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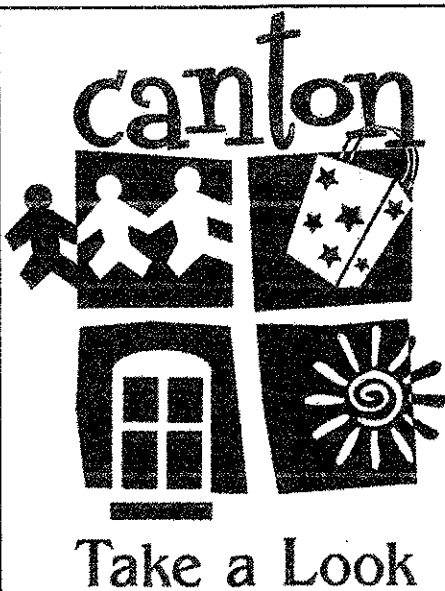
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Making math magical at Gallimore



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Night school: Sammy Marlin (left) and Jackie Houdek, both 5, play Top It during the Gallimore Elementary Math Magic program Tuesday night at the school. In the photo at right, Samuel Kang, 9, and his sister Sarah, 7, play the game as their dad Stephen Kang oversees. More than 140 students — about 1/3 of the enrollment — had signed up in advance for the night of activities and fun. The games are part of the new mathematics curriculum at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.



Campaign promises new 'look' at Canton

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Canton is not what it used to be. And the township will soon make sure everyone knows it when it launches its "Canton: Take a Look" campaign. "We think it's time to draw more attention to Canton and the community it's become," Renee Wrublewski, Canton Municipal Services communication specialist, told the board of

trustees Tuesday. "We're not the same old cornfield, cow-chip township we were."

The township's image campaign will include a short video, four-color print materials, a fresh logo as well as the catchy slogan, and will be officially launched at the March 7 state of the township address.

Communication specialist Kristin Abbott said she and Wrublewski took

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District materials tackle 'club drugs'

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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If your child were taking Special K, would you know it was an illegal drug, or would you think it was a breakfast cereal?

The use of "club drugs" among teens is on the rise, and the Van Buren Public Schools district is taking steps to make information available to parents and their children.

A number of the latest materials on club drugs will be available for community review during the month of February.

The pamphlets will be available for inspection for half an hour prior to regularly scheduled board meetings on Monday and again on Feb. 26.

The brochures address the rising popularity of Ecstasy, GHB, Rohypnol, Ketamine and other so-called "Rave" drugs.

"I wanted to prepare something that we can give to kids and parents to make them more aware," said Mary Ann Emerson, a registered nurse who is a member of the Van Buren ISD

Health Advisory Committee.

She described the club drugs as "very ominous" as they can be slipped into drinks.

"Ecstasy is back in a huge way. LSD is back too," she said. "Almost any child age 16 or over is vulnerable," she said.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said Ecstasy and Ketamine, an animal tranquilizer also known as Special K, has "really taken over."

Ficano said at a recent Detroit Rave party raided by the Sheriff's Office, 83 of the 200 party goers were taken into custody. Twenty-two partygoers were age 17 or younger.

"Most of them were from the suburbs," Ficano noted.

Local case

Last year, a 17-year-old Canton youth was convicted of criminal sexual conduct and poisoning charges after using GHB to incapacitate and then have sex with a Canton High School classmate at a local party in June

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Daycare plan draws fire

■ **Hannan Road residents say a daycare center planned by Abundant Life Church will make an already difficult situation worse.**

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New pavement, aggressive drivers and a generous speed limit have become one big headache to Hannan Road residents. Add to that 30 children being dropped off at a proposed daycare center, and they say the headache will become intolerable.

■ **'It's total chaos. Traffic already backs up past the church.'**

— Steve Sergy, Hannan Road resident

"It's total chaos," said resident Steve Sergy of the current traffic conditions near his home. "Traffic already backs up past the church."

Abundant Life Church has proposed

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'Yea' or 'Nay'

The logo pictured at left will be unveiled next month as part of a campaign to freshen the township's image. It won't replace the existing "Canton Community" logo but will be used in addition to the familiar tree. The Observer would like to hear what readers think of the new design. You can:

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Safety factor cited in runway move

METTETAL AIRPORT

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A few years ago, a discussion about extending the runway at Mettetal Airport could have launched a protest from the community. But last week, Randy Collier, state liaison for Mettetal Airport, said he hopes a runway shift and possible addition of 240 feet will of pavement will take flight.

At issue is the runway's proximity to Joy Road. Pilots have on many occasions expressed their safety concerns, stating the runway is only 50 feet from the road, explained Mark Merlanti, chair of the Canton Plymouth Mettetal Advisory Board to the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

"A plane hitting a vehicle was our concern," Merlanti said during a Jan. 30 township board study session.

Because of new federal stan-

dards, the runway is not compliant with the FAA, said Mark Noel, Bureau of Aeronautics. The potential problem, he said, is for pilots landing at the south end of the runway, braking while they head north. Runways now require a 200-foot safety area at the end of the runway. Currently, that safety area extends well past the end of the runway and crosses Joy Road.

Noel said there are several options to increase safety at the north end of the runway. One, he said, is to move Joy Road. That, however, is expensive and would be detrimental to nearby businesses and traffic flow.

Second, he said, Joy Road could be tunneled under the runway, a solution he called even more costly and disruptive.

Third, the runway could shift 240 feet to the south.

"This solution would have virtu-

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Weather cited as factor in I-275 bridge break-up

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The Ann Arbor Road bridge over I-275 is safe to drive on and under, according to officials from both Wayne County Department of Public Services and Michigan Department of Transportation.

Both John Roach, a Department of Public Services spokesman and Rob Morosi, an MDOT spokesman, gave their thumbs up for travel despite pieces of the bridge having fragmented and fallen onto I-275 Sunday afternoon.

Two motorists traveling southbound on I-275 under the Ann Arbor Road bridge Sunday afternoon experienced some wheel and tire damage to their vehicles from sections of the bridge that crumbled onto the roadway, Roach said. No one was injured.

The size of the pieces varied. Roach described it as large chunks. Morosi called it fragments.

■ **'The seal was compromised. Water got down through the bridge deck.'**

—John Roach,

Wayne County Roads spokesman

Roach attributed the problem to spalling, an engineering term meaning to break up or split, or to break off in layers parallel to a surface.

"The seal was compromised," Roach said. "Water got down through the bridge deck. It's the freeze-thaw effect. Some surface area separated. It's not like there's a big hole in the bridge deck."

The situation drew the wrath of State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who demanded MDOT immediately inspect and repair the bridge while calling for inspection of all other bridges

in Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Canton and Redford. "People travel I-275 to and from work every day," McCotter said. "It is unacceptable the second busiest expressway in Michigan should be a bigger threat to motorists than winter weather."

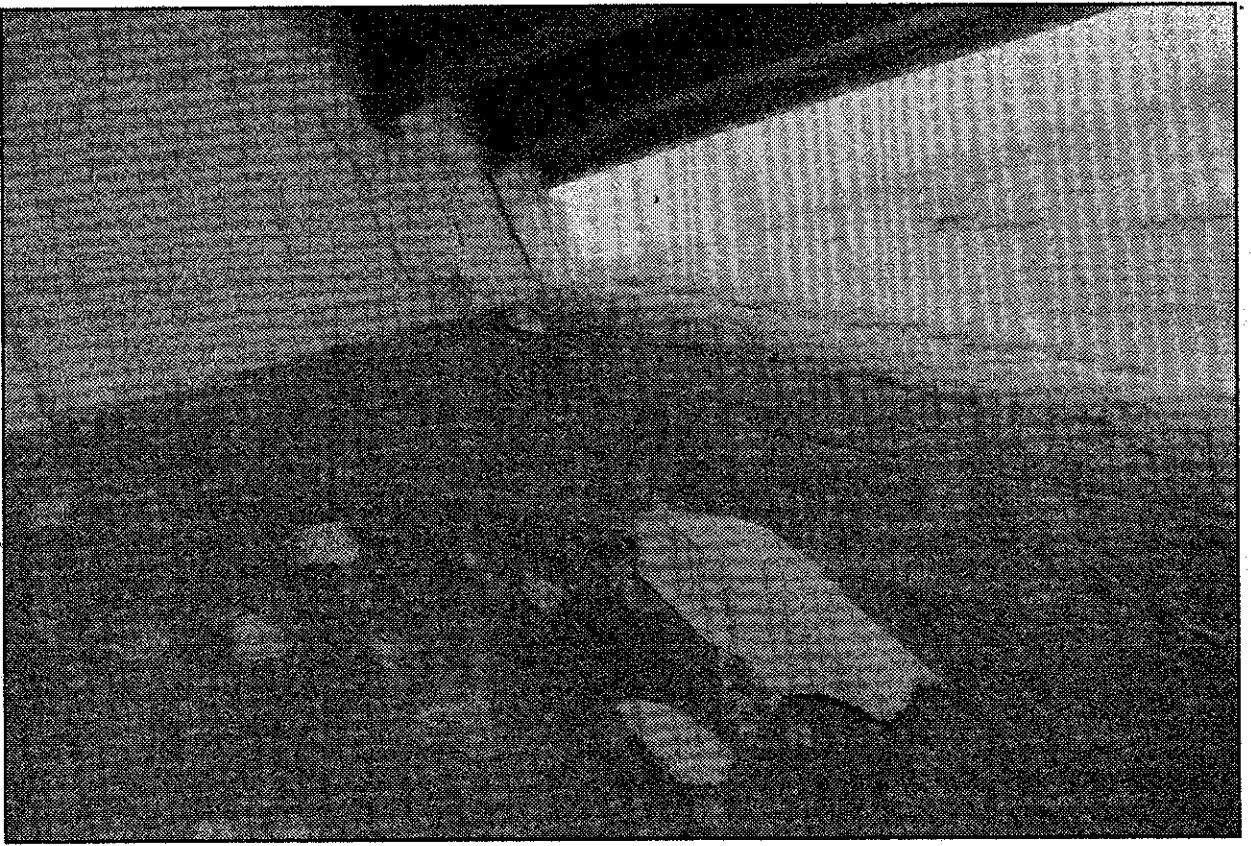
MDOT last inspected the bridge in August, according to Morosi.

"We found deterioration of abutments on the bridge on the side," Morosi said. "It wasn't a safety issue then."

MDOT moved the Ann Arbor Road bridge up the inspection time schedule with another inspection scheduled this August. "We have 10,000 bridges in the state," Morosi said.

MDOT will continue to investigate the situation, Morosi said. Workmen who examined the other side of the bridge Monday reiterated traffic can travel safely, Morosi said.

A "countless number of factors" could have caused the problem, some attributed to the weather, he said. Some concrete fell off the underside of the deck, explained Michael Sanders, an MDOT area



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Falling rock zone: Two cars were hit when pieces of the Ann Arbor Road bridge over I-275 crumbled and fell to the expressway Sunday. No injuries were reported.

maintenance engineer.

Though Wayne County cleaned up the mess and evaluated the situation Sunday to prevent further problems, Roach pointed out routine bridge inspections don't fall under the county's jurisdiction.

"This is not a county bridge,"

Roach said. "The county is not responsible. Clearly, inspections like that are the function of MDOT. I'm getting calls from the media asking, 'When was the last time the county inspected that bridge?'"

Following report of the incident at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

some southbound lanes of I-275 were closed from about 3 to 5 p.m.

The freeway was never completely closed, said Michigan State Police Sgt. David Robertson. "It was backed up for awhile," he said.

Libraries team up for session on 'zines'

Local teens with an urge to publish their own "zine" can get creative help this weekend though a program co-sponsored

by the Plymouth and Canton libraries.

The Plymouth District Library will host "The Book of Zines" author Chip Rowe for a program on "Zines - What are they? How can I start one?"

Only teens in grades six through 12 are eligible to participate in the special program.

"Zines (rhymes with scenes) are self-published, amateur mini-magazines that are often dedicated to a single topic and usually written from a counter-culture perspective.

The publications are often cobbled together with the use of desktop publishing software and a photocopier.

As a medium, 'zines can be traced back to the art world of

the 1920s, the science fiction "fanzines" of the 1930s and even high school underground newspapers.

The publications have been likened to "the print equivalent of a garage band's home recording," according to the Canton Public Library.

After some instruction from Rowe, the session will be turned over to the teens to create their own 'zines.

The program will be held 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Plymouth District Library.

To register for the program, call (734) 453-0750 and select option 4.

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THE LATEST FACTS ON STRETCHING

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Another benefit of stretching is that it relieves stress, and helps individuals to get more in touch with their body before beginning strenuous exercise. If you have been injured, or are experiencing pain, or decreased physical ability, ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, or call 455-8370 to schedule a consultation and exam at our state-of-the-art facilities, located at 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 20, in Plymouth. For your convenience, we offer day and evening appointments.

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Area medical team now in India

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A St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical team has arrived in western India to help earthquake victims.

After a 30-hour flight, the five-member crew landed in Amandabar Tuesday. On Wednesday, they left in a sport utility vehicle for a six-hour drive to Bhuj, which is the epicenter of the 7.9-magnitude quake and most devastated area.

The team will spend three to five days there, joining a camp, said a hospital spokeswoman who received a voice mail mes-

sage from the group Tuesday.

"They have seen a lot of collapsed houses and destruction, and are all anxious to begin their work," said Julie Sproul, St. Mary Mercy community relations director in a written statement. "(They) want everyone to know they are all well and that things are going as planned."

On the home front, St. Mary Mercy Hospital has collected more than \$25,000 in monetary donations, which is being used to buy needed medical supplies for the mission.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

A box sits on a reception desk in the hospital entrance where people can still contribute. Donations may also be sent to the St. Mary Mercy Foundation, in care of Sherri Fletcher, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia 48154. (734) 655-5151.

Though the \$25,000 is a good start, more money is needed for crucial supplies, hospital officials said.

Drs. B. Babu Paidipaty, Ash Gokli and A. Raheman Nakadar are joined by two St. Mary Mercy registered nurses Barbara

Dowel and Mary Greer. Greer is a Livonia resident.

Initially, there were 12 members slated to go, which included respiratory specialists and an orthopedic specialist. At the urging of the India government, Paidipaty and Gokli scaled back the mission.

On Sunday, family and friends joined them at Metropolitan Airport for their departure. Northwest Airlines donated free air-trip tickets from Detroit to Bombay.

A formal reception is planned after their return Sunday, Feb. 18.

'Jim the Barber' had kind words for all

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For nearly 40 years, there wasn't a day in Plymouth you wouldn't hear the sound of honking horns as cars drove past Jim's Barber Shop on Main Street.

"There was a good chance that if you drove by and blew your horn, dad would be standing in the window, cutting hair, and wave back," said Jeff Powers of Plymouth, who in the mid-1970's, at age 12, shined shoes in the barber shop.

It wasn't any different last Monday morning. After the funeral service for Jim Powers Sr. at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton, the procession of cars to Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery drove down Main Street, past the barber shop, honking their horns.

"He had so many friends, and was loved by everybody," said Sheila Carriere of Dearborn Heights, the oldest of seven children. "And you can't be a barber

without having lots of stories."

"Everybody in Plymouth would come to sit and talk with him, just to kill the time," added Powers. "He told so many stories that there was a good chance you could grow your hair back by the time you got out of the chair. It was like Mayberry RFD ... he knew just about everybody in town."

Jim Powers died of a heart attack Jan. 26, eight days after finding out his leukemia was in remission.

"We just came back from a trip to Hawaii, and on that same day he found out the good news from his doctor," said Carriere. "He was fortunate to spend a lot of time with his friends, family and grandchildren before he died."

Jim the Barber, as he was known to most, was a great story teller who enjoyed playing euchre at the Knights of Columbus, golfing, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was recognized as being non-judgmental and enjoyed helping



James Powers

people.

"If a customer was ill, or home-bound, he would pack up his 'tool box' and go cut their hair," said Carriere.

"He was a great guy with lots of stories, though I'm not sure how many of them were true," said 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, who had his hair cut at Jim's for nearly 15 years. "He always used to tell

me he would correct his mistakes the next time I came in."

Jim Powers retired in 1995, after cutting hair for 40 years. However, he still owned the shop at 550 S. Main.

For Powers, Carriere and their siblings, visiting dad at the barber shop was a big part of their lives.

"Nothing was better than walking to his shop after school, putting a dime in the pop machine and sitting in the air conditioning talking to him," remembers Carriere. "The best was when he would give us the key to the pop machine and we wouldn't have to pay."

"I learned, from him, about the art of finding common ground with people," added Powers.

Jim the Barber was buried with a pair of sheers and a comb tucked neatly inside his jacket pocket.

And, of course, the funeral was held on a Monday, traditionally a day barber shops are closed for business.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Caribbean-bound: Observer Newspaper contest winner Kristie Meyer shares her good fortune with the paper's Newshound mascot.

Reader wins trip

When Kristie Meyer's caller identification machine told her the Observer was calling on Friday, she wondered what it was about.

"It's a good thing I didn't ignore it," said Kristie, who picked up the phone to learn she had won a week-long Caribbean vacation for two.

Meyer, who lives in Livonia, was the grand-prize winner in the Observer & Eccentric's Scrambler contest, a word-search game that was published in all 16 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for 12 consecutive Thursdays.

Meyer, who said she "never won anything like this in my life," didn't expect to win this time, either. "I was just praying for a trip," she said.

There was one weekly drawing for each of the 12 puzzles, with prizes of \$100 (first place), two movies passes (second) and a 60-minute phone card (third). All the winners

had found at least the minimum of 10 of the 20 words hidden in each puzzle, said Larry Geiger, consumer sales and marketing manager at the O&E.

"I think the puzzle people really got into it and really wanted to find all the words," Geiger said.

After the 12th week, all entries - 5,200 - were included in the final drawing.

Meyer, who takes care of residents at Woodhaven Retirement Community in Livonia, had entered just twice. She likes puzzles, she said, but rarely finds the time to work on them.

She'll take her 20-year-old son and spend a week at the Jack Tar Village-St. Kitts Resort and Casino. "I'm sure I'll find time," she said.

Her winning entry foretells her good fortune, with words such as "island," "beaches" and "surf" in the puzzle.

Canton teen competes in Junior Miss pageant

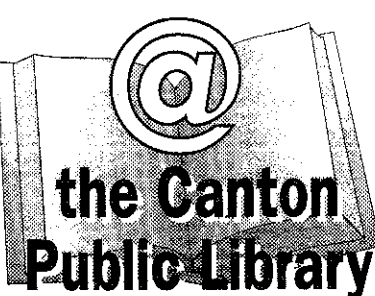
Nicole Lynn Mellian, 16, recently won the title of Miss Junior Canton and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior Michigan on Feb. 24.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mellian of Canton.

The winner of the state title will travel to New York to com-

pete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

Nicole attends Plymouth Salem High School and is active in choir, the school radio station, theatre (Thespians), dance, and playing piano. Sponsoring Nicole in the state pageant is Saturn of Plymouth.



Did you know?

■ Studies reveal that eating excessive amounts of foods that are high in vitamin A, such as liver, carrots and cantaloupe, may result in headaches or nausea?

■ Mice love the flavor of peanut butter even more than cheese?

■ Studies have proven that electric bug zappers have no effect on mosquitoes? Mosquitoes have a special sense that keeps them away from magnetic fields.

■ To remove grease stains from your concrete driveway you can rub kitty litter into the stain and let stand for one-two hours before sweeping it up?

■ Smearing petroleum jelly around the base of plant stems will make ants and other crawling insects slide right off, protecting your plants?

Web Watch

Check out these Web sites:

- www.badfads.com
- www.theholidayspot.com
- www.valentineday.com
- www.videoculture.org
- www.smashing.com

Home theater

Check out these videos available from the library:

- Chicken Run
- The China Syndrome
- Gladiator
- The Perfect Storm

X-Men

Library construction update

The library will be closed to the public from Feb. 19-March 2 for lobby construction. For information, visit the proposed floor plan and photo album of the expansion at: www.cantonpl.org

For young readers

Here are some youth-oriented autobiographies:

- *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl
- *Under My Nose* by Lois Ehlert
- *Self-portrait*, Trina Schart Hyman by Tina Schart Hyman
- *Stars Come Out Within* by Jean Little
- *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* by Anita Lobel

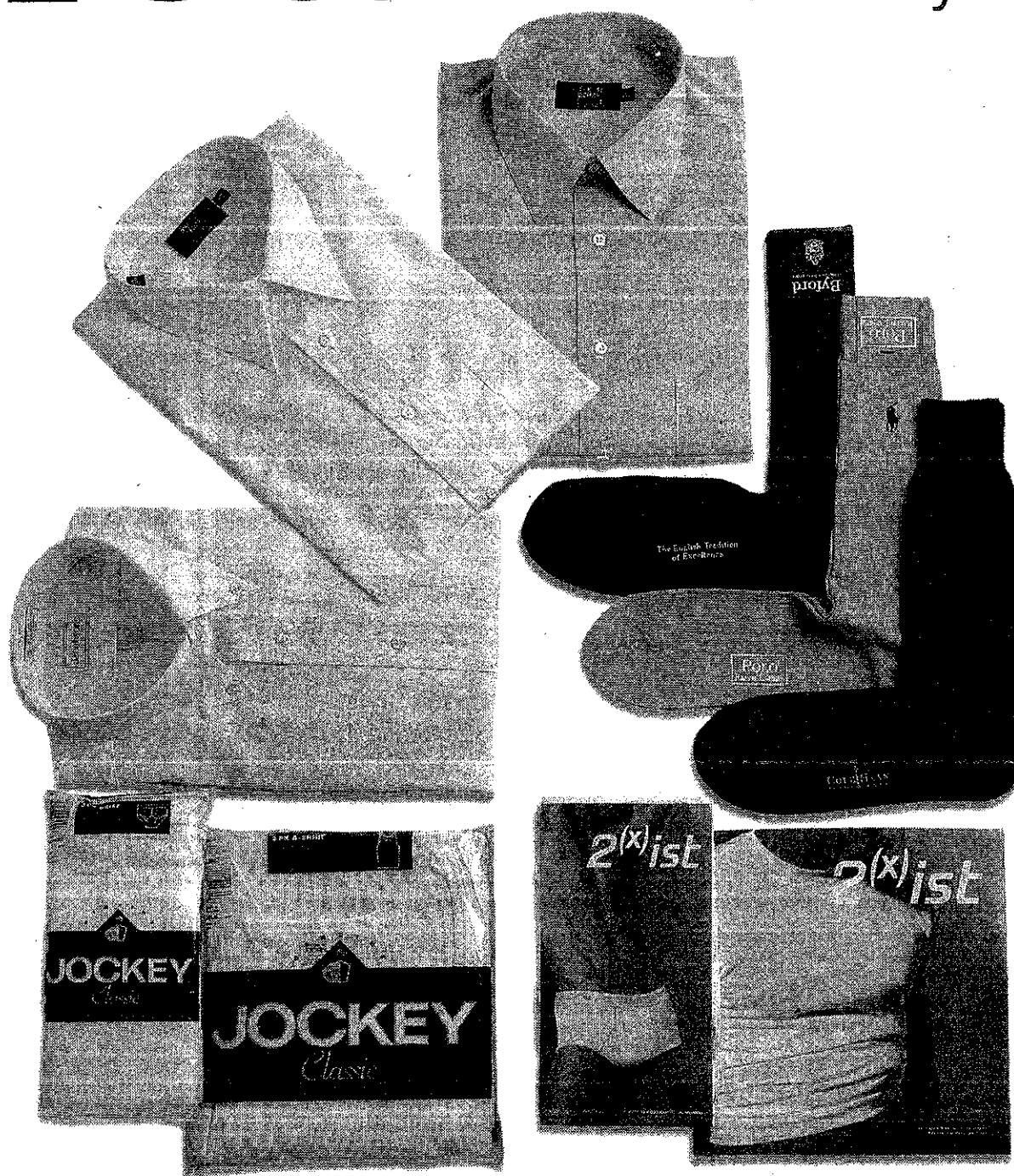
Q&A

Q: Who was the "Dictionary Lady"?

A: In 1992, an African American woman, Annie Onieta Plummer, noticed that children on their way to school in a Savannah, Ga., neighborhood were not carrying books. It struck her that children who had a book of their own could be inspired to read and learn. With \$50, she bought 30 dictionaries and handed them out to children on the street corner. In each book she wrote the motto of the United Negro College Fund, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Other people heard of Plummer's idea, and began sending her money. By 1996, she had given dictionaries to more than 17,000 children and by 1999, the total was nearly 35,000. Plummer's daughter, Barbara Dorsey, now leads the Dictionary Lady Foundation after Plummer's death in 1999.

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Daycare from page A1

the building of a 6,870-square-foot recreation and daycare center on the church site. The church needs special land use for the center, which the commission tabled Monday.

The proposed four-room daycare center will occupy 770 square feet of the building, and can accommodate 39 people – students and staff.

Safety issue

Lifelong Hannan Road resident Sherry Hannan said she and she and her 25 neighbors have had to stop their children from riding their bikes down

their road because it's no longer safe to do so.

Hannan said that before the road was paved a year and a half ago, neighborhood children could play outside and their pets were safe even if they occasionally strayed across the road.

But last week, two of her neighbor's dogs were killed by speeding drivers.

Hannan said she's called the township and Wayne County Roads Department on numerous occasions, and so far, no one has been able to offer her any hope of having the 45 mph speed limit

'Why does the county have such a deaf ear and why does it take deaths to change things?'

–Vic Gustafson,

Canton Planning Commission chairman

reduced.

Abundant Life Church's pastor, Fred Weaver, was out of town on business Monday. In a phone interview after the meeting, he explained the speed limit has always been 45 mph on Hannan Road.

"The gravel never slowed anybody down before the road was paved," he said.

Hannan said Canton has sent selective enforcement officers to ticket speeding motorists in front of her home.

"They wrote out seven tickets in one hour in my driveway,"

Hannan said, but even that has not helped slow down drivers.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin suggested the residents approach church leaders and ask them to be more neighborly.

Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson agreed the problem on Hannan Road is speed.

"Why does the county have such a deaf ear and why does it take deaths to change things?" he asked.

Township Planner Judy Bocklage explained the county has

criteria a road must meet before it will change the speed limit.

McLaughlin said even while working for former county Commissioner Bruce Patterson she wasn't able to convince the county to lower her road's speed limit that is "something short of death."

McLaughlin gave her take on the county's view on roads: "Roads are there to get you from point A to point B in the shortest period of time. ... If it interferes with the quality of life, move. If your dogs are getting hit, tie them up or fence them in. ... Their goal is not about your quality of life."

She suggested residents contact the current county commissioner, John Sullivan.

Fairness questioned

Neighbors to the proposed daycare said it's not fair to allow the church to build the large center, when their own plans to build out buildings have been turned down by the township.

"We've all tried to put up garages and little things and were told we can't," said Hannan. "You know that's not right."

Seregny added that he was denied the right to build a storage barn on his property.

"I don't think it's fair," he told the commission. "It's just not right."

Seregny said since the road has been paved, his property value has decreased, and he blames the church.

"Abundant Life has only been at this site for a short time," Seregny wrote in a letter to the commission. "They pushed to have the road paved and now want to turn part of our neighborhood into a business that will bring more traffic. If that's what they wanted, perhaps they should have settled at a different location. Put the daycare center in the pastor's back yard."

Property values

Weaver took issue with Seregny's argument.

"The property values have gone up since our congregation moved into the church and the road was paved," he said.

Weaver explained his 300-member congregation's efforts were instrumental in the paving project, and he headed the committee to pave Hannan Road.

Because of his efforts, Weaver said he's suffered from his neighbors' backlash.

"You can't believe the abuse I've put up with from these people," he said. Weaver said someone even erected a sign that read: "The Hannan Road Improvement Committee can go to Hell."

"The bitterness from these people confuses me," Weaver said.

Weaver said before his congregation moved from their former building in Westland to the Hannan Road church, the building had been vacant for 25 years.

"The church sat there untouched and unbeautified for 25 years. But can you believe how beautiful it's going to be when it's done?" Weaver said. "It's going to be a showpiece."

Weaver also stated although he is a forgiving man, if his Hannan Road neighbors want to go toe-to-toe, he'll do so.

"In the past I've kept my mouth shut about some of the things people do on that road," Weaver said, citing an example of an unlicensed business in the neighborhood. "I thought it was none of my business. But there's going to be some reckoning."

Project architect Patricia Hurst, the only representative for the church at Monday's meeting, was unable to provide information about the church and the daycare center, including how many members belong to the church, whether the daycare services will be free to church members, and whether the daycare will be available for the public.

Gustafson expressed his anger with the church over its lack of representation at the meeting.

Commissioners suggested that the church should send additional representatives when the issue is taken up again.

Weaver said he certainly will attend, as will many of his congregation.

"You can be assured of one thing," Weaver said. "I was not absent from that meeting because I was afraid of anybody. You can believe that."

After the hearing, commissioners pondered limiting church- and school-based daycare facility sizes, stating some centers violate the spirit of township zoning ordinances.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

2001 CDBG FUNDS: PROPOSED USES AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Plymouth is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using 2001 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide benefits to senior citizens.
- To provide benefits to physically challenged citizens
- To provide benefits directly to persons of low/moderate income and/or areas in which at least 51% of the residents are of low/moderate income.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

PROPOSED 2001 PROJECTS:

The City anticipates receiving approximately \$83,000 in CDBG funds for the year 2001, and has identified the following potential projects for use of these funds:

1. Senior Programs	
a. Senior Citizen Van Driver	\$25,000
b. Senior Citizen Dispatcher	\$ 5,000
c. Senior Citizen Chore Service	\$ 6,500
d. Senior Citizen Newsletter	\$ 2,000
	\$38,500
2. Old Village Improvement Project	\$17,000
3. ADA Compliance Project	\$24,500
4. Administration	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$83,000

PUBLIC HEARING:

Citizens are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above, and to suggest other projects. All projects must meet on the Federal CDBG objectives.

A public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed uses of 2001 CDBG funds, and additional suggestions for use of said funds, will be held by the Plymouth City Commission on Tuesday, February 20, 2001 at 7:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

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Map showing location at Canton Center Road and Eureka Rd.

Party store clerk ticketed in alcohol sting

A clerk at the Pine Tree Plaza party store, 39409 Joy, was ticketed after she sold alcohol to a minor Feb. 1.

Police sent an 18-year-old decoy into the store to buy liquor, and she was able to purchase a six-pack of beer.

When police questioned the clerk, a 40-year-old Plymouth woman, she said she thought the decoy had been in the store previously and bought alcohol.

Police issued the clerk a citation for selling alcohol to a minor.

The woman will appear in court Feb. 28, and the Liquor Control Commission has been notified of the incident.

Abduction reported

Canton police were called to Napier and Ford roads, where a woman may have been dropped

off after being abducted.

A 55-year-old Algonac man called police after his 41-year-old wife phoned him, saying she had been abducted from her workplace in Detroit and dropped off in rural Canton.

When Canton police arrived, the woman and her husband were sitting in his pickup truck.

The woman said she had driven to work and had pulled into the parking lot.

A man who she said had abducted her and sexually assaulted her previously — eight or nine times in the last 10 years



COP CALLS

— approached her in the parking lot and pointed a gun at her.

She said the gunman told her to get out of the truck, then dragged her to his truck and pushed her into the back.

He drove for about an hour, she said, stopped at a house and told her to go in the house. He then forced her into the basement and took her clothes off. The woman reported, however, that she was not raped.

She was sexually assaulted,

though the man did not have intercourse with her, she said.

Then the gunman tied her up, but she was able to free herself from the ropes. She told the man she felt like she was going to have a heart attack, and he told her to get in the back of the truck again. She said he drove for about 10 minutes then dropped her off just south of the intersection of Ford and Napier.

The woman called her husband from a home.

The case has been forwarded to Detroit's 7th Precinct.

Shooting investigation

Canton police officers were called Feb. 1 to the apartment of a 21-year-old man after he apparently shot himself to death.

The man's 18-year-old former girlfriend called police after she found him in the bedroom with an apparent gunshot wound to the head.

The young woman was at the man's apartment to retrieve some keys and a vehicle and found the wounded man there.

The woman told police that two days prior, she had told the man she was dating someone new.

Neighbors interviewed by police said they heard nothing out of the ordinary at the time of the incident.

Internet fraud

Canton police are investigating an Internet fraud complaint. The department was contacted after a Canton man reported \$700 worth of goods had been fraudulently charged on his credit cards.

Drugs from A1

1999.

The victim eventually regained consciousness and testified at the trial.

Emerson blames ignorance for part of the problem. "I don't think parents know enough. The more they know, the more aware they are."

The brochure developed by Van Buren Public Schools Health Advisory Committee encourages students to protect themselves. "Never go to a party, bar or social event alone," it states.

"Use the buddy system. Friends can watch out for each other."

The brochure also instructs: "Get your own beverages. Don't drink anything that has a funny taste. Don't leave your drink unattended."

It lists the common effects of

'I don't think parents know enough. The more they know, the more aware they are.'

—Mary Ann Emerson, nurse

date-rape drugs as: dizziness, nausea or vomiting, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulties, feeling "weird," quick intoxication, muscle tremors, seizures, anxiety, confusion and agitation, hallucinations, sleepiness and unconsciousness.

"If you or your friend develop any of these symptoms after drinking at an event — act quickly." Call 911 or seek medical help immediately, the pamphlet says.

Emerson recalled a recent case in Grosse Pointe where a young woman died after consuming GHB. The girl had passed out in an apartment and medical attention was not sought for her for several hours.

"It is not Dow Chemical mixing the proportions," Ficano cautioned. "You have no control over the amount you are taking."

Ficano also recommends that teens attend parties with a friend to watch out for them. "It is always better to have a plan worked out with a buddy."

"Have your buddy watch your drink. If you leave your drink unattended — get another," he said.

"I worked in an emergency room for 19 years. I saw a lot of overdoses. I have been on the battle lines and it is not a pretty sight," Emerson said.

She is most concerned about the increasing popularity of the drug Ecstasy. "It is everywhere. It can be made in your kitchen. It is like marijuana now — you can walk out on the street and find it anywhere."

Ficano said, "Ecstasy is definitely on the increase. It is one of the drugs that kids feel can't hurt them, which is not true."

The school district plans to send one of the brochures home with every middle school and high school student, and all brochures would be available at secondary parent-teacher conferences.

The brochures would also be available at the guidance offices at the middle and high schools.

"I think the parents need to be persistent. If you say it enough, kids will listen," Emerson said. "When they are exposed to drugs in a situation — that 'parent tape' will kick-in."

Ficano also views education as a solution to the problem. "The key is education and caution," he said.

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ally no effect of Joy Road and would be the least expensive," Noel said.

Noel said adding 240 feet of pavement to the south end of the runway could warrant tearing

up the same amount at the north end, but he said it's more sensible to leave the concrete in place.

"The FAA allows us to leave the pavement in place and have a paved safety area," he said. That area could then be used for southerly takeoffs only, enabling aircraft to remain as high as possible over the nearby residences to the south of the airport.

The extension, however, would not change the requirement that aircraft clear at least 15 feet over Joy Road before landing.

"This is not a towered airport, so it's really up to pilot discretion," said township Clerk Terry Bennett. "There's no FAA cop in the sky."

Bennett said the complaints she's heard are about pilots who are already not obeying rules and regulations, and extending the runway could potentially exaggerate the existing problems.

Coller pointed out the airport currently has an aggressive noise abatement program.

"We're really trying to do a better job of getting the information out to all the pilots," he said.

Township officials and pilots discussed airport mishaps and fatalities during recent years, all

of which they recalled were at the north end of the runway.

Merlanti called the accidents a product of "an inherent layout problem."

"That's why I would call this an everyday issue," he said. "It was put on the back burner for a long time when the state first bought the airport because of all the sensitive issues."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said she was new to the board nearly a decade ago when the state bought the airport, and remembers it being "an overwhelming issue."

"It seems to me that folks argued this shift constituted an expansion of the runway," she said. "The folks in Plymouth and Canton thought this could become Willow Run's little sister."

Coller stated the airport would remain restricted to single-engine planes and the weight restrictions will remain in place.

The board will have the opportunity to present further questions and concerns before the issue comes back before them for a vote.

Campaign from A1

on the project in their spare time, because it was something they had wanted to do for a couple of years.

They saw an opportunity to create a fresh campaign after Abbott's former department supervisor resigned.

"Then, there was no one there to tell us, 'no' so we started coming up with some ideas," Abbott said.

A little more than one year later, the campaign came together, with the township's blessing.

Wrublewski said the campaign is designed to invite Canton residents, business owners and prospective residents and business people to "Take a Look" at the township's community, leisure services and quality of life.

Abbott said prospective business owners will be attracted to Canton's diverse, growing community and "growing families, who have a lot of disposable income."

Abbott said the township is now becoming a destination for shoppers in southeast Michigan.

■ 'Even people who live right down the road may not know what we have.'

-Kristin Abbott, Canton Township

"We even have a day spa," she said. "Now that's just totally exciting."

Abbott added the addition of business such as Wal-Mart and Old Navy make shopping in Canton even more attractive than it once was.

"Years ago, I don't think people were coming from Ann Arbor to shop at the Grapevine Party Store," she said. Abbott said even people who already live in Canton may not be aware of all of its offerings.

"Even people who live right down the road may not know what we have," she said.

"They may not have driven past the Summit. We want to force them to take a look."

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide HVAC Services. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 20th, 2001 at the Plymouth-Canton Schools Maintenance Department located at 987 South Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Laura Hagan, Facilities Construction Manager at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15th, 2001. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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Notice is hereby given that on MARCH 13, 2001 Leroy Elfrank Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 PM.

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J361	DUDLEY MILLER	OFFICE ITEMS, MISC. ITEMS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING: February 21, 2001
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request to allow a communications facility with a 190 foot tower, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The subject property is located at 45270 Joy Road, which is on the north side of Joy Road, east of Canton Center and west of Mayflower Drive and is zoned OS, Office Service District. Application No. 1655/1200, Tax I.D. No. 058-99-0005-000. Questions may be directed to Community Development at (734) 453-8131 Ext. 37 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and written comments may be mailed to 46555 Port St. Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes and printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisors Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary, Planning Commission

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LAWRENCE J. LUKASCHEWSKI
Services for Lawrence J. Lukaszewski, 71, of Canton Township, were held Jan. 28 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Lukaszewski was born July 10, 1929 in Detroit and died Jan. 24 in Canton. He was retired as a roofer for a construction company.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Lukaszewski of Canton, daughter, Melanie (David) Dixon; two brothers; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

MARGARET M. MARSALEK
Services for Margaret M. Marszalek, 87, of Westland, were held Feb. 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Marszalek was born June

24, 1913 in Yukon, Penn. and died Jan. 30 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community seven years ago from Southfield. She was a former volunteer at St. Bede Church in Southfield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stephen, and her brother, Albert.

Survivors include son, Fred (Joan) Marszalek of Gladwin; daughters, Marian (Robert) Smentowski of Plymouth, and Patricia (Steve) Voiles of Troy; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sister, Emma Muster of Waterford.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Right To Life Foundation.

Arrangements made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

UUNO V. OKSANEN
Services for Uuno V. Oksanen, 96, of Melvindale, were held Feb. 6 at The McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Tracy Fressl officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery.

Mr. Oksanen was born Sept. 20, 1904 in Finland and died February 4 in Pittsfield Township. He was a retired carpenter.

Mr. Oksanen was preceded in death by his wife, Elli Salmenius and his wife, Sylvi Oksanen; and daughter, Miriam Wisniewski.

Survivors include his sons, James (Sandra) Oksanen of Canton and Edwin (Norma) Oksanen of Florida; daughter, Betty (Michael) Allen of Canton; brothers Martti and Toivo Oksanen of Finland; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

JAMES N. LOCKWOOD
Services for James N. Lockwood, 63, of Plymouth, were held Feb. 6 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Hall officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Lockwood was born Dec.

10, 1937 in Plymouth and died Feb. 2 in Ann Arbor. He was a Plymouth resident his whole life. He retired from Ameritech where he was a Field Service Engineer. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks No. 1780. He loved hockey, he was a fan of the Plymouth Whalers, the Detroit Red Wings, and the Compuware Ambassadors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, golf and gardening his flowers.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lockwood of Plymouth; daughter, Tanya Lockwood of Plymouth; brother, William A. (Pam) Lockwood of Montague, Calif.; nieces, Brenda (Dallas) Mucci of New York, Judy (Marc) Thurston of Midland, Kara (Jason) Verneris of California, and Jennifer Lockwood of Montague, Calif.; brother-in-law, Chester (Virge) Thornton of Midland; mother-in-law, Louise Thornton of Plymouth; cats, Cuddles, K.C., and Chelsea; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Washtenaw County or the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DOROTHY E. BATESON
Services for Dorothy E. Bateson, 90, of Canton, were held Feb. 7 at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. John Harris officiating.

Ms. Bateson was born Jan. 14, 1911 in Detroit and died Feb. 4 in Westland. She was an accountant for Detroit Steel Company. She attended business school and took courses in business and accounting. She loved working with ceramics.

Survivors include nieces and nephews Barney (Nancy) Muschott, Mary Louise (Karl) Streossner and Chris Buckingham.

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SANDRA MCLENNEN, Principal Manager

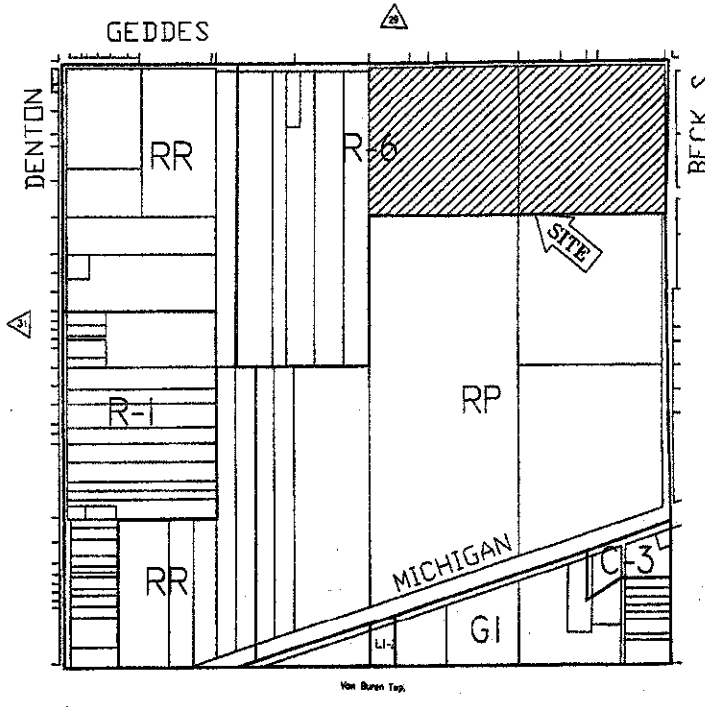
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 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 5, 2001, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHATTERTON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM 572 TO 596 (INCREASE OF 24 UNITS) FOR PARCEL NOS. 125 99 0001 000 AND 125 99 0003 000. Property is located on the southwest corner of Geddes and Beck Roads.



ZONING MAP SECTION 32

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Airport makes plans if Northwest mechanics strike

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Officials at Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport were reviewing strike-contingency plans this week while Northwest Airlines and its mechanics union continued contract negotiations.

A strike by the mechanics union — which has been seeking a new contract with Northwest since 1996 and claims its members haven't had a raise in 10 years — would cripple Metro, which is Northwest's largest hub. The airline handles roughly 27 million of the 36 million passengers at Metro.

Metro itself wouldn't be able to re-book Northwest passengers on other airlines, but its contingency plan would at least help by providing information and communications, county airports spokeswoman Barb Hogan said on Wednesday.

"We hope a settlement is reached and that all parties are going to be happy," said Hogan.

"But if Northwest has a strike, we have a plan in place that we developed" when Northwest pilots struck in 1998, she said. Metro "will do whatever we can to help their (Northwest's) customers."

The plan, worked out in part with assistance from the Greater Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau, would see staffed tables set up in main hallways to provide stranded passengers with information about other airlines as well as Amtrak rail lines, Greyhound bus lines and hotels.

There also would be cell phones at the tables for passengers needing them, she said.

The plan, said Hogan, wasn't needed because passengers and Northwest worked together to change travel plans.

"There's nothing we can do about union negotiations," said Hogan, other than express sympathies to both parties. "We can only provide information and services, and that we will do."

Noticeable effect

But the effect of the pilots' strike was very noticeable, she said.

"It looked like a ghost town out here," she said. "It was the strangest thing."

Bob Rose, president of Local 5 of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, which is negotiating with Northwest, said he's heard what's being said about how a strike would hurt the airline and the airport.

"But no one's giving any consideration to our members, who haven't had a raise in 10 years," said Rose, himself an airplane mechanic. "I know the company's issues are important, but so are my members'. But I've heard no one mention that."

He said the union has been "without a contractual raise" since the contract that ended in 1987 — the last in which members got a raise.

He said the 1993 contract saw the union give up 12.5 percent in wages to help Northwest sur-

■ **'If this comes to a boil and the president (Bush) does not step in, I guarantee you my people are out of here. They'll shut it down in a heartbeat.'**

Bob Rose

Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association

vive, "so in a sense we're on 1987's pay-scale." The '93 contract expired in '96, so the AMFA has been without a contract with Northwest for five

years.

In that time, though, said Rose, "I've seen Northwest executives give themselves up to 82 percent" increases in wages in

one year.

Northwest "always claims it can't pay more because it's only the fourth largest carrier," Rose said.

"I'll tell you, our members are chomping at the bit to shut this place down," said Rose.

Questions situation

He also questioned the overall situation regarding the ongoing negotiations, because Northwest's vice president for labor relations was on the National

Mediation Board last year mediating these same contract talks and a former Northwest board member, Elaine Chao, is now President George W. Bush's secretary of labor.

Rose said if the National Mediation Board declares an impasse in contract talks, a 30-day countdown to a strike would begin.

However, Bush could step in by establishing a presidential emergency board, which would come up with a settlement and

present it to both parties, Rose said.

"If one party rejects it, a 30-day cooling-off period starts," said Rose, after which the union could strike.

He said the union expects to negotiate in Washington through the end of the week.

"If this comes to a boil and the president (Bush) does not step in, I guarantee you my people are out of here," said Rose. "They'll shut it down in a heartbeat."



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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Real 'growth' in Canton tied to Cherry Hill effort

Canton Township officials spend all that time and effort trying to distance their community from Plymouth and now they want to clone it by building Cherry Hill Village? Well, not exactly.

The idea that you can build a facade that exudes old-world charm, toss in a 21st century floor plan and attract people to a community that represents a "simpler time" sounds appealing. Its overall success though, depends on how well the plan is executed and how well it fits in with the Canton that is already on the map.

Prospective home buyers aren't likely to give up the conveniences they expect in suburban homes and neighborhoods.

Particularly since the level of planning and detail required in such a project adds to the price of the homes, which will run from the mid-\$100,000 range to over \$500,000 for larger, "manor" homes on the outskirts of the village.

But the township's experiment in new urbanism that is taking shape at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads is an effort to capture some of the same qualities that have made it's neighbor to the north a desirable place to put down real roots. In fact, architects and planners looked at Plymouth and other nearby older communities for their inspiration in laying out Cherry Hill Village.

Proposal to appoint high court judges has merit

Last year's election campaign for three Michigan Supreme Court seats became a nasty contest between two opposing views on the role of high court justices.

The supporters of the candidates backed by the Republican and Democratic parties hit the airways with an unusual barrage of invective advertising for races that usually don't register on the conscious level for most voters. The attention was gratifying but the nasty tone was demeaning for positions often, incorrectly, regarded as "above politics."

The situation in the U. S. and Florida supreme courts following the election was proof that justices are far from the remote, rational, apolitical figures they would like the public to believe they are. They are part of the political process, but they aren't under the same scrutiny as legislators and administrators.

Under our current system, candidates for justice are nominated by the political parties but run in a non-partisan election, a convoluted and confusing system for most voters. In the last election, Democrat Al Gore won Michigan's presidential vote and Democrat Debbie Stabenow beat incumbent GOP Sen. Spence Abraham, but the three incumbent Republican justices were returned to the court.

They won despite the heavy campaign against them from the left, but probably not because of the heavy campaign for them from the right. They won, probably, because most people weren't paying much attention and voted for them because they were listed as "Michigan Supreme Court Justice" under their names on the ballot.

Obviously, we need to make a change.

The streets and houses in the 1,300-home development are being done on a smaller, more intimate scale. Lots are deep but not necessarily wide. Some homes are cottage-like in appearance. For many, there is a front porch, but not an expansive front yard. Eventually, there will be a town square and a performing arts center in the hub of the development.

These design cues are things that can help build a deep attachment between residents and the place they call home, which hasn't been Canton's forte. Don't get us wrong. Canton is a progressive community with many amenities. It is, by most accounts, an excellent place to raise a family. But it's a true bedroom community, a place most residents leave during working hours and one where many stay only a year or two before work or other considerations take them elsewhere.

The Observer believes life improves for all when people become an intrinsic part of their community. That thinking is a spin-off from the mission statement you'll find at the top of this page. Commitment by individuals to their hometown helps build character and establish some common values among a sea of diversity. In that way, our communities serve as the tie that binds us together.

The early buzz for Cherry Hill has been positive. A Jan. 21 home "lottery" hosted by a trio of residential builders with stakes in the project generated 100 deposits and 65 home site reservations. The sales center, which opened to the public last week, has been busy.

For those that are hoping Canton can grow in more ways than just population, it's a good sign.

Most voters are not taking the time to seriously evaluate the positions or the qualifications of the justice candidates.

That's why we believe that Gov. John Engler's recommendation in support of a Joint Resolution of the Legislature that Supreme Court justices be appointed deserves serious consideration.

Engler proposes an amendment to the State Constitution that would provide that justices be appointed by the governor for a single 14-year term with the consent of a majority of the Senate. Under the proposed resolution the appointments would begin in 2004 as the terms of some justices are completed.

Appointment doesn't take away the influence of politics on the justices, but it does allow for a closer scrutiny of a justice's qualifications by the appointing governor and a consenting Senate.

In the current political climate, Engler would have no problem having his appointees approved, but they would have to face the questioning of Democrat senators. Under this plan, the candidates would have to have a strong set of legal qualifications to even be considered; and legal and political views would be opened to questioning.

This process is closer to the federal system for appointment of Supreme Court justices and U.S. Appellate Court judges. The important exception is that the appointments are not lifetime, which allows for changes in the political and legal environment.

This change would save us another round of meaningless, malicious and factually dubious advertising that demeans the legal process and serves no legitimate political need.

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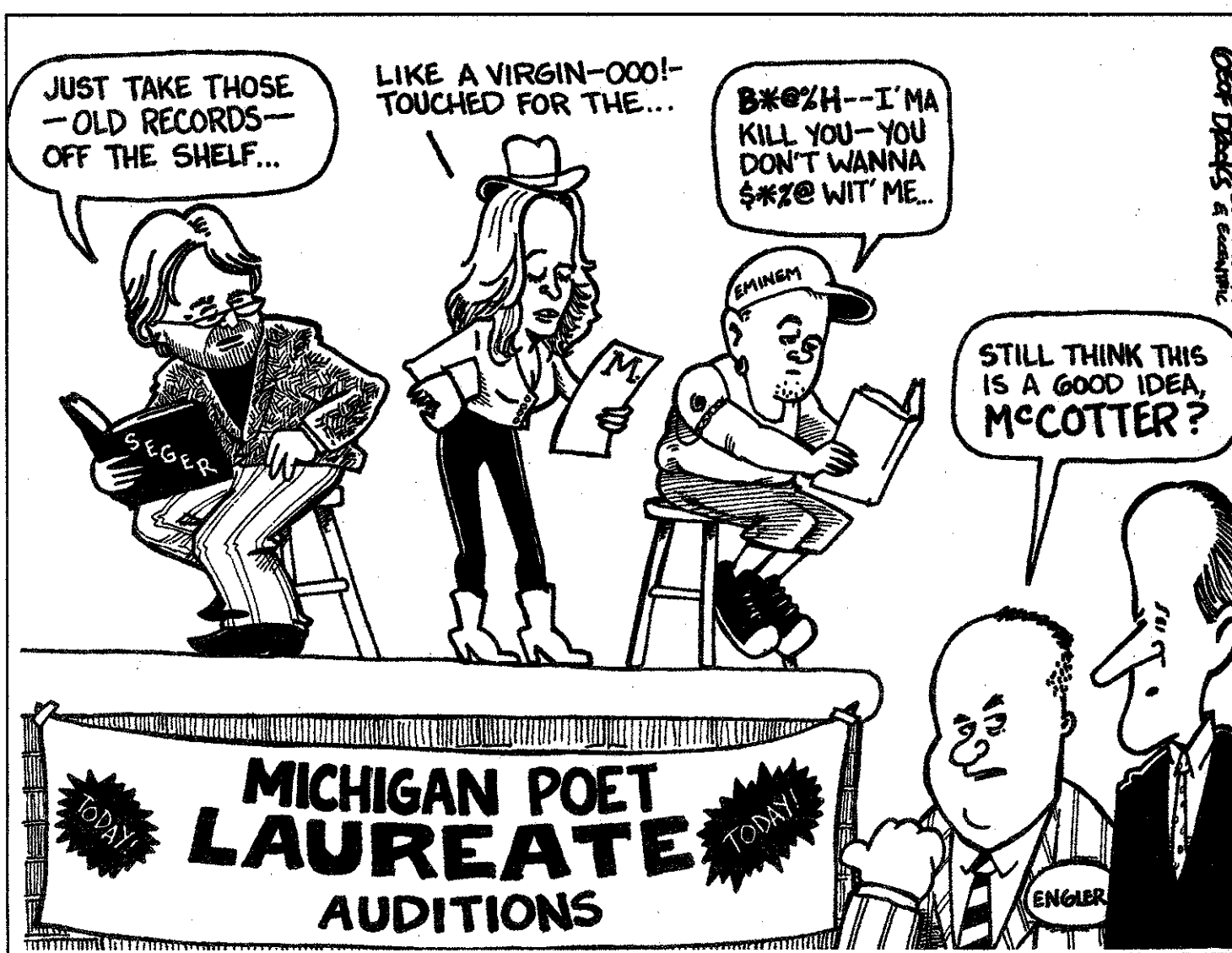
Yes, we still need trees

Please tell the builders: don't cut down that copper beech tree. It is the home for birds and animals. The beech nuts are eaten by many small animals. The tree was around when Abraham Lincoln was alive.

We need trees in our environment.

There are many houses in town already, but only one copper beech tree. I am only 7 years old, but I love nature and trees and think we should care for them.

Jeffrey T. Bord is a Plymouth student



LETTERS

■ Story was incomplete

I would like to comment on the article in Sunday, Jan. 14, Observer entitled, "Many women not consuming key nutrients."

According to the article, 83 percent of women over 20 are not meeting the recommended dietary allowance for zinc, 63 percent are not meeting the RDA for iron and 64 percent for Vitamin B-6.

Then it was stated that the CWNS (Council for Women's Nutrition Solutions) is an all-women advisory board of female "health experts" who have joined together to help women by providing "Everyday Solutions."

Would you believe in the 10 listed "solutions," there was not a mention of the importance of vitamin and mineral supplements?

Unbelievable to me that in this day and age the "health experts" are so far behind the times.

Barb Schmid
Canton

■ Enough already

I think the taxpayers of Plymouth-Canton have probably heard enough from the unhappy residents of North Pointe subdivision. These people were well aware that the sub backed up to school property and they have enjoyed the benefits of the unused school property until now. If the residents didn't want public facilities in their view, then they shouldn't buy property that backs up to school land.

I believe that \$340,000 worth of taxpayer money could be better spent on the needs of the schools rather than trying to appease the North Pointe crybabies. Instead of looking out the upstairs window for an objectionable view, try the roof. Maybe there is a building or two that you might like moved also.

About the band noise, I live at Joy and Sheldon and can hear the band practice in summer and the football game cheers in the fall. I'm afraid you'll have to get much farther away to get away from those sounds.

Richard Giles
Canton resident

■ Supporter speaks

"I think Bruce is using his county commission seat to move upward." These words were attributed to me (several years ago) but the rest of the quote should have read, "Because I am upset that he is leaving with so much work to be done at the county level, and we need him here in Wayne County." These words are still true but we need him even more as our State Representative, and hopefully an even higher office if he so wishes. I know I for one will help at any event he so wishes.

I have had the opportunity of talking with Rep. Patterson, R-Canton, over the past few years. He has been the most helpful man in the Republican Party. He has done this without hesitation and I have felt to his credit welcomed into the Republican Party. Patterson is the very first "politician" I have willingly given money to - to support our fight for good solid legislation of lower taxes, less government and a commitment to serving the people of the 21st House District.

Only at election time do we see some politicians, but Bruce seems to be

everywhere; I have run into him in Sumpter, Belleville, Canton and Van Buren, as well as various other places. He's spoken before homeowners to explain new legislation that affects us, he has been at township meetings to keep our elected officials informed as to what's happening in Lansing and he always seems to make time for each and every one of his constituents.

Over the past few weeks it happened again. I had the pleasure of chatting with Patterson at the Republican Convention in Grand Rapids, where he introduced me to some fellow Republicans and offered me whatever information I needed to future my growth within the party, as well as a personal invitation to join him in his office at the Capitol for the State of the State address presented by Gov. John Engler. This advice and invitation was without warrant for he could have kept the few words that were attributed to me and just blew me off. But to his credit, I no longer am a Republican that once could not talk politics because of my conservative views and party affiliation. Nor am I a person who felt he had to run as a conservative Democrat because I never felt comfortable in the Republican Party. Finally to Representative Patterson, whom I have not said this to, "Thanks" for your friendship and I do hope you stay in politics for a long time. It is refreshing to know someone who truly puts the people of the Michigan's 21st House District first! My endorsement may not carry much weight, but it will be there without hesitation and with great admiration that I so offer it.

Fred A. Bolden
Canton

■ Who'll take the torch?

After reading Phil Power's op-ed piece ("Here's what's driving gubernatorial contenders" in the Jan. 25, 2001, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers) and later attending the Jan. 28, 2001, memorial service for the late Neil Staebler at the University of Michigan's Rackham Hall, I am truly worried about the state of citizen participation in the political process.

I think the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers could play a tremendous role in fostering a dialogue about the value of political participation with the still-living political veterans and the younger generations. Perhaps your newspaper could create a series of intergenerational lectures, bringing both the veteran politicians and younger folks together at perhaps Madonna University or at Schoolcraft College to discuss how tremendously important it is to be involved in learning about the critical issues we face as a society. I'm sure that Neil Staebler would smile approvingly and say "We can do it!"

Joseph Neussendorfer
Pontiac

■ Court naming

If the U. S. government can name a post office after former Congressman Carl Pursell, then the five communities comprising the 35th District Court jurisdiction can certainly rename the new courthouse after Hon. Dunbar Davis. It never should have been dropped without public input.

I, additionally, was surprised to read the Congressman worked hard to keep the Penniman Post Office open. I worked with other downtown business

people to maintain postal services that were slowly being discontinued and transferred to Clipper street.

At a public meeting held by the DDA in Plymouth, it was brought to our attention by a representative for Hyett-Palma, an outside consulting firm prior to the release of their study in March of 1992, that there was federal protection for existing post offices in a Downtown Development District. We spoke and wrote with the Plymouth Postmaster and sent letters to our legislators.

Then and only then were steps taken to maintain and return some services to the Penniman Post Office consistent with that legislation. Congressman Pursell is notable for some of the work he did, but he was not a part of the group that worked so hard for the Penniman Office.

Carol A. Levitte
Plymouth

■ Charter facts

Phil Power's commentary about charter schools is not accurate. Charter schools are governed by strict state laws. Creaming is illegal. The charter school my children attend does not discriminate against anyone, and the school does not interview applicants for admission. If there is an opening, any child can fill that spot.

What is wrong with a company that wants to make money? If the management company is doing their job well, they should be rewarded. The failing traditional public schools are still in operation. Who does this benefit? Certainly not the children. If a charter school failed, they would be shut down.

Mr. Power's comment about "parent's whims for control" is very offensive. I moved my children out of traditional public school because they were not fulfilling the needs, not because I wanted control. The charter school my children attend is doing a fantastic job.

If you are going to make a general statement about charter schools, please have your information correct. You are welcome to visit the Canton Charter Academy. I will be happy to give you a tour.

I will not be ordering your paper. It is strongly biased. A newspaper should be objective.

Rose Lang

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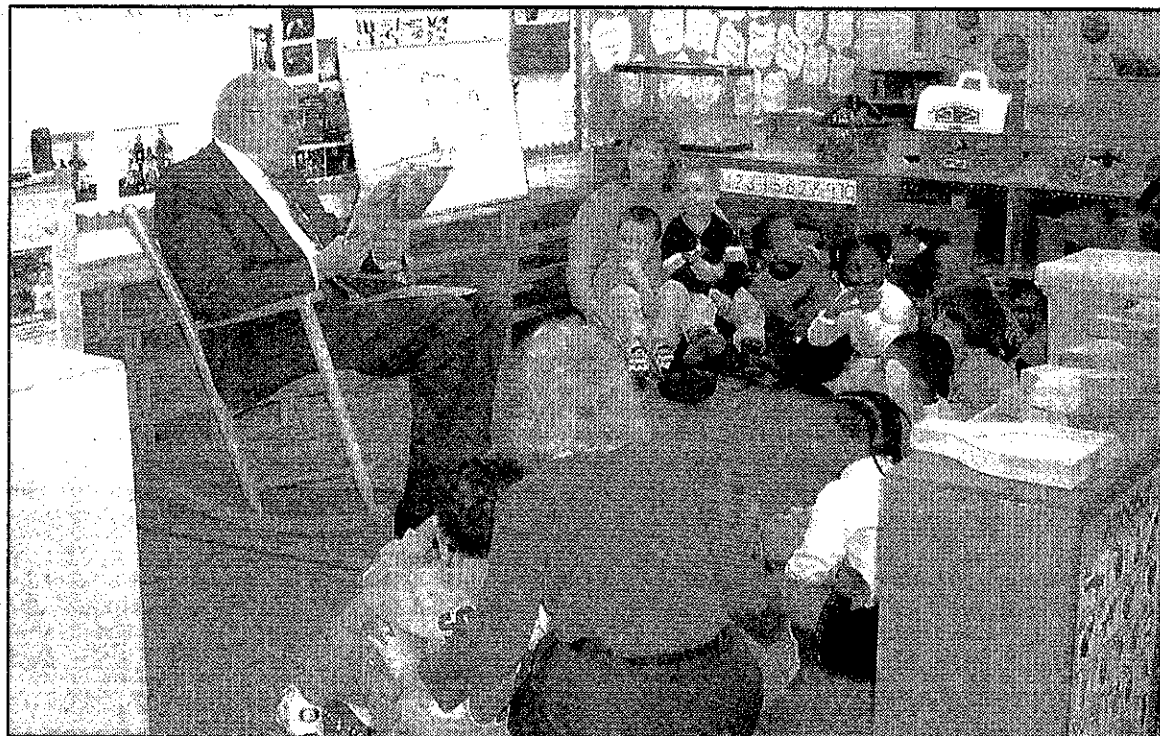
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McNamara says, 'Come on in,' but Ficano's not ready to leap

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County sheriff, said Tuesday he is "not set to announce yet" whether he will run for the county's top job — chief executive officer — in the next election.

He said "there's still a lot of work to be done" in the sheriff's department and that 2002 is "a long way off."

"At this point, it's way premature to say anything" about running for CEO, although he said he has been "approached by several people and organizations" about it.

But Edward H. McNamara, who's been CEO for 14 years and plans to seek re-election in 2002, said of a possible challenge, "Come on in, the water's fine."

Noting his victory over Ficano in the 1992 Democratic Party primary election, McNamara said, "He's done it before and wasn't successful."

But "It's his right" to run, "if that's his ambition," said McNamara.

"He's got a free shot," McNamara observed. "If he loses, he's

still sheriff for two more years."

As for himself, he said, "My intent at this moment is to run."

Both men said they won't officially announce until after next Jan. 1, when official filings can take place.

Ficano, a 48-year-old Livonia resident, said he's looking into other areas in which his Internet Crimes Task Force should go, but he wasn't ready to announce them. So far, the innovative cyber-patrol has been cracking down on pedophiles, scam artists and Internet gamblers.

Both Ficano and McNamara, 74, plan to hold their annual fund-raisers in March this year.

McNamara's St. Patrick's Day event will be March 17, while Ficano's annual summer fund-raiser has been moved up to March 29.

"Yes, we have shifted" the date, said Ficano, "but it's been moved before."

McNamara said his St. Pat's event is strictly for such things as tickets to state political activities, while his "Winning Ways" fund-raiser in May is for campaign and office expenses.

A source close to the political

scene said having fund-raisers is legal and that if a candidate chooses not to run, proceeds can be donated to charity.

McNamara, a Plymouth resident, said his "only motivation to stay in" office is to accomplish goals he's set for the county.

Among them are the completion of the new midfield terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the replacing of the Smith and Davey terminals — something he hopes to have underway by 2002.

He said the county is "very close to reaching agreement" with airlines on details of the \$400-million project, such as financing and operations.

The onetime Livonia mayor said the airlines and passenger fare charges would pay for the project. If bonds are needed, "the airlines would be responsible for principle and interest" on them.

The Pinnacle Aeropark industrial and hotel development south of the airport is another "major project" in terms of both commerce and jobs, he said. It is "very close" to getting a state "Smart Park" designation, which would mean state financial aid.



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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



Clarinetist Jim Wyse of Livonia performs Dixieland with Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Society, 3-6 p.m. at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$10 advance, \$13 at the door, call (248) 476-2674.

Beauty in motion: Hubbard Street Dance Chicago brings their eclectic style of contemporary dance to the Power Center for two performances.

KICKIN' HIGH

Artistic director leaps Hubbard Street Dance Chicago to new heights

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It's half past 10 in the morning and Jim Vincent is kicking into high gear. Since assuming the position of artistic director for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago in August, he has enthusiastically worked to expand the vision for the company founded by Lou Conte in 1977.

Vincent is adding five new works to the repertoire this season alone. Several are on two programs Hubbard Street Dance Chicago will perform as part of the University Musical Society series Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago is known throughout the world for presenting contemporary dance which combines theatrical jazz, modern and classical ballet technique. They appeared at the Holland Dance Festival, American Dance Festival, and Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds in Italy, during tours of 15 countries.

Eclectic mix

"It's an eclectic mix of works," said Vincent, who's been on the road since early January with the company. "We opened the season with the sensual ballet *Petite Mort* (Small Death) choreographed by Jiri Kylian and since then have performed *Split* with the dancers in rolled jeans moving to improvisa-

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tional jazz by Art Blakey, and *Group Therapy* which has a musical theater flavor and explores different aspects of trying to make a relationship work.

"It's an approach to contemporary dance people have never seen. It breaks a lot of rules without compromising the integrity of the company."

Vincent continues to program culturally diverse works for the company comprised of a rainbow of American, Israeli, Italian, Belgium, and Canadian dancers. Friday night's performance features the 1999 *Rassemblement* (The Gathering), which deals with political repression. Spanish born choreographer Nacho Duato set the piece to a popular Haitian song. Then dancers loosen up for *Split* (Trey McIntire, 2000), and *Read My Hips* (Daniel Ezralow, 1990), an athletic piece with high-tech lighting and a synthesized electronic score by Michael Colombier.

Saturday's program

Saturday's program swings into action with *Tanze*, the 1998 comedy of six dances choreographed by

Kylian of Nederlands Dans Theater to the music of Mozart. *Let's Call the Whole Thing Off* keeps the tempo high with Harrison McEl-downey's 1999 work about quarreling and reconciling lovers (set to the music of Gershwin). *Jardi Tan-cat* (Enclosed Garden), a rhythmic piece, based on Catalan folk tunes, by Duato, follows. Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin's *Minus 16* closes the program with the entire company on stage. The work, created in 2000, is set to music ranging from Dean Martin songs to the cha-cha, mambo, techno and traditional Israeli music. An audio track featuring interviews with Hubbard Street dancers adds another layer to the work.

Building momentum

"The idea is to build momentum from start to finish in color and dimension," said Vincent. "For me the most interesting part of the program is the diversity. It's like seeing four different companies. *Minus 16* is a great piece and reflects where we should be, where I'd like to take the company. What's happening in dance is there's a crossover. Boundaries are breaking. What is modern dance right now? It's everything."

Please see DANCE, B2

Musician invites others to jam session

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Billy Rose is a joyful person who enjoys a good song and playing the guitar. On Monday he and his quartet will begin a gig at Longshots Bar & Grill in Redford.

He and bar owner Don Vargo, who used to operate a supper club in Livonia, have been friends for a long time. "He has great food," said Rose. "We want it to be a jam session, just a fun night, casual dress. We hope musicians and singers will drop in."

This spoken from a man who's used to getting dressed up to play Tuesday-Thursday at the Excalibur, a restaurant/nightclub in Southfield.

Rose likes the idea of musicians and singers dropping in to play just for the fun of it. He remembers when Barbra Streisand was "just an ordinary jazz singer," and used to stop at Grecian Gardens in Greektown in the late 1960s after performing at the Caucas Club.

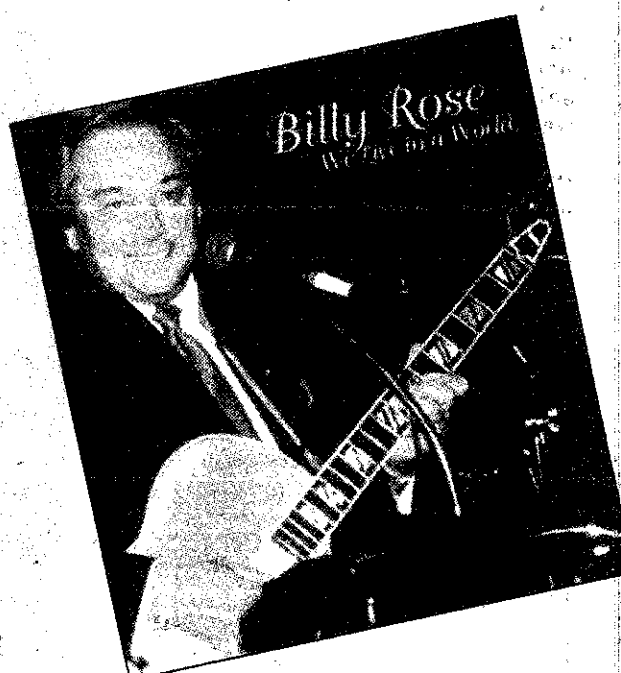
"We played from 2-6 a.m.," remembers Rose. "We were strolling musicians and all the big names would drop in. We'd ask them if they wanted to sing or play."

Musical roots

Rose grew up in a musical family, and learned how to play guitar when he was 10. He made music his life, and has been playing with groups since he was 17. His sons are musicians too. Gary plays guitar, Chris, drums, and Tony, bass.

He's played at most of the nightclubs in town, and has fond memories of playing at Giovanni's, a famous restaurant in Detroit in 1948. That's where he met and played for Billy Farrell.

Please see ROSE, B2



MUSIC

Beatlemania revisited

Get back with 1964: The Tribute

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Thirty-seven years ago a group of four mop top Brits hit the stage on the *Ed Sullivan Show* and altered music history books forever. That day was Feb. 9, 1964, and the band was, of course, The Beatles.

For Mark Benson, Gary Grimes, Jimmy Pou and Greg George, it's almost as if a day's never passed. While far from Liverpool, the four musicians are collectively known as 1964: The Tribute, a Beatles cover act that has crisscrossed the country to keep Beatlemania alive since 1984.

I recently spoke to Mark Benson, an Akron, Ohio, resident, about the 17 years he's spent wandering from stage to stage wearing John Lennon's shoes — well, a good replica of John Lennon's shoes anyway. And I discovered that Benson's first glimpse of the Fab Four came that fateful February day.

"I had never heard them before that on the radio," he said, during a phone interview on Jan. 25. "I was 11. It was a school night. I had to be in bed by 8 o'clock. (My parents) wouldn't let me stay up."

He may not be able to forgive his parents, but the fascination that began with one monumental televi-

What: 1964: The Tribute
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
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sion appearance transformed Benson in some way. He and his friend Gary Grimes set out as 1964: The Tribute — just a fun musical endeavor to keep them regularly performing. Taking on the personas of Lennon and McCartney, they never imagined the band would be booked solid, playing an average of 150 shows a year, after just two years of covering Beatles hits.

Making the band

It didn't come easy. The band members copied every movement, every outfit, every nuance they could find of The Beatles on film and on record. They contacted The Beatles former tailor in England for fashion advice. In the beginning, Benson custom built all of their instruments, making exact replicas of those used in 1964. Today, it's much easier to find the right drumheads, the right guitars, he said. It was all in pursuit of perfection.

"We want to create as close an image as we can," said Benson. "It's more like a Beatles concert than a Beatles story."

The band chose that specific year so it would appeal to a certain, untapped niche market. It sepa-

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WYATT MCPADDEN

You make the call: 1964: The Tribute not only looks like the Fab Four, but (left to right) Mark Benson, Gary Grimes, Greg George and Jimmy Pou sound like The Beatles too. See the band perform Feb. 16 at Ferndale's Magic Bag.



Scott Hamilton, joins Olympic champions Tatu Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik and others, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at The Palace, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35, call (248) 645-6666.

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"It's what I come from," continued Vincent who studied at the Mercer, Burlington and Princeton Ballets in New Jersey, the Washington (D.C.) School of Ballet, Harkness House of Ballet in New York City, and University of North Carolina School of the Arts before turning professional with Kilian's Nederlands Dance Theater and then moving on to Duato's Compania Nacional de Danza in Spain.

Background

Vincent began studying dance before age 5. His parents sat him in a high chair in front of American Bandstand and before long he was asking to take dance lessons.

"It's all of the international choreographers. I want to make them more accessible and viable

on a world market. I'm realizing bigger dreams. Lou started from scratch with glue and paste and four dancers and would go on to do Twyla (Tharp). I intend to respect the company's more than 20-year history of aesthetics but would like to bring us up to speed. Instead of 70-80 performances we now do a year, I'd like to see us doing up to 100 and I'd like to increase the size of the company."

Vincent selects his dancers based on musicality, chemistry, and the qualities for which world-class choreographers are looking.

"Right now we're a repertory company taking pieces choreographed on other companies but it's like putting on secondhand clothes," said Vincent. "I'd like to have more works such as *Minus*

16 for which we have 3-5 years exclusive rights in America."

Future goals

To meet that goal, Vincent must forego creating his own choreography for at least the first year. A typical day for him includes overseeing production of videos for bookers, setting up a new Web site, and working on an advertising campaign and residency concepts.

"I'd eventually like to see us do three two-week seasons in Chicago instead of two," said Vincent. "We're working on a summer workshop and want to be associated with a gallery some time in the near future."

There's no doubt Vincent's vision will help Hubbard Street Dance Chicago leap to international fame.

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rated 1964: The Tribute from a Broadway Beatles show, *Beatlemania*, which simply chronicled the band's story. Benson and Grimes actually found guitarist and George Harrison look-a-like, Jimmy Pou in the cast of that show.

To be a Beatle

Being as authentic as possible is an ongoing process, said Benson. That means that Grimes, a right-handed bassist had to learn how to play left-handed, just like Paul McCartney did. And Greg George might bear a striking resemblance to Ringo Starr, down to the fact that both drummers are left-handed, but Starr did not play left-handed. So George switched over to right-handed drums.

'It's very early rock and roll. It's so much fun for the kids.'

Mark Benson
Musician

With all the pieces in place, 1964: The Tribute created a live Beatles concert which goes above and beyond what the Fab Four themselves had to offer in 1964. They play a 90-minute set rather than the shorter 30-minute set The Beatles gave decades ago.

Get the kids rolling

"It's very early rock and roll," said Benson. "It's so much fun

for the kids...It's great rock and roll. Good clean fun at the same time. All the songs are about love."

He's right. The set list features *She Loves You*, *Love Me Do*, *Can't Buy Me Love* as well as those other treasured love songs, *I Wanna Hold Your Hand* and *Till There Was You*.

Collection

With a collection of Beatles number one hit songs at the top of the charts even today, and the recent re-release of *A Hard Days Night* in metro area movie theaters, it seems nothing is more appropriate than a bonafide Beatles show — even if it isn't *really* John, Paul, George and Ringo gracing that stage.

Rose from page B1

who taught him the words to *Circus*, Bob Hope, Woody Herman, Eddie Fisher and other stars.

He was a member of "The Jolly Jack Four," a vocal group that performed in Chicago, Florida and New York from 1959-1961, and played at the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas with Wayne Newton in 1961. "Our name was on top of the marquee in big letters, and his name was below it. He was only about 16 at the time."

Rose and his quartet play swing, jazz, a little rock, and top

40.

He recently recorded a CD, "Billy Rose: We Live in a World," that includes two original tunes he wrote with CC Moffet — *We Live in a World*, a ballad, and *Soon You'll Leave Me*, a Latin tango, the moving *Here's to Life* written with his cousin, pianist Kevin DeCosta and, of course, *Circus*.

"A lot of people like my music and have followed me over the years. I thought I'm going to try recording a CD for my own satisfaction. A lot of friends come to

the club and ask if I have a CD."

If you're a fan of Tony Bennett or Frank Sinatra, you'll enjoy listening to Billy Rose. It's nice music to listen or dance to. Rose invites listeners to *Come Fly with Me*, and you're sure to enjoy the ride.

The CD is \$15 and available at Dearborn Music and Desirable Discs in Dearborn, or call (313) 584-1647. You can also purchase it directly from Rose at the Excalibur or Longshots Bar & Grill.

STAY TUNED...

A tribute in blue

The year 2000 came to a close as the **Detroit blues community** bid a sad farewell to **Willie D. Warren**. The bluesman died Dec. 30, but his passing reverberates throughout the scene.

Born and raised in Arkansas, Warren took in the sounds emanating from the Mississippi Delta. In his teens, Warren began playing guitar on the streets of Lake Village, Arkansas. He taught his friend, **Eddie Jones**, how to play, the two spread their own brand of the blues across Louisiana in the 1940s. By the late 50s, Warren moved onto the Chicago scene — then thriving with the likes of **Freddie King** and **Otis Rush**. Warren performed on some of the top Blues bills of his day, with **Jimmy Reed** and recorded with **Morris Pejoe** (Chess Records).

By 1975 Warren came to the Motor City to perform and record with another Chess artist, **Bobo Jenkins**. Here he met **Baby**

Boy Warren and the two were a top act until his partner's death in 1977. **Willie D. Warren** crossed racial boundaries, performing in clubs deemed black or white.

Even after his death, his music lives on in recordings for such labels as **Big Star**, **Blues Factory**, **Way/Sac** and **Blue Suit**. Most recently, Warren completed a record for the English-based **Bluetrack** label which is yet to be released.

Join the **Friends of Willie D. Warren** for a benefit in the bluesman's honor, with performances by **Alberta Adams**, **Johnnie Bassett**, **Eddie Harsch** of **The Black Crowes**, **The Howling Diablos**, **Robert Knoll**, **Jimmy McCarty**, **Thornetta Davis** and **The Butler Twins**, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, **Magic Bag**, 22920 Woodward Avenue in Ferndale. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 544-3030.

Pine Knob's new name

The newly-renamed **DTE Energy Music Theater** (Pine Knob) in Independence Township earned the distinct honor of becoming **Pollstar** magazine's **Best Major Outdoor Concert Venue** for the first time. While the venue has been nominated for 10 consecutive years, it was granted the award at the **Annual Concert Industry Awards** ceremony Jan. 30 in Las Vegas. The honor comes after the venue's most successful summer season with attendance of more than **967,000 guests** at **83 shows** — 28 of which sold out. **DTE Energy Music Theater** is owned and operated by **The Palace Sports and Entertainment**. The questions remains, what with a moniker so long and involved what can we call it for short? Learn more at www.palacenet.com.

—COMPILED BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Farmington Players shine in entertaining, suspenseful tale

The Farmington Players will present "The Uninvited," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, Sunday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18; and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, (between 14 and 15 Mile Roads), West Bloomfield. Tickets, \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

Director Brian Tupper effectively combines splendid acting, hauntingly good mood music, superb costumes and great special effects (the ghostly apparitions were outstanding) for a chilling telling of a classic ghost story.

continues to become increasingly complex, which we don't want to give away.

Suffice it to say that we eventually learn there is more than one spirit in the house — dueling ghosts if you will. A beautiful young model by the name of Carmel, vied for her husband's affection. Both died under conflicting circumstances according to the local gossip. Suzanne Rogers (Pamela) and Kevin Branshaw (Roddy) bring energy and skill to their roles as a beguiling couple willing to challenge the spirit world. It's only fitting that in a terrific finale, Roddy has the last laugh on the evil spirit in a manner not unlike sunlight striking Dracula.

Standouts

Beth Egan Bradtke (Stella Meredith) gives a crisply detailed performance as a troubled young lady who looks after the house where no one has lived for 15 years. Phil Berns is wonderful as her crusty grandfather, Commander Brooke, who knows the real story, and warns the interlopers they best leave before getting involved in the mystery of Cliff End.

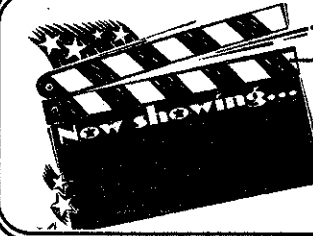
Kathleen Monticello is comical as the Irish housekeeper who has seen enough and just wants

to get away from the frightful domain. Cynthia Tupper, as Mrs. Jessup, is delightful as the town gossip who cannot wait to spread or hear the last news. Angie Tyburski (Wendy) and John Boufford (Max Hilliard) score as friends of the Fitzgeralds. They arrive for a dinner party, and end up helping to solve the mystery with an elaborate seance, in which they move an upside down wine class around a table (like a Ouija board). Some of the answers might be more suspenseful if the group took a little more time discerning the answers.

Phil Hadley as Doctor Scott fills in missing pieces of the mystery. Emily McSweeney (Miss Holloway) creates a distinctive character; a mysterious sphinx-like nurse who like the Commander knows more than she is willing to tell.

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Bob Weibel is a Westland resident and writes about community theater for the Observer Newspapers.



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STREET SCENE

George Harrison re-releases 'All Things Must Pass'

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When the Beatles broke up in 1970, everyone expected John Lennon and Paul McCartney to keep churning out hits and making an impact on the music world.

But relatively few could have foreseen the legendary group's "dark horse" sprinting out of the gates with a fervor — past the other ex-Fabs and right to the head of the class.

Yet that's what happened when George Harrison released *All Things Must Pass*. Featuring many thoughtful and inspirational songs written during the last years of the Fab Four, the triple album (co-produced by Phil Spector) shot right to Number 1 on the Billboard charts and stayed there for seven consecutive weeks.

Harrison succeeded in making the ultimate, multi-platinum statement: He was a songwriter and artist to be reckoned with. But after 1970, the long-haired guitarist's career had as many ups and downs as a Wall Street

trader. There were hit singles and albums along the way, but never could he surpass the magic of his first solo effort.

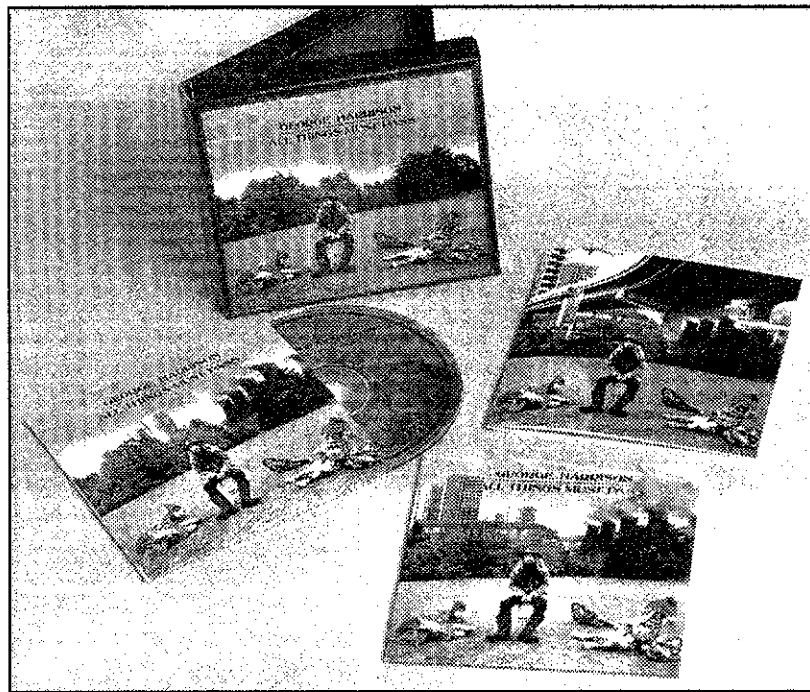
There's nothing wrong with that — it would have been hard for anybody to outdo what Harrison did with his sterling debut, which a reviewer once labeled the "War and Peace" of rock.

Fast forward to the winter of 2000-2001, with a Beatles revival taking place on film (*Hard Days Night*), pages (*Beatles Anthology*) and disc, with the hits package *Beatles 1*.

Worth finding

It is good timing by Capitol Records to now re-issue *All Things Must Pass* in a remastered, revamped 30th anniversary edition. The triple album now is a double CD, and the original black-and-white cover photograph of Harrison and a band of gnomes lounging on his Friar Park lawn is colorized.

But Capitol could have issued this any time and had success with it — providing shoppers find it in the stores, that is. Hard to locate in shops up to now, *All*



Things Must Pass is being snapped up on-line; early last week it was Number 3 on Amazon.com at home and Number 1 on Amazon in the UK.

The reason for that is clear. It is arguably the best solo Beatles album of all time. It's all killer,

no filler (not counting the extra jam session). The songs are still wonderful, with different musical styles, superstar session players and a myriad of themes. For example, one song was about Beatles groupies, another on reincarnation.

Thanks to the remastering job done by Jon Astley, the latest incarnation glistens, much brighter and fuller, than the original CD issued in 1988 — which sounded muddy, with many instruments and vocals buried too deep to decipher. It sounds even better than it did when released on vinyl all those years ago.

Add to the menu the country-flavored ballad *I Live For You*, raw, stripped-down demos of *Beware of Darkness* and *Let It Down* and a booklet of Harrison musings, rare photographs and color graphics that add examples of how, in the musician's own words, "our planet has been concreted over at an alarming rate" since 1970.

Only his new rendition of *My Sweet Lord*, as one of the bonus cuts, is less-than-essential. His fans are happy to have anything at all from someone who was nearly stabbed to death in his mansion late in 1999. But, Harrison didn't need to go to such trouble to "create something extra for the Anniversary edition" as he explained in his liner notes.

Yet there is much to be rediscovered here, with a tip of the cap to Astley. The guitars from Harrison and Eric Clapton leap out of the speakers during *Wah-Wah*, a snipe at McCartney's Beatle-bossiness.

Hi-hat cymbals easily are heard during the chorus of the gem *Isn't It A Pity*, while listeners can finally hear double-tracked vocals on *Behind That Locked Door*. Horns, drums and orchestration also sound better than ever, as do Harrison's vocals — which drip with confidence, emotion and honesty.

Among some of the best singing performances of Harrison's entire career are selections such as *Beware of Darkness*, *All Things Must Pass* and the rousing hymn *Hear Me Lord*, the last pre-jam song.

This simply is a collection of work that borders on being a masterpiece, whether George Harrison today is fashionable or not. In fact, it stands well on its own next to anything his famous band ever created.

It deserves to be timeless, not neglected.

Ann Arbor's TapRoot joins Linkin Park



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Mike DeWolf might not make it.

"We're in Salt Lake City, Utah," said the guitarist of Ann Arbor-based TapRoot. "I'm dying of sickness. The last three days I've been so sick I

had to go to the hospital."

He wants to come home, but somehow illness hasn't hindered his spirit. Taking the opening slot on tour with Linkin Park, scheduled to hit Pontiac next week, DeWolf is used to this incessant touring. He and bandmates, vocalist Stephen Richards, bassist Philip Lipscomb and drummer Jarrod Montague have been on the road nearly non-stop since the release of TapRoot's Velvet Hammer/Atlantic debut, *Gift* last summer.

Snagging slots on Ozzfest 2000, opening for Papa Roach and — DeWolf's personal favorite — The Deftones, TapRoot seems to be everywhere. Part of the publicity stemmed from a well-known controversy with Limp Bizkit frontman Fred Durst. Durst promised to take the band under his wing, but his words failed to materialize before Atlantic Records snapped up

■ **Meet TapRoot and Linkin Park in person, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Harmony House, 7093 Dixie Highway in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-0360.**



The Gift of rock: (left to right) TapRoot is Jarrod Montague, Phil Lipscomb, Stephen Richards and Mike DeWolf.

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TapRoot for itself. Richards has the angry answering machine message to prove it.

Harsh words aside, TapRoot is gaining musical ground. The band was formed when childhood friends Richards and DeWolf were joined by University of Michigan students, Lipscomb and Montague. "Phil had just started playing bass and Jarrod had been playing drums for a long time, but he really wasn't good at all," admitted DeWolf. "Once we all started playing together, Jarrod just blew me away. Now I look at him every night and I about cry. He's awesome."

Some might not expect such sensitivity from a band that's been dubbed everything from nu metal to hard core rock. But DeWolf doesn't.

"(This is) everything I ever dreamed to do in life," he said. "I got to record a major label

album, release it, and go out on tour with my favorite band in the world, The Deftones." TapRoot will rejoin The Deftones for a European tour next month.

Perhaps *Gift* was appropriately-titled. Recorded over two months with producer Ulrich Wild, the guitarist is still giddy about the end product. It evolved from a mix of songs from previous and new material that lies somewhere between rock, punk and metal — but sneaks in something strangely melodic.

Long before the record deal, TapRoot found a way to reach new fans by tapping into the Internet. From message boards and chat rooms to banner ads and its very own site, the band still uses cyberspace to its advantage to reach out to new fans. "It played a huge role and

it still does," said DeWolf. "We're still on there three times a week talking to fans."

Working on new material, which drifts from really aggressive to slower, moodier rock, DeWolf said the band keeps it moving in different directions. A new album will have to wait though; the band doesn't see an end to touring anytime soon.

"We can't wait to be back home and all of our friends and family," he said.

See *Linkin Park and TapRoot* perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, *Clutch Cargo*, Pontiac. Tickets are \$13.50 for this all ages show. Call (248) 645-6666.

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Late Nite Catechism* through Feb. 11; *Mind Games* opens Wednesday, Feb. 14 and continues through July 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth* continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: *Tallulah* opens Wednesday, Feb. 14 and continues to Sunday, March 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theatre. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: *The Tropical Pickle* opens Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* Wednesday-Sunday, Feb. 21-25, at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Killing Time* opens Wednesday, Feb. 14 and continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary, tickets \$21-\$37.50 call for information. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: The comedy *Maggie Rose* continues to March 4, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: *Mule Bone* by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes continues through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$20-\$18, all preview seats \$10. (313) 872-0279

POWER CENTER: Dairakudakan performs the theatrical production *Kai In No Um* (Sea Dappled Horse), a visionary spectacle beginning with the creation of the world and ending with hell and the spirit figures central to Japanese ghost stories, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$36. (734) 764-2538

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Vagina Monologues* continues through Feb. 11, at the theater in Detroit. Tickets \$85 for opening night charity gala, includes after glow. Tickets \$45 for the run of the show, with \$15 tickets available for first 25 students to present ID. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Spend an evening in a haunted house when the Players present *The Uninvited*, a ghost tale set in the 1940s on the English coast 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 and 18, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, West Bloomfield. \$12. (248) 553-2955

GENESIS TROUPE: *Our Town* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17 and 23-24 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 and 25, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 981-3163

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: *The Shadow Box* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10 and 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Upstage Theater, Detroit. \$10 (senior and group rates available) 25 percent of tickets sales for Feb. 9 performance will be donated to Hospice of Southeast Michigan. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

ZEITGEIST: *The Last Church of the Twentieth Century* Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10 and 16-17, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the performance venue, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

STAGECRAFTERS: *Songs for a New World, A New Musical Revue!* Friday, Feb. 16-Sunday, March 4, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 & Feb. 25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Tickets \$9, reserved. (248) 541-6430.

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* March 2-4 and 9-11, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2960



On ice: Scott Hamilton (center) joins a group of Olympic champions for *Target Stars on Ice* 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at The Palace, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. The skaters will perform to songs by Marvin Gaye, Creed, Nina Simone, Isaac Hayes and more. Tickets \$60, \$48, and \$35, call (248) 645-6666.

HILBERRY THEATRE: Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* through April 5; *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29; Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* runs in rotating repertory until Feb. 22, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

STUDIO THEATRE: Wayne State University's Black Theatre Program presents *Long Time Since Yesterday*, a story of five successful African-American women who come together after the funeral of their friend 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 15-17, Hilberry Theater on campus, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

THEATRE COMPANY: *Brutality of Fact* 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at the McAuley Auditorium on the University of Detroit Mercy campus. \$12, \$10 seniors/students at local universities. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: *The Heiress* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS KONCERT: Jahra Michelle McKenney's *Tale of the Summerland* 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$3.25. (248) 424-9022

PUPPETART: *The Crane Maiden*, based on a Japanese folk tale 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 17 and 24, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: *Wizard of Oz* 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 10-11, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission. (313) 535-8962

WILD SWAN THEATRE: *Along the Tracks* based on incidents related to the Underground Railroad in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Windsor (recommended for students in grades 3-12) 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 12-16, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, at the Towsley Theater, Morris Lawrence Building Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor; and 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 20-23, in the Community Arts Auditorium at Wayne State University, Detroit. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-8587/(734) 995-0530 group sales

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT: *A String Fling* concert 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. introduction to musical instruments is interactive, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

SPECIAL EVENTS

DAVID COPPERFIELD: Performs March 23-25, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. (313) 983-6611

CHAMPIONS ON ICE: Featuring Michelle Kwan, Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko, Nicole Bobek, Rudy Galindo and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25-\$55. (313) 983-6606

DETROIT BOAT SHOW: Kicks off with Charity Launch Feb. 9, runs Feb. 10-18, noon to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday until 6 p.m., at Cobo Center, Detroit. (734) 261-0123

FAMILY SKATE PARTY: 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, registration by Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Southfield Sports Arena. \$5 residents, \$7 non-residents. (248) 354-9603

HARPBEAT: Performs music for kids 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Mall. (248) 476-1160

HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Warren. \$4.50, \$3.50 seniors, kids ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019

POLISH WEDDING GALA: Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralisk Tradition, Song and Dance takes place Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by the wedding, a full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by MuzaMix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or send e-mail to BusiasAttic@aol.com. More information is available at <http://polishallianceandancers@hypermart.net>

REDFORD THEATRE: *Bringing Up Baby* starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

STARS ON ICE: Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi and Ilia Kulik skate 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$35-\$60. (248) 645-6666

GERTRUDE STEIN AND THE MODERNS: A dinner lecture 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. \$35. (313) 831-1250

TREASURE TWINS: Leigh and Leslie Keno of PBS's *Antiques Roadshow* give a lecture and sign copies of their new book *Hidden Treasures: Searching for Masterpieces of American Furniture* 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$10. (313) 833-4005

VALENTINE'S DANCE: The 20th annual 50's Valentine's Dance, presents Reflections, with Deuce Coupe Band, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Stiletto's, at the PRCU Civic Center, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. \$22. 21 and older welcome. Includes food, bar, door prizes. Call Chooch at (734) 229-0678 or Chuck at (734) 425-2363 for details.

WE LOVE BARBIE SHOW: Features Barbe and friends fashion dolls 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, ages under 10 free. (734) 455-2110

BENEFITS

GREG BROWN: Performs blues and country from the heartland, Australian guitarist Jeff Lang opens, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15, proceeds benefit The Folk Alliance, a networking organization for groups, individuals and businesses involved in the performance folk arts in North America. (734) 763-TKTS

CRANBROOK GARDENS: Shake off the Winter Blues Green House Sale, orchids, ferns, succulents, blooming bulbs and more, noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Cranbrook Gardens Greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds from sale will be used to maintain and improve the 40 acres of gardens surrounding Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3147

ROMANTIC MUSIC: Featuring pianist Elizabeth Lesesne Dixon and mezzo-soprano Rose Mullins 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students, \$5 age 13 and under, \$25 family (advance); \$12, \$9 students, \$6 age 13 and under, \$30 family (at the door). (734) 930-2823. Proceeds go the King School Space Camp Program.

HEART & MUSIC...TOOL: A celebration of Broadway's best in song to benefit the St. Dunstan Theatre Guild Building Renovation Fund, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, 400 Lone Pine Road (between Cranbrook and Lahser Roads) Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, for a suggested donation of \$30 or more, guests receive preferential seating and a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 p.m. before 8 p.m. performances, or 12:30 p.m. before 2 p.m. Sunday performance. (248) 584-0696/(248) 356-7562 www.Stdunstanstheatre.com

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ANN DOYLE: Performs love songs that range from romance to heart-break 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

ARETHA FRANKLIN: Performs with a 14-piece orchestra 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$25-\$100. (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 963-2366

SONGS FOR MAD LOVERS: Cabaret concert featuring singers Julia Broxholm and Deanna Relyea with pianist Jerry DePuit 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$30, proceeds to benefit Kerrytown Concert House. (734) 769-2999

CLASSICAL

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Features mezzo soprano Edyta Kulzak, 3 p.m. in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students for concert, or \$30 and \$20 for concert and afterglow. (248) 706-5355.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Presents violinist Juliana Athayde 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Christ Cranbrook Church, Bloomfield Hills. \$25, \$15 students. (810) 751-2435

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Classical Roots* with Danny Glover narrating 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$20-\$52. (313) 576-5111. Black tie gala with Glover 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of African American History Saturday, Feb. 17 (\$500), reception, concert and afterglow \$175, call (313) 576-5154

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents a Valentine Bouquet chamber concert with soloists Barbara Pierce (vocals) and Jim Poe (bassoon) 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. \$14. (734) 425-4855

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Valleys and Peaks: Music from the Countryside* features a performance by Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra musicians and harpist Lynne Aspnas 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, the new Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Beck and North Territorial, Plymouth. \$14, \$12 seniors/college students, no charge for children in grades K-12. (734) 451-2112

SWEDISH RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/CHOIR: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$46. Camerata buffet dinner precedes performs at 6 p.m. (\$85), call (734) 647-8009/(734) 764-2538

DUBRAVKA TOMSIC: Artur Rubinstein's prize pupil performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ALL-MALE CHORUS: Looking for singers with the ability to carry a tune for Wayne Chapter of SPEB-SQSA, rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, ability to read music not required, at Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. (734) 722-2186

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: Auditions for *Little Shop of Horrors* 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 15-16, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, if necessary call backs will be Saturday afternoon, members of Actors' Equity may make appointments for Friday, union and non-union actors/singers make appointments for Thursday or Sunday, in the rehearsal room 125 at the theater, Rochester. For performances April 25 to May 20. Call (248) 370-3310 to schedule an audition.

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Auditions 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, call back auditions 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, variety of roles available for adults of all ages, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson. Rehearsals begin June 12. Call (517) 788-5032 to schedule an audition time.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Begins a 6-week winter workshop Saturday, Feb. 24, student in K-12 may choose from classes such as scene study, musical theater and improvisation or take the full program and receive a free TBP tee shirt. (313) 535-8962

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN: Is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language. Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audiotape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: *Fiedler's Favorites* 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$49. (313) 576-5111

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through February, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

CHORAL

BARBERSHOP HARMONY: Two of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets headline the Detroit-Oakland Chapter's 62nd Annual Parade of Harmony, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium, Livonia. Tickets \$14 (Friday), \$15 (Saturday), all seats reserved (248) 559-7082

SWEDISH RADIO CHOIR: With conductor Eric Ericson and his chamber choir 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 764-2538

JAZZ

BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Kansas City Grill, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

MICHAEL FRANKS: With guest saxophonist Najee 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$75. (248) 433-1515

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

PHIL GRAM ALL STARS: The evolution of music and jazz introduces listeners to the history of jazz 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Borders Books, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110

JEFF HASS TRIO: 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (248) 424-9041

ROBERT JONES: Celebrates the blues and Black History Month 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Borders Books, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110

YUSEF LATEEF: Performs his *The African American Epic Suite* 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$46. (313) 576-5111

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

BRETT LUCAS BAND: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Judi Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

MR. B'S BIRTHDAY BOUNCE: The blues and boogie woogie pianist performs 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

BILLY ROBINSON/JOHN HICKS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

SUNNY WILKINSON: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/ ACOUSTIC

AULDRIDGE/BENNETT & GAUDREAU: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

GARNET ROGERS: With Connie Kaldor 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

SON SEALS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

DANCE

DAIRAKUDAKAN: *Kalin No Uma (Sea Dappled Horse)* 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$36. (734) 764-2538

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: *Red, Hot and Blue* 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 new work by guest choreographer Shane O'Hara and Billy Siegenfeld's zany jazz dance *Lunacy* and work by artistic director Laurie Eisenhower, at Varner Recital Hall, campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$12, \$10 senior citizens, \$6 students, (248) 559-2095

HUBBARD STREET DANCE CHICAGO: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$38. (734) 764-2538

MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428

PETER SPARLING DANCE COMPANY: Perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, the evening begins with a 7 p.m. talk, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center Road. \$5. (734) 394-5193; Contact improvisation workshop to duet dance 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at Dance Gallery Studio, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 747-8885

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 774-9148 or e-mail dlj@homecomm.net

LIVE MUSIC

A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)

AVAIL: With Propagandhi, J. Church and Fabulous Disaster, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

ERYKAH BADU: With Soulchild, Talib Kweli, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1515

BAD MONKEY: CD Release party for the band's self-titled debut, Liz Larin will open. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Music Menu, Greektown in Detroit. \$5. (313) 964-6368.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 16, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651.

JEFF BECK: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515

BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: La Luna World Tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666

BUCKCHERRY: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-8961 (garage punk rock)

AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

AARON CARTER: 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. All ages. (313) 961-5451

CHERIE: Valentine's Weekend Party, including dinner, performance, and a DJ, Saturday, Feb. 10, LaRoy's Hall, LaSalle. \$25. (734) 777-2445 or www.cheriefire.com

MIKE CLARK'S PRESCRIPTION RENEWAL: Featuring Charlie Hunter, DJ Logic and Robert Walter, with special guest Sugarman 3, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 advance. (248) 544-3030

CROP CIRCLE: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CUPID'S REVENGE: Featuring Crush, Sweatysuedelips, 60 Second Crud and Forge, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 645-6666

THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

DEAD HEROES: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

DELL AND THE ROUGH CUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

DETROIT BLUES GUITAR: Featuring Robert Penn, Bobby Murray, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (248) 262-6890

DETROIT COBRAS: Friday, Feb. 16, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

AL DI MEOLA'S NEW WORLD SINFONIA: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$32.50. (248) 645-6666

EASY ACTION: With Shep wrench, The Paybacks, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$6. (248) 645-6666

14TH ANNUAL EROTIC POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: Featuring performances by N2 Submission, Braillehouse, Audra Kubat, Greebo and Deadly Mistress Donna, and poetry by Cindi St. Germain, Jimmy Doom, Liberty Ro Daniels, Ann Holdreith and Jim Perkinson. Hosting is Queen Bee and The Impaler. Jeff Hocking's art will be for sale, all at the festival, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. 21 and older. \$6-\$7. (313) 875-6555 or http://members.tripod.com/eroticpoetry.

EAR CANDY FESTIVAL: With Jason Tar, Rattling Wall Collective in Dutch, Laughing Gas, Delta Waves, Persona, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, room F-110 fine arts building on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn. \$10. Sponsored by WHFR 89.3FM.

50C HEADRUSH: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

MICHAEL FRANKS: With Najee, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$75. (313) 983-6611

HAPPENSTANCE: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 23-24, Shantle Bar, Warren. (810) 755-5055; Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, Stan's Dugout, Auburn Hills. (248) 852-6433

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART: 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 665-9090

AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, Thursday, Feb. 15, Tuesday, Feb. 20, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; Al Hill Trio performs Thursday, Feb. 8, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636;

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. (734) 332-9900. (reggae)

ERIC JOHNSON: With Alien Love Child, Derek Trucks Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$25. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT JONES AND MATT WATROBA: *Blues and Folk: Two Rivers, One Stream*, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Waterford Historical Church, Waterford. \$7-\$10. (248) 623-9389

KNEE DEEP SHAG: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030 (rock with a funk edge)

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, March 1-3, 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680

LINKIN PARK: With Taproot, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-8961. (minimalist rock)

MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 17, March 3, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

MATCHBOX TWENTY: With Everclear, Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$24.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. (pop rock)

STONE MAZAAR & THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

PAT MCGEE BAND: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. Only \$2. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoronells.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitsscience.com

DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 844-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100. or www.palacenet.com

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorde-troit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 5111 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 544-7938

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313.JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

THE TOWN PUMP TAVERN: 100 W. Montcalm, Detroit. (313) 961-1929

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

UNION STREET: 4145 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 831-3965

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

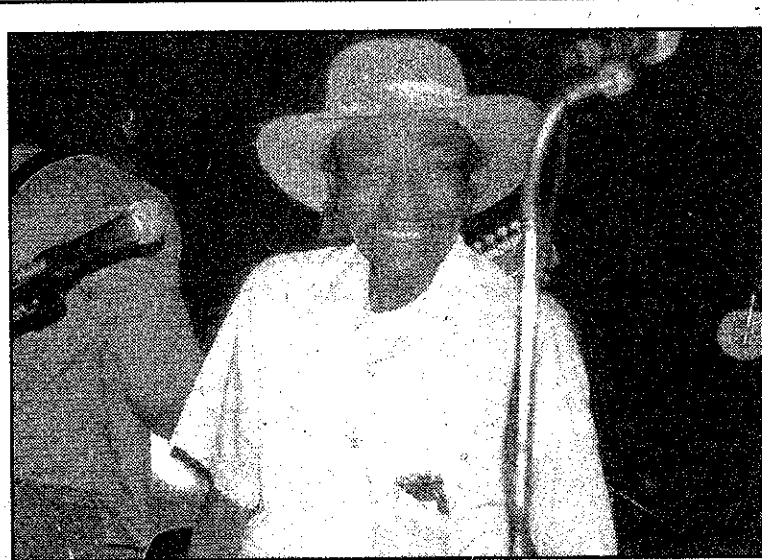
WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WINTERGARDEN TAVERN: 33320 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. (248) 474-7159

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467



Willie D. Warren Benefit: *Detroit's Blues community including Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, Howling Diablos and Eddie Harsch will honor legendary bluesman the late Willie D. Warren 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Tickets \$10, call (248) 544-3030.*

KENNY MEEKS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. 18 and older. \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310

M80S: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030

METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.

MHZ: With The Hammicks, Saturday, Feb. 10, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

MID BY MIDWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL: Featuring performances by The Buzzards, Climax Divine, Clone Defects, The Come-Ons, The Dirtbombs, Driftweed, Fletcher Pratt, Freddie Fortune & The Four Gone Conclusions, Ghost World, The Gore Gore Girls, Hemigod, The Hentchmen, Judah Johnson, Ko & The Midnight Intruders, mHz, The Mood Elevator, Murder City Wrecks, New Grenada, The Numbers, The Octopus, Outrageous Cherry, The Paybacks, Pirhans, Soledad Bros., Stroker Ace, Stun Gun, Taboo, Them Wranch, They Come in Threes, The Unfriendlys, Varlic, Waxwings, The Wildbunch and more, Friday-Saturday, March 9-10. Details to come. Proceeds benefit Haven, a shelter for battered women in Southeast Michigan. The festival is produced by and for Detroit's music community, The Gold Dollar, The Majestic Complex, The Old Miami, Bittersweet Cafe, Octane Grande and Living Endustries Productions. See www.mxmw.com.

MOE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOJAVE 3: With Sid Hellman Group, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (folk rock)

ANNE MURRAY: 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

NEW PORNOGRAPHERS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

1964 THE TRIBUTE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030. (Beatles covers)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

THE OCTOPUS: With The Librarians, Saturday, Feb. 3, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 20, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

ORGY: With Cold, Spineshank, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$16.75 advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (death pop)

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE: Featuring members of Blackberry Brandy, Monday, Feb. 12, 19, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666. (rock-metal)

MACEO PARKER: Saturday, April 28, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666

PIERCE PETTIS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

QUEERS: With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961

MICHAEL QUEST: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

THE RESIDENTS: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$26.75-\$33.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397

ROYAL OAK RECORD AND CD EXPO: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Royal Oak Elk's Hall, Royal Oak. (517) 793-2899

ROOMFUL OF BLUES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030. (blues)

LEON RUSSELL: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

SCAVENGER QUARTET: With Kuz, Saturday, Feb. 15, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

DJ SHORTROUND: Spins house along with hosts El George and Kegger from Motor Detroit, for Sunday Night Rehab, 10 p.m. Sundays, Town Pump Tavern, Detroit. (313) 961-1929

16 HORSEPOWER: With American Mars, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. 18 and older. (313) 961-8961

RONI SIZE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666

'70S SOUL JAM: Featuring The Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and The Delfonics, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$50. (248) 645-6666. (soul)

RJ SPANGLER GROUP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 14-15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

STRANGEFOLK: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8.50. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (folk-rock jam band)

SWALLOWHOLE: With Caulfield, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Roadrunner's Raft, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 873-7238.

THE TEMPTATIONS: With Ashford & Simpson, Undisputed Truth, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$75. (313) 433-1515.

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: Sunday, Feb. 11, 18, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

U2: With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666.

TWIZTID: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 645-6666

VIOLET SKIN: With N2 Submission, Radium, Friday, Feb. 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

WILLIE D. WARREN BENEFIT: With Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, Howling Diablos, Eddie Harsch and more, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

LESLIE WEST: Sunday, Feb. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

THE WILDBUNCH: With French Kicks, The Dishes, Saturday, Feb. 17, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

LESLIE WEST: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

DINING

This Valentine's Day... Eat to your heart's content

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Valentine's Day is just a heartbeat away, and it's time to find that perfect spot to wine and dine your sweetheart. We've made your job easier by listing some of the most romantic Italian restaurants in town. All you have to do is buy the roses and make the reservations.

■ **La Bistecca Italian Grille** — 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth Township, (734) 254-0400. Open: 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; lunch 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Entrées \$14-\$40.

Frank Sinatra tunes, an eclectic 1940s atmosphere, fine wine, and great Piedmontese beef — what more could lovers want? Dessert, of course! Besides an Chocolate Earl Grey Creme Brûlée and Cabernet Cheese-cake, Chef Scott Breazeale will create a Chocolate Chambord Torte with a suspended heart-shaped vanilla cookie that says "Happy Valentine's Day."

All entrées include salad, a special whipped potato and a vegetable. The specially bred Piedmontese beef (no additives in the feed) is extremely lean, with a lower fat content than chicken. Five cuts of filet are available to accommodate big to little appetites. The menu also includes veal and fish dishes.

Reservations still available 5-5:30 p.m. and 8:30-9:30 p.m.

■ **Café Cortina** — 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. Reservations can also be made at www.cafecortina.com. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5-11 p.m. Saturday; private parties on Sunday. Entrées \$28-\$42 (includes bread, salad, and pasta).

"We have created romantic memories for 25 years," said co-owner Adrian Tonin. Many of those memories have taken place in the restaurant's warm and welcoming fireplace room.

Tonin describes the menu as "Northern Italian with southern accents." He recommends the Paillard di Vitello con funghi trifolati, a pounded veal with olive oil, herbs, lemon and wild

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Submit items for consideration in Restaurant Specials to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

DINNER PACKAGES

Pike Street Restaurant offers dinner theater packages for Meadow Brook Theatre, including *Killing Time*, which runs Feb. 14-March 11. Dinner packages are priced at \$55 for Wednesday and Thursday shows. Friday and Saturday packages are \$75. Each package includes tickets to the show and dinner, including salad, a choice of fish, meat or fowl entree, dessert and coffee. Tax and gratuity are excluded. Order by calling the restaurant at (248) 334-7878.

mushrooms. However, the Tagliolini aragosta in salsa rossa — homemade ribbon pasta with lobster medallions and a lobster/tomato sauce — sounds very tempting.

Each evening throughout February Chef Jeffrey Hoffman will emphasize an ingredient believed to be a natural aphrodisiac — rosemary, garlic, scallops, lobster, wine and chocolate.

■ **Bella Ciao** — 118 W. Liberty (west of Main), Ann Arbor, (734) 995-2107. Open: 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Entrées \$16-\$25. Northern Italian cuisine. Intimate and sophisticated with a New York turn-of-the-century charm, Bella Ciao is the perfect setting for romance. Hungry for a Genovese fisherman's stew, roasted pheasant with polenta and porcini mushroom sauce, or an Angus tenderloin of beef with Gorgonzola sauce? No? Then

perhaps salmon, or maple-glazed rabbit or pork chops with brandy, apples and cream.

"The food is marvelous!" exclaimed manager Suzanne Northway. "I love the duck, but I usually have the tenderloin because it's so wonderful."

Save room for dessert. The tira

misu, chocolate torte with raspberry mousse and the apple pie in puff pastry are made in-house. Whether you sit in the red or the gold room, make sure you linger over coffee.

■ **Fonte D'Amore** — 32030 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. Open: 11 a.m. to 10

p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday. Entrées: \$14-\$28. Lovers can't go wrong at a place whose name means "fountain of love." The setting here is dark, soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

If you've never tried Fonte D'Amore's marvelously creamy roasted garlic and eggplant soup, please do. "I have people who come from as far as Toledo for this soup... on weekly basis," said owner Luciano Del Signore.

Del Signore plans to offer a special Valentine's Day "tasting" menu for \$42. The menu includes several appetizers, the eggplant soup, a trio of pastas, an entrée selection and a special dessert. And for dessert, there's chocolate-dipped white vanilla Gelato with a center of brandied

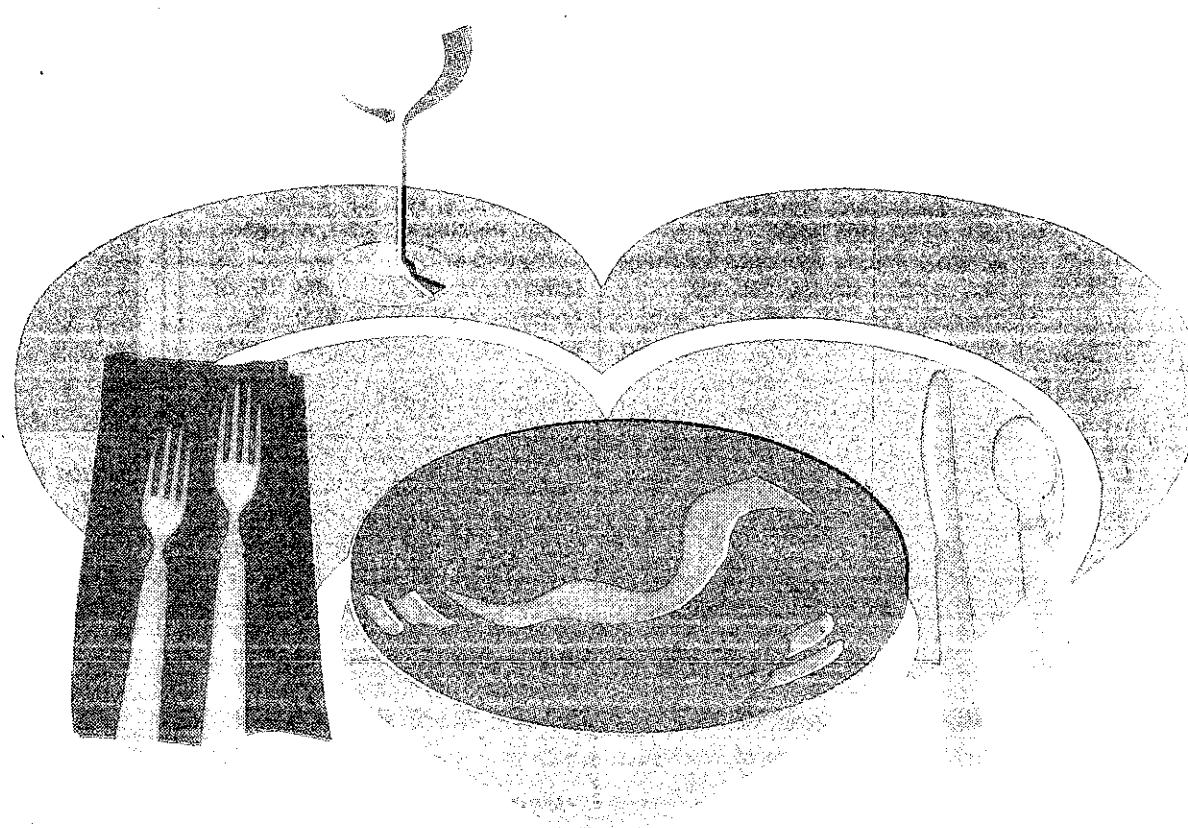
cherries. Oh, be still my heart!

■ **Marco's** — 32758 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. Open: lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Why dine at Marco's for Valentine's Days. "Candlelight! Fresh flowers! Intimate atmosphere. Lobster!" proclaimed owner Marco Conte.

Conte goes through several cases of cold-water Australian lobster tails a week and says his patrons often reserve the tails when they call in their reservations. Conte serves the tails, which run \$30 for one tail and \$49 for two, with a beurre blanc sauce of lemon, whipping cream and butter.

Besides classic Italian specialties, the menu offers filets and steaks and Cherry Hazelnut Chicken, a boneless breast sautéed with Michigan dried cherries and a splash of Frangelico. For dessert, choose either the tira misu ("It's gone over like gangbusters for eight years," says Conte) or the creme brûlée with fresh berries.

Happy Valentine's Days, readers, and as they say in Italy, "That's amore!"



Lovely bites to go

If you want to dine at home but don't want to cook, consider ordering a Valentine's Day Dinner Basket for two from Main Street Catering in Canton for \$39.95.

The basket contains two chicken pot pies, a bottle of sparkling cider (they'll substitute your own bottle of wine if you provide it), and an assort-

ment of luscious dessert bars, brownies and heart-shaped cookies. The basket comes wrapped in cellophane with a red bow.

If possible, order by Monday, Feb. 12. Call (734) 453-1400. Main Street Catering is on Ford Road (west of Sheldon, in the Canton Landing Mall.)

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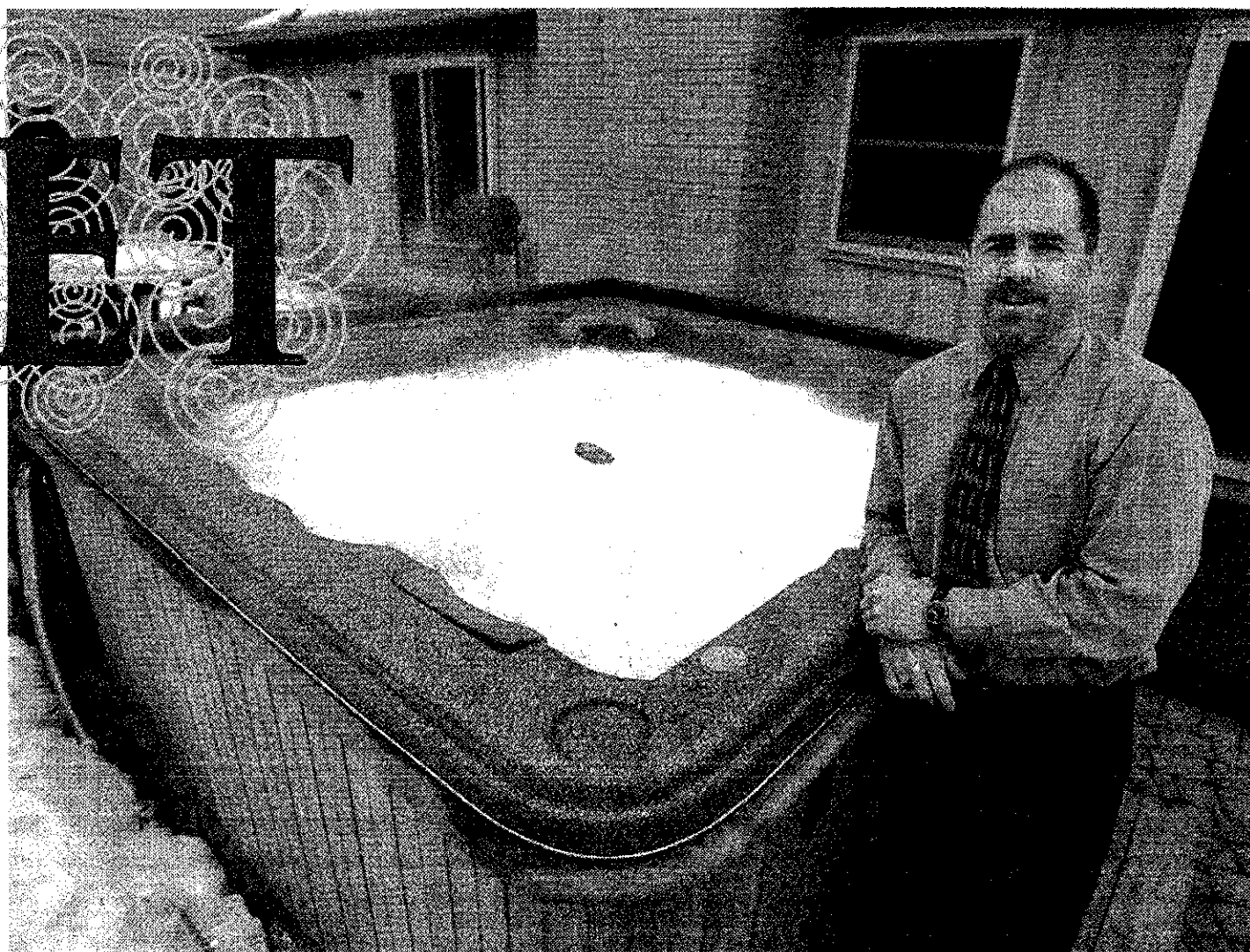
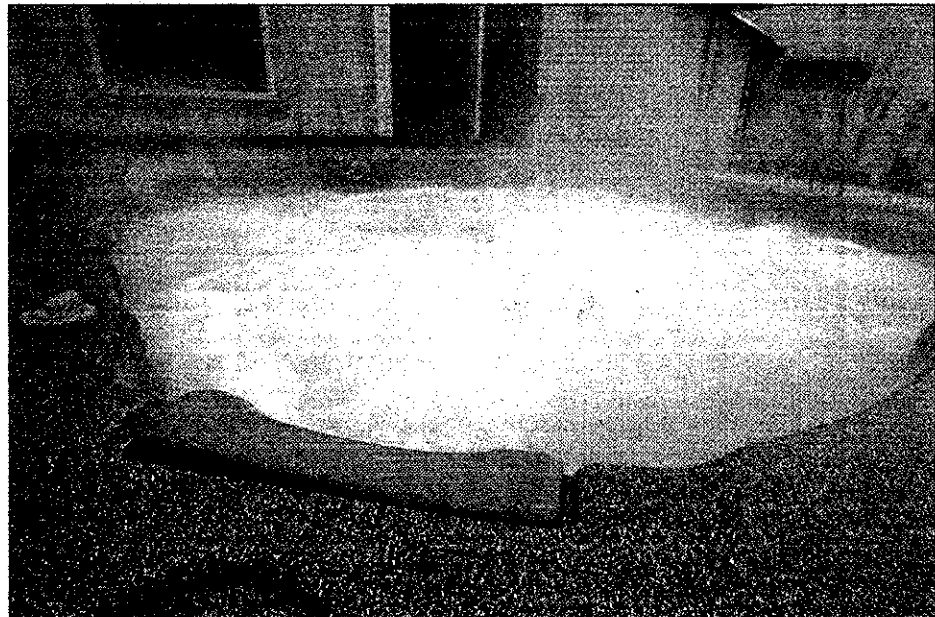
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THE JET SET

Spas offer TV, sounds along with muscle massage



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Time to relax: Mark Sims keeps his spa operating all year long in the yard of his Westland home. The water's warmth and the spa's massaging jets help him relax after a long day of work.

A little bubbly: The spa, sold and distributed by Cal Spa, features jets that spray on backs, necks, arms, calves and toes. Different seats allow for different water massages.

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Mark Sims of Westland always stayed at hotels that included hot tubs or spas while vacationing.

The relaxation he experienced from the spa after a long day of traveling wasn't lost on him.

"As much as I enjoyed them on vacation, I ended up buying one," Sims said. "Mine's outside, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's relaxing, it's soothing, and you can use it in the morning or after work."

That reaction is common in the hot tub and spa business, spa sellers and distributors said at the Home Improvement Show in Novi, Feb. 1-4.

A little R & R

"People always talk about how it's good for your joints and how they help with stress," said Gary Martin, store manager of Fireplace & Spa in Canton.

Sean Murray, sales manager for Four Seasons Sunroom in Southfield, said customers enjoy the relaxation. "They enjoy the jets, they enjoy the hot water," Murray said. "You can use them anytime you want, whether it is 2 a.m. or 6 a.m."

Keith Hueffner, manager with Masters Spas of Michigan of Utica, said spa purchasers love the magnetic hydrotherapy. "People get stuck in traffic, they get home and they want a place to relax," Hueffner said. "It not only gives them a place to relax, it helps them sleep better when

their muscles feel better."

Spas once carried the reputation as a status symbol for the "single guy," said Jeremy Hershey, assistant manager at Fireplace & Spa.

"Today, a lot of people buy it for the family," Hershey said. "Parents buy it to spend time with their kids. Wives like it and it's a nice way to bring the family together."

These jets don't lag

Spas vary in "therapy" and how they "hydro-massage" different muscles, usually focusing on the neck, back, calves and feet. Sometimes it depends on the seat chosen by the spa user.

The Atlantic, Cal Spa's most popular model, offers six different seating positions. (Spas range in size from four seats to a capacity of six or seven people.)

One seat focuses on the shoulders and lower back, the lumbar therapy seat jets water onto the entire back: Two other seats house adjustable jets to massage neck muscles.

Sit in one of these, and those rigid, stiff muscles and joints will melt into jelly. Sit long enough, and you won't want to climb back out. (Anyone with a heart condition should check with a doctor first.)

Hershey said spa purchasers love the "foot dome," offered in spas ranging in price between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Whirlpool jets shoot 200 gallons a minute on your feet, while a CD-stereo system plays music.

Cal Spa also features a new heat exchange unit to protect the heating element from any calcification and a new Dually power unit to

increase the pump's efficiency.

Only a few spas ordered from the Canton store have been installed inside homes, said Hershey. "A vast majority have them installed on their decks, pavers or patios. Most put them outside. It's nice using it when it's cold outside."

When people buy spas now, they want them maintenance-free, Hershey said. Warranties last five years on the tub for electrical, parts and labor; 10 years on the shell (or surface), and a lifetime warranty on the heater or ozone system.

Spas at Fireplace & Spas, range in price from \$5,000 to \$9,000. Sims said his electric bills increased about \$50 a month in winter to operate his spa.

Murray said Dimension One is the only spa seller that will guarantee \$20 operating costs per month for normal use in its warranty for the Dimension One Spa.

"You see a lot of spas with fiberoptics, stereo systems and a lot of glitz," Murray said. "But people want a low electric bill and they want less maintenance. They don't have the time to check the chemicals every day."

Features

Dimension One's patented Ultra Pure Water Management System continuously filters, heats and "ozonates" spa water, calling for fewer chemicals. Models include 100 percent foam insulation, interchangeable jet systems including a 100-gallon-a-minute Typhoon jet for the feet and legs. Other jets can change water volume, pattern width and speed. Fourteen jets massage six different muscle-group zones.

Dimension One spas at Four Seasons range from \$2,995 to \$10,000. The Ultra Life spa shell is warranted against blistering, cracking or delamination for the life of the spa. The Quarite Plus spa shell is warranted against blistering, cracking or delamination for five years. Pumps, the control system, the heater parts and internal plumbing are warranted for five years.

Master Spas of Michigan offer a 13-inch TV set with two speakers that pop up in corners located diagonally from the television. Hueffner throws the TV remote into the water, then picks it up and switches channels.

The Master Blaster Foot Therapy System activate 14 nozzles on each foot with 200 gallons per minute. Fiber optic lights and waterfalls set the mood.

The Legend spas also offer hydro-magnetic therapy. "There are a lot of sports athletes using the magnetic therapy," Hueffner said. It also offers antimicrobial protection with



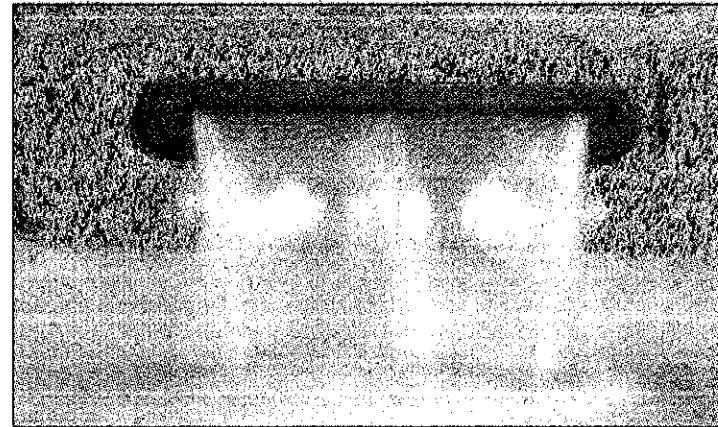
Under cover: Spa owners can purchase anything from a gazebo to this simple umbrella to help shelter the spa and protect it from the outside climate. Four Seasons Sunroom featured these Dimension One Spas at the recent Home Improvement Show in Novi.

Microban built into the acrylic surface of the spa with an energy-efficient pump and insulated tub.

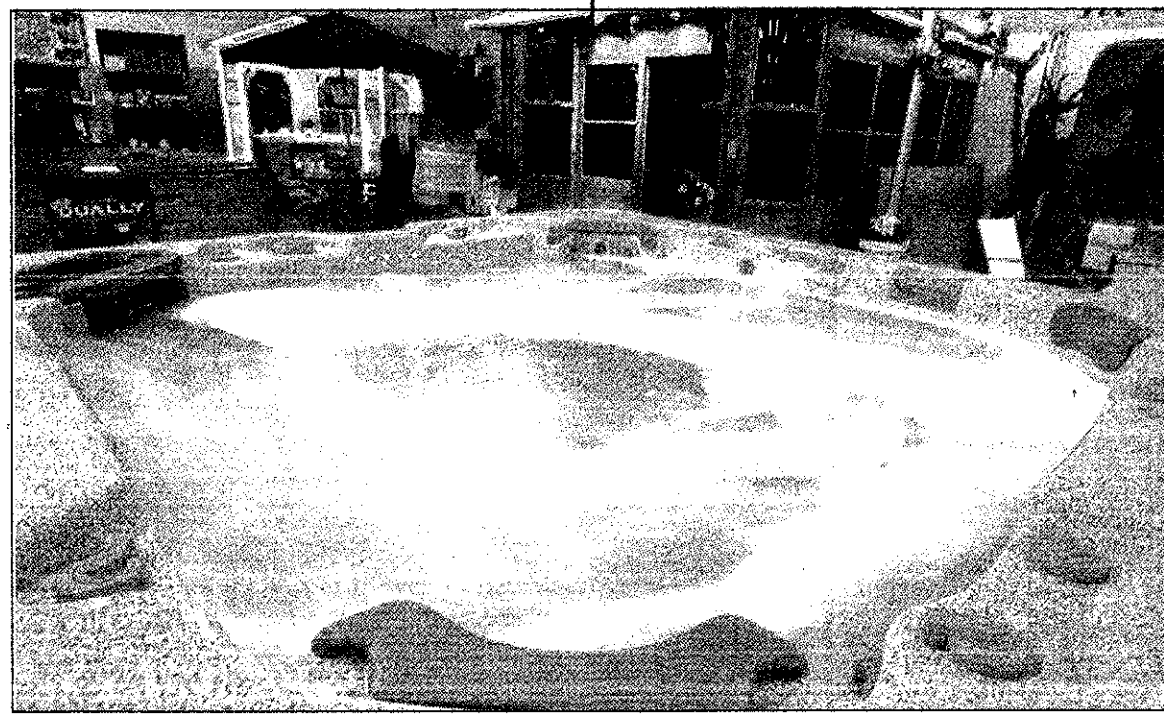
Master Spa prices its units from \$3,495 to \$12,900. It also offers the only polymer plastic gazebo on the market.

Spas can be sheltered inside a gazebo. Fireplace & Spa offers a fiberglass pavilion, which offers a panoramic view of the sky and surroundings.

Homeowners love the fiber optic lights, Hershey said. "There's something about sitting in the dark with the lights," Hershey said.



Falling water: Many different spas feature this waterfall option. The waterfall feature was added to help with the spa's calming effect.



Backyard fun: Cal Spa also sells gazebos and patio furniture to accompany its spas and dress up backyards.

JOE GAGNON

Stop the floods

Homeowners face potential flooding if pipes burst when they are out. The Appliance Doctor tells of an invention to stop those problems.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Border order

Check out your options before starting that border garden this spring.

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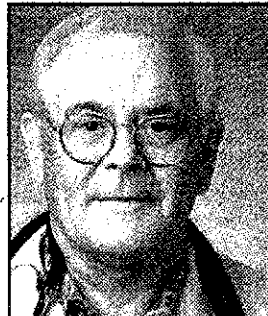
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Local couple fell in love at a singles dance and now offers other the chance to meet their match..

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INSIDE



INTERIOR DESIGN

Take heart with these romantic gifts

Here are a few lovely gift ideas for your valentine that feature heart shapes or designs.

Jacobson's carries heart-shaped paperweights created from recycled glass from the north coast of California. They come in aqua, cobalt and copper; costs are \$20 for the small heart, \$30 for the large.

Show your devotion with a red crystal heart-shaped vase by Salvati, also available at Jacobson's. The vase retails for \$280.

A handpainted bowl by Kosta Boda is great for entertaining and makes a perfect decoration,

too. The original design features an array of hearts on a backdrop of frosted glass. The bowl is \$135 at Jacobson's.

For all valentine romantics, La Belle Provence, 185 W. Maple in Birmingham, features Heart on a String valentine sachets that add a touch of elegance and fragrance to any room.

The sachets, \$35 each, are available in solid red and other designs and colors.

La Belle Provence also carries heart-shaped porcelain boxes by Limoges with miniature porcelain chocolates or flowers.

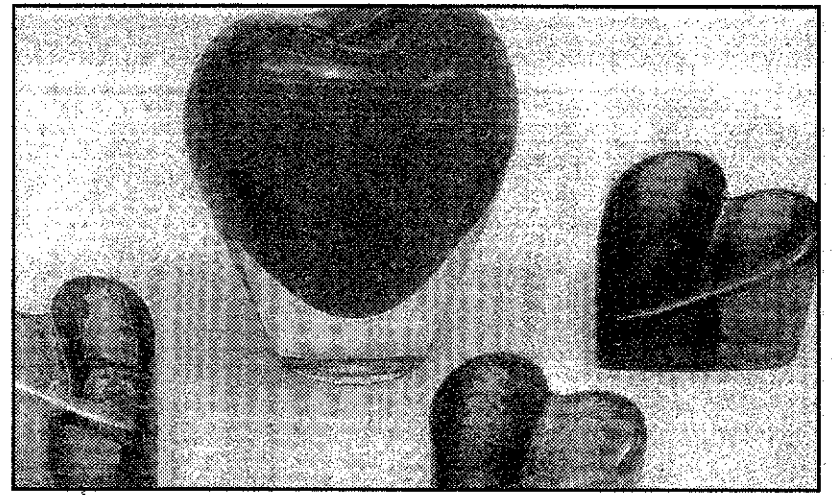
Capture that romantic moment forever with a silver heart textured or dangle heart silver frame, \$18, from Imelda's Closet, 123 W. Maple in Birmingham.

Also at Imelda's Closet are lavender-filled sachets in hand-crafted white lace with heart motif, \$12 each.

Enjoy the beauty of Valentine's Day year-round with a red toile heart box with gold edging and cherry ribbon bow, and whimsical newsprint inside, \$28 at Festivities, 377 Hamilton Row.

Other "hearty" items at the Birmingham store include a handcrafted porcelain heart ornament with intricate design, by the mother-and-daughter team of Coille and Moly Hooven, \$14; handcrafted felt ornaments by Festivities, \$14.25 for a quilted "Friends Forever" heart with satin rose, \$6.75 for an angel with flower motif; and heart-shaped "Have a Heart Seasonal Suds" scented soaps in tangerine, coconut and cherry, \$4.50.

Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, features Brighton candles.



A heart time: Jacobson's carries heart-shaped paperweights created from recycled glass from the north coast of California.

Katie Brown shares decorating ideas

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Katie Brown was happy. The former host of *Next Door with Katie Brown* on the Lifetime channel was at the Jo-Ann etc store in Auburn Hills Saturday afternoon, sharing a few ideas on creative party decorating from her book, *Katie Brown Entertains*.

Her cheery demeanor and cheerleader manner made it apparent that she likes what she does and where she was doing it then.

"It's good to be home, back in Michigan where people look you in the eye and smile," said Brown, who grew up in Petoskey and now lives in Los Angeles and New York.

"I have a good job," she said later.

"I get to do things that make life a little bit better."

Brown, 37, has been featured in national publications — including *People* (which called her "TV's meat-and-potatoes Martha Stewart"), *The Wall Street Journal* and *Ladies' Home Journal* — and on national TV programs — including *Oprah*, *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*.

Beginning this fall, she will



Katie Brown

host shows on HGTV and The Food Network.

At Jo-Ann etc, Brown shared ideas for Valentine's Day from her "Romance in the Morning" chapter.

"I'm bored with chocolates and hearts," she said of the holiday. "You gotta do something different."

Among her ideas for something different were making a place mat made by pressing fresh flowers in a frame with a clear plastic (not glass) top. She likes using gerbera daisies best for this; they go the flattest and have bright, bold colors.

Brown also strung beads from

costume jewelry on wires and attached them to silverware handles or formed them into napkin rings.

For a party dressed in "industrial chic," Brown covered small cork plant liners with silver tacks to make coasters and larger ones with thin sheet metal (that could be cut with a scissors) to make place mats.

For a children's party, Brown made a centerpiece featuring pinwheels in terra cotta pots filled with sugar and jelly beans. Each place mat was made of four rulers glued together to form a rectangle or square, with colorful ribbons tied around each corner. Ice cream could be served in clear glass bowls glued onto toy cars.

Brown took questions from the audience. They included:

■ What window treatment can be done for such elements as sliding glass doors or French doors? Brown suggested putting rods at the top and bottom and fabric between them; the rods could be turned away from the glass as needed.

■ Any ideas for a Kentucky Derby party, besides serving mint juleps? Among Brown's suggestions were making copies of photos of past Derby winners and decouping them onto

wooden trays.

■ What about a bachelorette party? One of Brown's ideas was to have each guest write up a story about the honoree and put them in a scrapbook. At the party, everybody would read their story.

■ Any ideas for a shower in March? Brown suggested dipping bottles in bright marine paint, grouping three together and securing them with wire to make a centerpiece that guests could take home. This is featured in the book.

In response to other questions from the audience, Brown said she was speaking to people about starting her own magazine and her own Web site (she is now on the Lifetime Web site: www.lifetime.com).

Brown told the group how her mother got the children in the family started on creative projects with supplies from stores like Jo-Ann etc. As an adult, Brown is constantly finding inspiration.

At dinner the previous day, Brown's father asked her about running out of ideas; she assured him that wouldn't happen, she said.

"I said, 'I see five ideas on the table and I'm going to take all of them.'"

DESIGN CALENDAR

■ Decorating consultant Jeanine Matlow is teaching classes in Oakland County: "Conversation Pieces" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8) through Farmington Community Education; "Entertaining with Style" (5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13) through The Longacre House in Farmington;

and "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27) through West Bloomfield Community Education. Learn innovative and affordable ways to decorate and entertain using items you have in your home. For costs and other information on the classes, call Farmington Community Education at (248) 489-3333, The Longacre House at (248) 477-

8404 or West Bloomfield Community Education at (248) 539-2290.

■ In honor of Black History Month, Art Van Furniture and the Southfield Youtheater present the McKinney Duo 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Art Van, 22555 Greenfield in Southfield. This talented Detroit couple will perform a kid-friendly presentation of music, storytelling and

the history of blues and jazz. Call (248) 569-3770.

■ The Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan will present a slide lecture by Texas quilt artist Cynthia England 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple in Birmingham. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call (248) 280-0370 or (248) 363-5697.

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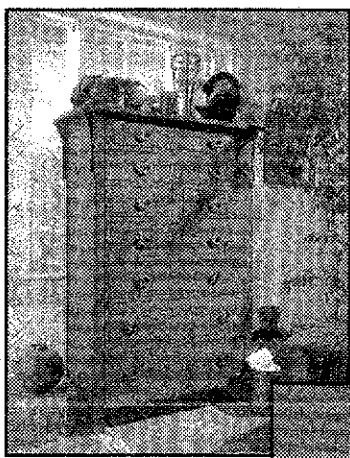
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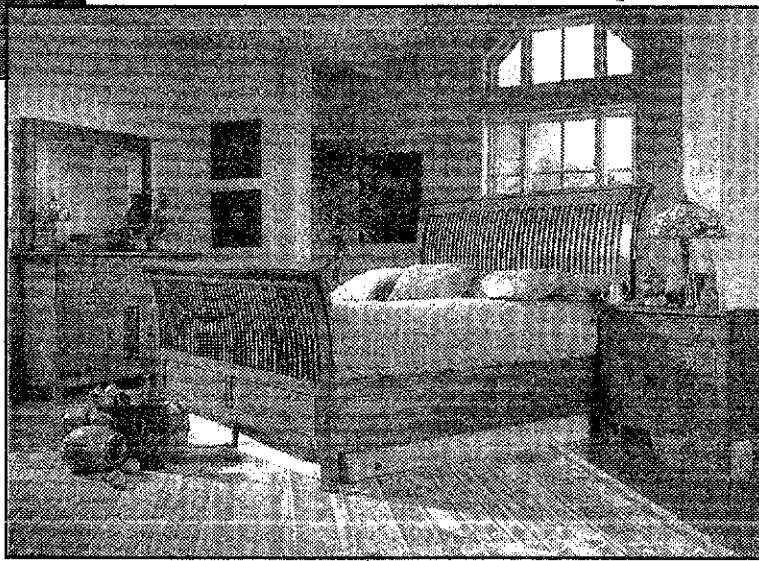
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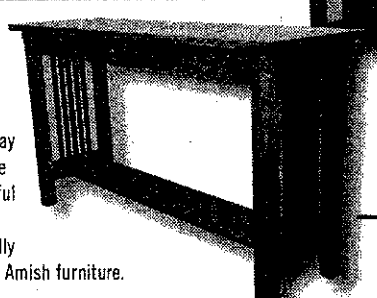
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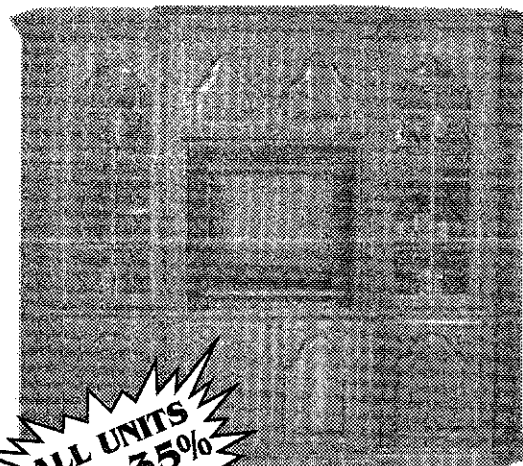
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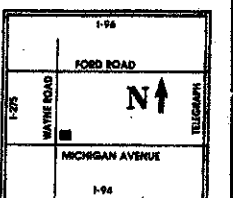
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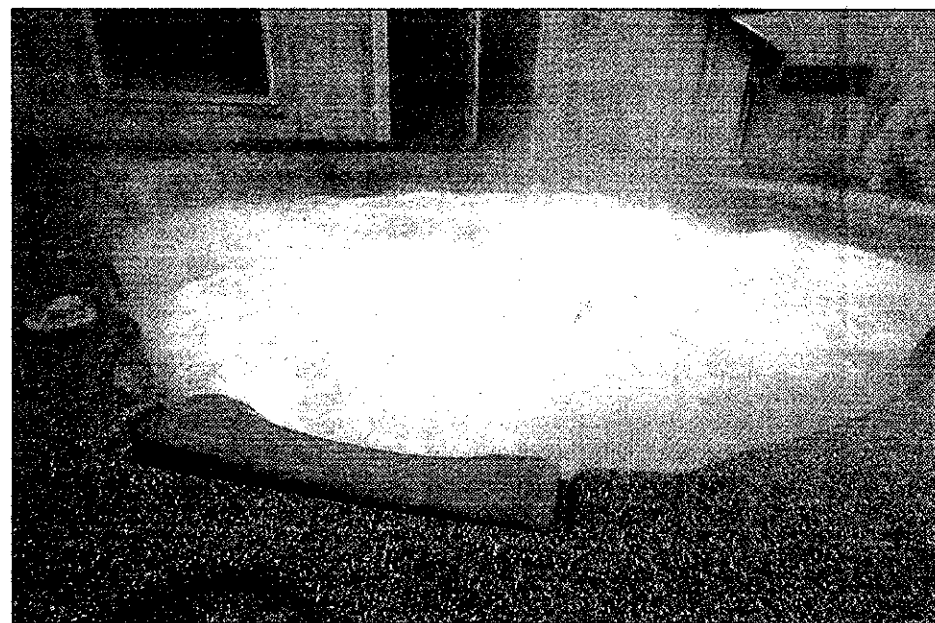
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Mark Sims of Westland always stayed at hotels that included hot tubs or spas while vacationing.

The relaxation he experienced from the spa after a long day of traveling wasn't lost on him. "As much as I enjoyed them on vacation, I ended up buying one," Sims said. "Mine's outside, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It's relaxing, it's soothing, and you can use it in the morning or after work."

That reaction is common in the hot tub and spa business, spa sellers and distributors said at the Home Improvement Show in Novi, Feb. 1-4.

A little R & R

"People always talk about how it's good for your joints and how they help with stress," said Gary Martin, store manager of Fireplace & Spa in Canton.

Sean Murray, sales manager for Four Seasons Sunroom in Southfield, said customers enjoy the relaxation. "They enjoy the jets, they enjoy the hot water," Murray said. "You can use them anytime you want, whether it is 2 a.m. or 6 a.m."

Keith Hueffner, manager with Masters Spas of Michigan of Utica, said spa purchasers love the magnetic hydrotherapy. "People get stuck in traffic, they get home and they want a place to relax," Hueffner said. "It not only gives them a place to relax, it helps them sleep better when

their muscles feel better."

Spas once carried the reputation as a status symbol for the "single guy," said Jeremy Hershey, assistant manager at Fireplace & Spa.

"Today, a lot of people buy it for the family," Hershey said. "Parents buy it to spend time with their kids. Wives like it and it's a nice way to bring the family together."

These jets don't lag

Spas vary in "therapy" and how they "hydro-massage" different muscles, usually focusing on the neck, back, calves and feet. Sometimes it depends on the seat chosen by the spa user.

The Atlantic, Cal Spa's most popular model, offers six different seating positions. (Spas range in size from four seats to a capacity of six or seven people.)

One seat focuses on the shoulders and lower back, the lumbar therapy seat jets water onto the entire back. Two other seats house adjustable jets to massage neck muscles.

Sit in one of these, and those rigid, stiff muscles and joints will melt into jelly. Sit long enough, and you won't want to climb back out. (Anyone with a heart condition should check with a doctor first.)

Hershey said spa purchasers love the "foot dome," offered in spas ranging in price between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Whirlpool jets shoot 200 gallons a minute on your feet, while a CD-stereo system plays music.

Cal Spa also features a new heat exchange unit to protect the heating element from any calcification and a new Dually power unit to

increase the pump's efficiency.

Only a few spas ordered from the Canton store have been installed inside homes, said Hershey. "A vast majority have them installed on their decks, pavers or patios. Most put them outside. It's nice using it when it's cold outside."

When people buy spas now, they want them maintenance-free, Hershey said. Warranties last five years on the tub for electrical, parts and labor, 10 years on the shell (or surface), and a lifetime warranty on the heater or ozone system.

Spas at Fireplace & Spas, range in price from \$5,000 to \$9,000. Sims said his electric bills increased about \$50 a month in winter to operate his spa.

Murray said Dimension One is the only spa seller that will guarantee \$20 operating costs per month for normal use in its warranty for the Dimension One Spa.

"You see a lot of spas with fiberoptics, stereo systems and a lot of glitz," Murray said. "But people want a low electric bill and they want less maintenance. They don't have the time to check the chemicals every day."

Features

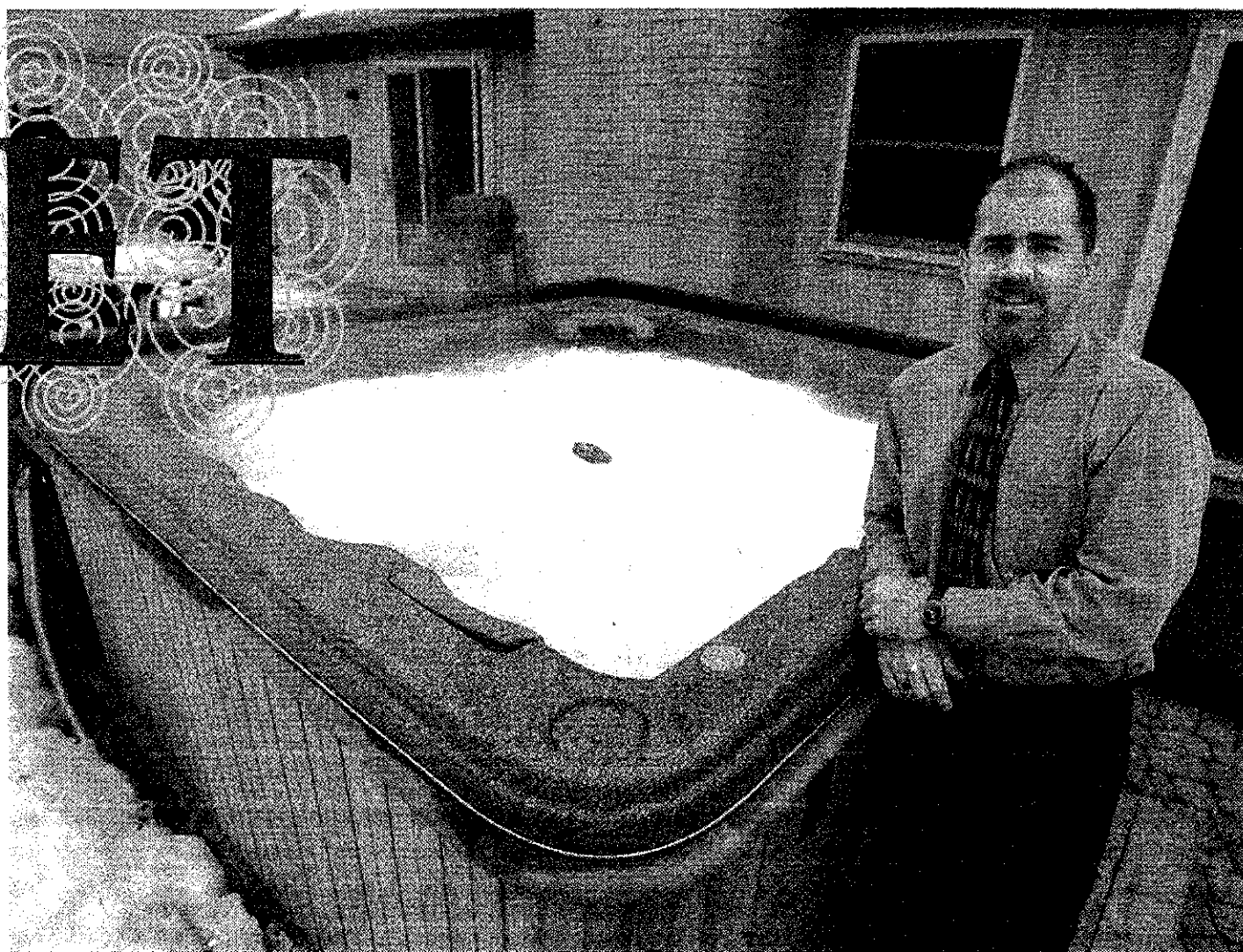
Dimension One's patented Ultra Pure Water Management System continuously filters, heats and "ozonates" spa water, calling for fewer chemicals. Models include 100 percent foam insulation, interchangeable jet systems including a 100-gallon-a-minute Typhoon jet for the feet and legs. Other jets can change water volume, pattern width and speed. Fourteen jets massage six different muscle-group zones.

Dimension One spas at Four Seasons range from \$2,995 to \$10,000. The Ultra Life spa shell is warranted against blistering, cracking or delamination for the life of the spa. The Quarite Plus spa shell is warranted against blistering, cracking or delamination for five years. Pumps, the control system, the heater parts and internal plumbing are warranted for five years.

Master Spas of Michigan offer a 13-inch TV set with two speakers that pop up in corners located diagonally from the television. Hueffner throws the TV remote into the water, then picks it up and switches channels.

The Master Blaster Foot Therapy System activate 14 nozzles on each foot with 200 gallons per minute. Fiber optic lights and waterfalls set the mood.

The Legend spas also offer hydro-magnetic therapy. "There are a lot of sports athletes using the magnetic therapy," Hueffner said. It also offers antimicrobial protection with



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Time to relax: Mark Sims keeps his spa operating all year long in the yard of his Westland home. The water's warmth and the spa's massaging jets help him relax after a long day of work.

A little bubbly: The spa, sold and distributed by Cal Spa, features jets that spray on backs, necks, arms, calves and toes. Different seats allow for different water massages.



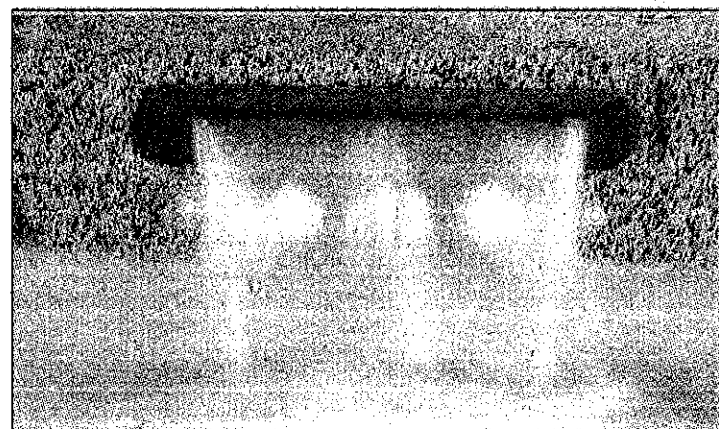
Under cover: Spa owners can purchase anything from a gazebo to this simple umbrella to help shelter the spa and protect it from the outside climate. Four Seasons Sunroom featured these Dimension One Spas at the recent Home Improvement Show in Novi.

Microban built into the acrylic surface of the spa with an energy-efficient pump and insulated tub.

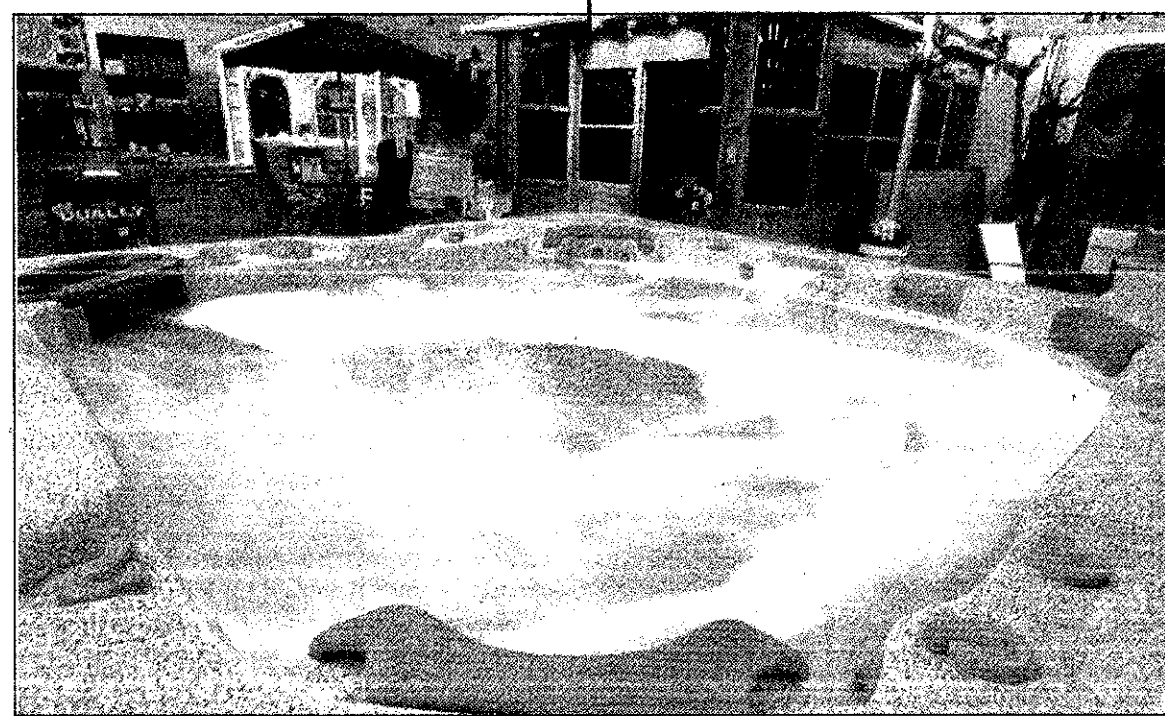
Master Spa prices its units from \$3,495 to \$12,900. It also offers the only polymer plastic gazebo on the market.

Spas can be sheltered inside a gazebo. Fireplace & Spa offers a fiberglass pavilion, which offers a panoramic view of the sky and surroundings.

Homeowners love the fiber optic lights, Hershey said. "There's something about sitting in the dark with the lights," Hershey said.

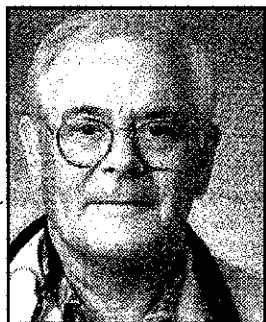


Falling water: Many different spas feature this waterfall option. The waterfall feature was added to help with the spa's calming effect.



Backyard fun: Cal Spa also sells gazebos and patio furniture to accompany its spas and dress up backyards.

INSIDE



JOE GAGNON

Stop the floods

Homeowners face potential flooding if pipes burst when they are out. The Appliance Doctor tells of an invention to stop those problems.

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Check out your options before starting that border garden this spring.

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HOME WORK

Invention helps stop flooding created by broken water pipes

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

The topic of water arises often in these columns and for good reason. It sustains life. When you get right down to it, it is really very inexpensive, especially when it is compared to gasoline.

There is a point, though, when water becomes a huge expense to an average homeowner. Let's look at a washing machine that has the same original rubber hoses, connected when the washer was installed 10 years ago. What kind of shape are those hoses in? Have you inspected them lately?

If those hoses are getting mushy when you squeeze them, maybe it's time to replace them. If the brass or silver-looking couplings near the ends where they connect to the faucets or the washer water valve are starting to rust, it's another sign that they are deteriorating.

What happens in a home when a water line breaks? Insurers could better answer that question by telling us how much money is reimbursed to policyholders nationwide. The amount could well be several billion dollars and yet, the same problem still continues. Why? Because it is very hard for most consumers to discipline themselves to shut off the water supply to the washing machine when they are done using it, so most don't bother.

Something new

Sometimes a better mousetrap is invented. Today's column

focuses on a new invention.

I just had my plumber install something called the H2Off. The company name is Dolphin Industries owned by Dr. Craig Sawka of Grosse Ile, who perfected this product only recently. The unit is plumbed into the main water line on the inside of the water meter. Should you have a hose rupture or a line break, it will allow water to flow for only the time you set on a built-in timer. Once the water flows continuously for that time period, a clock automatically shuts the flow off. There is a bypass system used for lawn sprinklers and even a hookup to inform an alarm company that you have a burst pipe.

It does have a negative. The water will flow for the period you set on the clock, which should sort of match up to the time you spend in the shower. If you set the clock for nine minutes, then you can expect the water to run all over the place if you had a hose or pipe break, but keep in mind that the water damage would be minimal compared to water flowing for days or weeks.

You should talk to your insurance agent and ask if a discount on your home policy might apply if you have one of these devices installed. This new product will soon be hitting the open market and I'm sure will prevent a lot of damage to the American home. For more information on the H2Off unit, call Sawka at (734) 671-1664 or click on www.h2off.com.

The latest on dip tubes

My phone is ringing off the hook from people who are just now discovering the defective dip tube in their hot water tank. They are just finding out the problem was taken care of by the manufacturers until only

Dec. 31, 2000.

At this time there is nothing that can be done for consumers unless they spend their own money to have the problem repaired by a plumber. The Attorney General's office in Lansing is sending out a complaint form to homeowners who are just now discovering the problem. Call 1-517-335-0855 to order the form.

If you have a hot water tank purchased between 1993 and 1997 (excludes Sears) and you run out of hot water or the screens on your faucet aerators are plugging up with little chalk like pieces, you probably have a defective dip tube. The class action lawsuit settlement reached last June 2 allowed the six manufacturers to repair them for consumers at no charge only until the end of last year. As of Jan. 1, 2001, they no longer have to do so and that means that millions of homeowners will fix it out of their own pocket.

Something is not right here and the attorney general is taking a close hard look at this. Stay tuned.

For more information on the H2Off unit, call Sawka at (734) 671-1664.

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Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Drywall holes are easy to fix using 'mud' and sandpaper

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

I get many questions about how to repair it. In fact, it's one of the most popular units in my classes.

Here's what tools and materials you'll need: a drywall or keyhole saw, utility knife, 6- and 10-inch mud knives, 120-grit drywall sandpaper, a small bucket of drywall joint compound (mud) and a scrap piece of drywall. (Lumberyards and home improvement stores often have a few scraps lying around. They may even give one to you, saving you money and the trouble of buying an entire 4-by-9-foot sheet of drywall. You also can inquire at a construction site.)

In just about any home

repair book, there's bound to be pages on drywall repair.

Depending on the severity of the damage, the repair can be as simple as one application of mud (drywall compound) or may require replacing a section of the board.

Easy methods

Since most of the questions I get deal with holes about the size of a doorknob, let's look at one simple way to patch this hole.

Use a drywall saw or keyhole saw to "square up" the hole. If neither of these are available, use anything that will cut drywall. Even some serrated knives can work in a pinch.

To make a plug for the hole, start by cutting a piece of wallboard about 4 inches larger than the hole you just "squared."

Drywall is most easily cut by scoring through front (the lighter colored) layer of paper, snapping the board away from the cut then cutting the back layer of paper. In the center of the backside of this piece, score and peel the waste gypsum (plaster) leaving 1 1/2 to 2 inches of paper on the front.

Test fit the plug to the hole and adjust either as necessary.

Spread mud

Spread mud on the wall around the hole, getting some on its edges. Insert the plug into the hole and "knife" it in place with a 6-inch mud knife.

After drying about 24 hours, sand the patch and spread a second coat of mud over the patch, feathering the edges about 2 inches past it. Again allow to dry about 24 hours, sand and feather the mud about 2 inches past the last application. Sand again and if necessary repeat the steps above.

Paint the area, look for flaws and if necessary touch up with mud and paint again.

Drywall work like most of the other "trowel trades" requires much practice. Be patient and work carefully. You will get acceptable results.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students. Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym, care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

HOME IMPROVEMENT CALENDAR

■ The Home Depot presents free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. The clinics last approximately 30 to 45 minutes each and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information about the clinics, contact your

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Scheduled in February are "How to Buy Carpet," 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Pergo Flooring," 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Ceramic Tile," 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "Faux Painting Techniques," 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to

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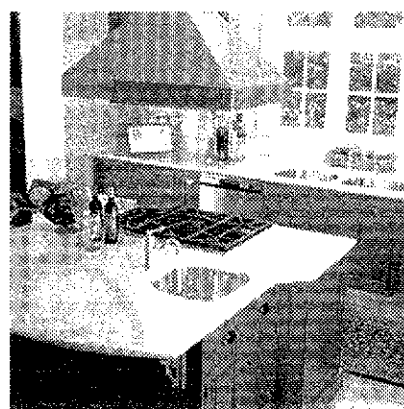
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CREATIVE LIVING

Kids' valentine party has lots of heart, fun

INVITING IDEAS



RUTH MOSSOK

Valentine's Day always seems to get the big hype for sweethearts, but what about a special get-together for the youngsters?

If the invited guests are under 14, eliminate the romance or anything that could be interpreted as "girl-friends" or "boyfriends"; keep to fun, food and "just friends" stuff.

Have each of the youngsters bring with them some craft items from home: doilies, cardboard, fancy buttons, heart-shaped stickers, glitter (glitter glue), or gel pens — anything that they think would be fun to make some Valentine's Day cards for their parents.

As the hosts of the party, have plenty of construction paper, cardboard and extra craft items to fill in.

Another great activity is to have some pre-made heart cookies that the children can decorate.

Have on hand some Royal Icing, red sprinkles, red and pink edible glitter, red hots and

■ If you have the time and don't mind the mess, have the youngsters make and bake the cookies, cupcakes or mini-cakes.

red sugar.

Red fruit chews (like Starbursts) rolled out with a rolling pin and mini heart shapes cut out of them, make great (and tasty) decorations for cakes, cookies or cupcakes. Fruit leather (fruit rollup-type treats) can also be stamped out with mini cookie or aspic cutters.

If you have the time and don't mind the mess, have the youngsters make and bake the cookies, cupcakes or mini-cakes.

Serving suggestions for your party:

■ Heart-shaped sandwiches — mini sandwiches made with heart-shaped bread molds, or two slices of bread and some American cheese cut with a large heart-shaped cookie cutter, sandwich assembled, and then grilled.

■ Heart-shaped French toast, waffles or pancakes — color the maple syrup with red food-paste (really makes it red!).

■ Strawberry milkshakes topped with red (or pink) whipped cream and a cherry.

■ Heart-shaped pizzas — let the youngsters add the toppings of their choice before baking.

■ Open face tuna or chicken salad on heart-shaped toast, topped with melted cheese (cut the cheese and toast before putting the sandwich together).

■ Soup (a creamy chicken type would be great) garnished with red pepper confetti or heart-shaped red peppers.

■ Heart-shaped pasta (available commercially at upscale markets and specialty food shops) topped with some tomato sauce and heart-shaped sausage

patties (or actual meatballs made into patties and cut into shapes).

■ Add some red food coloring to dinner roll dough (homemade or refrigerator rolls), and have some heart-shaped butter or cream cheese available for spreading (butter molds work great!).

■ Red fruit punch served with heart-shaped ice cubes made from strawberry frozen yogurt.

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Enjoy robust red velvet cake

ROBUST RED VELVET CAKE
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Yield: 8-10 servings (or more for pint-sized guests)

Ingredients for the cake:

2 sticks unsalted butter, softened

1-1/2 cups sugar

2 extra large eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa (preferably Dutch processed)

2 ounces (two 1-ounce) bottles red food coloring

1/2 teaspoon salt

2-1/2 cups sifted cake flour

1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

1/2 cup milk

1 tablespoon vinegar

1 teaspoon baking soda

Ingredients for the frosting:

(Note: This is enough frosting

to cover the entire cake. If you're only going to frost between layers and on top, cut the ingredients by half.)

2 sticks unsalted butter, softened

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened

A few drops of red food coloring

5 cups confectioners' sugar

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Special equipment:

3 9-inch round cake pans

Directions for the cake:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease three 9-inch round cake pans; dust with flour. Using an electric mixer on medium speed, cream butter and sugar until smooth and creamy (about 1 minute). Add eggs, one at a time. Beat in vanilla.

In a small bowl, combine cocoa and food coloring. Add cocoa mixture to butter mixture. Combine the flour and salt in a medium bowl. On low speed, alternately add the flour mixture and milk products (whipping cream and

milk) into the butter mixture.

In a small container, add the vinegar to the baking soda. Add this mixture to the cake batter and mix for just a few seconds.

Divide the batter evenly into the three prepared pans and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until firm to the touch. Transfer pans to wire racks; cool for 10 minutes. Turn pans out onto wire racks to complete the cooling process (about 20 minutes).

Directions for the frosting:

Using an electric mixer on medium speed, cream butter and cream cheese until fluffy (about 1 minute), add the food coloring. On low speed, gradually beat in confectioners' sugar and vanilla.

Directions for assembling the cake:

Place one of the three cakes on a serving platter (flat side down); spread one-third of the frosting. Add the second cake, repeat with frosting. Add final layer and spread with remaining frosting. Garnish with chocolate hearts or any heart-shaped candy if desired.

Recipe courtesy of Ruth Mossok Johnston.

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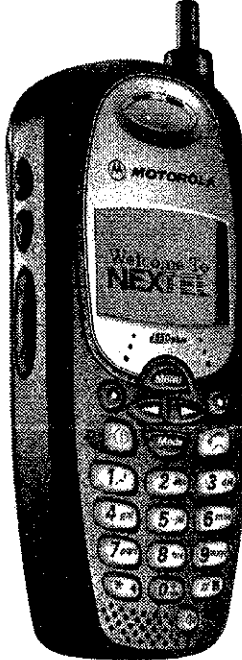
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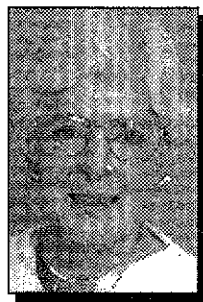
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GARDENING

Head for the border: Go with special garden

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Suppose this is the year you have decided to renew or redesign a "start from scratch" border garden. Now's the time to make some decisions before weather entices us out to the gardens and we just begin without thinking things through.

Border gardens can be large or small, elaborate or simple. It depends on your taste and, frankly, the time and money you have to spend on the garden.

Some people want only tried and true flowers, while others like to try everything (or just about everything) new for the season.

Here are some options you'll need to consider.

If you're home mostly in the evening, then choose flowers that brighten up the night. If your garden will surround a pool, you might choose those plants that are "clean."

If you want one that is attractive during the hot summer with a palette of pastels, or one that glows in bright colors that say "pow," you can find suitable plants.

A garden with nice foliage color and/or plants that have berries to add fall interest could feature small trees and shrubs; or a garden with year-round interest may be the goal.

Considerations

No matter what choice you make, it's important to remember color, form and texture, for that is what makes a garden interesting and exciting. A sequence of blooms keeps every-

thing fresh and new.

Another thing to consider is the view of the garden from the home or patio. You won't want to go to all that work and have to step around the corner of the house to enjoy it. On the other hand, a front border garden could become the envy of the neighborhood!

Decide on a site and find out how much sun or shade it gets, the pH of the soil and other conditions such as clay or sand, good drainage or not.

As soon as the ground is thawed enough to take samples, do so, and send them to the County Extension Center. Call (248) 858-0887 for directions or buy a kit and do it yourself.

To ensure continuous bloom in a garden, it's necessary to know the plants that bloom during the same time.

For instance, in March we begin to see Lenten rose, winter aconite, and scilla; then April and May arrive, bringing the bloom of primrose, daffodils, windflower and many wildflowers, followed by ornamental onion, European ginger, peony and others.

Catmint blooms with its blue flowers from May to October, as do a variety of flowers from pinks to salvia, when ferns add their interest.

June and July bring foxglove and sea holly, lavender and various grasses. Coral bells and bee balms shine during the summer. Yarrows, phlox, Shasta daisies, roses and grasses carry color through September and October.

Wow! This is quite a list, but just a few of the plants described for best bloom time in *Continuous Bloom* by Pam Duthie (Ball Publishing, \$39.95).

In this month-by-month guide to non-stop color in the perennial garden, Duthie gives pertinent information about each flower and lists suitable flower

combinations, as well as growing advice and great garden tips.

Program

You won't want to miss the *Horticulture Garden Program* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Michigan State University Conference Center, 811 W. Square Lake in Troy. At the program, Duthie will speak about "Winning Combinations with Perennials."

Books will be available for sale. The auxiliary raises all the funds to maintain the gardens. Cranbrook is one of the largest gardens in the country maintained entirely by volunteers.

To register by phone, call (800) 395-1901; by fax, (617) 367-6364. Cost is \$95 for Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary members, \$99 for *Horticulture* subscribers, \$109 for others. Registration includes all accompanying handouts and refreshments as well as a box lunch (regular or vegetarian).

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN CLUBS

LIVONIA

Bette Pool, a member and past president of the Farmington Garden Club, will discuss "Water Gardening" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Livonia Senior Center, 33000 Civic Center, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Visitors are welcome.

ORCHID SALE

DETROIT GARDEN CENTER

The Detroit Garden Center's 15th Annual Orchid Display, Lecture and Sale is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick house, 1460 E. Jefferson, between Rivard and Riopelle, 1/2 mile from I-375. Visitors can listen to lectures at noon Saturday or 1 p.m. Sunday. Donations are \$2. Ron Ciesinski

of Taylor Orchids, the Detroit area's largest orchid grower, will bring rare orchids from his private collection, blooming plants for sale and give growing tips in his slide talk, "Growing Prize-Winning Orchids," with slides of his awarded plants and a repotting demonstration. Orchid raffles are scheduled both days. For information call (313) 259-6363.

FLORAL STUFF

ARRANGEMENTS

Several workshops are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person, and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes include a silk spring flower arrangement workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24, and herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17. Call (734) 397-0800.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size.

Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience:

Shade gardens, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. sessions, Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 15; Landscape Design, six morning sessions starting Tuesday, Feb. 20, and includes one Saturday, or seven evening sessions; Growing Vegetables, scheduled for three Wednesdays in mornings or evenings, starting Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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Lane-Izzo

Glenn and Linda Armitage of Livonia and O. Harvey Lane III of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Lynn Lane, to Terry J. Izzo of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 Redford Union High School graduate who works for Corrosion Fluid Products in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Eve and the late Dominick Izzo of White Lake, is a 1991 Lakeland High School graduate and works for Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in Detroit.

A September wedding is planned at Covenant Community Church in Redford Township.



Dlugowolski-Fowler

Ronald and Patricia Dlugowolski of Marysville announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne, to Andrew Thomas Fowler of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Marysville High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works for Laboratory Corporation of America as a cytotechnologist.

Her fiancé, son of Thomas and Elaine Fowler of Plymouth, is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University's Labor Studies program. He works for Ford Motor Company and is an elected official representing the UAW.

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Kucka-Moricz

Stephen and Barbara Kucka Jr. of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Autumn Joy, to Kevin Moricz of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University and a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School. She works as a marketing representative for Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Debbie Moricz of Westland, is a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University and a 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School. He works as a project manager for SEERCO Construction in Oak Park.



A September wedding is planned in Redford.

Rutkowski-White

Greg and Terry Rutkowski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Tracy Ann, to Michael Todd White of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School in Canton and a 1999 graduate of Madonna University in Livonia, where she earned her bachelor's degree in human resources management. She works as a human resource coordinator in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Nina Homa of Warren, Ohio is a 1993 graduate of Troy High School and is currently pursuing a degree in computer technology. He works in Livonia after retiring from playing professional



basketball in Cardiff, Wales.

A May 2002 wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Dempkowski-Guthrie

Timothy and Barbara Dempkowski of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Scott Michael Guthrie of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2000 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is a professional fee analyst for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of John Guthrie of Gregory and Laurie Terreault of Dearborn Heights, is a 1995 graduate of Crestwood who attends University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a bookkeeper at Catholic Book Store in



Detroit. A June wedding is planned at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Greg and Jenny Knoph** of Redford announce the birth of their son **Nicholas Martin** born Jan. 26 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Nicholas joins siblings Molly, 7; Abby, 5; and Ian, 2. Grandparents are Ken and Jackie Marquette of Westland and Greg and Sharon Knoph of Livonia.

■ **Ed and Laura Wright** of Canton announce the birth of

their son **Benjamin Edward** born Jan. 24 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Benjamin joins brothers Erik, 10; and Brandon, 7. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold of Canton and Jerry and Margie Wright of Houghton Lake. Great grandparents are Ruth Barth of Carey, Ohio and Neoma Wright

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WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Maceri-Engelbert

Michael and Linda Maceri of Garden City announce the marriage of their daughter, Renée Marie, to Eric Andrew Engelbert of Detroit. The couple wed Sept. 30, 2000 at Stefan's Hall in Dearborn.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. Her husband, son of Frank Engelbert of Winchester, Tenn. and Joanne Engelbert of Detroit, is a 1992 graduate of L'Ance Creuse North High School. He works at Drawtite in Wayne.

The couple wed before the Rev. Irene Stock. The bride was attended by matron of honor Bridget Swift and her daughter and flower girl Alyssa Engelbert. The groom was attended by



Julio Weaver and Eric Maceri. The couple received guests at Stefan's Hall in Dearborn.

They are making their home in Detroit.

Pierangelino-Hutko

Mr. and Mrs. John Pierangelino of Plymouth announce the marriage of their daughter, Anne Marie, to Joseph Bradley Hutko of Plymouth. The couple wed Oct. 7, 2000 at St. John's Center in Plymouth.

The bride is an Eastern Michigan University graduate. She works for Clinique in Chicago.

Her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Hutko of Plymouth, is a University of Detroit-Mercy graduate and works for ITW in Chicago.

The couple wed before Father Doc Ortman. The bride was attended by maid of honor Michelle Stackpoole and bridesmaids Leah Hutko, Amy Hutko and Carol Pierangelino. Flower girls included Danielle and Alexandra Hutko, Madalena, Marissa and Olivia Pierangelino. The groom was attended by



best man Dan Hutko, and groomsmen Ben Hutko, Joel Bongard and Bill Zachary.

The couple received guests at St. John Center and took a trip to Lake Tahoe. They have made their home in Carol Stream, Ill.

Theodore

Chris and Lu Theodore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 3. They are proud parents of three children and seven grandchildren.

The couple lived in the western Wayne County area for many years. They lived in Canton for 24 years, Westland for 16 and Garden City for 6 years. The Theodores have recently moved to Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

They renewed their vows at Resurrection Parish, followed by a family celebration. Their children are honoring them with a two-week cross-country Rail trip.



LaBarge

Albie and Gwendolyn (Turnbull) LaBarge of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed Feb. 3, 1951 at St. Michaels Church in Pontiac. They moved to the area 40 years ago.

The LaBarge's have three children: GeriAnne Anglin of Hays, Virginia; David LaBarge of Livonia and Beth LaBarge of Livonia. They also have two grandchildren.

Albie LaBarge retired from his job at Clarenceville School in 1987. His wife, Gwendolyn retired from her position at NBD in 1987. The couple are members of the "High Nooners" Lions Club.



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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Find your inner-flirt

It's an accusation I've become quite accustomed to, and yes, I'm a flirt.

My shy college roommate at Michigan State once commended me on my profound ability to "work a room." She was referring to this tendency I have to saunter into a social situation and comfortably flutter from person to person spreading compliments, sharing stories and giving hugs. You know, flirting.

But flirting doesn't have to stem from romantic intentions. It's simply a way of floating through your social life that makes others feel comfortable, even flattered.

I know girls who flirt in all different ways — one friend who constantly showers our girlfriends with praise and calls us "divas," one who can engage anyone in conversation and within two minutes sound like she's known the stranger for years, and the sort who manages to choose the one compliment that makes you blush.

In *The Fine Art of Flirting*, writer Daniel Snow defines the art as "a form of communication that shows appreciation, attraction, and/or interest. It is of the moment and should be offered without long-term goals." (www.teenadvice.org).

If you haven't uncovered your inner flirt yet, there's no better time than around Valentine's Day. Consider it the flirt's favorite holiday.

Flirting can be verbal — in the form of a compliment, a witty comment — and non-verbal like a smile or a feathery touch. Self-proclaimed "Flirtologist" and motivational speaker Jill Spiegel believes "Flirting makes you feel empowered, free and joyful." (www.flirtnow.com)

And she's right. It's harmless fun which stems from a positive attitude and genuine interest. While everyone has his or her own tricks of the flirting trade, it generally begins with eye contact and a smile. Here are Spiegel's tips for flirting successfully on Valentine's Day, or any other day:

Helpful hints

- Positive flirting starts with a positive attitude.
- Sincere compliments last a lifetime.
- Act like those new faces are old friends. Warmth ignites a connection. Anyone can do it. Here are a few hints for romantic flirting:
- Be sincere about it. No winking, no gazing across a crowded room. Instead, smile and say hello.
- Find common ground. If there's a chance the object of your intentions knows someone you know, wait until the two of them engage in a conversation and politely, casually join in.
- Show interest. Make light-hearted conversation and really listen to what the other person is saying. Make eye contact, but don't stare.
- Be an original. If your signature is a certain hair style, accessory, color, or comment, flaunt it. Let your own personality and confidence shine through.
- Be subtle. Don't flirt with everyone you meet.

When in doubt, turn to the experts — actors. My all-time favorite flirt has to be Audrey Hepburn's coy, kittenish character Holly Golightly in the film *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. With her signature cigarette holder and innocent demeanor, she's a natural.

Plenty of celebrities are well-known flirts. Flirt.com ranked "lovable manic" Jim Carrey, MTV heartthrob Carson Daly, and blonde bombshell Pamela Anderson Lee among their Top 10 of 2000. *Friends* star and new wife of Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston topped the list as the Millennium's Best Flirt.

Take a cue from Spiegel, who says "Celebrities are great flirting role models because they exhibit so many styles from shy flirts like Princess Diana or Robert DeNiro to outgoing flirts like Regis Philbin or Oprah Winfrey to outrageous flirts like Jackie Chan or Betty Midler." Pick your favorite flirty celeb and make this Valentine's Day a memorable one.

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Cupid, draw back your bow ...

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Some might call Ed Westside the cupid of western Wayne County.

But it started out simply enough. Westside, along with his wife, Annita, runs WestSide Singles, a social club that meets weekly for an evening of semi-formal dancing at area halls. Westside started the group almost by accident 18 years ago. After playing sports with friends, he recalled, they would all gather for picnics at the park.

"When it got dark, where would you go?" said Ed Westside, a Canton resident. "So I started renting halls."

He and a group of friends would head over to Burton Manor in Livonia and dance the night away, meeting new and interesting people each time. When the group of 50 quickly grew to 150, Westside knew he had the right idea.

Special event

With Valentine's Day approaching, WestSide Singles is hosting a special holiday dance, 7 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday, Feb. 14 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Expect chocolate treats and plenty of festive decorations. Admission is \$4 before 7 p.m. and \$6 beginning at 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for details.

WestSide Singles doesn't require a club membership fee. Other than a code which calls for dressy attire, there aren't many rules to follow. For a nominal fee, singles can dance, socialize and taste the hors d'oeuvres. "A lot of people get bored sitting around on the weekend," said Westside. "This is something to do."

Peter LaRosa, executive vice president at Burton Manor, has been working with Westside since the start. "The dances are run in a very professional manner," he said.

Singles range from 25 to 50 years old. Deejays spin music at request and the atmosphere is casual. West-



side said the Friday night dances "give people something to look forward to."

LaRosa agreed. "He's very successful at bringing people together."

Mother of 4 gives ultimate gift — life

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Karen Kurzyniec remembers a conversation she had with her sister Mary Ann Del Duco, in 1994, as if it were yesterday. At that time, Del Duco had been a widow for about six months. Her husband, Mark, died suddenly from a massive heart attack. He was 36.

"She was making out her will and asked me if I would take care of her children. In a heartbeat, I said, but I told her nothing was going to happen to her."

In a tragic turn of events, Mary Ann died from a brain aneurysm on Nov. 5, 1999. Kurzyniec became the guardian of her sister's four children, Kelli, Mark, Chris and Nathan.

"Me and her were very close. We had a lot of fun together. We had similar goals and spending time with family was a huge priority," said Kurzyniec, a Livonia resident.

Honor

The family recently honored Mary Ann's memory at the Betty Buckley Donor Family Ceremony of the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan. The event gives the people involved with organ recovery the opportunity to honor the loved ones of donors.

The 43-year-old mother of four's death gave life to four people who received her organs.

Kelli Rodriguez, Mary Ann's 25-year-old daughter, sees the donation as her mom's last accomplishment.

"It brought back a memory of me asking her what the sticker was on the back of her license. I was only about 7 or 8. She told me about organ donating and I remember her saying 'And if no one needs anything I'd give it all to science,'" said Rodriguez.

Family members who surrounded Del Duco at her bedside in 1999 had no second thoughts about donating her organs to the Gift of Life agency.

"I don't remember any big discussion about it," added Kelli. "We knew it was what she would have decided herself. My mom was that type of person."

A hands-on mom is how her sons



Mary Ann Del Duco

Chris and Nathan Del Duco describe her. "I don't ever remember a handyman coming to our house to fix anything. She could fix cars, do plumbing and she was an electrician."

Married for 13 years, Karen described her sister's marriage to Mark Del Duco as enviable. During their marriage the pair lived above and owned a bar in Detroit called Del

■ 'Jim and Michelle deserve to get credit for helping to raise Mark — they are excellent role models for the children and provide a loving home for Mark to live.'

*Karen Kurzyniec
— Del Duco children's guardian*

Duco's Bar (a family owned business for more than 50 years) in addition to the body repair/detailing shop.

"Mary Ann and Mark had a wonderful marriage. I always said they had the most fun, and it wouldn't cost them anything," said Karen who admired the work they put into renovating a condemned house in Detroit from the ground up. "They made it into a beauti-

ful home for their children."

The family had no indication that Mark was on the verge of suffering a medical crisis when he died seven years ago. The 36-year-old was the picture of good health when his children say, he laid down on the floor in front of them, one Monday morning while they were getting ready for school, and died.

"He had high cholesterol but nothing that would lead us to believe it was life threatening," said Kurzyniec.

In the fall of 1999 Mary Ann fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams — she bought a home in Linden (south of Flint) where her parents owned a cottage on a lake. Things were just starting to fall into place.

"She got the house, just bought a car, and there was a chance she was going to be hired by GM to work at their Delco plant," said Karen.

Sudden tragedy

Mary Ann suffered a brain aneurysm while working in her kitchen. She was rushed to Detroit Receiving Hospital in serious condition.

The family was told the first 24-hours would be critical to her recovery and were initially encouraged when she pulled through the night without any complications. Doctors performed surgery to seal the aneurysm and Karen remembers it looked promising.

Over the course of the next four days Mary Ann's condition worsened. "They told us there was nothing they could do," said Karen. "The doctors performed two more tests but there was no evidence of any brain stem activity."

The family consulted with a representative from the Gift of Life agency.

Mary Ann donated both kidneys, both corneas and bones from her arms. Karen remembers seeing the University of Michigan Life Flight helicopter coming in for a landing at the hospital to retrieve Mary Ann's organs.

"In a good way Gift of Life changed me. It helped me realize in a time of need ... give," said Mark Del Duco, 17, Mary Ann's oldest son.

The family was just starting to gain some sense of normalcy after Mark's death when Mary Ann died. Karen

It's true, Westside met his own wife at one of these dances almost 13 years ago. They have been married for 7 years now.

And he isn't the only one. Westside said several couples have met and married through his organization — some even held their wedding receptions at Burton Manor during the Friday night dances.

Sondra Harwood of Dearborn Heights has been going to the dances for about 7 years. Even before she was divorced, Harwood would go with friends. "It's a good place to go just to dance," she said. "For \$6, where else can you go and dance all night long?"

Success stories

Harwood is just one in a long line of WestSide success stories. She met her current boyfriend at a WestSide dance. "We've been seeing each other for a couple of years. It looks like we're going to have a nice future together."

But Harwood also knows, "the best way to meet someone is when you least expect it." The dances aren't a place to actively seek out a significant other, but rather a place to meet new friends.

"It's a very nice atmosphere," said Harwood, noting that women shouldn't feel awkward about coming by themselves. It's easy to make new friends, she said.

"It's a good place to talk to people at work, to network," Harwood added. "A lot of prominent people go there, attorneys, nurses, doctors. It's a nice mix."

She and her beau haven't stopped attending just because they're no longer "singles". They plan to go to the upcoming Valentine's Day dance together and have fun with the friends they've made there.

would now have to realize her worst nightmare and face her greatest challenge — the death of her sister coupled with the responsibility of raising four children.

Kelli, now 25, is helping to share in the responsibility of raising her three brothers with her aunt. For the first year after their mom's death, the kids lived in the house their mother purchased in Linden with Karen and her 7-year-old son Matthew Kurzyniec.

"I think it has been easier to deal with my mom's death than my dad's," said Chris, 16. "I knew how to deal with it because of what we went through with my dad. At first it was a shock, though. I didn't know what was going on."

In September 2000 the now blended family decided to move to Livonia from Linden where Karen and Kelli were commuting more than 90 miles a day to their jobs at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. Chris, Nathan and Karen's son Matthew now attend Livonia Public Schools. The oldest of the Del Duco boys, Mark, 17, asked that he be able to finish his senior year of high school at Cabrini in Allen Park. He now lives in Allen Park with his dad's sister Michelle Del Duco, a sergeant with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department assigned to the drug enforcement agency task force, and her husband Jim Perry.

"I don't want credit for raising these kids alone ... I have Jim and Michelle and Kelli to help carry out Mary Ann's wishes. Jim and Michelle deserve to get credit for helping to raise Mark — they are excellent role models for the children and provide a loving home for Mark to live," said Karen.

Living together in a new home and attending new schools has been an adjustment for the whole family. Karen, a single mom for the past five years, says she believes everything happens for a reason and is committed to keeping the promise she made to her sister.

Mary Ann Del Duco was considered a "giving person her entire life." During her lifetime she gave life to four children, and, in her death, four others.

Memorial golf outing to help send local kids to college

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Mary Ann Del Duco owned a \$10,000 term life insurance policy that paid for her funeral expenses when she died unexpectedly in 1999.

The 43-year-old mother of four also had a couple of accidental death and dismemberment insurance policies but the death benefit did not apply to a brain aneurysm.

"I'm sure she thought the policies were sufficient," said Karen Kurzyniec, Mary Ann's sister. Her family would like to see Mary Ann's wish for her children to attend college come true. In June 2000 the family organized the first Del Duco Memorial Golf Outing. According to Kurzyniec, 144 golfers helped raise \$10,000 to establish a college trust fund for Mark, Chris and Nathan Del Duco.

"We have three kids to put through

college and there was no life insurance. I'm sure they'll receive some financial aid because they are wards of the state but we want to be able to pave the way for the boys to go to college," said Kurzyniec.

High hopes

The family hopes to repeat the success of last year's event with the 2nd Annual Del Duco Golf Outing, June 16 at The Woodlands Golf Course (Ecorse Road) in Wayne.

Registration for the golf outing begins at 7:15 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts. A shotgun start at 8 a.m. kicks off a day of golf including door prizes, lunch at the half-way point and a buffet dinner from 1-2 p.m. The entry fee per person is \$100 and includes 18-holes of golf plus the dinner.

To golf or to serve as a sponsor call Karen Kurzyniec at (734) 266-3266 or e-mail k_kurzyniec@yahoo.com

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FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

Father Nicholas Gruner will appear at the Fatima Rosary Rally from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel (31500 Wick Road) Romulus. Admission is free. Gruner, who appeared for years on television, will be signing his book and have the "Miraculous Pilgrim Virgin" statue with him. He will be available for a question and answer session. For information call (734) 467-8000.

MUSIC SERIES

The Nardin Park United Methodist Church (29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills) "Music and Fine Arts Series" presents the Classical Bells in a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. A pre-concert reception will be held at 3 p.m. Call (248) 476-8860.

GENERATIONS

We each see the world through different perspectives, and considerable research shows that each generation has its own way of seeing and doing. Rev. Bob Renjilian of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will explore what we might learn, as individuals and as a church, Sunday, Feb. 11. "Meet the Minister" will be held after each service for those who wish to learn more about our religion and our church. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or visit www.uufarmington.org

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Satur-

day, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

DINNER THEATER

A dinner theater is being presented by Praise Chapel at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the church, 36115 Plymouth Road (at Levan) in Livonia. Admission is a \$25.00 donation per person. Everyone is welcome. Information and directions to the church are available by phone (734) 216-7454. Entertainment includes singing by Colleen and Paul Muench, Robin Schubert and Mellownie Hufford. A skit is being produced and directed by Nona Wilson.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile, Plymouth). There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/www

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring an evening of genealogy workshops at 7 p.m. Feb. 18. The workshops will be held at 33900 18-Mile Road (one-quarter mile west of Farmington). To help the community become aware of and learn to use many of the genealogical resources available through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All workshops are free of charge and open to the public. Topics include "Getting Started," "Using the Internet," and "LDS Resources."

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile Road) Livonia is inviting the community to a concert featuring Susan Berry and the Detroit Handbell Ensemble at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. The program will include music for bells, for bells and organ and congregational singing. Holy Trinity's own bell choir will also participate. There will be no charge for admission but a free will offering will be taken.

WORKSHOPS

Newburg United Methodist

Church will host Stages of Grief, a workshop presentation by Ann Marie Jackson of Arbor Hospice. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Newburg United Methodist church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will be the host site of a "Journey Through Grief" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21. Jacky Gatloff, director of Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice will speak. The workshop is free. Call to pre-register (734) 422-0149.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church is holding its First Annual Mardi Gras Fund-raiser, "Getting to Know You," on Saturday, Feb. 24th at 6:30 p.m., immediately following 5 p.m. liturgy, at Our Lady of Providence Center (11615 Beck Road, Northville). For an adult donation of \$20 (children, \$1), revelers will enjoy a catered dinner, entertainment, raffle and fabulous door prizes. Purchase advanced tickets by calling Mary Christie at (734) 453-4079. Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church is a newly formed parish currently holding weekly services at 6:30 p.m. at OLP. Our Lady of Providence is a residential and vocational program for adults with developmental disabilities. Visit www.holyascension.intranets.com (access code: family), or Pastor Wayne Ruchgy, at (313) 582-1424 or Myron Zolkewsky, at (248) 366-1769.

SPIRITUAL WEEKEND

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled "Living and Growing Spiritually and Emotionally," is planned for March 23-25 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. The weekend will focus on the "Six Basic Needs and How to Get Them Met." Cost is \$100 and \$115 all private rooms (standard bed w/bath or sofa bed w/bath; all meals included). Hosted by Bethany Support Group Chapters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

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THREADS OF POWER

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will host the 2nd Annual Threads of Power breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. A group of businesswomen affiliated with the chamber have joined forces to support and assist the efforts of women striving to enter the workforce. Women attending are asked to bring gently-used business attire as a donation. Several organizations will benefit including the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College. Cost is \$15, reservations must be made by Feb. 9. Call (248) 349-3743.

AUCTION BENEFITS DIABETES

A celebration of merriment and jest will be held Feb. 24 at the Dearborn Inn. The ninth annual "Stars At Your Service Gala" is a fun and profitable event named after the stars of the evening the waiters. The waiters are community and civic leaders who will serve family, friends and colleagues to earn "tips" for the American Diabetes Association. Other highlights are a silent auction. Call (888) DIABETES (342-2383).

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St. Sabina Mardi Gras celebration runs from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at St. Sabina Activities Hall (south side of Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Beech Daly). Musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski. \$10 per person. Includes beer and set-ups. Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own snacks and munchies. Call the parish office (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski (313) 277-5073.

REUNIONS

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A 21-year reunion is planned for the class of 1980 at 7 p.m. Fri-

day, April 27. Dinner served at 8 p.m. at the Karas House (23632 Plymouth Road, Redford). Tickets are \$100 a couple; \$50 per individual. Prices includes buffet-style dinner, bar, DJ music and dancing. Send a check or money order to: CHHS Class of 1980, 15 Hickory Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118-9417 no later than Feb. 28. Call (248) 547-2864 or e-mail CHHS1980@aol.com

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A 25-year reunion is planned for July 7 at the K of C Hall in Clawson. Call Cheryl (Strate) Brunette (248) 528-2652; Cathy (Grimes) MacKillop (248) 280-2764 or e-mail clawson1976@aol.com

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of Lansing.

■ **Jeff and Kellie Arnold** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Jacob Kirk** born Oct. 9, 2000 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Jacob joins brothers Kyle, 4; and Jason, 2. Grandparents are Larry and Joyce Arnold of Canton and Gary and Geri Silver of Canton. Great grandparents are Muriel Kirk of Canton, Virginia Silver of Livonia and Ruth Barth of Carey, Ohio.

■ **Scott and Sunshine Clark** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Scott Carl Clark II** born Jan. 14 at Garden City Hospital. Scott joins siblings Joseph, Ashlie, Trey and Trevor. Grandparents are John Simpson of Westland and Bill and Cindy Hamilton of Garden City.

■ **Joy and Joe Harvey** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Abigail Kathleen** born Jan. 25 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Charlie and Paula Doherty of Westland, Jessie Palmer Griffin of Farmington Hills and Bill and

Michelle Harvey of Watauga, Texas.

■ **Adell Jones III and Alberta Junior Williams** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Aaron Jakobi Jones** born Jan. 18 at Garden City Hospital. Aaron joins sibling Adell Jaleek, 3. Grandparents are Caleb and Josephine Baker of Westland, Alberta Williams of Wayne and E.C. Moody of Detroit.

■ **Dawn and Robert Kupel** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Cameron Lee** born Jan. 27 at Garden City Hospital. Cameron joins siblings Kendel, 3 and Devon, 9. Grandparents are Nellie and Orin Smith of Westland and Kenneth and Sandra Kupel of Inkster.

■ **Dionna and Ernest Reaume** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Justin Ray** born Jan. 28 at Garden City Hospital. Justin joins siblings Lindsay, 11; Stephanie, 9; Kristina, 7; Ann, 7; Zachary, 5; Chelsea, 3; and Jessica, 3. Grandparents are Elaine Carlson of Canton, Janet and Allan

Reaume of Weidman.

■ **Nicole Kietlyka and Alex Guajardo** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Alexis Nicole** born Jan. 29 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ursula and Gary Guajardo of Garden City and Laurene and Dan Kietlyka of Garden City.

■ **Christina and Andrew Burton** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Zachary Maclean** born Jan. 30 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gwen and Jay Chesbro of Wayne, Neil and Elizabeth of Canton and William Burton of Canton.

■ **Gianna and William Kanellopoulos** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Melina Nikolettta** born Dec. 11, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Melina joins siblings Demetri, 5; and Valissa, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Nick and Bessie and Jimmy and Tasia both of Northville.

■ **Greg and Sheryll Catton** of Garden City announce the

birth of their son **Thomas Jack** born Dec. 15, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Thomas joins brother Joseph Ronald, 2. Grandparents are Ron and Bonnie Pietryka of Garden City, Jack and Louise Catton of Traverse City and Mary Haas of Taylor.

■ **Kimberli Frye and Melvin Ballard Sr.** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Myles McKale Ballard** born Dec. 20, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Myles joins siblings Myrsadez, 10; and Melvin Jr., 14. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ballard of Inkster and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Frye.

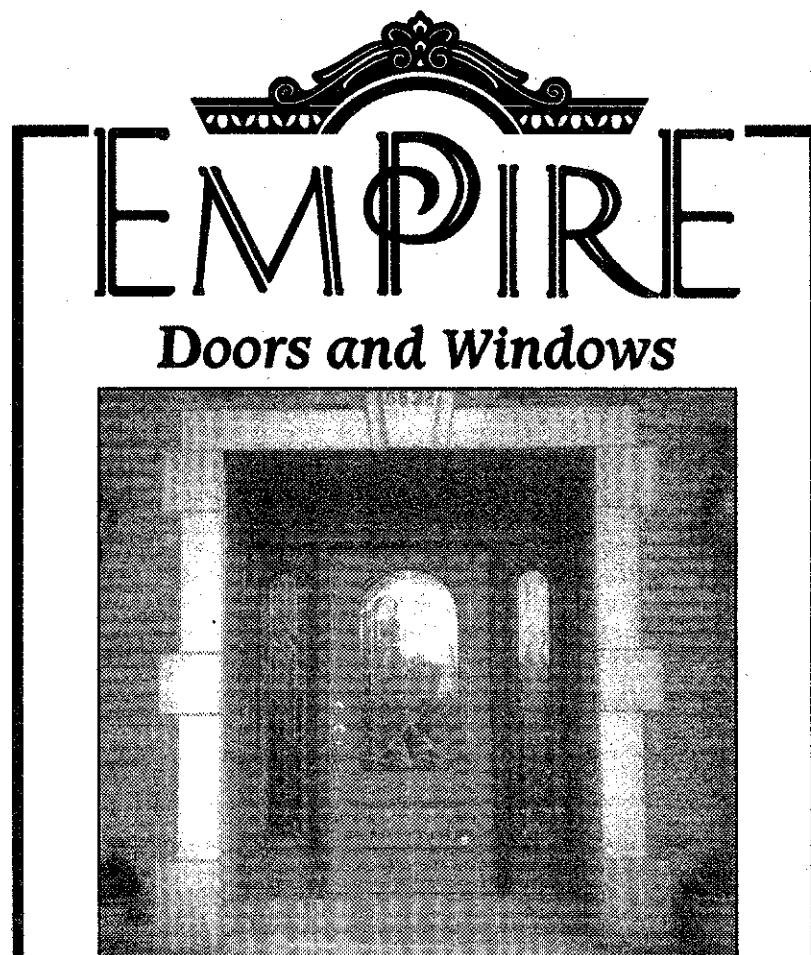
■ **Janice Costello** of Canton announces the birth of her daughter **Hannah Nicole** born Dec. 23, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Hannah joins sister Elaine Bazan, 6. Grandmother is Shirley Costello of Canton.

■ **Steven and Carole Melcher** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Hannah Marée** born Dec. 25, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Hannah

joins siblings Steven Jr., 16; Nikki, 15; Joey, 13; Angela, 5; and Jacob, 3. Grandparents are Carl and Donna Bridges of Dearborn, Darwin J. Meyer of Detroit and Robert Varga of Southgate.

■ **Terry Waynick and Shan-non Jackson** of Westland

announce the birth of their son **Hunter Stephen** born Dec. 28, 2000 at Garden City Hospital. Hunter joins brother Logan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Kathie and Art Holman, Stephen and Linda Jackson and Charles & Connie Waynick.



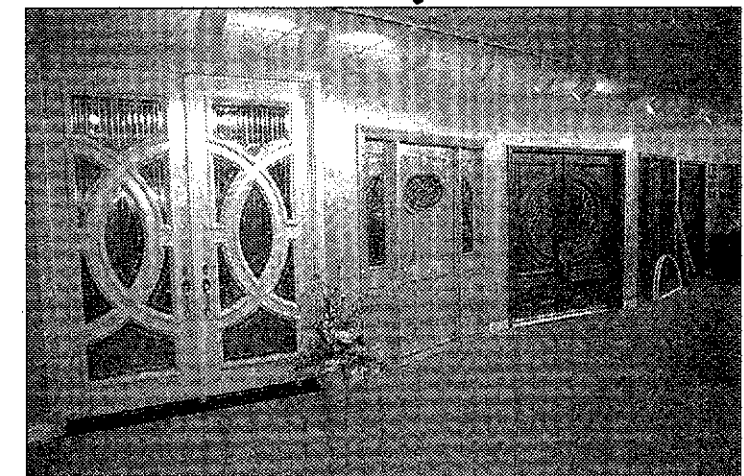
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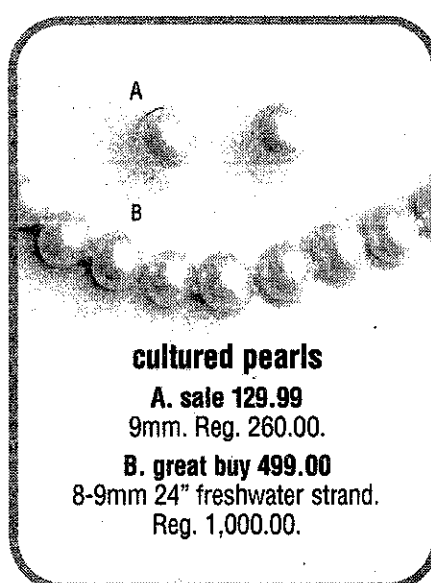
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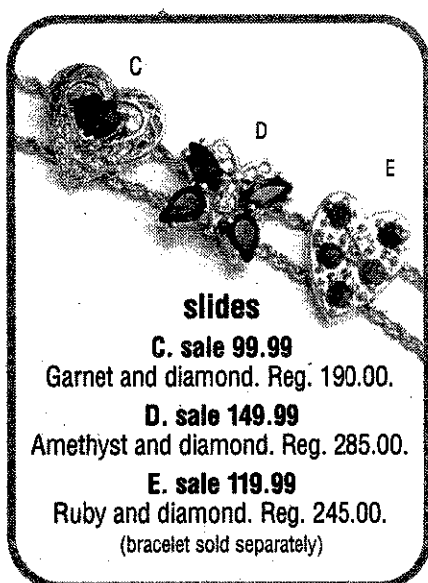
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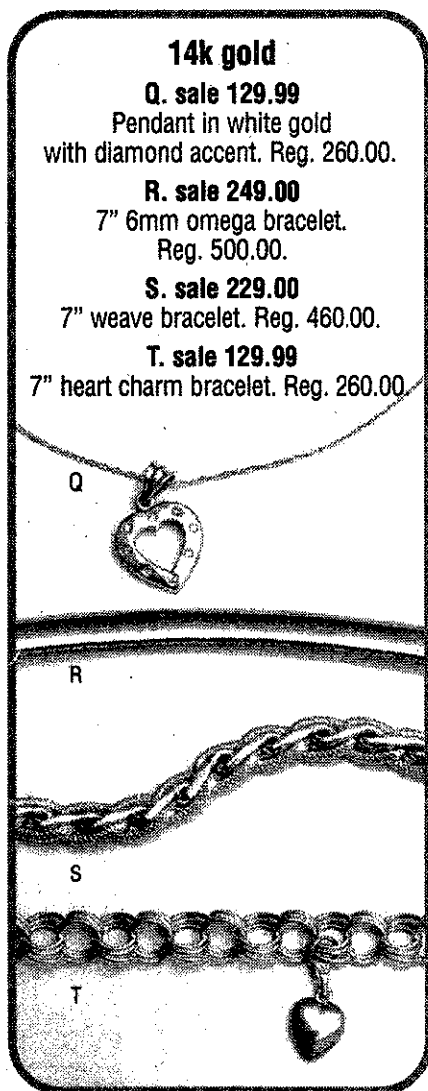
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Player of the week

Kristi Fiorenzi, a senior forward for Madonna University's women's basketball team from Plymouth Canton HS, was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week for last week.

Fiorenzi scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds in a 74-57 win over Concordia College, then netted 23 points and six boards in an 84-78 triumph over Tri-State University. For the week, Fiorenzi hit 17-of-25 shots (68 percent).

For the season, she leads the Lady Crusaders in scoring (15.2 points) and rebounding (6.2).

Abraham top Crusader

From the start of the season, Holy Cross' women's basketball team was expected to be atop the Patriot League. The Crusaders haven't disappointed, posting a 7-0 conference record to go with a 14-7 overall mark.

One reason for their success is Amanda Abraham, a junior forward from Plymouth Salem HS. In Saturday's 62-52 win at Colgate, she scored 11 points — which happens to be her season average, second on the team.

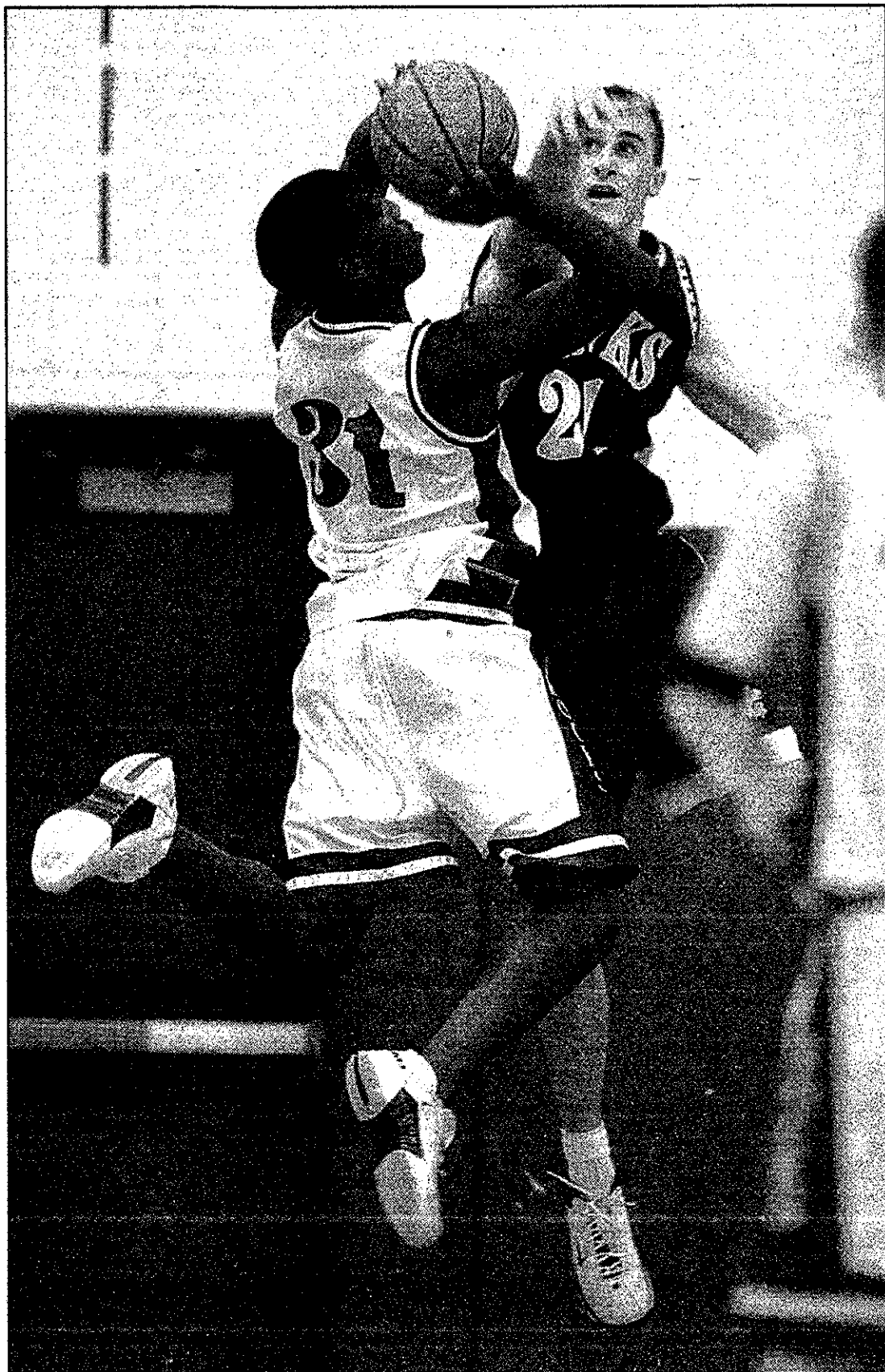
Abraham is Holy Cross' top three-point shooter percentage-wise (for those with more than five attempts), converting 18-of-48 (37.5 percent). She's second among the Crusaders in assists (3.0) and is averaging 3.9 rebounds.

Chiefs boosters

The Plymouth Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 in Room 165 of Canton HS.

Parents of all present and future Canton football players (including eighth graders) are welcome and encouraged to attend this very important meeting, at which plans for the 2001 season will be discussed.

For more information, call club president Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120.



High flyin': Salem's David Hoskins (31) goes airborne to unleash a shot against Harrison's Jeff Ross.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Stayin' alive

Rocks overtake Hawks, collect 5th-straight win

BY C.J. RISAK
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These are two basketball teams, not all that dissimilar in level of talent, that are headed in opposite directions.

Not too long ago, Plymouth Salem and Farmington Harrison were headed down the same path, and it wasn't a pleasant one. But in the last three weeks, the Rocks have righted their ship; Harrison hasn't.

For three quarters of their game Tuesday at Salem, it seemed the Hawks may have discovered a turning point in their season — and at Salem's expense. A three-pointer by Jeff Ross at the buzzer to end the third gave Harrison a 46-43 advantage heading into the final period.

But a few breakdowns at pivotal junctures, which the Rocks hungrily pounced on, ruined any hopes for the Hawks as Salem collected its fifth-straight victory, 65-60.

The Rocks are 6-8 overall, 6-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Harrison is 2-12 overall, 0-8 in the WLAA.

"We had a good first half," said Harrison coach Dave Turnquist. "But their defensive switch (in the second half) caused us to be tentative. It took our aggressiveness away."

The Hawks' quickness was an apparent problem for Salem in the first half. Led by LeDarius Brown's 10 first-quarter points, Harrison used a 10-3 closing spurt to take a 19-10 lead after one period.

The pressure continued in the second quarter, with the Hawks maintaining their nine-point edge (30-21) with just over a minute to go in the half. But

Salem cashed in on a couple of turnovers down the stretch to score the last five points of the half, narrowing the gap to 30-26.

The second half was different. The Rocks became the assertive ones.

"In the first half, we played primarily man-to-man (defense)," said Rocks' coach Bob Brodie. "In the second half, we went with a lot of combination defenses in addition to our man-to-man."

"We just kept switching defenses and gave them one shot. I think we took them out of their tempo."

The Rocks showed some offensive determination to start the second half, going on a 10-1 run over the first 3:15 (Jeff Haar accounting for five of those points) as they turned a four-point deficit into a five-point lead. However, Harrison reversed that over the last 2:33 of the third quarter, outscoring Salem 9-1 to take a 46-43 lead into the fourth.

"I impressed upon them (at halftime) that rebounding was the key and Harrison was getting too many second chances," said Brodie.

That changed in the second half. Salem controlled the boards far more effectively, particularly on its own missed free throws. Three times in the last two quarters the Rocks grabbed the offensive rebound off a free-throw miss.

The Hawks would not go quietly, however. A triple by Ross with 3:48 remaining in the game put them ahead 53-52.

But Salem answered with an 8-2 run spearheaded by Nick Tochman and Haar, each scoring four points, to give the Rocks a

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Whalers suffer a 2nd shutout



The Plymouth Whalers went 46 games into the season without suffering a shutout, then they got blanked twice in four games — both times at home, at the Compuware Ice Arena.

The first of those shutouts came against the Ontario Hockey League-leading Erie Otters last Wednesday (Jan. 31). The second came last Sunday against a team hardly in the same class as Erie.

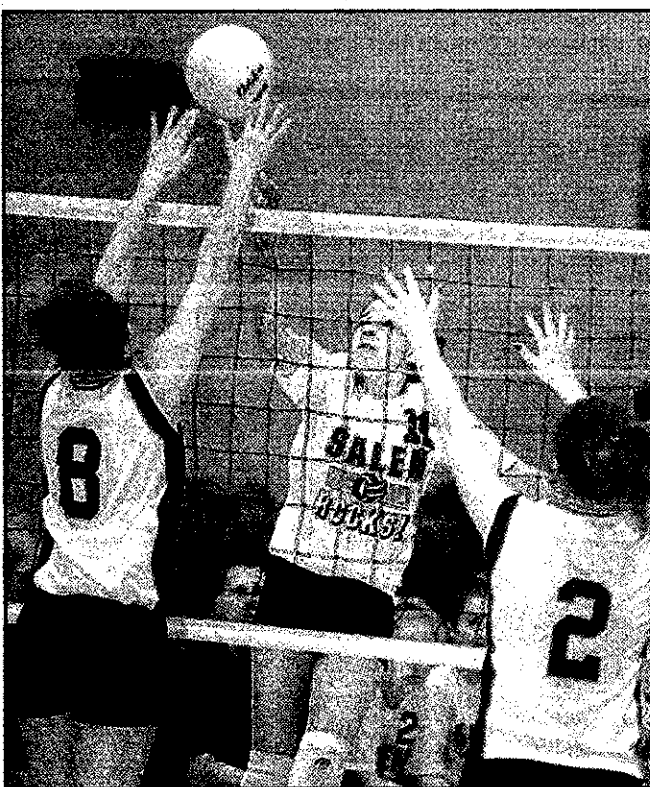
Sault Ste. Marie goalie Ray Emery turned aside 39 Whaler shots to lead the Greyhounds (last in the OHL's West Division) to a 1-0 victory Sunday.

The only goal of the game was scored by Patrick Lamesse at 14:36 of the opening period, a power-play goal scored on the Greyhounds' first shot of the game. Jeff Richards and Trevor Daley assisted.

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Oshawa Generals	13	28	6	3	35	
Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
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Barrie Colts	23	19	7	1	54	
Sudbury Wolves	23	19	5	1	52	
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West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Plymouth Whalers	32	9	4	5	73	
Windsor Spitfires	24	16	6	4	58	
Sarnia Sting	19	25	6	1	45	
London Knights	19	27	4	1	43	
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	17	29	4	2	40	
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.	
Erie Otters	34	8	9	0	77	
Guelph Storm	29	13	8	1	67	
Brampton Battalion	23	18	8	3	57	
Owen Sound Attack	24	21	5	1	54	
Kitchener Rangers	19	26	6	0	44	

Salem is back on track



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Dink and drop: That's what Salem's Jordan Falcusan (middle) was hoping to do with this dink at the Schoolcraft Invitational.

After a .500 showing at last Saturday's Schoolcraft College Invitational, Plymouth Salem's volleyball team got on track with a straight-set triumph over Walled Lake Western Monday in a Western Lakes Activities Association match at Salem.

The Rocks topped the Warriors 15-7, 15-6, to improve to 18-6-1 overall, 5-1 in the WLAA. Katie Good paced the offensive effort with 13 kills and a .458 kill percentage. Good also had nine digs and one of Salem's nine service aces.

Kelly Jaskot added nine kills, two aces and a team-best 15 digs, while Jordan Falcusan contributed six kills (.600 percentage). Jill Dombrowski added four kills, two aces, seven digs, two blocks and 30 set assists.

Last weekend at the Schoolcraft Invitational, Salem beat Novi 15-10, 15-13 and Garden City 15-1, 15-7, but lost to Holly 15-9, 15-11. That made the Rocks' match against Walled Lake Central pivotal if they hoped to reach the quarterfinals.

Alas, it was not to be. The two teams split, Salem winning 15-2 but losing the second game 15-13. The Vikings advanced by the tiebreaker.

The Rocks' leaders for the tournament were Good with 42 kills, six aces and 16 digs; Jaskot with 20 kills and 27 digs; Mary Lou Liebau with 18 kills, three aces and 24 digs;

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Canton coach sets U.S. pole vault record



C.J. RISAK

Talk about rediscovering your youth. Matti Kilpelainen hasn't just rediscovered it — he's surpassed it, in a manner of speaking. Kilpelainen, a Canton resident, isn't all that well known, even though he's managed something most of us could only dream of. A month ago — Jan. 6, to be precise — Kilpelainen shattered an American record in the pole vault. Now before you start tearing apart record books and who's who lists of track athletes searching for his name — *You mean he's better than (Livonia Franklin grad) Paul Terek?* — a couple of things need be understood. First, Kilpelainen is 56 years old. Second, the record he broke is the Masters

Track and Field mark for those 55-59 years old. Does that make his accomplishment any less significant? I don't think so. Any guy who can clear 13-feet, 7-inches, which Kilpelainen did at a Masters indoor meet at the University of Michigan, at that age is a credit to the human race. For that matter, a guy who can clear 13-feet, 7-inches *at any age* is, to me, a breed apart. As a matter of fact, the height Kilpelainen cleared last month was better than his best effort as a high school athlete at Detroit Cooley. When he graduated in 1964, he took a career-best 13-6 with him to the University of Michigan, where Kilpelainen lettered in track and field twice under the coaching of Don Canham. After graduating from U-M in '68, Kilpelainen competed in the decathlon for a few years until he got married. He

didn't compete seriously again until 1985. "I always enjoyed the sport," Kilpelainen says. "I've always enjoyed competing." But the ups and downs experienced by vaulters aren't all literal. He's had his share of problems to overcome. "This is a tough sport when you get older," he said. "You lose some of your speed, your strength. When you're training, you don't recover as quickly. It takes longer to come back." Injuries take a greater toll. In the past couple of years, Kilpelainen has had rotator cuff surgery and a broken ankle. The recovery period is far longer, fueling those soul-searching questions like "What am I doing? What am I trying to prove?" While Kilpelainen has certainly had to deal with such thoughts, his love of

the sport has outweighed it. He retired from teaching last year — for the last 28 years he was an school teacher in Detroit — but he hasn't retired entirely. Kilpelainen has served as Bob Richardson's assistant coach at Canton for the past three years, and he plans to continue. Last spring, he tutored several Canton athletes in the pole vault, including the Chiefs' Jordan Chapman. "Definitely, I enjoy coaching," he said. Indeed, Kilpelainen only wishes he could help athletes like Chapman more. A lack of indoor training facilities hurts their development, and outdoors "the season's so short, and weather's always a factor." Things are different now than when Kilpelainen first started vaulting years ago. For one thing, equipment is much improved, with fiberglass poles replacing those constructed of metal or bam-

boo. And those giant cushions have to be a lot easier to land in than the sand pits Kilpelainen vaulted into. With coaches like Kilpelainen, more athletes receive better instruction. One thing a coach must be able to do is inspire; in track and field, that means setting a challenging, but reachable, goal for his athletes. Kilpelainen certainly knows how to set, and reach, goals. After all, he bettered the American record in the pole vault for his age division by five inches. And he's not through. His objective: to clear 14 feet. "That's my goal," Kilpelainen said. "No one in my age group has ever gone over 14 feet." He may be old by (some) athletic standards, but Kilpelainen's attitude toward his sport is still a vibrant one.

Northville rallies to blast Salem; CC wins, 5-2

Plymouth Salem scored first Tuesday in its hockey game against Northville. But that's about the only thing that went right for the Rocks. The visiting Mustangs overcame Salem's 1-0 lead with two goals in an eight-second span of the second period, then added three more in the third to post a 5-1 triumph at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Salem fell to 6-11-2 overall, 3-10-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. After a scoreless first period, the Rocks got a goal from Mike Barr with 8:08 left in the second period. Dave Gill assisted.

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Northville tied it with 4:59 left in the second on a goal by Scott Schueler; at 4:51, Brandon Sztukowski gave the Mustangs a 2-1 lead. Tim Hillebrand scored twice in the third period for Northville and Rob Ryan also got a goal. Jason Engelland and Brandon Caverly had two assists apiece for the Mustangs, with Schueler and Ryan also earning assists. Scott Stukel was in goal for Salem. Dave Ely-Bond was in the net for Northville.

CC 5, Cranbrook 2: Five different players scored goals as No. 1 Redford Catholic Central beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Saturday in the finals of the Alpena Tourney. "It was a really good up and down game," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "Our upperclassmen played hard and created the two go-ahead goals." CC took a 2-0 lead on the same shift in the first period as Brett John scored from Ryan O'Dea and Jared Ross, then O'Dea scored from Ross 25 seconds later. John Kim and Corey Bodnar scored for the Cranes to tie

the game at 2-all in the second period, but CC again scored twice on the same shift. Jim Spiewak scored the go-ahead goal from Derek Genrich, then Mike Ratigan scored 40 seconds later from Ryan Lasecki and Spiewak. Lasecki scored with two minutes left in the game (from Ratigan and Spiewak) to round out the scoring. Freshman goalie Jimmy Blanchard made 20 saves for CC (16-0-2), while David Goodley made 25 for Cranbrook. Ross, Genrich and Friday's goalie, Andrew McCoy, were named to the all-tourney team for CC, which played at No. 2

Trenton on Wednesday night. **Franklin 7, W.L. Central 4:** Livonia Franklin survived two shaky periods of hockey Saturday to rally past Walled Lake Central in a WLAA crossover. Franklin is now 11-1-5 overall and 8-1-4 in the Western Lakes. Central drops to 3-16-1 and 0-11-1. "We played two of the worst periods ever as far as Franklin hockey is concerned, but Central came in and played an excellent hockey game," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, whose team trailed 2-0 after one period and 4-2 after two periods before scor-

ing five unanswered goals. Josh Garbutt led Franklin with three goals and one assist, including a short-handed effort. Anders Wendell, Adam Bierley, Ross Robert and Gordie Statham added the other Franklin goals. Bierley's goal was the game-winner. Scott Sparks, Paul Statham Jason Robinson and Wendell each had two assists, while Gordie Statham, Andy Garbutt and Tony Peraino added one apiece. Chris Garbutt (17 saves) was in goal for Franklin, while Phil Watstein (28 saves) was in net for Central.

Chiefs clinch 2nd spot in division; WLAA's next

Plymouth Canton's wrestlers clinched second place in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division by routing Livonia Franklin 61-11 last Thursday at Canton. "It was a little hard for us to get up for this match knowing that we would have it easily in hand," said Canton coach John Demsick. "Franklin is a nice team working on getting established." Doy Demsick at 125 pounds, Phil Rothwell at 215 and Scott McKee at 171 were all winners, as one might expect. But the Chiefs' coach appreciated the

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win posted by senior Derek Miller at 189. "Although he was not able to pin his opponent, he kept focused all six minutes and wrestled a good technical match," said Demsick. "Derek is a senior and won't get many more varsity matches. It was especially good to see things coming together for him." Canton is 13-4 overall and finished second in the division at 4-1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 8
C'ville at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Agape at Akiva Day School, TBA.
Friday, Feb. 9
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
O.L. St. Mary at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
HVL at Macomb Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Agape vs. Franklin Road at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 8
C'ville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9
N.B. Huron Tourney, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Bedford Invitational, 8 a.m.
N.B. Huron Tourney, 8:45 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Warren Zoe Invitational, TBA.
(CHSL Playoffs at Bishop Foley)
First round, 9 & 10:15 a.m.
Semifinals, noon and 1:15 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 8
Red. Unified at Marysville, 8:15 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9
W.L. Central vs. Churchill at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Brother Rice at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Canton, Salem vs. Novi at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
Stevenson vs. Milford at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m.
Red. Unified at Troy, 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Churchill at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
PREP SKIING

Thursday, Feb. 8
Division Championship at Mount Brighton, 9 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 8
Salem at North Farmington, 7 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
Redford CC vs. Churchill at Redford Union, 2 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 8
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
xWLAA at W.L. Central, 8 a.m.
Metro Conference Meet

at Harper Woods, 9 a.m.
Catholic League Meet at Divine Child, 10 a.m.
Mega Blue at Melvindale, TBA.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 10
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, noon.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 10
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 10
Schoolcraft at Delta, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 8 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 9
Whalers vs. Barrie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
Whalers vs. Brampton at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11
Whalers at Brampton, 6 p.m.

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Wildcats tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball program has tryouts scheduled for three of its teams.

- 11-year-olds: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School in Plymouth;
- 12-year-olds: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School;
- 13-year-olds: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

- 11-year-olds: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School in Plymouth;
- 12-year-olds: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School;
- 13-year-olds: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Any player unable to attend on those dates or wishing more information should contact Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 (work) or (734) 459-1763 (home).

Junior shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League (PAL) will host its 11th-annual 3-on-3 Junior Shootout for boys and girls in grades 3-12 on March 16-19. Entry fee is \$60 per team (four players). For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

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CC's Sgroi commits to play for Stanford

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Two area athletes helped prove the adage that success in the classroom and on the field can go hand-in-hand.

Or in their case, hand-in-foot. Redford Catholic Central football player Mike Sgroi and Garden City soccer player Louis Kisic both signed their Division I national letters of intent on Wednesday with Stanford and Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, respectively.

And both Sgroi, a kicker, and Kisic, a defender, couldn't be happier with their choices.

"When I went out on my visit (three weeks ago), the whole place really impressed me — the athmo-

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sphere, the campus, the students... everything was amazing," said Sgroi, ranked as one of the nation's top kickers in recruiting guru Tom Lemming. "I almost committed while I was out there, but I wanted to analyze the decision. But as soon as I got home, I knew I wanted to be out there."

IUPUI first caught Kisic's attention while attending a summer soccer camp at Indiana University, where Jaguars' coach Steve Franklin was a camp director.

"They got a good look at me at the camp and when they were first interested in me, I checked to see if they had a good computer engineering pro-

gram," said Kisic. "I liked what I saw and decided to go there."

Both Sgroi and Kisic had other options. Kisic considered Louisville and Western Michigan before deciding on the financial package (split between athletic and academic scholarships) that IUPUI offered. Sgroi was recruited by schools such as Michigan, Northwestern, Central Michigan and Western Michigan, but only Stanford and CMU offered him a full ride ("Palo Alto or Mt. Pleasant?"



Mike Sgroi
Stanford-bound

Hmmmm," laughed Sgroi.).

Both were members of the respective all-Observerland teams. Kisic had three goals and five assists from the defender position and started every game, in helping the Cougars to an unbeaten season in the Mega White. The four-year varsity player also started all 21 games for the Cougars.

Sgroi was 24-of-24 on extra points, had nine field goals with a long of 49 yards, averaged 56.4 yards on kickoffs and 40.9 yards on punts. Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham will give him the chance to try both duties if he wants.

"The hardest part about all of this and what kept crossing my mind is the distance," said Sgroi. "But I think I'll be able to handle it. It's part of life. I mean I'll have to move out on my own one day, anyway."

Ocelots avenge earlier loss to Mott, retake league's top spot

BY BRAD EMONS
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Derrick Bird swooped into Flint Mott's Ballenger Fieldhouse and helped his Schoolcraft College teammates take flight en route to a stunning 100-90 men's basketball victory.

Bird, 6-foot-4 guard from Ypsilanti, hit 13 of 20 shots from the floor, pouring in a game-high 37 points to gun down the NJCAA's No. 2-ranked team in Division II.

Both teams are 20-2 overall, but Schoolcraft controls its own destiny in the Eastern Conference race of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft, 10-1 in the conference, can win the title outright by winning its final five games. Three of the Ocelots' five games are at home.

Mott, which had handed the Ocelots a humiliating 100-77 loss on their home court, now needs some help at 9-2.

The Ocelots, who led wire-to-wire, jumped out to a 23-11 lead through 10 minutes of the first half and Mott never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"I think our maturity and the poise displayed by our veteran kids helped us win this game," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Derrick is a kid who continues to work hard and tonight he showed he could not only

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knock down shots, but he could also take it strong to the basket. I'm happy for him because he's a good kid. He's a guy who never complains, shows up every day and just works hard."

Mott tried to make a late charge, cutting the deficit to 78-73 on a hoop by Lamar Rice with 7:47 to play.

But 6-foot-8, 260-pound center Sam Hoskin answered with a big basket just 11 seconds later to spark a 12-2 SC run. Dwight Windom's hoop with 4:54 to go gave the Ocelots a 90-77 cushion.

The DePaul-bound Hoskin, who leads the conference in scoring at 26 points per game, finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"Sam made some key buckets and grabbed some key rebounds for us the last 10 minutes," Briggs said. "He took us home."

Windom, a 6-4 forward from Dearborn Heights Robichaud, was a demon on the boards all night long. He contributed 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Meanwhile, guard Mike Peek came off the bench to score 14. Point-guard David McGlown, who played a steady floor game against Mott's relentless full-court pressure, chipped in with eight points and seven assists.

But Bird was the man the

night, showcasing his skills to a slew of interested college coaches by scoring in a variety of ways. Among those in attendance were representatives from Creighton, Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy, Eastern Michigan, Toledo, Tennessee-Martin, Grand Valley State and Siena Heights.

"We just wanted to come out and play hard for 40 minutes," said Bird, a transfer who spent two seasons at Central Michigan. "Everybody played hard tonight. It was a total team effort."

"We knew boards and defense would win us the game. And if we stayed patient offensively we'd come through."

For his efforts, Bird was sporting a small shiner under his left eye.

"We knew it was going to be a war," the guard said. "At half-time (51-40 Schoolcraft) we knew it wasn't over. Everybody stayed strong mentally and physically."

Schoolcraft shot 35 of 61 from the floor (57 percent) and 23 of 35 (65 percent) from the foul line. The Ocelots had 16 turnovers to Mott's 14.

The Bears, meanwhile, were 33 of 68 from the floor (48 percent) and just 18 of 31 from the line (58 percent).

I thought our kids played hard, but we couldn't get over the hump," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "We had chances

to cut it under five, but not because of a lack of effort."

Alonzo Evans, a 6-3 guard from Louisville, Ky., led Mott with 24, while Derrick Minniefield and Rashi Johnson added 17 and 16, respectively. Rice chipped in with 13.

"Schoolcraft did a great job starting out of the gate," Schmidt said. "It seemed they got a lot of second and third shots, and all the loose balls."

"Their maturity showed with their 10 sophomores against our nine freshmen. And Bird played a great game. He was steady. They made plays and we didn't."

•SCHOOLCRAFT 85, WAYNE CO. 67: Five players scored in double figures

Saturday as Schoolcraft won a hard-fought Eastern Conference game at Wayne County CC (8-10, 3-7).

Hoskin led the way with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Peek also scored 17, while Bird had 16. McGlown and Nick Evola contributed 13 and 10, respectively.

McGlown also had seven assists and four steals, while Keanan Weir came off the bench to score seven points and grab six rebounds.

Marcus Clark had 16 for Wayne.

•TRI-STATE 84, MADONNA 66: Chad LaCross riddled Madonna University's defense for 46 points as the Thundering Herd avenged an earlier loss to the Crusaders Saturday in Angola, Ind.

LaCross nailed 5-of-11 three-pointers, connecting on 17-of-26 from the floor,

grabbed 16 rebounds and made four steals for Tri-State, now 17-9 overall and 7-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Madonna fell to 6-18 overall, 2-7 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders, playing its third game without leading-scorer Mike Massey (out with an ankle injury), were within 37-33 at the half but could not keep pace with the Herd.

Aaron Cox turned in one of the finest performances of his career, hitting 10-of-13 from the field including 5-for-5 from three-point range to score 25 points for Madonna. Dan Kurtinaitis added 13 points and five assists and Narvin Russaw scored 10 points.

Tri-State got 14 points from Ezell Moore, 12 from Nate Hoekje and 16 assists from Jonathon Gates.

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Chiefs bounce back, but fall

All things considered, it was a pretty good performance by Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team Monday against the Livonia Unified squad at Livonia's Dickinson Center.

The Livonia team won, scoring 139.45 points. But the Chiefs — who are without their top gymnast, Amy Driscoll — scored nearly four more points than they had two days earlier at their own Invitational, finishing with 132.25.

The Chiefs' best performance came from freshman Audra Ahern, whose 33.75 all-around was third-best in the meet. Ahern won the balance beam with a 9.15 score; her other marks were 8.5 on floor exercise, 8.3 on vault and 7.8 on uneven parallel bars.

Kristen Schilk was next best for Canton, scoring 33.0 in the all-around to finish fourth. She had scores of 8.7 on beam, 8.2 on floor, 8.1 on vault and 8.0 on bars.

J.Q. Williams wasn't far behind, totaling 32.7 (sixth) in the all-around with an 8.65 in vault, an 8.3 in beam, an 8.3 in floor and a 7.45 in bars. Just behind Williams was Jill

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Rakovitis with a 32.65 all-around that consisted of an 8.3 in vault, an 8.2 in floor, an 8.1 in bars and an 8.05 in beam.

Jacque Bennington contributed marks of 8.15 in both beam and vault.

Driscoll is sidelined with a knee injury, suffered in practice last week. She saw a doctor Tuesday to determine the extent; Canton coach John Cunningham was hopeful she would return in time for regionals.

On Saturday, the Chiefs hosted the 19-team Canton Invitational. Unfortunately, neither Canton nor Plymouth Salem were able to crack the top six in this formidable field.

Rochester Adams finished first with 146.55 points. Northville-Novis was second (145.75) and Brighton was third (145.05). Salem placed seventh (139.75) and Canton, without Driscoll, was a disappointing 17th

(128.60). See statistical summary.

Salem's best scores came in the Division II competition, with Melissa Drake placing third in the all-around (35.75) and April Aquinto finishing fifth (35.05).

In Division I, the Rocks' Bethany Bartlett struggled through the beam and finished 16th in the all-around (35.40).

Drake was first on bars (9.25), tied for second in the vault (9.0) and tied for sixth on floor (9.1). Aquinto took second on floor (9.25) and tied for sixth in beam (8.95).

Bartlett's best marks came in bars, in which she tied for sixth (9.25), and vault, in which she tied for ninth (9.0).

Other solid scores for the Rocks were posted by Ashley Heard, 8.75 in the beam and 8.2 on the bars, 33.15 in the all-around.

Canton's top scores came from Ahern, 8.8 in the beam and 8.9 in the floor; Schilk, 8.2 in bars; and Williams, 8.6 in vault.

The Chiefs will make-up their dual meet with Farmington Consolidated at 7 p.m. Monday at the Farmington Training Center.

Turnovers send Ocelots to 1st conference defeat

Schoolcraft College committed 35 turnovers Monday night in a 76-75 women's basketball loss at Flint Mott.

The defeat was the first for the Lady Ocelots in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft, 18-3 overall, dropped into a first play tie with Delta at 10-1. The two teams meet Saturday at Delta.

"Turnovers and rebounding hurt us, we deserved to lose," Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata said. "Now we'll see what we're made of when we go to Delta."

Mott (15-6, 8-3) collected 27 offensive rebounds in the win.

Tyra Gay led the winners with 20 points, while Nakia Woods and QuDonya Muldrew added 16 and 14, respectively.

Schoolcraft rallied from an eight-point deficit late in the game, pulling to within one, 74-73, on a triple from Rachel Eley with 27 seconds to play.

But Tiffany Nalls' steal and basket with 10 seconds to go sealed the Lady Bears' victory.

Eley and Angelica Blakely each scored 17 points to pace Schoolcraft, which shot 47 percent from field (28-of-59) and made 11-of-19 free throws.

Blakely had a team-high nine rebounds, while Eley finished with seven assists, six steals and six rebounds.

Kelly Grenan (Redford Thurston), Devin Francois and Ra'Sheida Edwards each added eight points.

Madonna 84, Tri-State 78: With five players scoring in double figures, Madonna University was able to repel a late Tri-State University rally to collect the victory Saturday at Madonna.

The win kept the Lady Crusaders in first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Ath-

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letic Conference at 8-2; they are 13-10 overall. Tri-State fell to 4-6 in the WHAC, 16-10 overall.

The first half was decisive for Madonna. The Crusaders built a 42-30 lead by halftime thanks to some red-hot floor shooting (17-of-25, 68 percent).

The Thundering Herd's deficit was double figures through most of the second half, until the final six minutes. They managed to trim it to 72-69 on a three-pointer by Anne Miller with 3:04 left, but they never got closer.

Madonna got 23 points (on 11-of-13 floor shooting), six rebounds and two assists from Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS).

Carissa Gizicki added 15 points (8-for-8 at the free-throw line), eight assists and three steals, Kathy Pangonis scored 13 (6-of-9 floor shooting) and both Lori Enfield and Mahogany Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) scored 10.

Tri-State was led by Krista Brockway (19 points) and Crystal Hardesty (18).

Madonna made 32-of-56 shots from the field (57.1 percent), 4-of-9 three-pointers (44.4 percent) and 16-of-19 free throws (84.2 percent). Tri-State was 29-of-64 from the field (45.3 percent), 6-of-20 on three-pointers (30 percent) and 14-of-17 on free throws (82.4 percent).

SC 95, Wayne CCC 41: Schoolcraft College proved far too good for Wayne County Community College Saturday at Wayne.

The Lady Ocelots were ranked sixth in the NJCAA Division II before Monday's game at Mott CC. Wayne CCC fell to 1-12 overall, 0-10 in the conference.

SC built a 30-8 lead with 7:51 left in the first half and was never challenged. The Ocelots led 47-18 at halftime.

Blakely paced SC with 18 points; she also grabbed six rebounds. Francois contributed 13 points, seven boards and five assists, and Grenan had 10 points and five rebounds.

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CANTON INVITATIONAL

GYMNASTICS MEET

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Final team standings: 1. Rochester Adams, 146.550; 2. Northville-Novis, 145.750; 3. Brighton, 145.050; 4. Portage, 143.250; 5. Farmington Unified, 142.550; 6. Troy Athens, 139.800; 7. Plymouth Salem, 139.750; 8. Hartland, 138.750; 9. Troy, 138.250; 10. Holland, 136.950; 11. Livonia Unified, 136.800; 12. Traverse City, 135.150; 13. Rochester, 133.750; 14. Freeland, 133.200; 15. Westland John Glenn, 132.150; 16. Western, 129.750; 17. Plymouth Canton, 128.600; 18. Fraser, 123.150; 19. East Kentwood, 98.850.

Event results

Division I

Vault: 1. Abbey Karchnak (Har.), 9.4; 2. Jenn Dion (B), 9.3; 3. (tie) Megan Samhat (N-N), Heather Scheffler (TA), 9.2; 5. Ravin Raleigh (TA), 9.15; 6. (tie) Ashley Baarda (P), Cynthia Hughes (P), 9.1; 8. Chelsea Keesling (Far.), 9.05; 9. (tie) Shannon MacDonald (RA), Bethany Bartlett (PS),

Kasia DeSteiger (RA), 9.0.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Sara Houchins (Far.), 9.6; 2. Shannon MacDonald (RA), 9.45; 3. Jenn Sturgis (N-N), 9.4; 4. Chelsea Keesling (Far.), 9.35; 5. Abbey Karchnak (Har.), 9.3; 6. (tie) Kelly Catino (TC), Michelle Glynn (EK), Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.25; 9. Ashley Baarda (P), Ravin Raleigh (TA), Ashley Dobbs (B), Andrea Hoyt (B), 9.2.

Balance beam: 1. (tie) Shannon MacDonald (RA), Jenn Dion (B), 9.55; 3. Jenn Sturgis (N-N), 9.5; 4. Ravin Raleigh (TA), 9.35; 5. (tie) Ashley Baarda (P), Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.3; 7. Ashley Dobbs (B), 9.25; 8. Gwen McConkie (TA), 9.2; 9. (tie) Sara Houchins (Far.), Kelly Catino (TC), Heather Scheffler (TA), 9.15.

Floor exercise: 1. Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.6; 2. Ashley Baarda (P), 9.55; 3. (tie) Shannon MacDonald (RA), Ashley Dobbs (B), Jenn Sturgis (N-N), Abbey Karchnak (Har.), 9.5; 7. (tie) Sara Houchins (Far.), Cynthia Hughes (P), 9.4; 9. Kelly Catino (TC), 9.35; 10. (tie) Ravin Raleigh (TA), Michelle Glynn (EK), Kelly Ostrosky (LU),

Katie Braine (N-N), 9.3.

All-around: 1. Shannon MacDonald (RA), 37.50; 2. Ashley Baarda (P), 37.15; 3. Megan Samhat (N-N), 37.10; 4. Sara Houchins (Far.), 37.05; 5. Ravin Raleigh (TA), 37.00; 6. (tie) Jenn Sturgis (N-N), Ashley Dobbs (B), 36.85; 8. Kelly Catino (TC), 36.70; 9. Abbey Karchnak (Har.), 36.65; 10. Jenn Dion (B), 36.45.

Division II

Vault: 1. Stephanie Wond (RA), 9.05; 2. (tie) Melissa Drake (PS), Monica Fink, 9.00; 4. Kendra Harring (Hol.), 8.95; 5. Sheila Orosey (RA), 8.85; 6. (tie) Meghan Berry (T), Mary Moreau (LU), 8.8; 8. Colleen Johnson (Har.), 8.75; 9. (tie) Caroline DiMaria (T), Meagan Turner (Har.), Joy Love (Hol.), Shannon O'Neil (T), Kristen Constantino (JG), Kelli Youngs (Fr.), Rosie Blank (R), Colleen Balagna (Har.), 8.7.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Melissa Drake (PS), 9.25; 2. (tie) Sheila Orosey (RA), Jenny Rhode (Fr.), 8.95; 4. Amanda Luxton (RA), 8.9; 5. Cindy Clementi (P), 8.85; 6. Caroline DiMaria (T), 8.8; 7. (tie) Joy Love (Hol.), Alison Gillette (N-N), 8.55; 9. (tie)

Katie Gustavson (Hol.), Nichole Simonian (JG), Meghan Giessi (R), Jenni Cummings (Fr.), Nicole White (Far.), 8.5.

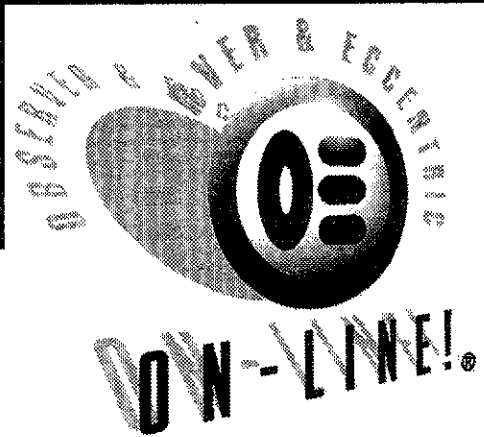
Balance beam: 1. Caroline DiMaria (T), 9.5; 2. Sheila Orosey (RA), 9.3; 3. Kelly Baldwin (RA), 9.2; 4. Meghan Berry (T), 9.1; 5. Jessie Raspbury (TC), 9.0; 6. (tie) Amanda Luxton (RA), April Aquinto (PS), 8.95; 8. Katie Gustavson (Hol.), Shannon O'Neil (T), Jenni Cummings (Fr.), 8.85.

Floor exercise: 1. Jessica Gladys (RA), 9.4; 2. April Aquinto (PS), 9.25; 3. Sheila Orosey (RA), 9.2; 4. (tie) Kristin Ulewicz (Far.), Kelly Baldwin (RA), 9.15; 6. (tie) Melissa Drake (PS), Meagan Turner (Har.), Kendra Harring (Hol.), Kristen Constantino (JG), 9.1; 10. (tie) Alison Gillette (N-N), Lindsay Smith (Far.), 9.05.

All-around: 1. Sheila Orosey (RA), 36.30; 2. Caroline DiMaria (T), 35.85; 3. Melissa Drake (PS), 35.75; 4. Amanda Luxton (RA), 35.40; 5. April Aquinto (PS), 35.05; 6. Meghan Berry (T), 35.00; 7. Katie Gustavson (Hol.), 34.70; 8. (tie) Meagan Turner (Har.), Nichole Simonian (JG), Joy Love (Hol.), 34.50.

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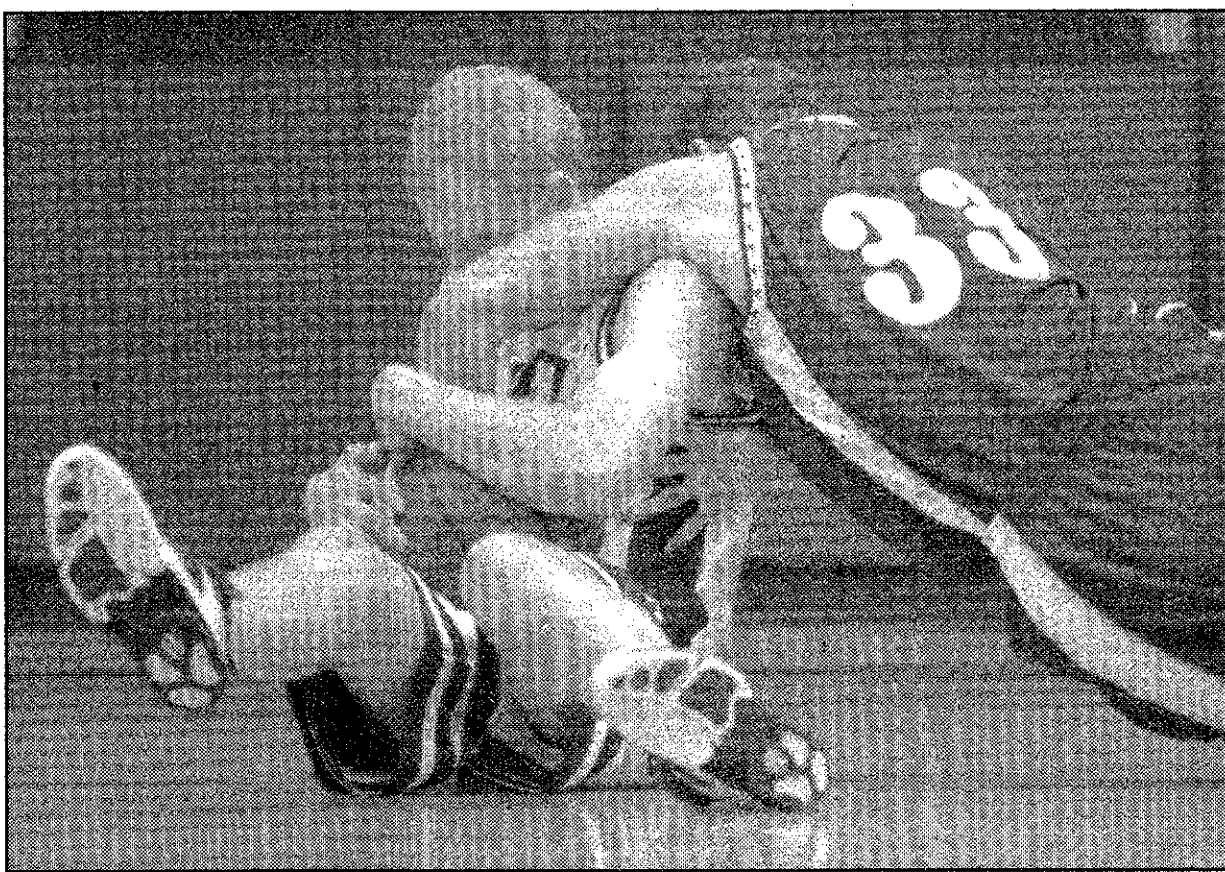
Still, the Hawks had life. Two free throws by Matt Elsey, followed by a Salem turnover and foul, put Ralph Plumley at the line with a one-and-one situation, facing a three-point deficit with 1:10 left. But Plumley missed and Hoskins converted two foul shots at the other end to restore Salem's five-point lead.

"In spurts, we have shown we can play basketball with anyone," said Turnquist. "We just haven't been able to sustain it. We're still searching for the right combination."

Tochman finished with 21 points and seven rebounds to pace Salem. Haar added a solid all-around performance, netting 17 points, five assists and four steals. Hoskins collected 13 points and seven boards, and Scott Discher hit three three-pointers to score nine points.

Harrison's Brown netted 23 points. Ross had 11 and Terrill Mayberry totaled eight.

Salem made 15-of-29 free throws; Harrison was 7-of-13.



Wrestling for the ball: Salem's Ryan Haydon (on left) tries to pull the ball away from Harrison's Dave Condeni in a game that often featured such scraps. It wasn't until the final seconds that Salem secured the victory.

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Canton stumbles in 4th to Falcons; Agape wins 2

BASKETBALL

Farmington was perfect shooting free throws in the fourth quarter Tuesday to clinch a 53-47 basketball victory over visiting Plymouth Canton.

It was a key Western Lakes Activities Association win for the Falcons, who remained a game behind league-leading Walled Lake Central.

Farmington is 11-3 overall and remains alone in second place in the WLAA at 7-1. Canton is 6-8 and 5-3, respectively.

The Falcons led 35-32 going into the fourth quarter and outscored the Chiefs by three, 18-15, while going 10-for-10 at the free-throw line.

"We had opportunities," said a disappointed Jeremy Rheault, Canton's coach. "We had leads throughout. But we didn't get any breaks at the end."

Farmington had a 16-7 lead after one quarter, but Canton battled back in the second and cut the difference to two points at halftime, 24-22.

Senior Matt Mikel scored 15 points to lead the Falcons, who were 15-of-22 at the line. Senior Jeremy Mazes had 12, senior Curtis Tillman 10 and senior Mike Griffie seven.

Oliver Wolcott was the only Canton player in double figures with 16 points; he also had seven boards. Nick Cabauatan added eight, all coming in the fourth quarter. The Chiefs made seven of 12 free throws.

Roeper 77, PCA 70 (OT): The win was within Plymouth Christian Academy's reach Tuesday — until Matt Kohlenberg, who nailed five three-pointers in these two teams first meeting but had been held scoreless thus far, drilled a triple at the buzzer to tie it and force overtime.

Bloomfield Hills Roeper went on to outscore the Eagles 16-9 in

the extra period, with Laddie Andahazy scoring six of his game-high 24 points on two threes.

The win boosted the Roughriders' record to 9-5 overall, 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA is 3-9 overall, 1-6 in the MIAC.

The Eagles led 28-21 at the half but saw that advantage melt away in the third quarter as Roeper outscored them, 23-17 to make it a 45.44 game.

Mike Hack joined Andahazy in double figures in scoring for the Roughriders, scoring 22 points. PCA got 23 points and eight rebounds from P.J. Woodman, 19 from Clay Welton and 14 from James Bauslaugh.

Agape 66, A.A. Rudolph Steiner 33: For the second-straight night, Canton Agape Christian quickly disposed of its opponent as it ran its record to 11-1 with an easy win over Rudolph Steiner (5-3) Tuesday at Steiner.

The Wolverines led 41-10 at the half. Josh Anthony led Agape with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Paul Anleitner contributed 16 points and Paul Chrenko netted 12.

Eric Schmidt's 18 points topped Steiner.

Agape 74, Huron Valley 4: The Wolverines put four players in double figures Monday night in their victory over the Hawks.

Both teams were playing with short benches: Canton Agape (10-1) dressed eight players and Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-11) dressed six.

Agape was led by Paul Anleitner (22 points), Stephen Tong (15), Paul Chrenko (12) and Josh Anthony (10).

Get your head bashed in — for \$1,000

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The first thing Ken Krzyzanowski did after his bout was head for the beer line.

Danny Baski was still trying to get back to normal four days after his fight.

Tony Collino is still kicking himself after the one that got away.

These three took different paths leading up to the Original Toughman Contest, held Friday and Saturday at Detroit's Cobo Arena. And they took three distinctly different paths afterward.

But during the contest, their goals were the same.

Win. Or if they couldn't win, survive without too much damage.

"I got a black eye — even through the head gear," laughed Livonia's Krzyzanowski. "They guy I fought was just a tank. I got knocked out in the first round and never saw it coming."

The four were among 40 fighters competing in the annual Toughman event — a mainstay at Cobo and getting national exposure on the FX cable network. There were two divisions — heavyweight and light-heavyweight and the division champ earns \$1,000. Each bout is comprised of three one-minute rounds where just about anything goes. It's not boxing, it's about being tough.

"I lost in the first round," lamented Baski, a dispatcher for the Redford Township Police Department. "(My opponent) kept wrestling me the whole time and it was pretty frustrating. I'd box and when I was doing good, he would wrestle me and try to throw me out of the ring. I think that they rewarded him for being aggressive. I positively think I would have won if I hadn't gotten tackled so many times. Getting up takes a lot of energy."

But he should feel lucky. His only physical reminder of the fight was a bad case of the snifles, courtesy of a cool arena.

"Same thing happened to me last year, too," said Baski.

Baski did get some small consolation in the loss.

"The first bout on Saturday, my buddy (Redford's Chris Williamsen) faced this guy and busted his nose wide-open."

The most disappointed was Westland's Collino, a utilityman on the assembly line at Ford's Michigan Truck plant in Wayne by trade and one of the favorites in the heavyweight division by reputation.

"They pretty much had me pegged as winning," said Collino, who lost in the semifinals to eventual runner-up Michael O'Brien. "(Founder) Art Dore was disappointed and even Tommy Hearn stopped me when I got out of the ring."

Collino, a former state amateur and Toledo Golden Gloves champion, had the right to be disappointed. The 34-year-old lost in the semifinals in 1999 and in the finals in 2000, and cruised to wins in his first two bouts — "I broke the guy's ribs in the first fight and broke a guy's nose in the second," said Collino.

But, after dropping O'Brien in each of the first two rounds, he caught a haymaker and was knocked to the canvas. He tried to get up too quickly and, when he stood, his legs buckled enough that the referee stopped the fight.

TOUGHMAN

"I had it won and ended up blowing it," said Collino. "I got caught by a shot I shouldn't have gotten caught by. I think I could have won it."

Krzyzanowski had no such illusions of winning it, even though he'd boxed a little bit at a Livonia fire station while attending Churchill High School. The 33-year-old carpet installer got into the ring on a summer dare from some bowling buddies and stuck to his word.

"And I stuck with it," said Krzyzanowski. "It was kind of

like jumping out of a plane. It was a rush. I bought 56 seats for my family and friends and it was fun. It would have been more fun if I'd have fought someone my size. It was like jumping in front of a bus."

The bus was light-heavyweight winner Paul McLean.

"I'll never forget that name," said Krzyzanowski. "Between the head gear and the gloves in front of my face, I never saw it coming. I didn't mind the whole experience, but my wife didn't like it too much."

After Krzyzanowski was done picking himself up, he needed to do one thing before he got together with his group.

"I headed straight for the beer line," said Krzyzanowski. "I had my work pants on and some money in my pocket and I went."

Some would do it again; others have no desire.

"It's like an addiction," said Collino. "You say you won't but when it rolls around, you get so close to the dance, you end up trying again."

Krzyzanowski has no such pretention.

"Never again — next year or the year after," he said. "I said I was going to do it and stuck to my word and wasn't going back on it. But I'll never do something stupid like that again. It was like walking in front of a bus."



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200-yard freestyle: Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:50.4.
200-yard individual medley: Joe Le (PC), 2:15.68.
50-yard freestyle: Adam Braun (B), 23.10.
Diving: D. McDade (B), 196.00 points.
100-yard butterfly: Yuhei Uno (PC), 59.19.
100-yard freestyle: Brad Nilson (PC), 52.72.
500-yard freestyle: 1. Adam Braun (B), 5:07.24; 2. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 5:09.25; 3. Ryan Ahern (PC), 5:13.45.
200-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Joe Le, Brad Nilson, Ryan Ahern, Matt Wisniewski), 1:35.44.
100-yard backstroke: Trey Gercak (PC), 1:01.99.
100-yard breaststroke: Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.36.
400-yard freestyle relay: Berkley (Austermann, Cicchini, Benton, Braun), 3:40.53; 2. Canton (Matt Wisniewski, Joe Le, James Sattler, Ryan Ahern), 3:40.61.
Canton's dual-meet record: 7-1 overall, 4-0 WLAA Western Division. **Next meet:** Northville, 7 p.m. Thursday at Canton.

Top-ranked Mules reign at SC

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Temperance Bedford continues to take on all comers and meet all challenges when it comes to girls volleyball.

The No. 1-ranked Kicking Mules, defending state Class A champions, captured their fifth Schoolcraft College Invitational title since 1994 with a 15-2, 15-1 victory Saturday in the championship match against Birmingham Seaholm.

Bedford, now 52-0 overall, was led by tournament MVP Lindi Bankowski, a 5-foot-5 setter headed to Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

In the semifinals, Bedford was pushed by Birmingham Marian

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before earning a 15-6, 17-15 triumph. The Kicking Mules ousted Livonia Churchill in the quarterfinals, 15-4, 15-9.

"We play seven kids most of the time and we have a pretty balanced team," said Bedford coach Jodi Manore, who lost two starters to graduation off last year's state championship squad. "Any one of the seven are capable to having a big game. We also have seven seniors who want to go out on a winning note again. That's been their motivation all season."

Three other Bedford players made All-Tourney including 6-foot middle hitter Mo Meinhart,

5-11 sophomore Erica Kaczorowski and 6-1 senior Melissa Mohrbach.

Two-time defending Schoolcraft champion East Kentwood was upset in the play-in elimination round by upstart Dearborn Divine Child, 10-15, 15-8, 17-15.

Churchill won the other play-in by rallying for a 12-15, 15-3, 15-12 victory over Walled Lake Western.

Walled Lake Central squeezed into the elimination round by beating Western Lakes rival Plymouth Salem in the final game of Pool E, 15-13.

The Vikings then ousted Divine Child, 15-13, 15-6, in the quarterfinals before losing to Seaholm in three (21-19 in the third and decisive game).

Holly, 15-5, 15-7; W.L. Central def. Dearborn Divine Child, 15-13, 15-6.

First round: Churchill def. Walled Lake Western, 12-15, 15-3, 15-12; Divine Child def. East Kentwood, 10-15, 15-8, 17-15.

POOL PLAY RECORDS
(top 2 reach elimination)

Court I (A): 1. Bedford, 8-0 (games); 2. G.R. Northview, 5-3; 3. Dearborn, 4-4; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 2-6; 5. Plymouth Salem JV, 1-7.

Court II (B): 1. Seaholm, 7-1; 2. W.L. West-

ern, 5-3 (won tiebreaker); 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 5-3; 4. Grand Blanc, 2-6; 5. Farmington, 1-7.

Court III (C): 1. Divine Child, 8-0; 2. Churchill, 4-4; 3. Northville, 3-5; 4. (tie) Midland and Fenton, 2-6 each.

Court IV (D): 1. Marian, 7-1; 2. E. Kentwood, 5-3 (won tiebreaker); 3. Farmington Hills Harrison, 5-3; 4. Livonia Franklin, 2-6; 5. Livonia Clarenceville, 1-7.

Court V (E): 1. W.L. Central, 6-2 (won tiebreaker); Holly, 6-2; 3. Salem, 5-3; 4. (tie) Garden City and Novi, 1-7 each.

Volleyball from page D1

Falcusan with 14 kills and 19 digs; Rolaine Llanes with seven aces and 14 digs; and Dombrowski with 11 kills, 12 digs, five blocks and 83 set assists.

Chiefs falter

Talk about a test of endurance. After winning a pair of WLAA matches last week, Plymouth Canton traveled to the Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament Saturday. Unfortunately for the Chiefs, a flu virus had weakened

them significantly, and the result was a 3-3 record in games played in pool play.

That tied them for second with Pioneer, with the Pioneers winning the tiebreaker — which was point differential head-to-head. Canton beat Pioneer 15-10 and lost 15-8.

"I thought we might be able to stay well enough, but in the pregame warm-up we had a starter get to the point she had to withdraw from the lineup,"

said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "Various (other) starting players' strength deteriorated through the day."

After playing Pioneer in the opening round of pool play, the Chiefs faced Birmingham Groves, losing 16-14 and 15-3. With a second starter forced to the bench by illness, Canton went up against Lake Fenton in its third pool-play match and

won, 15-11, 15-3.

Sophomores Cindy Rotramel, Colleen O'Brien and Kristen Lake; freshman Kristen Lillie; and juniors Michelle Ly and Mary Kiesel all took their games to another level for the Chiefs.

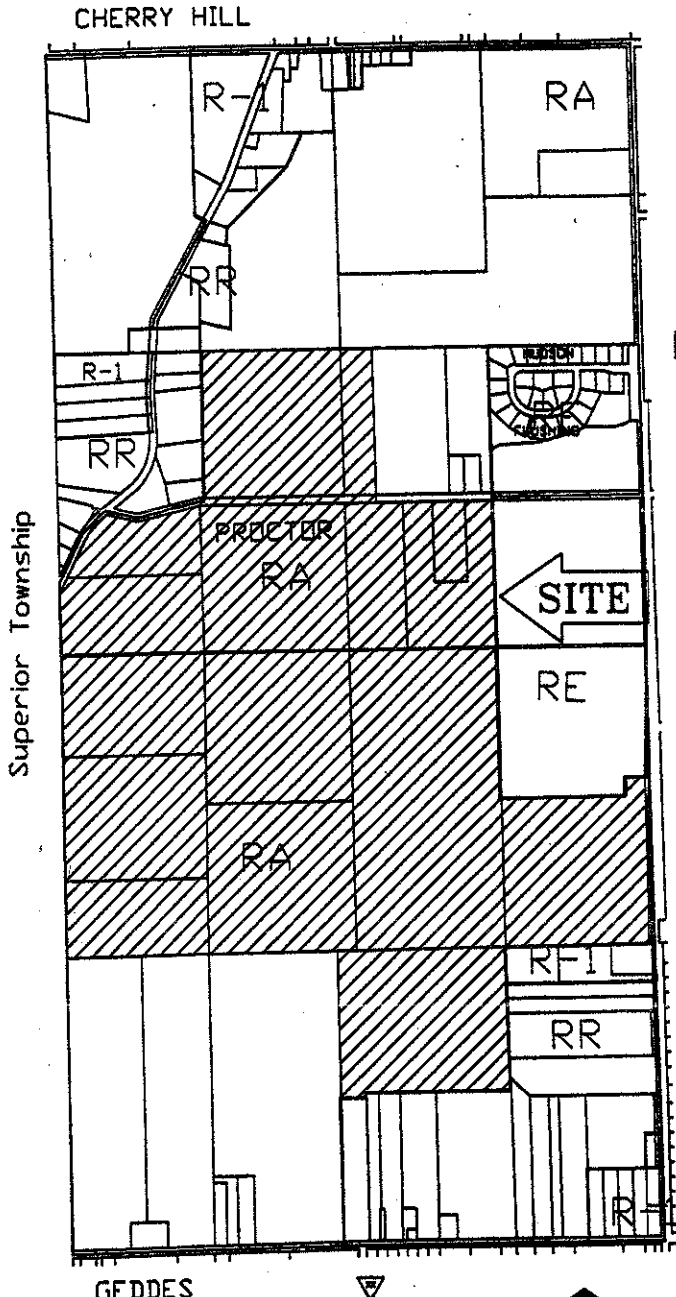
Canton, which defeated Westland John Glenn 15-12, 15-6 Monday, is 17-11-3 overall, 4-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 19, 2001** in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

LEWISTON SUMMER/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SUMMER PARK ASSOCIATES TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM AGRICULTURAL (1 dwelling unit/40 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (2 dwelling units/acre) FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0011 000, 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 001, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, AND 120 99 0001 000; AND FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 dwelling unit/2 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0013 000, 076 99 0001 000, AND 117 99 0002 702; AND ALSO TO CONSIDER TOWNSHIP-INITIATED AMENDMENT FROM AGRICULTURAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 076 99 0007 002 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY IN THE AREA. Property is located north and south of Proctor Road between Denton Road and the Superior Township boundary. *Note: This hearing is rescheduled from January 8, 2001.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 19 & 30

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Whalers from page D1

While the Whalers, who were playing their fourth game in five days, were pelting Emery with 39 shots, their goalie — Paul Drew — faced only 10 shots, an indication of which team carried the play.

Plymouth did apply pressure late, with Kris Vernarsky banging a shot off the post. But the tying goal was not forthcoming.

The Whalers' second 1-0 loss left them four points behind Erie for the best record in the OHL. Plymouth is 32-9-4-5 (73 points). Sault Ste. Marie is 17-29-4-2.

The results Saturday were far better for the Whalers, and so was the opponent: the Belleville Bulls, who were in first place in the Eastern Division and led the league in goals scored. Stephen Weiss scored a pair of goals and Rob Zepp turned away 20 shots to lead Plymouth to a 3-0 triumph.

The shutout was Zepp's fourth of the season. Jan Chovans faced 27 shots in goal for the Bulls.

Weiss' first goal came on the power play at 6:09 of the second period. Vernarsky and Cole Jarrett assisted. His second goal of the game (unassisted) and 34th of the season made it 2-0 at 1:32 of the third period. Karl Stewart got the clincher at 14:30, with assists from Preston Mizzi and Rob McBride.

Belleville slipped to 27-17-4-1 for the season.

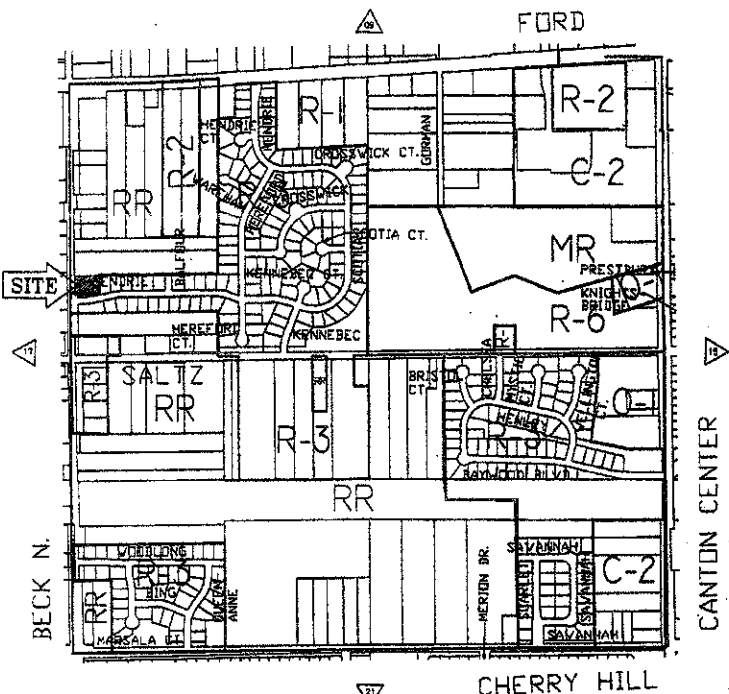
A three-games-in-three-days weekend is on tap for the Whalers. They host Barrie at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Brampton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday; on Sunday, they travel to Brampton for a 2 p.m. game.

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 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 5, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

BREACH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99 0023 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads.



ZONING MAP
SECTION 16

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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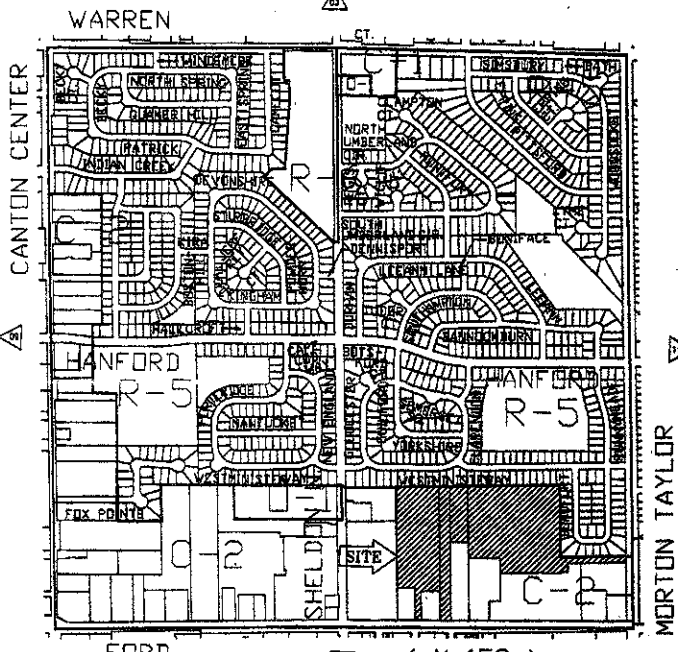
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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GRAND SAKWA SHOPPING CENTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 040 99 0002 003, 040 990004 001, 040 99 0005 004, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 040 99 0006 705. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Road.

Preliminary Plan Monday, March 5, 2001
Final Plan Monday, March 19, 2001



ZONING MAP
SECTION 10

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 8 and 25, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 30, 2001

A regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 30, 2001. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m..

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Michael Ager, Scott Daniel, Paige Moore, Renee Wrublewski

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

A presentation was made by Canton's Communications Specialists outlining their proposal for a new program to market the image of Canton. This program is scheduled to be launched at the State of the Township Address on March 7, 2001. This campaign will be focused on marketing the image of Canton and what a unique community it is to live and work in. The slogan with graphic would be put on Canton merchandise that would be sold at township facilities, the Archery Tournament, Liberty Fest, and other events, as well as local grocery stores, hotel gift shops and Hallmark stores.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to rescind the previous approval of generic upgrades for the positions of Personnel Manager and Resource Development Manager, and further move to direct Administrative and Community Services to seek proposals from consulting firms to conduct a comprehensive classification study on all non union classified positions. Motion carried by all members present.

Randy Collier, Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.), Chief Airport Inspector, Pilot, State Liaison for Mettetal Airport, and State Airports Manager explained that the runway shift will make the airport more safe since it currently rests fifty (50) feet from Joy Road. It would bring the airport into compliance with new Federal Aviation Standards. This is not an expansion of the airport as the runway length remains 2,556 feet and will not be extended. This will also not permit larger aircraft to use the airport than those that use it now and will result in a negligible difference in the height of aircraft departing to the south. This will better protect the public using Joy Road as the current traffic count is 25,000 per day. Mettetal is a safe, efficient airport, a good neighbor, with a Fly Neighborly program and traffic patterns adjusted to reduce noise. It is a community asset-multi use where possible with an aviation education center and voting polling place and exciting plans for further community involvement. Mettetal has an obligation to the public, both the aviation users and citizens of the area (especially those that traverse Joy Road) to provide as safe an airport as possible. Last year, the Board of Trustees reviewed the airport track record, and noted over fifty (50) significant improvements made during that time. The Airport Advisory Board has asked the State and Canton Township to consider this safety enhancement. The state endorses the concept and recommends that Canton Township approve the following:

1. Purchase of the necessary property interests to accommodate the runway shift.

2. Shifting the runway to the south, approximately 250 feet.

The Cherry Hill Task Force made recommendations for the Bartlett-Travis House used for cozy and elegant gatherings where light refreshments could be served with changing exhibits. The Cherry Hill School used for community events until a larger events barn could be completed on the Bartlett-Travis site. The Bartlett-Travis House porch used for gazebo type events until a more suitable gazebo could be completed on the site and finally, the museum could be moved to the Cherry Hill School, which is more centrally located, after community events begin taking place in the proposed new barn. They also recommend an advisory council of diversified members to act as liaisons to historic, cultural and business organizations. It is the belief of the task force that to effectively manage the area would be hire a staff, beginning with a full time director and following with two part time support positions.

Adjourn

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn the study session at 9:24 p.m.. Motion carried by all members present.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at a study session held Tuesday, January 30, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of Tuesday, February 13, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 8, 2001

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Demand return of deposit

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



**ROBERT M.
MEISNER**

I made a \$5,000 deposit on a used home. My inspector said the siding that was improperly installed, which voided all warranties. The real estate agent was acting for both the seller and the buyer. I put my trust in the real estate agent, but the manufacturer said paperwork

showing the warranty was voided was accurate. I want to get out of the buying of the house. Can the seller sue me for trying to get out of the deal? Can they make me buy the home? Can they sue me for my \$5000 earnest money deposit?

You made a number of mistakes that are now coming back to haunt you. First, you used a real estate agent who was representing both sides in the transaction. You should have hired an agent to represent only your interests.

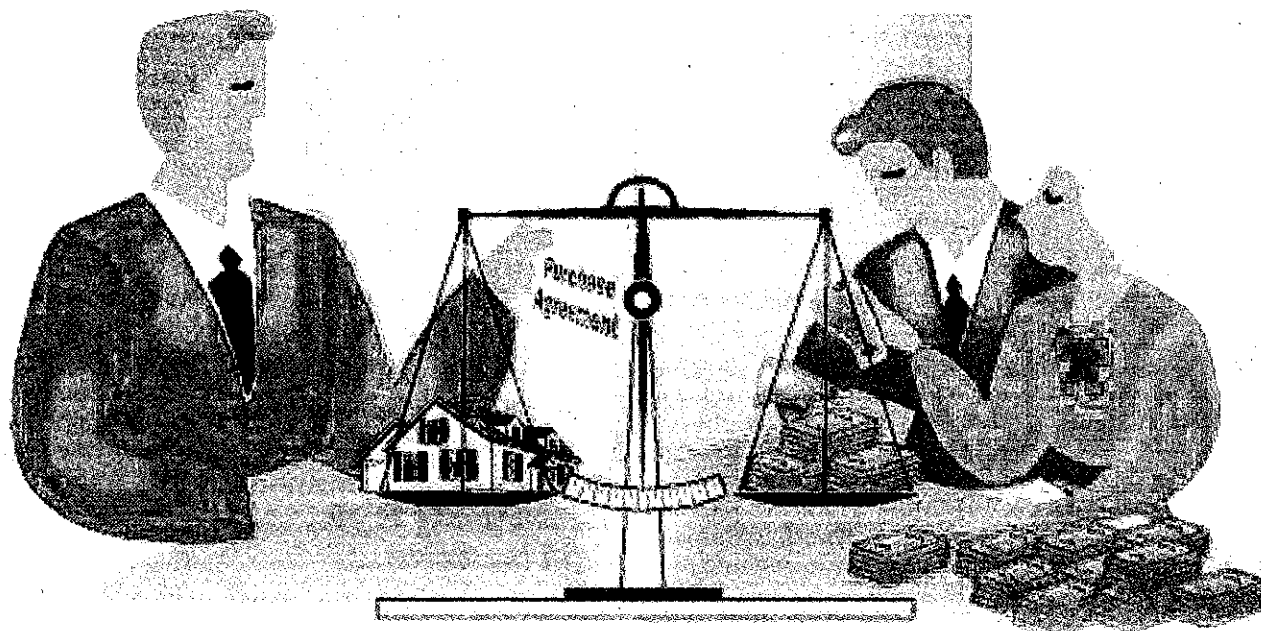
Second, you did not exercise your rights that allowed you to back out if the inspection report was bad. You may have been duped by the real estate agent, and you may have the right to sue him for misrepresentations.

I would demand that the seller return your earnest money deposit because of misrepresentations concerning the condition of the home. The seller could try to require you to forfeit your deposit. It is unlikely that he will prevail, but an attorney would have to look at the contract and examine all of the facts before giving you a more definitive opinion.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- ☒ **SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(REQUIRED BY LAW)
- ☒ **HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET**
(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- ☒ **SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD** (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- ☒ **AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS** (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- ☒ **APPLIANCES INCLUDED?**
- ☒ **PROPERTY TAXES** (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- ☒ **MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED** (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- ☒ **CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES**



RANDAL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

Sensible price does the deal

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER
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Is a home's listing price really the price?

It all depends, Realtors say.

When economic times are good, the home is in mint condition and multiple offers have been tendered, the listing price might just be a starting point for a bidding war.

When the economy cools, the house needs updating and it's been available for more than a few weeks, there may be more room for negotiation.

That's why both buyers and sellers should have their own agents — experts in the market — to represent their best interests in the process.

Initial listing prices just aren't pulled out of a hat.

"What we do is a comparative market analysis," said Dick DeMoss, a Realtor with Century 21 John Cole in Redford.

"That tells us what a similar house has sold for in an area, what is active now in the market for a similar house and what is pending for a similar house," he said.

Sellers who want to add a little — \$2,000 to \$3,000 — as a cushion for negotiation and buyers who want to come in low by a similar amount for similar reasons probably can reach an agreement, DeMoss said.

Don't play games

But as the gap widens, there's less chance for a meeting of the minds. So he's not a big proponent of gamesmanship.

"I normally tell my people (sellers) this is what I think they can get. They can try (higher) for 10 or 14 days, then I advise they drop down," DeMoss said.

"When you're listing a house, the ideal time (for action) is instantly. More Realtors look for brand new listings and push them. They're right in front of their eyes."

DeMoss is even more reluctant to

■ Sellers believe they don't get enough. Buyers believe they pay too much.

discount offers when working with buyers who find that perfect home.

"If a house is new on the market, you consider it's new, everything's in it you want, you see what's out there, don't play games if you're in love with the house," he said.

Offer the listing price.

A prospective buyer may have a bit more leeway in offering than a seller has in listing because price is just one factor in a decision to buy, said Jeff Barker, an associate broker with Max Brook in West Bloomfield.

"There's the condition of the home, occupancy ... location of the home, how long it's been on the market, repairs that need to be done, whether it (price) has been reduced," Barker said.

Condition can be a big variable, even when it comes to houses of similar design and age. Some buyers will make a mental list of what repairs or updates they want to make then subtract those costs from the offer.

Don't give offense

Both buyers and sellers have to be careful not to insult the other, Barker said.

"A buyer doesn't want to offend the seller so they don't completely reject an offer and won't work with them further," he said. "A buyer can offer anything they want. It still has to be accepted by the seller."

Then there's the other side of the coin.

"You don't want to be too far ahead of what the price should be," Barker said. "They won't get as many showings, then you don't get as many offers."

There's a certain psychology involved in selling and buying houses. Sellers believe they don't get enough. Buyers believe they pay too much.

"It's an emotional thing," said Karen Moran, an associate broker with Prudential Accent in Livonia.

"Sellers have pride in their home and probably believe it's better than their neighbors' from what they can only see from the outside," she said.

"You try to talk to the seller and make him understand it's not personal," said Madeliene Walden, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Shooltz, Oxford. "It's hard for a seller to realize it's not personal. It is *his* house."

You need to show numbers from comparable sales and remind that the ultimate goal is to sell the house, Walden added.

Be willing to negotiate

Sellers should be aware of another potential problem. "If they're looking for an exact dollar amount to buy another home, it may not be possible to get," Moran added.

"Buyers, they want to get a good deal," Moran said. "Who doesn't? It's something you can be taught as a child — get as much as you can for as little as possible. That's in many cultures of the world."

A deal may be saved if the seller includes some appliances or furnishings at the listing price if a buyer initially comes in with an offer lower than the listing, Walden said.

But she isn't a big fan of the protracted negotiation.

"I don't like to keep countering," Walden said. "It just seems to lose something. You get tired of it."

A personal touch, however, can sometimes smooth the way. Barker says he presents a purchase offer to a seller's agent face-to-face.

"That way, I can explain why the purchaser made the offer he did," he said. "A good negotiation is communication with the other agent, working together. We're working together to sell a house for a seller and get a house for a buyer."

Down money makes great wedding gift

MORTGAGE BITS



**TIM 'TIMBO'
PHILLIPS**

Hall rental, party gifts, rehearsal dinner, honeymoon — thousands of dollars change hands during this festive matrimonial event, and the excited young newlyweds have likely received gifts to start their lives together. However, there is probably one gift — perhaps the most meaningful gift of all — overlooked by even the closest family mem-

bers: the gift of a new home.

I am not suggesting that you drop a hundred-grand as a wedding gift. Instead, you can help this young couple get into a new home of their own. You can have a much bigger effect than you may think.

The major ingredients of most mortgage qualifications are income, debt, employment stability, credit scores and down payment. While you may not have much control over the first four factors, you can certainly play a contributory role with the down payment.

How little down can a new buyer get away with? I like the 3-percent buyer contribution aspect of the FHA loan. Qualified FHA buyers may borrow about \$165,000 in Wayne and Oakland Counties for \$5,000 out of pocket. Best of all, the entire amount may be a gift from close relatives.

Borrowers may also use money gifts with conventional mortgages. Many conventional lenders like to see such borrowers come to the table with 5 percent of their own money first. They allow gifts on top of that. However, once the money's been in the borrowers bank 60 days, the gifted money becomes the borrowers' funds. Accordingly, you would do well to give monetary gifts early if they are to be used to purchase a home.

Perhaps the greatest gift of all is the gift of equity. Let's say mom and dad own a home and they want to sell it to their newlywed kids. Mortgage loan officers can usually construct this transaction in such a way that the down payment and the closing costs are treated as a gift, presuming there is sufficient equity in the home.

Don't be shy about "pooling" money with other relatives. Some lenders will even make provisions to have a mortgage "registry."

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@yahoo.com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours]. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Make a winter home for wildlife

Helping wildlife feel at home in your garden can make a real difference, especially during the colder months. The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat program teaches people how to make that home a welcome one.

The best way to offer winter food for wildlife is by planting vegetation that produces berries, nuts or seeds. Leave heads on flowers rather than dead-

heading them.

Bird feeders see the most activity during colder months when natural foods are scarce. High-calorie foods like black-oil sunflower seed and suet can provide enough energy to help birds through cold winter nights.

Provide places where wildlife can find cover from cold weather and predators, especially where the land has been cleared of vegetation. Install

roosting boxes.

Create a brush pile which can provide cover for birds and rabbits and offer a hibernation place for turtles and frogs.

Keep your bird bath clean and free from ice.

To find out how to certify your yard as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat, visit NWF's Web site at www.nwf.org/habitats

HOT STATES

This market hotness index represents a running count of residential building permits per 1,000 population. These states ranked highest at 9 months, 2000.

1	NEVADA	16.4
2	ARIZONA	12.8
3	COLORADO	12.6
4	GEORGIA	11.7
5	NORTH CAROLINA	10.1
6	FLORIDA	10.1
7	UTAH	9.1
8	IDAHO	8.8
9	SOUTH CAROLINA	8.5
10	VIRGINIA	7.2
11	MICHIGAN	5.4

Source: U.S. HOUSING MARKETS

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded Nov. 20-24, 2000 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	1444 Elmhurst St	\$158,000	41488 Wild Turkey Ln	\$183,000
46717 Arons Way	42239 Greenwood Dr	\$224,000	2091 Woodbine Dr	\$250,000
444 Belvedere Ct N	44633 Jeffrey Cir	\$178,000	42023 Woodbridge Dr	\$163,000
4844 Bennington Ct	42508 Keystone Ln	\$192,000	645 Worthington Rd	\$185,000
4696 Bryn Mawr Rd	45249 Lemont Rd	\$205,000		
44997 Coachman Ct	42986 Lombardy Dr	\$186,000	Garden City	
41736 Conner Creek Dr	524 Meadowlake	\$174,000	31560 Alvin St	\$102,000
467 Cornell St	46689 Mornington Rd	\$345,000	29458 Rock St	\$140,000
39568 Dorchester Cir	1455 Oakview Dr	\$184,000	481 Brandt St	\$92,000
39574 Dorchester Cir	42435 Old Bridge Rd	\$181,000	4634 Cardwell St	\$134,000
	49093 Poppleton Ct	\$410,000	28921 Dawson St	\$99,000
	1949 S Cavalier Dr	\$173,000	431 Deering St	\$118,000
	44122 Saltz Rd	\$152,000	33475 Donnelly St	\$127,000
	532 Sheffield Ct	\$230,000	31570 Dover St	\$95,000
	41175 Southwind Dr	\$124,000	31570 Dover St	\$117,000
	43628 W Arbor Way	\$119,000	1730 Gilman St	\$92,000
	1438 Wagon Wheel Rd	\$226,000	1765 Helen St	\$107,000

28978 James St	\$125,000	14944 Haller St	\$61,000
32415 John Hawk St	\$110,000	14128 Hix St	\$171,000
33613 Marquette St	\$130,000	36240 Ladywood St	\$102,000
5908 Merriam Rd	\$95,000	18857 Lathers St	\$88,000
31552 Rosslyn Ave	\$133,000	15093 Merriam Rd	\$115,000
		32790 Myrna St	\$280,000
Livonia		34030 N Hampshire St	\$225,000
14956 Auburn Dr	\$130,000	36467 Northfield Ave	\$185,000
37914 Birch Run	\$90,000	28820 Olson St	\$38,000
37930 Birch Run	\$90,000	17365 Parklane St	\$225,000
29444 Bobrich St	\$95,000	34433 Pinetree St	\$80,000
14325 Cardwell St	\$160,000	15123 Riverside St	\$240,000
17280 Cross Winds Rd	\$309,000	11600 Rose Linda Dr	\$64,000
15724 Edgewood St	\$253,000	31707 Saint Martins St	\$158,000
14702 Ellen Dr	\$165,000	34961 Six Mile Rd	\$183,000
33960 Fairfax Dr	\$260,000	8997 Stonehouse Ave	\$204,000
33495 Fargo Ave	\$120,000	18288 University PkDr	\$113,000
32815 Fargo St	\$86,000		

14498 Yale St	\$142,000	45227 Pinetree Dr	\$258,000
		9610 Red Maple Dr	\$335,000
Plymouth		342 S Harvey St	\$185,000
44651 Albert Dr	\$197,000	11737 Sycamore Dr	\$152,000
265 Arthur St	\$346,000	9408 Timberline Ct	\$337,000
9082 Bail St	\$181,000		
9602 Bobwhite Ct	\$284,000	Redford	
1265 Carol Ave	\$191,000	18838 Beech Daly Rd	\$103,000
9140 Countrywood Dr	\$370,000	19357 Centralia	\$43,000
821 Deer Ct	\$203,000	9154 Columbia	\$110,000
44726 Erin Dr	\$145,000	19414 Dalby	\$109,000
313 Farmer St	\$171,000	20105 Delaware Ave	\$88,000
44517 Marc Trl	\$152,000	20446 Denby	\$112,000
9280 Mayflower Ct	\$215,000	26828 Dover	\$60,000
9295 Northern Ave	\$157,000	25556 Elsinore	\$50,000
11628 Parkway Dr	\$195,000	9928 Farley	\$110,000
12336 Pinecrest Dr	\$208,000	16761 Glenmore	\$130,000

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Housing affordability rises in 4th quarter, Realtors say

Lower mortgage interest rates, higher family income and a seasonal decline in the median existing-home price combined to improve housing affordability conditions in the fourth quarter, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's composite Housing Affordability Index was 132.9 during the fourth quarter, up 8.2 percentage points from 124.7

reported in the third quarter; it was 1.8 points below the same period a year earlier when it stood at 134.7.

The index shows half the nation's households had at least 132.9 percent of the income needed to purchase a home at the fourth quarter median existing-home price, which was \$139,400. This index measures affordability factors for all home

buyers making a 20 percent down payment, with an index of 100 defined as the point where a median-income family has the exact amount of income needed to purchase a median-priced existing home. The fourth-quarter median family income was \$51,282.

All the factors that affect housing affordability are moving in the right direction, said NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall. "With the significant slowdown in our national economy, this improvement in housing affordability is just the right medicine to keep the housing market moving."

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said lower interest rates are crucial to keep the economy out of a recession. "The really good news is that strong

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Richard Mendenhall
NAR president

interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve are helping to bring mortgage interest rates even lower. As people buy homes and refinance mortgages, it stimulates overall economic activity — home sales help many related industries, while refinancing effectively increases consumer spendable income," he said.

According to the Federal Hous-

ing Finance Board, the average effective mortgage interest rate for existing homes was 7.81 percent during the fourth quarter, down from 8.10 percent in the third quarter; it was 7.66 percent in the fourth quarter of 1999. This is a weighed average interest rate between fixed and adjustable loans, including the cost of points, and represents a bottom-line mortgage cost.

In the fourth quarter, the median income family could afford a home costing \$185,300, which is well above the national median price of \$139,400. "We expect housing affordability conditions to improve during the first quarter as mortgage interest rates continue to edge downward," Lereah said.

Affordability for first-time

home buyers also improved, rising 4.6 percentage points in the fourth quarter to 78.3; it was 1.6 points below the fourth quarter 1999 index of 79.9.

The association's First-Time Homebuyer Affordability Index shows a typical first-time buyer household, aged 25 to 44, with an income of \$29,563, had 78.3 percent of the income needed to purchase a typical starter home with a 10 percent down payment. The median starter home price was \$118,500, during the fourth quarter.

"Loan programs targeted to first-time buyers are making it easier, and many have very small down payment requirements, while some have none," Lereah said.

Condominium market sets annual record

Sales of existing condominiums and co-operatives slipped from record levels during the fourth quarter, but 2000 posted a new annual record, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The seasonally adjusted annual rate for existing condo and co-op sales was 721,000 units in the fourth quarter, down 1.0 percent from a record 728,000-unit rate in third quarter. It remains 4.9 percent above the 687,000-unit sales level in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The condominium market has been moving in a slightly different direction than

the single-family home market, NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall said. "Condos have been getting a boost in the last few years from tax-law changes which permit people to trade-down to lower cost, easier-to-maintain properties without a tax penalty," he said. "As a result, the leading edge of the baby boom generation has been very active in the upper end of the condo market, while many first time buyers, especially single women, are motivated by affordability factors."

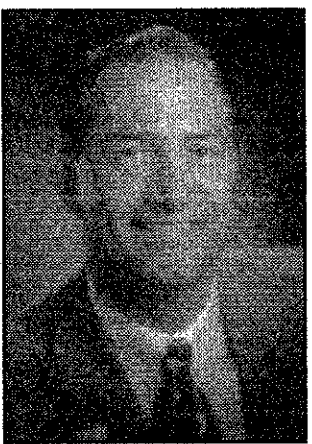
David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said a slight slowdown was expected. "While interest rates were declining in the fourth quarter, the slowing economy took a little steam out of the market but it is still very strong. Condo sales in the fourth quarter were the second-highest on record, and they should remain strong in the months ahead as interest rates continue to decline."

According to Freddie Mac, the average

commitment rate on a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage was 7.83 percent in the fourth quarter, down from 8.03 percent in the third quarter; it was 7.64 percent in the fourth quarter of 1999. The median existing condo price in the fourth quarter was \$114,300, which is 3.4 percent higher than the same quarter in 1999. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where roughly half of the units sold for more and half sold for less. By comparison, the median-priced existing single-family home was \$139,400 in the fourth, which is 22.0 percent more than the typical condo price.

Existing condo and co-op sales in the Midwest dropped 4.8 percent from the third quarter to a level of 79,000 units in the fourth quarter, and were 4.8 percent below the fourth quarter of 1999. The median resale condo price in the Midwest was \$128,000, up 7.7 percent from a year ago.

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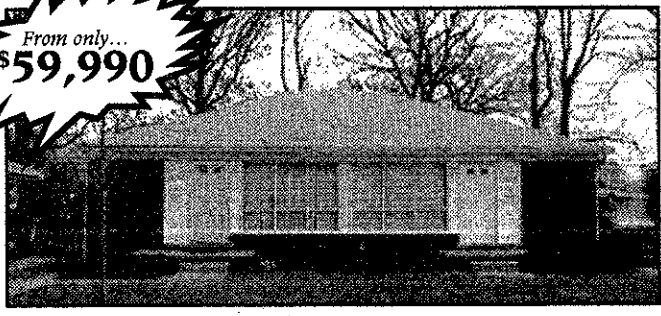
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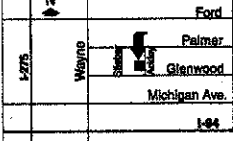
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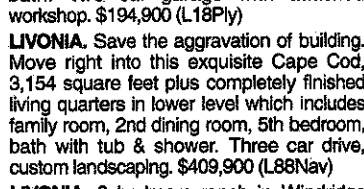
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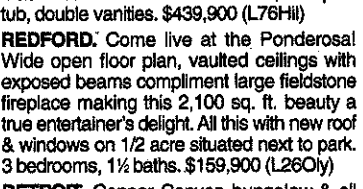
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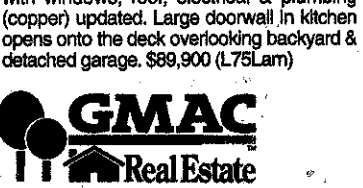
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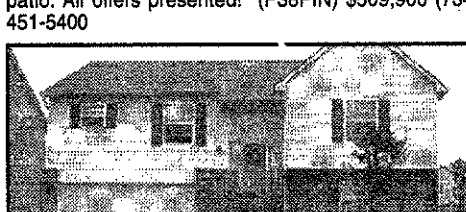
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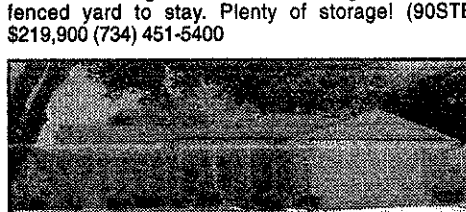
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Matt Kenkel, a CPA and associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty in Farmington Hills, offers a home seller's class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Orchard Lake Middle School, Bloomfield Hills.

Topics include setting price, target marketing and purchase documents. Fee of \$30 goes to community education. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

APARTMENT LEASING

The Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council presents a class, "The ABCs of Leasing," 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Building Industry Association of Southeast Michigan Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM and BIA members and \$99 for others. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

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Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour seminar, "Buying and Remodeling a Home for Profit," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

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The Construction Innovation Forum hosts its annual Nova Awards dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The awards honor quality and cost improvements in the construction industry.

Speaker: W. Michael Hawes, deputy associate administrator, NASA, on "Construction of the International Space Station."

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The Great Lakes Construction Alliance is looking for nominations for the sixth annual Gender And Race Diversification Excellence Awards for promoting racial and gender diversity

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Slowing economy tests declining interest rates for home sales

The U.S. housing market and general economy have entered into a classic tug-of-war between lower interest rates and slowing economic growth, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Numerous factors are at play, said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. "In the short run for housing, the positive impact of lower interest rates wins the battle - but the inhibiting effects of a slowing economy may win the war. The real questions is whether the Fed will be successful in orchestrating a soft landing, or will it come in for a hard landing," he said.

Lereah said the biggest wild card is

the impact of rising energy costs. "As consumers are hit with bigger and bigger energy bills, there will be less money for consumer spending. Considering that two-thirds of our Gross Domestic Product depends on consumer spending, the impact could be significant if severe winter conditions persist."

"The good news for housing is that it's now the strongest sector of the economy, driven by a combination of demographic demand, low unemployment and affordable interest rates," Lereah said. "The baby boom generation is continuing to buy homes, while the children of the boomers - an even

larger generation of about 85 million people are entering the market as first time buyers, and are benefiting even more from the drop in interest rates, he said.

Thirty-year 30-year fixed mortgage interest rates are expected to average 6.9 percent this year. "However, the Fed has signaled its willingness to deal aggressively with the slowing economy, and I expect them to make additional interest rates cuts which would help to bring down mortgage interest rates even further," he said.

Lereah expects existing-home sales to rise 2.5 percent this year to a total of 5.14 million units, the second high-

est on record. New-home sales are forecast to hold steady in 2001 at 894,000 units, while housing starts should rise 0.9 percent to a total of 1.62 million units. "Although the crystal ball is a little hazier this year, these strong housing numbers should help to sustain related industries as people purchase a variety of goods and services that typically are needed when moving into a home," he said. "By some estimates, housing and related industries account for more than 20 percent of the Gross Domestic Product," he added.

NAR forecasts the national median existing-home price to be \$146,300 for

this year as a whole, an increase of 5.5 percent over 2000, while the typical new home price is projected to be \$175,600 in 2001, up 5.7 percent from last year.

The association projects U.S. economic growth, as measured by the Gross Domestic Product, to be 2.7 percent for 2001, while consumer price inflation for the year also should be 2.7 percent.

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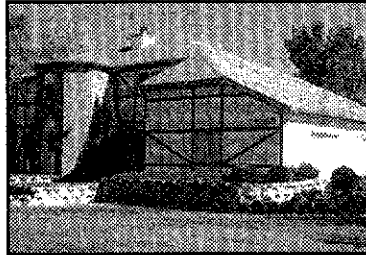
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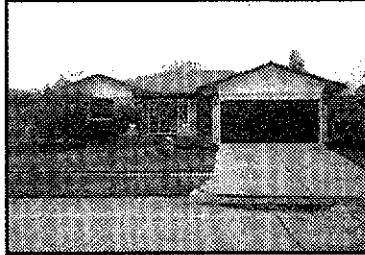
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Kyle E. Hoylman has been promoted to chief operating officer at Remerica Real Estate Corp. headquartered in Plymouth.

He had been responsible for daily technology and marketing operations.

Prior to joining Remerica in 1998, Hoylman had been a technology and training consultant with the Michigan Group and ERA. He also founded and later sold ImageTech, a consulting company.

Hoylman lives in Brighton.

David B. Hanson, senior vice president of Walbridge Aldinger, Detroit, has been installed as president of the Associated General Contractors, Greater Detroit Chapter.

Hanson has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts. He also completed the Advanced Management Program at Templeton College of Oxford University, England.

Hanson has 32 years experience and lives in Farmington Hills.

Other ACG-Detroit officers are **James Like**, vice president of operations, Aristeo Construction, Livonia, vice president, and **Douglas Maibach**, vice president, Barton Malow, Southfield, treasurer.

Valorie Knowles, an associate broker, joins Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston.

Knowles has acquired the professional designations of Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified Residential Specialist and Accredited Buyer Representative.

She's been licensed since 1984 and lives in Goodrich.



Hanson



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Contractors expect 2001 to be good year

'The public sector will continue to be a source of strength in the local and statewide markets in 2001.'

David B. Hanson

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ue to increase.

"Work is about to begin on the new Compuware Headquarters on Campus Martius. Work on the GM's World Headquarters at the RenCen has continued.

"Speaking of the housing market, this is an area where many exciting projects are moving forward. Almost weekly, additional projects to rehabilitate existing buildings and erect new ones are announced.

"Even more exciting, as you drive in areas close to downtown, you see smaller projects that are rehabilitating many buildings that have long stood empty.

"The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is about to embark on the continued restoration and expansion of their

facilities. The Detroit Institute of Arts will break ground in the near future on their major renovation and expansion plan.

"Four new elementary schools will be completed in time to admit students in September in the city of Detroit.

"Construction is in high gear on the new Midfield Terminal at Metro Airport.

"Many major projects including work at the Ford Rouge complex, GM vehicle test facilities in Milford, the GM Technical Center in Warren and the Chrysler Financial Headquarters in Auburn Hills will continue towards completion.

"But the softening auto sales casts some doubt as to the near term future of many other projects currently in the planning stages in our area.

"The public sector will continue to be a source of strength in the local and statewide markets in 2001.

"Michigan Department of Transportation will issue over \$600 million in contracts throughout the state in 2001. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Dept. could again issue over \$500 million in contracts.

"Over 60 new community centers, courthouses, police and fire stations and recreational facilities are planned or under way throughout the metropolitan area.

"Many suburban school districts have major bond issue driven construction programs which will continue through 2002 and beyond.

"Offices, retail, health care, theaters, hospitality and amusements helped fuel our industry in the local market through the 90s and up to today.

"Most of these areas are 'taking a breather' this year and next, and these sectors will not be strong contributors to new orders in 2001.

"So what's the final word? Strong continuing activity in a weakening sales market. We will continue to be resource (labor) challenged throughout 2001.

"The continuing uncertainty on how hard the soft landing will be places uncertainty on third and fourth quarter new orders and therefore the direction of the industry in 2002.

"However, I remain optimistic that we are hitting a bump in the road rather than falling off the cliff."

Tips to help reduce size of your utility bills

If you thought it was expensive to pay up to \$2 a gallon for gas last fall, just wait until your home energy bills arrive this spring, as heating oil and natural gas prices skyrocket and electricity usage increases.

The cause is basic Economics 101 - Demand is greater than supply. What's the average consumer to do to hold down costs to a more reasonable level while retaining comfort? The answer can be summed up in two words - Energy Efficiency. It produces three benefits at once - cuts energy costs and air pollution while increasing home comfort.

The Alliance To Save Energy offers consumers tips to cut energy bills in cold weather:

■ Make sure your furnace receives a professional "tune-up" each year. Clean or replace air filters once a month to help your unit run more efficiently.

■ As heating and cooling equipment, appliances, computers and office equipment, windows, lighting fixtures, and consumer electronics break down or no longer meet your needs, replace them with products bearing the Energy Star label (symbol for energy efficiency). More information is available at www.energystar.gov

■ Make sure attic and/or ceilings are well insulated. Seal joints in attic air ducts and make sure they are well insulated too. (See the North America Insulation Manufacturers Association Web site at www.naima.org for insulation details.)

■ Plug other energy "leaks." Seal leaks between moving parts (between door and its frame) with weatherstripping. Fill leaks between nonmoving parts (between window frame and wall with caulking) and look for windows, glass doors, and skylight bearing the Energy Star label, and check

out www.efficientwindows.org

■ To see what energy upgrades would have the greatest payoff, log onto the interactive Home Energy Checkup on the Alliance to Save Energy's Web site: www.ase.org/checkup/home.

■ A programmable thermostat will automatically coordinate your home temperature with your daily and weekend patterns to increase comfort and monetary savings.

■ Check out Energy Star washers which use less water and energy yet get clothes as clean as conventional units, plus dryers with moisture sensors, and high-efficiency refrigerators.

■ Replace your four most-used 100-watt incandescent bulbs with four comparable 23-watt compact fluorescent bulbs to save \$82 over three years.

■ Idle TVs, VCRs, cable boxes, CD players, cassette decks, cordless

phones, burglar alarms, and microwaves continue to consume energy when switched off to keep display clocks lit and memory chips and remote controls working.

■ Instead of leaving lights on, put timers on a few of the lights in your home or install motion detectors on exterior floodlights to improve your home security. After you get inside, the sensor will "remember" to turn the lights off.

■ Activate "sleep" features on computers and office equipment that power down when the equipment is on but not in use for a while.

■ Let the sun help heat your home by keeping blinds of sun-exposed windows open in the day time and closed at night.

■ Older oil-fired boilers and furnaces can achieve great savings if they are upgraded with a properly installed frame retention head burner.

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PLYMOUTH \$479,900
Elegant 2-story... This custom Rossi built home offers 4 br, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 1st flr laundry, private library, formal dining room, private yard, pool & patio. (BGP-11Com) 734-453-6800



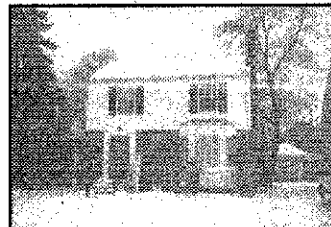
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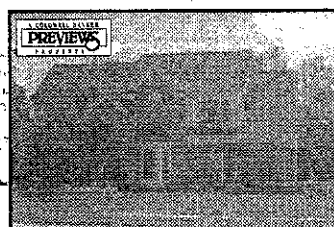
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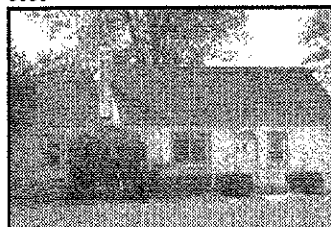
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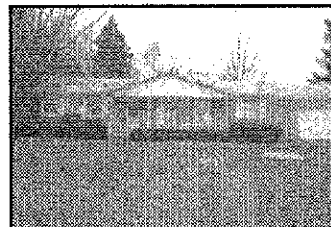
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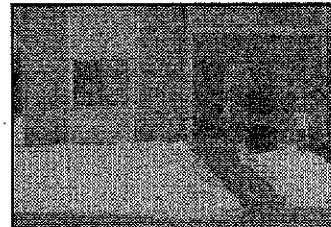
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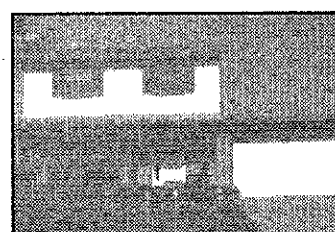
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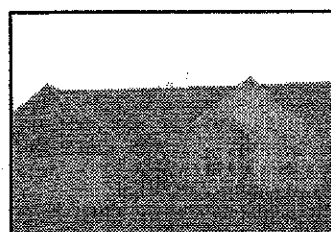
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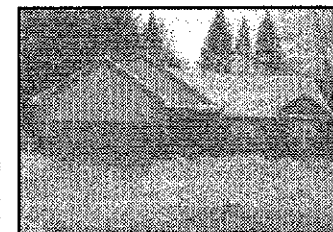
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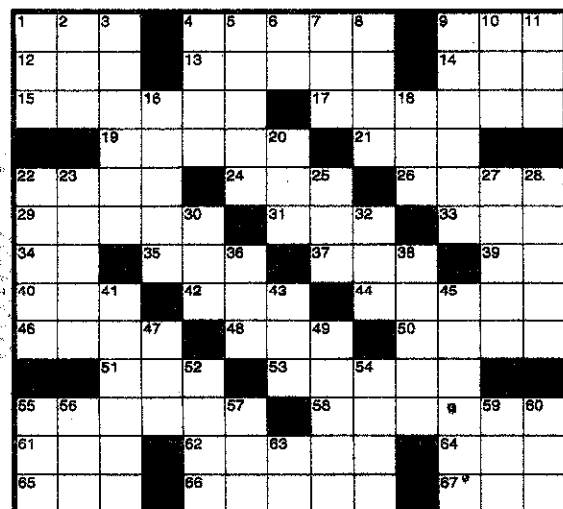
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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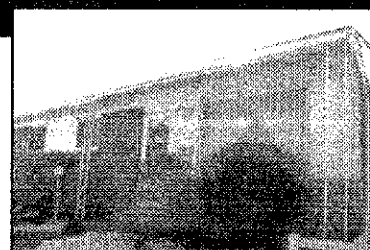
SHARP RANCH CONDO WITH FULL BASEMENT! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car attached garage. Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, deck overlooking nature preserve. Move-in condition. Neutral decor. All appliances stay. \$224,900 (45AND) 734-455-5600



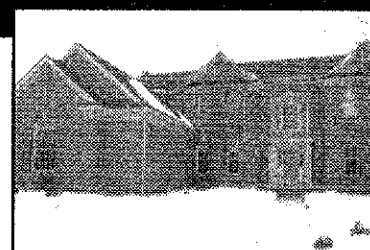
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SPECTACULAR 2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH RANCH CONDO! New 2001 Light oak kitchen w/double ceramic sink, appliances, doorwall to private deck, newer windows throughout, updated main bath, master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Family rec room w/dry bar. \$134,950 (36NEW) 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL RANCH. 3 bedroom brick home with finished basement. This home has newer roof gutters, siding, C/A, newer neutral carpeting, large kitchen w/neutral counters & floor. Vinyl windows & door-wall. \$134,900 (51BIR) 248-349-5600



PERSONAL STATEMENT - Amenities abound in this newer 4 bedroom colonial. Soaring ceilings, 2 staircases, granite counters, plantation shutters, brick patio/wrought iron accents, cul-de-sac location. Professional landscaping & Northville schools. \$621,000 (97AUT) 248-349-5600



HONEY-STOP THE CAR!! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated throughout: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, exterior too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. \$214,999 (53FAI) 248-349-5600



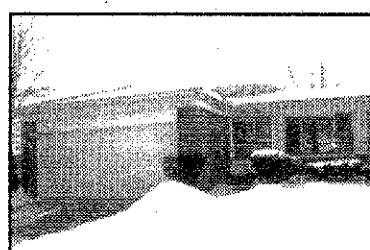
VINTAGE COLONIAL! Worth seeing! Well kept home in Boston-Edison features. Newer: furnace, block windows, natural woodwork. Huge finished 3rd level-used as master bedroom with walk-in closet. Beautiful oak front door. \$159,900 (10ATK) 734-455-5600



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COUNTRY LOT IN CENTRAL LIVONIA! Over 1/2 acre. 3 bedroom circular drive ranch home. Clean & bright, open floor plan, detail carpentry. Beautiful fireplace in center of home. Newer electric, C/A, roof, hardwood floors in living room, dining room & hall. \$189,900 (40SCH) 734-455-5600



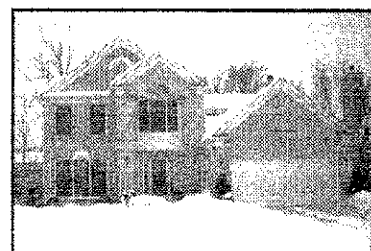
CHARMING PLYMOUTH RANCH. with finished basement, crown molding, hardwood floors, C/A, fenced yard and some newer windows. Neutral & bright and situated in a warm, family sub. \$181,900 (17ASP) 248-349-5600



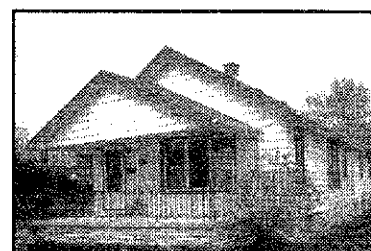
LIVONIA offers this 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch w/large lot, oversized garage, newer furnace, freshly painted. New furnace 98. Mechanic's dream garage. \$144,900 (10ORG) 248-349-5600



WALK TO DOWNTOWN! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath tri-level with basement and enclosed porch. Large family room w/fireplace and 2 car attached garage. \$189,900 (77HOL) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL! Homes & Gardens 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath located on quiet street in Glengary sub. Spacious family room with fireplace, bay window in formal dining room, drywall from kitchen to custom low maintenance deck, 1st floor laundry, master suite, full basement. \$294,900 (69BEN) 734-455-5600



VERY WELL MAINTAINED LARGE RANCH! Newer roof, electrical, vinyl windows, furnace, C/A, Copper plumbing, 1st floor laundry. Nicely landscaped. Home Warranty Incl. \$109,900 (81GLE) 734-455-5600



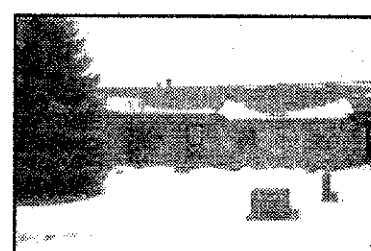
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WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding and a large backyard for the kids to play in and plenty of room for a garden, one half block from Crowley Park. Home Warranty included. \$99,500 (17CHE) 734-455-5600



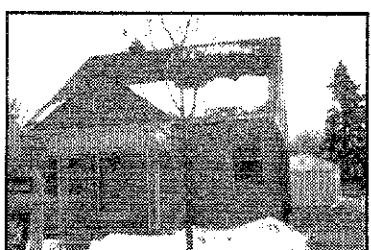
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH/PRIVATE COURT! Very appealing 3 bedroom. New kitchen w/Maple cabinets, 1998+ windows, many updates: electrical, paint, carpet, C/A, 1 1/2 baths. Refinished hardwood floors, Home Warranty. \$184,900 (50HAR) 734-455-5600



ADULT CONDO ON Crooked Lake. Ranch style with garage and 2 full baths. Clean and neutral, ready to move into and enjoy the easy life. \$127,500 (52CAM) 248-349-5600



5 ACRE WOODED ESTATE. You wouldn't believe you're only a mile away from town in the private home w/modern kitchen, family room w/cozy fireplace & bar, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large deck with hot tub. Home warranty included. \$386,500 (93NIN) 248-349-5600



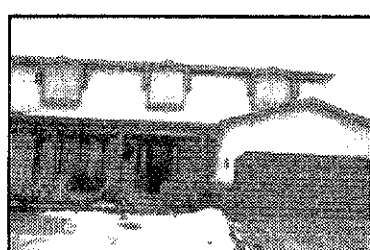
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM DEARBORN HOME! Updated oak kitchen with appliances. Bright and sunny dining room. New neutral carpet throughout. 1st floor updated bath. Spacious master bedroom, newer windows, walk-in closet, furnace, garage door. Fenced yard, HPP \$138,210 (21CHE) 734-455-5600



CHARMING FARMHOUSE! Step back in time. 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, hardwood floors & beautiful woodwork. Big country kitchen, living room, library, heated covered porch. Commercial/Residential. Double lot. \$174,900 (00JOY) 734-455-5600



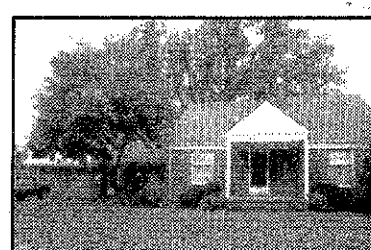
TERRIFIC FLOOR PLAN! Two story foyer, best value for 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial. Updated: kitchen, newer roof, floor coverings throughout, furnace. Brick paver walkway, extra large fenced yard, master w/walk-in closet. Home Protection Plan. \$199,900 (01UMB) 734-455-5600



HOME SWEET HOME! 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial in Canton. Completely remodeled family room w/fireplace & wired for surround sound. Ceramic tile in kitchen & foyer. Great bedroom sizes with large closets. Master has walk-in & full bath. \$219,900 (75BEE) 248-349-5600



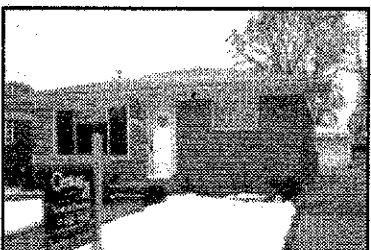
MINT MOVE-IN CONDITION! A realtor's delight to show. This is a definite 10! Newer mechanics maintenance free larger yard. All the work is done! Partially finished basement to boot! \$269,000 (01CAN) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Desirable home w/lots of trees on double lots. Newer white kitchen cabinets, newer doors including garage door. Cozy all season breezeway. Huge deck. \$158,900 (15NOR) 248-349-5600



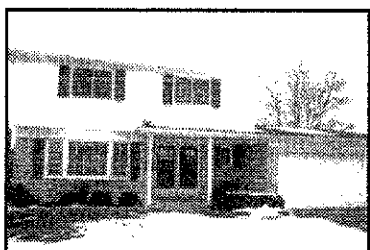
HEY! CHECK IT OUT! Many updates on this Plymouth ranch! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Totally redone full bath with custom cabinets and counter. 2 story pole barn - 7' ceilings upstairs. 2 1/2 car attached garage. Huge family room, fireplace in living room. \$249,900 (48CLE) 734-455-5600



DELIGHTFUL! Clean & updated 3 bedroom ranch. Many updates: vinyl windows, finished basement, C/A, roof stripped, hot water heater, carpet, oak kitchen, furnace & air cleaner. 2 1/2 garage. Fenced yard. 2 linen closets. \$139,900 (45LAF) 734-455-5600



PICTURE PERFECT! Pride of ownership throughout. Lovely layout. 3 bedroom, full basement, garage, formal dining room & large rec room. Great neighborhood. All new windows. Just one of the many updates. Don't miss out! \$124,900 (03WOO) 734-455-5600



MOVE RIGHT IN to this beautiful Canton Colonial that has it all. 4 bedrooms, 2 car garage, finished basement, professionally landscaped, sprinkler system and much more. \$219,900 (15SUX) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL WOLVERINE LAKE is the perfect setting for this stunning 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home w/partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Many updates including baths and kitchen. Newer berber carpet, furnace & hardwood flooring. \$239,900 (60DEL) 248-349-5600



FORGET ABOUT RENTING!! Easily affordable. Good schools, taxes & easy to maintain, yet lots of room. 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Basement & 2 car garage w/lot. Nice neighborhood, close to activity center. \$134,999 (42ELI) 248-349-5600



DETACHED CONDO - BACKS TO WOODS! Neutral decor, freshly painted interior and exterior. Newer Berber carpet in living room with natural fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, tiered deck with view of woods. 2 1/2 car attached garage. HPP. \$207,000 (64COL) 734-455-5600



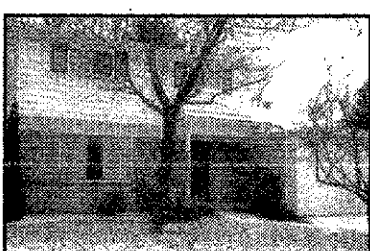
COMFORTABLE GROUND FLOOR CANTON CONDO! Spacious open floor plan! Clean & bright, new carpet (2001). Closet organizers, lots of storage, laundry, all appliances, bright kitchen w/window box & eating space. \$124,500 (69LIL) 734-455-5600



IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER! Newer: light kitchen, oak basement, enclosed porch-used all year, A/C, glass block windows, furnace, hot water heater & steel doors. Fresh paint. Updated electrical. Home Protection Plan offered. Close to schools & shopping. \$115,900 (10WOO) 734-455-5600



ADORABLE & AFFORDABLE beautiful 3 large bedroom, 2 full bath bungalow on nice setting. Everything has been updated: kitchen, bath, exterior, all mechanical. Nice & neutral. finished basement, garage and new shed. \$134,900 (98NOR) 248-349-5600



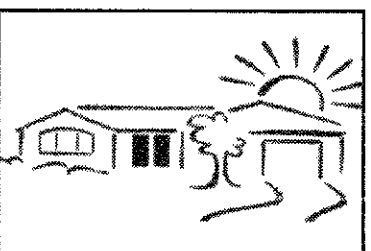
SMILE, YOU FOUND IT... Well maintained colonial located walking distance to schools and town of Northville. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Great family neighborhood. Private fenced backyard that is nicely landscaped. \$235,000 (92ELY) 248-349-5600



CUSTOM RANCH-stop looking. Warm & cozy w/fieldstone fireplace, 3 bedrooms & den/dining room. 1.5 baths, 2+ car heated attached garage-a guy will love! Plenty of updates & newer kitchen. Prime NW Livonia neighborhood. Walk to everything. \$209,900 (61SHA) 248-349-5600



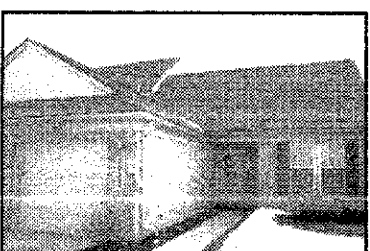
THE WORKS ALL DONE! Newer: carpet, paint, wall paper, window coverings throughout. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch on 1 acre in Saline! Updates: kitchen, furnace with cleaned ducts, C/A, hot water heater, roof. Walkout on lower level, double tier deck, heated pool. \$245,000 (46COT) 734-455-5600



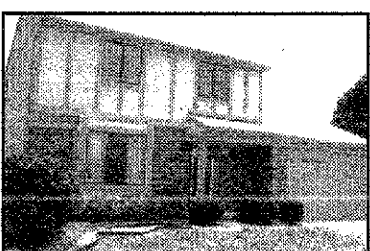
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY! Large lot, 3 bedroom ranch, attached garage, 1st floor laundry. Country kitchen, hardwood floors, double closets, 1.1 baths. Family room, newer roof, Home Warranty. \$139,900 (90MIA) 734-455-5600



1ST LEVEL 2 BEDROOM RANCH CONDO! Remodeled to create more spacious living. Updated kitchen, premium location & backs to pond. Relax on your private patio. Swimming pool, clubhouse, tennis courts. Laundry room w/storage unit next door. \$89,900 (96WOO) 734-455-5600



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FANTASTIC 1988 COLONIAL. 1988 built home backing to your own personal park. Family room, cathedral ceilings & fireplace. Shows like a model. \$214,900 (71FAI) 248-349-5600



COMFORT & AFFORDABILITY. Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo. Features include: newer windows, large patio, community pool & clubhouse, close to x-ways, freshly painted throughout, appliances, formal dining room. Great neighborhood. \$72,500 (97WOO) 248-349-5600

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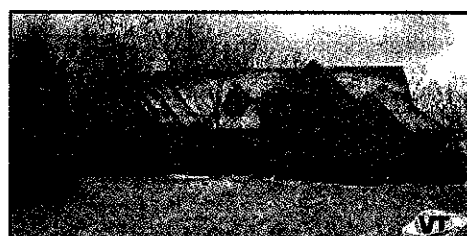
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NORTHVILLE \$565,000
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NOVI \$364,500
ROYAL CROWN ESTATES! 2,978 SF, 4 BR, 2.5 baths, formal DR, LR, dual staircase, just painted, plus immediate occupancy!

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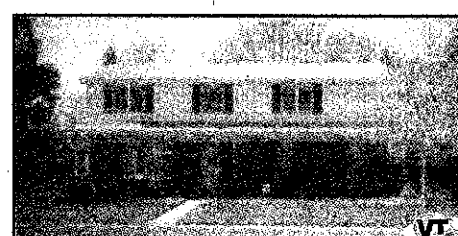
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$354,900
BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED on .70 acre in Quaker Valley Farms sub. 4 BR, 2.5 baths, 6-panel doors, updt'd carpet; vinyl floors, upstairs windows & side-entry garage.

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LIVONIA \$314,900
SPACIOUS 4 BR COLONIAL remodeled kitchen, huge family room w/fireplace, master suite w/screened in balcony & double jacuzzi tub. Newer windows, alarm, & warranty.

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NORTHVILLE \$289,900
BEAUTIFUL END UNIT RANCH CONDO! 5 Yrs new, 2 BR, 2 baths, den, professionally finished basement w/daylight windows & 2-car garage. Golf Course Community!

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FARMINGTON \$279,900
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LIVONIA \$259,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION Traditional colonial in Livonia! Fireplace w/great open floor plan, 4 BR, 2.5 baths, living rm, family rm, full basement.

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CANTON \$249,900
BEAUTIFUL HOME Largest cul-de-sac lot backing to protected national park. Neutral decor, soaring cathedral ceiling in GR, white kit w/doorwall to huge deck.

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LIVONIA \$239,900
THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY! 1991 built colonial. Fireplace, large lot, walk in closet, master bath, and much more!

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WIXOM \$224,900
AWARD WINNER DESIGN! Dramatic entry leads to a great rm w/frplc. Gorgeous 1st flr master suite. Stairway leads to 2 bdrm suites w/baths. Library, doorwall to deck, bsmt, 2 car gar.

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WESTLAND \$209,900
FORMER BUILDERS MODEL! Beautiful raised ranch w/3 bdrms & 2.5 baths. Great rm w/gas frplc. Ceramic tiled family rm w/walkout to 22x18 paver patio.

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CANTON \$219,900
BROADFRONT RANCE Open floor plan. Newer windows, marble sills, furnace, steel entry doors, garage door. 3 season FLA RM, huge country kitchen, .92 acres. Many extras.

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GARDEN CITY \$219,900
NO TIME TO BUILD??? 2 years young!! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/wod, sprinkler system, fenced backyard. Mint condition, neutral colors thru out.

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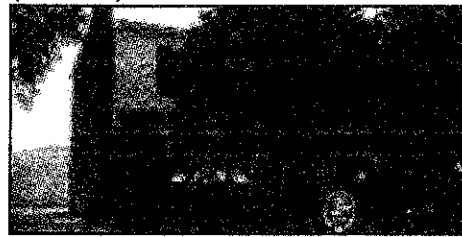
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LIVONIA \$219,900
JUST LISTED Wonderful Kimberly Oaks location accents this updated 4 BR colonial. Original owners have lovingly maintained & updated t/o. FR w/fp and more.

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DEARBORN \$215,200
HOME AT LAST! This 2,200 sq ft, 5 bdrm col in the Oakwood Hospital area is waiting for you! Newer roof, gutters, updated electrical, furnace, a/c and more.

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,900
FABULOUS WELL MAINTAINED RANCH on over one half acre lot. Updates incl: newer bright & airy kitchen w/skylight, newer furnace & central air. Screened-in porch.

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WAYNE \$198,000
INVESTOR ALERT! 4 rental units each has 1 bdrm, updated kitchen, baths, windows, A/C. Washer & dryer in basement, on a corner, private parking, in Downtown Wayne.

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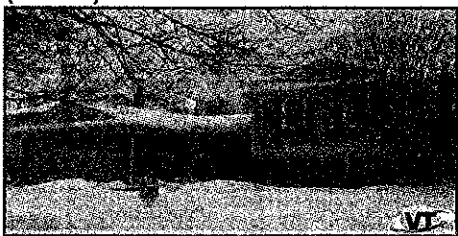
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WHITMORE LAKE \$189,900
LAKEFRONT LIVING UNDER 190,000! Move right in. Beautiful all sports Whitmore Lake w/ over 650 acres of fun. 1600 sq ft colonial w/bsmt, 2 car garage, and updating t/o.

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CANTON \$184,900
EASY TO ENJOY! Terrific tri-level! Upgrades: kit w/oak cabinets, pantry, micro, newer roof-2nd layer, windows, a/c, FR w/frplc insert. Deck & fenced yard.

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PLYMOUTH \$176,900
EVER POPULAR WOODGATE! Over 1500 sq ft of luxury. Open, airy 2 BR, 2.5 baths end unit offers fin lower level, garage, private patio, and more.

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LIVONIA \$169,900
CLEAN RANCH 2.5 baths, 3 BR, 2 car garage, newer windows, furnace, air, plumbing and roof. Cozy rec room w/fp. A pleasure to view.

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WESTLAND \$164,900
NICE 4 BR, 2 BATH, BRICK RANCH! Livonia schools, all major items: furnace, c/a, roof, windows, driveway, electrical, updated baths & full bsmt. Show & Sell!

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WESTLAND \$159,900
WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR Ranch! Finished basement, 2.5 baths, circle drive & 2-car garage.

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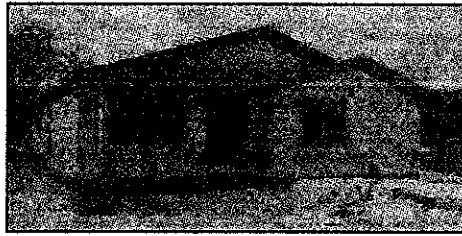
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NOVI \$154,900
AWESOME! From new carpet to light fixtures, this fresh 2 BR, contemporary Townhouse is a 101 1,050 SF, finished bsmt & fireplace.

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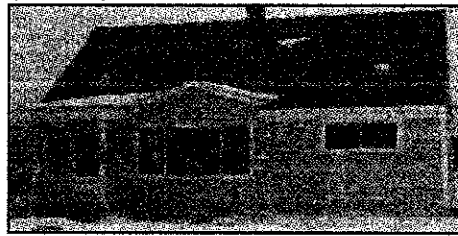
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LIVONIA \$145,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION Livonia Schools! 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch with cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, Merillat whitwash cabinets, dishwasher, C/A, 2 car detached garage.

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GARDEN CITY \$144,900
TOTAL REMAKE Just 3 months new, furnace, plumbing, electrical, flooring, carpets, fixtures, duct work, HWH, kitchen, and bath...wow.

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DEARBORN \$144,500
WEST DEARBORN CHARMER! All the work has been done for you! Oak cabinets in kitchen, 2.75 car mechanics dream garage, 3 BR, 2 baths.

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WESTLAND \$142,500
BETTER THAN NEW! 4 BR w/dinng rm, 4 seasons family-sun rm, lg fenced yard, carpeting & hardwoods thru-out, and close to everything!

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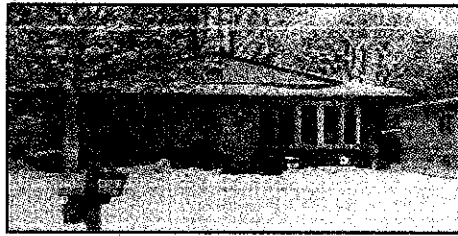
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CLASSIC STYLING AND COMFORT SHOWS Charming 3 BR, 2 bath brick ranch with upgrades including new kitchen and baths, dimension roof, furn, carpet, and c/a.

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JUST REDUCED! Redford - cozy 3 BR ranch w/finished bsmt. 2 car garage, new carpet, Florida rm, f/p, and much more! \$2000 DECORATING ALLOWANCE

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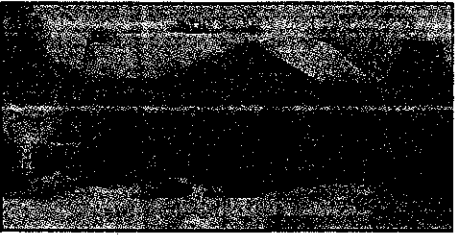
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UNIQUE HOME On 1/2 acre is this 3 bedroom Colonial. Covered front and back porch. 2 1/2 car gar, updated bath, newer furnace w/C/A. Eat-in kitchen as well as dining rm.

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NORTHVILLE LAKEFRONT! Impressive 2000 Colonial built by Superb, 4 BR, 3,650 SF w/walk-out on Spring Hill Lake, fish & swim! Immediate occp, 3-car garage. Stunning!
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LIVONIA
NEW CONSTRUCTION New GR colonial style features 1st fl office, formal dining area, skylights, wide open fl plan, lg kit w/eating space, 3 BR, 2.5 baths.
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Datapack Services has an immediate opening for a second shift Supervisor. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of one year experience in supervision. Datapack offers competitive salary & benefits package. Apply in person to: Lori Najdick, Datapack Services Corp., 55353 Lyon Industrial Dr., New Hudson, MI 48165.

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Foster Care Department Supervisor needed. Must have a Master's degree and be experienced in Foster Care program management and recruitment of foster homes. Multi-tasking skills required. Excellent benefits, and salary based on education and experience. Salary scale: \$43,562 to \$48,790. Send resume to Methodist Children's Home Society, ATTN: Supervisor, 26645 W. Six Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48240. No phone calls. EOE.

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Minimum 5 yrs. exp. Candidate must have experience in construction lien laws. Strong communication skills to interface with customers, vendors, etc. Knowledge of MAS90, Word and Excel preferred. Interested candidates should send resume to: HR Dept., Commerce Controls, Inc., 41089 Vincenti Ct., Novi, MI 48375 or Fax: 248-476-6122 or E-mail: lbstalker@commercecontrols.com

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Full-time, Medical/Dental benefits. \$9/hr. Travel benefits. Canton office. Fax resume to: 734-981-6200 Attn: Chris Horne or call 734-981-5200 Ext. 104.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Full-time, Rochester accounting firm. Send or fax resume: Paul Widlak, 329 Main St., Suite 2, Rochester, MI 48307. Fax 248-651-0080.

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Administrative/Processor Assistant Wanted for growing mortgage and real estate company. Flexible schedule and relaxed work environment. Call Rick or Ken at: 734-591-7220, or fax resume to: 734-591-7231

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECEPTIONIST TheraMatrix Physical Rehabilitation, in Auburn Hills, seeks a receptionist. Multi task ability and computer experience a must. Competitive compensation package. Fax resume and salary history: 248-333-0276 An Equal Opportunity Employer

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APPOINTMENT COORDINATOR/RECEPTIONIST Southfield, Dental office is looking for an energetic person with experience and/or telemarketing preferred. Will train if necessary. Excellent pay and benefits. (248) 357-1999

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A/R CLERK Full-time entry level position with excellent benefits. Responsibilities include general accounts receivable support, data entry, billing, payment application, collections and filing. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel desired. Fax resume and salary requirements to: (248)474-6086. EOE.

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ASSISTANT for sales office. Good phone skills, Computer knowledge. Salary & benefits. Resume: M.G.R., 2077 Franklin Rd., Southfield 48034

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BILLING & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK Needed for medium-sized Southfield law firm. Excellent benefits. Resume & salary requirements with experience. Some overtime may be required. Experience in time and billing systems for law firms is preferred. Candidates must be proficient in spreadsheets and A/R data entry/collection. Accounts Payable and payroll experience a plus. Send resume to: Raymond & Prokop, P.C., 26300 Northwestern Highway, 4th Floor, Southfield, MI 48060, or e-mail resume to kyanar@rayprokop.com No phone calls please.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CLERICAL ASSISTANT/ COLLECTIONS REPRESENTATIVE Responsible for all collections; works with A/R to maintain files; cash receipts; misc. light clerical duties. Minimum 2 years experience; high school diploma; computer literate - Microsoft Office and Solomon IV software. Please fax resume to: Blocc, 734-454-3821.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CLERICAL Part time at Livonia office. 15 hrs/flexible schedule. Typing skills preferred. (248) 477-4846

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES ASSISTANT For leading office furniture company. Part-time position for administration and customer contact. Knowledge of Excel is helpful as is customer service experience. Send resume to: Office Administrator, PO Box 3040, Farmington Hills, MI 48333 Or Fax to: (248) 851-2158

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

CUSTOMER SERVICE/Accounts Receivable Key position for business in Plymouth. Responsibilities will include Customer Service with emphasis on analyzing customer accounts for discrepancies. Previous Accounts Receivable or Accounting experience preferred, and customer service skills required. Submit your resume with salary history to: A/R, PO Box 700713, Plymouth, MI 48170 Fax A/R: 734-638-3810 E-mail: hr_ats@hotmail.com Attn: A/R. EOE.

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DATA ENTRY Flexible hours. Minimum 9000 kph. Benefits. Livonia. 734-762-7680

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DIVERSIFIED CLERICAL Must have computer knowledge, be well organized, detail oriented, capable of performing multiple office duties. Southfield location. BC/BS. Call Barb 248-352-1466

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY With strong communication, organization, dictation and telephone skills wanted for Royal Oak law firm. Experience with Word & Outlook required; PowerPoint & Timeslips preferred. Please send resume to: Robert S. Iwry, 210 East Third St. #204, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

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FILE CLERK/ RECEPTIONIST Southfield law firm. Must have reliable transportation. Experience helpful. Call Mrs. Raven 248-552-8500

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GENERAL CLERICAL Full-time. Requires data entry, telephone experience, ability to deal effectively with customers. Excellent benefits. Send resume or apply at: Human Resources, 2700 W. Trolley Industrial Dr., Taylor MI 48180.

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GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT To help with accounts receivable, collections, waivers & other office duties. Full-time benefits. Resume & salary requirements: SMEDE-SON STEEL, 12584 Inkster Rd., Redford, MI 48239 or Fax: 313-937-2426.

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INSURANCE FOLLOW-UP/ COLLECTION position available in busy Farmington office. Fax resume 248-471-6682

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LEGAL SECRETARIES & RECEPTIONISTS Experienced only for perm/temp placements. 1-5 day assignments available for top notch candidates.

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LEGAL SECRETARY Bingham Farms law firm seeks an experienced Legal Secretary. Experience and knowledge of MS Word, Outlook, Excel, computer, organizational and professional telephone skills a must. Salary commensurate with experience. Please respond to: Ms. VanTiem, Ste 200, 31780 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025 Fax 248-640-8059

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY Farmington Hills law firm seeks legal secretary with litigation experience to join team. Knowledge of Word Perfect required. Good benefits; great opportunity. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: (248) 476-6564

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LEGAL SECRETARY For large Farmington Hills law firm with minimum 2 years experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume to: Office Administrator, PO Box 3040, Farmington Hills, MI 48333 Or Fax to: (248) 851-2158

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LEGAL SECRETARY Mon., Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am-5pm. Experience required. Proficient in MS Windows 98, Corel WP8, Timeslips & QB. Fax resume to: 248-816-9415

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY need immediately for busy law firm located in beautiful downtown Birmingham. 2 years experience in MS Word and Excel. Commercial litigation and real estate preferred. Word Perfect 7.0. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1899, Birmingham, MI 48012-1899 or Fax to 248-467-3036

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY Plymouth law firm seeks legal secretary with minimum 2 years experience. Applicant must be computer literate & highly organized. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume to: Office Manager, 734-453-1108

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LEGAL SECRETARY Small PI Southfield firm. Substantial salary & benefits. Part or full-time. Experience required. (248) 354-2500

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

LOAN CLERK For credit union in Southfield. Must be able to deal with numbers & co-workers, prepare applications for approval, type & close loans, & file. EOE. Fax resume to: 248-557-4532, or email to: spriec01@earthlink.net

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MARGIN CLERK Brokerage house looking for Margin Clerk. Will be handling account processing and updating. Experience preferred. Typing and organizational skills required. Fax resume to: Betsy: 248-433-8575

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

OFFICE HELP - Large RV dealership with corporate headquarters in Westland is looking for a detail oriented & energetic person to assist in overall office tasks. Some computer knowledge helpful. Full time position with benefits. Call: (248)348-0900 ext. 201

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

OFFICE MANAGER Ann Arbor apt. complex seeking an enthusiastic, team player with the ability to coordinate multiple tasks & assist in a variety of duties. Ideal candidate will have experience in leasing industry & possess excellent word processing skills. Please send resume & desired salary level to: P.O. Box 7413, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ONE PERSON OFFICE Must have general office experience, plus be computer literate to run entire office. Livonia. 734 591-1457

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ORDER DESK CLERK ENTRY LEVEL- FULL TIME Primary responsibility is processing supply orders from phone or fax, inputting supply orders, and printing shipping forms. Responsibilities include other clerical tasks as assigned by supervisor. Must have computer experience, ability to type 45 wpm, professional phone skills, and the ability to work in a fast paced environment. We offer: 401k benefits, vacation/personal days, health benefits, sick days. Please state wage requirements. Fax resume to 248-478-4472 Attn: Leslie. Or mail to P.O. Box 346 Farmington MI, 48332-0406 Attn: Leslie.

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PARALEGAL Experienced Paralegal for law firm in Bingham Farms. Bachelor Degree, paralegal training, and proficiency in WordPerfect. Minimum 2 yrs experience in a law firm setting. Immigration experience desired. Salary commensurate with experience. Please respond to: Mrs. VanTiem, Ste 200, 31780 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or fax 248-640-8059

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RECEPTIONIST Afternoons, full or part time. Must be computer friendly. Apply in person at Novi Motive, 21530 Novi Road, between 8 & 9 Mile Roads. 248-349-0290.

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RECEPTIONIST BUSY Troy office seeks a full-time, experienced, receptionist with excellent telephone and clerical skills required. We are looking for someone who is flexible, pleasant and professional. Send resume to: Greenfield Commercial Credit, 1301 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 190, Troy, MI 48068, Attention: Marilyn Zyla.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST / CLERICAL to assist CPA firm. Farmington area. Fax resume to: 248-375-0185

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST Entry-level. Computer experience a must, bookkeeping a plus. Beautiful, friendly atmosphere in downtown Plymouth. Competitive salary & benefits. Call Sandy (734) 453-6970

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST for front desk for busy Farmington office. Hours: 4-8pm. Fax resume to: 248-471-6682

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST For animal hospital in Livonia. Over 18. Good phone voice. Typing, computer skills. 3pm-9pm, 3 days per week. 2 Sat. per mo. 8am-5pm. 248-476-0570

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST Full-time position requiring multi-line phone experience, typing, computer, and good general office skills for fast-paced office. Excellent benefits. Send resume or apply at: Human Resources, 2700 W. Trolley Industrial Dr., Taylor, MI 48180.

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RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY Great opportunity for individual with excellent telephone and public relations skills. Computer knowledge a plus. Will train. Superior work environment and excellent benefits.

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RECEPTIONIST SMALL busy office needs part time receptionist. Afternoons preferred to assist with phones, copying, typing, filing, etc. Computer knowledge a plus. Send resume to: Atlantic Associates, 36700 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 or fax to: (248) 442-1488

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

RECEPTIONIST 25-30 hours per week. \$9 an hour to start. Some light filing, computer skills a plus. (248) 477-1055

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

REGISTRAR position. \$10 to start. Part-time evenings. Northville Center for Music & Art. 248-374-1920

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SECRETARIES WANTED Busy Real Estate Office needs secretaries. Variety of shifts available. Need to fill immediately. Farmington Hills area. Starting wage is \$7.00/hr. Must be professional, have good attitude and excellent phone skills. Ask for MICHELLE 248-473-8200 Re/Max Great Lakes, Inc.

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

SECRETARY Full or part-time for Law office. 734-427-0190

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SECRETARY - FULL TIME Financial Advisors in Farmington Hills seeking experienced Secretary. Fax e-mail 248-932-5201 bloomlaw@ameritech.net</

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Full-time, afternoon shift (3:30pm-
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included exposure to IV
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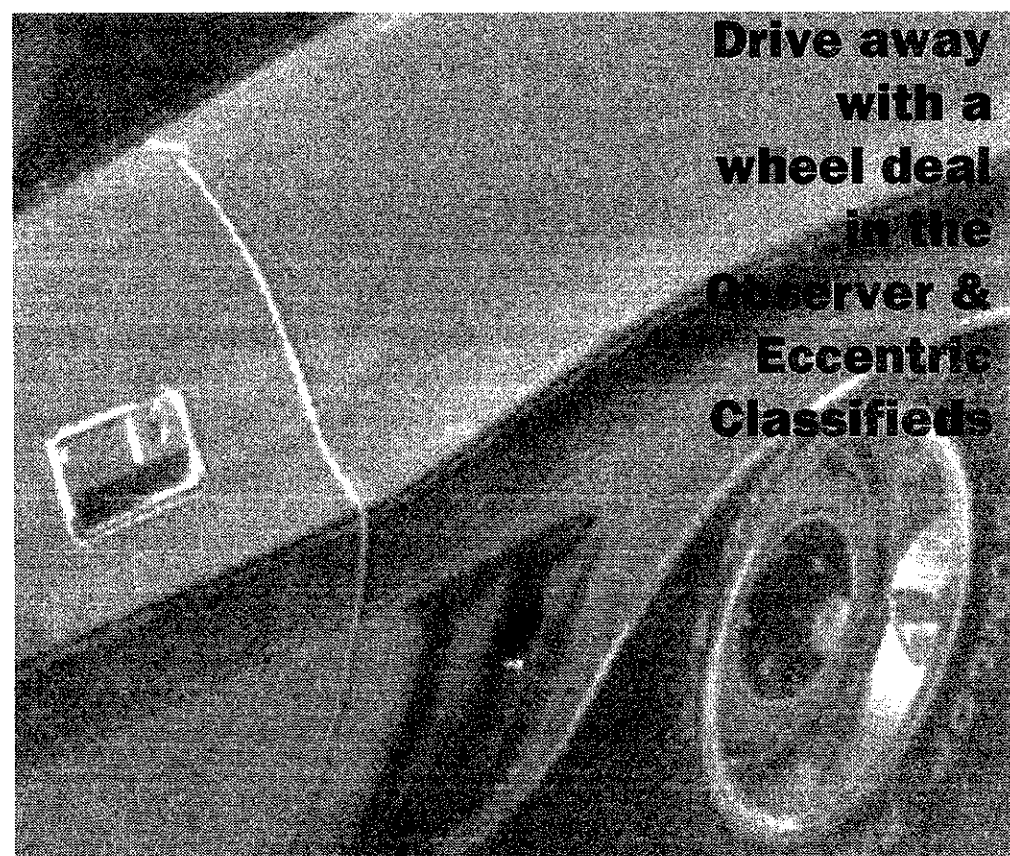
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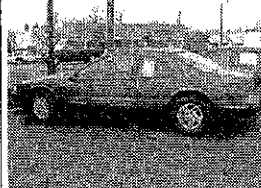
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