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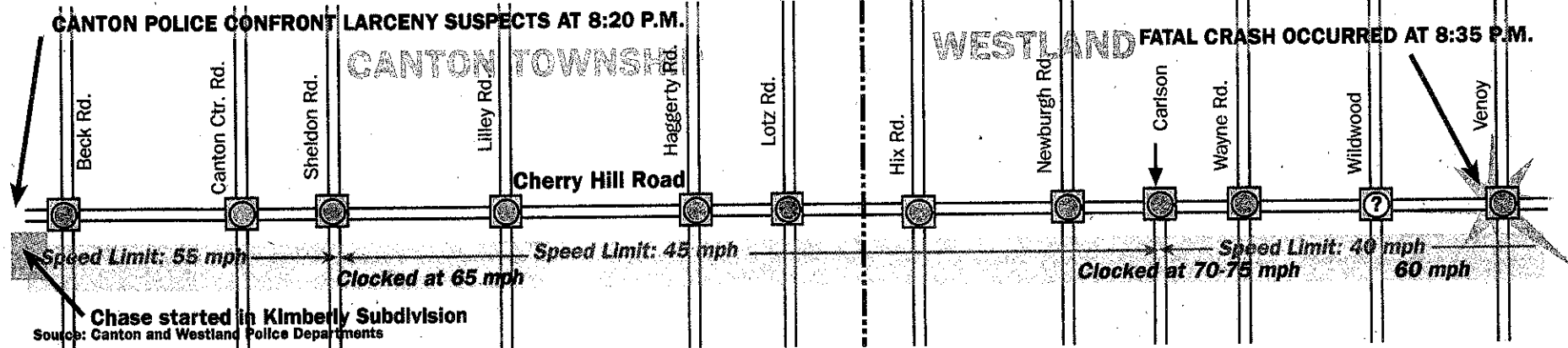
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Tragedy on Cherry Hill

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Balloons, teddy bears and wilted flowers strapped to a light pole at Cherry Hill and Venoy roads testify to a young life lost in a horrific crash at the intersection Saturday evening.

Eight-year-old Travis Miles of Garden City died when the vehicle in which he was riding collided with another truck involved in a high-speed chase with the Canton police.



Charged: John Moffitt is wheeled into his arraignment in 35th District Court Tuesday.

"A big part of my life has been taken from me and can never be replaced," said his father, Donald Miles. "He was a very passionate person. He'd do for others before he'd do for himself."

Friends, family members and classmates gathered at Uht Funeral Home in Westland this afternoon to say good-bye to the youngster, who died just shy of what would have been his ninth birthday on March 10.

Travis enjoyed everything -- Pokémon, Power Rangers, World Wrestling Federation, dinosaurs, making all kinds of music with his guitars, watching old Godzilla movies and looking up at the stars.

While mathematics was his best subject in school, his favorite subject was Spanish. "He'd come home and try to teach us how to count in Spanish," said his step-mother, Cheryl.

Travis loved hockey most of all. He enjoyed playing with his dad in the back yard of his grandmother's home on Barton Street.

"I'm surprised I didn't get hockey pucks through the windows," said Irene Carraway.

Travis watched Red Wings games with his father and could identify almost everybody on his favorite team.

"He was a definite fan of Brendan Shanahan," added his father. "He talked about getting into hockey and playing for the Red Wings."

Miles said they had talked about going to

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Remembering: Donald Miles holds photographs of his son Travis.

4 facing felony charges

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While the family of a third-grade boy prepared an untimely funeral, Wayne County prosecutors Tuesday were preparing charges against four men, ranging from larceny to first-degree murder.

Two of the defendants led Canton Police on a Saturday-night car chase that resulted in the death of 8-year-old Travis

Miles of Garden City.

John Moffitt, 38, of Farmington Hills pleaded not guilty to murder, and receiving and concealing stolen property at his arraignment in 35th District Court. Police say Moffitt drove the truck that collided in Westland with the vehicle in which Miles was a passenger.

"(Moffitt) made a conscious decision to flee and elude," Canton Public Safety Director

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Bus drivers boiling over short staffing

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Plymouth-Canton school bus drivers say "we've had enough."

Drivers say the daily stress because of the lack of drivers to cover routes is a time-bomb situation that could lead to students being accidentally injured.

"Morale is extremely low, and the lack of recruitment of school bus drivers and monitors is at a chronic low," bus driver Del Templeton told the Board of Education Tuesday night. "The drivers and monitors are feeling increased pressure to do more and

more on a daily basis, to the point some of us feel we could possibly be endangering our students and ourselves. Each of us are seeing increased pressure to cover our scheduled routes, with routes that are not being covered because of a shortage of drivers and monitors."

Templeton points out there are more bus runs than drivers are available to cover. And that fact is acknowledged by the administration.

Transportation Director Marv Bartal

said the district has approximately 11 substitute drivers to help cover the 100 daily bus routes. However, that doesn't compare to the 15 drivers, on a daily basis, who call off work for various reasons.

"That's 15 percent, and that's a concern," said Bill Taylor, the district's interim superintendent/employee relations and personnel. "We have enough drivers to take care of the routes every day, but the problem is finding enough substi-

tute drivers. We're looking for them ... but in what has been a booming economy, it's been difficult."

The straw that broke the camel's back came this week when a bus driver and his wife, who is a monitor on a special education bus, announced they were quitting over a dispute about pay. Nearly 30 bus drivers met Tuesday morning to vent their frustrations over the lack of help.

"With them leaving, it's going to make the situation worse than it is now. We can't cover everything," said Heidi Giguere, who has been driving a

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Sparling troupe sparkles at Summit



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Five on the floor: Dancers with the Peter Sparling Dance Company perform "Possible Dances" Friday at Canton's Summit on the Park. Jeanette Leabu Fischer (center) reaches out during the number as Tim Smola (left) and Michael Woodberry-Means, (right) kick up their heels. Lisa Johnson is behind Fischer (at left) Holly Hobbs is behind right, and Lisa Catrett-Belrose is kneeling in foreground. The modern dance performance was sponsored by Canton Project Arts.

Library will close as project nears finish

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As it enters the home stretch of its expansion, the Canton Public Library will shut down for the first time since the start of construction last January.

The library will be closed to the public from Monday, Feb. 19, until Friday, March 2. During the closure, the majority of the remaining interior renovations will be completed.

Library Director Jean Tabor said the library will be staffed while it's closed, so services such as interlibrary loans will still be available.

"We feel bad about closing," Tabor said. "Especially during tax season, but there's never a good time. At least it's not during finals."

Tabor said the move is necessary to finish the \$6 million expansion and renovation. Since the project began, the library has only closed on two normal business days.

For a little more than a year, the library has been in varying stages of

Library materials can be returned to the library at the drop boxes, or borrowers can hold them until their extended due date of March 3.

renovation, and Tabor said during the last month, staff has had to be even more helpful than usual, directing patrons through the construction.

"We've been committed to staying open throughout this process," Tabor said. "But at this point, it has to be done."

The minor inconvenience will be worth it, however, and Tabor said when the library re-opens in March, all will be back to normal, and the library will be completed.

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Joe Louis Arena to see a game, but "we'll never get to do that." Travis, he added, was a Red Wing in the making and was buried in a Shanahan jersey.

A third-grader at Memorial Elementary School, Travis was "a kind, considerate and very loving little boy who would do anything for his best buddy," Robby Spellman, said Principal Mary Horner.

"Robby was his best friend. He has cerebral palsy and couldn't go out for recess all the time. Travis was always the first one to ask if he could stay in with him," Horner said.

"Robby and Travis have been together since kindergarten," added his father. "Travis would set aside his lunch recess to be with Robby. He would go get his food for him. In reading class, he'd go get Robby's stuff before his."

Students in Travis' third-grade class heard about the tragedy from their parents, who had been contacted by either Horner or their teacher, Linda Wasil.

The district also had six psychologists at the building Monday to meet with the staff before school and work with the children. Horner anticipated that they would be at the school all week.

"Our main concern is dealing with the children, making sure they feel safe. Even the staff comes second today," said Horner. "Travis has been here since kindergarten. He's one of our Memorial kids. It's a sad day

here at Memorial."

Students have made cards for the family and a bus was available to take those classmates who wanted to attend the service at the funeral home.

"We're thinking of what else we can do to comfort them," Horner said. "The family is just devastated."

The family said the community's response to what has happened is more than they ever expected. They can't believe how their family and friends and even strangers have pulled together to help.

A flower shop donated the flowers for the funeral. Kinko's donated its printing services and Dr. James Armstrong of Garden City Hospital called the family Monday to tell them he would pay for the funeral.

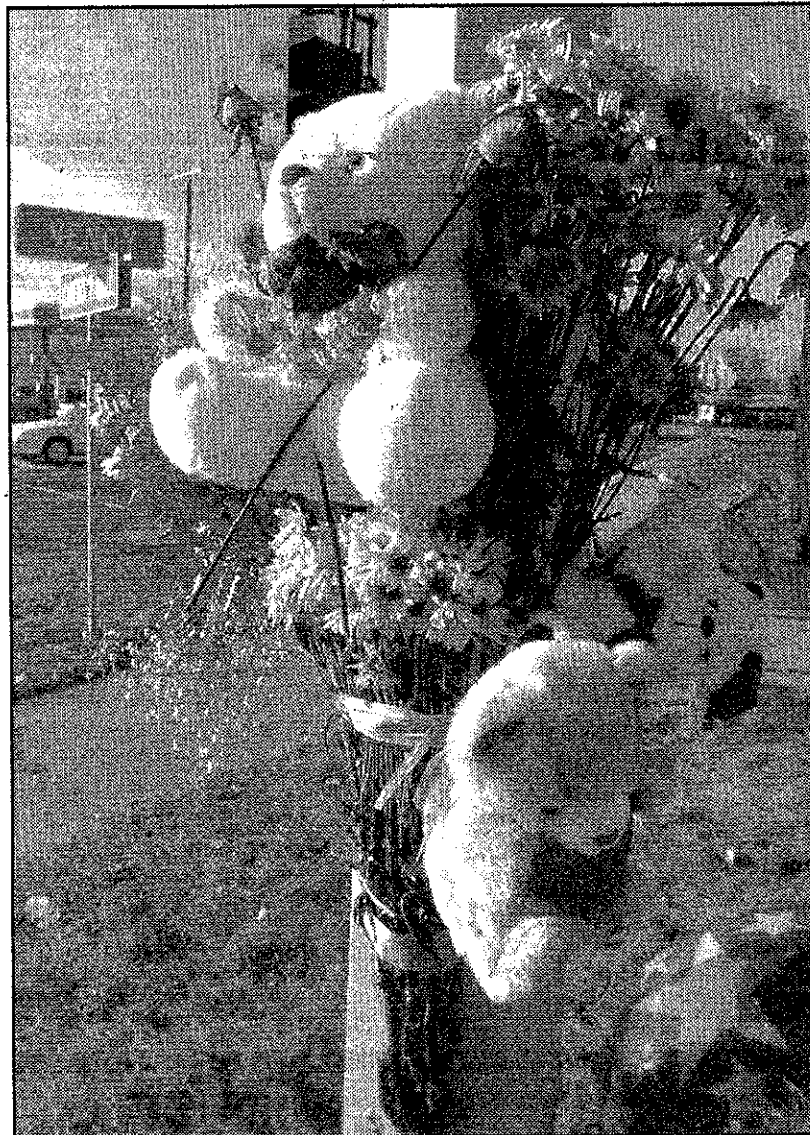
Armstrong had performed an appendectomy on Travis two weeks ago and was moved by the family's plea for financial assistance in wake of the accident.

"Travis was just like any other kid — full of energy," Armstrong said. "The operation went well and he went home the next day. The irony of the situation stayed with me, and I felt that I should offer to pay for the cost of the burial."

"I can't thank him enough," said Miles. "It shows how a community can come together. It's too bad it had to be because something like this happened."

"We've never had to face something like this before," said Travis' grandfather, Rolland Carraway, who recalled how excited Travis was to have a brother, Cheryl's son Shawn, 7. "It's something you can't prepare for. It happens and you're numb and devastated."

Close with both Shawn and his cousin, Jamie Sherwin, the three youngsters had lived together for a time in Carraway's house and



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Sad scene: Teddy bears, balloons and cards adorn a light pole at Venoy and Cherry Hill where 8-year-old Travis Miles lost his life.

were very close. They were told about Travis' death Monday afternoon.

"Shawn and Jamie are emotional," said Jamie's mother, Dawn. "Travis was the strong child. He wouldn't cry unless he was really hurt."

Travis is survived by his parents, Donald and Cheryl Miles

and Roxanne and Michael Dowd; brothers, Shawn Layton, Michael Dowd Jr. and Drew Colvin; sister, Mariana Dowd; and grandparents W. Michael Miles, Ronald and Gail Truesdell, Rolland and Irene Carraway and Michael and Marjorie Dowd.

Bus drivers from page A1

bus for three years. "When someone calls in sick, we're asked to cover some stops, and it puts everyone behind. Then it snowballs. By the time we get to the elementary school routes in the morning (after high school and middle school runs), parents are calling wondering where the bus is."

"We're constantly trying to make up time," she added. "What's going to happen when someone gets hurt?"

"We can't get enough drivers because there are other districts that pay more," said another driver, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution. "Many drivers are getting their training here, and then

School officials met with union representatives Wednesday morning, looking for ways to find much-needed help.

going to places like Farmington where they get benefits, even as a part-time driver. We have a lot of single moms driving buses, and they need the benefits. Plus, many districts pay more."

Taylor said the situation is not an easy one to overcome.

"We pay substitute drivers for two hours, just to be here in the morning," he said. "However, I hear there are some places that

pay four hours. It's always a money issue."

Taylor and Barta met with union representatives Wednesday morning, looking for ways to find much-needed help.

Bus drivers are suggesting the district make contact with workers who are being laid off at DaimlerChrysler and other businesses in the area, advertising in local newspapers and employment guides, as well as putting announcements in newsletters that are sent home to parents.

"If we could strike, we probably would," said an unidentified driver. However, after a pause, she said, "In reality, we probably wouldn't. We don't want the kids to suffer because of this."

Say it with
Flowers



by Steve Mansfield

TURNING THINGS UPSIDE DOWN

It bears repeating that the rules of floral arrangement are meant to be broken, or ignored entirely. That is certainly the case when it comes to a new trend involving a topsy-turvy look. What sets this look apart from others is that it takes convention and literally stands it on its head. It abandons the notion of the traditional arrangement, which calls for a floral arrangement to be composed of one-third vase and two-thirds flowers. The topsy-turvy arrangement calls for the stems of long-stemmed flowers to be cut sufficiently short so that the flower/vase ratio is reversed. The result is a rounded mass of blooms that covers the top of the container. The effect is quite eye-catching.

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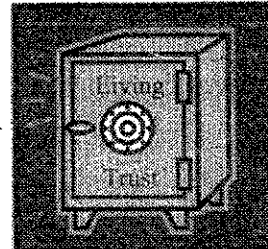
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John Santomauro said. "Simply put, he murdered that 8-year-old child."

Moffitt's passenger, Joseph Respondek, 43, of Detroit, pleaded not guilty to felony larceny and obstructing police. The two were riding in a 1988 Chevy flatbed pickup truck, which had been reported stolen from Redford Township in November.

Trouble inevitable

Santomauro said in a Tuesday press conference Respondek and Moffitt, along with two other men, had spent the day using heroin and cocaine. Upon depleting their drug supply they needed cash to buy more drugs and headed to a residential construction site, and were caught in the process of stealing roofing shingles, Santomauro said.

Two patrol cars arrived on the site near Cherry Hill and Beck roads and stopped two vehicles. Both vehicles appeared to be loaded with construction material.

Suspects in one of the vehicles, Joseph Foreman, 54, of Farmington Hills, and Virgil Cagle, 47, of Detroit, were both taken into custody without incident. They were arraigned Tuesday on felony larceny and obstructing police, and misdemeanor larceny charges respectively.

Both men pleaded not guilty. All four defendants were remanded to the Wayne County Jail pending a Feb. 26 preliminary examination in 35th District Court. Moffitt is being held without bond, and the other three are being held on a \$10,000 cash bond.

Chase described

Police gave this account of the chase on Cherry Hill, which reached speeds as high as 70 mph in a 40 mph zone:

An officer asked Respondek and Moffitt for identification, at which point Moffitt accelerated quickly, causing the pickup to fishtail and strike the officer.

Moffitt and Respondek headed east, pursued by Canton officers. The flatbed truck ran through at least seven red lights.

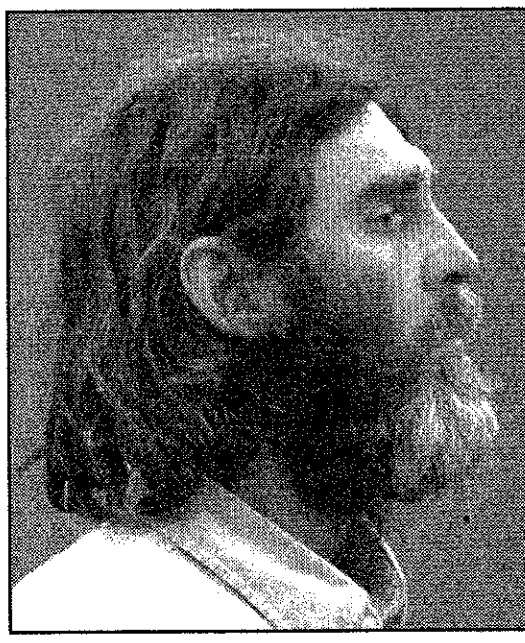
At Cherry Hill and Venoy, the truck barreled through a red light and was struck by a 1999



Joseph Respondek



Virgil Cagle



Joseph Foreman

Chevy S-10 pickup truck that was traveling south on Venoy, Westland police Officer Tom Lessnau said.

Travis was a passenger in that S-10, which was driven by his neighbor and longtime family friend, 25-year-old Michele Burgess.

The impact of the collision spun the Chevy S-10 into the westbound lanes of Cherry Hill where it came to rest, Lessnau said.

The flatbed truck slid sideways, rolled over and landed upright in the driveway of Toarmina's Pizza, on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy, he said.

Moffitt's vehicle then accelerated, the wheels spun and it took off north across the east and west lanes of Cherry Hill, where it struck the Chevy S-10 again, Lessnau said.

Moffitt's truck rammed into Burgess' vehicle, hitting it broadside on the passenger side where Miles was riding, Lessnau said.

According to accident investigator Officer Jack McIntosh, Moffitt's truck apparently careened across Cherry Hill because its accelerator was stuck.

Police couldn't determine with certainty which collision caused the boy's death or whether bot-

tom a y have contributed to it. Both trucks sustained extensive damage, Lessnau said.

A Westland police car arriving on the scene slid into the driver's side of the flatbed truck, causing only minor damage, Lessnau said.

Miles was declared dead at the scene. Burgess was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where she was treated and

released the next morning.

Moffitt was admitted to Saint Joseph Hospital for his injuries.

Sending a message

Santomauro said the charges "send a very clear message that this person (Moffitt) is responsible for, and his actions directly caused, this death."

Mike Duggan, Wayne County

prosecutor, defended the police pursuit. He said if the police had not pursued, and Moffitt had simply driven away, desperate for cash, he could have just as likely tried to rob a convenience store and shot the clerk. (Moffitt was not armed.)

"Then you'd be asking why your police let them get away," Duggan said.

"We're going to charge very aggressively every fleeing and

eluding case whether there's an injury or not," Duggan said. "I want them to understand when they make decisions like this, they may not get out of prison for the rest of their lives."

Santomauro said an internal investigation supported the officer's decision to pursue and his compliance with the department's guidelines. He said that throughout the chase, the officer calmly transmitted information concerning his speeds and location and consistently evaluated road conditions, lighting and traffic.

"At no time, prior to the accident, were hazardous conditions identified that would require termination of the pursuit," he said.

The officer driving the primary pursuit vehicle, Santomauro said, has been on the Canton Police force for seven years and is a field-training officer. The night of the pursuit and crash, he was training a new officer, who was also in the patrol car.

"Certainly the severity of their initial actions is not worth the life of a child. But the initial act did warrant the pursuit," Santomauro said, explaining the two were in a stolen vehicle, committing a larceny, and had nearly run over an officer.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

Tickets now available for AAUW 'Peter Pan'

The Plymouth-Canton AAUW will stage the children's classic fairy tale, *Peter Pan*, March 1-3 at the O'Leary Auditorium adjacent to Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. March 1; and 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. March 3.

General admission tickets at \$4 will be on sale Tuesday-

Thursday Feb. 13-15 at all Plymouth-Canton and Garden City schools. Remaining tickets will be available Feb. 23-28 at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth, or they may be purchased at the door before performances.

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Q&A

Q: Who invented ketchup?

A: The original name for what we know as ketchup was *ke-tsap*. The sauce was invented in China in the 17th century and was the brine of pickled fish or shellfish. It was made from fish entrails, vinegar and hot spices. The Chinese exported the sauce to the Malay Peninsula where it was called kechap. The Malaysians sold the kechap to English sailors, who brought it back to England. The English substituted mushrooms for the fish entrails and in 1792, the sauce was referred to as catsup and included tomatoes as a main ingredient.

Source: 10,001 Food Facts

Library construction update

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

For teen readers

Here are some books for teens and young adults:

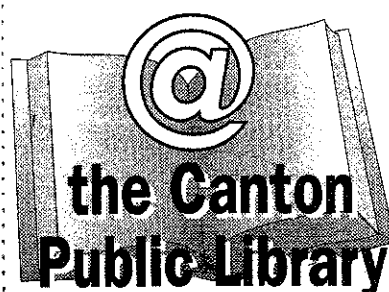
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Hot topic of the week

n @ The Canton Public Library goes on hiatus for the next two weeks due to construction of the lobby area and completion of the Adult Department at the library. The column will return in the March 8 Canton Observer.



Did you know?

■ Geronimo, American Apache Indian, was born on Feb. 17, 1829, and died on Feb. 17, 1909?

■ The week of Feb. 18-24 is International Friendship Week?

■ Tuesday, Feb. 20, is Hoodie-Hoo Day? All northern hemisphere citizens are asked to go outdoors at high noon and yell "Hoodie-Hoo" to chase away winter and get ready for spring.

■ The Washington Monument was dedicated in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 21, 1885?

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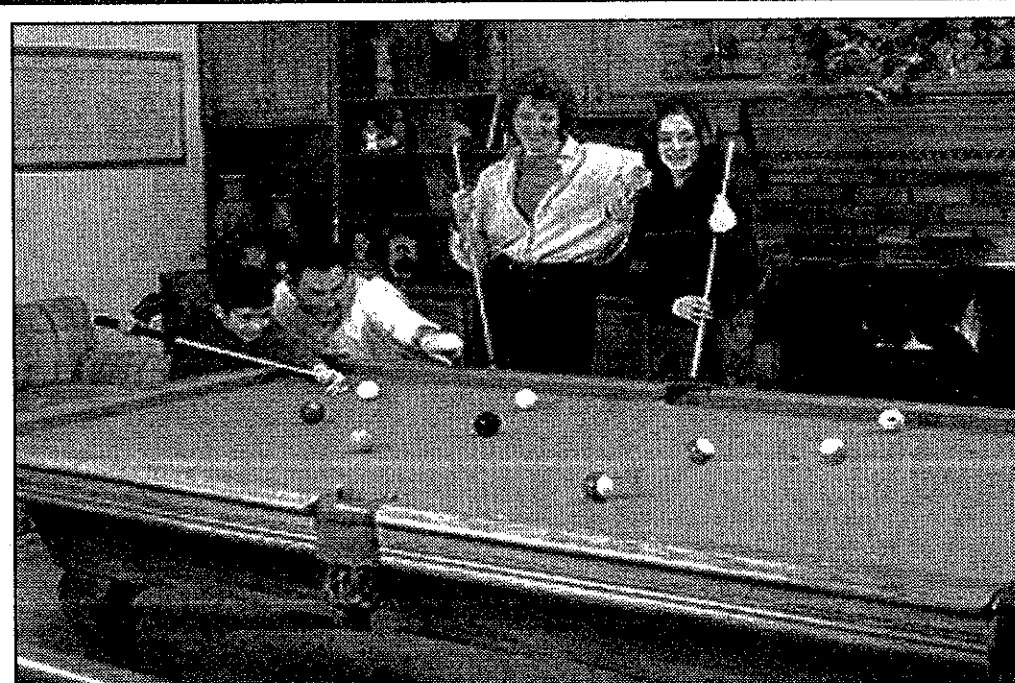
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Public divided over high-speed chases

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The death of 8-year-old Travis Miles, killed Saturday night in a Westland accident involving a high-speed police chase from Canton, has stirred intense emotions and renewed the debate over whether officers should pursue fleeing suspects.

Craig and DeAnn Lowery of Westland thought about their 5-month-old daughter Sydney, safely tucked in bed, after they heard that Travis had been killed at the same Venoy-Cherry Hill intersection where Craig Lowery runs a Toarmina's Pizza shop. He wasn't working at the time.

"My wife went in to get Sydney, and she just held her and cried," Lowery said Monday afternoon inside his pizzeria, where a picture of Sydney hung on the wall.

Outside, deep, muddy tire tracks could be seen where two suspects — chased in a stolen truck by police — ran off the road, flipped over and landed upright in Toarmina's driveway after colliding with a pickup in which Travis, a Garden City boy, was riding.

Craig Lowery said he isn't sure that Canton police, eventually joined by Westland officers, should have chased the suspects at 60-70 mph along Cherry Hill over allegations that the two suspects were in a stolen truck and had been stealing from a home-construction site.

"If it's a high-speed chase for a stolen truck — let them go," Lowery said. "I would oppose that. It's not like Los Angeles where we have helicopters that can follow them."

But Lowery conceded that

police officers have a difficult job knowing when to chase suspects.

"Where do you draw the line? It's so hard to tell," he said. "There are so many factors. But, for me, I think it would have to be a drive-by shooting or a murder or something like that."

Carole Nutt, a Garden City mother of two, said she was sickened by Travis' death, and she criticized police officers for Saturday's chase.

"I feel nauseous is how I feel," she said. "It could have been my kid. There was no reason for this unless they're chasing a guy who has an AK-47 hanging out his window."

Previous experience

Nutt spoke out last year after a high-speed chase started in Westland and spilled over into her Garden City neighborhood. The suspect was driving with a suspended license and an improper license plate.

"That's no excuse (for a high-speed chase)," Nutt said. "It was 5 p.m. on a Saturday — a sunny, summer day — and my daughter and her friend had been out in the street on bikes and roller blades, taking turns pulling each other."

Steve Rize, 56, said he believes that police officers should pursue fleeing suspects to try to capture them.

"I support that," the Westland resident said Monday, sitting inside N&N Coney Island at Cherry Hill and Venoy.

Rize and two passengers were traveling from Canton to Westland on Saturday night when he saw a truck and police cars rushing up behind his car on Cherry Hill near Lotz.

"The road was deserted, and we were all alone," Rize said. "Then I saw the police cars com-

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—Carol Nutt

ing, and I saw three sets of flashing top lights. I saw a truck in front of them. I thought it was a tow truck heading for an accident.

"When I saw it was a flat-bed truck, I knew something was wrong," he added. "They were going pretty fast, but thank God I found a way to get off the road. The police cars and the truck slowed down as they passed me."

Rize learned later about Travis' death.

"That's a shame about that little boy," Rize said.

Some people interviewed near the fatal accident site had opinions much stronger than those of Lowery and Rize, but they didn't want their names used.

One man said the suspect driving the truck should be publicly hanged at the intersection, letting others learn from his mistake. Another man said that, if his child had been killed like Travis, he may have killed the

suspect at the scene.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price, who went to the accident scene, said it's never easy to decide whether officers should chase fleeing suspects. In Westland, he said a commanding officer from the police station either gives officers the approval to start a pursuit or tells them to back off.

Judgement calls

The commanding officer also can cancel a pursuit at any time. "We've done that on a number of occasions," Price said. "These are judgment calls. It's spur of the moment. In that few seconds you have to make a decision."

During Saturday's chase, Canton officers led the pursuit, followed by Westland police.

"The person you're in pursuit of actually starts it by not stopping," Price said, adding later, "If you don't pursue these people, they're never going to stop

for you."

To never initiate pursuits, Price said, would send a message to criminals that they can easily escape.

"Does that make it any easier for the family of this child to accept? Absolutely not," the chief said. "This is a tragedy. I had some officers over there (at the accident scene) who had tears in their eyes. ... We're all parents ourselves, and in some cases grandparents. This is just absolutely terrible."

The Garden City Police Department policy gives discretion to officers and command officers on pursuing suspects and whether to terminate a pursuit. A number of factors are weighed, including the traffic flow, time of day, the potential of the suspects to be violent and the type of vehicle being driven by the officer, according to Police Chief David Harvey.

Local policy

"Generally we don't chase someone if we have another way to identify the suspect," said Harvey. "We've had people drive off after the officer has their drivers license and confirmed their identity. They'll have something in the car that they don't want us to find."

Agreeing with Price that police can't completely stop pursuing criminals, Harvey said he'd like much stiffer penalties for fleeing suspects who injure or kill others.

"You should go to prison for the rest of your life, if you kill someone in an accident fleeing police — an innocent bystander or the police officer. Or if the police officer kills someone in an accident during a chase," said Harvey. "You made the choice to speed up and flee. You're done."

Fleeing police is now a felony which Harvey said is an improvement over the time when it was only a misdemeanor crime.

The majority of chases involving Garden City officers occur on the midnight shift when more drunken drivers are on the road and there is less traffic, Harvey said.

"Officers still have to use good judgment and our criteria. Every two years we send each police officer to a training course or operating a vehicle at a high rate of speed," said Harvey. "We're good about keeping newer vehicles, so we won't crash or have a wreck due to vehicle failure."

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Law would help clarify police pursuit policy

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Police officers in the majority of police departments across the state are trained to handle the kind of high-speed chase that killed an 8-year-old Garden City boy Saturday, according to Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police President Bill Dwyer.

However, legislation will be proposed in the next few days that would offer all communities a model policy that Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, believes will better protect both residents and police officers.

Dwyer, who serves as chief in Farmington Hills, couldn't say all departments have policies about high-speed chases, but he believes most do.

"There probably are some general standards that have been established," he said. "Our order would probably mirror that in other departments."

The Hills' general policy allows pursuits at high speeds when an officer has reason to believe the person being pursued has committed or has attempted to commit a serious felony. The policy also incorporates a section of state law that allows police officers to violate speed limits when legally engaged in pursuit, so long as the officer drives with "due regard" for the safety of all persons.

"The paramount consideration in the nature of police pursuit tactics that are employed as well as the decision to pursue is 'reasonableness,'" the policy reads.

That overall standard is considered in case reviews, which are conducted in every high-speed chase, Dwyer said. Investigations are conducted "no matter if there is any damage, no matter what the incident is, no matter what the outcome," he added.

Assistant Chief Marty Bledsoe is on the administrative team that reviews high-speed chases. He said they make their judgments based on in-car video camera tapes, dispatch tapes and descriptions from the officers involved.

"If there are minor matters of procedure, we have the supervisor counsel the officer," he said. "If there was something considerable ... a real policy violation ... we may choose to discipline the officer."

Bledsoe believes having a policy helps police officers, because they know their actions will be reviewed. The decision to follow a fleeing suspect isn't an easy one any more, he said.

"Chases aren't what they used to be. Officers will break off a chase more often than not, and we don't do unusual things to slow it down, like we used to when we were young officers," Bledsoe said.

In addition to new laws, more heavily traveled roads and increasing questions of liability, he believes the public's perception of law enforcement and the use of high-speed chases has changed the way police handle pursuits.

"It's just the evolution of politics and attitudes," Bledsoe said.

That evolution could take another turn, with legislation proposed by Van Regenmorter. He first promoted the idea of standard policy seven years ago, after incidents like the one Saturday, which ended tragically in Westland.

"In doing some research, we found there were divergent approaches to pursuits," he said. While some communities had standards, he added, others did not, "which kind of gives felons permission to flee."

His bill would create a commission of experts who would develop a model policy addressing issues such as how, when and where pursuits should be conducted. The commission may be an existing board that reviews law enforcement standards or an appointed group of academics, law enforcement officials and community leaders.

"The single standard for these policies should be what's in the best interest of the public's safety," he said.

He believes establishing a model policy will help ensure chases aren't conducted except when necessary — such as when lives are endangered — and that they're carried out in an appropriate manner.

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Metro chief says Washington will act if mechanics strike

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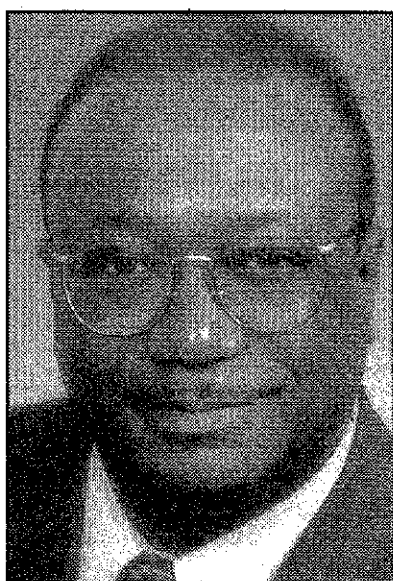
Wayne County Airports Director Lester Robinson says Washington will act if the mechanics union calls a strike against Northwest Airlines at Detroit Metro Airport next month.

"I personally believe that the federal government will step in ... and keep people flying" if the union, whose contract negotiations with Northwest have reached an impasse, strikes at midnight March 12. Metro is Northwest's hub, handling 75 percent of the roughly 35 million passengers using the airport annually.

Robinson's comments on a possible strike, which virtually would shut down Michigan's largest airport, came Friday during a wide-ranging discussion with Observer editors and reporters about the county-owned-and-operated airport.

The meeting was arranged by Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, to give Robinson a chance to present his side on such topics as the possible strike, airport expansion and the ongoing state probe of Metro contracts and bidding procedures.

Joining Robinson were Daniel O. Kerber, county airports



Lester Robinson

deputy director, and Michael Conway, airports external relations director and two of Conway's staff members.

Bankes was unable to attend but was represented by her assistant, Debbie Wanamaker.

March 12 is the earliest a strike in the 5-year-old labor dispute could happen. But some observers say that President George W. Bush likely will call a presidential emergency board to draw up a settlement proposal and thereby delay any strike for

another 60 days.

Robinson said Delta Airlines "may put on more flights" out of Metro were a strike to happen, but would only be able to fly out of the international terminal, which has just six gates.

Fewer non-stops

Non-stop service also would be greatly reduced, he said.

Kerber, the deputy director, added that low-fare carriers "really won't throw on extra aircraft because they don't have them and they really don't like to do that to each other." Whatever slack a Spirit or Trans Air picks up "won't be much," he said.

As for the probe of airport dealings being investigated by a special state Senate subcommittee, Robinson said the airport is "continuing to cooperate with them" and have state auditors in.

However, it's not an audit, he said, but a "preliminary review, which means they do everything short of an actual audit."

He attacked what he described as "conjecture and innuendo and rumor about things that they (committee) haven't set down as fact."

He said he believes what they'll find is "maybe some management lapses" dating back to

the mid-1950s and early 1990s.

Robinson, who became airports director last year and is a former airports finance director, said his department has "disproved" accusations about not advertising for or taking bids on contracts.

He said old newspapers have shown that, on most of the contracts, there were bids and ads, reducing the state's "exception rate" from "as high as 16 or 20 (down) to 2."

Robinson said criticism of the recently expired Metro Cars contract and the new contract are examples.

He said the 1990 contract was for five years with a five-year extension - not a no-bid extension, as has been charged.

'Enough cars'

Robinson said the new contract went to Metro Cars because it was the only bidder that had "enough cars" - 110 vehicles of the Lincoln, Cadillac or Chrysler variety - to provide what the airport feels is adequate service.

Kerber said Metro is running 90 sedans and "there's times when there's no cars available."

Robinson emphasized Metro Cars is not a limousine service - "My concept of a limo is a stretch vehicle," Robinson said.

Rather, Metro is a luxury

sedan service that is "an alternative ... to the taxicab ... a little bit upscale (to) help dress up our service area. I think it was successful, I really do," he said.

He said Metro Airport still has problems with taxicab services regarding "improving their vehicles, improving their demeanor, improving their appearance."

He said the sedans cost 15 percent more than taxis and defended providing them as an impetus to taxis to "add a positive benefit" by improving themselves and their service. The sedans also give Metro passengers a choice among taxis, commuter vans or limos.

But, while Metro doesn't restrict limousines from providing service, there's not enough curb space for them to simply wait for unscheduled customers, he said.

Robinson said that, when "ground transportation" includes the sedans, cabs and vans, Detroit Metro beats Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport in revenue, \$230,000 per year to \$100,000.

Difficulties in process

He defended extensions on contracts, noting that, among other things, "it's difficult sometimes to get contracts through our whole process, including the County Commission."

He said approvals have taken several months, resulting in contract extensions because "we have to serve the public."

He warned the commission, however, that changes he's instituting will mean "three to four times more material going to them for approval."

He said, "Staff is a little frustrated with me because I want to

bid all the extensions and all the change orders to the contracts.

"I don't necessarily think that's the right thing to do, but we're doing it to remove any cloud whatsoever on the way we operate."

"We run a tight business practice and that's the way we want to keep it," he said.

Robinson reiterated that alleged cost overruns on signage and lighting at the airport a few years ago were the result of federal demands that the work be completed months sooner than originally contracted. It required hiring more people, he said and was further complicated because "You can only work on (the project) when the Federal Aeronautics Administration gives you permission."

He also defended Parking Lot 15 as being "for people who do business with the airport (and for those) who have ... helped us in the past," such as former Gov. Jim Blanchard, who helped get the airport federal funding.

He said other businesses do the same thing and added, "The fact is, there are more Republicans in there than there are Democrats currently."

But, he said, there will be no such special lot in the new 11,600-space parking building adjacent to the new midfield terminal, scheduled to open in December.

"We're going to have spots for vans and parking operations people, and Northwest can park some of their employees. But no special lot," Robinson said.

He predicted that, when the new Northwest terminal opens, "our image is going to change into something very positive."

Airport official named national committee chair

Michael Conway, director of external relations at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, has been appointed marketing and communications committee chairman of the Airports Council International - North America.

Conway will assist in policy development, public awareness

campaigns and program planning for ACI-NA, the main advocacy group for airports in the United States and Canada.

He is the first metro-Detroit airport executive to serve in an ACI-NA leadership role since James Davey was chairman in 1974. Davey managed Detroit Metro from 1960-75.

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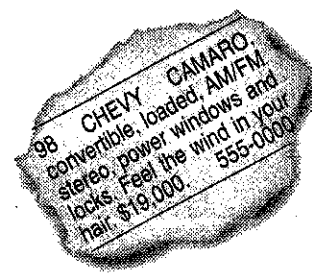
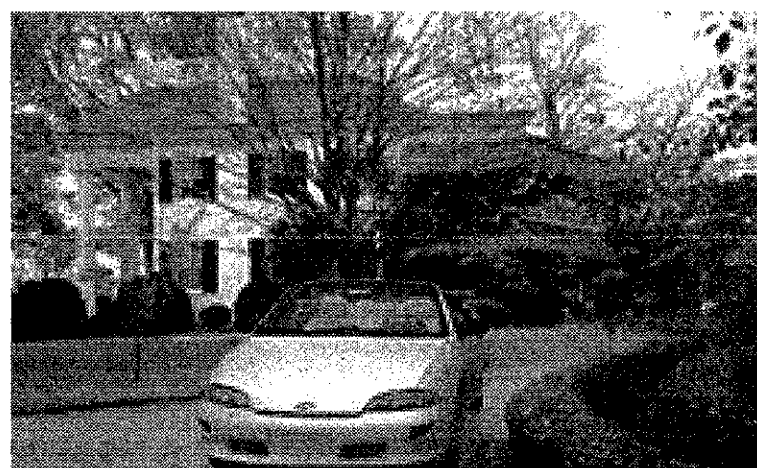
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Fatal chase leaves many questions, few answers

Who will take responsibility for the death of Travis Miles?

We speak not just of criminal responsibility or civil redress. But who will have the guts to stand up as a human being and tell Donald Miles and Roxanne Dowd: "I'm sorry. My thoughtless actions killed your son."

Certainly not John Moffitt and Joseph Respondek, convicted felons who refused to surrender to police Saturday night and led officers on a high-speed chase for eight miles through Canton and Westland.

The decision to pursue must be made with the same deliberateness and training that officers apply when they draw a weapon.

Both men pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a variety of charges stemming from the resulting crash that killed 8-year-old Travis of Garden City.

Apparently not the Canton Public Safety Department, which, even as it launched an internal investigation into the incident, took ample time in public statements to distance itself from any culpability. While calling the crash a true tragedy, Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro reminded all that it wasn't the pursuing officers who allegedly broke into a home construction site and took off to avoid arrest.

And definitely not the Michigan Supreme Court, which in a 2000 decision, stemming from two fatal police chases in Detroit, ruled that police officers and municipalities could only be held responsible in cases where they are "grossly negligent" and directly responsible for the death. In other words, if the patrol car is involved in a fatal crash and offi-

cers deliberately failed to follow chase guidelines then *maybe* blame can be assessed.

The question of responsibility is, of course, paramount. But there are many other questions in the wake of events that unfolded Saturday along Cherry Hill Road. And there are no easy answers.

For example, the public needs to know:

■ Did police officers follow department policy in initiating the chase? Santomauro insists they did.

■ Should the pursuit have been abandoned when the fleeing felons approached the township limit?

■ Was a chase necessary to apprehend Moffitt and Respondek when police had two other suspects in custody?

■ Is chasing suspects involved in a nonviolent property crime a wise decision and a smart use of public safety resources?

We suspect most of these questions, and others, won't be resolved until the lawyers have at it. That's an unfortunate reality in today's litigious world and one more reason why Travis' parents won't be hearing an apology or explanation anytime soon.

The Observer believes the pursuit of fleeing suspects is a tool that must be available to law enforcement agencies. There is truth in the argument that failure to do so only encourages a lawless society.

But the decision to pursue must be made with the same deliberateness and training that officers apply when they draw a weapon. This, after all, is what a motor vehicle becomes as it hurtles down the road at 70 mph or more.

And we demand that law enforcement agencies accept responsibility for the outcome of their actions. It's part of what makes our government accountable to its people. The Miles family deserves at least that much.

CCW talk is turning ugly – on both sides of issue

Nothing like the prospect of a new gun law to get everybody up in arms. Bad puns aside, December's passage of "shall issue" legislation loosening the requirements for obtaining concealed weapons permits has stoked feelings on both sides of the issue and created an atmosphere where civil debate may be difficult at best.

We're seeing it in Canton, where some opponents of the new law feel threatened in their efforts to put the issue before voters. And at least one supporter questions whether others have a right to interfere with his constitutional rights.

The Observer urges all parties to remember that while the free expression of ideas and efforts to persuade others that your cause is just are a special part of American society, free speech stops short of harassment – either physical or verbal.

The CCW law – passed during the legislature's lameduck session, signed by Gov. John Engler and scheduled to take effect July 1 – changes the way permits are issued. Applicants no longer have to prove their need before a local gun board. Instead, permits must be issued provided the applicant has no criminal record or history of mental illness. Applicants must complete an eight-hour training course and restrictions prohibit the carrying of a concealed weapon on school property, in churches or at large gatherings.

A political action committee, People Who Care About Kids, is looking to collect 151,000 signatures in order to put the issue on the ballot next year. The effort is headed up by Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Mike Duggan, Wayne County prosecutor.

It appears both sides are well organized and preparing for a lengthy, noisy battle over the legislation. Petitioners have until March 27 to collect signatures, a tall task for sure.

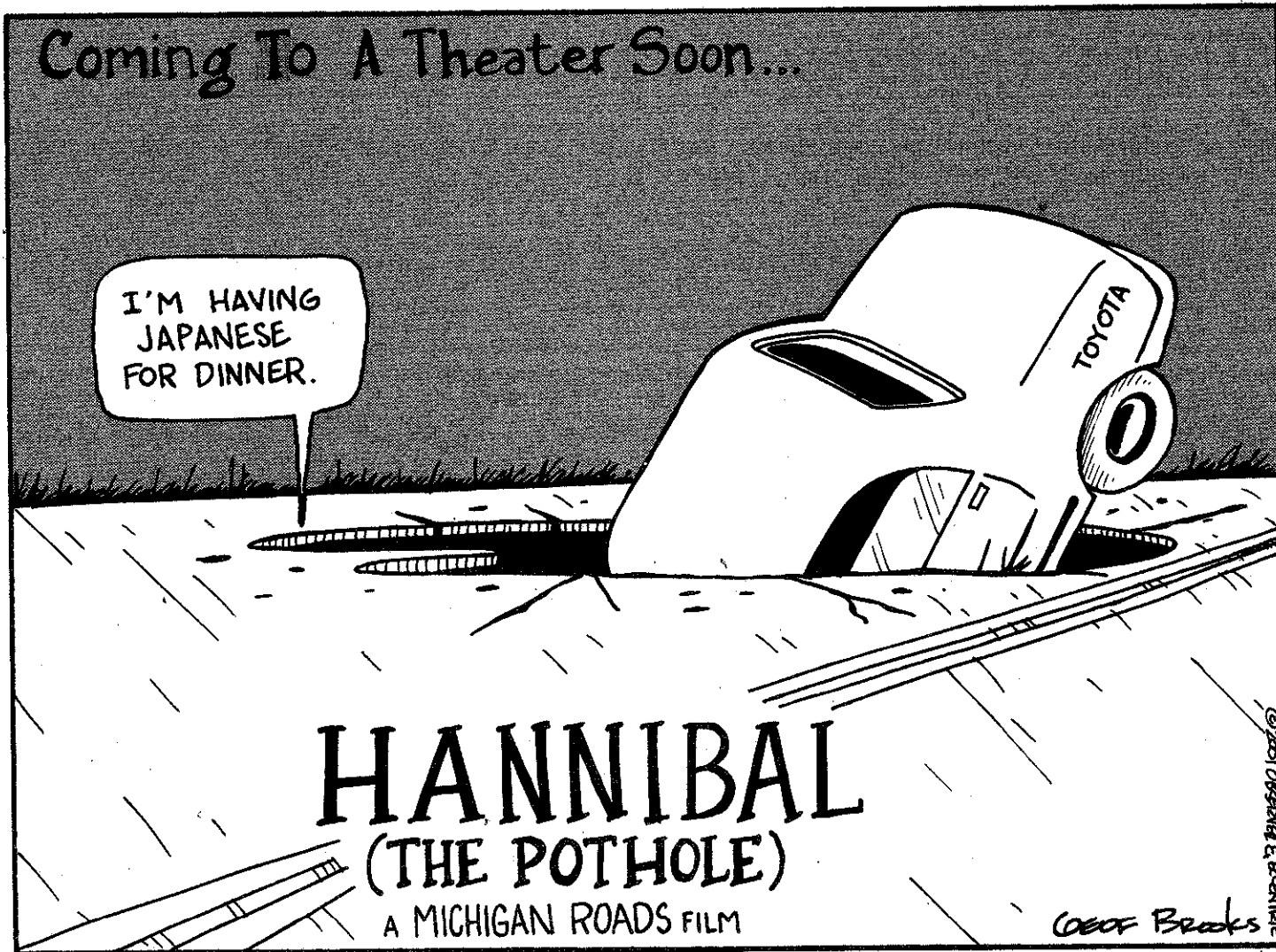
Canton resident Ann Marie Graham-Hudak, vice president of the Livonia

League of Women Voters, is one of those campaigning for the ballot measure outside local churches and other public venues. Graham-Hudak said she and others have faced increasingly hostile counter measures from gun owners who show up at the same sites. The NRA posts petition drive locations on its Web site, she said. In Wixom, committee members gave up their effort after they were shouted down by proponents for the new law.

Unfortunately, the legislature set the tone for the fight by jamming the law down the throats of citizens in its frenzied, lameduck session, taking action after years of testing the waters and then always deciding the issue was too hot to handle.

Meanwhile, supporters like Dennis Kabczy said putting a referendum on the ballot makes little sense. "How many of your constitutional rights would you want to be put to a vote?" the Canton resident said in an interview last week. Kabczy said much of the fervor over the new law is off target. CCW applicants are law-abiding citizens, not the gun-toters the public should be worrying about.

Unfortunately, the legislature set the tone for the fight by jamming the law down the throats of citizens in its frenzied, lameduck session, taking action after years of testing the waters and then always deciding the issue was just too hot to handle. Putting Lansing's 11th-hour action aside, we believe there's still plenty of room for reasonable discourse on the CCW issue. It will be up to the rest of us to ensure the debate is conducted that way.



LETTERS

Make a difference

On Feb. 10, 2001, my dear friends lost their son to a high speed police chase. It could have been anyone – you, me, your neighbor, friend or relative, even your child.

It was not 3 a.m. when traffic is low, but rather early on a busy weekend evening. The officers were chasing the truck that plowed into my friend's little boy because the driver had been stealing.

An 8-year-old boy lost his life over stolen goods.

His family will never see him graduate, play sports or have a family. If this makes you angry, sad or maybe hold your children a little closer, then please take the time to e-mail, write or phone your elected officials.

I understand the officers felt they were doing their job. I always support them and their efforts. However, I also believe high speed chases should only be used under extreme circumstances.

Does it make sense that a little boy dies and the general public was put at risk over a crime of theft?

A few moments of your time is all it takes. Make a phone call, send a letter or an e-mail. The next time it could be your child.

Christina Taylor

Raises questioned

While thousands of local auto workers are at risk of losing their jobs and the average state employee will receive only a 2 percent pay increase, our governor and state lawmakers decided to give themselves a 14 percent and 36 percent raise, respectively. A raise in their salaries is understandable considering the importance and responsibilities inherent in their jobs, but this is excessive. The governor will be getting \$172,000 this year and the state representatives will receive \$77,400.

Will members of their staffs and those who clean their offices also be getting 14 percent or 36 percent raises? The governor also receives a very generous expense account, a car, and a house to live in at taxpayers expense.

As for Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, he proudly voted against the salary increase for himself, but will receive the 36 percent raise anyway, since the Senate refused to vote on the measure. Since Rep. Patterson rejected the increase, will he be donating part or all of the money to charity as so many lawmakers have vowed to do? This would clearly demonstrate his opposition to the raise. But I doubt very much this will happen.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Tree is history

The Wilcox tree is 150 years old. We do not think you should cut it down because this tree is the history of Plymouth. Maybe it would be better if this tree was protected.

These kind of trees live very long. If we protect it now it can live even longer, so other people can see its beauty. If you were the tree with lots of history, you would be a living mystery and you would not want people to cut you down just for a building.

If you cut this tree down now, you'll regret it later. We have lots of other buildings and you shouldn't need one bad enough to cut down history. We have never heard of a tree 150 years

old so they must be really rare.

Chelsea Jurgeon, Megan Quinlan, Katelyn Quinlan, Nicole Jarkowski, Kathryn Turgeon, Johanna Clair, Kirsten Slater, Leah Varga, Kristin Burns, Mirando Madias, Kirbi Fagan, Liz Clago, Jenny Mizzi, Maggie Gearn, Erica Ley, Alex Poramlo, Maria, Catherine, Jeff Bord and Page, Plymouth Students

Do better for our kids

A recent Detroit Free Press report detailed some very serious child abuse issues. The series noted that at least 22 Michigan children have died of abuse or neglect in the last three years, under the protection of the state's child welfare system.

This report, using the tragic example of murdered 2-year-old Ariana Swinson, exposed dangerous flaws in a system that identifies 24,500 abused or neglected children each year. The following, taken from the Free Press series and other sources, describes the primary flaws or issues in the system, with associated possible corrective actions.

Reduce FIA Caseloads – Children's Protective Services and FIA foster care workers have ongoing caseloads of 28 and 27 children per caseworker, respectively. The Child Welfare League of America recommends 17 and 15, respectively (national average is 18 in both cases). Additional caseworkers are needed to reduce the caseload to acceptable levels.

Require FIA to Have Legal Representation in Court Proceedings – The FIA is supposed to have legal representation for the children in court proceedings. However, FIA caseworkers are routinely sent to court without lawyers. As a result, workers are unable to fully inform family court officials about problems or are unable to fend off objections, motions, etc., from parent's attorneys. Currently the FIA has contracts in only 22 of 82 Michigan counties for legal representation of children. The FIA should have contracts in all counties.

When Legal Representation is attained, make sure attorneys meet with the children when representing them – A 1998 law requires that children's attorneys meet face-to-face before every court hearing. In many cases this well intentioned but unfunded mandate isn't complied with. Funding is necessary to ensure the face-to-face contact.

Increase FIA Accountability when serious procedural or legal errors are made – There currently is little FIA accountability when errors are made. Perhaps an impartial outside commission should review cases and recommend appropriate action and penalties when serious cases of child abuse occur.

Shift the appointment and reporting of the Children's FIA ombudsman from the executive branch to a bipartisan committee of the legislature – In addition, confidentiality requirements should be eliminated from the ombudsman's office so investigations of severe abuse can have necessary appropriate detail available.

Terminate the FIA secrecy policy when severe child abuse occurs – Currently the FIA has a strict secrecy policy at all times. To investigate root causes of severe child abuse so effective

corrective actions can be taken to prevent future occurrences, the secrecy policy should be terminated in these severe cases.

The FIA Treatment Plan should be completed as established – In Ariana's case the FIA and Macomb County Family Court ended the state's supervision of the family without completion of the treatment plan. Within a few months, Ariana was murdered by repetitive blunt head injuries over time and drowning, according to the medical examiner.

The State Board of Education should develop standards to help identify abused children in school – Once these children are identified, they would be referred to the FIA for investigation. In addition, teachers should be called on to testify in court when they feel abused children are at great risk. The school system, in many cases, is the only situation where professionals have exposure to these tragically abused children.

Increase Counseling or Coursework to improve behavior modification – According to a panel of 18 child welfare experts who reviewed the Swinson case, court officials relied too much on a six-week anger management course. Birth control classes, counseling and certification should be required for parents who have child abuse records – Financial penalties, in the form of reduced welfare funding should be considered when abusive parents continue to have children.

Many of these recommended actions to improve the system will cost money to implement. The Michigan economy has generated significant excess revenue over the past few years. This additional revenue should be invested in the system to improve the safety of our children. How much money is one child's life worth, to say nothing of the 22 children that have died because of a system that needs improvement. Most importantly, our society is judged by what it does to take care of its most vulnerable – it's youngest, it's oldest, and it's disabled. If our Michigan society would be judged now on the way it takes care of its most vulnerable, it might not get a passing grade. We can, and should do better.

Ron McCaffery
Livonia

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Evaluate both secular, faith groups by service delivered

Way back in 1982, my wife, Kathy, and a number of other parishioners at St. Andrew's church in Ann Arbor started a feeding program for street and homeless people.

The idea was to give people in need a good breakfast to start out the day.

It was a good idea then; it's a good idea now. The program is still going strong, feeding more

than 100 people every day.

The food, usually donated by local groceries and restaurants and sometimes (after all the paperwork gets filled out) from federal surpluses, is cheap. Labor is all volunteer. The space used is the parish hall, so it's rent-free. If you denominate it in terms of the outcomes it's intended to provide — breakfasts — the program is amazingly cost-effective.

Surely, the program at St. Andrew's and others like it are what President George W. Bush has in mind when he talks about providing public funds for the good works that faith-based organizations can provide. The Bush Administration has set up an Office of Faith-Based Action, designed to reach out to "faith-based groups that have a proven record of saving and changing lives."

Called "charitable choice" by policy wonks, the interplay between government and faith-based organizations has been around since the 1996 Welfare Reform Act. Last October, President Clinton signed a law allowing federal payment to religious groups that offer mental health services for youth.

To be sure, charitable choice is not without its problems.

■ Separation of church and state. For example, Brent Walker, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee, calls charitable choice "the wrong way to do right. ... We think it will result in invasive regulation and excessive entanglement between church and state."

At a minimum, it's certain the volunteers at St. Andrew's spend far too much time filling out federal forms to qualify for surplus food; at a maximum, it's no business of the federal government to tell the folks at St. Andrew's who to feed breakfast to.

■ Competition for dwindling dollars. Critics claim public funding for "religious" social purposes risks diverting scarce funds from "secular"

social purposes. School vouchers, for example, can be looked on as skimming dollars from public schools.

■ The incapacity of the poor. Although they don't often admit it, at heart many critics believe poor people don't deserve (or cannot handle) choosing between (often monopolistic) government programs and those offered by faith-based organizations.

Lurking behind each of these objections, however, is a kind of "either-or" mentality that frames the issue in exclusive terms: Either people will be forced into government-funded programs or they will have no choice other than those sponsored by religious groups. But as long as funding for both types of programs — secular or religious — is based on transparent accountability and cost-effectiveness in yielding desired outcomes, why cannot we allow the users of services to be responsible for their own choices?

Joseph A. Connor, founder and CEO of a Michigan non-profit organization called the Collaboratory for Community Support, points out that "communities making progress toward solving these vexing social problems are those that realize that the diversity and multiculturalism of our communities demand multiple strategies and many programs delivered by a variety of different groups united by shared aspirations."

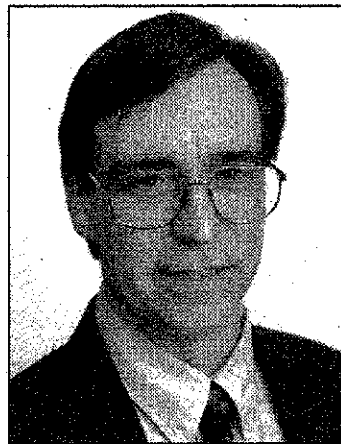
Connor is worried President Bush's initiative could set off a secular-religious contest of vendors, each contesting with the other for programmatic scraps. He hopes the Office of Faith-Based Action will work to bring legitimacy to on-going and effective religious approaches, not in contrast to but in collaboration with secular strategies. The Collaboratory, for example, is working in Battle Creek to reduce teen pregnancy by enlisting the support of both Planned Parenthood and Catholic Social Services.

The key point here is not to frame an activity to be funded by public dollars as "a program" replete with designated "responsible agencies," countless regulations and the turf that inevitably accompanies both.

Instead, both public and faith-based organizations should be evaluated and funded on the basis of demonstrated success in delivering concrete, measurable outcomes to people who need and want them.

If the Bush Administration can manage that, it will have taken a big step forward in mobilizing the compassion and efficiency of both the public and the private sectors.

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Mike Malott

Engler garners B average in think tank report card

Gov. John Engler got a B, winning high marks for cutting taxes and showing fiscal restraint, on a "report card" issued Monday by the Cato Institute of Washington, D.C.

Now, a B ain't bad. It certainly shows he's trying. But it's not quite good enough to earn our little Johnny an increase in his allowance — oh yeah, he already got that, didn't he.

The institute is a conservative "think tank" that issues annual report cards to grade governors on their fiscal policy. Its authors say they believe it is the "only objective analysis of the fiscal performance of governors" being issued today.

"Overall, we are concerned that the trend during the past several years of prosperity for states has been to ratchet up state budgets instead of returning revenue surpluses to taxpayers. By our estimates, roughly two of every three surplus dollars in the state coffers since 1996 have gone to new spending, not to tax reduction. ... The Republican governors tend to be touted as the GOP's policy stars ... but far too many of those top state executives have become big-government Republicans," the institute concludes.

Fair enough. Yet the Cato Institute's fiscal policy blinders produce a few other conclusions that, to my mind, border on the bizarre.

Engler got 60 points out of a possible 100, although no governor received more than 76.

The only A's handed out went to Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci and Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn, both Republicans. Three governors received an F: Tom Vilsack of Iowa, Gray Davis of California and John Kitzhaber of Oregon. Sixteen governors got B's, 16 got C's, and 10 got D's.

"We are now in the midst of the longest sustained run of net state tax cutting in American history, a run that began seven years ago. But in fiscal 2000, states cut their taxes by only \$5 billion. That tax-cutting effort is minuscule, given that at the beginning of fiscal 2000, the states had a surplus of more than \$30 billion," the report said.

Engler nonetheless won the title of "premier tax cutter," a title conferred on just four governors.

"When Engler took over the statehouse in 1991, Michigan was in a spiral of economic decline. ... To create more jobs, Engler has cut taxes more than 25 times for a cumulative taxpayer savings of \$12 billion," the report states. "No state has cut property taxes more than Michigan in the past decade."

Pretty high praise. So how'd Engler slip to a B?

The report concludes Engler has eased up a bit on his fiscal restraint of late, and this is where the report misses its mark. It does not count as a blemish on Engler's record his recent support of massive pay raises to state officials, including himself, although that would have been perfectly justifiable.

Instead, the report marks him down for putting extra money toward education.

To quote: "In recent years the economy has done so well that Engler has started to become a big spender, especially on education. ..." the report concludes.

I suppose a state government could show the ultimate in fiscal restraint if it spent absolutely nothing at all. Of course, it couldn't deliver any services that way, and it wouldn't be doing its job. So simply concluding that less spending is always better, regardless of how it is spent, seems wrongheaded to me.

I can think of no better place for the state to put its extra resources than into education. In financial terms, I'd call that an investment.

The report also doesn't take into account the fact a boost in educational spending works hand-in-glove with his proposals to move the state economy toward an information technology base. To have an information economy, you have to have educated workers.

Perhaps it ought to be seen as an example of what can happen when you try to assess performance based on just one measure and then try to make it strictly "objective." Strange things can happen.

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Spirit behind the Grumpies leaves an important legacy

It is not often that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer.

E.B. White, Charlotte's Web

Today, the world is a lesser place.

Tony Brehler, the spirit behind the Grumpies, died Saturday, nearly two weeks after an operation to remove an abdominal aorta aneurysm.

I've probably written more about the Grumpies than any other group. Tony was the reason. He



Judith Doner Berne

started a non-dues-paying, open-to-anyone organization, made up of people who write letters-to-the-editor. He was looking for others who cared enough about future generations to write articulately about the issues that matter.

Tony, a retired office manager and World War II veteran, was my contact from the get go. He invited me to address their fledgling organization back in January 1994 on the letter publishing policy at *The Observer & Eccentric*. Then the Grumpies were primarily retirees and all male. Today, they have added younger members and females.

As individuals they write letters to publications as national as the Wall Street Journal and as local as their hometown papers. As a group, they meet on the second Tuesday morning of each month to discuss current events and hear from politicians and journalists.

Over the years, they have convened in Southfield and Bloomfield Township. Now they are well ensconced at the Carl Sandburg branch of the Livonia Public Library.

Tony, in his gentle way, ran the meetings. Tony, in his efficient way, scoured the newspapers for individual Grumpies' letters, duplicated them, and handed out copies at each meeting. Tony, in his enterprising way, asked the writers of well-thought-out letters to join the group. Tony, in his endearing way, convinced people important to metro Detroit to keynote the monthly meetings.

"Tony had the capability of attracting prominent guest speakers," Ray Dubin, a Grumpy from Farmington Hills, told me. "It seemed that all he had to do was call them, talk to them (as he called it 'kibitz with them') and the next thing you knew that person was addressing our group."

And so the Grumpies met with U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, then State Sen. and now Oakland

County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, Wayne County Chief Assistant Prosecutor George Ward and Gov. John Engler's former communications director, Rusty Hjils.

Journalists who responded to Tony's kibitzing included *Livonia Observer* community editor Dave Varga.

"I'm surprised and very sad," Varga told me, when he learned of Tony's death. "Besides being a regular letter writer whose positions could be less radical than some other Grumpies, he was a fine gentleman, who regularly sent me complimentary notes. Sometimes he would also call. I also saw him regularly at St. Aidan Catholic Church where he served as an usher. He will be missed."

"Can anyone say he has known a better man than Tony Brehler?" Neil Goodbred, a fellow Grumpy from Livonia, wrote me. "He was a good friend to each of us Grumpies. When he recruited letter writers, he began with a compliment for each. After joining the group, each of us would come to realize how important Tony was to the group, that we had joined with a good man, a great man, a most caring man, in the endeavors to make our small place on earth a better one."

"Tony was a man of honor," added Dubin. "When he told you something, you could be sure that's the way it was. He wore his heart on his sleeve. He was never too busy to be a friend and a mentor to all he knew. Tony was the most patient and tolerant man I have ever known. He had a heart of gold and a soul full of love."

Tony once joined me to talk to a group of senior citizens in Birmingham on how they could influence the press. I told them about the many stories we do that emanate from people in the community and he told them about the Grumpies. During the question period, they mostly had questions for him. When I got home, he telephoned. It was just like this sweet man to make sure that I wasn't offended by their attention to him.

This husband of 51 years, father of three and grandfather of five had a hobby of making stained glass suncatchers. As I write, I am looking at one he gave me that's on my window. It depicts two birds on either side of a feeder, pecking at real birdseed. Usually it makes me happy. Today, it makes me sad.

Today, the world is a lesser place.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of The Eccentric Newspapers.

Funeral Mass for Anthony Brehler is 10 a.m. Friday at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitation is 2-9 p.m. today at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, just north of Grand River.

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Former MADD treasurer charged with embezzlement

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Accused of embezzling thousands of dollars, a former treasurer for the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving predicted she will be cleared of criminal wrongdoing.

"This isn't what it seems," Darlene Hodges, 52, said Tuesday, after she was charged with embezzling from the Westland-based chapter.

Her brief remarks came outside of Wayne District Court, where she was arraigned by Judge Carolyn Archbold on five counts of embezzling between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

Westland judges disqualified themselves from hearing the case.

Westland Police Chief Emery

Price said Hodges is suspected of taking money to gamble.

Hodges, who became involved in MADD 11 years ago after a drunken driver killed her son, was serving as an unpaid, volunteer treasurer until she was suspended in November.

MADD is missing about \$18,500 in money taken from its bank account, Westland police Sgt. Michael Gould said.

Judge Archbold read aloud allegations Tuesday that Hodges embezzled money between Dec. 6, 1999, and Nov. 8, 2000.

Archbold placed a not-guilty plea in Hodges' court file, released her on a \$5,000 personal bond and ordered her to return to court Feb. 21 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether she should stand trial.

Hodges could face five years in

prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

"This really is a heart-breaker," Jenny Lozano, chapter administrator, said Tuesday when contacted at the MADD office, on Wayne Road near Cherry Hill. "We want people to feel rest-assured that precautions are being taken so that this doesn't happen again."

The local MADD chapter has had prior financial difficulties that threatened its survival, but officials persevered and rescued it.

Lozano issued a prepared statement indicating that the embezzling charges won't halt the work of the Wayne County chapter.

"Obviously, we at MADD are disheartened with the situation involving Darlene Hodges," Lozano said. "However, we are

determined to prevent this issue from distracting from the daily efforts of our dedicated volunteers who are working to save lives, prevent injuries and serve victims."

She confirmed that MADD receives money from several sources including donations, court fines and grants.

"We certainly hope the (alleged) apparent actions of one volunteer will not overshadow the good work of the many volunteers and victims who have dedicated their lives to furthering MADD's mission in our community," Lozano said.

"As this issue continues to unfold," she added, "we feel it is inappropriate to say anything further at this time. In the meantime, we ask for the community's continued support of our mission."

Outside the courtroom Tuesday, Hodges asked that her case not be publicized.

"I don't want it in the paper," she said. "This is just going to hurt MADD."

MADD's mission is to stop drunken driving, support victims of alcohol-related accidents and

prevent underage drinking.

It is a nonprofit organization that has more than 600 chapters nationwide. It was founded in 1980 in California by a small group of women, after a 13-year-old girl was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

Woman arrested for check kiting

Canton police apprehended a 20-year-old Detroit woman Thursday for passing counterfeit payroll checks.

The woman had cashed several checks at the Canton Meijer that day, and police reports indicate there was a nearly identical crime Feb. 7.

When police caught up with the suspect near Ford Road and Morrison, the passenger in her car produced altered identification.

A search of the vehicle's glove box turned up nine bogus payroll checks, written on the same account. The checks, totaling more than \$26,000, were written out to three different people. The suspect had in the vehicle identification corresponding with one of the names on the phony checks.

The woman told police she only used that identification to get into bars and drink alcohol.

Mail theft

A Canton dentist called police after he discovered someone had been stealing his incoming and outgoing mail.

The 54-year-old doctor said between Dec. 26 and Feb. 6,

someone had stolen his mail. He didn't know the theft had occurred until a credit card statement was delivered, showing some \$7,000 worth of airline ticket purchases.

The man has also filed a report with the post office.

Credit card fraud

Canton police responded to the Canton Cinema, 43555 Ford Road, after an employee reported a suspicious situation.

The employee said a man walked up to the counter, and displayed several pieces of jewelry on the counter. The man stated he found the jewelry in a black pouch behind the Meijer gas station. He asked the employee if he thought they were real.

The employee thought the situation was odd, and called 911.

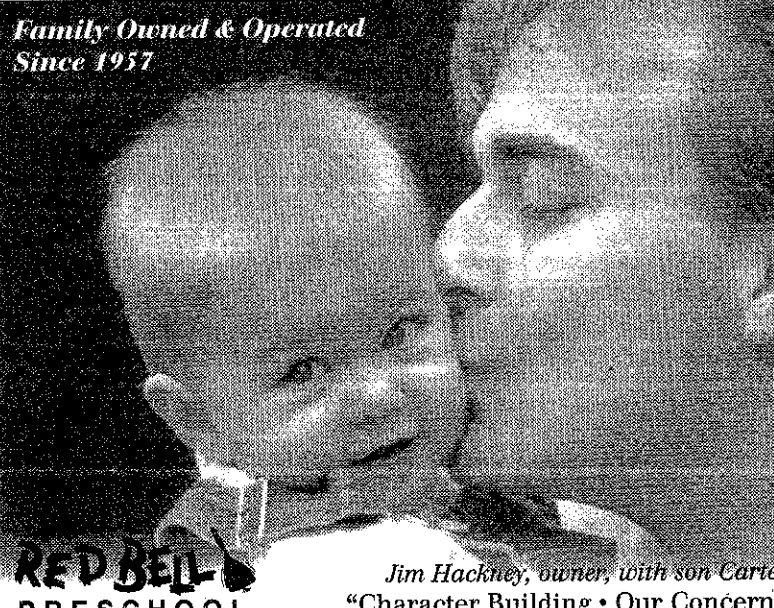
After they arrived, officers observed the man, noting he appeared nervous, and was constantly moving.

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Runner's knee is caused by a misalignment of the kneecap in its groove. This makes the kneecap rub on the side of the groove and the cartilage on the back of the kneecap to wear out. As a result, there is pain around the back of the kneecap after running. The actual culprit of this problem is the foot. An inward roll of the foot and ankle causes the shinbone to rotate to the inside, which turns the knee to the inside. Treatment involves using an orthotic device to prevent excessive pronation, as well as exercises to strengthen the inner side of the quadriceps muscles.

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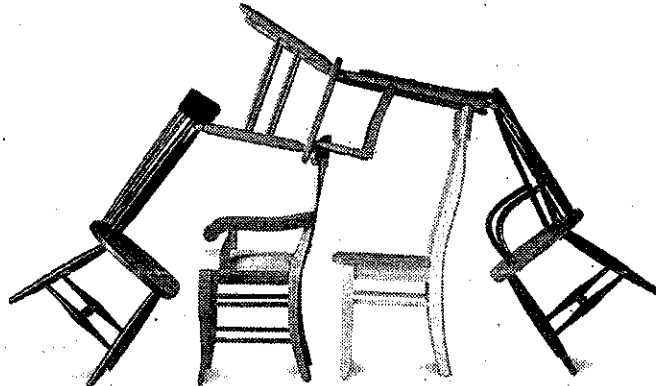
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Wild Swan Theater presents "Along the Tracks," an original production for young people based on incidents related to the Underground Railroad, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Towsley Theater on the Washtenaw Community College campus in Ann Arbor. Tickets \$6 children, \$8 adults, (734) 763-8587.

SATURDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra Principal Trombonist, Kenneth Thompkins, is one of the featured artists in "Classical Roots," a concert celebrating African American classical music composers and musicians, narrated by Danny Glover, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$20-\$52, (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Heather Yanke (clockwise), Caitlin Burke of Farmington Hills, Won Kyung Shin, and Jaquelyn Wagner, winners of the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony's annual Concerto Competition, will perform with the symphony at 3 p.m. in Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors, (248) 334-6024.



Aaron Douglas' "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" is one of the many inspirational pieces featured in the Walter O. Evans Collection on display during "Celebrate Black History! The Harlem Renaissance Continues" Wednesday-Sunday throughout the month of February at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Admission \$7.50-\$12.50, no charge for children under 5 and members, (313) 271-1620.

Good sport: Toby Booker clowns around as Luther Billis, the smart aleck sailor charming his way through South Pacific.

'South Pacific' makes light of serious subject



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UGLINESS TAINTS BEAUTIFUL SETTING

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As the house lights go down, and musicians in the orchestra pit begin warming up, the energy level rises as actors finish buttoning the wildly-flowered shirts and regulation Marine uniforms they'll be wearing in *South Pacific*.

Minutes earlier backstage, the Plymouth Theatre Guild cast joked with each other as they arrived for a late-night rehearsal of the World War II era show. The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical opens Friday at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

"It's exciting. We have a great cast and we're having a great time," said Kathy Booker, a Walled Lake resident making her directing debut. Booker was assistant director for *Death Trap* presented by SRO Productions in Southfield. "The set gives the feeling of the island, but we're using actors to imply Bali Ha'i where it takes place. I enjoy the whole romantic mood of the show. It's light except when Lt. Cable dies. It's real life. Actors are lending their own personalities to the characters."

That includes the smart aleck Luther Billis, played by Booker's son Toby who kids his favorite part of the musical is when the good-natured sailor is on stage.

"My character is the comedic relief in the show," said Toby, who played one of the leading characters in Neil Simon's *Fools* with the Farmington Players last fall.

"My main objective is to get over to Bali Ha'i because all of the French planters have all their young women there. There's a lot of back door

What: Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific*
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24 and March 2-3; 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25
Where: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital
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humor but overall the musical is pretty heavy with racial overtones. There's two love stories tinged with racism. If you consider when the play was written racism was such a big part of the country. They were ahead of their time."

Lengthy

A lengthy show — 128 pages without music — *South Pacific* confronts the ugliness encountered when people of different races dislike one another because of the color of their skin or the slant of their eyes. The show's content was one of the elements that attracted Anthony Provenzola when he was surfing the Web to find a community theater

holding auditions. Provenzola, a Farmington Hills resident, hadn't acted since his student days at Redford Union High School and Wayne State University where he studied voice and musical theater. Provenzola plays Lt. Cable, a Marine who falls in love with a native girl but his prejudice doesn't allow him to commit to her.

"The music back then was popular music of that time; people knew all the songs," said Provenzola of Farmington Hills. "It was groundbreaking because it touched on issues not talked about at the time."

Ruled by prejudices

Susan Merenda plays one of the lead characters ruled by her prejudices. Nellie Forbush is the ensign who falls in love with Emile deBecque. Her bigotry is unmasked

Please see **PACIFIC**, B2



Tropical breeze: Kerry Plague (left), Susan Merenda and Anthony Provenzola rehearse the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical for opening night.

Genesis Troupe presents 'Our Town'

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Life's simple truths haven't changed — you're born, you live, you die. It all goes by so fast. We don't pay attention to life until we lose someone we love.

Set in Grover's Corners, N.H., 1901, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* could be your town. The truths about everyday life revealed in this Pulitzer Prize-winning play are the reason The Genesis Troupe chose to present it.

The audience meets Emily Webb and her neighbor, George Gibbs, their parents, and some of the other people who live in the town. Emily and George grow up together, fall in love and get married.

"It's a beautiful story, it's just about life, whether it's 2001 or 1901," said assistant director Delores Pearson of



Dress rehearsal: Lane Ritter (left) and Carl Polys, rehearse a scene from "Our Town."

Canton.

Lane Ritter sets the scene as stage manager of this timeless story opening Friday at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

"It's about a small town in New Hampshire," he said. "Act 1 sets the tone, it's about daily life in the town. Act 2 is love and marriage, and Act 3 centers around a number of people who have died. The play shows what small town life was like — the good and sad — in a church-going community, it stresses the value of family."

Background

Founded this summer by Pearson, Marlene Landry of Livonia, and a group of interested friends, The Genesis Troupe is on a mission to present family-oriented shows to the community. They also donate a portion of pro-

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MUSIC

Conductor leads powerful interpretation of Verdi's 'Requiem'

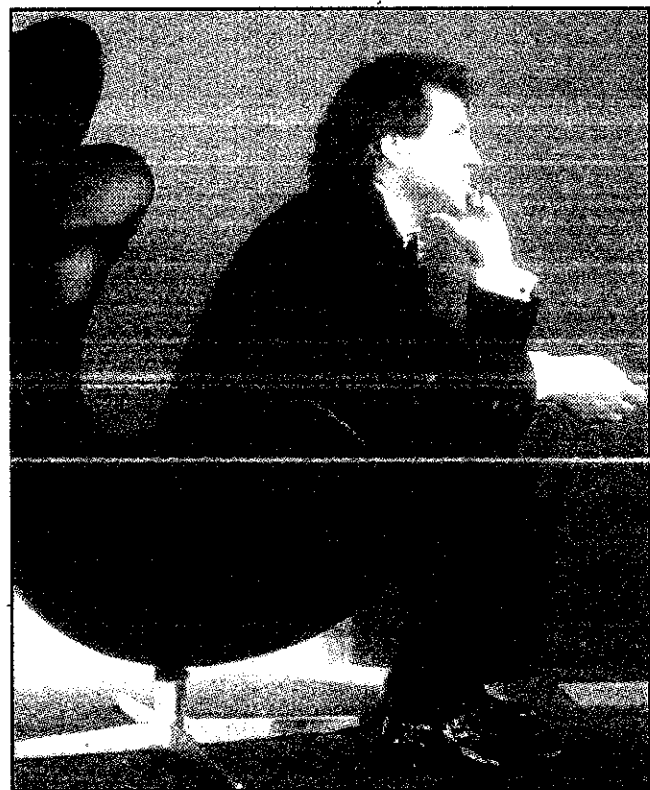


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Master work: Manfred Honeck conducts the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Manfred Honeck is serious about his music. He doesn't hurry as he explains his approach to conducting.

Honeck arrived in New York a week ago from Dublin where he and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra began their tour. After stops at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, the 100-member ensemble will perform in Ann Arbor on Friday. On the program is the massive master work — Verdi's *Requiem*. Honeck will embrace it with his heart as well as his mind.

"I first look at the technical to know what happens in the score, the harmony, then I look to find what is behind the piece, what the composer intended and what we understand in our time, how can I describe with my orchestra the feeling," said the Austrian-born Honeck. "What does the *Requiem* mean in our time? It's what humans are asking for in our technical world. People are longing for more humanity besides this machine. They're longing for things behind us."

Audiences will always cherish this master work which the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra will perform with the Swedish Radio Choir and soloists Marina Mescheriakova, soprano; Nadja Michael,

University Musical Society series

■ Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and Choir perform Verdi's *Requiem* — 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$14-\$46, call (734) 764-2538
■ Swedish Radio Choir and Eric Ericson Chamber Choir unite for a concert — 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 East Stadium, Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$25, call (734) 764-2538

mezzo-soprano; Marco Berti, tenor, and John Relyea, bass-baritone.

Familiar

Verdi's *Requiem* was first presented in 1874. Honeck knows the work well. He first performed it as a member of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. In fact, the last time Honeck was in Michigan was when the orchestra, under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, performed here in the late 1980s.

"Verdi composed his *Requiem* a little bit from his own death," said Honeck of the work the orchestra played two weeks ago in Stockholm. "There isn't one person who hasn't thought about his own death. I combine my own thinking about death, Verdi's thinking about death, was he religious? If you go very deep into the word,

the context, people feel the message. "It's one of my favorites. Every time when you do it it's impressive in a total great way. The way the man expressed it. We know he studied Mozart's *Requiem*."

Manfred did his own research on the meaning of the words before conducting the work.

"I asked the Vatican to find the text so I could go deeper into words, if I could see the words to understand more and more how he composed the meaning," said the 42-year-old Honeck who took over as conductor of the Swedish Radio Symphony Orches-

Please see **HONECK**, B2

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when he proposes marriage.

"Nellie is kind of ditzzy, very naive, unsure of herself. She thinks everything is one big adventure," said Merenda, a Canton resident and sophomore at Plymouth Salem High School. Merenda loves the story line and the Rodgers and Hammerstein music. She has to — otherwise where would she find the energy to join the Plymouth Theatre

Guild cast four nights a week after leaving rehearsals for the *Sound of Music* at the high school.

"Emile deBecque is an older man," said Merenda who began acting at age 8 with the Whistle Stop Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "She has to overcome her prejudice when she finds out he has two children by a Filipino woman.

She grows beyond the Little Rock background where she's come from."

A lot of work

Dedication like Merenda's is one of the key ingredients in producing a successful show.

"It's a lot of work; musicals take a lot of time. In the first act alone there's 13 scenes," said

assistant director Dennis Hubel of Plymouth. "I've been involved with everything including set construction. It's the way people pitch in from advertising the production to sound. It's the talent in front of and behind the scenes."

Kerry Plague is one of those talents. The Canton resident, who plays Emile deBecque, was a late bloomer. He first went on

stage at age 41 because his son was in a production at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, and "they needed males." Since then Plague's worked with the Avon Players in Rochester Hills. He's also been in the Michigan Opera Theatre's productions of *Tosca* and *La Boheme*.

"DeBecque is very emotional and introverted but when he

commits, he commits with all his heart," said Plague, who sings *Some Enchanted Evening*, one of the most popular songs in the show. "I like the musical because the songs are spread out among many principals. The barre is set high so it helps me improve. I can't wait for opening night. I hope to break a leg."

Genesis from page B1

ceeds from each show to a designated charity. *Our Town* will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Their first production, *Godspell*, presented in September and October, was a success.

"We had a sell-out on three nights. I just couldn't believe it," said Pearson. "The support from the community has just been overwhelming. Even the business community has opened up their arms to us."

St. Kenneth Catholic Church offered its social hall as a performance space. Pastor, the Rev. Joe Mallia, makes a cameo appearance in *Our Town* as Professor Willard.

Ritter, who like Landry is a parishioner of St. Kenneth's, hasn't been on stage for 47 years.

Family

"I knew Marlene and saw a small article in the church paper that they were casting 'Our Town' and looking for people," he said. "I was familiar with 'Our Town,' and interested in trying out. It's been a real experience. The troupe is wonderful. Many of us came in as strangers, now we're family."

Pearson smiles as Ritter talks, and says, "that's what we hope happens with every show. One of the things we want to do is teach and give people the benefit of the skills we've acquired over the

■ **'It's been a real experience. The troupe is wonderful. Many of us came in as strangers, now we're family.'**

Lane Ritter

Actor

years. To see them bloom is such a beautiful thing, it's very rewarding. It's a joy to see people interested in theater become involved in it."

Ritter, like other cast members, got interested in theater after performing in a high school play.

"I've always enjoyed theater as a member of the audience, but in the back of my mind always wanted to be on stage," he said.

Landry, who directs the show, was cast as Emily, one of the leading characters, in her high school production of *Our Town*.

A lot of fun

"It's a lot of fun stepping on the other side and seeing it happen," said Landry. "It's a timeless story about daily life, and important things like marriage. It teaches us that life is very precious, and that we should stop and examine the simple things, because these are the things that we take for granted."

tra in fall 2000. "You have to research because the message is so important, if people would be touched by it. If the translation in one part says 'my face gets red,' the color in the string section must be red. If he'd said 'my face gets white' the strings must not be full. Even though they don't understand Latin words, they feel the music."

It's that attention to detail that has made the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra so powerful over the years. Founded in 1936 as a European radio orchestra, the ensemble has been led by accomplished conductors such as Sergiu Celibidache and Esa-Pekka Salonen, who attracted the attention of a world audience with its strong commitment to new music. Before long, musicians like Igor

Stravinsky and Mstislav Rostropovich were eager to work with the orchestra.

Today, all of the concerts are still heard on radio including the performances in Dublin and New York.

"My goal is to make the orchestra sounding like what I have in my ears," said Honeck who began playing violin at age 7. Honeck grew up with eight siblings who all played instruments. He decided to become a conductor at age 13 after hearing the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at a New Year concert. Since studying at the Academy of Music in Vienna, Honeck's led the Zurich Opera and the MDR Symphony Orchestra in Leipzig, and guest conducted the Dresden Staatskapelle, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Chicago and

Houston Symphony orchestras, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra in London. He is also principal guest conductor of the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra.

High standards

"From a technical side, I want to make sure that they keep high standards but go more into details and get the colors out and the message be clear."

Honeck also wants to continue performing with the Swedish Radio Choir which was founded in the 1920s. Under conductor Eric Ericson, the 33-member choir won international awards. Ericson, who became conductor of the radio choir in 1952, has since retired but continues to make guest appearances.

Ericson's considered a master in the field of choral conducting. He established the Stockholm

Chamber Choir (now the Eric Ericson Chamber Choir) in 1945. The group remains his main vehicle for developing the art of a cappella singing.

In addition to the Feb. 16 performance with the orchestra, the Swedish Radio Choir will join with the Eric Ericson Chamber Choir to sing the music of Strauss, Ligeti, Lidholm and Schnittke at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Saturday, Feb. 17 in Ann Arbor.

"They're a really great choir," said Honeck. "They sang with the Berlin Philharmonic the week before we left on tour. It's a very homogeneous sound and trained by Eric Ericson. He made the sound of Swedish Radio Choir. I'm amazed how it fits in with the sound of the orchestra. It's a clean but full sound. They have power."

It's carnival time, celebrate Mardi Gras

It's carnival time in metro Detroit. If you're tired of staying home, and looking for something fun to do, here are some options.

■ Celebrate the Mardi Gras with the Brazilian Culture Club of Detroit on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Holiday Inn on Telegraph Road in Southfield.

Began in the 1980s to soothe homesick Brazilians, Carnival has grown into a party that attracts partygoers from all over. The flamboyant, sometimes risqué costumes, the sound of syncopated drum rhythms, and an authentic Brazilian samba band, have earned Detroit's Carnival its reputation as one of the biggest such festivities outside of Brazil.

"It's not just for local Brazilians," said Sergio Santos of Canton, the club's secretary. "The public is welcome to attend. If you come, wear comfortable

shoes, and be ready to dance for five hours straight. Be ready to see some outlandish costumes as well. There will be prizes for the best costumes."

For more tickets and more information, call (313) 862-7824 or visit www.BCCD.com

■ The sixth annual Mardi Gras Magic Party to benefit scholarships for students in the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters at the University of Michigan Dearborn, is 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

The event at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn features a silent auction, wine tasting, appetizers, desserts and Mardi Gras music. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, or participants can attend in work attire.

"Our the past five years, we've awarded more than \$14,000 in scholarships to deserving liberal arts students," said Susan Ged-



Jazzy: Straight Ahead performs Feb. 27, "Fat Tuesday," at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Detroit's Greektown.

ert, alumni officer at UM-Dearborn. "This alumni group takes great pride in helping students reach their goal of academic excellence."

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■ Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe in Greektown is presenting a "Fat Tuesday," "Masquerade Party 8 p.m. to midnight, Tues-

day, Feb. 27.

Local jazz band Straight Ahead will perform, and costumed partygoers will compete for more than \$1,500 in cash and prizes. The celebration includes a New Orleans buffet, and "Crustacean Station," featuring fresh crawfish and oysters.

The cover charge is \$10 per person, no charge if you wear a costume.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe is at 400 Monroe St. at Brush in Detroit. Call (313) 965-4600 for details.

■ If you want to visit New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but can't, drive to St. Clair Shores to Jack's Waterfront Restaurant and join the party. Dixie Belle & the Dixie Jazz Cats will be performing New Orleans style jazz and blues at the seventh annual "Mardi Gras" bash, beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

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Film expert talks about Oscars

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The 73rd Annual Academy Award nominations announced Tuesday, Feb. 13 didn't come as much of a surprise to the Detroit Film Theatre's curator and resident film expert. Elliot Wilhelm might not agree with all of the choices, but that's all part of the excitement of Oscar time.

This year Tinseltown is talking about *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* — Ang Lee's mystical martial arts film that's crossed over into mainstream America, earning a grand total of 10 nominations. For a foreign language film, it's managed to garner even more attention than the 1998 Italian-subtitled Academy favorite, *Life Is Beautiful*.

"It's a good alternative audience movie," said Wilhelm of *Crouching Tiger*, which is on the verge of becoming the highest grossing foreign language film. "Audiences have indeed responded to it." He added that the foreign language status of the film lends prestige.

Among those also nominated for the highest honors is the romantic fable, *Chocolat*, Steven Soderburg's *Traffic* and *Erin Brockovich* and Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*. Soderburg will actually compete against himself in the two most coveted categories, Best Picture and Director.

As Best Picture, the film that earns Oscar tends to represent what the Academy hopes to be remembered by in that year, said Wilhelm.

"It's the message they want to send to the world. If you look at the history of the Academy Awards, it's on a kind of graph of socio-political history."

That's something to take into consideration when casting your own votes on Sunday, March 25.

"If Erin Brockovich wins the Oscar," said Wilhelm, "it's not just going to be because it's a pretty good movie, it's going to be because it's the story of a real person making a difference in society." By these standards, *Traffic* doesn't stand much of a chance due to its bleak message about the war on drugs.

"When I think about the Oscars, I see reflections of how society sees itself," said Wilhelm.

The nominees are...

■ **Actor — supporting role**
Jeff Bridges, *The Contender*
Willem DeFoe, *Shadow of a Vampire*
Benicio Del Toro, *Traffic*
Albert Finney, *Erin Brockovich*
Joaquin Phoenix, *Gladiator*

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■ Actress — supporting role

Judy Dench, *Chocolat*
Marcia Gay Harden, *Pollack*
Kate Hudson, *Almost Famous*
Frances McDormand, *Almost Famous*

Famous
Julie Walters, *Billy Elliot*

■ Actor

Javier Bardem, *Before Night Falls*

Russell Crowe, *Gladiator*

Tom Hanks, *Castaway*

Ed Harris, *Pollack*

Geoffrey Rush, *Quills*

■ Actress

Joan Allen, *The Contender*

Juliette Binoche, *Chocolat*

Ellen Burstyn, *Requiem for a Dream*

Laura Linney, *You Can Count on Me*

Julia Roberts, *Erin Brockovich*

■ Directing

Steven Daldry, *Billy Elliot*

Ang Lee, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

Steven Soderburg, *Erin Brockovich*

Steven Soderburg, *Traffic*

Ridley Scott, *Gladiator*

■ Screenplay — original

Almost Famous

Billy Elliot

Erin Brockovich

Gladiator

You Can Count on Me

■ Screenplay — adapted

Chocolat

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Traffic

Wonder Boys

■ Foreign Language Film

Amores Perros

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■ Best Picture

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Mind Games* 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* 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; *Ragtime*, the musical opens March 27 and continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45).

FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. 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; *The Civil War* starring Larry Gatlin Wednesday-Sunday, March 7-11 (\$19-\$55), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Killing Time* continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary. \$21-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666; discussions: *To Be or Not to Be: End of Life Issues in Our Time* series begins with "Legal and Ethical Issues: Right to Life, Right to Death?" with Dr. Jack Kevorkian's former attorneys Geoffrey Fieger and Michael Schwartz noon Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the Oakland Center Gold Room at Oakland University, Rochester. Free.

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

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. 16-17 and 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 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

PLANET ANT: *Buried Child* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17, at the theater, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948, ext. 1

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: *The Shadow Box* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 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

STAGECRAFTERS: *Songs for a New World, A New Musical Revue!* Friday, Feb. 16 to 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. \$9, reserved. (248) 541-6430

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

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

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



Celebration: Master jazzman Marcus Belgrave presents the story of the great musical innovator, Louis Armstrong during "Celebrate Black History! The Harlem Renaissance," at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Belgrave and his band perform on weekends at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. throughout the month of February. To learn more about the museum's Black History Month celebration, call (313) 271-1620, or visit www.hfmgv.org. The museum is at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

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. 15-17, at the theater downstairs at the Hilberry Theater on campus, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

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

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

KIDS CONCERT: 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

PONTIAC THEATRE IV: *Up the Down Staircase*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24, Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, students/seniors, \$6. (248) 656-7730

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

SEPTEMBER PRODUCTIONS: The Reluctant Dragon, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, March 7-9, Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. \$5 (\$4 for groups of 20). (248) 615-0414

TWO OF A KIND: Children's musical duo 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 763-TKTS

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. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 15-16, 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

YOUTHEATRE: *Ishangi Africa* entertains with traditional music, dance, storytelling and costumes 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 557-7529 or on-line at www.youththeatre.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRAZILIAN CULTURE CLUB: The Brazilian Culture Club of Detroit is holding its 18th annual Carnival Ball 2001 on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Holiday Inn on Telegraph Road in Southfield. For tickets and information, call (313) 862-7824 or visit www.BCCD.com

GALA BALL: Hosted by the United Irish Society, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 3, at the Dearborn Inn. Entertainment by two bands. Tickets \$75 per person, advance sales only, call (313) 561-8930 or (734) 243-3592.

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: Continues to Sunday, Feb. 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

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 Goralaki 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>

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 DIA. \$10. (313) 833-4005

BENEFITS

ANGELS' PLACE CONCERT: Features Manfred Drellech, and Mark Tisdall and Barbara Ogar performing a variety of music 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. No charge but a free will offering will benefit Angels' Place, a nonprofit organization providing Christian homes and services for adults with developmental disabilities. (248) 350-2203

HEART & MUSIC...TOO! 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

CLASSICAL

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 CIVIC SINFONIA: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra youth orchestra, featuring junior and senior high school students under the direction of Charles Burke, performs works by Grieg, Strauss and Sibelius 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

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

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Valleys and Peaks: Music from the Countryside* features a performance by Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra, musicians and harpist Lynne Aspes 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

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Features student winners of its annual concerto competition 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, instrument petting zoo begins at 1 p.m. in lobby, in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 334-6024

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Perform a family concert featuring selections from Camelot, dances, waltzes and marches 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, guests artists are the Thurston High School Chorus under Ray Schmidt singing Handel, Haydn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, at Thurston High School, Redford. Free. (313) 538-1652/(248) 681-8623

PETER SOAVE: The bandeonist/accordionist performs the tangos of Astor Piazzolla and Romero with his quintet 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. The Borsarello String Trio from Paris performs J.S. Bach's Six French Suites arranged for string trio by Mozart on the first half of the program. \$10-\$25, (734) 769-2999

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. (\$35), call (734) 647-8009/(734) 764-2538

WILLIAM TYNDALE COLLEGE: Present An Evening of Musical Reflections, a concert featuring its faculty 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in Kresge Chapel on campus, Farmington Hills. Free. For more information, call Kim Swan at (248) 553-7200, Ext. 450

ORGAN

DETROIT THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY: Members concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Senate Theater, Detroit. \$6. (313) 894-4100

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

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for Fiddler on the Roof 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 (6:30 p.m. registration) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For performances April 27-29, May 4-6, 10-12 and 17-19. (810) 739-0398

CALL FOR PERFORMERS: The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities. Deadline to apply is March 15. For more information or applications, call (248) 646-3347

CASTING CALL: Auditions for *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, also needed are a male singer, bassist and drummer, at the Harmonie Club, Detroit. For appointment, call (313) 961-5211

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 appointment.

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

VSA ARTS MICHIGAN: The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia. Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15. Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities. For more information or applications, call (248) 646-3347

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, bop)

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

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.

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPER: Ashaki Mayimura with Harrison/Davidson/Mayberry 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free will offering taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

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

RAVI COLTRANE: The saxophonist son of John and Alice Coltrane performs 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (313) 963-9800

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

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

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 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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With trumpeter John Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

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

TAMPA TED AND THE BLUE KNIGHTS: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

VANGUARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA: A tribute to the music of Thad Jones featuring Charles McPherson 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17-\$47. (313) 576-5111

PAUL VORNHAGEN: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8, includes opportunity to meet artists following performance. (248) 424-9041 (Celtic)

JESSE COOK: The Canadian acoustic guitarist plays a fiery mix of rumba, Latin jazz and world music 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$14 students. (734) 763-TKTS

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO: The African singes from Paul Simon's *Graceland* perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$35. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

RICHARD BUCKNER: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

SARAH HARMER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 763-TKTS

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE: To live music by Harvest, Donna Bird and David West, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Freight House in Ypsilanti's Depot Town. \$5, kids free with adults. (734) 973-0242, ext. 296

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: Presents *Collage*, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by company members Corinne Imberski, Anh Nguyen and Kay Redoers and previews of new works by artistic directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, in the third floor Maggie Allesee Dance Studio at Wayne State University, Old Main Building, Detroit. \$10, seating is limited. For reservations, call (313) 965-3544

GINA GIBNEY DANCE: A sneak preview of the company's new work *Several Truths* 8 p.m. Friday, March 2 before its New York City premiere, in the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio in the Old Main building on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$10, \$5 students. (313) 577-4273

M OON-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

TAMBURITZANS OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Warren Woods Community Theater, Warren. \$18. (248) 887-4677

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

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Pam Stone Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JD'S KEY CLUB: Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission: (248) 338-7337

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Leo Dufour Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 1001 Improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN ARTS/CULTURE: Opens a month long tribute to C.L.R. James and his fight for social revolution, film 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the center, Detroit. (313) 871-4594; film series 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Museum of African American History.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *African American Images from the Beginning of Photography to the Civil War* is a slide lecture with Jackie Wilson 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the museum. \$5 plus museum admission. Advanced registration is recommended. (313) 833-1733

LIVE MUSIC

ACDC: With Slash's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

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

ATTENTION BENEFIT DISORDER: Hosted by The Ghoul, with The Witches, Bantam Rooster, Cinecyde, Bump N Ugles, Edith Head, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (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

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

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

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

BRIDGE: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, March 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

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. 19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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

MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. <http://www.beatdownsounds.com> (house)

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

THE DANIELSON FAMILIE: With Scientific, Flashpapr, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

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THE DONNAS: With Bratmobile, The Mooney Suzuki, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

DOVES: 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

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EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band)

MARK ELF TRIO: 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. \$15. 18 and older. (734) 665-9090

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ENGLISH BEAT: Featuring Dave Wakeling, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)

TERRY FARMER: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Jumpin' Java Cafe, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4424; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, Crazy Willard Bookstore and Tea Room, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

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ORGY: With Alient Ant Farm, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Details to come.

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

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

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

MICHELLE PENN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (singer-song-writer)

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

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MOVIES

'Shadow of the Vampire' blends fact with fiction

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Almost certainly Max Schreck was not a vampire.

The German character actor made a few obscure films before his death in 1936 and would be no more than a footnote to film history if it weren't for his starring role in F. W. Murnau's 1922 classic *Nosferatu*.

He played perhaps the most hideous vampire in the history of films. But no one has suggested that he actually feasted on human blood.

Until now.

E. Elias Merhige's delightful *Shadow of the Vampire* poses the intriguing premise that in order

to ensure the authenticity of his masterpiece, *Nosferatu*, Murnau hired a real vampire to play "Count Orlok."

The true nature of Count Orlok, passed off as real actor Max Schreck, soon becomes apparent as this artificial documentary unfolds.

Director Merhige does a marvelous job of recreating the sense of film making in pre-Hitler Germany. John Malkovich stars as Murnau, who comes off somewhat as a monster himself as he is willing to sacrifice any life for his art.

Also notable to the cast is Udo Kier, a veteran actor who has played a vampire on more than one occasion. (He was wonderful

in the Andy Warhol production of *Dracula* in which he was seeking the blood of "whergins.")

But it's Academy Award nominee Willem Dafoe as Schreck who dominates the film. Hissing and wheezing and with stiletto fingernails he is *Nosferatu*.

"I want makeup," he demands as filming is to begin in his remote castle. Murnau refuses. Schreck needs nothing to embellish his character.

The premise of this film may be jarring to the viewer. After all, *Nosferatu*, Schreck and Murnau were real. And *Nosferatu* already has taken on legendary status for being a nearly lost film. Murnau was sued by the widow of Bram Stoker for pla-

giarizing *Dracula* and renaming it *Nosferatu*. The court ruled in her favor and ordered all prints of *Nosferatu* destroyed. Fortunately, some survived.

Merhige skillfully blends scenes of the actual *Nosferatu* with his recreation of the production.

Great attention is paid to detail as we get to see how films were made in a time before sound and with hand-operated cameras.

Despite a marvelously oppressive atmosphere of decay, there are some fine comedic moments, such as when Murnau takes Schreck to task for feasting on his cameraman. Why my cameraman, he demands. Why couldn't you just take the script girl?

Schreck pauses a moment over the missed opportunity, then replies, "I'll eat her later."

But the ominous conclusion reminds us that this is at heart a horror movie. As well as one big joke, albeit a very good one.

Separating fact from fiction, the real Murnau survived *Nosferatu* and directed such classics as *Faust* and *The Last Laugh* before his untimely death in an auto accident in 1931.

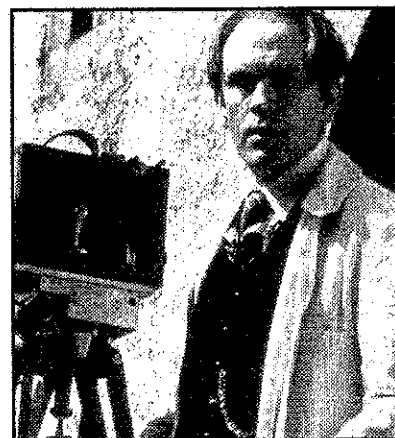
Schreck made only a handful of films, none of which, beside *Nosferatu*, is remembered today.

Anyone who has seen this film will certainly want to check out the original, which even today stands as one of the finest horror films ever made. And don't miss Werner Herzog's 1979 remake,



If looks could kill: (Top) Willem Dafoe cuts a stark profile as Count Orlok.

Details: (Right) As director F.W. Murnau, John Malkovich also gave a real insight to filming equipment and techniques of the 1920s.



thoroughly engrossing film that Murnau probably would have loved.

As for Schreck, one can only wonder...

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Nelson Moss and Sara Deever have
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spirit who brings out the best in a man.
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The ABC morning animated series
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an affair, they are forced to come to
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Stars Maggie Cheung. Shown exclu-
sively at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Predictable 'Valentine' hardly scares up a holiday audience

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Will the last person to guess the "surprise" ending please turn off the projector?

Valentine, yet another teen slasher epic, stretches the patience of even the hardest horror fan. Hear those strings in the soundtrack? It means the killer's near. See the extreme close-up of the girl in distress? It means the killer's very near. No strings and no close-ups? It means more inane dialog until then.

Valentine begins neatly enough at a suburban middle school's big Valentine's Day dance, where nerdy Jeremy Melton is rejected by five smug, would-be dance partners. Dissolve 13 years into the present, when the five have grown to be the most arrogant, self-centered and condescending quintet imaginable. No blind date is good enough for them, and it's no wonder they have to go that route in the first place.

Then, they each receive a Valentine's Day card, signed with the initials J.M. Not your garden variety Hallmark, mind you. One offers the following poetic twist: "Roses are red/Violets are blue/They'll need dental records to identify you." Charm-



Horror: 'Valentine' uses all the usual tricks to focus on fright.

ing fellow, this mystery slayer.

Oh yes, each card precedes another chorus of strings, a few close-ups, one or two red herrings to keep you in the game, and finally the horrific demise of the recipient at the hands of the Cupid-masked murderer.

Is it Jeremy back for revenge, or is it one of the other weirdoes, from the spooky neighbor to the creepy artist to the lecherous police detective? Listen for the strings and see who's left.

Valentine features a flock of somewhat-familiar young film and TV actors. As bad-girl Paige, Denise Richards (*The World is Not Enough*) is the most recog-

nizable. Her eyebrows are the second scariest thing in the film. Marley Shelton (the current *Sugar and Spice*) fares better as the quiet, trusting Kate. David Boreanaz (*TV's Angel*) is Kate's sometimes boyfriend who can't stay on the wagon long enough to make it permanent.

Despite its four writers, *Valentine* would have been better off with its tongue occasionally in its cheek. By playing it "dead" serious, the wittiest dialogue came from the snickering audience.

Jon Katz reviews films for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. He lives in Rochester.

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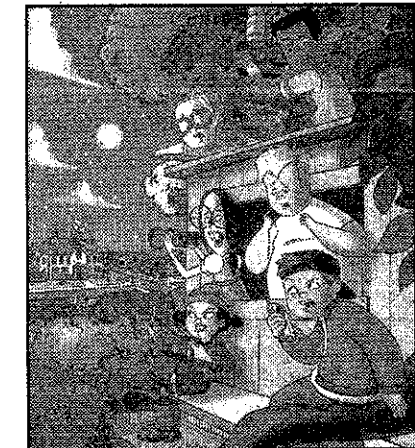
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B'JAZZ VESPER: Ashaki Mayimura with Harrison/Davidson/Mayberry 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free will offering taken for musicians. (248) 644-0550

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

RAVI COLTRANE: The saxophonist son of John and Alice Coltrane performs 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (313) 963-9800

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

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

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

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 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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With trumpeter John Trudell, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

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

TAMPA TED AND THE BLUE KNIGHTS: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

VANGUARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA: A tribute to the music of Thad Jones featuring Charles McPherson 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17-\$47. (313) 576-5111

PAUL VORNHAGEN: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8, includes opportunity to meet artists following performance. (248) 424-9041 (Celtic)

JESSE COOK: The Canadian acoustic guitarist plays a fiery mix of rumba, Latin jazz and world music 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$14 students. (734) 763-TKTS

LADYSMITH BLK MAMBAZO: The African singes from Paul Simon's *Graceland* perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$35. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

RICHARD BUCKNER: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

SARAH HARMER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 763-TKTS

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE: To live music by Harvest, Donna Bird and David West 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the Freight House in Ypsilanti's Depot Town. \$5, kids free with adults. (734) 973-0242, ext. 296

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: Presents *Collage*, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by company members Corinne Imberski, Anh Nguyen and Kay Redoers and previews of new works by artistic directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, in the third floor Maggie Alsee Dance Studio at Wayne State University, Old Main Building, Detroit. \$10, seating is limited. For reservations, call (313) 965-3544

GINA GIBNEY DANCE: A sneak preview of the company's new work *Several Truths* 8 p.m. Friday, March 2 before its New York City premiere, in the Maggie Alsee Dance Studio in the Old Main building on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$10, \$5 students. (313) 577-4273

M OON-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

TAMBURITZANS OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Warren Woods Community Theater, Warren. \$18. (248) 887-4677

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

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Pam Stone Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

JD'S KEY CLUB: Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Leo Dufour Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 1001 Improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

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CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN ARTS/CULTURE: Opens a month long tribute to C.L.R. James and his fight for social revolution, film 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the center, Detroit. (313) 871-4594; film series 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Museum of African American History.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *African American Images from the Beginning of Photography to the Civil War* is a slide lecture with Jackie Wilson 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at the museum. \$5 plus museum admission. Advanced registration is recommended. (313) 833-1733

LIVE MUSIC

ACDC: With Slash's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

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

ATTENTION BENEFIT DISORDER: Hosted by The Ghoul, with The Witches, Bantam Rooster, Cinecyde, Bump N Ugles, Edith Head, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (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

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

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

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

BRIDGE: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, March 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

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. 19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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

MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. http://www.beatdownsounds.com (house)

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

THE DANIELSON FAMILIE: With Scientific, Flashpap'r, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

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 (blues)

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

DEATHCAB FOR CUTIE: With The Jealous Sound, The And/Ors, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (343) 833-9700

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

JASON DENNIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 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 (rock)

THE DETROIT OLD TIMERS: Ninth annual concert and dance, With The Manhattans featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett, also comedian Downtown Tony Brown, David Myles and the Mylestones, and Serieux, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, The Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Theatre, Detroit. (248) 351-9662

DETROIT VOLUME: With DJ Hannah and DJ Korie, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$5. (313) 833-9700

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

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With The Brothers Groove, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555 (rock with horn section)

THE DONNAS: With Bratmobile, The Mooney Suzuki, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

DOVES: 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

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, Dearborn. \$10. Sponsored by WHFR 89.3FM

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

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band)

MARK ELF TRIO: 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. \$15. 18 and older. (734) 665-9090

ELKION: CD release showcase with Few and Far Between, Remainder, Red Shirt Brigade, Kid Brother Collective, The Recital, The Killing Suspense, Silence of Fall, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700

ENGLISH BEAT: Featuring Dave Wakeling, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)

TERRY FARMER: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Jumpin' Java Cafe, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4424; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

FAMOUS RAY: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3 for over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555

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FOOLISH MORTALS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Lower Town Grill, Plymouth; 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, The Drowsy Parrot, Saline. For details, see www.maynardmusic.com

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$9.47-\$22. (248) 645-6666

DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. Details to come. (singer-songwriter)

HAPPENSTANCE: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 23-24, Shantle Food and Spirits, Warren. (810) 755-5055; Friday, March 2, 9, Johnny B. Goode's, Warren. (810) 772-6343; Friday, March 16, Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, The Great Baraboo, Clinton Township. (810)-792-7397 (rock)

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; 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, Mac's Acadian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500 (boogie blues)

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

INNER RECIPE: With Lucid, Blissfield, Friday, Feb. 16, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555

INSIDE FIVE MINUTES: With American Drama, The Fear of Dreams, Some Soviet Station, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

JETTISON RED: With The Muggs, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

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 (blues and folk)

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

KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 for over 21 and \$8 under 21. (734) 996-8555

LEFTOVER SALMON: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, The Majestic, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700

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

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE: Featuring music by Straight Ahead, 8 p.m. Fat Tuesday, Feb. 27, Fishbones, Detroit. \$10 or free with costume. (313) 965-4600 (jazz)

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)

PAT MCGEE BAND: With Lotus, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (734) 996-8555

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

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See www.mxmwm.com.

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

MOJAVE 3: With Sid Heliman 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: With Neko Case, Moods for Moderns, Fletcher Pratt, 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)

ORGY: With Alient Ant Farm, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. Details to come.

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

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

OUTKAST: With Ludacris, Slimm Calhoun, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$50. (248) 433-1515

OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar, upstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 543-1964 (techno)

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE: Featuring members of Blackberry Brandy, Monday, Feb. 19, 26, 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

MICHELLE PENN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (singer-song-writer)

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

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

RAINER MARIA: With Aloha, New Granada, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700

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

ROBB ROY: With Treblehead, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Gotham City Cafe, Ann Arbor.

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. 9248) 544-3030. (blues)

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

SANCHEZ: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Majestic, Detroit. \$25. (313) 833-9700

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

SMALL CRAFT SIGHTING: CD release party with Mock Heroics, Bedford Drive, 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700

'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. Thursday, Feb. 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

THRALL: With Chapstick, The Drakes, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 for over 21 and \$7 under 21. (734) 996-8555

TWELFTH HOUR: With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: Sunday, Feb. 18, 25, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

2 DAYS STRAIGHT: With Red September, Caulfield, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

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

STREET SCENE

Don't call it country: Mojave 3 defies classification

STEPHANIE
A. CASOLA

Neil Halstead even speaks in a slow, meandering tone. He's in Los Angeles, just visiting friends he explains, when I get the call. It's just days before Mojave 3 are ready to start their North American tour supporting the release of the British band's third effort, *Excuses for Travellers*.

Together since 1995, Mojave 3 is primarily comprised of Halstead, Rachel Goswell, Ian McCutcheon, Simon Rowe and Alan Forrester. The band arose from the ashes of British shoe-gazers, Slowdive. "That split up and a few months later I went into the studio with Rachel to record a few tunes," said Halstead, Mojave 3's primary songwriter. "4AD heard a tape of the songs and offered to release it."

At the time the band didn't have a name, let alone a solid group of musicians to play the songs. Now boasting up to seven members, Mojave 3 sways beyond comparisons to Cowboy

Junkies and even the subtle sounds of Nick Drake. Wandering guitarwork, melancholy lyrics and a sense of realism all make for an engaging piece of work. Halstead has a knack for taking the all-to-familiar and making it discreetly personal.

On *Return To Sender*, he transforms a mundane, familiar phrase into a sentimental adage of lost love and lost hope in seven words: "If you find us/Return to sender." *Any Day Will Be Fine*, is more of a Mojave 3 attempt at pop, packed with plenty of "oohs" and "aahs." Its details of a summer crush seem shattered by the sad reality of the song that follows, *She Broke You So Softly*. Even Goswell makes her mark, singing *Bringin' Me Home*, a sort of lullaby to sorting out life.

While he definitely doesn't call it "country" music, Halstead doesn't know quite what to call Mojave 3. Like the band's desert name evokes, the sound is sparse-yet-sweeping. "We had no vision," he said. "There really wasn't a vision on this record at all. We just go into the studio and see what happens."

That easy-going attitude that comes across in the music, all



One to pack for the road: Mojave 3 creates a soundtrack for life with *Excuses for Travellers*. See them Feb. 21 at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

tinged with folk simplicity and sincere songwriting. At a time when British bands like Travis poses pop-styled questions like *Why Does It Always Rain On Me* and Coldplay paints romantic visions in *Yellow*, Mojave 3 seems content to steer clear from the more-produced Brit pop set. It's not an altogether departure from Halstead's days in Slowdive either.

"I think there's probably a similar sensitivity, a similar atmosphere," he said, comparing Mojave 3. "Slowdive wasn't really concerned with songs."

Songs are of primary concern now. While some of the tracks on *Excuses for Travellers* were written around the time the band released its last album, *Out of Tune*, they all fit a certain mood. "A lot of them are about traveling, in particular being at a certain point in your life," Halstead said. "I think a lot of them are about realizing where you are in your life."

As primary songwriter, Halstead admits he doesn't have a steady approach to writing. "I find sometimes I can write and sometimes I can't. I like going to different places. You get a certain inspiration. Being in a

band, you meet a lot of different people. They have all got their own story. It's sort of the things people say that make fodder for the song."

So much of the music is grounded in truth, even if he doesn't follow any sort of plan. And Halstead himself admits he's not always understood. His flatmate, he said with a laugh, accuses him of having written three albums all containing the same song.

"I think there's quite a lot of variety," he added.

In the meantime, Halstead is working on a solo effort he hopes will be released on 4AD. "I don't think anyone will mistake it for a country record," he said with conviction.

See Mojave 3 perform with openers Sid Hellman Group, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Magic Stick, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for this 18 and older show. Call (313) 833-9700.

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All systems go for Denver's 16 Horsepower

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Jean-Yves Tola may be considered the force behind 16 Horsepower, his drumming the backbone of this Denver-based gothic alt-country rock quartet. But when the band isn't on tour, Tola and his bandmates are farther apart than you might imagine. The Parisian-born drummer chooses to reside in California while fellow 16 Horsepower guitarist Stephen Taylor lives in New Orleans. Bassist Pascal Humbert and David Eugene Edwards stayed in Denver. Sounding stronger than ever, the distance between them hasn't hindered a thing.

"The tour has been going on for a couple of weeks," said Tola from his cell phone in that unmistakable French accent. "I'm just trying to be healthy and to be ready. We've had really good crowds."

The crowds are coming to hear 16 Horsepower perform songs from its most recent Razor and Tie release, *Secret South*. The first single, *Clogger*, along with the slow-build of *Cinder Alley* and the band's ethereal cover of Bob Dylan's *Nobody C'pt You* make this album one to keep. For the first time, Tola had more of a hand in songwriting and production.

He and Edwards have been working together since a first



Kick it into gear: 16 Horsepower will stop in Detroit, Saturday, Feb. 17, while on tour to support *Secret South*.

chance meeting — building movie sets on a Los Angeles studio lot in 1992. Shortly after, the darkly foreboding, strangely engaging sounds of 16 Horsepower came to be.

But Tola has been a musician since the age of 7, when his parents insisted each of their five children choose an instrument.

"When I was 12 years old, I didn't want to play the flute anymore. I went for the farthest thing away from the flute, which is drums."

Rhythm came easily to him in any genre. From classical music to hard core punk rock bands in Paris, Tola's tastes ran the gamut.

"A lot of classical music was played around my house," he recalled. "My brother was a guitar player and he was really into Bob Dylan and Cat Stevens. I love those guys now, even

though I didn't know it then. It got into my head."

The depth and inspiration of such artists shines in *Secret South*. For the first time, 16 Horsepower approached recording this project with a few songs yet to be finished. *Silver Saddle* and *Just Like Birds* came full circle during the recording process. "I'm really happy with what happened with those songs at the studio," he said. "We just kind of let go of ourselves in there. That was kind of a great thing to do — to be able to not have to be so prepared. I think sometimes you lose a lot of the spontaneity, some of the ideas you come up with, if you're too settled."

Fans of the band will finally find it easier to get their hands on *Hoarse*, a live album recorded in 1998 at The Bluebird Theatre in Denver and Bataclan in Paris. "We did that as a little plus for our fans, to make a little extra money on the road. But the problem is, we're selling as much of these as *Secret South*."

16 Horsepower finally decided to release *Hoarse* on Checkered Past Records. Until now, it has only been available through mail-order. "It's just really a compilation of older songs, before *Secret South*," said Tola. "We didn't really worry about what songs they were. We were more concerned with quality and performance."

Right after the band's show at Detroit's Magic Stick, 16 Horsepower will begin the European leg of the tour, starting in Greece. But it won't be much of an adjustment, said Tola. He feels audiences vary more by region than by country. "In Germany, we know 80 percent of the people don't understand the words. But we're a little bit more popular in Europe than we are in America. One thing (they have) in common — they are very nice, very supportive. We're very fortunate to have such a following."

American Mars' music 'lingers around sunset'

Recently added to the bill, the Detroit area's own American Mars will open the 16 Horsepower show. Thomas Trimble, the band's voice and songwriter is looking forward to the show. Here's what he had to say to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers:

Who: 16 Horsepower with American Mars
When: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17
Where: Magic Stick, Detroit.
Tickets: \$12 for this 18 and older show. Call (313) 961-8961.

O&E: How might American Mars be a complimentary choice to open this particular show?

Thomas Trimble: "While I would never compare our band to 16 Horsepower, I think in many ways we are interested in a lot of the same things, musically and lyrically. They are working with some very powerful cultural tropes that deal in history and myth whereas I think we are more interested in trying to make sense of the present state of things."

O&E: How does your music compare to or contrast with 16 Horsepower?

TT: "16 Horsepower is a very powerful group. My sense is that we share a lot of the same influences, Dylan, the Gun Club, Joy Division, but that we come at those bodies of work from different directions. While they seem to go further into night, I think American Mars prefers to linger around sunset."

O&E: Do you consider yourself a fan?

TT: "I'm a huge fan. I saw them open for Grant Lee Buffalo several years ago and have followed their work ever since. Their music physically impacts me like almost no other band I've ever heard. The Dirty Three is the only other band I know of that can do that."

Look for a new album by American Mars this Spring. So far, the working title is *No City Fun*.

— Interview by Stephanie Angelyn Casola

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DINING

Zoup!'s on

Expanding restaurant chain specializes in soup to go or stay

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to imagine eating chicken pot pie without a fork.

But spoon your way through a bowl of creamy chicken soup, loaded with vegetables and homemade crust, at Zoup! in Southfield, and you'll never go back to the traditional oven-baked version.

Chicken pot pie soup is a favorite and a fixture on the eatery's dozen soups-a-day menu that draws from more than 200 soup, stew and chili recipes made daily at Zoup!'s Ferndale headquarters.

"The philosophy when we lay out the soups is to try to offer something for everyone," says co-owner Eric Ersher, of Sylvan Lake, who founded Zoup! two years ago with David Elias, of Farmington Hills.

A recent menu included steak soup, four different chicken soups, two seafood soups, a chili and four vegetarian versions. The Chicken Pot Pie, thick, rich, but not overly creamy, lured me back to the restaurant for another bowl a few days after I first sampled it. The Mexican Chicken, a combination of corn, rice, green chili, jalapeno, green peppers, chicken and spices in a tomato-based soup, delivered just the right amount of zest. But the Caribbean Seafood Chowder, loaded with seafood and vegetables in a thin soup, was too fishy for my taste.

"We have chicken pot pie every day. We have to, by demand. The others rotate every day. We try to track favorites. Our customers very regularly tell us what they want and we adjust the menu to put them on more often. We found our customer base is pretty diverse."

Ersher and Elias will open their third Zoup! location in Troy next month. Their second eatery opened last year in the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Zoup!
On the menu: A dozen different soups, stews and chili creations daily from an assortment of more than 200 recipes. Each soup comes with a hunk of multi-grain or sourdough bread. Beverages include soda pop, iced tea, hot tea, coffee, lemonade and bottled water. Cookies, brownies, mud pie, berry cobbler, apple brown Betty and rice pudding are available for dessert. The Troy location, opening in March, also will serve salads.
Cost: Soup prices range from about \$3.25-\$4.25 for an eight-ounce cup, \$4.50-\$6.50 for a 16 ounce bowl and \$6.75-\$10.75 for a 32-ounce container.
Hours and locations:
■ **Southfield** — 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Saturday at 29177 Northwestern Highway, north of 12 Mile Road in the Franklin Plaza Shopping Center. Phone (248) 799-2800 or fax (248) 799-2882.



■ **Detroit** — 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, in the Tower 200 food court at The Renaissance Center. Phone (313) 567-7500 or fax (313) 567-7511.
Ordering: Zoup! posts the daily menu for each location on its Web site at www.zoup.com. It accepts on-line orders and payment, as well as fax orders.

sance Center in Detroit.

The 2,200-square-foot space at 2873 Maple, just east of Coolidge, will seat about 25 people, about half of the available seating at Zoup! in Southfield. Customers will be able to order from the Troy menu in person, by fax or over the Internet, as they can from the other Zoup! sites. And they'll choose from 12 different soups daily, including low-fat, non-dairy, spicy and vegetarian, a variety of beverages and desserts.

"The whole area there really is changing from light industrial to a higher end retail. There's new residential coming. It's a changing area. We're really excited about it," Ersher noted.

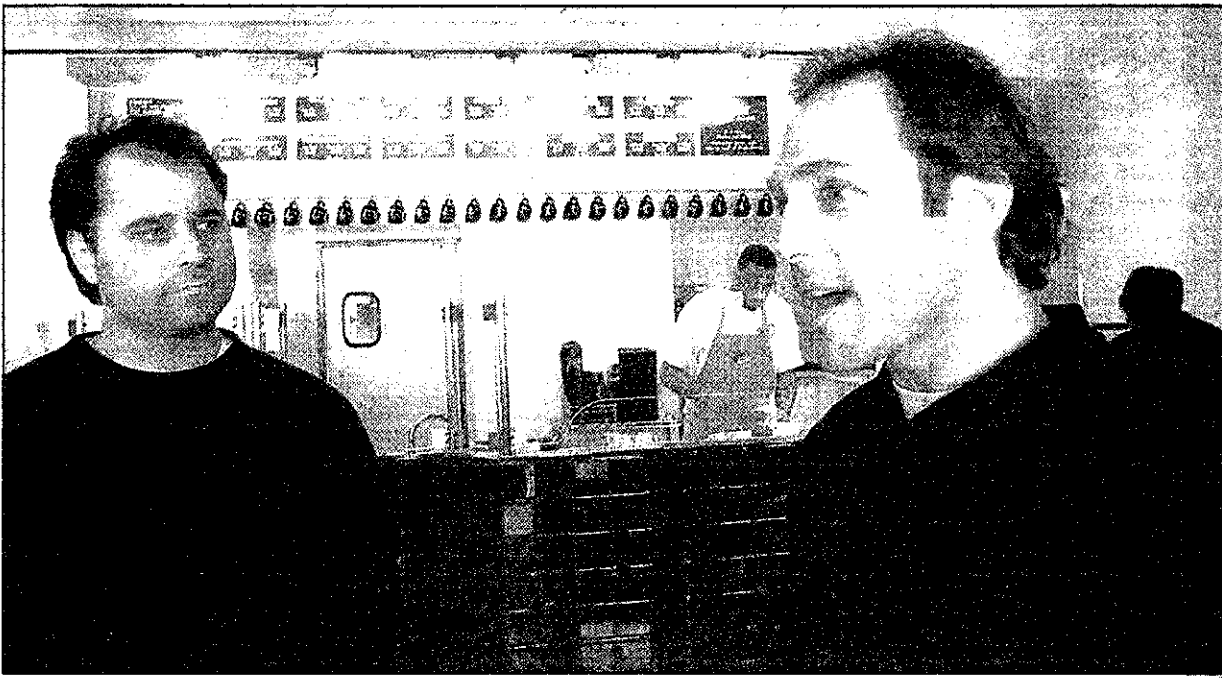
"We're going to introduce something new in Troy called *Good Greens*, which is our salad component. We listen to our customers. There have been requests for salads and we think they'll round out the concept."

Fast, nutritious and quality define Zoup!'s philosophy. Ersher says his company is part of a growing food trend called "quick casual."

"It's sort of like fast food for adults, but it turns on a higher quality product," he explained.

Zoup! makes its soups in small batches using only fresh vegetables and no MSG. It quickly chills cooked soups to refrigeration temperature before transporting them to Southfield and Detroit, where they are heated in a double boiler.

"One of the benefits to our method is that the soups are not kept hot for hours and hours, because if they are and you're not careful, they continue to cook," he said.



Soup entrepreneurs: Zoup! partners David Elias (left) and Eric Ersher sold wholesale spices before opening their growing chain of soup-only restaurants.

"We won't cut corners, even if it's the most labor intensive, expensive way to do it. If those are the results we're looking for, that's the way we do it."

Ersher, Elias, their wives, family members and friends tested and tasted soups every weekend for a year before the pair opened Zoup!. They hired a chef to create and refine recipes. And they quit their wholesale spice business to manage their growing chain of soup-only eateries.

"We're always adding new soups and we're always trying things our customers suggest."

Ersher and Elias describe themselves as "soup fanatics." While peddling spices, they got a chance to "look in the back doors of a lot of restaurants" and noticed that their favorite food was an under-served segment of the industry.

They vowed to do a better job.

"Both of us are pretty healthy eaters and we just like soup, but only the good stuff," Ersher noted.

Neither can pass up a bowl or two of Zoup! soup and are likely to order a few varieties at a sitting.

"Soup is a great way to try different flavors. I walk in and eat three or four," Ersher said, adding with a laugh, "I haven't used a fork since 1998."

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Old World charm: Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham (at left) decorated the Giancamilli residence to give it a little bit of Italy. Here in the living room, drapes with gold and navy stripes convey an Old World feeling. Wanda Giancamilli (at right) looks at a book in the kitchen.



A LITTLE BIT OF

Italy

Design puts new spin on Old World look

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER
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Andy and Wanda Giancamilli's Birmingham residence puts a new spin on Old World charm and atmosphere.

The Giancamillis wanted a little bit of Italy in the interior design, said Andy, who is president and chief operating officer of Kmart. The work by designer Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham fashioned a comfortable combination of classic and contemporary throughout the four levels of the house.

An Old World flavor blends smoothly with modern innovations and creative use of space. Delightful details display the family's distinctive personality.

"The thing about Jeff is he really listens to you," Wanda Giancamilli said. "It's your home. You don't feel you moved into someone else's home."

"They said what they wanted, and run with it," King said. "They were wonderful clients."

The Giancamillis and King are also connected through The Snow Ball, a charity event taking place next week (see related story). Andy and Wanda are honorary chairpersons of The Snow Ball. King and Linda Jennings of Wixom are its co-chairs.

The house has a captivating structure. In some places one level looks onto another. Small staircases are gently winding. Along one is a custom handrail by Gonzalo Rodriguez of Rochester Hills.

Almost every room is an example of the beautiful design balance achieved with such features as antiques and antique appearance, earth tones and natural elements.

The lower level was almost completely remodeled. Much of the area is a family room. Here are large, inviting sofas and chairs, some dressed in distressed leather for an antique look. Wooden doors also feature distressed surfaces.

Slate floors, the woven leather backs and seats of the chairs along the bar, and glimpses of brick in parts of the walls, are other elements that suggest Old World. Technical Specialties of Sylvan Lake did the Italian distressed brick faux painting. Scones and recessed lighting give soft but plentiful illumination.

The glass-topped table with thick metal legs, and an arrangement of giant gears on one wall, convey earth textures and hues.

Yet comfortably ensconced here is an entertainment center in the family room, a sauna in the bathroom, and a cork-board bearing photos of family and friends. The bar has plenty of storage and organization room, including compartments for garbage.

There is a cigar room for Andy Giancamilli with a barrel vault ceiling, cedar walls and recycled brick. The circulation changes the air here every 2-1/2 hours.

Heavy drapes in gold and navy blue stripes are displayed in the living room, where again the furniture is big and welcoming. Cream molding was added here and elsewhere.

Nearby is the kitchen, with a nook containing a chandelier with a charming floral design. The "floral fresco" ceiling is by Angela Kilcullen, formerly of Royal Oak. Large architectural accents from an older house bring historical character.

The foyer is crowned with a chandelier that hangs from a creamy painting of a blue sky. A "dusk sky" is depicted on the

dining room ceiling. Both murals are by Elizabeth Frankland.

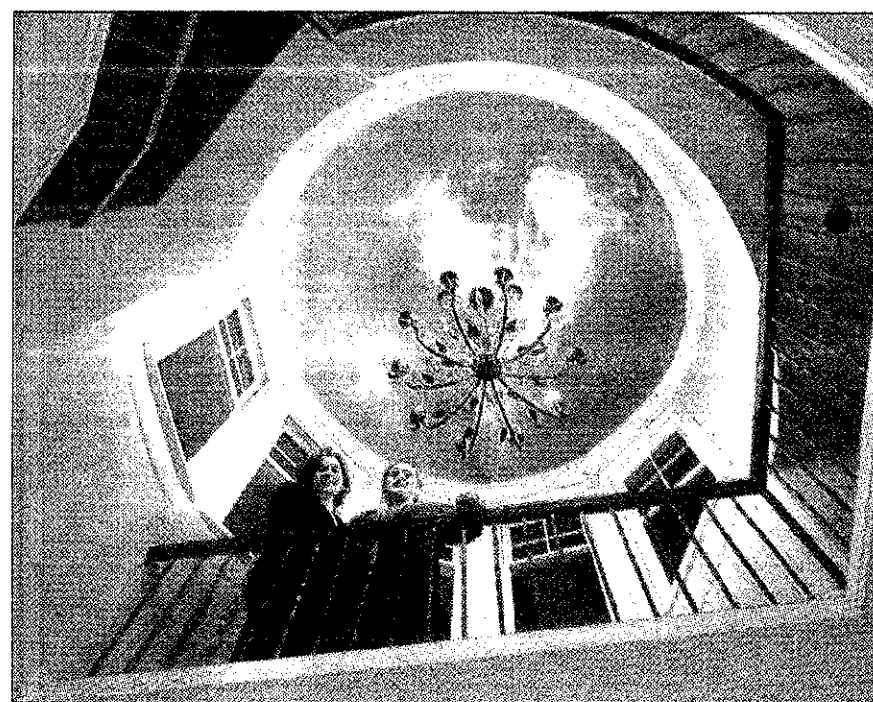
Sisal carpeting, and walls covered in Ralph Lauren suede finish paint (which doesn't show fingerprints, King says), are found throughout upstairs rooms.

These rooms include the office, which features a dark, narrow antique table, a bright, kilim style ottoman, and a lampshade adorned with a petal design. A computer and TV are nestled amid the white shelves.

The master bedroom contains a sleigh bed. A one-way mirror above the fireplace conceals the TV when not on.

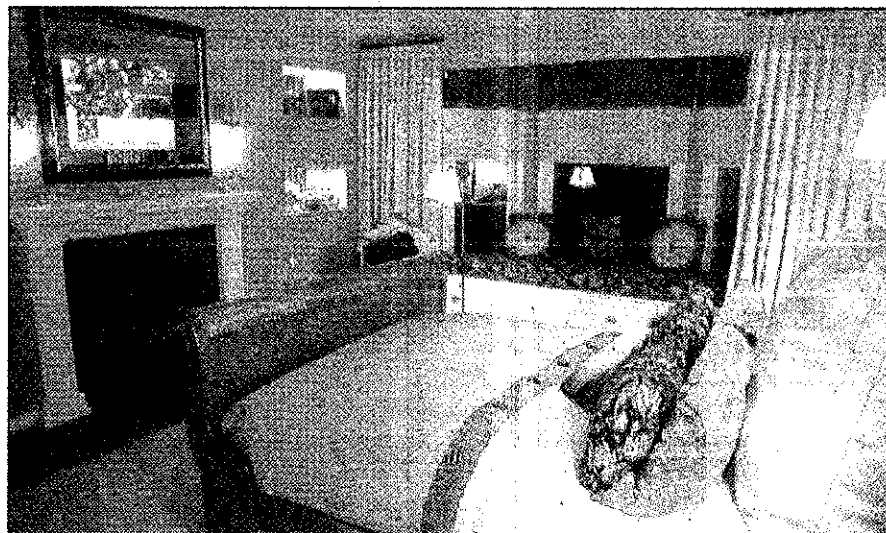
The master bathroom features his and her vanities, each with cabinet space large enough so that nothing has to be left out on counters. An old pharmacy cabinet that unfolds, and an Italian cherry cabinet from the 1920s to 1930s are also here.

An exercise room is on the top level. Other activities are done here, with neat storage space for anything from a sewing machine to gift wrapping supplies.



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Imaginative and innovative: Wanda and Andy Giancamilli (above) stand on an upper level in the foyer of their Birmingham home. A daylight sky is painted on the ceiling. The master bedroom of the residence (at left) features a one-way mirror that keeps a TV out of sight when not in use.



Great smokes: Andy Giancamilli relaxes in his cigar room. A circulation system changes the air every 2-1/2 hours.

Warm hearts help Snow Ball benefit

The Snow Ball is a black-tie dinner with dancing, festivities, entertainment by renowned orchestra leader Simone Vitale, and a live auction of fantasy packages. The theme for this year's event is a 1940s supper club as well as "White and Snow."

Presented by Variety - The Children's Charity, The Snow Ball will take place 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom in Birmingham.

Tickets per person are \$225, \$300 (patron) and \$500 (benefactor). For information, contact The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road in Southfield, phone (248) 258-5511.

Among the fantasy packages are:

- A tour of Hollywood and Disneyland with model/actress Kathy Ireland
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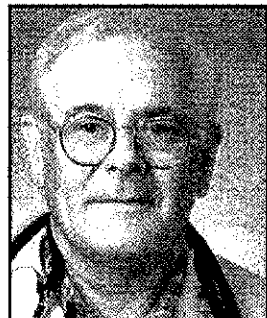
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JOE GAGNON

Time to talk

Home shows allow the Appliance Doctor a chance to talk with consumers in more detail about ranges and refrigerators.

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MARTY FIGLEY

Room to grow

Sprout a plant from an avocado pit or a sweet potato by following these tips.

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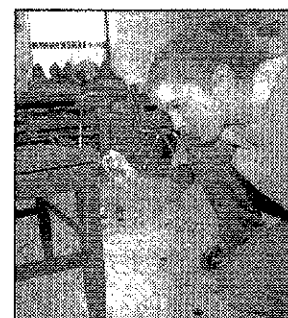


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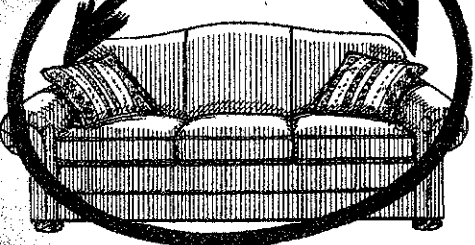
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HOME WORK

Consumers talk about appliance problems

APPLIANCE
DOCTOR

JOE GAGNON

I've done radio shows recently at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and Novi Home Improvement Show. Soon I will be broadcasting at the Home and Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Feb. 22-25, GMC Builders Home and Flower Show at the Cobo Center in Detroit March 22-25, and a home show in Jackson.

Now, this is not a complaint, in fact it is just the opposite. I love talking with consumers and taking my time answering questions, emphasizing what are right and wrong approaches to fixing appliances. I want to thank all of you for talking with me and explaining your particular problems.

Many of you teach me ideas that I broadcast onto the airwaves or write in this newspaper, and in so doing, can help others who wonder just what is wrong.

At the recent home show in Novi, a woman said she could use her oven only during the evening hours. After several ser-

vice calls, she discovered that when anyone used the cell phones or portable phone in the house, an electronic component was rendered useless inside the stove modular control. The service technician explained that this technicality occurred with many ranges from the same company. This doctor is on the case in finding out which brands don't function and why.

A fire and tragedy

Another woman stopped by to ask me if I could identify a microwave oven which had been in a house fire. I asked her to explain the circumstances which brought tears to my eyes. There was a house fire which may have been caused by the microwave. Her attorney kept the microwave, but he was unable to identify the product. I asked her to get the microwave from her attorney and I would try to help her. Then I asked her if anyone was hurt in the fire.

She told me her daughter died as a result of the fire. Let me tell you that after looking into that mother's eyes for just a few minutes, I will feel her grief for a long time.

At these shows when I meet thousands of homeowners, there are many compliments and I truly appreciate them. Every once in a while I receive constructive criticism which makes me a smarter person.

■ If only I could make
appliance maintenance
as important as chang-
ing the oil in a car.

More service needed

A woman told me about all the service calls she made to fix her washing machine. Each time the service technician told her that there is nothing wrong with the washer. Each time he told her that she is using it incorrectly. The lady was just plaid mad at me because she had purchased this brand solely on my recommendation. I just simply hung my head and bit my lip. Maybe sometimes I do sound like a know-it-all.

Refrigerator ice-makers are still the biggest subject of conversations at these shows with dryer vent lines questions a close second. More and more homeowners are becoming aware of hoses which supply water to their washing machines and checking and replacing them. I wish I could promote and encourage the maintenance of these products so consumers would pay attention before, rather than after, the damage occurs. If only I could make it as important as changing the oil in a car.

American-made appliances are becoming another big factor in

why so many more products are sold with a very big price tag. Ranges built today that get so hot on the outside get national media attention because children burn themselves and spend a lengthy amount of time in a hospital.

No wonder why so much of our money goes overseas.

Readers write

Michael Slayter bought a house which included a refrigerator. The refrigerator emits an odor, which is stronger when the motor is running. He writes: "I cleaned the drip pan and placed baking soda in the freezer and refrigerator, but it was no help."

A: Wash out the refrigerator using tomato juice. When you're done, leave a dish full of tomato juice on the refrigerator shelf for three days.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on *Newstalk 760, WJR-AM*, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

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@aol.com

INTERIOR DESIGN

'Treasure twins' from public TV to visit DIA, Somerset

A Cadwalader easy chair used in a country day school sold for a record-setting \$2.75 million. A table bought at a yard sale for \$25 sold for more than half a million dollars at auction.

These are just two of the extraordinary discoveries that twins Leigh and Leslie Keno,

stars of public television's popular *Antiques Roadshow*™, have made throughout their acclaimed careers as furniture experts and antique dealers.The Detroit Institute of Arts' Associates of the American Wing will welcome the "treasure twins" Wednesday, Feb. 21, for a special lecture and book signing honoring their new book, *Hidden Treasures: Searching for Masterpieces of American Furniture*.

At the event, the Kenos will trace numerous finds throughout their careers as antique dealers,

and share tips and anecdotes from their experiences with Detroit antique enthusiasts.

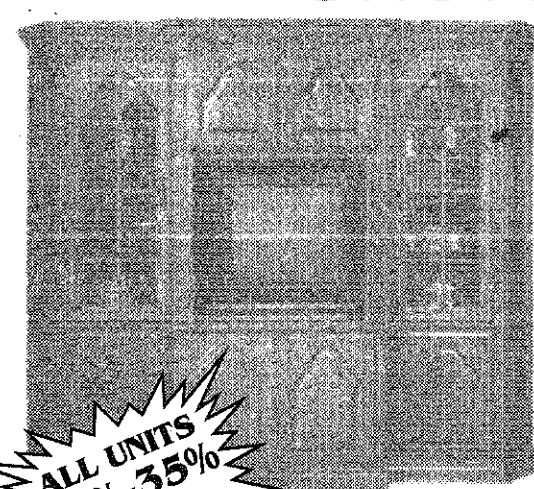
The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the DIA, 5200 Woodward in the University Cultural Center. Tickets for the event are \$10 and are available by calling (313) 833-4005. Valet parking will be available for a minimal charge at the Woodward entrance.

The Keno brothers will also appear for a book signing only noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the DIA Museum Shop at

Somerset Collection South, Big Beaver and Coolidge roads in Troy.

Years of experience and success in the antique market have translated into many amazing stories and discoveries. With their special appearance at the DIA, the Kenos will offer an intimate look at the fascinating experience of uncovering hidden treasures.

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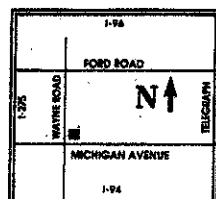
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GARDENING

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GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

What do avocados, pineapples and sweet potatoes have in common? You guessed it! They can all be transformed into pretty houseplants with very little effort.

The children can get involved and watch the miracle of growth happen and perhaps have a contest to see which grows the best. So

get ready, set, go!

The seeds of **avocado**, *Persea americana*, germinate very easily and make attractive pot plants after several years of growth.

They do need to be pinched back to encourage side branching so they become full and lush. Give them plenty of light so they don't become spindly, and stake them if necessary. They don't set flowers or fruit when grown indoors, but the foliage makes up for that.

Stick three or four toothpicks around the center of the seed to support it over a container of water so that it is half in and half out. When roots are visible you can place it in a pot with

good houseplant soil; keep half the seed above the soil. Provide four or more hours of direct sunlight from a south window.

Alternatively you can grow the seed directly in soil. Soak it in hot water for 30 minutes, then trim about 1/2-inch off the pointed end with a sharp knife. Dip the wound in fungicide. Set the seed in the soil as mentioned above.

After repotting, keep the soil evenly moist; water until the excess drains out the hole in the bottom of the pot and discard.

It likes regular house temperatures, somewhat cooler at night. A humidifier will supply additional moisture to the air. Use

■ It might be fun to find blue or purple sweet potatoes to see what the foliage looks like.

an all-purpose fertilizer through the year, more in the summer.

When dried and ground up, avocado leaves give a somewhat nutty, anise-like flavor and are often used in Mexican cuisine. A thin-skinned black avocado has the best flavor.

Sweet potatoes, *Ipomoea Batatas*, also grow well partially suspended in water with toothpicks stuck into the flesh so it is

partially out of the water. They like the same conditions as avocados; be sure to change the water for both these plants regularly.

Soon the pretty foliage will grow and cascade down the container. Use a clear one so you can see the roots as they develop.

Use this same technique to prepare sweet potato slips to grow in the garden, although you'll need to time it so they will be ready for the garden after the last frost.

When the green shoots are about 4 to 5 inches long, gently twist them from the section of potato. Collect the shoots and

put them in a container of water so that only their bottom halves are immersed.

In just a few days roots will appear. Keep the roots cut so they don't get longer than an inch or two before planting.

It might be fun to find blue or purple sweet potatoes to see what the foliage looks like.

Have you been successful growing a plant from an exotic fruit or vegetable? Let me know.

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.

Teach your children how to garden

The Master Gardeners of Wayne County will be offering a junior master gardener program for children in grades 2-5.

Children can learn about gardening and how they can use this fun activity to volunteer in their community.

This six-week, one-hour course will meet at 4 p.m. Mondays,

from March 5 through April 9, at the Quaker Meeting House at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To become a junior master gardener, a child must attend all six classes and complete 10 hours of volunteer gardening for the community.

A parent or guardian must

attend the classes with the child. The classes will cover soil, vegetables, houseplants, wildlife, flowers, trees, shrubs and lawns.

The cost of this course is \$20 per child and will cover the cost of the junior master gardener notebook, classroom supplies, a T-shirt and newsletter.

Maximum class size will be 20

students. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Registration forms are at the Livonia Public Libraries. Site coordinators are master gardeners June Brown and Angie Wilkie.

For additional information, call 734-427-9658.

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.

Farmington and Five Mile roads. Visitors are welcome.

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.

LEARNING

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. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience:

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. Propagation: Secrets for Making More Plants, scheduled for three Thursdays in morning or evenings, starting Feb. 22.

Pruning Trees and Shrubs will be taught on two Mondays, starting March 19. Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines presented on two Wednesdays, March 14 and 21, and one Saturday, March 17. Garden Maintenance Workshop taught for four Wednesdays starting on March 28.

Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigan.gardening.com.

GARDEN CLUBS

LIVONIA

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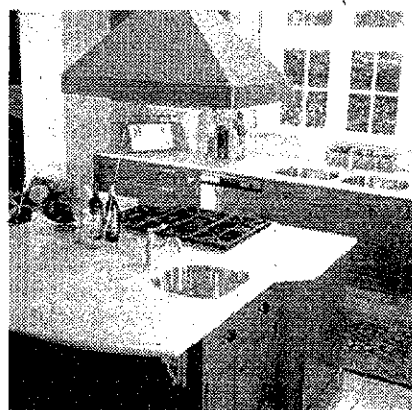


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Thomas and Diane Zaharion of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth Zaharion of Troy, to Jeffrey Alan Helner of Royal Oak.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Harper Creek High School and graduated from Michigan State University in 2000 with a degree in human resources. She works for General Motors Corporation - Global Human Resources in Warren.

Her fiancé, son of Alphonsus and Kathleen Helner of Livonia, is a 1995 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University where he earned his degree in mechanical engineering. He works for Daimler-Chrysler Corporation as a vehicle engineer in Auburn Hills.

The couple met at Michigan State University during their freshman year. After a four



month study abroad trip to Germany, Jeff returned home to surprise Amy on her birthday with an engagement ring. He proposed in the Botanical Gardens on the campus of Michigan State.

A September wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Battle Creek.

Gentry-Droz

David and Myra Gentry of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie, to Brian Andrew Droz of Lake Zurich, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works for Child's Voice in Elmhurst, Ill. as a teacher for the hearing-impaired.

Her fiancé, son of John and Gwen Droz of West Palm Beach, Fla., is a 1993 graduate of Park Tudor School in Indianapolis and a 1997 graduate of Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

He works at Abbott Laboratories in Waukegan, Ill. as a vali-



dation scientist.

A June wedding is planned at the Dearborn Inn gazebo.

WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

Schaar

John D. and Betty J. (Campbell) Schaar of Canton are celebrating their anniversary this month. The couple wed Feb. 3, 1943 at a Methodist minister's home. They have lived in the area for 30 years.

The Schaar's have two children, John D. Schaar Jr. of Auburn, Calif. and Julie A. Skrent of Livonia. John works as an engineer and head of Brothers Construction in Calif. Julie works in blood gases at Garden City Hospital.

The Schaar's have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Schaar worked for 48 years for the Det-Times and the Detroit Free Press in Detroit. He retired in 1988. Betty Schaar was a housewife.

The couple now spends time taking care of their two horses, home and surrounding grounds.



They own five acres of land.

To celebrate the occasion, the Schaar's plan to have dinner with their daughter, her husband Bill Skrent and their grandson Edmund.

Zocher-Gallagher

Sara Gallagher and Jay Zocher were married July 1 at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor.

The bride is the daughter of Sylvia and Edward Gallagher of Rochester Hills. She is a graduate of Adams High School and the University of Michigan. She is currently working on a master's degree in social work.

The groom is the son of Lois and Gerald Zocher of Wausau, Wis. He is a graduate of Wausau West High School, and GMI Engineering & Management Institute. He is a safety engineer at DaimlerChrysler Corp.

A reception was held at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor, after which the couple honeymooned in the U.S. Virgin



Islands.

The newlyweds are making their home in Canton.

Brunett-Coffin

Bill and Joan Brunett of Lake Orion announce the marriage of their daughter, Christine Marie, to Mark Alan Coffin of Dearborn.

The bride earned her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in criminal justice. She earned a teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University.

Her husband, son of (the late) Al and Connie Coffin, attended Wayne, Washtenaw and Schoolcraft Colleges. He is a certified firefighter and licensed paramedic. He is currently a lieutenant with the Northland Police Department.

The couple wed Oct. 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lake Orion before Archbishop Alex Brunett and the Rev. John Phalen.

The bride was attended by Kimberly Poli, Peggy Suwinski, Jill Brunett and Michele Thompson. The flower girls were Madi-



son Poli and Emily Brunett.

The groom was attended by James White, Ron Race, Peter Brunett and Dean Poli. Ring bearers were Nicholas Poli, Connor Poli and Joshua Brunett.

The couple received guests at Addison Oaks in Leonard and took a two-week trip to Hawaii. They have made their home in Dearborn.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Brian and Libbie Scott** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Dillon Scott** born Jan. 6 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Cathy and Jeff, Annette and Dan and Denise and Ron of Livonia.

■ **Mark Neiger and Laura Hopp** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Chad Edward** born Jan. 6 at Garden City Hospital. Chad joins siblings Cody, 4; and Stephanie, 8. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hopp of Redford and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neiger of Garden City.

■ **Stuart and Sandra Selewski** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Samantha Ann** born Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital. Samantha joins brothers Gregory Stuart, 7; and Jeffrey Steven, 5. Grandparents are Joseph and Mary Kelley of Dearborn and Raymond and Ruth Selewski of Dearborn Heights.

■ **Scott and Nicole Zessin** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Justin Scott** born Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim Zessin of Florida, Alabama and Richard and Kitty Pachucki of Orlando, Florida.

■ **Matthew and Lucinda Smith** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter **Melina Ariel** born Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital. Melina joins siblings Samantha, 8, Hunter Smith, 2; and Anthony, 8, and Karisa Wilson, 5. Grandparents are Glenn Smith of Detroit, Roxanne McNulty of Novi and Lucian and Carolyn Wilson of Westland.

■ **Jamie Morden and Paul White** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Damian Timothy White** born Jan. 9 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents

are Marla Barbour of Westland and Jim Lyon of Westland and Michele and James Woodruff of Wayne.

■ **Pary J' and Christen N. Stacy** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Shadow Leigh Stacy** born Jan. 10 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Parker Stacy of Redford and Gary Stacy of Rogue River, Oregon.

■ **Heidi LeAnn Wilson and Steven Wayne Milam** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Alexis Kiera Rose Wilson** born Jan. 12 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Kathy Wilson of Garden City, Valerie McLeod of Garden City and Connie Denney of Garden City.

■ **Kevin and Keri Mueller** of Redford announce the birth of twins **Olivia Grace** and **Collin Matthew** born Jan. 1 at the University of Michigan Hospital - Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rainer and Sandy Mueller of Plymouth and Nils and Donna Peterson of Plymouth.

■ **April and Arthur Curtis III** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Jesse Dylan** born Dec. 23, 2000 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Jesse joins siblings Arthur IV, 24; Nicole, 17; Steven, 10; and Matthew, 8. Grandparents are The late Arthur II and Joanne Curtis of Farmington, Larry and Connie Williams of Plymouth, and Bill and Joanne Newland of Ovid. Great-grandparents are Bill and Wilma Kindred of Dickson, Tenn., Chester and Nell Williams of Dickson, Tenn., the late Blanche M. Hayes of Plymouth, the late Arthur Sr. and Harriet Curtis of Dearborn, and the late John and Helen Walsh of Detroit.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

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. Tickets can be purchased up until Feb. 24. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Call (888) DIABETES (342-2383).

ST. MATTHEW AUCTION
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Ministries of Westland is hosting their 2nd Annual Dinner and Benefit Auction Saturday, Feb. 24 at Burton Manor (27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a

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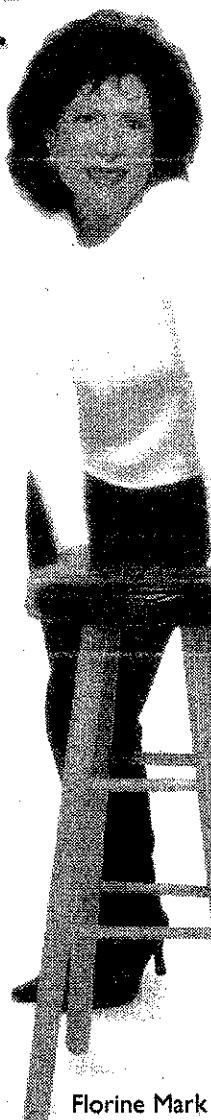
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FARMINGTON HIGH

■ Class of 1961
Farmington High School Class of 1961 is holding a 40-year reunion on Aug. 4 at the Best Western Executive Hotel & Suites, Orchard Lakes and 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. E-mail johnhelgren@aol.com or call Pam Overton Makouske at (248) 391-7534. If you've moved and we've missed you. Don't miss it.

■ Class of 1971

A 30-year reunion is planned for

Saturday, July 21 at Baker's of Milford. Call Mary Goodhue (810) 735-5296; Susan (Moss) Walker (248) 628-4295 or visit www.geocities.com/re71union

FERNDALE

■ Class of 1971

A reunion is being planned for Sept. 29 at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

FITZGERALD HIGH

■ Class of 1961

The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has planned a reunion for fall of 2001. Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com

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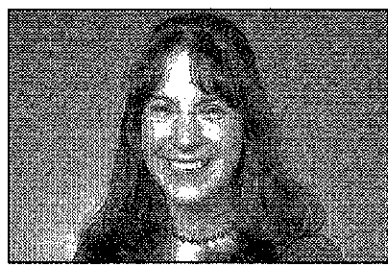
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ALYSSA TREFNEY

Resolve to learn what life is about

Every new year, people make resolutions. Strange ideas intended to make one's life better, easier, or to improve health. Of course, by the end of February, they are long forgotten and part of the past. It's almost as if resolutions are an unwritten tradition that the entire population must participate in, whether they want to or not.

But this year, I made a few unconventional resolutions of my own, to improve my life and make me a better person. They are really more of ideals, that every person should hear.

This year, I want to cherish my friends and family. This past year has made me realize how much I take people and the precious moments of each day for granted. It's possible that my best friends and family might not be around tomorrow, and I'd never again have the chance to appreciate them. I need to realize every moment for how special it is, and value every second that I spend with the people I love.

I also want to see the world through the eyes of children. I need to learn how to laugh, enjoy life, and have fun in everything that I do. Children know how to do these things. A child's life is simple and carefree. They don't let stress drive them crazy, or the words of others get them down. They just smile, laugh, and have fun. They also understand that it's the simplest things that make life special. A smile from a stranger, a laugh shared with friends, the words "I love you." If I open my eyes to the world of children, perhaps my world will become a happier and more loving place.

My final plan is to learn what love truly is. At 16 years old, I have no idea of what true, unending love is. I look at my parents, who have been together since they were high school sweethearts, and wonder if that type of love is possible for every person to obtain. From what I'm told, it is.

A new year means new beginnings, a chance to correct mistakes, and to learn from the ones made in the year earlier. My plan is to do just that, and make my life and myself completely happy.

I want to learn what life is really about. Things like love, appreciation and laughter are what makes life exciting and fun. And because if I can learn a few small things this year, then I have plenty to look forward to in the new years to come.

Alyssa Trefney is a student at Franklin High School in Livonia. She is a Westland resident.

FRIDAY'S Child

The HomeTown Life staff of the Observer Newspapers wants your suggestions for a feature called Friday's Child.

The old verse "Friday's child is loving and giving" is the basis for an ongoing profile we plan to run to recognize the contributions of children who measure up to the childhood adage.

If you know of a student who volunteers at a nursing home, collects pennies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, gives toys to a shelter or acts unselfishly in some way for the benefit of others, we want to hear about them.

The profiles will run on the first Thursday of the month in the HomeTown Life section. Please share with us the ways in which the nominee is "loving and giving" either by calling, faxing or e-mailing us the information.

Include the child's name and age; how you feel he or she lives up to being a "Friday's Child;" and your phone number or e-mail address where we can reach you for information. One child will be profiled each month from the pool of nominees we receive. The child must reside in Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Redford, Livonia or Garden City in order to be eligible and should be 18 years old or younger.

Call Kimberly Morton, HomeTown Life editor, (734) 953-2131; write Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; fax (734) 591-7279; e-mail kmorton@oe.hometown.com

Auction supports art, technology

■ The March 31 'aloha' themed fund-raiser - for New Morning School in Plymouth next month - will mark the 25th anniversary of this popular event.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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New Morning School executive director Elaine Yagiela can't believe March will mark the 25th anniversary of the school's annual fund-raising auction.

"We're proud to be one of the oldest nonprofit auctions in the area. It's hard to believe that we started over two decades ago to plan successful auctions. They've gotten better each year," said Yagiela.

From a few thousand dollars 25 years ago to a record \$130,000 raised in 2000, the cooperative school designates the money to supplement its operating budget (salaries, tuition, supplies, field trips) and for projects such as the 2000 Playground Fund.

■ The most lively bidding at the 2000 auction was over a quilt the preschool classes created, Davinich said.

"We had an extremely successful auction last year," said George Davinich, director of development at NMS. "It's the most money we've ever raised."

Approximately \$12,000 of the money generated from last year's fund-raising was spent on outdoor recreational equipment. Students are now enjoying a basketball court, soccer field, climbers and swing sets thanks to donors who supported the "Festival of Fools" auction.

"This year we hope to focus our attention on the arts and technology fund," said Davinich. "The fund-raising also helps us to make tuition affordable."

Golden apple

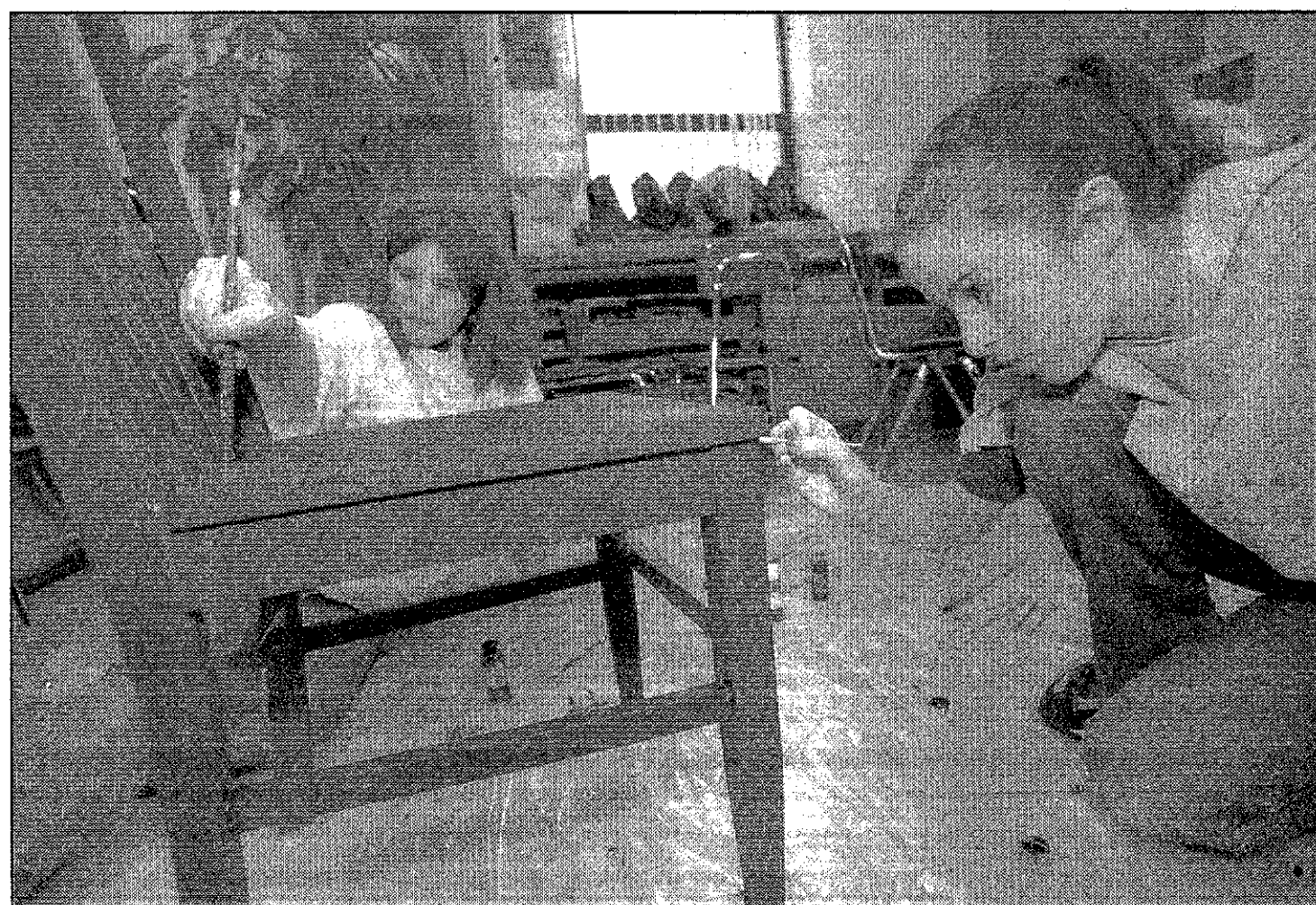
According to Davinich, New Morning School on Haggerty Road in Plymouth, is unique to the community.

"It's the only parent cooperative in the state of Michigan. Through the Piaget method - an individual approach to teaching - our graduates are received in the community quite well. They know how to plan, organize and follow up. The auction enables us to keep producing high caliber students."

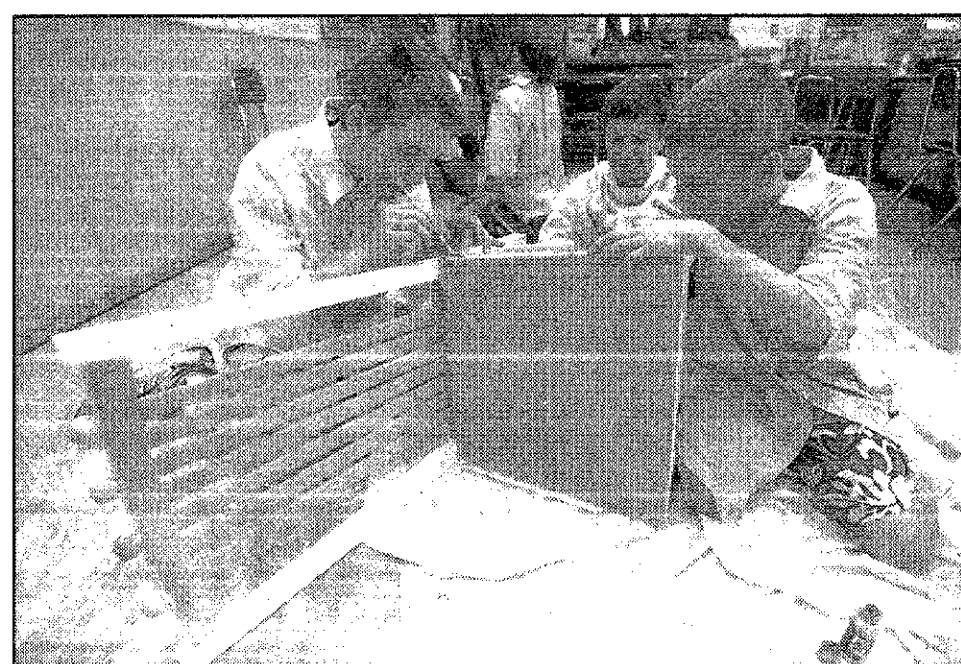
Reservations are now being accepted for the March 31, "Aloha 25th Anniversary Auction" at Burton Manor in Livonia. Decorations, hors d'oeuvres, a sit-down dinner and an open bar will embrace a Hawaiian theme according to Kristine Blair, auction chair who started working at NMS in August.

One lucky raffle ticket winner will go home with the first prize of an all-inclusive trip to Hawaii for two (airfare and meals included). Second prize is \$500 cash and five winners will be drawn for the third prize of \$100 each. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and you need not be present to win.

The live auction will be presented by Dan Stall Inc. Silent and premier-silent auction tables will be set up throughout the event. According to Blair big-ticket items that are sure to



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Artists in residence: New Morning School students Emily Kolb, 13, (above left) and Becky Burean, 13, put the finishing touches on one of the hand-painted chairs they are creating for the auction. Rob Guglielmo, 13 (left), Alex Freitag, 14, and Jesse Zrull, 12, work as a team to paint the design on the side of their wooden chair. Preschool, primary, elementary and middle school students work on their projects every Friday. In the past, some of the most competitive bidding was for hand-made items by students.

draw some spirited bidding include an autographed Alex Delvecchio Red Wings jersey, gas grill, DELL laptop computer, several golf trips, a playhouse and creative merchandise designed by New Morning Schools students.

Competitive bids

Davinich said the most lively bidding at the 2000 auction was over a quilt the preschool classes created.

"I think it sold for \$6,000," said Davinich.

Chairs painted by the middle school students will undoubtedly be a crowd favorite this year. Preschool, primary, elementary and middle school students spend every Friday afternoon working on their projects for the auction.

"The auction is a night to go out and have an adult evening," said Blair. "It's a dressy event and very popular for our parents who work very hard volunteering at the school everyday."

The Aloha auction's success can be credited to the countless hours the

eight-member auction-core committee has donated to planning and securing items for bids. "They're overseeing the entire event," said Davinich. "The executive committee is responsible for oversight."

Because this is a milestone anniversary for the school's auction, past chairs of the event have been invited back to the March 31 fund-raiser. "It was a lot smaller when many of them worked on the auction so they'll notice a lot of changes," said Blair.

What hasn't changed however, is the goal of raising money to further the academic progress students continue to attain. The arts and technology fund, where a percentage of the fund-raising will be channeled, will allow the school to initiate Web-based art research. Davinich said they are also looking at several grants that might lead to the hiring of a technology teacher and the acquisition of additional computer equipment. "That would be a good plus for the school and the students," said Davinich.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

Who: New Morning School (14501 Haggerty), Plymouth.

Leadership: Executive Director Elaine Yagiela and Director of Development George Davinich.

What: Aloha - 25th Annual Anniversary Auction.

Where: Laurel Manor (39000 Schoolcraft), Livonia.

When: 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 31.

Tickets: \$60 per person (advance registration required) includes hors d'oeuvres, seated dinner and open bar.

Reservations: To make a reservation or donate items to be auctioned, call Kristine Blair, auction chairwoman, (734) 420-3331.

Elementary students take \$1 million challenge

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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"If I had a million dollars I'd buy you a ..."
— The Barenaked Ladies

What would you buy if you had a million dollars?

Stephanie Jones, a fifth grader at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton, planned her wedding at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. She calculated the price of her wedding dress, tuxedos and a horsedrawn carriage - but it was the cost of the reception that shocked the Canton fifth grader the most.

"It costs a lot of money to get married there," said Jones.

She was just one of the students in four fifth-grade classes that participated in the project.

The assignment: Come as close as you can to spending \$1 million - without going over - and track the data through pie charts and percentage graphs.

According to Eriksson teacher Kevin Learned the project is something every fifth-grader in the school district tackled this winter. While he believes his class spent more time on the concept than most, the project is a component of the Plymouth-Canton School District's new mathematics program - "Everyday Math."

Approximately 96 students at Eriks-

son combined math, social studies and computer technology to keep track of how they spent \$1 million dollars. "They did a great job," said Learned.

Spending the money

The students' choices ranged from building a home and traveling around the country in a limousine to opening a video arcade and managing a recording studio.

"We had to show evidence of what we bought," said Jenell McInerney, "so Mr. Learned knew how we spent the money."

"We kept track of every detail like an inventory," added Lindsay Poremba who decided to build and furnish a home.

Many of the students found the project to be a reality check, and were surprised at the cost of living. "I bought a house and farm. I thought the house was going to cost \$500," said Amanda Emmons, one of Learned's students. "It cost more like \$50,000." Amanda also used her money to furnish her Montana ranch/home and buy pigs and chickens.

Fifth grader Maxine Burston who chose to open a recording studio, thought an appropriate salary for her employees would be \$200 a year.

Hoping to spread his wealth among his friends and family, Jon Giove chose to buy an RV and travel around the United States with his family, friends and his teacher Mr. Learned. He made sure to include a trip to Disney in his plans.

Other students

Students Colin Beney and C.J. Gregory traveled. Colin bought two limousines and traveled from Michigan south on I-75 to Florida with eight of his friends and his parents. His entourage stayed at Disney's Wyndham Palace and he splurged on a 10-carat yellow diamond for his mom with a price tag of \$125,000.

Beney's project coincided with a family trip he recently took to Florida. He said he also recorded a video in all the states they stopped in as part of his project.

His classmate C.J., took a trip around

the world and also thought of his mom when he bought her a Swiss grandfather clock worth \$150,000. His adventure also included stops in China to see the Great Wall, Brazil, the Rainforest in the Amazon, Australia and Africa.

Nearly half of Learned's class chose to either buy or build houses. Spending nearly half of the million dollars on the home alone. Other amenities included swimming pools, jacuzzis, gazebos, appliances, etc.

"I went to Hudson's and Encore to see how much furniture and fabric cost," said Brooke Staffeld who purchased a house in Northville Hills. She landscaped her property with a waterfall, deck, iron fence, rock wall and underground pool. The house alone cost \$680,000. With utilities for a year, appliances, furniture, an interior designer, gardener and maid service it wasn't hard for her to spend all her money.

"I called Merry Maid to find out how much a maid would cost and Pool World about an underground pool," said Staffeld, 11.

The four Eriksson teachers whose students completed the program included Kevin Learned, Donna Jeziorski, Carol Biro and Colleen Lacey.

"We were really impressed with the length at which the students documented their spending," said Learned. "I'm really proud of them."

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■ Class of 1981
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■ Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a dee jay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

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A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723.

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■ Class of 1961
A 40th reunion is planned for the class of 1961 at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Holiday Inn West (6 Mile road and I-275) in Livonia. Call Jane (734) 453-9159 or Sandy (734) 453-0783.

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■ Class of 1976
Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walzer) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tina-classof76@aol.com

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■ Classes of 1975-77
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MERCY COLLEGE

Mercy College of Detroit graduates celebrating 60 years of heritage. Reunion is planned for Sept. 15 on the Mercy campus. Send name, year graduated, address, city/state, zip and phone number to Reunion, 5245 Hardwoods Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or call Pat (248) 682-1807 or Anne-Marie (248) 647-5378.

NATIVITY HIGH

■ Class of 1951
Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Contact Doris Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Carangi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

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■ Class of 1970
A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

■ Class of 1981

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

■ Class of 1991

A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. We are looking for classmates. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

OAK PARK

■ Class of 1961

The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons — classmates who have scattered through the years — and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972 or (248) 851-4541.

■ Class of 1975

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. *To get on the mailing list call: Marcie Ziskind Aguas, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukul (248) 661-5587 or e-mail Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net*

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ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

■ Class of 1971
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A reunion is planned for June 23 at the Marriott Hotel near Metropolitan Airport. Call Bob Fredericks at (248) 426-8373 or e-mail MOM@Mich.com

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■ Class of 1961
A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-9933.

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

■ Class of 1991
A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

SOUTH LYON

■ Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for July 28 at the Holiday Inn - North Campus in Ann Arbor. Contact Annunciata (Nowak) Porterfield (734) 663-5214 or e-mail nunce@umich.edu

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■ Class of 1961

"Flyer" alumni of the 1961 class are being sought for a 40th reunion. Send name, maiden name if applicable, address, city, state, zip and phone number to: 1961 Reunion, 23890 Joey Drive, Brownstown Twp., MI 48134 or call (734) 676-1934.

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Irene's Myomassology Institute will host its Third Annual Massage-A-Thon March 2-4 at 18911 W. Ten Mile Road in Southfield. The 48-hour event will offer free one-hour massages by appointment. All donations received will benefit Lighthouse PATH, a shelter that provides homeless women/children with transitional housing, education and job training. The event begins at 7 p.m. March 2 and concludes at 7 p.m. March 4. Call (248) 569-9298.

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The 12th Annual Bowling Bonanza will be held Saturday, March 3 at Cloverlanes Bowl in Dearborn to benefit the Alzheimer's Association (Detroit Area Chapter). There will be door and incentive prizes for top pledge collectors. Call (248) 557-8277 to register.

FRIENDS' BALL

Providence Health Foundation "Friends' Ball" will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds will benefit The Providence Cancer Institute and the emergency department. Textron, Inc. is the sponsor. Call Sherry Licata for reservations (248) 424-3087.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. A clown will be on-hand to provide free face painting and balloon animals. Maternity through infant and pre-teen clothes, toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch and child care. Bake sale. Hot dogs, chips, Kool Aid and coffee. Call (734) 422-0149.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

TEAMKID

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) is a fun-filled, Bible-based club for kids from first through sixth grades. Meet at the church every Sunday from 4:45-7 p.m. for Bible stories, games, prizes and snacks. Call (734) 421-0472.

SALT MINE

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) would like to invite all youth in grades seven through twelve to come on Sunday nights at 4:45 p.m. for Salt Mine, a time of good music, great fellowship and Bible study. Call (734) 421-0472.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile Road) in Livonia. The group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month and group support will be offered the third Thursday of the month. Call (734) 422-6038. Upcoming speakers include:

- March 1, Self Care quiz for grief, Sue Ann Daniel
- April 5, Dreams, Visions and Images, Rev. Phil Seymour
- May 7, Memories, Del McPherson

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Have you promised yourself you'll lose weight after the holidays? Join us at Weigh Down Workshop and learn to enjoy all foods without overeating. Give yourself a New Years gift — the beginning of permanent weight loss with God as your guide. Classes run from 7-9 p.m. Call Diane Gaubatz (734) 397-1986 or the church office (734) 459-0013.

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Saturday, 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 Melony Hufford. A skit is being produced and directed by Nona Wilson.

THE CHAPELS

The New Revised Southern

Chillin' in the cosmos



LES
HARDIN

I'm not very scientific. The study of the empirical sciences runs in my family; my sister is a Ph.D. candidate at Georgia Tech in statistical engineering. But when it comes to understanding science and physics you'd be better off talking to the average high-school freshman than me.

Looking for inspiration

I nearly flunked physics in high school and seminars don't usually require a great deal of empirical science study for a theology degree. Nevertheless, I recently became bored on a Sunday afternoon (which is rare, being in ministry and having three toddlers in the house) and went to the local bookstore and acquired Stephen Hawking's classic, *A Brief History of Time*. For those of you who aren't familiar with Hawking, he's probably the most prolific physicist of our time, and is better known to those of you who are Simpson's fans as "that wheelchair guy."

I gotta be honest — I don't understand much of what I read there. Not because Hawking isn't a very well-written author. Quite the contrary, this book makes the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics quite simple to understand. It's wormholes and time travel and

quarks and black holes that I don't get. (This isn't a book review, I promise. I'm trying to set the stage for what's coming next).

Here's what fascinated me. You can't do any study of the universe and not get an overwhelming sense of, not only its complexity, but also its enormous breadth.

While many have postulated that our universe has boundaries, empirical science has not been able to detect them, and may never. (I'm not gonna hold my breath!)

Scripture tells us that all of this vast expanse that we call the universe is nothing more than God's canopy. "He wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens as if they were a tent" (Psalm 104:2). The universe is God's playground, and the cosmos is full of his majesty.

God, hangin' out in the universe. Chillin' in the cosmos. It's a neat concept, and one that is supported by the corpus of Holy Writ. But I'll tell you what's even more fascinating. That this God, who fills both heaven and earth, would take such an interest in my well-being, minuscule as I am in his creation, that he would send his son to die for me and pay the ransom for my wrongdoing. Blows my mind!

Les Hardin is associate minister at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia. He grew up in Kentucky and resides with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com

Gospel group The Chapels, will be in concert at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road, Canton) at 6 p.m. Feb. 25. Admission is free. Call 455-0022.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are 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.wrc.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 13-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."

ORGAN CONCERT

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road, Northville) will host a free concert by Eugenio Fagiani at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. Fagiani is an organist, composer, improviser, and musicologist with degrees in Organ and Composition from his native Italy. He currently holds the position of Titular Organist at St. Michael Church in Mapello. There he directs the XXth Century impro-

visation course at St. Michael's Academy in Bergamo and is Composer in Residence at the Bergamo Danza Ballet Company.

FALUN GONG

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington (25301 Halsted Road, north of Grand River) will welcome guest speaker Roger Hsiao Sunday, Feb. 18 to discuss the practice and philosophy of Falun Gong. The Chinese government is persecuting, imprisoning and executing followers of Falun Gong. Come learn more about this philosophy that blends Buddhism, Taoism and physical movement and why it poses such a threat to China's leaders. Those who are interested may attend a free session on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Schoolcraft Chinese School, or on Sunday at Roger's home from 1-3 p.m.. Maps will be available. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

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.

CARDIOVASCULAR RISKS

The Christ the King Lutheran (9300 Farmington Road) Men's Group is sponsoring an event in cooperation with St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 to discuss cardiovascular risk factors (high blood pressure, diabetes, stroke, and heart disease). Presentation will take place in the King's Gathering Room. Call (734) 421-0749.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY HEALTH

St. Matthew United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile, Livonia) will offer a free program at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 on diabetes. The speakers for this program will be Gerard Cain, representative of Glaxo-Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals and Bill Young from NovoNordisk Pharmaceuticals. Learn about diabetes, who is at risk, prevention and treatments. Call (734) 422-6038.

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 Gatiloff, director of Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice will speak. The workshop is free. Call to pre-register (734) 422-0149.

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Road) will host a choral workshop conducted by Jerry Blackstone free of charge Saturday, Feb. 24. Call (248) 374-5928. Blackstone is co-director of choirs and coordinator of the Conducting Department at the University of Michi-

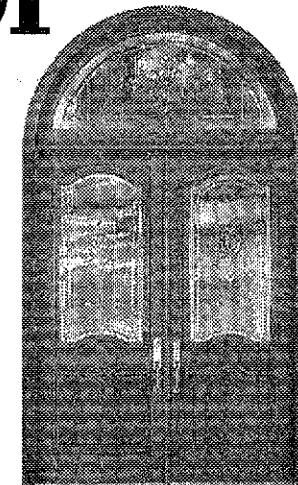
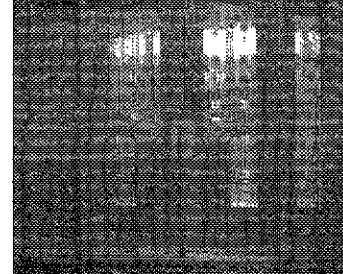
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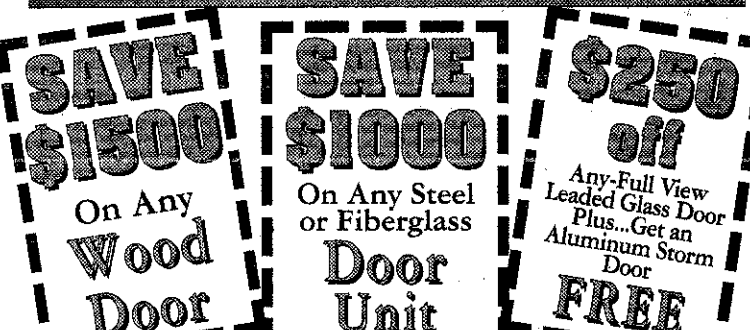
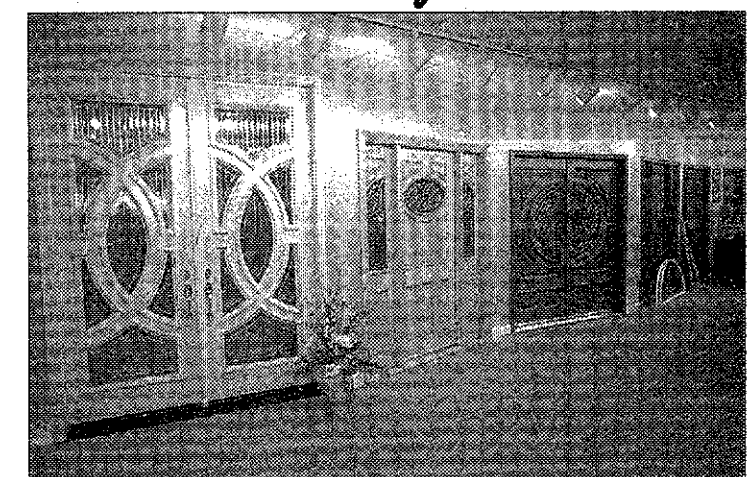
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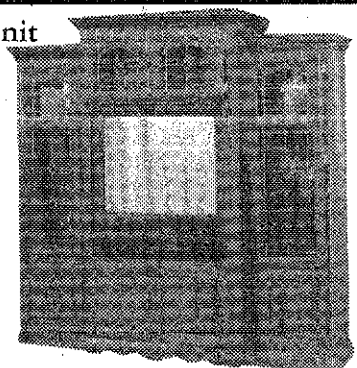
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Parade All-American

For the third time in her high school career, Plymouth Canton senior Anne Morrell has been named to the Parade All-American girls high school soccer team.

Morrell, a forward who has already committed to attend NCAA champion University of North Carolina, collected 39 goals and eight assists last spring and was named co-player of the year in the state as the Chiefs reached the state final.

Also named to Parade's All-America team was Livonia Stevenson senior Lindsay Gusick.

The team is selected coaches, scouts and recruiters, with the assistance of soccer organizations. A total of 39 players were chosen; California was the state with the most honorees with nine, followed by Michigan with four.

Player of the Week

Kathy Paganis, a junior forward on Madonna University's women's basketball team from Allen Park, has been named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week.

Paganis averaged 24.5 points and 10 rebounds for the first-place Lady Crusaders, connecting on 19-of-28 shots from the floor (68 percent) and 10-of-11 free throws (91 percent).

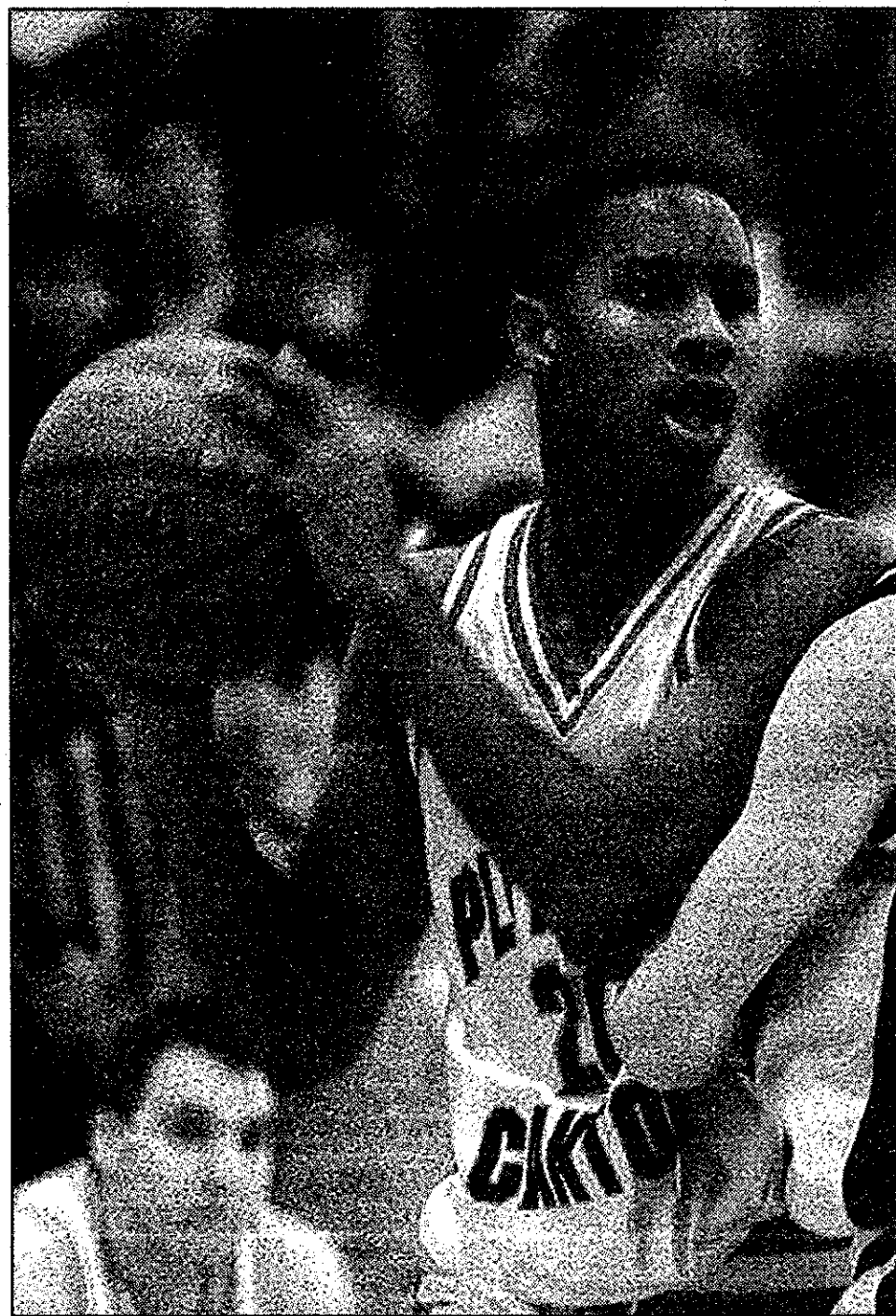
For the season, Paganis is averaging a team-best 15.5 points per game. She also leads the Crusaders in free-throw shooting (78.1 percent) and she is second in rebounding (6.1).

Goalie of the Week

Chad Davis of the Compuware Ambassadors was named Goalie of the Week for the North American Hockey League after posting home-and-away wins against the Cleveland Barons last week. Davis registered 64 saves in the two wins.

The Allen Park native has a 17-6-2 record with a 2.79 goals-against average and a .903 save percentage.

A game worth remembering



Offensive leader: Jerry Gaines (above) and Oliver Wolcott topped Canton against Central, each scoring 12 points. It was the Chiefs' tenacious defense that made the difference.

Canton hangs on in upset of unbeaten W.L. Central

BY C.J. RISAK
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The determination factor. In the end, that was decisive. Because in evaluating this game, there were precious few factors favoring Plymouth Canton when it went up against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake Central Tuesday.

1. Canton was the home team.
2. Central had already clinched at least a tie for the WLAA title, so the Vikings motivation level wasn't high.

3. . . . well, there was no No. 3.
The Vikings had won 15-straight games, without a loss. They were 9-0 in the league. Canton, on the other hand, had dropped three of its previous four games and was losing ground rapidly after residing among the top teams in the conference for most of the season.

Figure into that equation Central's superior size and inside game, together with Canton's problems scoring consistently, and the final estimate is it would take a massive effort by the Chiefs to pull off the upset.

That's what they got. Swarming defense and an effort that earned them equality on the boards delivered a 47-42 victory to Canton, easily the biggest win in first-year coach Jeremy Rheault's career.

Canton is 7-9 overall, 6-4 in the WLAA. Central is 15-1 overall, 9-1 in the conference.

"They outplayed us, in every phase of the game," said Central coach Bob Shoemaker. "Every player."

"At least our guys stuck together. They were collectively bad."

Shoemaker figured one element that worked against his Vikings was their clinching a WLAA title. However, that's not quite accurate; it's true Cen-

tral has guaranteed itself the top seed in the upcoming WLAA Tournament, but should it lose to Livonia Stevenson, Friday and Farmington beats Westland John Glenn, they would officially be co-champs.

Canton could be seeded No. 4 or No. 5 in the WLAA Tournament, depending what Walled Lake Western and Plymouth Salem (both 7-3) do Friday.

So while Tuesday's game offered little incentive to Central, its outcome wasn't going to make a big difference to the Chiefs as far as the tournament was concerned. But it could make a difference emotionally.

Enter the determination factor. "This is what we've been working for all year," said an obviously pleased Rheault. "I hope this really sets the tone for the way we can play."

It was apparent from the start that Canton was on its game. The Chiefs hit 5-of-10 shots from the floor in the first quarter and led 13-8 after one, using a variety of pressure defenses but keeping the offensive pace slow. They forced six Central turnovers in that opening quarter and 21 for the game.

The Vikings did battle back in the second period, but they hardly asserted themselves offensively — for the half, they were a meager 5-for-15 from the floor (33 percent), but they made 7-of-11 free throws in the second quarter to tie it at 19-all at the half.

Canton's best chance to take command in this game came at the end of the third quarter, when Justin Spencer knotted the score with a three-pointer with 40 seconds left and then Mark

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Realignment

WLAA will expand to 12 teams

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For the first time since 1985, the landscape is changing in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

On Feb. 5, the 12 principals from the WLAA voted unanimously to expand the league to 15 schools with the inclusion of Wayne Memorial from the Michigan Mega Conference, along with two new schools set to open in the fall of 2002, Plymouth High School and Walled Lake North-ern.

"The WLAA constitution only allows for membership consideration for those schools whose district has a current affiliation with the league," said Walled Lake Central principal David Barry, who serves as the league president. "All three schools submitted a letter of application last fall and it was reviewed under the constitutional by-laws. We also had another school not affiliated with our member districts apply, but that request was denied."

The Observer learned the school denied entry was Ann Arbor Huron.

POSSIBLE WLAA
FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT
DIVISION I

Farm. Hills Harrison (1,050)
Livonia Stevenson (2,044)
Westland John Glenn (2,198)
Walled Lake Western (1,979)
Walled Lake Central (1,754)

DIVISION II

Northville (1,388)
Plymouth Canton (2,484)
Plymouth Salem (2,484)
Farmington (1,196)
Wayne Memorial (1,867)

DIVISION III

Livonia Franklin (1,552)
Livonia Churchill (1,989)
North Farmington (1,261)
Walled Lake Northern (TBD)
Plymouth High (TBD)

Since 1985, the WLAA has consisted of 12 schools broken down into a pair of divisions.

The Lakes Division consists of Walled Lake Central, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem, Farmington, North Farmington and Westland John Glenn.

Western Division members include Walled Lake Western, Plymouth Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin,

Northville and Farmington Hills Harrison.

Wayne Memorial's inclusion may come as the biggest surprise. The school has competed in the 28-school mostly Wayne County conglomerate league known as the Michigan Mega since the 1993-94 school year. Wayne had a five-year commitment to the Mega under the advisement of the Office of Civil Rights.

Wayne, however, was split from its sister school of the Wayne-Westland School District John Glenn.

"The addition of the two new schools gave us a sense of obligation and duty to take care of its own districts," Barry said. "Had not Wayne been part of the same district as Glenn, they probably would not have been invited."

Wayne officials confirmed the move is imminent.

"I have not heard anything official yet, but it will probably happen," Wayne athletic director Bill Hawley said. "We're the only district around with schools in divided leagues."

"Both are good leagues. There's nothing wrong with our

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Chiefs take 3rd, Rocks 4th

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It figured to be a tough battle anyway, but when Plymouth Canton came up short a couple of starters and had a few others in "questionable health," according to coach John Demsick, the Chiefs' chances of capturing the Western Lakes Activities Association championship shrunk considerably.

Northville, the only team to defeat Canton in a regular-season dual meet, swept to a relatively easy victory at Saturday's WLAA Wrestling Tournament, scoring 228 points. The Chiefs' ammunition was depleted

WLAA WRESTLING

enough to allow Walled Lake Western, a team they had beaten 49-24 in a January dual meet, to edge them by a point for second place. See statistical summary.

In fourth behind Canton was Plymouth Salem.

"We have a lot of confidence in our guys," said Demsick. "We felt we could have won with the guys we took. We ended up with five guys in the finals, (but) with only two more going for third/fourth consolations, compared to our normal 10 or 11 guys in the finals and consolations."

"You don't win tournaments with only seven guys in the finals (and consolations). Northville did what it had to do. We definitely messed up in some places and are definitely disappointed, but we still believe in our guys."

The Chiefs had just one champion: Greg Musser, who emerged with the title in the 140-pound division. Musser defeated Livonia Stevenson's Matt Radley 8-3 in the championship bout.

Four others lost in the title match: Doy Demsick at 125, Scott McKee at 171, Phil Rothwell at 189 and Derek McWatt at

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Ocelots stay on title course

Guard Derrick Bird scored 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds Saturday, leading the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to a 111-67 victory at Delta.

Schoolcraft improved to 22-2 overall and 12-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Delta fell to 5-18 and 4-9.

Sam Hoskin added 20 points for the victorious Ocelots, who led 48-30 at halftime. Keanan Weir and Dwight Windom chipped in with 15 and 12, respectively.

Windom snared a team-high 13 rebounds, while point-guard Dave McGlown had seven assists.

Schoolcraft shot 65 percent from the field and 17 of 23 from the foul line. Delta was 29 of 57 from the floor and 11 of 19 from the free throw stripe.

Roy Davis scored 22 points to pace Delta.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Spring Arbor 81, Madonna 46: When Madonna University can't shoot, when it can't score, it won't be capable of beating anybody.

Last Saturday against visiting Spring Arbor, the Crusaders had just seven first-half baskets, converting 7-of-32 (21.9 percent). They were 0-for-7 from three-point range in those first 20 minutes. And they were trailing the Cougars, 45-17.

It didn't get much better in the second half. Still playing without leading scorer Mike Massey, out with an ankle injury, Madonna had just one player reach double figures in scoring in the lopsided loss.

The Crusaders fell to 8-20 for the season,

3-9 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor improved to 9-20 overall, 4-8 in the WHAC.

Aaron Cox led Madonna with 15 points; he also had four steals. Next best was John Bennett (from Livonia Churchill) with nine points; he had two steals.

Spring Arbor was paced by Rob Salisbury with 20 points and seven rebounds. Jesse Whintly had 18 points and five steals, and Ryan Walter collected 12 points.

Spring Arbor went from a 5-4 lead three minutes into the game to a 41-11 advantage — a 36-7 run — with 3:38 left in the half. The closest the Crusaders got in the second half was 23 points.

The Cougars outrebounded Madonna, 42-36, and hit 34-of-51 floor shots (66.7 percent). Madonna was 16-of-61 (26.2 percent) from the field.

Madonna's back in 1st; SC loses to Delta in OT

A big first-half cushion was supplemented by a strong performance at the free throw line by Madonna University's women's basketball team, which held off Spring Arbor for a 90-84 victory Saturday in Spring Arbor.

The win lifted the Lady Crusaders into first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 9-3 record; they are 14-11 overall. Cornerstone College is a game behind at 8-4, and then there's a five-team logjam in third, all at 6-6.

Madonna, which played at last place Siena Heights last night, concludes its WHAC regular-season schedule at home Saturday against Aquinas College. Cornerstone plays at Concordia Saturday.

Four players reached double figures in scoring to lead the Crusaders against Spring Arbor. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS) led the way with 22 points; she also had two steals.

Kathy Paganis, named WHAC player of the week — the second Crusader to be so honored in the last three weeks — poured in 16 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and made three steals.

Carissa Gizicki also sparked with 15 points, six rebounds, eight assists and two steals, and Lori Enfield contributed 10 points on 4-for-4 shooting.

Spring Arbor was led by Michelle Robson with 23 points, Kristin Dankert with 22 and Portia Reilly with 13 and seven rebounds.

Madonna built a 49-33 lead by halftime, then kept it in the second half by converting 20-of-28 free throws (71.4 percent). For the game, the Crusaders made 27-of-36 at the line (75 percent); Spring Arbor was 7-of-16 (43.8 percent).

Delta 84, SC 81 (OT): Yes, Schoolcraft College had a couple of chances to win this pivotal game in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, played Saturday at Delta. Problem was Delta CC had a lot more of them — 46 to be

WOMEN'S HOOP

precise. Because that's how many times the Lady Pioneers went to the free throw line, converting 35 of them (76.1 percent). SC was 10-of-17 (58.8 percent).

That offset the Lady Ocelots' advantage in floor shooting. They made 33-of-74 (44.6 percent) compared to Delta's 23-of-74 (31.1 percent).

SC led by eight midway through the second half and by two in the closing seconds of regulation, but Regan Zacharski's jumper from the lane tied the game for Delta at 70-all with :05 left.

In overtime, a three-pointer by Kelly Grenan (Redford Thurston) put SC up 81-77 with 1:51 to play, but Delta scored the final seven points to claim the victory. Five of those came at the free-throw line.

Point guard Amy Alfano hit 1-of-2 from the stripe with :31 remaining to give the Pioneers an 82-81 lead. After the Ocelots missed two shots from the floor — one of them a layup — Alfano got a rebound and was fouled with 2.6 seconds to play. She hit both for the final margin of victory.

The win gave Delta sole possession of first in the league at 12-1. SC is a game behind at 11-2; the Ocelots are 18-4 overall, the Pioneers are 21-2.

"I'm disappointed," said SC coach Karen Lafata, her team having lost twice in a week by a total of four points. "We're in second place now with two losses. We have to hope Mott beats Delta this Saturday."

Mott, third at 10-3, plays at Delta Saturday.

The Ocelots were led by Angelica Blakely with 18 points; she also had six rebounds. Rachel Eley added 17 points, 11 steals and four assists. Ra'Sheida Edwards contributed 16 points and 10 boards, and Devin Francois totaled eight points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

Delta got 34 points from Anne Bringer, 16 from Amanda Aldrich and 11 from Alfano.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 16

Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.

Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Annapolis at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Divine Child at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

A.A. Richard at C'ville, 7 p.m.

St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Gabriel Richard at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

W. Highland at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Zoe, 7:30 p.m.

Agape vs. Life Summit, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 17

(CHSL A-B Division Playoffs at U-D Mercy's Callahan Hall)

St. Mary's vs. Notre Dame, noon.

DePore vs. U.D. Jesuit, 1:45 p.m.

Redford CC vs. N.D. Prep, 3:30 p.m.

Borgess vs. DeLaSalle, 5:15 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 15

Greenhills at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m.

C'ville at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.

Hamtramck at Luth. W'ld, 6:30 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Warren Zee

at Livonia St. Paul's, 6:30 p.m.

(CHSL Finals at Madonna)

Ladywood vs. Marian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Agape vs. Life Summit, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Melvindale Tourney, 7 a.m.

Ladywood Tournament, 8 a.m.

Monroe-Jeff. Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 15

Redford CC at P.H. Northern, 6 p.m.

Franklin vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Western

at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.

Canton vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Ladywood at Kingswood, 1 p.m.

Salem vs. A.A. Huron

at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 1 p.m.

Franklin vs. Milford

at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m.

Churchill at P.H. Northern, 6 p.m.

Redford CC at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Farmington Unified vs. Ply. Unified

at Dearborn Adria, 8 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Cranbrook

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 15

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

Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Farm-Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

MISCA meet at EMU, 1:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Feb. 15

Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

WLA meet at Hartland, 10 a.m.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Feb. 15

Regional at Mt. Brighton, 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 17

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 17

Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 16

Whalers at Erie (Pa.), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Whalers vs. Kitchener

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 16

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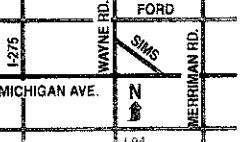
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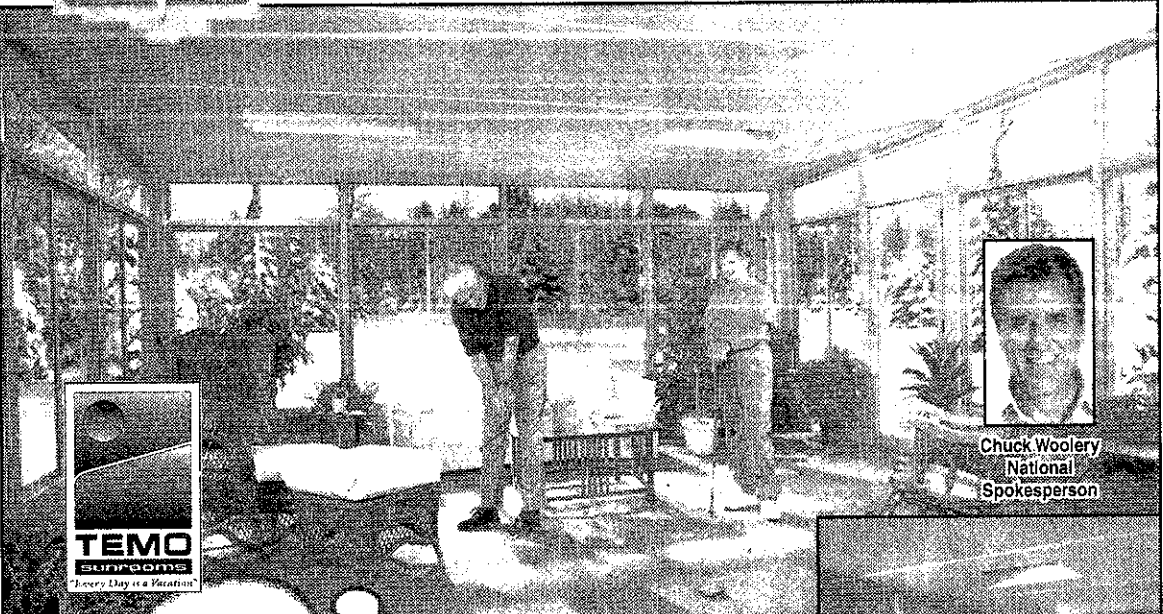


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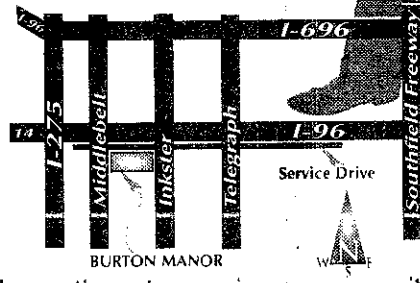
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No goals

Whalers' scoring woes continue in 2 losses



Apparently, the Plymouth Whalers' offensive eruption Friday night against the Barrie Colts — a 6-1 Plymouth win — was an aberration.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Whalers no-offense woes returned in a home-and-away series against the Brampton Battalion.

Brampton scored the go-ahead goal with no time left in the second period Saturday at Compuware Arena, and that was more than the Whalers could overcome as they lost 3-1.

Sunday's game at Brampton was even more discouraging. The Battalion scored a pair of power-play goals in the second period and for the second-straight night Brampton goalie Brad Topping outdueled Plymouth's Rob Zepp to post a 2-0 win.

The two losses dropped the Whalers further behind first-place Erie in the race for the top position in the Ontario Hockey League. Plymouth is 33-11-4-5 (75 points) in 53 games and remains first in the OHL's West Division; Erie is 36-9-9-0 (81 points) in 54 games, first in the Midwest Division.

The two teams clash for the last time dur-

ing this regular season at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Erie.

Brampton improved to 26-18-8-3 (63 points), in third place behind Erie and Guelph in the OHL's Midwest Division.

On Saturday at Compuware, the Battalion took the early lead when Aaron Van Leusen scored 4:56 into the second period. Kris Vernarsky knotted it at 1-all for the Whalers with a power-play goal at 10:52 of the second; Preston Mizzi and Cole Jarrett assisted.

The lead didn't last. Raffi Torres put Brampton ahead 2-1 at the second-period buzzer, a lead the Battalion never lost. Rostislav Klesla added an insurance goal for Brampton with 5:33 left to play in the game.

Topping made 15 saves in goal for the Battalion. Zepp turned away 19 shots for Plymouth.

On Sunday, power-play markers by Jay McClement and Lukas Havel in the second period boosted the Battalion. Klesla assisted on both goals; Havel also had an assist.

Plymouth outshot Brampton 32-24, including a 12-3 margin in the third period. But Topping was equal to the task, turning aside all 32 shots. Zepp made 22 saves for Plymouth.

East Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Belleville Bulls	28	17	4	2	62
Ottawa 67's	24	17	7	4	59
Kingston Frontenacs	24	18	10	1	59
Peterborough Petes	23	23	5	1	52
Oshawa Generals	14	28	6	4	38

Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Toronto St. M. Majors	26	17	5	2	59
Barrie Colts	23	21	7	2	55
Sudbury Wolves	23	19	6	1	53
North Bay Centennials	22	24	4	2	50
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	38	7	1	14

West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	33	11	4	5	75
Windsor Spitfires	27	16	6	4	64
Samia Sting	21	25	6	1	49
London Knights	19	28	4	2	44
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	17	32	4	2	40

Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Erie Otters	35	9	9	0	81
Guelph Storm	29	15	8	1	67
Brampton Battalion	26	18	8	3	63
Owen Sound Attack	25	22	5	1	56
Kitchener Rangers	20	27	6	0	46

Rocks reach final; Chiefs rally

There was nothing for Plymouth Salem volleyball coach Tom Teeters to be unhappy about at Saturday's Temperance Bedford Tournament. Not even the loss the Rocks absorbed in the final — 15-10, 15-7 — was that disappointing, considering it was to the host team, which also happens to be the No. 1-ranked squad in the state.

No, a loss to the Kicking Mules in the championship match is bearable, especially when it's preceded by wins over some pretty good teams.

Salem reached the final with a 15-6, 15-8 win over Birmingham Groves in the semifinals; a 15-5, 15-12 triumph over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the quarterfinals; and pool victories of 14-16, 15-4, 16-14 over seventh-ranked Adrian; 15-9, 15-6, 15-12 over Ida; and 15-0, 15-5, 15-2 over Burton Atherton.

"Today was our best playing of the year," said Teeters. "Our top players came through for us."

In the final opposite Temperance Bedford, the Rocks got their offense from Kelly Jaskot, who

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had 15 kills (a .394 kill percentage) to go with 17 digs, and Katie Good, who had nine kills as well as 11 digs. However, the rest of the team combined for just six kills and 20 digs. Jill Dombrowski did have two service aces, six digs and 28 set assists.

For the tournament, Salem's leaders were Good, with 78 kills, 12 aces and 53 digs; Mary Lou Liebau, with 48 kills and 49 digs; Jaskot, with 30 kills and 64 digs; Rolain Llanes, with nine aces and 30 digs; Jordan Falcusan, with 13 kills, six aces and 30 digs; and Dombrowski, with 11 kills, 13 aces, 27 digs and 177 set assists (11.8 per game).

On Monday, the Rocks ran their overall season record to 25-7 and their mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association to 8-1 with a 15-1, 15-10 win against North Farmington at Salem.

Falcusan led the Rocks with seven kills and three service

aces. Liebau had three blocks and Jaskot and Amber Williams each had six digs.

Canton battles back

Last season, such a slow start would have been enough to send Plymouth Canton to a loss. On Monday at Farmington, the Chiefs stayed focused and — despite a 12-4 deficit in the first game — battled back to get a victory, 17-15.

After that comeback, it was the Falcons who surrendered, losing the second game, 15-3. The match win pushed Canton's overall record to 19-11-3 and its Western Lakes Activities Association mark to 6-3.

"When we decided to wake up and play, we got big-time serving from Courtney Jarman and Meghan Meier," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "The good thing for us in this was we're starting to dig out of holes. They're learning that just because we're down, we don't have to give up."

The Chiefs trailed 12-4 in the

first game. Then Jarman served five-straight points and Meier served four more, giving Canton a 13-12 lead. The Falcons scored the next two points and after that it was a back-and-forth struggle, one the Chiefs eventually won.

"The second game was a wipe-out," said Anderson. "They spent everything they had in the first game."

Jarman and Christina Kiessel finished with five kills apiece, Kiessel also collecting four service aces. Meier had 23 digs and Mary Kryska finished with 17 set assists and seven digs.

Canton, which hosted Livonia Franklin last night, concludes its WLAA dual-meet season Monday at Livonia Churchill, with the division title on the line.

N'ville ends Salem's streak; PCA holds on to defeat St. Florian

For years, it seems Plymouth Salem's basketball team has had trouble finding an answer on how to defeat Northville.

The Rocks have won most of their match-ups, but not without a struggle. But on Tuesday at Northville, Salem had no answer — in particular to Aaron Redden.

The 6-foot-3 wing player caught fire in the third quarter and almost single-handedly carried the Mustangs to a 67-54 victory over the Rocks.

Northville's win ended Salem's win streak at six. The Rocks fell to 7-9 overall, 7-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Mustangs are 7-9 overall, 4-6 in the WLAA.

"They came out in the third quarter with their guns blazing," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They're a good team. At the beginning of the season, I said I thought they would win the conference."

The hottest of those blazing guns belonged to Redden, who nailed four three-pointers in the third quarter and scored 16 points as Northville outscored Salem, 21-9. That took it from a two-point game at the half (32-30, Northville) to a 14-point game after three (53-39).

Salem never got closer than eight in the fourth.

Redden finished with a game-high 25 points. Dave Gregor added 16 and Brandon Langston had 12.

Salem was led by Dave Hoskins' 16 points. Nick Tochman contributed 14 and Jeff Haar scored eight.

"We didn't play very well," said Brodie. "They played well, but I told the kids after the game that I can't think of any aspect of the game that we played better than them."

Salem now must win at North Farmington Friday to secure the No. 3 seed in the

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upcoming WLAA Tournament. A loss could drop them to No. 5.

PCA 52, St. Florian 50: Plymouth Christian Academy rode a 15-4 first-quarter surge to its fourth win of the season Monday at Hamtramck St. Florian.

The Eagles improved to 4-10 overall. St. Florian is 4-11.

PCA led 27-19 at the half and 40-30 after three quarters, but the Lancers' three-point shooting — they made 10 triples in the game, four of those in the fourth quarter — allowed them to pull to within a pair. But the Eagles' pressure defense stopped them there.

Clay Welton, a sophomore forward, poured in 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for PCA. Tyler Williams added nine points and 13 boards, and P.J. Woodman scored nine points.

Curtis Leavy's 25 points, including seven threes, paced St. Florian.

Farmington 67, Churchill 51: A 13-2 second quarter carried the Falcons to victory.

Farmington used a 22-15 second quarter to establish a 32-25 halftime lead and used tight defense in the third quarter to break the Western Lakes Activities Association game open.

The Falcons (14-4, 7-2) got 17 points from center Mike Griffe and 13 from forward Curtis Tillman.

The host Chargers (2-14, 1-8) got 12 points apiece from guard Will Pendergrass and forward Brandon Dzikinski.

Farmington was 23-for-34 from the line while Livonia Churchill made 10-of-17.

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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

The ice fishing season may soon be history in southeastern Michigan. Peering out the window late Friday afternoon was a dismal affair. A river of mud and slush was flowing down the driveway the result of a day full of unseasonably warm temperatures and steady drizzle. Unfortunately for those of us who enjoy ice fishing, those two elements are devastating to lake ice.

Sure, the return of cold weather could smooth things over again, but don't count on it. Heck, it's the middle of February and we've already had more winter weather than most can remem-

ber having in years.

If winter returns and the lakes begin to look tempting be sure to proceed with extreme caution. Ice doesn't freeze at the same rate or thickness across every body of water. Ice in some areas is considerably thinner than in others, and with the toll the recent spring-like weather has taken, you might be better off getting your warm-weather gear ready for action.

If you must venture out call a local bait and tackle store before heading out and get an update. The weather forecast calls for cold weather over the weekend, then more warm weather well into the 40s, by the middle of the week. Remember, there isn't a fish out there worth risking your life over.

Good hare day

If you haven't had your fill of winter just yet consider a trip north. I spent

last weekend in the Upper Peninsula where there is still two feet of ice on most lakes and two feet of snow on the ground.

The Michigan Outdoor Writers Association convened in St. Ignace for our biannual meeting and no one was at a loss for things to do. Aside from a plethora of seemingly endless snowmobile and cross country ski trails, the area also offers some exceptional winter hunting and fishing opportunities.

Whitefish and menominee were hitting with a vengeance on Lake Huron's Mosquito Bay and hare hunting was nothing short of fabulous. The area just north of town in the Hiawatha National Forest is loaded with bunnies and plenty of fresh sign to start your beagles on. Snow is still quite deep, so a good pair of snowshoes is in order. Here's a word to the wise: Get a good snowmobile trail

map, locate the nearest trail, then go the other way.

There are hundreds of thousands of acres of public hunting land in the U.P. and nothing puts a damper on a good hare hunt quicker than a pack of snowmobiles flying down a nearby two-track at 60 mph. Not only is the noise annoying, but the dogs are also in danger of getting hit if they happen to wander up onto a trail.

Many hunters get all worked up over the intrusion of snowmobiles into their hunting area, but the bottom line is we have to coexist. Snowmobile trails are well marked and documented on trail maps. Pick up a map, look it over, and pick an area to hunt that is well away from all the commotion.

Zebra mussels spreading

Four Oakland County lakes - Brendle, Crystal, Orion and Pontiac - are

among a list of 30 that were found to be infested with zebra mussels, according to Michigan Sea Grant. Sea Grant is a cooperative program between Michigan State University and the University of Michigan in Great Lakes marine research, education and outreach.

These 30 lakes represent a 21 percent increase over the number of lakes confirmed as infested in 1999; and brings the total number of inland lakes found to be infested with zebra mussels to 149.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

BEST BOYS SWIMMING PERFORMANCES

Following are the best Observerland boys swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax (734-591-7279), phone (734-953-2141) or email (domeara@oe.homecomm.net).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cuts: A — 1:43.09, B — 1:49.59)

Plymouth Salem 1:42.47
Redford Catholic Central 1:42.75
Plymouth Canton 1:44.29
North Farmington 1:44.32
Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 1:49.39, B — 1:55.59)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:47.03
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.81
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:49.91
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 1:50.22
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:52.10
Mike Johnson (Salem) 1:53.54
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92
Joe Le (Canton) 1:54.45

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cuts: A — 2:03.99, B — 2:11.59)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:57.41

Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:00.91
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:04.25
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:04.35
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 2:05.94
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:07.85
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:09.83

50-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 22.69, B — 23.69)

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 21.96
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.28
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.54
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.55
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 22.74
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 22.98
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.23
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 23.57
Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 23.62

DIVING

Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 259.80
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 230.20
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 224.05
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 214.05

Blake Brunner (Canton) 212.30
Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 206.55
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 203.00
Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40
Ken Douglass (Franklin) 190.20
Chris Derrig (Redford CC) 185.55

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cuts: A — 55.59, B — 58.99)

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 53.26
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.35
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.75
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 53.88
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 54.88
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 55.24
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.39
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.82
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 49.49, B — 51.99)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.47
Eric Lynn (Salem) 48.74
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 48.85
Mike Johnson (Salem) 49.70
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 49.93
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 50.35
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 50.35

Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.65
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 51.21

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 4:57.99, B — 5:15.99)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.57
Ben Dzalo (Salem) 4:56.02
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.44
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 5:06.94
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:08.17
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:08.35
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:09.25
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:12.54

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts: A — 1:31.99, B — 1:36.49)

Plymouth Salem 1:30.12
Redford Catholic Central 1:30.85
Plymouth Canton 1:32.49
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.95
North Farmington 1:37.91

100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cuts: A — 56.59, B — 59.99)

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.32
Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71
Brad Nilson (Canton) 57.05

Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.56
Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 57.56
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31
Brian Clayton (N. Farmington) 59.50
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.51
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cuts: A — 1:02.99, B — 1:07.59)

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 59.82
Dan Dziekan (Redford CC) 1:04.28
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.68
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:05.56

Eddie Lindow (Canton) 1:05.74
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:06.72
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.77
Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:06.86
Matt Newman (N. Farmington) 1:07.17
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 1:08.50

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts: A — 3:23.39, B — 3:35.99)

Plymouth Salem 3:19.07
Redford Catholic Central 3:20.86
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.13
Plymouth Canton 3:28.36
North Farmington 3:28.48

SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 107

SALINE 79

Tuesday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: Canton (Brad Nilson, Dennis Speck, Jon Heiss, Ron Opdyke), 1:49.06.

200-yard individual medley: Brad Nilson (PC), 2:14.03.

500-yard freestyle: Ryan Ahern (PC),

5:08.35.

100-yard backstroke: Brad Nilson (PC), 57.44.

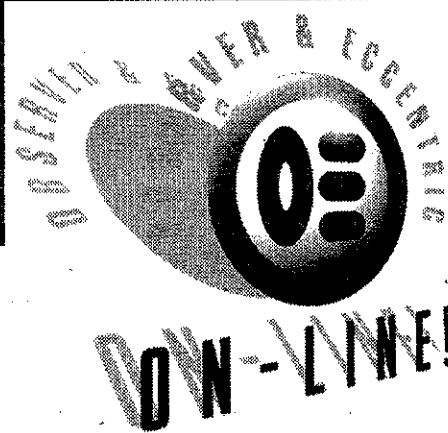
100-yard breaststroke: Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:06.16.

400-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Ryan Ahern, Joe Le, Brad Nilson, Matt Wisniewski), 3:31.41.

Canton's dual-meet record: 9-1 overall.

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ACTIVITIES

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING
ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the

Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

WHO MADE THAT

Learn how an animal's size, weight, gait and physical features determine the kind of track that is left behind. Pre-registration is required for this event scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. For more information, call 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY
PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2001 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are now on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30, 2001. After May 1, 2001, the permit cost will be \$25. All senior citizens (ages 62 and older) can purchase the permit for \$15 at all times. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

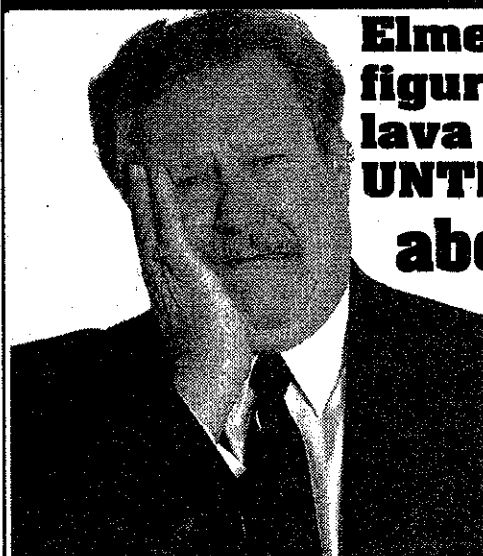
WAYNE COUNTY
PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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DESIRES OF THE HEART

Divorced white female, 49 yr old, 5'3", petite, with waist length dark hair with silver and brownish-green eyes, non-smoker, social drinker, seeking an attractive, honest, sincere, caring, single white male, with many interests, for friendship, good times and possibly more. Down River area. BOX 10424

KICKSTART MY HEART

Fun energetic, 23 yr old female, enjoys sports, concerts, music, and more. Looking for a male, 23 to 27, who enjoys cuddling up on the couch and watching a movie. BOX 10737

ENCHANTED EVENING

21 yr old single white mother of two, 5'1", medium build, brown hair and eyes, looking for a trustworthy male, 25 to 34 who enjoys dining out, going out for a drink and more. Must like children. BOX 10750

LOVE ME 4 WHAT I AM

Hi, I'm a 31 yr old, single female, 5'9", 150 lbs, long dark red hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys all outdoor activities, NASCAR just anything that's fun. Looking for a single professional male, weight and height proportionate with similar interests. BOX 10876

1 ENCHANTED EVENING

38 yr old, single female, 5'5", 150 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, traveling and just doing different things. Looking for a single male to share special moments together. BOX 10828

BE MY SWEETHEART...

Single Hispanic female, in my 50's, beautiful, with long dark hair, enjoys dancing with that special someone and many other interests. I'm looking for that special male, for friendship and companionship. Let's try to get to know each other! BOX 11022

NEW BEGINNINGS

White widowed female, 52 yrs old, 5'4", enjoys country music, slow dancing, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a big tall handsome gentleman, 52 to 60, non-smoker, drug-free, family oriented, for a possible relationship. BOX 14130

TRYING AT LOVE AGAIN

Hi, I'm a single female, in my 60's, 5'6", intelligent, financially secure, natural blonde hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys reading, working on my house, water, hunting, fishing, dining out, shopping, casinos and good conversations. Looking for an honest male, with similar qualities, for a serious relationship. BOX 14318

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE

44 yr old, single female, 5'2", petite, non-smoker, with shoulder length blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys dining out, good movies and many other interests. Looking for a single white male, 38 to 48, non-smoker with a good sense of humor. BOX 14347

WARM EMBRACES

Single female, 31, 5'9", 150 lbs, single mom, college student, long dark red hair, dark hazel eyes. Likes country music, outdoor activities, NASCAR, college football. Looking for a single male, 30's, tall, and professional. BOX 27443

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!

43 yr old, 5'8", 160 lbs, single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more. Is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

CALL ME...

Divorced, 44 yr old, white female, 5'3", platinum blonde hair and brown eyes, enjoys working out, walking, concerts, plays, animals and more. Would be interested in a gentleman, 35 to 46, with similar interests. BOX 27442

HERE I AM

Single white female 34, searching for an honest, compatible single white male, 30 to 35, family oriented, respectful, must like birds and bowling, down river need only reply. Munroe County. BOX 33390

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35998

FIRST TIME AD

White widowed, 53 female, 5'2", 150 lbs, blue eyes, light brown hair. Looking for a gentleman, 50-70, who likes to go camping, outdoors, dining out, movies, quiet times at home, for friendship possible relationship. Wayne county. BOX 26026

LET'S HAVE FUN

43 yr old, single white, 5'6", 135 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Looking for someone to have fun with. Smoker, social drinker, white male, 38 to 48, for fun times and maybe more. Wayne County BOX 33373

SOPHISTICATED & FUN

Fit, 5'8", brown eyed, blonde hair, passionate about life, and laughing, enjoy golfing, theater, movies, and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall, 49 to 58, financially, and emotionally stable, true gentleman, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26031

SEEKS NICE GUY

35 yr old, single female, 5'10", 180 lbs, auburn hair, blue eyes. Enjoys outdoors, dancing, movies, bowling. Seeking a sincere man, 30 to 45, with similar interests. Wayne County BOX 33376

OAKLAND COUNTY MEN

38 year old, Hispanic, 5'4", 132 lbs, attractive, college educated, single parent, very active lady, with many interests, social drinking, single white male, non-smoker, 35 to 45, who is fit, active, and ready for dating, friendship, and more, take a chance. Oakland county. BOX 26045

QUALITY QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoker, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side Wayne county. BOX 25333

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is intelligent, loyal, down to earth, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

LOOKING FOR YOU!

25 yr old, 5'2", petite build, single white female with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male, 23 to 30, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32406

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Single white female, 44 yrs old, attractive, blonde hair, blue eyes, full figured, 5'3", non-smoker, professional, kind, considerate, loyal, down to earth. Enjoys writing, movies, music, dining out, swimming, bowling and more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 55, an race, height, weight. BOX 10941

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

SINGLE MOM

32 yr old, single mother, divorced, 5'8", medium build, auburn hair, brown eyes. Enjoys the outdoors, romantic dinners, walking, and more. Seeking a white male, 32 to 45, 5'10" or taller, hopefully with children and similar interests. BOX 10956

LIFE'S BETTER SHARED

50's female, young looking, 5'6", blue eyes, light complexioned, blandish hair, casual dresser, professional, home owner, mother of one. Looking for a nice, kind, sincere gentleman who is looking for a relationship. BOX 14214

SEEKING ROMANCE

Interesting, beautiful, spiritual divorced professional white female, 39, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays, and more. Seeking a white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area preferred. Wayne county. BOX 32005

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced, single white female. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

LOVE THE OUTDOORS

Single white female, 40, 5'4", 125 lbs, medium voluptuous. Enjoys camping, fishing, campfires and quiet times. Seeks a white man, 38 to 45, tall, dark and handsome, with similar interest. For friendship first, possible long term relationship. Down River area. Wayne County. BOX 32001

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural redhead, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25988

IT TAKES TWO

Divorced white female, 53, 5'7", 140 lbs, average build, who enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, concerts, movies, taking walks with that special someone. Seeks male companion, tall, honest, no head games for possible relationship. Wayne County BOX 33671

LOOKING FOR:

A kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long term monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female, 48 to 50, in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day answer my ad today. BOX 25322

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36088

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 25353

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

KEY TO MY HEART

52 yr old, white female, full figured, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25328

ATTENTION HARLEYS

Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

SEEKING A PARTNER

Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

...with a friend. 35 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

DOCTOR WANTED

Pretty blonde, ex blonde, youthful looking 60, bright, warm and witty. Troy area, with special interest in psychiatry. Seeking kind caring physician for intense relationship. Oakland County. BOX 25005

I'M SANE

22 yr old, single white female, 5'2", 125 lbs, loves horror flicks and cooking. Seeking muscular, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

STARTING OVER

5'10", white full figured female, 45, non-smoker, light drinker, no drugs, varied interests that include, bowling, walking and sci fi. Looking for same for monogamous relationship that could lead to marriage. Oakland County BOX 26011

HEAVEN SENT ME

Single male, 5'11", 190 lbs, brown hair, and blue eyes, outgoing, born again Christian. Looking for a female who is attending church, and is active in the church. BOX 14107

VICTIM OF THE GAME

Professional white male, 5'5", 170 lbs, open-minded and caring, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys old cars, outdoor activities and more. Looking for a female with similar interests for companionship. BOX 32430

RAIN DOWN ON ME

Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

HARD TO FIND

Single female, 5'5", easygoing, likes to watch movies, gardening, employed. Looking for a long term relationship. BOX 10800

MAN IN UNIFORM

Single 43 yr old male, hard working, smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies, flea markets, amusement parks, country music and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 10804

WIN ME OVER

Single divorced white male, 52, 6'2", 250 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes. Likes reading, history, computer graphics. Looking for a single white female, 40 to 50, petite, attractive, average build. BOX 10841

SIMPLY THE BEST

Single male, 5'5", 150 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. Hobbies are gardening, animals, hiking, outdoors. Looking for a single female, non-smoker. BOX 10849

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

46 yr old, divorced white male, 5'10", dark brown hair and green eyes with a large teddy bear build. I value God, family and friends. In search of an intelligent, articulate, single white female, 38 to 48, to share my life with. BOX 10979

THAT PERFECT MATE

Divorced white male, 52, professional, enjoys long walks, dining out, camping, bowling, plays, sports, movies and playing cards. Seeks a fit, active female, who enjoys life, loves to have fun and ready to start a relationship with a special person. BOX 10993

SINCERELY YOURS...

Single white male, 34, 5'6", 145 lbs, Catholic, non-smoker, professional, honest, caring with dark brown hair and eyes. Likes movies, bowling, concerts and more. Seeking a slender to average build, single white female who wants a serious and stable relationship. BOX 11005

THE TIME IS NOW...

Single white professional male, 23, 5'5", 140 lbs, college graduate, enjoys all outdoor activities and working on my car. In search of an honest, outgoing, single white female, 21 to 28, for friendship, possibly leading to a relationship. BOX 11008

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Divorced white male in search of ideal male, 38 plus, for fun and friendship, dating or possible long term relationship. Non-smoker. BOX 26039

DO YOU QUALIFY?

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DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?

50 yr old, divorced white widower, 5'6", 165 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, quiet times, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14059

LET'S GET CONNECTED

Divorced 46 yr old white male, adventurous and romantic, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

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GOOD EUROPEAN MAN

Single white male, 34, 5'6", 145 lbs, a Catholic, non-smoker and no children. Enjoys barbecues, cooking, fishing, hunting, walks, zoos and much more. Seek a slim single female, 24 to 42, with similar interests. BOX 35913

COMPATABLE?

Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, no dependents, humorous, communicative, introspective. Enjoys the outdoors, music, movies and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available, professional single white female, for happy, healthy relationship. Oakland County. BOX 26038

I'M A SINCERE PERSON

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

A GENTLE GENTLEMAN

Sincere and normal man, 6'1", 260 lbs, big boned and brown skin, 42, very romantic and consistent, car and homeowner. Likes movies, concerts, summertime person, and much more. Looking for a nice, special, shapely woman for friendship, 30 to 45, possible relationship. BOX 14401

PEPPER SEEKING SALT

26 yr old, single black male, 5'6", 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 30 to 45, to go out and have a nice time together. BOX 27454

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WLAA wrestling from page D1

275. Chris Hosey, wrestling at 135, and Mike Siegrist, at 145, both placed third.

Although Salem finished well — indeed, the Rocks were the top finisher among the WLAA's Lakes Division teams — the team's coach, Greg Woodchuk, wasn't entirely satisfied.

"I would have been a little happier if our heavier weights had come through," said

Woodchuk.

Still, the Rocks outdid Canton, collecting three division titles. Tony Kennard was the top wrestler at 135, beating Livonia Churchill's Lev Mergian 11-2 in the final.

At 130, Brandon Sammut defeated Livonia Franklin's Lee Warren 3-2 in the title match. And at 119, Mike Goethe topped Northville's D'Anna 2-1 in dou-

ble overtime.

However, the Rocks had no one else finish higher than fourth.

The state individual wrestling districts will be Saturday at Novi HS.

Results of Wednesday's state district team tournament will appear in Sunday's Observer.

WLAA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
Feb. 10 at Walled Lake Central
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 228 points; 2. Walled Lake Western, 188; 3. Plymouth Canton, 187; 4. Plymouth Salem, 169; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 151; 6. Westland John Glenn, 122.5; 7. Livonia Churchill, 114; 8. Walled Lake Central, 88; 9. Livonia Franklin, 73.5; 10. North Farmington, 64; 11. Farmington, 57.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
Heavyweight: Henry (WLW) pinned McWatt (PC), 1:07; **consolation final:** Martinez (LF) decisioned Sabourin (LS), 11-3; **5th-6th place:** Lange (WLC) p. O'Brien (N), 3:48; **7th-8th place:** Reedus (WJG) dec. Walker (PS), 5-3.
103 pounds: Saran (N) dec. Seaman (WLW), 6-2; **consolation:** Naber (WJG) dec. Mervyn (PS), 14-2; **5th:** Clement (LC) dec. Setsuda (WLC), 4-2; **7th:** Canvasser (NF) dec. McCart (LF), 10-6.
112: Beech (WLW) won by tech. fall over Bajrami (NF), 3:55; **consolation:** Smith (WJG) dec. D'Anna (N), 1-0; **5th:** Bobee (PS) won by injury default over Rabaut (LS); **7th:** Abdullai

(LC) dec. Debay (LF), 10-7.
119: Goethe (PS) dec. D'Anna (N), 2-1 (2 OTs); **consolation:** Lepsitz (NF) dec. Clement (LC), 5-2; **5th:** Pitt (PC) dec. Mandisa (WJG), 7-0; **7th:** Clare (WLW) dec. Jensen (WLC), 9-5.
125: Aubry (WLC) p. Demick (PC), 3:41; **consolation:** Doyle (N) dec. Dillard (PS), 4-3; **5th:** Lenhardt (LC) dec. Fischer (LS), 13-5; **7th:** Parker (WJG) dec. Easterday (F), 9-0.
130: Sammut (PS) dec. Warren (LF), 3-2; **consolation:** Perry (WJG) dec. Pokorny (N) 8-1; **5th:** Robinson (PC) dec. Smith (LC), 6-3; **7th:** Dropiewski (WLC) p. Coolman (WLW), 2:49.
135: Kennard (PS) dec. Mergian (LC), 11-2; **consolation:** Hosey (PC) dec. Ashby (N), 8-3; **5th:** Garcia (WJG) dec. Perach (NF), 4-3; **7th:** Escobar (WLW) dec. Beste (WLC), 15-6.
140: Musser (PC) dec. Radley (LS), 8-3; **consolation:** Nazarov (WLW) p. Childs (WLC), 4:34; **5th:** Kelley (N) won by void over Stott (PS); **7th:** Cruickshank (WJG) dec. Kish (F), 12-2.
145: Pattenau (WLW) won by tech. fall over Cooprid (LC), 5:55; **consolation:** Siegrist (PC) dec. Stewart (WLC), 13-2; **5th:**

Schultz (PS) p. Azzopardi (LF), 1:22; **7th:** Gregory (WJG) p. Murtland (F), 2:52.
152: Neumann (N) dec. Wolfgang (WJG), 12-5; **consolation:** Jamieson (LS) dec. Jones (LC), 3-2; **5th:** Faraoni (PC) dec. Koenig (WLW), 4-3; **7th:** Blair (PS) dec. Zultak (NF), 6-5.
160: Kharbush (LS) p. Murtland (F), 1:28; **consolation:** Palushaj (N) p. Busciglio (WLW), 2:45; **5th:** Rajasee (PC) p. March (PS), 1:43; **7th:** Wroblewski (WJG) dec. Freeman (LC), 5-4.
171: Pettijohn (N) dec. McKee (PC), 3-1 (OT); **consolation:** Navarro (LF) p. Portellos (PS), 2:21; **5th:** Gaston (LS) won by void over Brown (F); **7th:** Seres (WJG) p. Duncan (NF), 0:39.
189: Rumbley (N) dec. Rothwell (PC), 3-1 (OT); **consolation:** Clark (WLW) dec. Murray (LC), 9-7; **5th:** McCarthy (LS) dec. McFarland (WLC), 11-8; **7th:** Schembri (WJG) dec. Wayne (F), 9-5.
215: Vandenbossche (LC) p. Bargerstock (LS), 5:15; **consolation:** Palushaj (N) dec. Jensen (PS), 13-4; **5th:** Holland (WLW) dec. Perry (WJG), 9-5; **7th:** Belsky (F) dec. Miller (PC), 3-1.

Salem gets a win and a draw

The wake-up call for Plymouth Salem's hockey team came late in the second period Saturday at Gibraltar Carlson.

The first period had been scoreless, and the second was 10 minutes old before that changed — and it was Carlson that did it. The Marauders got a goal with 4:11 left in the period, then got another 1:33 later to go up 2-0.

The Rocks got the message. Steve Jacobs scored with 51 seconds to go in the second to narrow Carlson's lead to 2-1, and Salem owned the third period, scoring four unanswered goals to

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collect a 5-2 victory.

Mark Nagel, Mike Crowley, Bryan Young and Steve Nagel got final-period goals for the Rocks. Young also had two assists; Jacobs and both Mark and Steve Nagel got one apiece.

Shane Breest was in goal for the Rocks.

On Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, a goal by Mark Nagel midway through the third period elevated Salem to a 3-3

tie with Novi in a non-league game.

Brad Proodian's goal early in the first period had given the Rocks a 1-0 lead (Young assisted). Novi tied it with 7:07 left in the second, but Salem regained the lead with 2:21 to go in the second on a goal by Steve Nagel (assisted by Mark Nagel).

Two goals pushed the Wildcats into the lead, the second coming with 8:43 remaining in the third. Mark Nagel's game-tying score came 57 seconds later (Steve Nagel, Mike Crowley assisted).

Canton hoop from page D1

Bortz put in a putback at the buzzer to give his team a 34-32 lead.

That 9-2 Viking run to end the quarter should have swept these teams in opposite directions, but it didn't. Central opened up a four-point lead on a basket by John Auer with 6:15 to play, but the Chiefs then kicked their game into high gear — and the Vikings didn't respond.

Canton's 9-2 run over the next three minutes featured a three-pointer by Andrew Meagrow, and it gave the Chiefs a 41-38 lead. Twice the Vikings narrowed the gap to a point, on baskets by Chris Hart and Bortz, but they could never overtake Canton.

That was due, in great part, to Rheault's decision not to let up defensively. Even when his Chiefs had a lead, he didn't allow them to back off, instead risking a foul but maintaining the pressure.

The result: It confused Central offensively, forcing five turnovers in the final 90 seconds. Two of them were Canton steals before the Vikes crossed half-court, by Rian Barker and Jason Priebe.

"I just felt that's what got us here, let's keep rattling them," said Rheault.

A basket by Oliver Wolcott with :43 left and two free throws by Priebe nine seconds later

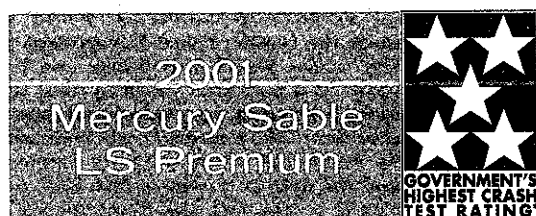
clinched the Chiefs' win. Wolcott and Jerry Gaines each scored 12 points to lead Canton. Bortz paced Central with 12; Steve Horn contributed 10.

The outcome wasn't a happy one for Central, but Shoemaker knew it might help his team refocus for what lay ahead. "I always hate to lose," he admitted, "but this might be good for us.

"A good question might be, how'd we ever get to be 15-0? We could just as easily be 10-5 right now."

A lot of people also thought the Vikings would be 16-0 — except for a certain bunch of determined overachievers.

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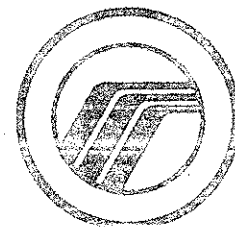
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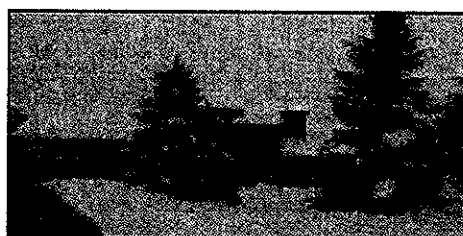
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CUSTOM RANCH! Dream 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch. Neut decor. Cathedral ceilings, corner frplc, skylite, island kit w/mega cupboards. Wonderfully open flr plan!!

(23W40981)

734-455-7000



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.

(B1462)

734-591-9200



FARMINGTON HILLS \$239,900
SUPER RANCH in popular Meadowbrook Hills! Newer roof, CA, freshly painted, parklike lot, 3-full baths, stone FP, part fin'd bsmt, Farmington Hills schools & quick occupancy.

(37HAL2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$239,900
THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY! 1991 built colonial. Fireplace, large lot, walk in closet, master bath, and much more!

(W9760)

734-591-9200



OCEOLA \$234,900
SHARP 1998, 3 BR HOME ON CUL-DE-SAC! Backs to woods across street from Thompson Lake. Neutral decor, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings. Howell schools! Perfection!

(20LAK2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$234,000
SPACIOUS WELL MAINTAINED all brick Ranch! 4 BR, 2 full baths, new kitchen, LR w/frpl, lg FR, full fin'd bsmt w/bath, home protection plan provided.

(66SHA2)

248-348-6430



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/frp and more.

(L32522)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$214,900
GREAT FAMILY HOME! Fantastic sub backing to trees. Lots of hardwood flooring, finished basement, sliding doorwalls from lg FR w/ natural fireplace. One year home warranty.

(B30571)

734-591-9200



COMMERCE \$194,900
STUNNING Desirable Golf Manor, 3 bdrm Ranch remodeled in 2000. Hardwood floors, windows, roof, paint, kitchen. Family Rm w/ fireplace.

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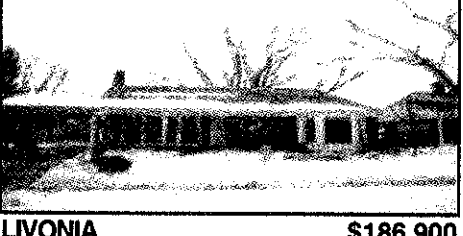
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WHITMORE LAKE \$189,900
LAKEFRONT LIVING UNDER 190,000! Move right in. Beautiful all sports Whitmore Lake w/over 650 acres of fun. 1600 sq ft colonial w/bsmt, 2 car garage, and updating t/o.

(E148)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$186,900
APPROX. 2000 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA Split level home with eight rooms - 1.5 baths and ample storage. Newer windows, entry & kitchen flooring, and more.

(L29559)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$185,000
WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL IN LIVONIA! 3 BR, 2 full baths, recent updates: Anderson windows, carpet, kitchen floor & landscaping. Finished lower level w/natural frpl.

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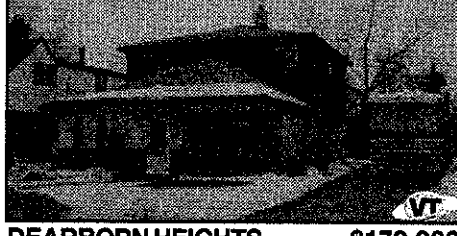
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LIVONIA \$179,900
NESTLED ON NEARLY 1/2 ACRE This dramatic 3 BR, 2 bath custom built brick ranch offers style, grace, & space. Numerous extras including private tennis court!!!

(G15613)

734-591-9200



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$179,900
HERE IT IS! The perfect home for that lg family. 6 BR, 2 baths, mstr w/wic, updates galore, new cabinets, vaulted ceiling, fenced yard, move-in condition.

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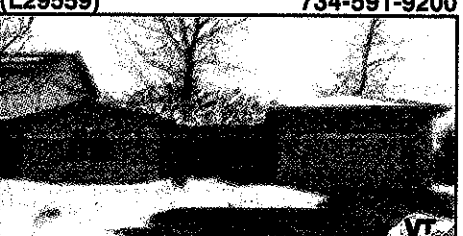
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LIVONIA \$163,900
HURRY! WON'T LAST! Nice floor plan. Livonia ranch features 3 BR, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, some newer windows, home warranty.

(W35505)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$162,500
CHARMING, CONVENIENT, CLEAN CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 bath, first floor laundry, full basement, attached garage.

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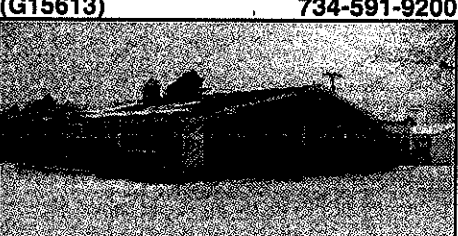
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LIVONIA \$146,500
EVERYTHING IS DONE 3 BR brick ranch. Move in & enjoy the cherry kitchen, light & bright living living room, deck, and tiled basement. Numerous recent updates.

(R29884)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$146,000
LIVONIA SCHOOLS Nice 3 bedroom brick Ranch, C/A, newer windows, carpet, doors. 9X15 Florida Room, 2 car garage, fireplace. Good location.

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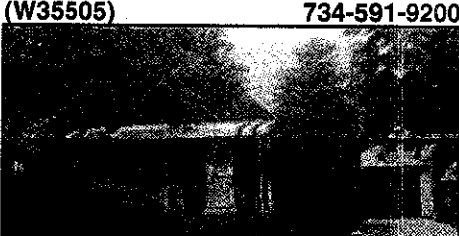
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WESTLAND \$144,900
GREAT RANCH IN TONQUISH! Neat and clean 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home. Huge kit w/extra cupboards. Liv rm w/wood burning stove. Partially fin bsmt w/2 bdrms. Newer c/a and gar door.

(23B6679)

734-455-7000



DEARBORN \$144,900
FIRST TIME ON THE MARKET! Immediate occupancy in this W. Dearborn 3 bdrm bungalow. Kit, din rm combo, liv rm w/gas frplc. Many updates. Relax on the full front porch!

(23W421)

734-455-7000



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.

(D3837)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$139,900
MUST SEE! 3 bdrm brick Ranch w/fin bsmt. Updates: windows & bay in LR, newer exterior doors, C/A-furnace, roof, white kit. all appliances stay. 2.5 car garage.

(F334)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$134,900
HURRY OVER! Open & airy 3 BR, 2 bath brick bungalow - a marvelous mix of sunshine, classic styling, & comfort. 1500+ sq ft w/family rm & well appointed upgrades.

(E24445)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$119,900
CHARMING BRICK RANCH! Move right into this immaculate, updated, 3 BR charmer. New carpet, remodeled kitchen, a/c, roof all in the last few years.

(43AVO2)

248-348-6430



REDFORD \$114,900
TRY A REDFORD TRI 3 bdrms, 1 bath home has all newer windows and carpet. Beautiful 2 tier deck w/access from doorwalls in 2 upstairs bedrooms. Appliances stay.

(C159)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$109,900
HOME AT LAST! A great starter home with 3 bdrms and 1 bath located on a .93 acre lot. The back part of the lot is wooded.

(23P38428)

734-455-7000



WAYNE \$92,900
DESIRABLE CORNER LOT 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, 12 x 14 deck, covered front porch, newer windows, vinyl siding, furnace and roof. Clean and ready to show.

(G425)

734-326-2000



DETROIT \$65,000
TAKE A STEP Toward better living in this 3 bedroom aluminum Bungalow in a great area. Full bsmt, newer windows and entry doors, ceram bath w/vanity, 2 1/2 car garage.

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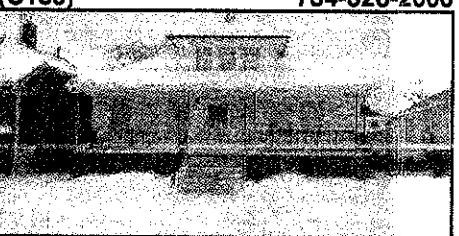
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WESTLAND \$59,990
A RARE FIND At even a rarer price. 2 bdrm Ranch Condo starting at \$59,990. Full brick, full basement, private yard, appliances, no association fees.

(GRVIEW)

734-326-2000



DETROIT \$59,900
CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN Freshly painted, hardwood floors, new electrical service, walk-in pantry, new exterior doors, covered front porch, fenced lot. City work complete.

(P613)

734-326-2000

HARTLAND
YOUR COUNTRY RETREAT! Beautiful 97 built cape cod on 2 rolling acres. 1832 sq ft, 3 BR, 2.5 baths, 1st fl mstr ste, additional 1100 sq ft in part daylight walkout bsmt.
\$244,900 (C11670) 734-591-9200

WEST BLOOMFIELD
EXCLUSIVE W. BLOOMFIELD DEVELOPMENT Nestled among custom homes. Private setting. Other lots available including wooded & walk out sites.
\$175,000 (G00000) 734-591-9200

WESTLAND
NICE 4 BR, 2 BATH, BRICK RANCH! Livonia schools, all major items: furnace, a/c, roof, windows, driveway, electrical, updated baths & full bsmt. Show & Sell!
\$164,900 (39ROS2) 248-348-6430

DETROIT
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR, 2 bath Ranch, large family room w/woodstove. Newer kitchen w/oak cabinets, finished basement, 2-car garage & home warranty.
\$95,500 (44DOL2) 248-348-6430



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500 Help Wanted General

MORTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR

Experienced, hard working, dependable individual needed with knowledge in Conforming, Non-Conforming, FHA and working with multiple investors. Exc. compensation, monthly bonus plan, medical, dental, 401k and a dynamic work environment. Please fax your resume to: 248-927-4124, Attn: Heather M. Sanders

Mortgage Processor
Plymouth area. Full or part time available. Conventional, FHA, preferred. Fax resume to: (734) 454-1728 or call: (734) 454-1700

NEW HOMES SALES CONSULTANT NEEDED
-New homes from \$500K and up
-New homes sales experience required
-Willing to work weekends
-Willing to become licensed
Fax resume to: (248) 349-1880

NEWSPAPER ROUTE DELIVERY
Immediate openings. Redford and Westland. Part-time a.m./p.m. routes available. No collections. Call: 734-522-3659

Night Watch/Resident Aide
Assisted living facility. Full time & every other weekend. Benefit package. Apply in person or call: 734-522-5760
15775 Middlebelt, Livonia.

NORTHVILLE LUMBER CO.
Driver/Yard Help
• Compelling wages
• Full-time
• Flexible scheduling
• Paid vacation & incentive pay
Apply in person or call: (248) 349-0220

OFFICE MANAGER
Manufacturing facility looking for an office manager. Must have office experience, computers & billing. Call: 313-933-4211. Paul or Fax resume: 313-933-4434

OFFICE WORKER
Reservations for Metro Airport Transportation service. Full time. Must be flexible to work any shift and have good customer service skills. Good benefits and working environment. Apply in person only Mon.-Fri., 10am-4pm @ 26500 Van Born Rd. (between Inkster & Beech-Daly) in Dearborn Heights, MI.

PARTS COUNTER SALES
Large Dearborn Ford Dealer. Ford experience required. 401K/ full benefits. Contact Tim (313) 446-5000 ext. 270.

PEOPLE NEEDED NOW
Permanent Positions. Start immediately. Up to \$400/wk. No exp. needed. Benefits available. Must be at least 18. 734-525-5656, Ask for Craig. EOE

PHONE INTERVIEWERS
needed for busy Troy based market research firm. Excellent working environment with flexible scheduling for days, nights and weekend hours. \$7.50 to start. Call Clyde at (248) 288-8549 or fax resume to (248) 288-8550.

PICTURE FRAMER
Opportunity in Southfield gallery. Full-time. Benefits. (248) 356-5454

PLUMBER NEEDED. Experienced in residential service work. Top pay & benefit package to qualified applicants. Apply in person at Long Plumbing Co., 190 E. Main St., Northville. Ask for Tony (248) 349-0373

PLUMBERS WANTED
qualified candidate must possess a minimum of 2 years exp. in new residential plumbing. We offer top pay, benefits, 401K, paid vacation and holidays. Call 810-783-7200 for appointment.

ENTRY LEVEL & EXPERIENCED TECHNICIANS

Needed in all categories for a very busy shop. Excellent wages & benefits.

— Please Contact —

Rick Thornsberry

734.458.5265

PART-TIME SALES ASSISTANT

This 24 hour/week position backs up the sales staff assisting with all steps of the sale. If you are an energetic, highly motivated person who would love working with our upbeat Birmingham sales staff we would like to hear from you! A great way to learn the newspaper advertising business. High School diploma or equivalent required, with 6 months to one year general office experience. Excellent customer service, communication and computer skills are essential, and ability to accurately type 35-40 wpm. Must have own transportation. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers offers a great work environment and excellent benefits.

Please submit resume to:

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150
e-mail: ebibik@oe.homecomm.net
fax: 734-953-2057
Must include job code: SA

500 Help Wanted General

PLANT MANAGER

Automotive parts packager is seeking a high energy individual to lead its largest operation. Individual should be able to demonstrate strong leadership skills, proven track record of operational improvements & sound understanding of lean manufacturing concepts. Ability to create a team environment is necessary. Degree or commensurate experience required. Forward resume including salary requirements to:

Box #265
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

PRESS BRAKE OPERATOR

Minimum one year exp. with ability to set-up own job requiring Good pay and benefits. Apply in person at: Sure Fit Metal Products, 30999 Industrial Rd., Livonia. 734-522-9310

PRESS OPERATOR
2nd Tier manufacturer of small stamping plant seeking individual experienced in operating presses from 5 ton to 60 ton. Knowledge of S.P.C. churning a plus. Profit sharing, 401K, and medical benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: (313) 537-0286 or apply at: Franklin Fastener Co., 12701 Beech Daly Rd., Redford.

PRINTING PRESS OPERATOR

Walled Lake In-Plant Print shop seeks experienced press operator for 10K & A5 Die and Benelux. Benefit package includes health, dental, life and 401K plan. Hourly wage based on education and experience. Fax resume to 248-960-0079. E.O.E.

PRINTING

Small commercial Quick Printer has an opening for a quality conscious front counter person. Must have experience and be able to work well with our customers. To arrange for an interview, please call Tom at 248-476-8130

PROCESSING CLAIMS from home. \$15-\$45/Hr Established company seeks people. Training provided. Must own PC. 1-800-797-7511 ext. 309

Production Expediter

Precision tool manufacturer has immediate opening. Successful candidate must possess excellent computer and communication skills, with strong attention to detail. Fast paced atmosphere with pleasant working conditions. Competitive salary, 13 paid holidays and full benefit package.

Send Resume or apply at:

Office Manager
Moeller Manufacturing Co.
43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd.
Livonia, MI 48150
Or fax (734) 416-2200. E.O.E.

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

NW area medium sized company is seeking a responsible individual with a minimum of 3 years of exp. in a labor-intensive unit environment. Understanding of ISO9000 quality concepts is preferred. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume including salary requirements:

Box #289
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

PROJECT MANAGER Quadrants, Inc. - A Wixom based General Contractor - Design/Builder is seeking an experienced Project Manager to fill an immediate opening. Ideal candidate will be well experienced in overseeing & managing projects ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million in size. Scheduling, computer skills required. Competitive salary & benefit package. Please fax resume w/salary requirements to: (248) 960-3903 Equal Opportunity Employer

RADIO INSTALLER
For company in Livonia. Will train. Start \$10/hr. depending on experience. Full-time. Full benefits. (734) 427-9400

500 Help Wanted General

PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Highly motivated individual to build light industrial buildings in Canton. Must have experience with contract awards, budget reports and direct supervision of industrial projects. FAX RESUME WITH SALARY REQUIREMENTS to Scott S. @ (248) 865-2096.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY now hiring for resident manager & leasing positions in Wayne & Oakland counties. Competitive wages & excellent benefits. Please call 248-477-7889 or send resume to 248-477-7889.

PUNCH-OUT MAN

Applicant must have basic residential construction site experience. Responsible, reliable, dedicated, hardworking individual capable of performing daily tasks with minimum supervision. FAX RESUME WITH SALARY REQUIREMENT to Scott S. @ 248-865-2096

RECEIVER

DAMMAN HARDWARE has full-time openings at our Farmington store. Competitive Wages, Medical, Dental, Family Discount, Paid Holidays, Vacation Pay! Experience Considered. Application can be made daily @ 23300 Farmington Rd.

RECEPTIONIST

\$25,000/yr.++benefits, discounts. Glamour position in Beauty Industry. Must have Excel & Word experience. Will greet customers and be right hand person to V.P. SALES. Opening in Novi Area. EMPLOYER PAYS FEE. Fax confidential resume to: 248-569-0408 Employment Center Agency

RENTAL AGENT

Full time for growing car & truck rental agency. Learn all aspects of business. Hourly wage, monthly bonus. Room for advancement. 401K available. Apply Mon-Fri 9am-5pm at McDonald Rent-A-Car, 17000 Northville Rd. Northville (corner 6 Mile).

Heslop's

Is looking for Assistant Manager. Must possess strong leadership abilities and retail background. \$24,000 to start. Fax resumes: 248-344-4342 or mail to: Heslop's 22790 Heald Dr. Novi, MI 48375 Attn: Personnel.

RETAIL

STORE MGR to \$35k/yr. Benefits. Major Co. WILL TRAIN persons with Mgmt. experience from any field. Call for personal interview. EMPLOYER PAYS FEE Employment Center Agency (248) 689-1636

ROOFERS/LABORERS EXP.

needed. Reliable transportation. Tools a must. Looking for a career not just a job. Insurance, 401K. (248) 922-3680

ROOFING

*Laborers needed. *Roofing crews w/own equipment. 734-546-6908 bet. 8am-8

RV PORTER - I General RV center the mid west largest RV dealer is looking for a sales RV Porter. Responsibilities will include: Arranging RV's on lot, as well as moving between stores. All stores are in Michigan. No overtime. Position is full time with benefits. Call (248)349-0900 ext. 214

SANDERS & FINISHERS

Professionals needed to service area builders. Must be good with people & take pride in your work. Steady work with excellent wages. Call Paul at Riener Floors, Bloomington Hills. (248) 335-3500 ext. 3080

SEAMSTRESS

Experienced, Full or part-time position available. Call within Eva's Bridal 734-422-5390.

SECURITY

ALARM INSTALLER
No experience necessary. On-job on vehicle. Benefits. Immediate opening. 248-682-6800.

SECURITY GUARD

Position available in Livonia. Call between 4-4:30pm. (313) 350-9916.

SERVICE CONSULTANT

needed for Farmington Hills dealership. Must be outgoing & have pleasant personality. Bonuses paid based on experience. Benefits & retirement available. Apply in person at 30250 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 248-474-0500.

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Employee Benefits Agency. 3-5 year exp. Fax resume to: (248) 336-1607

SERVICE TECH/ MANAGER

for company servicing copiers, laser printers, etc. In Southeast MI. Ask for Darrell (248) 352-4510

SHIPPING & RECEIVING

afternoons, computer skills necessary. Send resume to Admiral Tool, 38010 Amrhein, Livonia MI 48150.

SHOP HELPER

for clean up work and misc. errands. Must have good driving record. \$9/hour. (248) 478-5604

SOCIAL WORKERS

full and part-time available with benefits. Send resume to W.C.F.C. Attn: J.M., 30600 Michigan Ave. Westland, 48186.

500 Help Wanted General

SHIFT MANAGER

NW area medium sized company is seeking a responsible individual with 1 to 5 years supervisory experience. Familiar with computerized systems. Duties include: Insuring that inventories are maintained both system wise and physically in the facility. Troubleshooting and resolutions of inventory inaccuracies. Accountable for meeting production targets & continuous operational improvements. Will be responsible for all department during the day shift. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume and salary requirements to: Box #1008 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

Shipping/Receiving/ Warehouse

ITW CIP/Anchor Stampings, a world wide supplier of fasteners and specialty stampings, is seeking a high energy individual to join the team in the shipping/receiving area. Hi-lo, computer skills, bar coding experience is a plus. Day (1st) shift position available. This position offers full medical and dental benefits, 401K retirement, pension plan, and paid vacations. For confidential consideration, please forward resume to:

ITW CIP/Anchor Stampings Personnel Dept. 12150 Merriman Road Livonia, MI 48150

SIGN INSTALLER

Great job for smart, physically fit individual. No income restrictions. Hard work equals big money! Call Bob Horn 248-496-4990

Southfield

WELLINGTON PLACE APTS

1 Bedroom Apts located in a quiet secluded community on Lahser Rd., South of 9 Mile. Heat, Water & Intrusion Alarm System included. \$580/Mo. 248-355-1069.

SPIRIT AIRLINES, Inc.

is currently looking for fun, energetic, flexible people to fill the full time position of Flight Attendant. Spirit Flight Attendants enjoy excellent benefits and travel opportunities. Candidates must meet all of the following requirements. Minimum age of 21, professional appearance, prior customer service or business background, high school diploma or equivalent, ability to work flexible hours and days. Interested candidates are invited to attend any of the following interview sessions: February 13th, 21st and 28th. Interviews will be held at the Best Western Gateway International, 9191 Wixomham, Romulus, MI, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. A current resume is required.

SUMMER JOBS

Art & Sports Teachers, Counselors & Lifeguards needed for day camp in W. Bloomfield. 248-661-3630 Fax resume 248-357-8361

SUPERINTENDENT

Northville Insurance Repair Center Contractor seeking working Superintendent with own tools & vehicle. Fax resume to: 248-465-1441 Or call: 248-465-1440

KINDERCARE - W. Bloomfield

has immediate openings for full/part time Teachers/Paras/Aides. Premium pay for after-school shift on teachers with CDA. Full medical benefits, vacations, 401K. Call 248-855-1963.

TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS

Needed full time for Southfield preschool. Early childhood experience necessary. Great working environment & great children. Begin immediately. Call 248-357-1740

TEACHERS-CERTIFIED

To tutor grades K-12. Priority needed: Math Teacher (grades 8-12) Plymouth Learning Center. 734-455-3443

TEACHER SEARCH

Supervisors, Art & Sports Teachers, Counselors & Lifeguards needed for day camp in W. Bloomfield. 248-661-3630 Fax resume 248-357-8361

WAREHOUSE HELP

Order Fillers and material handlers needed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift. Hi-lo experience helpful. Paid sick/vacation, 401(k), health/dental insurance. Apply in person only Mon - Thurs. 9am-3:30pm Diversified Distribution Systems, Inc. 14451 W. Chicago Detroit (located between Hubbell & Schaefer) equal opportunity employer

WAREHOUSE MANAGER

Small Livonia distributor offering competitive wages & benefits. Call or send resume to: AmSyn, 34560 Glendale, Livonia, MI 48150.

WAREHOUSE PERSON

-for Pure Tech Plastics. Livonia recycler. CAD software loaded on it. The ideal applicant will have a strong ability to solve problems, be self directed, and able to learn to administer new systems and software. The qualified applicant will have BS in Engineering, Computer Science preferred; min 3yrs exp in Windows NT Server & Windows 95; MS Access preferred; Unix experience a plus but not required. Send resume to: robb@det.citationcorp.com or call 248-322-4501.

WATER & SEWER FIELD OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Under general direction of the Water & Sewer Director, responsibilities will include scheduling, supervising and training field staff, related record keeping and administrative tasks. Successful applicant must have a minimum of four years of construction, operation and maintenance experience in water distribution and wastewater collection systems, with a minimum of two years supervisory experience in wastewaterwastewater systems maintenance and repair. Must hold an MDEQ S-1 Certification and a valid Michigan driver's license. Competitive salary and benefits. Van Buren Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume and salary history to: Van Buren Township Water Dept., 46425 Tyler Rd., MI 48111.

WINDOW INSTALLER

Experienced only. Call after 6pm. Ask for Glen 734-722-7881

TELLER

Full time for credit union in Westland & Livonia. Computer experience, good communication skills, pleasant attitude, self motivated. Experience preferred not required. Knowledge of CUPS a bonus. Competitive pay, benefits. Fax resume to 734-728-4749. Attn: Nancy in Westland or 734-525-7027, Attn: Jennifer in Livonia or mail to: 1747 S. Newburgh Westland, MI 48196 or 36525 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 No phone calls.

500 Help Wanted General

TELLERS

Novi Community Credit Union has immediate openings for part-time tellers. Light typing, good math aptitude and member service skills required. Great opportunity for working Mom's flexible scheduling. Competitive wages. Applicants may call 248-348-8500, ext. 301 or 304 to schedule application and interview process.

THEATER MANAGER WANTED

Immediate opening for both manager and assistant manager at local movie theater. Theater experience helpful but not necessary as we will train. Good pay and benefits. Send resume to Attn: Ed at 313-946-4330

TITLE COMPANY

Established Livonia-based co. seeking skilled Processors & Closers for full time positions. Salary plus benefits. For interview call Ms. Adams at: 734-464-4171.

TITLE INSURANCE.

Full time closer/processor position for our Livonia office. Great benefits and 401K. Send resume to: TitleAmerica, 8137 W. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 or fax (810) 229-6360 or Tamerica@landam.com

TRAINER

Do you have the drive and energy to be part of a fast growing international commercial cleaning franchise company? Immediate opening for someone who has 2 years management experience in a service industry. The right candidate will develop franchises in being successful business owners, to include customer and employee relations, salary and long term planning, labor and product cost controls. Knowledge of the commercial cleaning industry is helpful but not necessary. Please Fax resume and salary history in strict confidence to Alvin Johnson at 248-349-6590 or call 248-349-4505 Overall of Detroit

TRUCK DRIVER/Maintenance

Seeking individual w/ Chauffeur license. Days. Benefits. Apply by mail/person: Prince Industries, 33100 Capitol, Livonia, MI 48150. 734-427-8550

TRUCK DRIVERS

CDL-A & B w/Airbrakes for Plymouth co. Competitive wages/benefits/bonus. (517) 222-7339

TRUCK DRIVERS - Full time

must have CDLA w/HAZMAT, 3yrs. minimum exp. Good pay, new equipment, only qualified need apply. 734-422-5534

TRUCK DRIVER WANTED

with CDL Class A. Minimum one year experience. AOE to pass drug test. 734-231-2237

UPSCALE SPA SEEKING:

Experienced in beauty field Receptionist, Make-up artist and sales person, hair stylist, massage therapist & facialist. 1-800-321-8860.

WAIT STAFF PREP COOK & ASSISTED CARE AIDES

for retirement community. Halsted Place, 29451 - Halsted, Farmington Hills. 248-418-8888.

WANT WEEKENDS OFF? Run regional, or dedicated and get home every weekend with Top Pay in the industry! OTR experience required. Heartland Express 1-800-441-4953 www.heartlandexpress.com

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SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

Novi based automotive supplier seeks an experienced computer system administrator with working knowledge of Microsoft products. Responsibilities include: day to day installation and upkeep of our Microsoft network, exchange server, and installation of new computers. Also will include assisting in the administration of a SGI UNIX network & various CAD software loaded on it. The ideal applicant will have a strong ability to solve problems, be self directed, and able to learn to administer new systems and software. The qualified applicant will have BS in Engineering, Computer Science preferred; min 3yrs exp in Windows NT Server & Windows 95; MS Access preferred; Unix experience a plus but not required. Send resume to: robb@det.citationcorp.com or call 248-322-4501.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

For N.W. Suburban Manufacturing/distributor. Crystal Access, Mas-90. Resumes to: CPO, P.O. Box 100, Walled Lake, MI 48390-0100

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

needed for fast paced rapidly growing Real Estate Development Co. in Farmington Hills. Proficient using Windows based system, Word, Excel, Dictaphone transcription. A plus: Previous experience in real estate is favorable. Salary & benefits commensurate with experience. Please send your resume to: Box #101 Attn: Lynn Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, Michigan, 48150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Medical office. Entry level. Will train. Filing, phones, patient scheduling. 734-432-9848

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/BOOKKEEPER

for CPA firm. Microsoft Word & Excel experience. Good salary, benefits and opportunity. Fax resume to: 248-647-4770.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK - for data entry & secretarial duties.

Good people phone skills a must. Knowledge of Word, Excel, Databases, ACT & Access a plus. Call Lisa at 248-478-9000.

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Needed. Must have extensive

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CUSTOMER SERVICE
Immediate opening! Window & door distributor is looking for an experienced Customer Service Representative. Experience in the construction industry is helpful but not required. Strong phone/customer communication skills necessary. Salary & competitive benefits package provided. Fax resume to: 734-462-3501 or call 734-462-3500.
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Must have computer knowledge, be well organized, detail oriented, capable of performing multiple office duties. Southfield location. 9-5. Fax resume to: Call Barb 248-352-1466

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Are you dependable, responsible and friendly? Do you enjoy helping and supporting others? Does working in a professional Real Estate office appeal to you? If you answered "YES" to these questions, please call for a confidential interview.
CALL 1-248-646-6076

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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

LEGAL SECRETARY
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LEGAL SECRETARY
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PART-TIME entry level Receptionist needed for non-smoking office in Redford. Duties include phones, filing, computer entry, general office duties. Hours 9am-3pm. Call: 313-937-3970 x 20. Or apply in person at: 12380 Beech Daly.

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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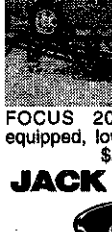
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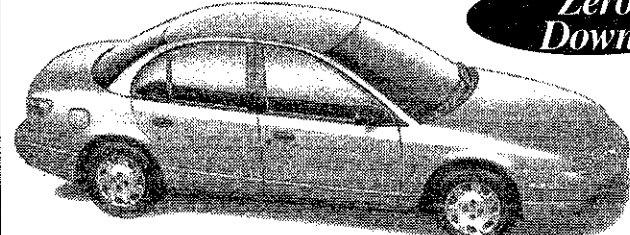
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(248) 641-7459 GRAND PRIX 1996 SE - 4 dr, white, runs great, well maintained, 76K miles, Rick \$6495, 734-522-3599 or 248-625-9650 SUNFIRE 1998, low miles, sunroof, priced to sell, John Rogin Buick 734-525-0900. 870 Saturn SC2, 1997, Black/tan, auto, air, power cruise, alloy wheels, CD, 29K, \$11,600. 248-855-5756 SC2 1992 - Runs good, 127,000 mi. \$2700/best offer. 734-451-0155	870 Saturn SC2, 1999 - Loaded, extremely low mileage, Wife's car. Call for more info. \$12,500 negotiable. 734-591-1133 SL2 1995 - auto, air, 91,000 miles, gold, exc overall, \$5200/best. (734) 425-0031 SL2 1994 - Auto, air, sunroof, spoiler, gold, 90,000 mi. Extremely reliable, \$4700/best. 734-464-9350 SL 2, 1996 - 4 door, auto, leather, loaded, 37,000 mi, exc. cond. Mounting bracket for towing, \$8500. 248-348-2027. SL1 1994 4 door, good cond., anti-lock brakes, all options, power steering, auto. (734) 981-1674 SL SEDAN 1994 4 door, standard shift, good transportation. \$3000. (248) 349-0093 SL2 1995, 5 sp, manual, air, sunroof, Sony CD player, 90,000 miles, \$4400. 313-387-7416	870 Saturn SL2 1995 - very good condition, low 46,000 mi. Teal w/grey interior. \$6800. 313-274-9584 SW2 1997 air, am/fm cassette, tilt, cruise, 50,000 miles, runs well, red, good cond., asking \$9900. (734) 587-7901 872 Toyota AVALON 1997 - mint condition, loaded, leather, roof, \$15,850. 248-442-9292, 248-514-5999. CAMRY 1994 LE - 87,000 miles, dark green, great condition, \$8300. 248-656-6057. CAMRY 1992 SE - 4 cylinder, very well maintained, very little rust. 125,000 mi. \$3500 or best offer. (248) 375-5590 CAMRY 1999 XLE, loaded, moonroof, black, leather, non-smoker, hwy miles, \$15,000. 810-231-4200, 734-878-3106.	872 Toyota CELICA 2000 GTS, blue, 6 speed, air, sunroof, CD, power windows & locks, 10,000 miles, \$21,000. 734-354-8676 COROLLA 2000 3800 miles, loaded, \$13,000/best. 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Will pay you \$2000 upfront. 248-349-2890	878 Autos Under \$2,000 BERETTA GT 1989 - BLACK, tinted windows, many new parts, body great, drives great but needs engine. Good for parts. \$400/best. Bill (313) 541-5150 CAPRICE 1989 4 door, reliable, auto, air, full power, new brakes, cd player. \$1900. (248) 476-6735 after 5. CARS AS LOW AS \$500 Police Impounds & Tax Repo's. For listings call 1-800-319-3323, Ext. 7375. CHEVY 1989 work size van with ladder rack, 165K mi., 75K mi. on engine. \$2000/best. (734) 522-6622. OUTLASS 1986, 2 door, runs good, \$1200 or best. (248) 926-8077 FORD 1987 Escort GT - good for parts \$300/best. (734) 326-5860 FORD 1986 - Tempo 4 dr, 82K, good condition, \$1000/best. (734) 455-0257	878 Autos Under \$2,000 HONDA CRX 1986 needs clutch. \$750 or best offer. (248) 483-7848 LUMINA Z34 1992 - Auto, air, most options, runs great, looks great. \$1850. (248) 760-0172 LUMINA Z34 1992 - Auto, air, most options, runs great, looks great. \$1850. 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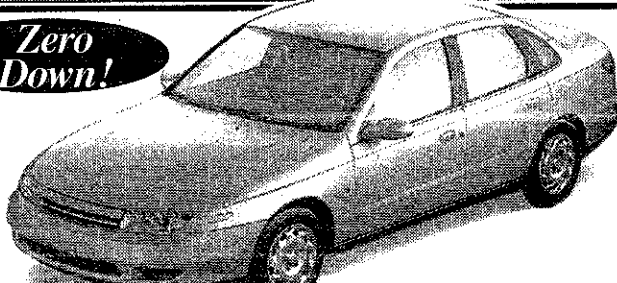
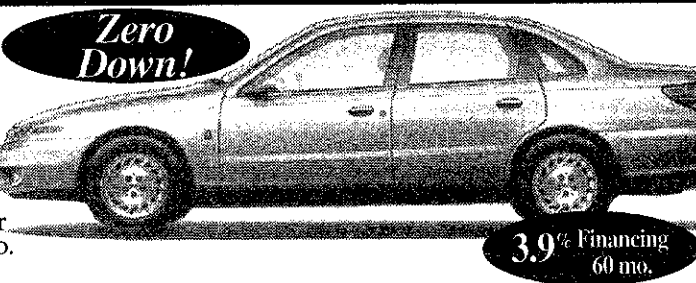


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2001 WINDSTAR LX Stk. #11783 183 WINDSTARS Available 0.9% APR financing available WAGON Light Sapphire Blue medium graphite cloth, 3.8L DHV EFI engine, 4 speed automatic overdrive transmission comfort group, aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, 6.5 x 15" aluminum wheel, enhance seating group. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$27,045 NOW \$21,427^{MSRP} A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$298 59¢ per mo. ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$256 31¢ per mo.	2001 F150 STYLESIDE XLT Stk. #12035 261 F-SERIES Available 2.9% APR financing available 4X4 STYLESIDE SUPERCAB Arizona beige clearcoat, parchment 40/60 split bench, pref. equip, pkg. 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/single CD, air, 5.4L EFI V-8, electronic 4-sp, auto O/D, 3.55 ratio lim. slip axle, 6500# GVWR pkg. electronic shift-4x4, sliding rear window, trailer tow group, off road 4x4 equip. group, P265/70R17 OWL all terrain, skid plates, 17" cast alum. wheels. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$31,830 NOW \$23,823^{MSRP} A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$338 54¢ per mo. ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$273 16¢ per mo.	2001 EXCURSION Stk. #10566 25 EXCURSIONS Available 0.9% APR financing available 4x2 LIMITED Chestnut clearcoat/metallic, med. parchment leather, trip computer, illum. running boards, prem. alum. wheels, aux heater/air, third row seat, rear radio controls, reverse sensing sys., comfort/conv. group, power driver's seat, pwr. rear quarter vent windows, 5.4L P1 V-8, elec. 4-sp, auto trans, LT265/75R16 OWL all-season, 3.73 ratio reg. axle, telescope pwr. HTD T-T mirrors, AM/FM stereo Win. dash 6-CD, heated front seats. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$39,250 NOW \$30,933^{MSRP} A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$441 38¢ per mo. ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$375 54¢ per mo.	2001 EXPEDITION Stk. #11431 48 EXPEDITIONS Available 0.9% APR financing available XLT 4x4 5.4 V8 Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth capt. chairs, XLT series, tow hooks, prem. elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, privacy glass 5.4L EFI V8 eng., 4-speed automatic transmission, 3.55 ratio limited slip axle, comfort/conv. group, black power heated mirrors, aux. heater/air, trailer tow, sport appear. pkg., P265/70R17 OWL all-terrain, skid plate package, fog lamps, 17" 10-spoke alum. wheels, third row seat, CD changer (6 disc). Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$38,135 NOW \$29,940^{MSRP} A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$460 69¢ per mo. ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$395 92¢ per mo.

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