEWBURG SINGLES MINISTRIES Meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor, Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Newburg Singles Ministries will meet for dinner 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at Parthenon Restaurant, Cowan Road across from Westland Shopping Center. (313) 663-0014 or (313) 421-4769.

PATRICK O'KELLY K OF C SINGLES Ballroom dancing ages 30 and older, 8-11:30 p.m. Mondays, at Patrick O'Kelly K of C Hall, 23663 Park, Dearborn. Cost \$3.75. Dance lessons available.

ST. EDITH SINGLES Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at the church, on Newburg south of Five Mile. 21 and older. (313) 840-8824

SINGLE PLACE ADULT MINISTRIES First Presbyterian Church of Northville's group meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 9:45 a.m. Sundays at the church, 200 E. Main, Northville. (810) 349-0911

Workshops: "Divorce Recovery" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 20. \$30. Scholarships available; see Rev. J. Russell.

Dance Class (country country) led by Jeff Groff, at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, through Feb. 20. Recommended you sign up with a partner. \$24/advance, \$28/door. (810) 349-0911

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John Mellencamp begins tour at Detroit's Fox

Singer John Mellencamp has announced that he is kicking off his first-ever theater tour with three dates at the Fox Theatre in Detroit — Monday, March 10, Wednesday, March 12 Thursday, March 13. The shows, his first major series of concerts since 1994, will be Mellencamp's only appearances in Michigan in 1997.

Tickets will be offered first through "Tickets First," a collaboration between TicketMaster and VH-1, from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. A toll-free number will be announced that will allow viewers to purchase up to six tickets per call. The Fox Theatre box office and all TicketMaster outlets will begin selling tickets, including a limited number of Gold Circle seats, Monday, Feb. 10. For more information, call (810) 645-6666.

"Mr. Happy Go Lucky," John Mellencamp's 14th album, was released by Mercury Records Sept. 10, 1996, and has generated some of the best reviews of his career. "Billboard" praised: "This is a spectacular, frightening work whose tracks will be argued about, appropriated and admired for years to come."



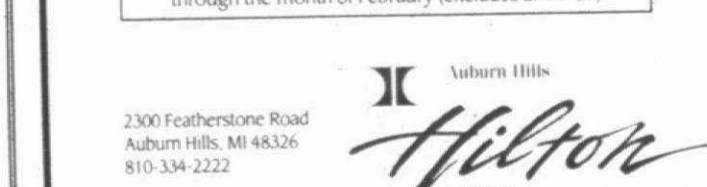
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ATTC THEATRE
"Good Country," by Steve Dietz, through Saturday, March 1, Attc Theatre, 508 Monroe St., Detroit. (313) 963-9339

THE FISHER THEATRE
"Damn Yankees" with Jerry Lewis, Sunday, Feb. 13 Saturday, March 2, at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$30-\$65. (313) 872-1000

MASONIC TEMPLE
"Rivendence," a celebration of Irish dance music and song, through Sunday, Feb. 9, at the theater. (313) 871-1132/(810) 645-6666.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"An American," based on the Memphis sanitation workers strike of 1968. Wednesday, Feb. 12-Sunday, March 9, at the theater. Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Watson and Squirrel boulevards. \$13-\$20. (313) 377-3300

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Labor Day," by Kim Carney, through Saturday, Feb. 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 137 Park St., Chelsea. (313) 475-7902

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY THEATER
"The Conduct of Life," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7-Saturday, Feb. 8, and Thursday, Feb. 13-Saturday, Feb. 15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. Spornberg Theatre, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$7. Thursdays; \$12 Fridays and Saturdays. (313) 487-1221

HILBERT THEATRE
"The Crucible," 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13-Saturday, Feb. 15, 4:43 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. (313) 577-0292

HILBERT THEATRE'S STUDIO THEATRE
"Lobby" by Joe Orton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, below the lobby, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2912

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DRAMA
"Dancing at Lughnasa," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13-Saturday, Feb. 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. Mendelsohn Theatre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$7-\$18. (313) 764-0450

COMMUNITY THEATRE
"The Night," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6-Saturday, Feb. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. Avon Players Theatre, 1185 Washington Road (at Tenken Road), 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$11. (810) 608-9077

DETROIT WOMEN'S SHAKESPEARE PROJECT
"The Life of Henry the Fifth," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7-Saturday, Feb. 8, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. The Commons Theatre, 4000 Adams, two blocks north of Maple, east of downtown Birmingham. \$10 suggested donation. (313) 885-1842

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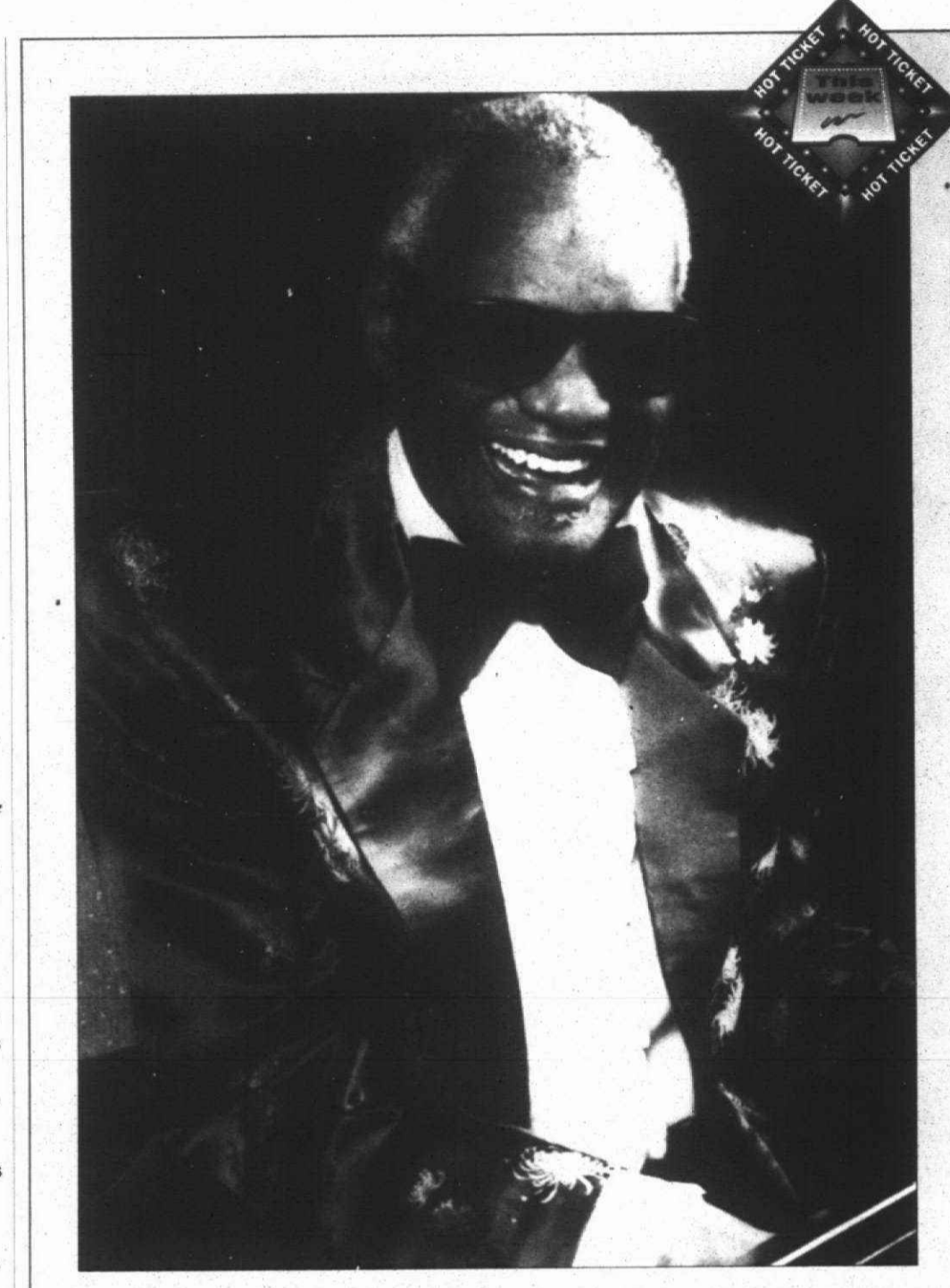
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Music legend: Ray Charles will appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, and with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at Hill Auditorium. DSO concert tickets range from \$50 to \$15, call (313) 833-3700. The Feb. 15 concert is to support the Ann Arbor Summer Festival tickets range from \$15 to \$65. Gala benefit party tickets are \$140 per person. Call (313) 647-2278 for reservation or information. Call (313) 764-2538 to order concert tickets.

\$10.50 and \$3.50 at the door. (810) 650-5560

DETROIT BOAT SHOW
Featuring fishing canoes, motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, park trailers and fifth wheels, Saturday, Feb. 8-Sunday, Feb. 16. Nov. Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive (south of I-96 at the Novi Center), Novi. \$12-\$18 other nights, group rates available. (810) 377-0100

SENIOR DOLL
8:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (943) 462-4411

TOYOTA'S BRASS QUINTET
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, OCC's student center arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$10; \$8 students and seniors. (810) 360-3186

EASRIDERS BIKE SHOW TOUR
Featuring motorcycle artist David Mann, live music, accessories for sale, and a manufacturers row to showcase bikes and equipment, noon-midnight, Saturday, Feb. 8, Wayne Hall, Cobo Hall, Detroit. (800) 962-9857

1997 FORD HONORS PROGRAM
Honors legendary soprano Jesse Norman, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 26, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. The evening begins with a one-hour recital by Norman, and a tribute to her achievements, culminating with the presentation of the University Musical Society Distinguished Artist award. A gala dinner and dancing follow the award's presentation at the Michigan League. Various ticket prices range from \$25-\$100. (313) 764-2538

FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS III SILENT
Benefit for Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, Intermex Restaurant, Detroit's Harmonie Park. \$50. Tickets for the raffish event \$100 - a registry box for six for the Dance Theatre of Harlem opening night gala and performance - are available at the auction for \$10 (or three for \$25). (313) 962-4303

BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING SHOW
9:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12-Thursday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16. Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac. \$6-\$3 children ages 6-14; free for children ages 5 and younger. (810) 456-1600

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BRANDENBURG ENSEMBLE
With Conductor/Violinist Jaime Laredo, violinist Alexander Kozlov, and pianist Andreas Haefliger, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$14-\$36. (800) 221-1229

BUDAPEST FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
With Conductor Ivan Fischer, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$42. (800) 221-1229

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
Pianist Grigory Sokolov, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$9-\$36. (313) 833-3700

NICOLE DIVAL
Viola player performs with vocalist Deana Reyeva, noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, Forum Recital Hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Free. (313) 462-5218

CAROLYN HUEBL
Violinist, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, Clubroom House, 180 Lonsdale Road, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 751-2435

LAFAYETTE STRING QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, University of Michigan School of Music, 529 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20; \$10 for students with ID. (313) 647-0521

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Dance International," featuring a variety of international dance selections and the LSO's Young Artist competition winner violinist Benjamin Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, James P. Carr Center for the Performing Arts, 8900 Newburgh Road (at Joy Road), Livonia. (313) 421-1111/(313) 644-2741

NARDIN PARK MUSIC SERIES
Featuring organist Melvin Rokous, minister of music at Nardin Park, violinist Karen Klimek, and a chamber orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road (west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Free. (810) 476-8860

"PRELUDES DOWNRIVER"
A project of the Education and Outreach Division of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, get-together features Brass Trio with Corbin Wagner, French horn, Ramon Parcels, trumpet, and Randall Harms, trombone, noon Sunday, Feb. 9, Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, 9339 Belvidere Dr. (at Meridan and Grosse Ile Parkway), Grosse Ile. \$20; \$10 children. (313) 962-1000, ext. 285

ELIZABETH ROWIN
Violinist plays a chamber music concert with pianist Flavio Viano, cellist Simon Taylor, and Jeffrey Hays, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$12; \$5 students and seniors. (810) 445-8080

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CONCERT BAND
featuring music by Joaquin Turina, Percy Grainger, Gustav Holst, and Paul Hindemith, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Free; University of Michigan Contemporary Directions Ensemble concert devoted to the music of American composer and guest conductor-residence John Harbison, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Rackham Auditorium, School of Music, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Free; University of Michigan Contemporary Directions Ensemble concert featuring hymns Harry's Symphony No. 80, Brian's Alto Rhapsody featuring Catherine McKee and the U-M Men's Glee Club, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

WINTER CARNIVAL
At Oakwood Country Village, Feb. 8, 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 8:30, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, 8:30, 10:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9. \$10-\$15 children. (810) 391-5700

CELESTINE PRODUCTIONS
Mystery dinner theater, 7:8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 8 p.m. performance, music, candlelight dinner, and dessert, Friday, Feb. 14, Monchee Lamour Restaurant, Bloomfield Center, 1533 N. Woodward Ave. (in the Michigan National Bank building), Bloomfield Hills. \$90 per couple. (810) 647-4140

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IMMUNITY
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Captain Tony's Key West Bar and Grill, 3335 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. \$3 after 8:30 p.m. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 288-6388/(810) 349-9110

BLUJAZZ TRIBE
Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. \$3 after 8:30 p.m. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 288-6388/(810) 349-9110

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MOVIES

Woody goes musical in 'Everyone Says I Love You'

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
Special Writer
Just call it the "Anti-Evita." "Everyone Says I Love You" is Woody Allen's experiment with the Hollywood musical.

eager young attorney (Edward Norton) and we can tell right from that first number that this is not your average musical.

show tunes backed by Dick Hyman and The New York Studio Players. One of the most elaborate numbers in the film takes place in a swanky jewelry store, where Norton breaks into song after purchasing an expensive wedding ring.



JOHN CLIFFORD/MIRAMAX FILMS
Musical: Woody Allen directs Edward Norton and Drew Barrymore in "Everyone Says I Love You."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

A grid of movie listings for various theaters including AMC Theatres, United Artists, and Showcase Cinemas. Each listing includes the movie title, showtimes, and contact information.

Hawn, meanwhile, has her best role in years (maybe ever) as the kind of society liberal who campaigns to have a mad dog killer (Tim Roth) released from death row and then invites him over for a dinner party.

Share a foolish love story

Write to us about the most foolish thing you've ever done for love to receive two tickets to a preview screening of the romantic comedy "Fools Rush In" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at United Artists Oakland Mall, (14 Mile at I-75).

Advertisement for Walt Disney's World on Ice Toy Story. It features characters from Toy Story and includes a search game for tickets to see the show.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 7: 'THE BEAUTICIAN AND THE BEAST', 'VEGAS VACATION', 'DANTE'S PEAK', 'THE PEST', 'DANGEROUS GROUND', 'THAT DARN CAT', 'FOOLS RUSH IN'.
Scheduled to open Wednesday, Feb. 12: 'DANGEROUS GROUND'.
Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 14: 'FOOLS RUSH IN'.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.
Detroit Film Theatre: 'Mother' (USA - 1996), 'Hamlet' (USA - 1997), 'North by Northwest' (USA) 1959.
Birmingham Theatre: 'Evita' (USA-1996), 'My Life and Times with Antonin Artaud' (France - 1993), 'Everyone Says I Love You' (USA - 1996), 'Shine' (Australia-1996).

MOVIES



John Bramley
Cat caper: Christina Ricci stars as 16-year-old Patti Randall whose boredom with small-town life gets stirred up when her tomcat D.C. (Elvis, left) discovers a clue to a mysterious kidnapping in Walt Disney Pictures' "That Darn Cat," opening Feb. 14.

Australian 'Proof' rings true

BY LEANNE ROGERS
Staff Writer
"Proof" doesn't provide all the answers to why Martin has developed into the cynical and somewhat rigid loner that he has become. The scenes of him as a child are terribly sad.

Advertisement for the movie 'The Pest' starring John Leguizamo. It includes a quote from the movie and a list of theaters showing the film.

Advertisement for '20 Years Later, America's #1 Movie...Again!' featuring Star Wars Special Edition.

Advertisement for the movie 'Love and War' starring Sandra Bullock and Kevin Connolly. It includes a quote and a list of theaters.

Advertisement for 'The Beautician and the Beast' starting Friday, February 7th. It includes a list of theaters and showtimes.

DINING

Cupid picks area's romantic dining spots

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Cupid knows each person's concept of romantic dining is slightly different. While white tablecloths, candles and fresh flowers take the lead with many couples, others prefer a more casual, cozy atmosphere. Cupid selected both.

Townsend Hotel

At Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, Valentine's Day diners can make their choice, the more clubby, casual ambiance of the Rugby Grille with its popular and frequently-crowded bar or formal white tablecloth Gallery dining.

Either way, Chef Louai Sharkas' entree dependent prix-fixe menu is available. There's a choice from among four appetizers, two soups, two salads and five desserts. Among the entrees are pan-roasted whole main lobster in bouillabaisse broth \$89, saffroned risotto with gulf shrimp and diver-harvested scallops \$65, basil and yellow pepper pappardelle pasta pizzaiole \$49, rack of lamb persillade for two \$138 or Chateaubriand and bouquetiere for two \$130.

CAFE BON HOMME

"To me, nothing is more romantic than an experience of dining in Provence while drinking the wines of Burgundy," Greg Goodman, chef/proprietor at Plymouth's Cafe Bon Homme said. A four-course prix fixe at \$100 per couple, includes shrimp stuffed portobello mushrooms with four cheeses, grilled quail salad with Asian pear and Dijon-honey vinaigrette, roasted stuffed veal loin with olive tapenade, artichoke hearts and boursin cheese. The finale is a raspberry and lemon butter-creme heart-shaped torte. For \$150 per couple, Goodman will add a Burgundy-style wine package.

Forté

"I have always had a great fascination with the intense, unduplicatable flavor of a fresh truffle," chef Keith Famie of Birm-



Romantic dinner: Greg Goodman, and his wife Susan, toast romance in the dining room at Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth.

ingham's Forté maintained. "Each year I bring in fresh truffles from France and Italy. This year, I have secured 10 pounds from which I will create several courses for Valentine's Day."

For lovers to enjoy these black diamonds of the kitchen, there are two seatings 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at \$65 per person. A special wine package will be available.

The Lark

The Lark in West Bloomfield may be the area's number one dining spot for engagements. In addition to its full menu at regular prices, chef Marcus Haight will offer theme specials such as hearts of artichoke soup with julienne of red roses, heart-shaped puff pastry encasing shrimp with roasted tomatoes and a tomato-basil sauce. For desserts there's house-made chocolate truffles, house-made heart-shaped milk chocolate and hazelnut candies, Grand

Marnier cheese cake with passionfruit glaze or cupid's fudge brownie flan with caramel and peanuts.

Cafe Cortina

Romance is the style at Farmington Hills Cafe Cortina where owner Rina Tonon and chef Vincenzo Bassonetti celebrate St. Valentino every day.

"Pasta is so universal accompanied with a glass of wine — it creates a soothing evening," Tonon said. In that thought, she will offer four special pasta dishes ranging \$17 to \$20: tagliatelle, palma; pappardelle, fresh salmon and roasted red peppers; farfalle with a fennel sausage; and linguette with fresh clams and spicy red sauce. A veal dish with portobello mushrooms is \$25 and lobster prepared Cortina style will be market price. Tonon recommends a bottle of the heart label wine, 1995 Il Cuore, which translates The Heart. While

sounding Italian, it's a California blend of sangiovese, zinfandel and syrah.

Cafe Cortina also celebrates Festa di St. Valentino, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, with a six-course dinner and Musica di Canta Napoli for entertainment at \$50 per person.

Morels

Morels: A Michigan Bistro lives up to its name. The mood is more casual, the food is serious and the lighted courtyard at night sets a romantic mood. A prix fixe for \$69.96 per couple includes a glass of Mumm Cuvée Napa Brut followed by a first course selection of wild mushroom bisque and mixed field green salad. The principal course is roasted tenderloin medallions with bearnaise sauce and lobster Wellington with chardonnay chive sauce, potatoes Dauphine and fresh garden vegetables. A heart-shaped gateau with assorted berries and

chantilly cream is the finale.

Emily's

At Emily's, a French-inspired Mediterranean restaurant set in a Northville house dating back to 1870, chef/proprietor Rick Halberg promises an intimate atmosphere perfect for a romantic dinner getaway. He will feature a special prix fixe menu and you can phone for details. If you're not in the mood for French, Emily's wine list will take you almost anywhere around the world.

Ocean Grille

Craig and Bobbie Dilworth of Ocean Grille have a menu literally swimming with choices. Six starters range \$5-11. Twelve seafood entrees that include a house salad, starch and fresh vegetable are \$16-25. At the upper price levels, choices are Alaskan king crab legs, live Maine lobster plus petite filet and lobster tail. Sweet endings let you pretend you're in warmer climes with genuine Florida Key lime tart. A chocoholic's choice is chocolate paté with creme anglaise and raspberry coulis.

The Whitney

Elegant mansion dining at The Whitney can be from either of two personal menus. The first for \$100 per couple includes lobster ravioli with extra large sea scallops and sautéed foie gras, crab and fennel bisque, veal, beef and asparagus roulades with French truffle spatzle and pinot noir mushroom sauce.

Topping off is bittersweet chocolate Bavarian fricassee of mixed berries, hazelnut crisp and chocolate sauce. For \$90 per couple, and appealing to those preferring meatless choices, is mushroom torte with a rich tomato reduction, no anchovy Caesar salad with hearts of palm, carrot, spinach custard and lemon heart tuiles. The principal plate is grilled vegetable Napoleon with rutabaga gnocchi, roasted salsify and a truffle cream sauce. The menu ends with a warm apple gateau. All Valentine's Day dinner

Cupid's picks

In addition to their regular menu, these restaurants have special Valentine's Day offerings. Reservations are necessary. All prices quoted above are exclusive of tax and gratuity.

♥ **Cafe Bon Homme**
844 Penniman, Plymouth
(313) 453-6260

♥ **Cafe Cortina**
30715 W. 10 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills
(810) 474-3033

♥ **Emily's**
505 N. Center, Northville
(810) 349-0505

♥ **Forté**
201 S. Woodward, Birmingham
(810) 594-7300

♥ **The Lark**
6430 Farmington Rd., W. Bloomfield
(810) 661-4466

♥ **Morels: a Michigan Bistro**
30100 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms
(810) 642-1094

♥ **Ocean Grille**
280 N. Woodward, Birmingham
(810) 646-7001

♥ **Rugby Grille at The Townsend Hotel**
100 Townsend Street, Birmingham
(810) 642-5999

♥ **The Whitney**
4421 Woodward, Detroit
(313) 832-5700

guests receive a special 10th anniversary Whitney Commemorative Coin which is also a \$10 gift certificate redeemable at a next dinner visit.

Order Valentine's Day dinner to go

Romantics who can't bear the thought of crowded restaurants, but don't have time to cook a fabulous Valentine's Day feast, can order dinner to go from Schoolcraft College.

The feast for two features Citrus Marinated Shrimp, Beautiful Baby Greens, Chicken or Salmon "Lovers's Lane" topped with a creamy cheese mousse, roasted pepper, wild mushrooms and spinach folded into an herbed phyllo dough presented with a tomato kissed chardonnay cream sauce, Winter Risotto, hearth baked breads and rolls from Breadsmith Bakery, and Chocolate Chambord Fantasy.

The cost is \$34.95 per couple, and proceeds benefit Schoolcraft

College's Culinary Arts program. Call Schoolcraft College, Chef Sylvia Hayes, (313) 462-4491 to place your order.

Dinners can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at any one of these locations:

§ Schoolcraft College, Professor Pantry, Waterman Center on campus, Seven Mile at Haggerty, Livonia — (313) 462-4491.

§ Two Unique Caterers, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills (east of Woodward between Long Lake Road & Wattles) — (810) 642-5240.

§ Breadsmith of Bloomfield, 3592 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills (northeast corner of Lahser near the Farmer Jack) — (810) 540-

8001.
§ Breadsmith of Farmington Hills, 32990 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills (southeast corner of 14 Mile & Middlebelt) — (810) 855-5808.

§ Breadsmith of Troy, 5069 Livernois, Troy (northwest corner of Long Lake & Livernois) — (810) 879-8997.

For those who would prefer to prepare this feast themselves, you'll find the recipes, compliments of Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of Two Unique Caterers, and a part-time instructor at Schoolcraft College, in Sunday's

Taste section.

■ La Petite Fleur, 818 Bowers Street, Birmingham (south of Maple, east of Woodward) is also offering specially planned dinners to go. Orders will be taken until Monday, Feb. 10.

These dinners feature choice of Chicken Marsala or Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce, with accompaniments, and Silky Chocolate Mousse with fresh raspberry sauce for dessert. The cost is \$15.95 per dinner, plus tax and gratuity. Call (810) 642-2491 for more information.

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Cacciarelli installed



JoAnn Cacciarelli

JoAnn Cacciarelli, a Realtor with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Bloomfield Hills, has been installed as president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.

Cacciarelli, a Bloomfield Hills resident and a seven-year real estate veteran, also has served on the community services committee of the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors.

Singer joins Brook



Kenneth Singer

Kenneth Singer, principal owner of a family building business founded in 1921, has joined Max Brook Realtors in Birmingham as a sales associate.

Singer, who lives in Farmington Hills, has built numerous custom houses, apartment units and commercial buildings.

Pliska to head board



Robert J. Pliska

Robert J. Pliska, president of Property Services Group in Birmingham, has been named president of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors.

Pliska, with more than 25 years experience in commercial real estate, also is a certified public accountant. He holds degrees from the University of Detroit and Michigan State University.

Dembs at symposium

Manny Dembs, president of M.J. Group Ltd. in West Bloomfield, participated in the 8th annual National Association of Home Builders Custom Builder Symposium in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Participants attended educational programs on design, marketing, production and business management.

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Toughing it out: Jim Eldridge, a Realtor with an upbeat attitude, doesn't let the topsy-turvy challenges of selling in winter get him down.

Winter's fury takes a bite at Realtors

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

'People are more hesitant to drive around when the roads are bad. Advertising helps structure things for them so they're not wandering around so much.'

John Goodman

Selling houses, challenging work at any time, can be especially daunting during the winter season.

All kinds of roadblocks ranging from scarcity of product to bitter cold, snowy weather test the mettle of Realtors plying their trade.

"It certainly makes it more difficult," said Natalie Wilson, a Realtor with Max Brook in West Bloomfield and a 22-year sales veteran.

"At an open house, you can't get your signs to stay up," she said. "You get winds. You're trying to put signs in a snowbank."

"Sometimes, people don't want you in their homes: They don't want slush and salt brought in, their carpet all trampled up," added Jim Eldridge, a Realtor with RE/MAX Crossroads in Canton.

"Out of respect to homeowners, usually you and people you bring in take your shoes and boots off in the foyer so you don't track the house up," he said. "That can be a pain."

Winter's snow blanket can cover up what prospects want to see.

"The house doesn't show as good from the outside," said John Goodman, a multi-million dollar sales producer with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth. "It may have dazzling landscaping you can't see."

"It's difficult to see what the yard is like and people do base their decisions on that," Wilson concurred.

Goodman recommends that homeowners who contemplate selling take

pictures of their yards during the other three seasons of the year to make available to potential buyers.

Winter seems to be a greater incubator for flu, colds and coughs than other times of the year. Sellers aren't always able — or willing — to show their houses at a moment's notice.

Homebound sellers also have a lot of time to think, especially if the roads slick up, winds howl, the temperature plummets and things don't move as quickly as they would hope.

"They question your strategies. It's a vicious little circle," Goodman said.

A little warmth goes a long way during the winter doldrums.

"You keep your car running," Eldridge continued. "You've got to keep people warm. You just lock it when you get to a house and keep it running. You don't want to inconvenience people."

But prospects do have limits. "No one goes out in 30 below," said Marilyn Chicorel Megdell, an associate broker with Century 21 Today in Bingham Farms.

Wilson, however, recalled the time that would-be buyers refused to be stymied by inclement weather.

"The roads were so bad, they borrowed a friend's snowmobile, came back and looked at a house and they bought it," she said.

Eldridge had a similar experience with snow-clogged roads.

"Prices were going up the next day in a new sub," he said. "I could only get in so far with my car."

"The builder happened to be there and had a snowmobile on his truck. He came to my car on the snowmobile to get the deposit and purchase agreement so we could save the customer \$1,500."

Megdell had a memorable, less-than-desirable winter experience.

"I was having an open house and went to start the Jacuzzi in the basement to make it look good, but the pipe broke and water was all over," she said. "I think it broke because of the cold weather. I closed the open house. I had to get the thing fixed."

Goodman believes that it's more important to advertise listings during the winter than any other season.

"People are more hesitant to drive around when the roads are bad," he said. "Advertising helps structure things for them so they're not wandering around so much."

Realtors seem to agree that folks who shop for a house in winter are pretty sincere.

"If it's really cold, I know I'm working with a seriously motivated buyer or seller," Eldridge said.

"In nice weather, you get people

who say, 'Let's look at the decorating,'" Wilson said. "They're not doing that in this weather. They're serious."

It always helps to have an upbeat attitude.

Eldridge said he isn't one to hibernate during winter and the beginning of a new year.

"For me, it's like starting school, spring football practice," he said. "It's exciting ... making my goals. The slate is clean. It's encouraging. If buyers come out now, think how wonderful it will be in February, March and April when things warm up a little bit," he said.

"The nice thing is when it's not nice weather outside, you can't go play golf," Goodman said. "All you can do is work. There's nothing to sidetrack you."

Megdell said she just refuses to let the inconveniences of winter get her down.

"I've often said to sellers who say I'll wait for spring, don't, because people who will trudge through cold weather and snow are serious buyers. I believe you'll have less competition," Megdell said.

Sellers who list in winter are usually selling for a reason at that time of year and usually motivated to make some kind of deal, Megdell tells buyers.

"You pump yourself up every day to do your best for your clients. That's how I stay motivated," she said.

"You have to have a venturesome spirit in real estate," Wilson said. "Otherwise, how could you spend so much time on it?"

Lead-based paint must be disclosed when selling

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I understand that there is a new lead base paint disclosure requirement. Can you give me some insight?

A: Yes. If you are selling or leasing property built before 1978, the law requires you to provide the buyer at the time of sale and the renter at the time of lease or renewal of lease with a pamphlet entitled "Protect your Family from Lead in your Home" which is available from the National Lead Clearinghouse at 800-424-LEAD. You are also required to obtain from the buyer at the time of sale or the renter at the time of the lease or renewal of the lease, the execution of certain disclosure forms which are also available from the National Lead Clearinghouse. The sales contract and rental lease must also contain a warning statement disclosing the presence of known lead base paint or in lieu thereof,

asserting no knowledge of the presence of such hazards. You must also provide the homebuyer with a 10 day back out opportunity if the homebuyer wishes to conduct an inspection at their expense for the presence of lead base paint. The 10 day rule does not apply to rentals. The law does not require owners to make inspections of their properties. You are well advised to consult with an attorney regarding the requirement of the law.

Q: I moved into a condominium recently and find now that it is not convenient. I asked the board if I could rent and they said no until I lived there for a year. Is this fair or does it discriminate against me? I looked at the bylaws which apparently allow this type of provision.

A: In considering a provision prohibiting a co-owner and his parents, children, sisters or brothers from renting unless they have lived there for a period of one year, I believe that such provision would be sustainable form investing in the condominium.

While I am not aware of any specific case on this issue in Michigan, it appears that other states have allowed reasonable restrictions on the rental of units.

Obviously, if the provision was recorded as part of the bylaws you, as purchaser, were on constructive notice of it when you purchased your condominium.

You may wish to have an attorney, however, look at the procedures of the association to insure that they perhaps have not reviewed the matter and that they have not varied from their policy and may be guilty of unequal enforcement of this provision.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in areas of condominium, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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Table listing various real estate transactions in Wayne County, including addresses, sale prices, and dates.

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VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) - Parents shopping for a new home would have some peace of mind under a new federal law that requires sellers to tell prospective buyers if a home contains lead-based paint.

Guide for rechargeable power users

Rechargeable batteries are great for the environment, but knowing how and when to recharge them can get confusing.

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Architect-decorator Marino likes to emphasize client's comfort and tastes

end of my life," Marino said, "and that puts me not in the avant-garde."

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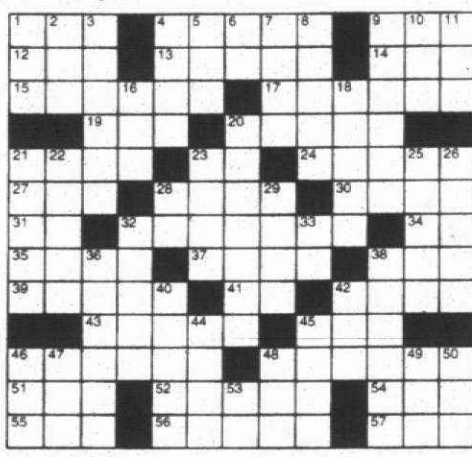
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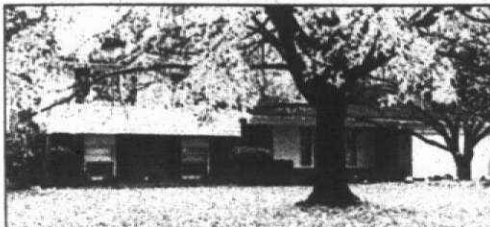
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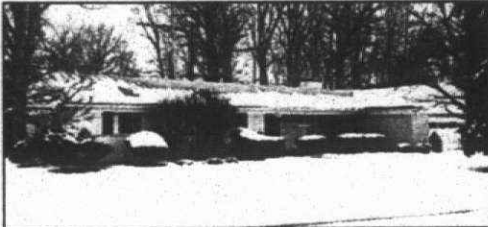
CANTON
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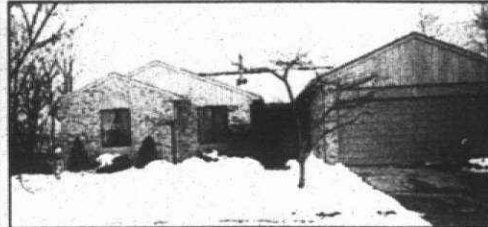
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DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON! Spacious brick Ranch with 4 bedrooms, living room, family room, 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 car garage and tons of storage space.
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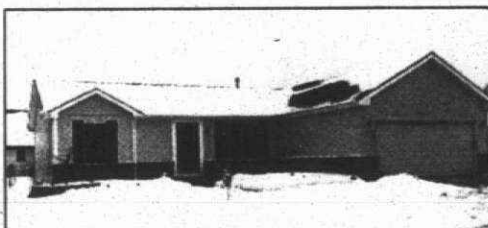
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BEAUTIFUL BEYOND BELIEF is this 3 bedroom brick and vinyl Ranch. 1,480 sq. ft. Custom kitchen. Master suite with bath. First floor laundry. Two car garage. Livonia schools.
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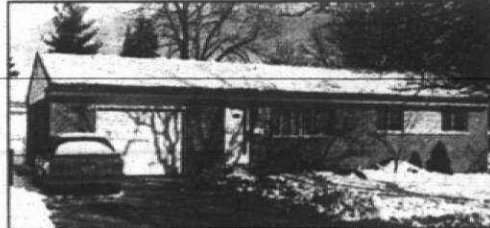
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FARMINGTON RANCH! Walk to downtown from this Warner Farms Ranch. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, central air, and much, much more!
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WESTLAND
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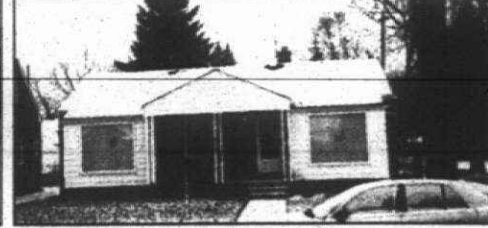
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THREE BEDROOM BRICK & ALUMINUM Ranch. Has a nice remodeled kitchen with all new cabinets, counter and floor. Two full baths, finished basement. Attached two car garage.
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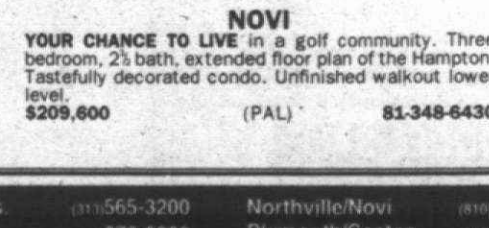
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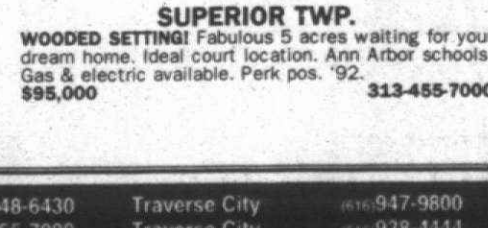
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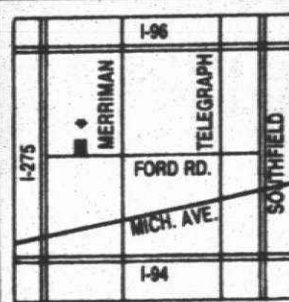
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