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Fireworks planned for ice fest



The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular kicks off on Wednesday, Jan. 11. This year there is a new, explosive event — fireworks. The sparks will fly on Saturday, Jan. 14.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It'll feel like January, but look like the Fourth of July as a "ground" fireworks display lights up the sky during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

But if the word "fireworks" sparks

a little fear among downtown business owners, fear not.

"It's basically a ground fireworks display, no aerial fireworks," said ice festival promoter Mike Watts.

"It's more of a pyrotechnics display like at the beginning of the Pistons' season at the palace or a Rolling

Stones concert," Watts said.

Sponsored by "Young Country" WYCD-FM, the fireworks show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in Kollogg Park. If rained out, the show will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. the next day.

City commissioners on Monday approved the fireworks display, after posing some questions to the city administration about safety.

"The display is planned for the front of the park, near Main Street," said City Manager Steve Walters, adding the area will be roped off to

allow the public to view from a safe distance.

The fireworks will be placed on metal structures to make fountains, waterfalls, spinning wheels and floral displays.

"The ice acts like a prism, it will refract the light," Watts said.

"The idea is to interact with the lighted sculptures and create some excitement and entertain the kids. We've got plenty of good carvers coming in. They'll be doing lots of cartoon characters early on — families will

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Building owner: Mark Wira has become one of downtown Plymouth's youngest building owners with the purchase of the Michigan Bell Building.

Businessman likes Plymouth

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

At 31, Mark Wira has become one of downtown Plymouth's youngest building owners.

With his brother Raymond, 32, a doctor in Lafayette, Ind., they bought the former Michigan Bell building from R. Kraft Bell and his wife last month.

Mark Wira is a certified financial planner who has since 1992 leased space in that building, at 729 W. Ann Arbor Trail. There, he offers financial services through two firms he owns, and both operate from the downtown Plymouth location: Ann Arbor Financial and Ann Arbor Financial Insurance and Investment Services.

"The location is excellent for business; we've made the commitment to the community to grow here and to remain as one of the cornerstone businesses of the downtown community. We're not going anywhere," Wira said.

Why "Ann Arbor" Financial and not "Plymouth?" "Since I developed a lot of my career in Ann Arbor, I justify it as being Ann Arbor Financial on West Ann Arbor Trail," he said.

"We do quite a bit of work in Washtenaw County as well as Wayne, Oakland and Livingston; as far north as Black Lake, as far east as Port Huron, and as far west as Grand Rapids," Wira said.

Wira, who grew up in Livonia near Eckles Road, said he's always considered himself a Plymouth

'I had accumulated a dedicated following of clients that allowed me to break free. By being independent I can offer true and honest advice, not angled or skewed advice.'

Mark Wira
businessman

person. "I've been a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church since 1964," he said, adding he now lives in Plymouth Township.

After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1986, he sold insurance for Mutual of Omaha, then worked for a financial planning group in Southfield.

"Now we're in a position to do it correctly," he said. "I had accumulated a dedicated following of clients that allowed me to break free. By being independent I can offer true and honest advice, not angled or skewed advice."

He stresses that the firms offer financial services on a fee schedule and not on commission.

After starting the two firms at the former Bell building in October 1992, Wira said he and his brother were offered the assumption of the loan held by the former building owner.

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Kids to play in park

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Kids in Old Village will have a fun place to play this spring.

City commissioners on Monday approved a bid from play-equipment manufacturers Engan and Tooley of Okemos to build a play structure in K of C Park as soon as weather permits, said City Manager Steve Walters.

"I'm ecstatic," said Terri Kariniemi, an Old Village mom who with others approached city officials last spring, citing a need to upgrade play equipment for kids in the north end of the city.

Kariniemi was named vice chairman of the Old Village Development Authority when it was created last

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fun time: Terri Kariniemi and son Daniel, 2, play in the Knights of Columbus Park in Old Village. New play equipment is slated for the park.

Appointments

Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller made several appointments to city boards and commissions Monday, and they were approved by city commissioners.

Rosita Smith and Barry Simescu were reappointed to the planning commission to terms ending Dec. 31, 1997. On the Zoning Board of Appeals, David McDonald was appointed to a term ending Dec. 31, 1996; Greg Pappas was appointed as an alternate with his term ending Dec. 31, 1996 and Joel Sydlowski was appointed as an alternate with his term ending Dec. 31, 1997.

Vern Schrader and Steve Walters were reappointed to the Municipal Building Authority with terms ending Dec. 31, 1997. Reappointed to the Housing Commission was Marilyn Allsupich, to a

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term ending Dec. 31, 1996, and Sharon Pugh was appointed to a term concluding Dec. 31, 1996. Graham Laible was reappointed to the Board of Review until Dec. 31, 1997; James Michalek was reappointed and Jim Penn appointed to terms on the Electrical Board ending Dec. 31, 1996; and Brian Broderick was appointed to the Recreation Study Committee, no term specified.

Prevent fires

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth members will install smoke detectors and replace batteries at no

charge through January and February, for Plymouth city and township residents. For an appointment, call 416-9650.

Chorus auditions set

The Plymouth Community Chorus holds auditions at 7 p.m. Tuesdays Jan. 10, 17 and 24 at the First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

The chorus is preparing for its spring concert "Remember the Song" on April 29-30 and its Washington tour June 22-26, as well as its upcoming compact disc and cassette recording to be released in November.

Tenors, basses and baritones are especially needed. Call 455-4080 for more information.

Benefit hockey game scheduled

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Canton fire and police unions and the Detroit Red Wings Alumni are coming to the aid of 14-year-old Greg Unger of Canton, who needs a double lung transplant.

"In the (news) articles, he says he's a Red Wing fan and loves hockey," said Canton firefighter Mike Caruso, who is spearheading a benefit hockey game to raise money for Greg Unger's needed transplant.

To help raise money for the transplant and accompanying costs, the Detroit Red Wings Alumni and Canton union firefighters and police officers, will square off on the ice at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer, Plymouth.

The \$5 tickets for the benefit are now on sale at Canton Fire Station 1, at the corner of Cherry

Hill and Canton Center (981-1113), and Johnson's Restaurant on Ford Road, just west of Lilley.

"We are trying to build up as much money as possible. Every penny will go to Greg," said Caruso, who was put in touch with former Red Wing John O'Grodnick of Kemper Securities, Plymouth, by Greg's dad, Bill.

O'Grodnick had apparently contacted Larry Tinskey, who is working with the Unger family and the Children's Organ Transplant Association to see how he could help. "It seemed like it was just a fateful thing," Bill Unger said of how the benefit was organized.

Greg was diagnosed at 6 months of age with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that primarily attacks the respiratory and digestive systems. Cystic fibrosis produces an abnormal accumulation of mucus in the lungs and other organs that suffocate and starve

the victim.

Greg's family—his dad, Bill, and mom, Barbara—asked the Children's Organ Transplant Association to help raise about \$100,000 for the medical costs, as well as costs to relocate the family to St. Louis, where the procedure will be performed.

To date, COTA and the family have raised just less than \$27,000. Donation canisters have been placed throughout the community. Other fund-raisers are planned, including a law enforcement party, an auction benefit, and a return bottle fund in the Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts. Greg attends school in Wayne-Westland. Anyone interested in donating items for the auction should call Beth Gravel, 469-4065, Unger said.

Caruso said he got the idea for a hockey benefit when he read in newspapers that Greg enjoyed

hockey, particularly the Red Wings. Firefighters had sponsored a similar benefit for Debbie Dell'Orco, who lost her husband and six of their nine children in a house fire Dec. 22, 1990.

"This will be a good, entertaining night," Caruso said, of the hockey benefit for Greg. "Some of the big names in the Red Wings will be there."

The evening will also offer a raffle featuring a seven-day trip to Florida, an 18-hole golf outing at Indianwood Golf Course, as well as gift certificates from a number of area businesses. Kids will also get a chance to participate in a puck scoring contest. "The alumni make this very entertaining," Caruso said.

Anyone, including businesses in the community, who would like to help should call Caruso, 981-1113, Canton Police Det. Richard Pomorski, 397-5339 or firefighter Jim Davison, 453-4114.

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summer. At the group's Dec. 7 meeting, the group decided to spend \$15,000 on upgraded play equipment for the park near fire station No. 2.

The money to pay for the play equipment comes from a federal grant program to upgrade lower-income areas.

Five firms submitted bids. "They all submitted at least two and some submitted three or four," Kariniemi said.

"What we liked about the one from Engan and Tooley was they had all the things specified for in the bid plus additional equipment."

"Something we really liked was a handicapped child could access almost every single part of the play structure," Kariniemi said.

Kariniemi and city Recreation Director Tom Willette studied designs submitted by bidders. "This design includes all the elements that Terri and I were looking for,"

Willette said, adding the company "has the reputation in being the leader in playground equipment in workmanship, quality and safety."

"I think it's going to do a lot to bring to the community together some more; it's a place for parents to watch kids play and meet each other," Kariniemi said.

The play equipment includes a climber pole; twister slide, thunderbolt slide and wave slide; suspension bridge; deck area and more.

"It's going to be a truly terrific play structure over there," Kariniemi said.

Walters said the equipment is on order and will be stored at the Department of Public Works shed until the ground thaws, to allow installing support posts.

"It might go in in March and it might go in in April, depending on how the winter goes," he said.

Police called to domestic dispute

Police charged a Plymouth man with domestic assault Dec. 31.

According to the 53-year-old suspect, he has been living with his girlfriend for about a month, since she and her son moved into his flat on Ann Arbor Trail.

On New Year's Eve, they were arguing about their living arrangements. The suspect told police his girlfriend became upset,

called him names and threw a glass of juice at him.

He said that as he tried to get away, the 41-year-old woman tackled him, knocking him into a doorway and bruising his arm. She tried to stop him from leaving, but he managed to leave. He said he didn't strike the woman, and doesn't know how a red mark appeared on her face. The man

surmised it was self-inflicted.

The suspect went to the police station to give his account of the incident as officers were responding to the girlfriend's request for help at their flat on Ann Arbor Trail.

The woman told police that her boyfriend had asked her to move out, and that she was on the phone calling about rentals when

he began yelling at her and unplugging the phone.

She told police, who noticed a red mark on her cheek, that the man hit her face with the back of his hand.

Police said both the complainant and her son would give a written statement.

The man was handcuffed, processed and jailed.

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have a good time," Watts said.

The first deliveries of ice blocks begin at 9 a.m. Monday. "It looks like the weather's going to cooper-

ate," Watts said. The long range forecast calls for normal weather for January, with daytime highs in the 30s.

Man charged in death of toddler

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A 33-year-old Canton man is charged with second-degree murder in the death of a 2-year-old girl who received head injuries in a bathtub fall Dec. 18. She died Dec. 29.

Jerry R. Mitchell was arrested Tuesday by Canton police, several days after Becca Meloche of Taylor, who had been on life support at the University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor, died of head injuries, said Canton police

Capt. Alex Wilson.

Mitchell pleaded not guilty to the charge at his arraignment in 35th District Court in Plymouth Tuesday afternoon. He asked for a court-appointed attorney to represent him. He had not yet posted the \$250,000 cash or 10-percent bond.

A preliminary exam on the charge is scheduled for Jan. 13 in district court.

Police received a call Dec. 18 that a baby was injured at the West Point Mobile Home Park on

Haggerty, south of Michigan Avenue. Canton emergency personnel responded to the mobile home on a report that a baby was not breathing. The police were told the baby apparently fell in the bathtub and hit her head.

Mitchell, who is reportedly the boyfriend of the baby's mother, was taken into custody following the incident and held for a couple of days during the investigation. He was later released. The mother lives in Taylor.

According to police, Mitchell

was baby-sitting the baby at his mother's mobile home in Canton when the incident occurred. No other reports of abuse had been made about the baby with the Canton police, Wilson said.

According to an autopsy of the baby conducted by the Washenaw County deputy medical examiner this weekend, the cause of death was a closed-head injury, Wilson said.

"We have concluded our investigation. This will be the only charge," Wilson added.

Businessman from page 1A

While management consultants Soltec Inc. also rent offices at the building, the second floor, which overlooks Kellogg Park, is unoccupied. Wira is seeking a professional tenant.

Wira works with financial planners Timothy Rosiak and Eliza-

beth Allen, and all three are certified financial planners.

He's enthusiastic about the streetscape improvement project planned to start this year downtown. "We want to grow with the community and to upgrade the expectations of the quality for all the downtown," Wira said.

Cross country ski at parks

Outdoor ice skating will be available this winter, weather permitting, at Wilcox Lake between Wilcox and Northville Road.

The Wayne County Park System will also offer cross-country skiing at Warren Valley Golf Course, 26226 W. Warren Road in Dearborn Heights.

Groomed ski trails are planned, weather permitting, at the golf course. The trail fee is \$2 and ski

rental is available for \$7 per person.

Cross-country ski lessons will be conducted by Jim Shingleton, certified ski instructor and member of the National Ski Patrol.

The one-session classes are offered 1-2:30 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 14 and Feb. 18. Cost per lesson is \$13 with rental equipment or \$7 with your own equipment. Registration is required.

To register, call 261-1990.

Local piano teacher to discuss his trip

Donald Morelock, head of the piano department of Schoolcraft College, will tell of his experiences in Russia at this month's meeting of the Livonia Piano Teachers Forum.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Hammell Music on Middlebelt in Livonia.

Morelock, with seven of his most talented students, attended the Moscow Conservatory of Music during the summer of 1994.

The students studied piano and attended many musical events.

Music education in Russia is very interesting, said Morelock, who will share his ideas and those of his students as a result of their experience.

Morelock has been invited to design and direct the First International Piano Teachers Institute in the summer of 1995.

The institute will be sponsored by Alexander Nikolaevich Demchenko, minister of culture in Russia. American piano teachers will be invited to the institute, which will be coordinated by the Moscow Conservatory.

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Bravery

Women make courageous climb to fight breast cancer

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

When a team of 10 women — breast cancer survivors from all over the U.S. — climbs the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere this month in an attempt to heighten awareness and raise funds to fight the killer disease, Plymouth Township's Marcia Sayles will be with them in spirit.

Sayles, a just-retired communications director for Ameritech, is a breast cancer survivor herself, having undergone five surgeries in the last seven years.

"I certainly admire them very, very much," said Sayles, adding that the 23,085-foot climb of Aconcagua — in the Andes Mountains on the western border of Argentina — is risky.

"It's a dangerous situation until you can have the surgery and treatment," she said. "For those kinds of folks to turn around and put themselves in a very dangerous situation is a surprise to me. But everyone has to come up with their own way of demonstrating strength and will."

It's important for women to return to normalcy after breast cancer surgery, said Sayles, who played 18 holes of golf just three weeks after her five and a half hour mastectomy seven years ago.

"Those who do seem to fare much better than those who continue to ask, 'Why me?'"

"Women who don't move on with their recovery tend feel sorry for themselves, and it seems those women experience pain for longer periods," she said.

Among the climbers, sponsored by The Breast Cancer Fund, will be Sara Hildebrand, a 1951 graduate of the former Baldwin High School in Birmingham. Now living in Wisconsin, the 61-year-old grandmother prepared for the adventure by scaling Mount Rainier, perfecting her backpacking,

ice picking and tent-pitching skills in heavy snow.

The Breast Cancer Fund is a public trust foundation established in San Francisco, Calif., by Andrea Martin, a lawyer and former aide to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Two weeks after losing her sister-in-law to breast cancer, Martin was diagnosed with an advanced tumor in her right breast and lymph nodes. Forty-two years old, Martin had received a clean bill of health just four months earlier after a mammogram. She was the first woman in her family to contract the disease.

"Today in America, 1.8 million women have been diagnosed with breast cancer. One million more have the disease and do not know it," said Sandy Eiler, an Ann Arbor marketing consultant who with her husband, Larry, serves as a public relations consultant for the fund.

Sandy is a breast cancer survivor, and Larry is the author of "When the Woman You Love Has Breast Cancer." In researching his newly-published book, Eiler found that many, if not most women, "go it alone" because of the disease. "Men simply do not have the communication or coping skills to confront the emotional issues they encounter when the women in their lives get breast cancer," he said.

"Where one in 20 women could expect to have breast cancer in her lifetime 30 years ago, now one in eight women face that threat," said Sandy Eiler of Eiler Communications. "The numbers keep rising, and we don't know why. In 1990, breast cancer accounted for 17 percent of cancer deaths, but only 6 percent of the federal cancer research budget. Breast cancer has been this country's most silent and deadly epidemic."

Sayles is excited about Eiler's book. "I don't mean to say men



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Breast cancer survivor: Marcia Sayles is Plymouth-Canton's cheerleader for Expedition Inspiration, a 23,000-foot assault on the Western Hemisphere's highest peak, and for the fight against breast cancer.

are the bad guys, but it's interesting that he wrote about how men need to understand more of what women are going through," she said. "I think it's important not only in a woman's recovery, but also in how she works through the feelings she has."

Fifteen months ago, Sayles remarried and is enjoying retirement with her husband, Joe Sayles. But while in the throes of breast cancer diagnosis, surgery and recovery, she was dating someone else.

"It turned out he really had some difficulties with the whole situation, and he ended up during that time going out with someone else," said Sayles, 53. "I ended up saying enough is enough, and breaking up the relationship, at the same time facing cancer. It was a difficult time."

The key is keeping a positive attitude, she said.

"You do what you have to do, but having a positive attitude is so important. You have to remain positive."

"Where one in 20 women could expect to have breast cancer in her lifetime 30 years ago, now one in eight women face that threat," said Sandy Eiler of Eiler Communications. "The numbers keep rising, and we don't know why. In 1990, breast cancer accounted for 17 percent of cancer deaths, but only 6 percent of the federal cancer research budget. Breast cancer has been this country's most silent and deadly epidemic."

Late Gene 'Santa' Reaves personified yuletide spirit

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Gene "Santa" Reaves is remembered as a man who personified the Christmas spirit for children in Canton and other communities.

"His voice was gentle. He radiated kindness and he was a positive person," said friend Frank McMurray of McMurray Insurance Agency in Canton. "Gene in his lifetime grew up underprivileged and he got a great delight in being Santa."

Reaves was 92 when he died Dec. 31. The original J.L. Hudson's Santa Claus who was known for his generosity and his work with children, never left Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, where he was admitted Dec. 14 for cancer treatment and where he spent his last Christmas season.

"He always called me at all the holidays and asked how I was," McMurray said. "He was always positive. And he tried to hide his illness. In the end, he realized he had an illness he couldn't conquer."

Reaves, a Westland resident, and former Canton resident and township constable, was also an honorary member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which conducted holiday parties for his children's charities.

"He was an incredible man because of his giving spirit. He spent 50 years devoting his life to children who were needy," said Linda Shapona, chamber executive director. "He was admired and loved by everyone."

McMurray first met Reaves in 1973-74. "We ran the Santa Comes to Town program. He would fly in on a helicopter to Griffin Park. He had a convertible Cadillac. We did this little trip through town. Then we had a motor home in the park where he would meet with all the kids," McMurray said.

Whenever Reaves collected for his children's charities, he always told businesses they should join the Canton chamber.

"That's when we made him an honorary chamber member. We decided he was such a goodwill ambassador for the chamber," McMurray continued.

The chamber continues to col-

"His voice was gentle. He radiated kindness and he was a positive person."

Frank McMurray

lect for Reaves' charities, which include the Bryant School for the Retarded, Dorsey Street Community Center and the Foster Grandparent Association.

"We want the chamber to give him his due respect and appreciation for all he has done," Shapona said.

Reaves was an honorary member of the Canton Jaycees. He was named as the 1991-92 Michigan Jaycees Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Reaves also was known for other accomplishments, including election as Canton constable in the 1960s and for inventing the go-cart for which he sold his rights years ago. His mom invented Raggedy Anna of burlap, a doll that Reaves used to promote his Santa Claus and efforts for children.

Reaves was a great collector of autographs. At one time, his autograph book was reputed to be the largest in the world.

"He was called the World Autograph King," McMurray said. "The book was 4 feet by 4 feet. He put it on a cart. He had 20,000 autographs."

In his house hung photographs of network news anchor Connie Chung, former First Lady Barbara Bush and President George Bush, to name a few.

"He wrote letters to celebrities. He would get photographs and autographs. But when things got tough for him he sold the collection somewhere out East," McMurray said.

Reaves was a former used and new car salesman in Detroit, a job from which he retired in 1967. He also won a dancing championship in 1928 and received the Mechix Illustrated "Golden Hammar



Goodbye: Gene "Santa" Reaves, who personified the Christmas spirit for children in Canton and other communities, died Dec. 31. He was the original J.L. Hudson's Santa Claus.

Award." Reaves also was a former trainer for the late Joe Louis in 1932-33.

But he was best known as a Santa Claus, whom he began portraying in 1935 at the old downtown Detroit J.L. Hudson's store. He said his Santa career began during the Great Depression when he needed a job.

Services for Reaves were Wednesday, at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, on Newburgh at Marquette.

"What can you say for a man who has done so much for so many years," said friend Elizabeth DeSouza, who nominated him for the Michigan Jaycees' Senior of the Year award, which he won. "He always wanted to help others."

Survivors include: Gene III, five grandchildren and eight grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, Madeline, who died in 1981; and a daughter, Barbara Jean Snell, who died Nov. 30.

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MEAP test changes in store for local students

Big changes are in store for Michigan students taking standardized state tests next fall.

The biggest changes will occur in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program writing and science tests, said Plymouth-Canton language arts curriculum coordinator Sheila Alles.

The revisions are intended to improve writing skills and help bring about scientific literacy for all students.

Administrators and board members, however, are raising questions about the changes.

Alles told the board she's concerned the time allowed for students to complete the writing

tests won't be adequate. School board member Roland Thomas said being pressured for time isn't a condition conducive to good writing.

"I don't think this test will evaluate whether a child can write well or not," he said.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, asked, "Are these tests designed to measure the curriculum or the student?" Dave Rodwell, associate executive director for research and technology, said they're designed "to lead curriculum development."

Alles along with Rodwell; executive director for instruction Tom Tattan; and math and science

curriculum coordinator Kathy Harenda outlined for the board other aspects of the MEAP, as well as state-mandated proficiency tests to be unveiled next fall.

MEAP results will be used to identify areas of strengths and needs, plan for curriculum and instruction improvements, provide teacher training, communicate to parents the role of statewide assessments, and meet and exceed the state proficiency standards for student achievement.

Revisions in the science MEAP are intended to emphasize understanding over content coverage and promote instruction of princi-

ples that are useful outside the classroom. Other goals include promoting instruction that crosses subject boundaries and developing support systems for teachers.

The administrators presented examples of science problems to appear on the new MEAP.

"Less than half the adults I work with would be able to deal with this," Hoedel said.

Also on tap are changes in assessment. There will be less attention focused on determining what students don't know; single correct answers and isolated skills; multiple choice and single-response tests.

More attention will be paid to assessing what students do know and are able to do, integrating instruction and assessment and self assessment.

Greater emphasis will also be placed on real-world examples, connections among scientific concepts and open-ended problems and investigations.

In 1995, the writing tests will be added to the MEAP for fifth- and eighth-graders, who currently are tested in science only.

Alles alerted the board that this will prompt changes to the curriculum prior to fifth grade.

"You can't just wait for the fall of fifth grade for students to un-

derstand the writing process," she said.

Eleventh-graders will be required to take the High School Proficiency Test, to cover reading, writing, math and science.

Fourth-, seventh- and 10th-graders will continue to take the MEAP math and reading tests.

Beginning in 1997, 11th-graders will take a social studies proficiency test. Slated for the fall of 1999 is a new MEAP Communication Arts Test, to replace the reading and writing tests. A new MEAP social studies test will be given to elementary and middle school students in fall 1999.

OBITUARIES

FREDA RANGE

Services for Freda Range, 88, of Westland, formerly of Plymouth, were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Dr. Harry Wolf of the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church of Detroit officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

She was born Feb. 4, 1908 in Detroit, and died Wednesday, Dec. 28, in Livonia. She came to the Westland community in 1986 from Plymouth, where she had lived since the 1940s. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Carroll B. of Tawas City; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Genevieve Schultz of California, Evelyn Baker of California, and Esther Plemister of California; and brothers, Fred and Edward Endert of California. She

was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas A., and sons Richard R. and A. Calvin.

BONNIE SUE WILKEN

Services for Bonnie Sue Wilken, 27, of Westland, were held Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea, with Rev. Bill Winger officiating. Burial was in Griffith Cemetery, in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

She was born Oct. 22, 1967 in Ann Arbor, and died suddenly Saturday, Dec. 31, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She lived in Ann Arbor until one year ago, when she moved to Westland. She was employed at AT&T ACUS at the time of her death. She married Jeffery Lee Wilken in Sandusky, Ohio on May 13, 1994, and he survives.

Other survivors include her mother, Inez Fouty of Ann Arbor; one brother, Jeff Fouty of Jackson; nieces; nephews; and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Hospitals.

LILA I. GREENHALGH

Services for Lila I. Greenhalgh, 87, of Plymouth, were held Monday, Jan. 2, at Keolach-Larsen Funeral Home, in West Allis, Wis., the Rev. P.J. Mortenson officiating. Burial was in Walnut Hill Cemetery, in Baraboo, Wis.

She was born in Nelsonville, Wis., and died Monday, Dec. 26, at Plymouth Court, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Bennethum of Plym-

outh and Marlene DiPietro of Long Lake Wis.; sisters, Nina Johnson of Bessemer, Gladys Johnson of Elcho, Wis., and Stella Richey of Antigo, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

JAMES R. LENNON

Services for James R. Lennon, 66, of Plymouth, were held recently at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, with burial in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

He was born Jan. 8, 1928, and died Saturday, Dec. 31, in Plymouth. He came to this community from Rochester, N.Y. in 1980. He was owner and operator of Engineering Production, Inc. since 1984. He belonged to the International Reprographics Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Helen; daughters, Martha Stewart of Rochester, N.Y.; Joyce Lennon of Rochester, N.Y.; Janet Stadt of Rochester, N.Y.; Nancy Gates of Philadelphia, and Julie Fabrizio of Redford; sons, Thomas Lennon of Seattle, Wash. and John Lennon of Plymouth; one brother; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice, 3810 Packard Road, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108.

MARY THELMA ELIZABETH ANGEVINE

Services for Mary Thelma Elizabeth Angevine, 83, of Conway, were Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Stone Funeral Home with the Rev. David Behling officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Ceme-

tery, in Livonia. She was born Oct. 14, 1911, in Detroit, and died Saturday, Dec. 31, at Northern Michigan Hospital. John and Thelma made their home in Plymouth for 25 years. The couple made their home in the Petoskey area after retirement. She devoted her life to her husband and children. She enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, John; sons, Robert of Wolverine Lake, Walter of Columbia, S.C., and Jim of Beaverton; daughters, Mary Clayton of Bethel Springs, Tenn. and Barbara Hykal of Novi; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Werden of Conway; and a sister, Eleanor Bernard of Tenn.

Memorials may be made to Benjamin Blum Hospitality House of Petoskey.

Toy and Train Show planned Jan. 15

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will present its ninth annual Ole Toy and Train Show Sunday, Jan. 15.

The show will be 1-4 p.m. in the gym of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic School at West Chicago and Inkster in Redford.

Proceeds from the show will be used to help run St. Robert

School's children's sports activities.

The show will feature Paul Adams, Michigan's famous train artist, with his train paintings and prints for sale. Those attending will be able to have their trains tested by the Trenton Train Club and see the club's four different-sized train layout in op-

eration. The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Society will be showing videos of its train trips, along with its 1995 trip schedule.

More than 200 dealers from five states will have train and toy items to buy and swap. Door prizes will also be given away eve-

ry hour. For the convenience of those attending, St. Robert Bellarmine will have its kitchen open to sell food and beverages. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family.

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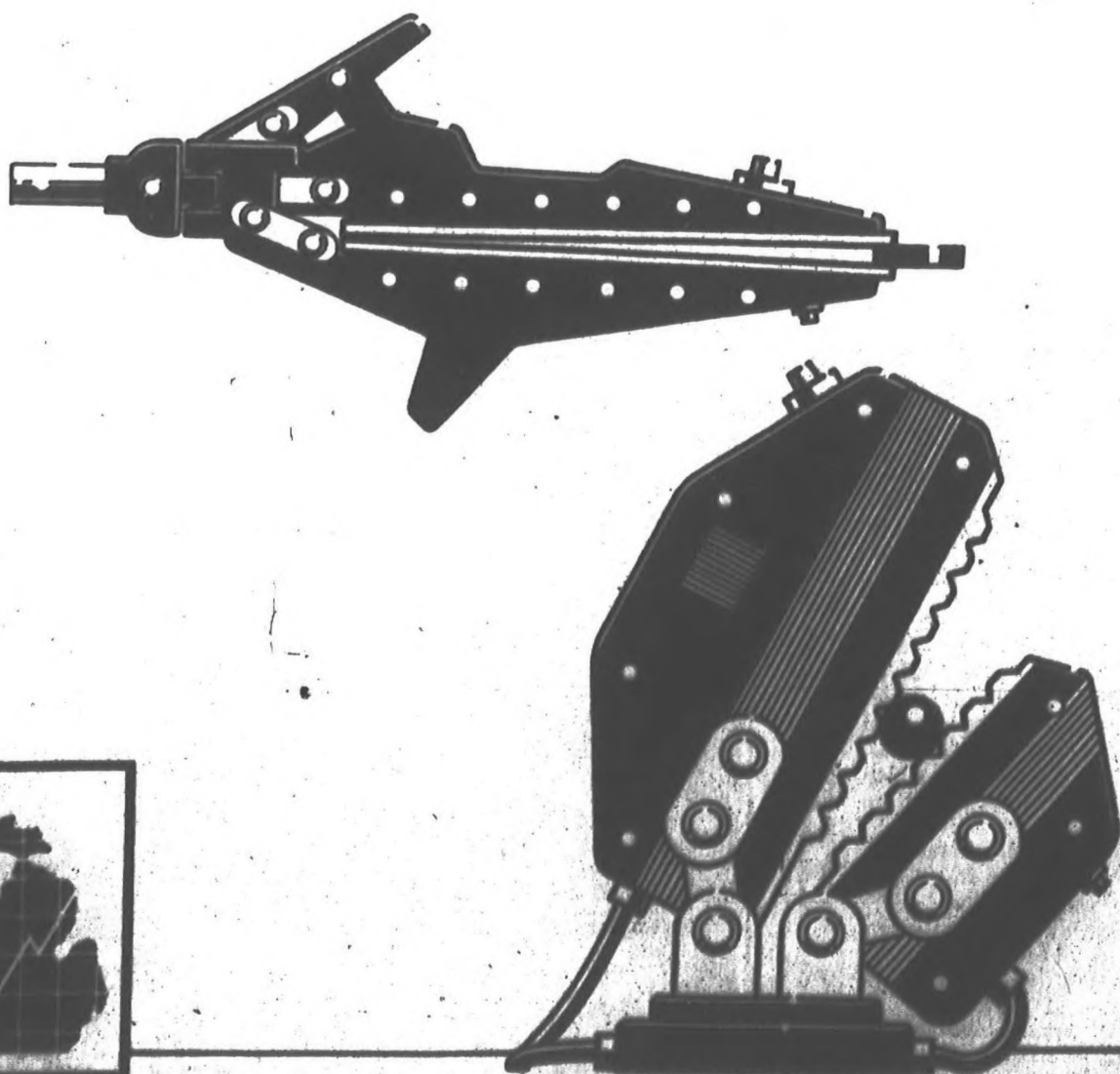
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Bar committee offers unified trial court plan

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's legal leaders are pushing a plan to replace local circuit, probate and district courts with a single "trial court."

The state would provide full financial support of court operations, a regional administrator of trial courts and a confidential system of assessing judges' performances.

The State Bar of Michigan's 150-member Representative Assembly will have a special meeting Jan. 14 in Lansing to debate the proposal. It is being put forth by the Bar's 21st Century Courts Committee.

"And it's likely to be controversial. I think the impetus was (Gov.) John Engler and the Legislature itself," said Birmingham attorney Robert B. Webster, co-chairman of the 21st Century panel.

"They told us 'there isn't any more money (for more trial judges). But we'd be interested in funding the streamlining (of courts),'"

"The plan could be implemented in phases. This year we could see significant progress on funding the court's (computerized) information system very quickly. Statewide funding of court operations could occur very quickly."

"You could unify the district

'The plan could be implemented in phases. This year we could see significant progress on funding the court's (computerized) information system very quickly. Statewide funding of court operations could occur very quickly.'

Robert Webster
attorney

and circuit courts without a constitutional amendment. You could set up regional administration by legislative funding and court rules.

"But to unify the probate courts would take a constitutional amendment (approved by voters). The Michigan Constitution still says there shall be a probate court," he said.

Webster and Bruce W. Neckers of Grand Rapids co-chaired a panel of seven that met monthly during most of 1993. Ex-officio (non-voting) members included judges of all levels, such as Court of Appeals Judge Martin Doctoroff of Southfield, and Wendy Potts of Birmingham who chairs

the State Bar's legislation committee.

They expect argument. Some small-county probate judges handle only a handful of cases a year. Some cities and counties have lost population, but don't want to lose judges and court jobs. Some thoughtful specialists say there should be a separate domestic relations court, combining parts of the circuit and probate courts' work.

But there are many signs reform is coming. Engler last year vowed to veto legislative bills creating more judges, working particular hardships on Oakland County, the Farmington and Walled Lake areas. The state is battling a lawsuit over its full funding of Detroit and Wayne County courts but not suburban Wayne County and outstate courts; Grand Rapids area legislators opened that battle last year during House budget debates.

Michigan's trial courts are like a series of rigid pigeon holes.

Horizontally, they are split into circuit (felony cases, major civil trials, divorces), probate (estates, juvenile matters) and district (misdemeanors and ordinance cases). In addition, Detroit has a recorders court handling only criminal cases.

Vertically, they are split into

See COURT PLAN, 12A

Senior assistance program seeks volunteers to explain Medicare

The Senior Alliance's Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is in need of volunteers to help individuals understand and work more effectively within the Medicare/Medicaid system.

The Senior Alliance will provide each volunteer with a three-

day training session Jan. 10-12. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are expected to commit to at least eight hours of counseling a month for one year.

The program is designed to help individuals with problems or questions associated with Medicare/Medicaid claims and forms,

health maintenance organizations, supplemental insurance and legislation affecting Medicare/Medicaid.

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Counting on Inventory Day

Inventory. What kind of word is that? It doesn't make sense. It doesn't have anything to do with inventing something, far as I can tell. Now laboratory, there's a word that makes sense. It's a place where a person works, labors. Mandatory, preparatory, congratulatory those all make sense. But inventory? Doesn't it mean to take stock, count your stuff up, see what you have? It doesn't mean you invent something.

Oh, well. I always think of it anyway this time of year. Inventory. When I was a child my Dad would announce on Jan. 1 (or thereabouts) that all of us, his three children, had to take inventory. I'd write down how many pencils I had, how many pairs of socks, how many porcelain dogs, how many books, how many everthings I had.

I never knew why I did this. I never thought to ask. And when Carla or Anna would call on Inventory Day, I would say, "I can't play this morning, I'm counting up my stuff. My Dad said." And that would be that. I assumed they were going to be doing the same thing, if not that day, then certainly the next or real soon at least. New Year's and Inventory went together like Santa Claus and Christmas.

It wasn't until years later that I found out not everybody did this. Actually, when I found out that really nobody does this, I was taken aback.

So here are the facts. The word inventory doesn't make much sense and taking inventory

See FAMILY ROOM, 8A

1 good nudge deserves a Mater

■ Larry Mardegian believes he got a divine nudge. Likewise, Sandy Salloum believes it was a nudge from a higher power that led her to him. You'll find Mardegian selling books and Salloum planning tours at his Mater Dei Bookstore in Plymouth.

By DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

When Larry Mardegian left his job as an accountant at the Ford Motor Co. a year ago, it was because of a nudge that gave HIM a better idea.

"I always get nudges," he said. "This was definitely a nudge."

That nudge was to open a Catholic gift shop and bookstore that offers a whole lot more. The bookstore, Mater Dei (Latin for Mother of God), is at 1170 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

"It was a dream to open a Catholic bookstore in this western Wayne County area," he said. "Many, many people say there is a need for it. So we're here and we're hoping to fulfill that need."

Mardegian and his wife, Claudia, have six children, ages 7-21, and have been Plymouth Township residents for 10 years. They are members of Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.

According to Mardegian, "it's going to be a unique store." They carry the typical Catholic books, gift items, plaques, pictures and statues as well as items for the churches, such as unconsecrated hosts and vestments for the clergy.

Another unique aspect is that "we



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Better idea: Sandy Salloum thumbs through a religious book, one of many stocked by Larry Mardegian in his Mater Dei bookstore. Salloum shares space there as a travel planner.

will also be arranging tours and pilgrimages," said Mardegian. "We will do everything from local trips like going to downtown Detroit to view the old churches to pilgrimages to various sights where visionaries have seen the Blessed Mother even the Holy Land."

It may be up to a year before trips to the Holy Land and other overseas excursions can be arranged, according to tour consul-

tant Sandy Salloum. Other one- to two-day trips should be in the works relatively soon, however. One trip currently in the planning stages is to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Salloum believes her position at the store was, itself, a definite nudge from a higher power. Salloum and her husband, Al, Canton residents, had raised three children

while she worked in various positions.

But for 25 years she had dreamed of becoming a travel agent. Encouraged by her family, she attended a computer and travel agency school and finally realized her dream.

After landing her first job as a travel agent, Salloum said she was really happy the first two to three

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LORENE GREEN

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M.M. Northville

I visualize a warm, responsive, kind, gentle and sympathetic woman in today's handwriting. Good line spacing, such as this,

has its roots in a sense of order. She can organize her daily routine very capably. I can visualize her planning ahead and exercising self direction.

This is a conscientious, dependable and thorough worker. She also has the ability to maintain drive and proceed toward her goal. She is not easily deflected by inner or outer influences. When she accepts a duty she expects full involvement and is not afraid of hard work. Neither does she rebel against routine or repetitive details.

Hers is a good mind and she is a logical thinker. She does not of ten rely on intuition for her answers. She tends to be a little on the serious side.

Our writer is approval seeking in all things. This includes approval from both peers and superiors.

Seemingly, she is willing to accept responsibility that will enhance her self-esteem. An underlayer of anxiety concerning self-worth may be present. Growing up, it appears she didn't feel she was first in the family constellation.

She was raised in a traditional home where she heard lots of "shoulds" and "should nots." Continued adherence to this early training and moral discipline is seen in her handwriting. Her conscience is alive and well, and she probably experiences guilt feelings if she does not live by her early training. Rudeness in others is most distasteful to her.

She has a good memory that furnishes the mind's eye with information and eliminates the need to search it out again. This is both a convenient and useful tool in saving time and effort.

A little bit of self-consciousness can be observed, and it suggests her concern about being judged by others. She has a need to look right and be right.

By nature, she is a little cautious. I don't see her as a big risk taker. Some apprehension about the future or the challenges it holds seems to be present.

She is not a pushover. Some resentment over past experiences has her on guard to avoid being vulnerable again.

There is loyalty in her writing. She can be counted on to remain faithful to her friends. I suspect she has some she has kept in contact with since school days. She believes with H.G. Bohn who said "Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs."

This is a neat, clean and tidy person, both in her person and in her home. She probably has a

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place for everything and is happiest when everything is in its proper place.

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Green, a certified graphologist at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is welcome.

Family Room from page 7A

on or near New Year's Day may seem goofy. But wait. Nonsense and goofiness, that might just be a winning combination.

Say that right today, you tell your children that it's Inventory Day. And then you explain clearly what you expect them to do. On a piece of paper they must write if they don't know how to write, you might want to rethink this whole thing otherwise you'll wind up taking inventory for the nonwriter and that'll be aggravating, believe me, anyway the writers must write down all the items that belong exclusively to them and how many of each item they have. This could take forever and then you can clean your kitchen in peace.

You should tell them also that they need to use some sort of elaborate code to indicate the stuff that's in disrepair, beyond repair, or should be a pair and is not. They should also indicate the things that are in good repair, but don't meet up to some standard of theirs. What's too small, too large, too frustrating, too cinchy, too doofus. Clothes, games, puzzles, lamps, toys. The whole kit and caboodle.

This activity following on the heels of Christmas is advantageous. The children can really appreciate the bounty of this recent holiday and the bounty of former holidays. They've got to count it all up. They might even think twice next year when they submit their letters to Santa Claus. If Santa comes through on their wildly lengthy lists, then Inventory Day might turn into Inventory Two Days. And that could seriously cut into school vacation days.

Not only that. But the detailed list of worldly possessions might bring about a deep appreciation for those who have provided them with those possessions, the grownups in their lives who've embraced the American Dream, who have lived and worked in this free country of ours and who have realized that wonderful opportunities abound and hard work really does pay off. And then again, it might just occur to the children that "Wow, we've got a lot of stuff."

Now using the elaborate code suggested above might, after a while, make the inventarians surly. But your insistence is necessary. When the inventory lists are

submitted to you, then you've got in your hand a de facto admission of "extra stuff I don't really need."

And this serves not only as an admission, but permission to first, throw away the unsalvageable and second, give the Salvation Army or the Purple Heart or any other worthy organization a call. What is too small for your child would fit perfectly some other child, what is too doofus to your child was never really doofus in the first place and if your child can't appreciate it and use it, then someone else certainly can. Too cinchy? Too frustrating? Too large? Not to everyone.

And whether it's the spirit of generosity or the specter of another long drawn-out Inventory Day which motivates your children, it's not important. What is important is that it's a new year and inventory's been taken and any jumbled up, overstocked closet or shelf which in less gracious moments is "a giant heap of junk" has been transformed into someone else's treasure.

Inventory. It just might have something to do with inventing after all.

Bookstore from page 7A

months, then felt there was something missing. She prayed for guidance and felt the Lord was saying, "You tried it your way, it's time to do it my way now."

For some time, Salloum had entertained thoughts of organizing pilgrimages and once even confided to a friend, "Who knows, maybe I'll even open a bookstore and gift shop, too." Startled by her own revelation, her friend laughed when Salloum said, "Where did that come from?"

Six months later, a mutual friend put Salloum, who wanted to arrange pilgrimages but needed office space, in touch with Mardegian, who had set space aside for a pilgrimage center and needed someone to arrange them.

"I knew then that the Lord had put him in my path," said Salloum. "My sense is that the Lord wants me to take people to places that will enrich their spiritual life. And that is exactly what I'm trying to do."

Another unique aspect of the store is the religious articles rescue mission Mardegian has established. Members of his prayer group have offered to help in restoration projects.

"We're going to rescue religious

objects from around the world that have gone into disuse or disrepair or that are laying in people's garages," Mardegian said. While they already have some sources and people looking for the religious objects, he added, "we'll refinish; we'll clean up; we'll bring in; we'll take donations."

As a Marian Peace Center, free information, booklets and pamphlets about Mary and Jesus will be provided. Mardegian will also make arrangements for speakers and seminars.

It's nearly impossible to find a store that gives anything away free of charge, but Mardegian has a rare commodity that he plans to offer to anyone who walks through his door . . . peace and quiet, a chance to pray, meditate, read, or just sit.

Located on the south end of the store is a bright, comfortable area where sunlit patterns dance through white lace curtains and cushioned white wicker furniture invites weary souls. There's even a little nook stocked with child-appelling items to occupy small hands. And you don't have to be Catholic to take advantage of that comfortable corner.

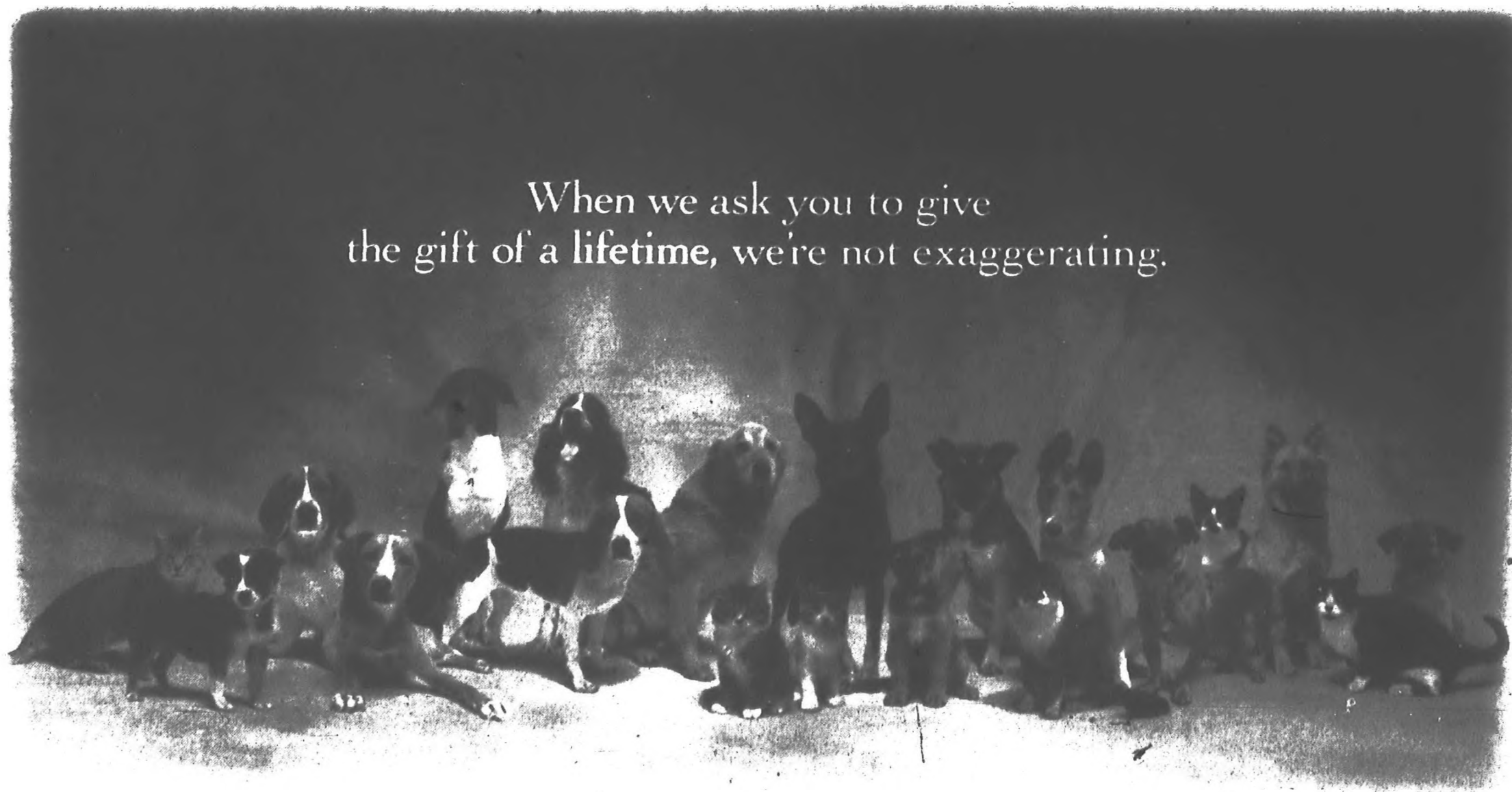
"No one checks I.D. here,"

Another unique aspect of the store is the religious articles rescue mission.

Mardegian said with a smile. The space is currently being used by the prayer group he belongs to. The group generally meets on Friday evenings and is comprised of about 15 adults and 15 children from area churches. New members are welcome. Other groups may also inquire about using the space.

"We hope to cover whatever people need," Mardegian said of his multi-faceted store. "We want people to know we're here. We want people to come in and experience it and, hopefully, they'll come back."

Mater Dei is at 1170 W. Ann Arbor Road, across from Sunshine Honda, in Plymouth. Store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, and closed Sunday and holy days. For more information, call (313) 207-1513 or (313) 207-0339.



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ENGAGEMENTS

WEDDINGS

Weglowski-LaChance

Adam and Helena Weglowski of Madison Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Grace, to Norman LaChance, son of Adrian and Theo LaChance of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland Community College with an associate degree in business administration. She is employed by Republic Bancorp Mortgage as an underwriter.

Her fiancé is employed by Comerica Mortgage Corp. as a loan officer.

A January wedding is planned in the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak.



Lasceski-Sache

Frank and Marie Lasceski of Ubyly, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Marie, to Gerald Norman Sache of Garden City, son of Norman Sache of Westland the late Nancy Sache.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ubyly High School and is employed by Shear Pointe as a stylist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed by Home Window Co. of Livonia.

A July wedding is planned.



Marlett-Boris

Jennifer Therese Boris and Matthew D. Marlett were married Sept. 17 in St. Genovieve Church by Deacon Rudy Piro. She is the daughter of Mary Boris of Livonia and the late Leo Boris and he is the son of Gloria and Bill Marlett of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is attending Schoolcraft College, pursuing a business degree. She is employed by Master Data Center.

The groom is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Motech. He is pursuing an engineering degree at Madonna University. He is employed by Intelligent Controls Inc.

Sister of the bride Charlene Swanson served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Alison Boris and Jerilyn Hindman.

Brother of the bridegroom David Marlett served as best man with groomsmen Brian Boris and Greg Swanson.



The couple received guests at the V.F.W. Hall in Redford before leaving on a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. They are making their home in Westland.

Thompson-Mardiros

Mr. and Mrs. E. "Bud" Thompson of Virginia Beach, Va., announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Mary, to Martin Francis Mardiros, son of Ronald Mardiros of Livonia and the late Mary Ann Nadeau Mardiros.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Frostburg University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education, and is pursuing a master of arts degree in guidance and counseling at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. She is employed as an elementary teacher in Arundel County, Maryland.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in naval architecture and marine engineering. He is also working toward his master's degree. He is employed as a naval architect, marine engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare



Center, David Taylor Research Center in Bethesda, Md.

A July wedding is planned in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis, Md.

Pirronello-Regan

Kathryn O'Neill of Milford and Louis Pirronello of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Bridget Anne Pirronello, to Michael John Regan, son of Joanne Hughes of Livonia and Michael Regan Sr. of Florida.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is employed as an eighth-grade math teacher at Highland Middle School, a dance instructor at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia and a coach of pompon at Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is attending Eastern Michigan University, completing a degree in computer aided design. He is employed as a food service driver for Livonia Public Schools.

A July wedding is planned in St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia.



Mankvitz-Vandelaare

Kathleen Vandelaare and Michael Mankvitz were married Aug. 27 on Mackinac Island in St. Anne's Catholic Church.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and Michigan State University.

The groom is a graduate of White Lake Lakeland High School and Michigan State University.

The couple received guests at Mission Point Resort before leaving on a trip to Bar Harbor, Maine, and Bermuda. They are making their home in West Bloomfield.



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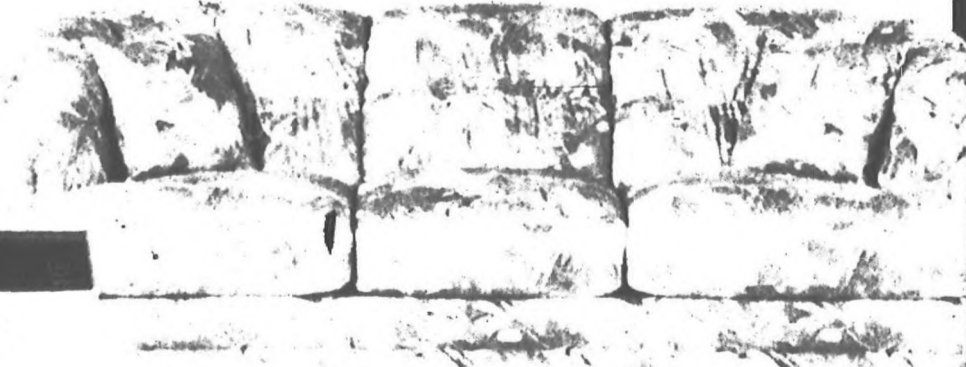
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Dunbar Davis

He was an example for many

The legacy of Dunbar Davis is alive in the Plymouth community. Davis, 81, who died of cancer in Sarasota, Fla. on Dec. 22, set an example of what public service should be. It's a legacy that was carried on by Judge James Garber, who retired Jan. 1, and is now embraced by newly elected Judge Ron Lowe.

Earlier this year, when Lowe was running for the 35th District Court, he said that as a teen-ager he was inspired by Davis. Davis was Lowe's Sunday school teacher. Lowe later became Davis' court officer.

"In Sunday school he taught me to trust in God, and in the courthouse, he taught me to be fair," said Lowe, whose father bought Davis' law practice after the 1968 election in which the North Carolina-born Davis was elected to the community's first district judgeship. Davis served for 16 years until his retirement in 1984.

After that, he served as a visiting judge, declining payment for the work.

At the time he said: "If judges are ill or on vacation, there's no money in court budgets to pay for replacements, so I'll go and sit and not be paid, in out-county circuit and district courts. They can use me here and in other courts, so I can work as hard as I want to."

Davis also served on the Plymouth City Commission from 1946-48, and in 1967 was appointed as a municipal judge, just prior to being elected.

Davis was as well known for his personal style as his judicial demeanor. Clad in a southern-style string tie, he performed many weddings in Hines Park, bringing with him his own tape recorder with religious music.

That religious devotion was always with him. At the funeral, the Rev. Paul F. White said: "If you knew Dunbar for more than five minutes, he quoted a poem, scripture or part of a hymn."

"His secret wasn't who he was, but who he served," said White in his remarks at Davis' funeral last Wednesday.

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Davis was raised in North Carolina along the Atlantic coast and once described his childhood as "sort of like Mark Twain's."

As a child he roamed the semitropical forests and shores of the Atlantic.

"We used to row out about a half-mile to Bald Head, an island where we camped overnight. We caught fish and roasted them, trapped rabbits, squirrels and wild pigs."

However, at 17, Davis started college, graduating from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., in 1933 and eventually enrolling at the University of Michigan law school.

But graduating from law school during the Depression was a different matter. Davis worked as a structural steel worker at the Ford Rouge Plant during 1938. He didn't see it as a setback. Instead he credited it with helping him lose his fear of heights.

Dunbar Davis came to Plymouth in 1939 after receiving his law degree from the University of Michigan. He said in an interview when he retired that: "I decided I'd pick a small town, open an office and tell 'em I'm a lawyer."

He happened upon Plymouth, then a three-lawyer town, and decided to stay.

A Southern gentleman in the truest sense, Davis dispensed justice with large doses of compassion, common sense and fairness.

Although most residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township didn't meet Davis in the courtroom, the communities are better off for his example of leadership.

He inspired those around us who will be active in the public arena for years to come.



LETTERS

Good experience

It was my good fortune to work as a volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army Kettle Program this year in the Plymouth-Canton community. My most rewarding experience was working with Gary Balconi and Scott Beaman, teachers at Salem High.

Mr. Balconi was so helpful in working with the athletic departments at both Salem and Canton high schools in making arrangements for students who wanted to volunteer their time to be bell-ringers. The Canton and Salem athletes, cheerleaders, Chiefettes and Rockettes gave six hours each evening for 10⁺ evenings. They manned the kettle in front of the Plymouth Kroger Store at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon. Their efforts were a tremendous contribution to the success of the Salvation Army program.

Mr. Beaman coordinated the volunteers from the National Honor Society. They rang the bells at the Canton Kroger and Canton Kmart every evening for a week.

Students from Close-Up classes, several church youth organizations and junior high schools also made a major contribution to the kettle program.

We have many, many good kids and teachers in our schools. We should give them a big thank-you for the community spirit they have shown. Because of everyone's effort, and the Salvation Army focus on helping the needy, many people in our community will have a Merry Christmas and a much happier New Year.

Wes Kappler, Plymouth

System needed

As a recent candidate for judge I was a participant in the judicial ratings of a local Bar Association as well as a civic organization. Even though I received relatively good evaluations, I was disappointed to learn the process by which the ratings are derived. Now that the elections are over and this criticism cannot affect any pending race, I suggest that these organizations review their procedures to see if they can be improved.

Until I participated in the process, I assumed that the ratings probably included a fairly comprehensive evaluation based on some objective scoring criteria and that in the case of a Bar Association, the added element of a peer evaluation was included. My experience was contrary to these assumptions.

The area Bar Association evaluation, for ex-

ample, involved responding to a lengthy written questionnaire followed by an oral interview by a panel of attorneys. The written questionnaire took several hours to complete and, in addition, the submission of three legal writing samples and a list of six legal references was requested.

Candidates who inquired, were told that the oral interview portion of the evaluation was simply a follow up to their written questionnaire response and the legal writings that they had submitted. It came to me as a great surprise when I discovered the following:

- There is no objective scoring criteria whatsoever utilized in the ratings process;
- Candidates for the same office are not necessarily, and in my case were not, interviewed by the same interview panel;
- My interview panel had not read my legal writing samples as of the time of my interview nor did they ever contact any of my legal references;
- The panel's recommendation is read to a committee-at-large consisting of some 100 plus members and is then adopted, unless an at-large committee member moves to increase or decrease the rating.

This rating process in my opinion has some glaring deficiencies. I suggest the following changes:

- Candidates for the same office should be interviewed by the same panel because ratings by their very nature are comparative. This would allow a voter to compare apples.
- Ratings should be based on an objective scoring criteria with perhaps a range of scores within several pertinent categories. While it is not possible to entirely eliminate subjective elements in a rating system, this change would be a move in the direction of fairness, would improve consistency, and would allow a candidate to rebut a particular score in their evaluation rather than be branded by a totally subjective rating label.
- The scoring criteria, as well as the members of the interview panel and their backgrounds, should be information known to the candidate and available to the public, in advance.
- Comprehensive evaluations by small panels should be the basis for the ratings. A small panel provides more accountability. To allow a committee-at-large of 100-plus members to make adjustments after an initial rating has been recommended, poses a situation ripe for corruption.

Presumably, voters do rely on these ratings. We owe it to the voters to make the rating system as fair and incorruptible as possible.

Michael J. Gerou, Plymouth



Davis legacy: Dunbar Davis (left) set an example of public service that was followed by former District Court Judge James Garber, along with others in the area. The photo was taken upon Davis' retirement in 1984.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Have you broken any of your New Year's resolutions?

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"No. I never made any."
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"I didn't make any to break."
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"I did it the best way. I didn't make any to break."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Family values the key to solving crime problem

The problem of increasing crime is the biggest challenge to our generation. The federal and state governments are focusing resources to solve this issue. As a consequence, an expensive crime bill was passed.

In spite of all efforts, crime is spreading like a forest fire, engulfing the future of the nation.

This issue has gone out of the hands of the politicians and legislators, and it's now in our hands. Each of us make the big society.

The United States is a unique nation. Here, people of different cultures, creeds, colors, religions and origins live and work in a united way and make the United States of America.

We are united as a nation, united as a state, united as a country and united as a community. The primary aspect of

unity is the unity of a family.

One of the major causes of the increasing crime rate is the diminishing of family values.

Under the united family system, the affection of a mother and the protection of a father gives a perfect condition in which to grow the most productive and useful citizens.

The parents are the architects of the children's future. Their efforts can make their child a president, priest or prisoner. Children inherit the good and bad things through every act and action of their parents. The parents have to set a good living example for their children.

A family without united parents is like a farm without a farmer. The fertile land without a farmer will start growing weeds and wild plants.

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In the absence of a father, a successful drug dealer will become the godfather of the kids, and in the absence of a mother, the television set becomes the

caretaker of the children.

Drugs, alcohol, early sex, and violent TV programs are seriously affecting the positive growth of our young generation, and there are a few more factors which are contributing to the problem of increasing crime.

Some of our legal experts are well-versed in the legal technicalities and loopholes of the law, but they don't understand the real spirit of the law.

For their own personal gains and fame, they are bringing the criminals back on the road, giving them a few more chances to kill a few more people.

The causes are simple and clear, but the consequences are more damaging than the hurricanes of Florida, the earthquakes of California and the flooding in Mississippi. We all have to

accept this challenge to protect our future generations and our future.

We can't protect our generation by passing laws or by making more prisons or prisoners, or by expanding the police force. No force on earth can fix this problem except the force of love.

The force of love is generated in houses where the wife, husband and children live together and share and care together as a united family.

If we live as a united family, no evil forces on the land can snatch our young Americans and young America.

Once again we will start producing the most productive citizens and the most useful humans to serve our nation and all of humanity.

Kamran Naeem lives in Canton Township.

Stanley Kowalski learned Americanism in school

Poets and playwrights often sum up in a few lines what journalists and historians use thousands of pages to say. Take Tennessee Williams' post-World War II play and film "A Streetcar Named Desire."

Near the end, the two women are ragging Stanley Kowalski about his table manners and ethnicity. Finally Stanley, played pluperfectly by Marlon Brando, explodes at wife Stella:

"Don't you ever talk that way to me. Fig. Polack . . . Those kind of words been on your tongue and your sister's tongue too much . . . I'm not a Polack. People from Poland are Poles; they're not Polacks. But what I am is 100 percent American. I'm born and raised in the greatest country and darn proud of it. I'm not a Polack."

As boy and man, I've seen and read the stage version and watched the movie more times than I can count, but only in the last year did I ever ask myself: Where did Stanley get his idea about being 100 percent American?

I doubt he got it at St. Ladislaus High School. The script says he was in the U.S. Army Engineers during the Real War, but I can't recall any heavy doses of such patriotism in my training as a weekend warrior.

Stanley got the idea in public schools.

Until well into the 19th Century, there were few free public schools in America. Soldiers in the Civil War identified themselves as being from Virginia or Mississippi or Michigan or Pennsylvania, or North and South.

By World War I that changed. Perhaps the public schools even went too far in promoting the concept of Americanism. A relative told of how a woman professor at what is now Western Michigan University wept when she told her students in 1917 that German language classes would be discontinued.

People changed their surnames, sometimes to make them easier for Anglo tongues to pronounce, often out of shame at being foreign-born.

There was a downside to denying ethnicity, but there was also a huge benefit. We fought World War II as 100 percent Americans. We fought the Korean War the same way.

If there's anything we learn from 20th Century history, it's that little nations get pushed around, and big nations do the pushing. Now, pushing little guys around isn't very polite, but it sure beats getting pushed.

Think about it: How many nations in the world composed of so many eth-



TIM RICHARD

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nic groups, so many religions, so many shades of skin hue, have survived as unified nations? Not many. In fact, since 1989 just the opposite has occurred.

In 1991 I stood in Prague's Wenceslas Square, where the "velvet revolution" had occurred two years earlier, and watched people sign petitions. A guide explained that the signers wanted to split Czechoslovakia, a nation with a history of getting pushed around, into the Czech and Slovak republics.

The total population was about 15 million — 64 percent Czech and 30 percent Slovak, with a scattering of Germans — yet here they were splitting into the tribal units that had settled along the Moldau 1,000 years earlier.

Rwanda and many African nations have grass growing in the streets because they're fighting civil wars along tribal lines. As I read the fine print in the wire stories, it's all the Europeans' fault for creating artificial nations when what the locals want is tribal government.

Take the former Yugoslavia, population 24 million. It wasn't a big nation, but now it has split along the same tribal lines that existed when they

drifted out of Central Asia 10 centuries ago.

Consider the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, now a staggering collection of tribal states. Consider Canada, which may yet split along language lines despite the licking Wolfe gave Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham 230 years ago.

It makes one suspicious of the "diversity" movement at the University of Michigan and public schools. We're told to "cherish diversity" — at the expense, I suspect, of English-speaking, entrepreneurial, democratic values.

America has freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and a Civil Rights Commission to protect minorities. But our public schools, which so ably welded our diverse tribes into a nation, should rededicate themselves to teaching the lesson Stanley Kowalski absorbed:

"What I am is 100 percent American. I'm born and raised in the greatest country and darn proud of it."

We need the concept of Americanism even more than we need a \$400 billion defense budget.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.80

Alternative assessment models designed to help parents, kids

QUESTION: My sister and I got together for Thanksgiving and compared our children's elementary report cards.

My elementary school uses Excellent, Above Average, Average and Below Average. My sister's school district uses what is called a Rubric model for grading. What is a Rubric model? Is it a better system that what we use?

ANSWER: Using alternative assessment models at the elementary level (other than A-B-C-D-E) is a reasonable and humane approach. Frankly, I don't imagine anyone is big on giving a struggling kindergarten or first-grade child an "E" grade. Let's give the little ones some breathing room in their early developmental years into the system.

Let's say a school district is using Excellent, Above Average, Average, Below Average and Needs-Help. These five categories, of course, can be translated in one's mind to A (Excellent) . . . B-C-D-E. The Rubrics system would use more descriptive sets (or standards) that the school district teachers and staff would develop . . . as opposed to locking the child into a letter or word (Average) grade. The word itself, "Rubrics," demonstrates how educators never run out of new jargon.

See the sample Rubric (descriptive) report card below in the category Writing. Students would receive a category grade based on written descriptions, either a 4, 3, 2 or 1.

Category 4. Student writes in a clear, well-written, meaningful way, uses appropriate detail, description, grammar and spelling, follows a logical order presented in the appropriate format. (This, of course, means Excellent; it is "A" work. It informs parents more than an Above Average section on a typical card marked with an X).

Category 3. Student writes in a clear, well-written way that may have minor interruptions; often uses appropriate detail, description, grammar and spelling; and sometimes follows logical order. (Sounds like a B, but nevertheless, more informative for parents).

Category 2. Student writes with some organizational flaws, seldom writes in a logical order, provides few details or descriptions and uses inappropriate grammar and spelling. (This kid needs help . . . a future C- or D student, if he doesn't improve when he faces letter grades in the middle school or high school).

Category 1. Student does not understand



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how to communicate through writing and needs extensive writing opportunities (Can't write).

These are the Rubrics and can be developed for any subject area.

The Tucson, Arizona Unified School District began piloting a Rubric model back in 1991. Teachers, today, are generally pleased with the model because the district stated, at the outset, that teachers would develop the model and that at least 80 percent of the elementary teachers would have to be in agreement to implement — which did occur.

The key to Tucson's success was involving staff, informing parents, and piloting the concept to get the bugs out. It is when the central office comes up with a concept such as this Rubric system, picked up at some conference, and drops it on teachers when they show up in September that disaster occurs.

You ask if the Rubric system in early elementary is better than your district's Above Average, Average, etc. system.

Personally, I favor any system that gives parents more information regarding their children. So the Rubric plan (a very descriptive plan) is a fine model. However, it takes considerable time and money to develop.

And the key, regardless of what system is used, is communication between the principal and teachers with the parents. Personal contact with parents, notes sent home, and phone calls to parents override any system we educators could come up with. And frankly, most school districts already have a quasi-Rubric system in effect, assuming the teachers use the "Comment" section on the report card properly.

James "Doc" Doyle was formerly an administrator in Troy Public Schools and a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton school district. He currently serves as an education consultant. He lives in Northville Township.

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Anti-theft program pays for citizen tips

The HEAT committee, which oversees all aspects of Michigan's Help Eliminate Auto Thefts program, announced that the organization awarded \$121,250 to citizens in 1994.

The money was paid in exchange for information that led to the arrest and prosecution of auto

thieves, chop shop operators and car jackers.

HEAT is sponsored by all of the insurance companies that write auto insurance in Michigan.

The state police also play a role in the program's success by staffing the organization's toll-free and confidential tip line.

These officers relay information called in by citizens to the police agencies throughout the state where the suspected crimes have occurred.

When a tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspect, HEAT personnel determine and distribute the award.

The maximum award amount for a single tip is \$10,000.

Since 1985, 3,836 tips have led to the recovery of 1,821 vehicles.

In 1994, 373 tips came in and 148 vehicles were recovered.

To call HEAT, dial (800) 242-HEAT.

Light display continues at Domino's Farms

The Wayne County LightFest may be over, but the Domino Farms "Christmas Light Display" continues through Sunday.

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Admission is \$5 per car. Domino's Farms is on Earhart Road off Plymouth Road, about a

half-mile east of US-23. For more information, call (313) 668-1800

Court plan from page 5A

geographic districts varying from several counties (circuit) to a single community (some district courts). Voters become confused and pick "name" candidates.

Here is an outline of the 21st Century Committee's plan:

- A single trial court.
- Lines between circuit, probate and district courts would be erased. In large jurisdictions, there would be some room for specialization (e.g., domestic relations). Legislators and judges would work out details. All judges would be paid the same. New electoral districts would have to be developed with an eye on the federal law requiring racial and ethnic participation.
- A regional administrative judge (RAJ).

The state would be divided into eight to 12 regions (780,000 to 1.2 million population). The chief justice of the Supreme Court would appoint RAJs for a four-year term. RAJs would prepare budgets and assign judges and cases within the region, crossing geographic lines when necessary. (Currently, such assignments are made by the state court administrator in Lansing.)

■ State financing.

The 14-year debate over the preferential treatment given Wayne County and Detroit would end. The state would pay the salaries of judges and their staffs, training costs, transcripts, juries, witness fees, indigent counsel, interpreters and the regional administrative judges.

Local units would pay for courthouses and physical facilities, although there could be state allowances. No budget figure was even estimated. Currently, circuit and probate courts are supported as public services, but many district courts earn surpluses for their local units through fines they levy.

■ Assessment of judges.

"An agency or committee that is broadly based and composed of persons of independent quality drawn from the bench, the bar and non-lawyers familiar with the judicial system" would evaluate all judges' performance for impartiality, "avoidance of impropriety," "freedom from personal bias" and "ability to decide issues based on the law and facts without regard

to the identity of the parties or counsel, the popularity of the decision and without fear of criticism."

But voters and possible rival candidates would be denied a look at those evaluations.

■ Computerized information system.

"A statewide, standard, uniform, coordinated, computerized judicial information system" would be put in place, at state expense, over time. It would be accessible to court personnel, lawyers, law enforcement and corrections personnel, news media and the public.

Next week: Some basic questions and answers about the 21st Century Committee's proposal.

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THURSDAY JANUARY 5, 1995

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

Learn to ski, discover Michigan's wonderland

No more excuses, the new year has officially begun!

This is a good week to learn how to ski, join a choir or try-out for a play.

The Michigan Ski Industries Association with McDonald's restaurants and Ski Industries America is offering a "Menu of Skiing," that includes beginner snowboard, downhill and cross-country ski lessons. Classes are starting this week, stop by your neighborhood McDonald's for details.

Get on the right track, cross country that is, at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Cross-Country Ski School. Classes start Jan. 14, weather permitting, at Warren Valley Golf Course, 26116 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 261-1990 or (313) 561-1040. Classes will also be offered at Addison Oaks County Park in Leonard, (810) 693-2432, Bloomfield Hills Schools Recreation and Community Services, Bloomfield, (810) 433-0885, Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston, (810) 625-0877 and Pine Trace Golf Course in Rochester Hills, (810) 656-8308.

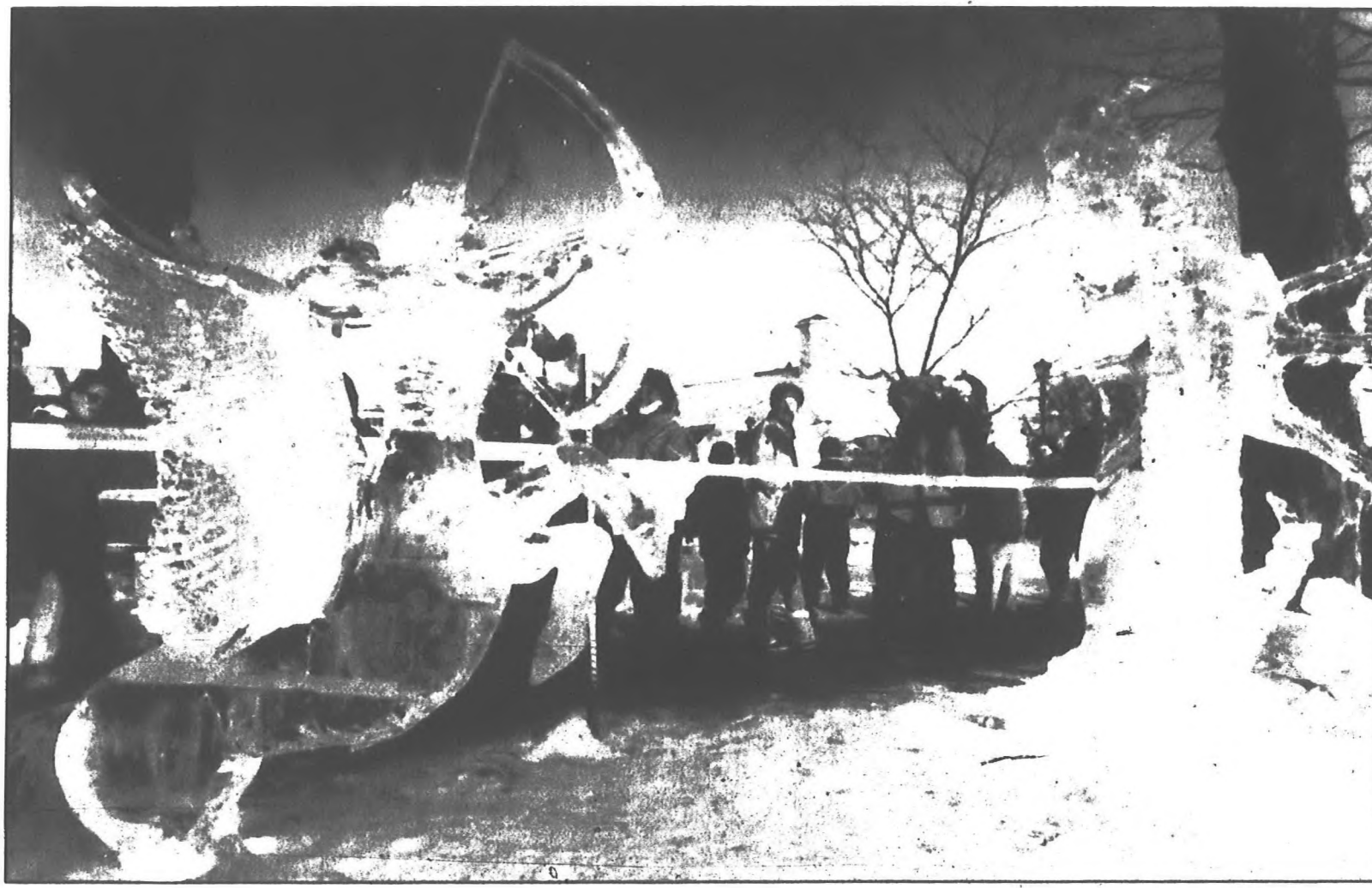
■ The Theatre Guild is holding auditions for "Marvin's Room," by Scott McPherson, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly (south of Five Mile). Performance dates are Feb. 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19. Audition material provided from script, photo and resume requested. Call (313) 537-4145 for information.

■ The Livonia Civic Chorus, which is celebrating its 30th season this year, will be holding auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 17 at Frost Middle School on Stark Road, north of the Jeffries Expressway. Call (313) 421-0527 for information.

■ Schoolcraft Community Choir, also celebrating

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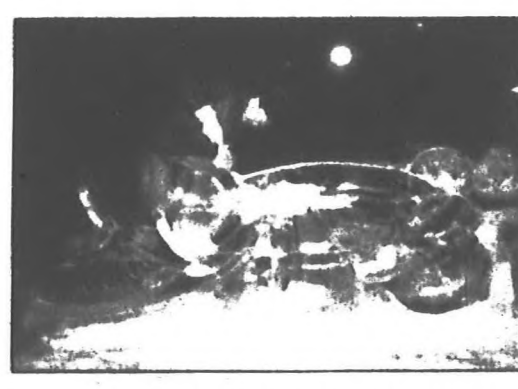
PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR, JAN. 11-16



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

When Plymouth freezes over: Thousands of people are expected to attend the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Ice carvers will be working their magic in Kellogg Park and sculptures will be sprinkled throughout downtown.

Chill



In January, when the holidays are over and winter gloom threatens, some people dream about white, sandy beaches.

In Plymouth, they pray for a deep freeze.

That's because the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular comes to town, this year Jan. 11-16. The hundreds of carved ice pieces are expected to attract up to 500,000 people. So pray the weather doesn't turn balmy. The carvings are set up in Kellogg Park in the city center and throughout the attractive city's downtown.

This year's program includes professional and student competitions, a light show, music and other pleasures.

The ice show, which draws people from around metro Detroit and beyond, began about 10 years ago in an effort to improve business after the post-holiday retail slowdown. The show has grown and proven to be extremely popular — probably beyond the dreams of the

city merchants and officials who planned the first ice show after a suggestion by R. Scott Lorenz, a former owner of the Mayflower Hotel who visited a similar show in Sapporo, Japan.

The carvers use chain saws, ice tongs, shavers, hammers and chisels to carve the ice blocks.

Culinary students from Schoolcraft College and Oakland Community College will take part. Students from The Henry Ford Community College Ice and Snow Carving Club will sculpt a life-like scene based on the movie, "The Lion King," with chilled versions of animated characters Mufasa, Simba and others. Last year, the club carved a western saloon display, complete with riders on horseback.

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular is sanctioned by the National Ice Carving Association and is a qualifier for the national competition, which attracts some of the country's best carvers.

On Friday, Jan. 13, two-person professional

teams will receive 10 blocks of ice and will carve for 20 continuous hours. Judging for the contest will be at 3 p.m. the following Saturday.

There will be college and high school team competitions, in which each will carve three blocks of ice for five hours. There will also be college, high school and non-professional individual competitions.

A group of celebrities will try their hand at ice carving this year. The celebrities include: Gonzo rocker Ted Nugent, morning disc jockey George Baier, and the Observer's own favorite sons, photographer Bill Bresler and reporter Kevin Brown.

Ice carving has been around for hundreds of years. French chefs, borrowing from the Russians, used carvings as a practical and attractive way to keep food cold. That was important, because, at the time, a chef who served spoiled

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Now showing

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Hearts on the menu of Pomodoro, an Italian restaurant in Farmington Hills, indicate dishes that are lower in fat. Owner Joseph Beato knows a lot of preparing healthy, flavorful food.

Find out what's on stage in your community.

"Heavenly Creatures," playing exclusively at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak, is one of the most exhilarating and emotionally wrenching movies in years.

Instead of dreading the cold, escape it for sun, warm breezes — Barbados.

Fisher-Price cameras, chaotic flashes of lights and sounds aren't the conventional means of making a commercial or music video. But then again, Chrome Bumper isn't conventional.

Looking ahead

- ▶ Restaurants get ready to celebrate Chinese New Year
- ▶ Find out what's new at the movies

Win tickets to see 'Sesame Street Live' at the Fox

Sesame Street: Kids will see Big Bird, and all their favorite Sesame Street characters at Sesame Street Live's new musical stage show, "When I Grow Up," opening at the Fox Theatre on Jan. 25.



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It's time to pretend with the Muppets about growing up at "Sesame Street Live's" new musical stage show, "When I Grow Up," appearing at the Fox Theatre in Detroit for 23 performances, Jan. 25 to Feb. 5. Tickets are \$13, \$10 and \$8. Call (810) 645-6666 to charge tickets by phone. For more information, call (313) 396-7800.

Tricia Turek, who born in Livonia, and graduated from Divine Child High School in Dearborn, portrays Grundgetta in the show. "In my first recital I was a big ham and it made me love to perform. I still get the biggest thrill every time I step on stage," she said.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper is hosting two special events during the show — a charity book drive, and ticket giveaway.

Bring a children's book in good condition to the 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 or 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 show to donate to charity. The first 2,000 children at each show will receive a Sesame Street Golden Book in exchange, courtesy of the Observer

& Eccentric Newspaper. Kids — write and tell us what you want to be when you grow up to win tickets to take your family to see Sesame Street Live's presentation of "When I Grow Up," on Feb. 4 at the Fox Theatre.

Twenty-five (family packets of four tickets) will be awarded. Winners will be treated to a milk and cookies party before the show.

This contest is open to children up to age 12. Parents are welcome to help little ones with their entries. Only one entry per family.

Send or fax entries to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go! Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (313) 591-7279 by Thursday, Jan. 19. Winners be notified by phone.

Come discover your dreams with the "Sesame Street Live" Muppets as they explore what they want to be when they grow up.

Telly Monster dreams of becoming a baseball player, Oscar wants to be a ballet star and Elmo, with his two-

See SESAME STREET, 2B

LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Barbados combines island warmth and British charm

It's now easier than ever to get to the Caribbean island of Barbados.

Detroit based Travel Charter International offers weekly non-stop service from Detroit to Barbados on Saturdays through April 22. The package can be airfare only, or travelers can choose one of 14 luxury hotels and resorts on Barbados for seven or 14 day stays.

Packages start at \$599 per person, based on double occupancy. That price includes airfare and a week's accommodation. "This is the fourth season for the charter but the first year it departs on Saturdays," said Urban Cumberbatch, assistant sales manager for the Barbados Tourism Authority in Detroit. "Every year more and more people from Detroit have visited Barbados. This is an exciting trend we hope will continue this winter."

Barbados is located in the Caribbean's Lesser Antilles islands, 596 miles northeast of Caracas, Venezuela. Flight time from Detroit is about five hours.

The country gained independence in 1966 after 350 years of British rule. It is 21 miles long and 14 miles wide. Its highest point, Mt. Hillaby, is 1,115 feet.

Year-round temperatures are between 75 and 85 degrees with mild humidity.

Despite independence, the island retains a British atmosphere. A statue of Admiral Nelson looks out of Trafalgar Square in capital city Bridgetown. Cricket and polo are popular. Afternoon tea is a staple at many hotels on the St. James Caribbean coast.

The island hosts 825,000 visitors annually, about 430,000 of whom are cruise passengers. About 112,000 of those tourists are American, 100,000 are from the United Kingdom and 50,000 are Canadian.

Barbados has been a popular honeymoon and anniversary destination, and it's now made getting married easier for visitors. Tourists can get married the day they arrive, if they choose. Many hotels have on-staff consultants to make wedding arrangements.

A wedding license costs about \$62 for non-residents. Documents like passports or birth certificates and documents pertaining to previous marriages may be necessary, and couples wishing to have a Roman Catholic ceremony may have other requirements. Contact the Barbados Tourism Authority at 1-(800) 221-9831 for more information.

The island's original settlers are believed to have been an Amerindian tribe, the Arawaks. They were wiped out by the Caribs, who reigned for some 300 years. The island is believed to have gotten its name from a Portuguese explorer, Pedro a Campos, in 1536.

The British arrived in the 1600s and in the latter part of the century imported African slaves for the planting of sugar cane. Sugar boomed in the 17th century and island became wealthy. In 1834, slavery was abolished.

The island had a reputation as a pirate's haven in addition to its rich blend of African-European-Caribbean customs.

In 1751, George Washington accompanied his tubercular brother, Lawrence, to Barbados.

The island has a population of about 255,000, mostly of West African and European descent. The country's gross national product is derived mainly from tourism, agriculture, light industry and off-shore banking. The island's infrastructure is technologically advanced.

For more information and reservations from Detroit, contact your local travel agent.



Coastal Barbados: This is the view from Farley Hill National Park, overlooking the island's eastern coast and the Atlantic Ocean. Barbados has a varied terrain: white, sandy beaches, dense forest, and vast fields of sugar cane.



Wish you were here

Honeymoon in paradise: Kristen and Jamie Osaer of Garden City spent their honeymoon in the southern Caribbean. That's Kristen on deck of their cruise ship docked in St. Thomas, just before the couple goes ashore to shop.



Wish you were here

Island trip: Carole and Joseph Knapp traveled to Hilton Head, S.C. in November for vacation and enjoyed the weather and the ocean. The couple brought along their Livonia Observer.

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It's 30th season this year, is holding auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road) in Livonia. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call choir president, Shari Clason (810) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services department, (313) 462-4448.

Rehearsals for the ninth season of the Plymouth Oratorio Society begin 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at St. John Nuemann Church, 44800 Warren Road, between Sheldon and Canton Center roads in Canton. No auditions required. For information, call (313) 761-2991.

Dusty Rhodes, a professional entertainer, songwriter and musician is performing 7 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in January.

He plays a Michigan-made 12-string guitar, banjo, fife and harmonica. The inn is at 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 474-4800 for more information. The Jack Brokensha Quartet performs at the inn every Thursday at 8 p.m. Guest artist Jan. 5 is pianist Rick Roe.

Saxman Larry Nozero plays jazz 8 p.m. to midnight, Mondays

at DePalma's, 31735 Plymouth Road, just west of Merriman Road in Livonia. Call (313) 261-2430 for information.

Keely Wygonik is editor of Let's Go! She welcomes your calls and comments. 953-2105, fax 591-7279. E-Mail keely@aoonline.com or write Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Sesame Street from page 1B

year-old imagination, wants to be everything.

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Me Out to the Ballgame." New and traditional songs will have even the youngest fans dancing in their seats and interacting with their favorite friends while clapping, jumping and stomping to the music.

The stars of "When I Grow Up" are everyone's favorite Sesame Street residents: Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Bert and Ernie, Elmo, The Count, Grover, Oscar the Grouch, Grundgetta, Prairie

Dawn, Betty Lou, Telly Monster, Amanda and Honkers. They will be joined, for the first time, by Rosita and Roxy Marie.

"Sesame Street Live" features a talented cast of 17 young profes-

sionals. The script was written by Nancy Sans, produced by Bob Shipstad, directed by Marilyn Magness and choreographed by John Addis. Don Harper is the music director.

Chill from page 1B

food could end up in a guillotine.

Ice carving came to prominence in Russia in the winter of 1739 when Empress Ann Ivanova ordered the construction of an ice palace for a newlywed couple whose impending marriage had angered her.

It seems the bridegroom, a former lover of the empress, had fallen in love with a woman from his village. When they asked the jealous empress' permission to marry, as was the custom, she granted the request only if they would spend their wedding night in ice palace. This, she believed, certainly would cool their passion. An architect designed the

structure, which is alleged to have had ice cannons that actually fired. Alas, true love won out and the couple's relationship survived the chilly wedding night.

But the ice castle drew visitors from around Europe, and the tradition moved to France. Now popular in Japan, ice carving is a full time profession, where sculptors carve ice in the winter and wood in the summer.

If you're going, remember there are plenty to eat, buy hot chocolate and browse at things not made of ice. Remember also that if Plymouth's prayers are answered, it's going to be mighty cold. So dress warmly.



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LET'S GO! DINING

Pomodoro serves Italian dishes that have a lot of heart

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT
STAFF WRITER

The hearts on the menu of Pomodoro, the Farmington Hills Italian restaurant that is working hard to make a name for itself, indicate dishes that are lower in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

Owner Joseph Beato, the Swiss-trained chef worked for Henry Ford Health Systems for 19 years, ultimately as executive chef. There, he learned about preparation of healthy and flavorful food and large-scale institutional cooking.

"Henry Ford Hospital was the biggest job I ever had. I was in charge of cooking 8,000-10,000 meals in a day, patients and non-patients. It was like a city," said Beato, 47, who in 1991 opened Il Centro on Lothrop, across the street from the Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center.

"Nowadays people want Italian dishes cooked with less fat and cholesterol," said Beato, who said he realized while working at Henry Ford Hospital that many people discharged from the hospital need healthy food when they eat out. Beato, who won a gold medal

in the 1988 Culinary Olympics and was a coach for the 1992 state team, said careful preparation, fresh ingredients and skillful seasoning can make up for reduced cream and butter.

Il Centro's menu has a southern focus and a more contemporary emphasis than the venerable downtown Italian restaurants. It's been a success with the business crowd and theater-goers.

Still, for all his effort, Beato said, Pomodoro has not found its crowd since it opened in August, Beato said.

"We thought we'd bring the same concept to the suburbs. It's going to be a tougher nut to crack... but we'll do everything we can to make it happen."

Pomodoro, surrounded by office buildings along 12 Mile Road, is hard for the untrained eye to find. Parking has been a problem, though the restaurant now offers front-door parking to make up for that.

Inside, the restaurant seats about 220 in a large and attractive multi-level room accessorized with wine bottles and pictures of the old country. Beato is a native of Bari, Italy, a town in the heel of the Italian boot. The room was designed by Nino Cutraro, who ran a Metropolitan Music Cafe



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ANN HEALY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pomodoro: It means tomato in Italian. Chef Joe Beato opened Pomodoro Ristorante about six months ago among the office buildings in Farmington Hills. He also runs Il Centro, an Italian restaurant in Detroit's New Center.

and then Amici's there.

The dinner menu begins with appetizers like sauteed snails with garlic, walnuts and light cream; fennel sausage with roasted peppers and onions, and steamed mussels with olive oil and garlic. There's even grilled octopus served with onions and diced tomatoes, and several entree salads.

The pastas (\$7.95 to \$12.95) come with simple marinara and meat sauces. There is a linguine tossed with basil and olive oil, and the more elaborate: fettuccine with shrimp, artichokes and peppers in a light dill sauce.

Other entrees (\$12.95 to \$14.95) include several veal dishes — saltimbocca is sauteed veal with

prosciutto, spinach, sweet vermouth and mushrooms. It is a low fat, low cholesterol and sodium dish. There is salmon with rice, broiled chicken breast, seared scallops and shrimp in a cognac cream and grilled tuna, steak and whitefish.

For lunch, there is a \$5.50 buffet, with pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Pizzas are on the lunch menu along with a variety of pastas and entrees (\$7.50 to \$8.75), and burgers and sandwiches.

Beato said he will consider adding some non-Italian dishes to Pomodoro's dinner offerings.

In the end, those hearts on the menu may mean that Beato is working his heart out to make a go of his new Farmington Hills restaurant.

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Theater

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Michael Frayn's "Benefactors," winner of the New York Critic's Circle Award for "best foreign play," will be presented Jan. 5-29. "Benefactors" is a dark comedy that explores the relationship of two couples whose personal and professional lives have gone in completely different directions. Call Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666 for tickets, or the box office. (810) 377-3300

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Creatures' sheds light on '50s murder



JOHN MONAGHAN

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The scandal rocked New Zealand in the 1950s. Teenagers Pauline Parker and Juliet Hulme savagely murdered Pauline's mother when she stood in the way of their budding relationship.

Pauline's detailed diary, used at the trial, also inspired the writers of "Heavenly Creatures," a surprising new movie about the case. Playing exclusively at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak, it's one of the most exhilarating and emotionally wrenching movies in years.

Director Peter Jackson's previous work, "Dead Alive," was rightly billed as the goriest movie ever made. The few critics who caught it during popular midnight runs noted that Jackson also possessed wit and a cleverness behind the camera.

He and co-writer Frances Walsh bring a surprising amount of maturity to the story of two girls, both outcasts, who find nirvana in each other. Dowdy Pauline finds a soulmate in the English Juliet, a bright new student who immediately shakes up their stuffy girls' school in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The two become fast friends, embarking on picnics, bike rides, and creating a mythical "Fourth

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World" where their meticulously sculpted clay figures of medieval kings and queens come to life. They live for their time together, writing a book they hope to have published.

For Pauline, Juliet's family — cultured, modern, and wealthy — are head-and-shoulders above her well-meaning working-class parents. Both families try to tone what they feel has developed into an "unnatural" relationship.

For the most part, this isn't a sordid morality tale about lesbianism leading to murder. Except for one scene in bed (again adapted from Pauline's diary), these are merely intelligent and insecure girls who cling to each other during vulnerable times in their lives.

The casting is inspired. For the show-off Juliet, Jackson found Kate Winslet, a girl from a theatrical family with considerable stage experience. Melanie Lynskey was chosen after a nationwide search for her striking resemblance to the real Pauline.

"Heavenly Creatures," shot in wide screen, is probably the best-looking movie around, especially in its use of color, from the Parkers' aqua-colored kitchen to the fantasy sequences (the girls chasing monster butterflies or entering a world of life-size clay figures) that bring their imaginations to life.



CHRISTCHURCH STAR

No doubt about it: movies have desensitized us to real-life suffering. So it's especially ironic that the director of "Dead Alive's" comic bloodfest would make us feel so genuinely for the victim.

Pauline's mother (well-played by Sarah Peirse) isn't a hag, but a well-meaning woman who does what many mothers would in the situation. As accomplices to the murder, we want to scream at the

True story:
Juliet Hulme photographed in garden of family residence at Ham just over a year before the murder detailed in "Heavenly Creatures," a new movie about the case.

Screen Scene

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5)

"To Live" (China — 1994). Jan. 6-8 (call for show times). From Zhang Yimou, the great director of "Raise the Red Lantern," comes this epic study of an impoverished woman's (Gong Li) travails during China's nightmarish "Great Leap Forward."

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$6)

"The Life and Times of Allen Ginsberg" (USA — 1993). 8 p.m. Jan. 5. A new documentary about the Beat poet and activist is highlighted by photos and films from his personal collection that sheds new light on the lives of not only himself, but colleagues William Burroughs and Jack Kerouac.

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at

least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"The Last Seduction" (USA — 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda Fiorentino stars as a ruthless femme fatale who double crosses her husband, then hides out in a SmalltownUSA.

"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA — 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand — 1994). The tale, based on a true story about two imaginative girls who find themselves involved in something they can't control. An acclaimed new movie from Peter Jackson, the director of "Dead Alive."

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least Thurs-

day. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Little Women" (USA — 1994). Yet another screen treatment of Louisa May Alcott's American classic about a woman and her four daughters. Susan Sarandon, Wynona Ryder, and Gabriel Byrne star. Directed by Gillian Armstrong ("My Brilliant Career")

"Nell" (USA — 1994). Jodie Foster tries for a third Oscar in this sometimes moving, often sappy story of a woman facing the world after growing up alone with her mother in the woods. Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson help her along.

"Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" (USA — 1994). Alan Rudolph ("The Moderns") seems well-suited to resurrect Dorothy Parker and the other literary luminaries who held court over lunch and drinks at New York's Algonquin Hotel. Jennifer Jason Leigh stars.

RABBLES COFFEEHOUSE
22010 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 779-0707 for information. (Free)

"Bad Blonde" (USA — 1955). 10 p.m. Jan. 9. Barbara Payton, as the title character, makes a chump out of co-star Tony Wright in this rarely-screened exploitation quickie.

REDFORD THEATRE
17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)
"Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines" (USA — 1965). 8 p.m. Jan. 6; 2, 8 p.m. Jan. 7 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). International intrigue is behind a great airplane race in this crowd-pleaser starring Stuart Whitman, Sarah Miles, and Benny Hill. Red Skelton provides the amusing prologue about the history of aviation.

STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450 for information. (\$1)
"Naked Gun 3 1/2" (USA — 1993). 9 p.m. Jan. 9. Leslie Nielsen returns as a bumbling police detective in this hit-and-miss spoof co-starring Priscilla Presley.

Family gathers again for 'Safe Passage'

In the new film "Safe Passage," opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters, Susan Sarandon portrays Mag Singer, who, after 25 years of marriage and motherhood, thinks she is about to start a new life. Six of her seven sons are grown, she's estranged from her husband (played by Sam Shepard) and she's just a civil service test away from a career as a social worker.

But then comes word that one of her children is in terrible danger. Her most troubled son, Percival, who joined the Marines, may be among the dead in a surprise night bombing of his barracks in the Middle East.

Mag Singer gathers her family around one more time. They reunite in the face of pressure, reveal their true selves and remember the past the way families do in crisis.

The cast also includes Robert

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Sean Leonard, Sean Astin, Nick Stahl, Jason London, and Marcia Gay Harden. It's directed by Robert Allan Ackerman.

Susan Sarandon plays a difficult woman — eccentric, tough and obsessively maternal — who has been surrounded by eight even more difficult men: her seven rambunctious sons and her attractive but increasingly unnerving husband. With six of the boys out of the house and her husband, Patrick, practically living at the office, she is almost free to start a career and find her own success.

Then, the family she thought she was running away from returns home for an unlikely reunion and vigil to await further news.

One by one the Singer men arrive — the insatiably curious sci-

entist Izzy (Sean Astin); the cool-headed Alfred (Robert Sean Leonard), who shows up with his shockingly candid girlfriend, Cynthia (Marcia Gay Harden); the athletic Gideon (Jason London); the college-aged twins, Merle and Darren (Phillip and Steve Ross); and the father, Patrick, who gets a temporary reprieve to spend the night. They join Mag and 14-year-old Simon (Nick Stahl), the last Singer male still living at home.

They arrive, each burdened with the baggage of their own complex lives, to find their family home in disarray. Everything is in boxes for a mysterious move that Mag and Simon are about to make, and their mother, at the height of her anxiety, insists on playing classical music at great volume.

The film was written by Deena Goldstone, adapted from Eilyn Bache's novel of the same title.



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Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:
Opening Friday, Jan. 6

"Houseguest" — Action-comedy about a dysfunctional suburban white family who takes in a

black house guest only to find out he is not who he is supposed to be. Stars Sinbad, Phil Hartman, Kim Cattral and Jeffrey Jones.

"Cobb" — Sports writer is contacted by baseball giant Ty Cobb to write his life story, and finds the dark truth behind the legend.

His dilemma, write the real story or maintain the myth. Stars Tommy Lee Jones.

"Immortal Beloved" — On of history's great romantic mysteries: the search for among scores of women for the one whom the mercurial musical genius Ludwig

Van Beethoven called his "Immortal Beloved."

Opening Wednesday, Jan 11
"Higher Learning" — From the streets of South Central to the college campus, the locations may be worlds apart, but some of the stories remain the same.

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LET GO! **STREET SCENE**

MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Bent Lucy in need of singer

The year 1994 ended on a sour note for the Westland rock band Bent Lucy. According to guitarist Robin Miller, singer Matt Ruffino has been let go.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's out of the band right now. I want to go forward and we're not. I'm writing constantly. We had 20 practices and he made four. It's sad that it has to be that way," Miller said.

The band, who recently released their Rustbelt Records' debut "Clowns," is looking for a new singer. So far he's gotten interest from "some psychopaths" from out of town and a few local singers. Miller said they're picky about who will be the new "teller of the tale."

"I don't want to jam with anyone. I don't want to play Aerosmith tunes. I just want to see where their brain is."

Ruffino, who recently moved up north to an Indian reservation, was not available for comment.

Fans of Duran Duran can relive the good old days of streaked hair, arguments over who's cuter, Simon or John, and gems like "Planet Earth" and "Union of the Snake" during the first annual "Duran Duran-A-Thon" Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21-22 at the Holiday Inn Southwick, 2429 Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio.

"There's a lot of fans and everything out there. A lot of people are looking to get together and do a lot of trading of their merchandise," said Kalamazoo resident Blain Klein, who's organizing the fest.

The two-day conference features a Duran Duran dance party 7 p.m. to midnight Jan. 21, and a memorabilia show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 22. Klein added that the band has been invited but he doesn't know if any of them will show up.

For more information about registration or dealer tables, call (616) 375-2776.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, call her at (313) 953-2047, mailbox number 2130, on a touch-tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

SOUND Bites

Some People's Children

- Members:
- James Church - singer/guitarist
 - Dan Jones - bassist
 - Randy Nelson - drummer
 - John K. - trombonist
 - Joe Sachs - saxophone

Release: The CD "Your Place & Mine"

Some People's Children could be a funk band, a blues band, or a fun band. They decided to be all three and more. Creating an eclectic mix of funk, jazz, and blues with a generous dose of humor, they released their first album, "Your Place & Mine."

According to guitarist/singer James Church, Some People's Children, "try to have a blast on stage and do all kinds of silly things (but) we don't dress up or anything like that. It all depends on the audience. Sometimes it can get pretty off the beaten path."

"We're pretty influenced by improvisational, silly players like Frank Zappa and stuff like that," Church said.

"No one has ever said, 'You guys sound like this!'" This is mainly a result of their influences being "spread out across the board. I come from a bluesy, funky background and Dan (Jones, bassist) comes from a Peter Dinklage, Philip background," Church added.

Some People's Children are growing musically and numerically, having added horns to the one-time trio.

"We usually play the first set as a trio and bring up the horns for the second set," Church said. The horns are also on the new album they are recording which will be mainly live with a couple of studio tracks. It's expected to be released in the spring.

"Your Place & Mine" is a surprising record because there is so much going on in all the songs. Different musical styles are constantly intermingling but, unlike many bands who attempt it, the songs remain very listenable.

The songs are all groove-based but that's where the comparison to other bands ends. Some People's Children have definitely created something new that could appeal to a wide variety of people because it is fun both musically and lyrically.

Some People's Children performs and makes a live video at Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti, Friday, Jan. 13. For more information, call (313) 453-5030.

—Eric Darling

Chrome Bumper: Videos its way

Armed with such exotic technical advances as a child's camera, the trio of Kenny Mugwump, John Quigley and Joel Martin are proving that you don't need to be conventional to do a commercial or music video.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Fisher-Price cameras, Japanese special effects and chaotic flashes of lights, sounds and visions, aren't the conventional

means of making a commercial or music video. But then again, Chrome Bumper isn't a conventional production company.

Livonia native Kenny Mugwump, one of the project's three partners, shaved his hair in the shape of two bug antennas a year ago to symbolize his need to feel out the unusual.

To get the attention of potential clients, Mugwump and cohorts John Quigley and Joel Martin have sent them hot rod models kits, glow-in-the-dark boxes and cameras engraved with their name and telephone number.

They work with musicians and organizations that inspire them like George Clinton, the Japanese noise band the Boredoms, Bent Lucy, the Detroit-based Alternative Tentacles' act the Godbullies and the Record Collector store in Livonia.

But the cut-and-dry professionalism of mainstream production companies isn't something they can get into.

"We try to be professional but for what we do (it's hard)," Mugwump said. "Everyone comes off with this thing that we got to direct (and use professional techniques). They get this big thing and they lose the whole concept."

"They're used to doing the 'pro thing.' We're the guys who throw the monkey wrench in the whole thing."

Loudhouse start

It started about 5 1/2 years ago when Quigley and Mugwump worked on a video for Mugwump's band Loudhouse.

For a minimal amount of money, the two created a video for the band that eventually made it to MTV. Loudhouse's label Virgin Records was impressed with what they did and paid the duo \$40,000 to do the next video. Still, they took a hands-on approach, choosing to do everything themselves.

"That's where we went to school. We rented the house for a week and turned the place upside down," said Mugwump, a Bentley High School graduate.

Soon afterward, Loudhouse's relationship with Virgin Records "went really weird" and so did his relationship with the band.

"I couldn't buy into it (money) anymore. There were a lot of hypocrites and contradictions and I figure if I'm gonna be a hypocrite and be contradictory like that I might as well do it myself instead of having someone do it for me," Mugwump said.

He left the band while the majority of the members created Sponge, an alternative rock act doing well on Columbia Records. Meanwhile, Mugwump and Quigley worked to



BILL HANSEN

Out of this world: Livonia native Kenny Mugwump swings a spaceman made by artist Davin Brainard while ex-Farmington resident John Quigley films the action. Along with Joel Martin, they're partners in Chrome Bumper.

expand their inventory of equipment.

Vowing to stay away from trendy film techniques, they search through thrift stores to find equipment. Their prize possession right now is a Fisher-Price kid's camera that they got at the Salvation Army for \$50.

"We got this Fisher-Price kid's camera which is mint, man. It records on a tape but we'll probably do the next two videos with that thing," Mugwump said.

Chrome Bumper, who did the professional thing and moved from their perch above the Magic Bag Theater in Ferndale to a bigger studio nearby, also uses a Russian 16mm camera that they got in the mail.

"We use anything kooky. We got a couple big ones that we laid out some dough for, (but) basically that's what everybody's using."

True to Detroit

While expanding their clientele, Mugwump and Quigley have stayed supportive of the Detroit music scene. The duo plays in a variety of bands including the noise band Princess Dragon Mom, which per-

forms Saturday, Jan. 7, at Alvin's in Detroit.

"We're big into the noise thing; that's the kind of thing that we're into. It's not rock. We blow stuff up and dress up in space suits. It's more of an assault than anything," Mugwump said about his band.

Quigley, a Farmington native and Farmington High School graduate, also DJs at the Shelter and promotes the club's Wednesday and Saturday dance nights.

A handful of local bands like Detroit's Mental Landscape and Bent Lucy have sought Chrome Bumper's talents.

"It was easier than rehearsing," said Bent Lucy's Robin Miller about making the video for "Hanta Yo" with Chrome Bumper. "It was just really simple. It was just like, 'Go. Good. Go. Cut.' It wasn't a bunch of, 'Well, if we had that in the background...'"

But working with the ethereal His Name Is Alive, featuring Warren DeFever of Livonia, has perhaps been the most challenging.

"He's like Spock. He doesn't say much. He's real cerebral, a real thinker," Mugwump said. "When we filmed him, he had to

be out doing things," Quigley added. "We filmed him talking in his car, and eating... that's the only way you can get him out of his shell — take him to wherever he wanted to go and turn the camera on."

Chrome Bumper doesn't want to limit itself to videos. For the last year, Quigley and Mugwump have been tossing around the idea of making a movie loosely based on a book about a man who gets his thrills hitting people with his car and then photographing them.

"We have a movie thing that we really want to do. We have two to three different ideas that we're hoping to get funding for."

Working with Chrome Bumper has liberated Mugwump: "I, for once, feel we're on our own. I always felt I was sliding into first base a little late, even with the music thing."

"We've carved our own niche. We didn't want to become the kings of low budget videos in Michigan or Livonia. It's worked out that way. When people think of a video, I think the first thing that comes to mind is, 'Let's call the two guys on top of the Magic Bag.'"

Service remembers Planet's James Allen

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

In mid-November members of the group Black Planet celebrated receiving the "Best Rap Act" trophy at the Detroit Music Awards. On Christmas Eve, they struggled to come to grips with the shooting death of guitarist James Allen.

Allen, 29, was driving a 1991 Honda Civic east on Fullerton in Detroit when someone in a beige or tan early 1980s Ford Fairmont or Chrysler K-car fatally shot him early Dec. 24.

"Like we say around here, it's a whodunit," said Sgt. Paul Thomas of the Detroit Police Department's Homicide Squad 4. "All we know is that he was driving up Livernois and there was a passenger in the backseat (who) he heard him say something like, 'You ought to watch your driving' or something. He was talking to an individual in another vehicle. After that, the passenger said he heard shots and Mr. Allen was wounded."

"We have nobody to get a composite from. The passenger was asleep in the back. He heard the shot and when he looked up he didn't see anybody."

Allen was returning from Alvin's in Detroit where he had been passing out fliers promoting the Black Planet show scheduled for last week but cancelled following his death.

"It's like a morgue around here. Everybody is just heartbroken," said Bernadette Kurkowski, Alvin's manager/booking agent.

Friends, bandmates and fans of Black Planet and Allen are planning a memorial service and jam session for later this month at Alvin's. Gordon Spencer of Brothers From Another Planet was friends with Allen for about six years and is planning on attending the service.

"In the society we live in, you can't look at nobody funny or step on somebody's shoes or make a wrong turn or anything," he said. "It's bad when anybody gets killed but when you know somebody... I don't get it."

Spencer said Allen's death was "a blow to everyone in the band."

James Stevenson, who knew Allen in passing, was equally hurt.

"From the contact I had with him, he was a really, really cool guy. I don't know anyone who would

have a reason to do that. It kind of makes me feel sick to my stomach to think about it," said Stevenson, the drummer for the Mangos.

Police are seeking witnesses to the murder. Anyone with information is asked to call the Detroit homicide unit at (313) 596-2260. Alvin's is at 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Its phone number is (313) 832-2355.

Have a listen

To hear music by Princess Dragon Mom (message 1), Some People's Children (message 2), Big Block (message 3) and The Verve Pipe (message 4) you can call the Street Scene Music Line by dialing (313) 953-9025 with a touch-tone phone. Fast-forward to the corresponding message by pressing 33.

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PLYMOUTH
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Soccerdome champs

The Plymouth Panthers, an under-eight boys soccer team, emerged as champions of their division at the Canton Soccerdome with a 9-0-1 record.

Team members are: James Bernardi, Mitchell Bernhardt, Andrew Cortellini, Daniel Gill, Nathan Harris, Tim Maes, Devin McGraw, Jason Merriman, Preston Meyers, Chris Porter, Stephen Rucinaki, Eric Swiech, Jay Tomlinson, Chris Treadwell and Brian Whiting. The team coach is Mark McGraw.

Recreation news

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring floor hockey skills clinics in conjunction with a league beginning Jan. 23 at four locations.

The program is open to boys and girls, grades one through five. Cost is \$35 per child.

The six weeks of clinics will be from 3:45-4:40 p.m. and 4:45-5:50 p.m. Mondays at Hulsing Elementary; from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 4:35-5:35 p.m. Tuesdays at Eriksson Elementary; and from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 4:35-5:35 p.m. Wednesdays at Bird Elementary. Five games will also be included, Saturdays at Miller Elementary.

For more information, call 397-5110.

Roller skating classes

A series of classes and leagues in roller skating and inline rollerblading is being offered by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services and the Skatin' Station II of Canton.

Cost is \$40 for the 10-week classes, which includes skate rentals for each class. The cost for the 10-game roller hockey league is \$95.

An inline blade class (for those 15 and younger) will be from 10:45-11:30 a.m. A 10-week children's beginners roller skating class (15 and younger) will be from 12:15-1 p.m. Both start Jan. 14; registration deadline is Jan. 12.

A pair of adult beginners class (blades or skates, 18 and older) are offered. The first is 7-8 p.m. starting Jan. 15; Jan. 12 is registration deadline. The second (skates only) is 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting Jan. 18; deadline to register is Jan. 16.

The rollerblade hockey league is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. starting Jan. 22. Age divisions are 7- and younger, 8-10, and 11-14. Registration deadline is Jan. 19.

For more information, call 459-6401.

Coming up short
Ocelots haven't got what it takes to beat Delta

The difference between a winner and a loser was all too evident Wednesday when Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team hosted Delta College. There was no major differences between the two teams — except in the final score.

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER



With 15 minutes left in Wednesday's Delta College-Schoolcraft College men's basketball game, the Ocelots had something started. They had outscored their opponents 8-4 to trim a 30-21 half-time deficit to 34-29.

Now was their chance to turn it around, to make a game of it. SC had shown little resiliency in the latter stages of the first half, getting outscored 10-3 in the final 5 1/2 minutes.

That could be rectified now. Unfortunately, the Ocelots weren't up to the challenge. Against a team that wasn't bigger or better, they showed little will to win — and they didn't. Indeed, they ended up getting blown out, losing by a final score of 85-52.

SC is now 1-13 overall, 0-5 in the Eastern Conference. Delta is 6-4 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

"It's a team we should be able to play with," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "They weren't faster, they didn't shoot the ball better from the outside than we did . . ."

"They just went after the ball harder than we did."

That translates into better rebounding. The Pioneers weren't bigger, but they controlled the boards, and that was the difference.

See SCHOOLCRAFT, 2C



JOHN STORME/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Top scorer: Jason Maschke, from Livonia Franklin, was the bright spot in a rather dismal offensive show. He led the Ocelots with 13 points.

Herriman sets assist mark; Salem wins its 4th straight

What Riverview wanted to do was try and run its Tuesday opponent — Plymouth Salem — out of the gym. After all, the Rocks were the visiting team and they hadn't played a basketball game in two weeks, while Riverview had been in a Christmas Tournament the week before.

So the Pirates didn't wait long to put it up. Indeed, they tried nearly as many three-pointers (27) as twos (30).

The result was a faster tempo, with Salem firing up shots quickly, too. And although that may have been Riverview's strategy, what resulted wasn't — mainly because the Rocks not only fired, they connected, outscoring their hosts 92-63.

The win pushed Salem's record to 4-1. Riverview is 3-3.

The catalyst behind this triumph was senior point guard Doug Herriman, who broke a 17-year-old record by dishing out 14 assists. The former mark, set in 1977-78, was 12 by Rich Hewlett.

"They gave us a lot of opportunities," said Salem coach Bob

BASKETBALL

Brodie. "They were shooting real quick. I wasn't real pleased with our defense tonight, but we pushed the ball pretty well."

"After the Monroe game, we've continually gotten better."

Indeed, after losing their season-opener to Monroe, the Rocks have won four straight.

James McDonald led the scoring assault against Riverview, scoring 23 points. McDonald got nine in the first quarter, leading the Rocks to a 27-14 lead; he knocked down 10 more in the third period as Salem outscored the Pirates 26-19.

The Rocks led 42-32 at the half and 68-51 entering the final period. Eleven of 12 players scored.

Herriman also had 16 points and seven steals. Justin Marcia scored 11 points and Dan McKian finished with eight points, five rebounds and five blocked shots.

Brad Foster was best for the Pirates with 29 points, including

seven three-pointers. Salem connected on 37-of-72 floor shots (51.4 percent); Riverview was 25-of-57 (43.9 percent).

PCA 64, S'field. Christ. 50: Free throws provided the difference Tuesday at Plymouth Christian Academy. Visiting Southfield Christian had nearly as many attempts — (19) as PCA (23), but couldn't convert, making just seven. PCA hit 18.

The win boosted PCA's record to 3-1; it was the Eagles' first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game. Southfield Christian is 2-4 overall, 0-1 in the MIAC.

PCA led 19-12 after one quarter and 33-27 at the half, then pulled away to a 64-43 lead going into the final period. Mike Roose led the Eagles with 19 points and nine rebounds; Chris McCoy and Jamie Neil had 12 points apiece.

Southfield Christian got 18 points from Micha Duffy, 12 from Tim Donnan and 10 from Nate Van Nord.

Smith's shot lifts Spartans

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

At 5-foot-9, 192 pounds, Michigan State University hockey player Chris Smith hardly qualifies as one of the bigger defensemen on the Spartans' roster.

But Smith learned long ago, while playing against his brothers on a backyard rink at their parents' home in Canton, not to back away from bigger opponents.

Smith played a big role once again at last weekend's Great Lakes Invitational at Joe Louis Arena. The Spartans finished runner-up to Michigan, which won its seventh-straight GLI title with a 5-4 win over MSU in Friday's final.

PROFILE

"I got picked on a lot (as a youngster). Being the youngest of four boys, I got my fair share of beatings," Smith said. "We would stay out there all day and shoot until we couldn't shoot anymore. Parents devote a lot of time, money and effort into hockey and sometimes it pays off."

The extended practices allowed Smith to develop not only the most feared shot in his family, but perhaps the best on MSU's roster. Entering the GLI, Smith, a regular at the point on power plays, had six goals and 10 assists in 16 games. Five of his goals were

on the power play and one goal was the game winner.

His total in goals and assists match the ones Smith produced last season in 33 games. Smith's freshman season in 1992-93 was abbreviated by a broken foot and he finished with four goals and three assists in 19 games.

"I'm getting a lot of chances offensively," said Smith, who attended Canton High School until his junior year before finishing high school in Minnesota where he played junior hockey. "The puck is going in and when it isn't going in, guys are banging it in."

Despite his smaller stature,

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OUTDOORS

Area angler will make national appearance

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Area bass angler Art Ferguson returns to the air waves this weekend as the featured guest on TNN's Fishing with Roland Martin.

Ferguson, a Rochester native and Livonia resident, taped the show — which is centered around the outstanding smallmouth bass fishery on Lake St. Clair — while Martin was pre-fishing for the St. Clair BASSMASTER Top 100 last August. (Martin placed 21st in the 110-angler field of professionals with a four-day total of 19 bass that weighed 41 pounds, 5 ounces.)

"We talk a little bit about tournament fishing, but mostly about

the great smallmouth fishing in the Great Lakes, particularly in Lake St. Clair," said Ferguson. "Unfortunately, while we were taping, all the really big ones got away but we caught a few that were over three pounds."

The show will air at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and again at 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Ferguson also suggests, if you're a bass angler and are planning a winter escape to Florida consider a stop at Lake Okeechobee.

Ferguson spends his winters guiding on the lake and reports, "the fishing is the best it's been in 10 years. Two bass were caught last week that were over 10 pounds."

On Tuesday, Ferguson took a group out and caught 11 bass. Four of them were in the four-pound class, one was over five pounds and one lunker, which

was caught by a young 12-year-old angler, checked in at better than seven pounds.

Free bass video

BASSIN® magazine has an offer serious bass anglers can't pass up. A 42-minute video entitled How To Catch Big Bass is being offered to interested anglers free of charge.

Bass experts explain the secrets to catching big bass and demonstrate a number of proven strategies. Viewers will learn how to use a sonar unit, why habitat is important for catching bass and what tackle and bait work best in certain situations.

To receive a free copy of the How to Catch Big Bass video, interested anglers should send \$3 for shipping and postage to BASSIN® Video Club, P.O. Box 5300, Jenks, OK. 74037-5300 or call (918) 491-6100.

Pope & Young banquet coming

Bow hunters take notice. I realize the archery deer season is over and your interests have probably turned to ice fishing or rabbit hunting for a while, but mark your calendar for April 6-8. You don't want to forget that date.

On that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the Pope & Young Club will hold its 19th Biennial Awards Banquet and Convention at the Grand Travers Resort in Traverse City.

Hosting this national banquet is a huge honor for Michigan and its 300,000-plus bow hunters.

Events scheduled during the three-day convention include seminars, luncheons, auctions, a membership meeting and banquets on Friday and Saturday night. On Saturday night the convention will culminate with the awards program honoring the

largest trophy animals taken by bow hunters in each of the 36 categories on North American Big Game Animals. Several new world records have been entered and will be recognized at the awards program.

Michigan Bow Hunters and Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, which is based in Walled Lake, have joined forces to bring this banquet to the state. MBH and CBM are holding a Joint Ventures Benefit Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 14, to raise money to fund the Pope & Young banquet.

The benefit dinner is open to the public and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davison. Tickets are \$25 and the program begins at 5 p.m. with a reception, followed with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Call Cindy Hirt at (810) 664-6447 for more information.

Late goose season

A reminder goes out to waterfowl hunters that late

Canada goose season will be open Jan. 7-Feb. 5. The area open to hunting includes public and private lands south of a line from Port Huron to Grand Rapids including the Allegan County Goose Management Unit (consult the 1994-95 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for detailed information).

The daily bag limit is two Canada geese.

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI. 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker at (810) 901-2573.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISHING CLUBS

■ FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

■ MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, (810) 478-1494.

■ METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

ive Bucks of Michigan and Michigan Bow Hunters invite area hunters to attend their Joint Ventures Benefit Dinner, 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davison. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to fund the 19th Biennial Pope & Young Banquet, which will be held in Traverse City in early April. Tickets for the Joint Ventures Dinner are \$25 each, (810) 664-6447.

■ DETROIT BOAT SHOW

The 37th annual Detroit Boat Show, featuring more than 300 exhibitors with all the latest boats and boating equipment, will be held Feb. 4-12 at the Cobo Center.

■ OUTDOORAMA

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Outdoorama, featuring exhibits and merchandise booths, seminars, displays, outfitters, contests and more, will be held Feb. 24 to March 5 at the Novi Expo Center.

SHOOTING RANGES

■ PONTIAC LAKE

The shooting range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 10 miles west of Pontiac off M-59, is open Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (810) 666-1020.

■ BALD MOUNTAIN

The rifle and handgun range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, three miles north of The Palace in Lake Orion, is open 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The shotgun and archery ranges are open noon to sunset on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, (810) 814-9193 or (810) 693-6767.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

■ PERSONAL PROTECTION

The Wayne County Sportsman's

Club in Romulus will sponsor the NRA's Personal Protection Program, developed by the NRA's Women's Issues committee, beginning Jan. 9, (313) 532-0285.

■ HUNTER EDUCATION

The Wayne County Sportsman's Club will offer several DNR Hunter Education classes in 1995. The first class will be held Jan. 28-29 at the WCCS Clubhouse in Romulus, (313) 532-0285.

METROPARKS

■ A WINTER NIGHT HIKE

Explore nature's winter wonderland after dark and learn about plant and animal survival during the cold season during this evening hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Indian Springs.

■ NEW YEAR'S BIRD COUNT

An annual winter census of the park's bird population begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Kensington. Led by experienced birders, groups

will spend the morning locating, identifying and counting birds. Participants should bring binoculars and a lunch.

■ PRESCRIPTION FOR WINTER HIKING

An indoor slide presentation covering the fundamentals of winter hiking followed by a hike along one of the park's longer trails begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

■ HIBERNATION — THE DEEP SLEEP

A program for ages 15 and older in which participants will learn the hows and whys of hibernation and which animals truly use it begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

■ 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: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kens-

ington, 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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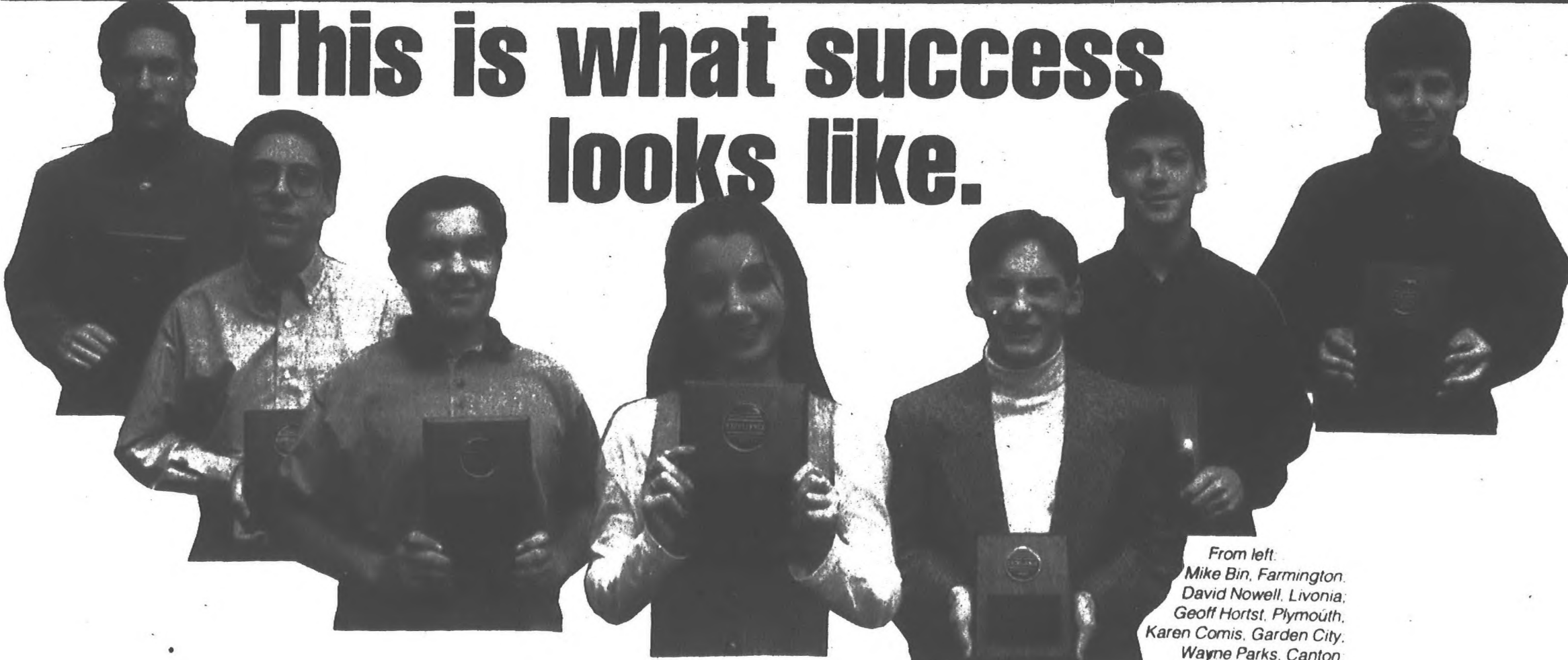
Children ages 3-6 will learn about the wonders of winter through stories, songs, a snack and a craft in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

■ FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

Learn about bird identification, feeders, food and behavior while observing many types of birds from the comfort of the Nature Center in this program, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

■ COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.



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LOCAL EVENTS

- **LIGHT DISPLAY**
Visit the Christmas light display at Domino's Farms. See the live nativity scene 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Jan. 8. Information, 930-3123.
- **CHAMBER MEETING**
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual all-members planning session 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Mayflower Hotel. Coffee, muffins and juice will be served. No charge to attend, but reservations are appreciated. Fran Toney at 453-1540.
- **DIABETES SUPPORT**
St. Mary Hospital Diabetes support group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the hospital auditorium. Guest speaker Rob Bien, R.Ph., Eli Lilly Company will give a presentation on "The History of Diabetes and Insulin." Information, 591-2922.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The Senior Alliance's Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) is in need of volunteers to help older adults understand and work more effectively within the Medicare/Medicaid system. The Senior Alliance will provide each volunteer with a three-day training session Jan. 10, 11, and 12; lunch will be provided. Each potential volunteer is expected to commit at least eight hours of counseling per month for one year. Contact Stephen, at 722-2830.
- **FREE THROW**
All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1995 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the St. John Neumann Gym in Canton. The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with the winners progressing through local, district, and state level competition. All contestants are recognized for their participation. Children must furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or more information call the K of C at 453-3966.
- **OPEN HOUSE**
Madonna University open house for prospective undergraduate students will be held from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at Kresge Hall on the Madonna campus at the corner of I-96 and Levan Road. Participants will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about more than 50 career-oriented programs.
- **BLOOD DRIVE**
St. John Neumann Catho-

- lic Church will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at 44800 Warren Road, in the assembly room, in Canton. For appointments, 455-5910.
- **BLOOD DRIVE**
First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will hold a blood drive from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at 701 Church Street, in Fellowship Hall, in Plymouth. For appointments, (810) 453-0677.
- **SOCCER REGISTRATION**
Registration for spring soccer will begin at the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department Jan. 23. This is open to boys and girls ages 5-18. The cost is \$40 per player and you must bring a birth certificate and Social Security number when registering. 455-6620.
- **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY**
Registration for the Toddler/Parent programs for children 2-3½ years old will be held at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone Tuesday, Jan. 10. Registration for Family evening storytimes for children 2-3½ years old will be at 7 p.m. in person, 7:30 p.m. by phone Jan. 11. Siblings and other family members may attend. Registration for children 3½ to 5 years will begin at 10 a.m. in person, and 10:30 a.m. by phone on Jan. 11. 453-0750.
- **RAFFLE**
The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth is conducting its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle. Ticket cost is \$100. This entitles you to a chance at a drawing for \$1,000 each month of 1995. If you are a winner your ticket is placed back in for future drawings. It is possible it could be drawn again for another \$1,000. Information, 453-7091.
- **KINDERMUSIK CLASSES**
Arnoldt Williams Music on Canton Center Road, in Canton, will start Kindermusik classes the week of Jan. 9 and Jan. 23. Beginnings (18 months-3½ years), and Growing With Kindermusik (3½-4½ years), and Year 1 (4½-7 years). Classes run through May 5. To register, call Norma Atwood at 961-5969 for Beginnings and Growing with Kindermusik) and Charlene Bork at 459-5515 (Year 1 Instructor).
- **THRIFT SHOP**
The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1250.
- **NEW MORNING SCHOOL**
Preschool has openings in Monday, Wednesday, and Friday preschool for 4- and 5-year-olds. Classes meet



Ice festival
Carving: The ice carvers will be out during the icy January nights for Plymouth's Ice Sculpture Spectacular which starts Wednesday, Jan. 11, and runs through Jan. 16.

- 9-11:45 a.m. at New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township. All programs emphasize planning and goal-setting, individualized instruction and active student participation. 420-3331.
- **CHILDREN'S NURSERY**
Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for morning and afternoon sessions for children ages 3-4. Sessions are 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:45-2:45 p.m. Classes include storytime, art games, play and musical activities are held at 5825 N. Sheldon Road. 451-0213 or 455-6250.
- **COED VOLLEYBALL**
Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many nonresidents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per non-resident player. 455-6620.
- **COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE**
Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every Thursday through June at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.
- **ART SALE**
The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery is having a "Sell It So We Don't Have to Move It" sale. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.
- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**
95 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. 100 percent of proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.
- **CHILDREN'S SUPPORT**
Community Hospice Services is offering a free Children's Grief Support Series. To register, call Vicki DesJardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.
- **CLOTHING BANK**
The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.
- **PLAYSCAPE PROJECT**
Volunteers are needed to organize the various committees involved in the building of a wood play structure in Plymouth Township Park next spring. 454-9614 or 454-4829.

CLUBS

- **CH.A.D.D.**
CH.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 5 Mile Road, located 2 blocks east of the Farmington and 5 Mile road intersection. CHADD is a non-profit, parent-based organization of individuals with attention disorders and those who are for them. Information, 810-380-0847.
- **WOMAN'S CLUB**
The first Plymouth Woman's Club meeting of the new year will be 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. The program will be "If You Can't Change the Latitude, Change the Attitude." Carol Fink, president of Happy Trails, will be the speaker. Dues for 1995 are due.
- **CANTON SENIORS**
The Canton Senior Singles group invite single people 55 and over to hear the speaker, David Blake, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at The Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. The topic will be "Living Alone." Refreshments will be served, there will be a \$1 charge at the door to cover the cost. Information, 397-5444.
- **BEASLEY-ZALENSKY POST 112**
Beasley-Zalensky Post 112, of The American Legion and its newly forming Unit of The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its regular business meeting noon Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth, in Plymouth. Immediately following the meeting the Post will host a local level competition of The American Legion National Oratory contest. Information, Adjutant Maahs at 451-3574.
- **COUNCIL ON AGING**
The Plymouth Community on Aging monthly meeting will be held 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at The Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, in Plymouth. Topic: "Your Attitude/Your Most Prized Possession," by Michael Davis and "State of the City and the Township" by Steve Walters and Kathleen McCarthy. 453-1234, Ext. 236.
- **PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS**
The Plymouth Newcomers general meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 11:30 for hospitality, with a noon luncheon, at Waterclub Seafood Grill, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. The speaker will be Scott Lorenz, a Hot Air Balloon Pilot. Bev. 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.
- **UNITED WAY**
The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools Administration building, 545 South Harvey, in Plymouth. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary and treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the board. The public is invited.
- **PWP**
Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130, Parents Without Partners, is meeting at the Cadillac Cafe, 30665 Grand River, Farmington Hills. They meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. Gener-

al meeting at 8:30 p.m. After the meeting, they go into the lounge for dancing to music played by a D.J. Diane, 464-1969.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **YMCA CLASSES**
Step Aerobics Fitness Class: Session I: Jan. 4-Feb. 13 (6 weeks), Session II: Feb. 15-March 27 (6 weeks); Youth Muscles in Motion: Session I: Jan. 9-Feb. 25 (7 weeks), Session II: March 6-April 29 (7 weeks) omit week of 4/17; Stop Smoking/Weight Control: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16; Creatives: Jan. 9-Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.; ¼ pints in the Kitchen: Saturdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 11, (6 weeks); Preschool Indoor Soccer: Session I: Week of Jan. 9-Feb. 17, Session II: Week of Feb. 21-April 7, omit week of Feb. 28; Youth Volleyball: Session I: Week of Jan. 9-Feb. 17; Youth Basketball League: Session I: Jan. 9-Feb. 18, Session II: Feb. 20-April 8 omit week of Feb. 28; Floor Hockey Travel League: Session I: Beginning Jan. 12 and Session II: Beginning March 2; Basket Skills: Session I: Jan. 10-Feb. 14, Session II: Feb. 21-April 4; Floor Hockey Skills Session I: Jan. 12-Feb. 16, Session II: March 9-April 13; Indoor Soccer Travel League: Session I: Beginning week of Jan. 9. 453-2904.
- **TRAIN APPRAISAL**
The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will host its sixth annual toy train appraisal from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Detroit Historical Museum's Booth Auditorium. Knowledgeable toy train appraisers will appraise toy trains or related items at \$2 per item or set. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward at Kirby in the heart of the city's Cultural Center. Free, secured parking is located in the Museum's lot off Kirby.
- **SPECIAL EXHIBIT**
Local artist Sharon Lee Dillenberg of D and M Studio will be exhibiting her award-winning oil painting "Forgotten Friends" at the Plymouth Historical Museum's special exhibit at Christmas for children and children at heart. The painting will be displayed with the original cast of bears set in a Victorian setting. The exhibit will run until Jan. 31, at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. 455-8940.
- **RENAISSANCE CHORUS**
Rehearsals will be held 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. They are looking for men to sing four-part harmony. Tenors, leads, baritones, and basses.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
 Date and Time: _____
 Location: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Additional info: _____

CAMPUS NOTES

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

- **JANE F. DECOUREY**, an Albion College freshman, was selected by audition to play horn in the College Orchestra. The orchestra is directed by John Blakemore, Albion college assistant professor of music. DeCourcey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. DeCourcey of Plymouth.
- **BRENDA J. CAREY**, a senior majoring in therapeutic recreation, daughter of Mary Ann and

- Daryl Casey of Plymouth Township, was on the dean's list for the spring/winter 1994 semester.
- **SCOTT MARTIN** of Plymouth was awarded the Dean's Scholarship at Taylor University for the 1994-95 school year. Scott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Martin, is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. A junior at Taylor, he majors in environmental biology. To be eligible for the Dean's Scholarship, a student must meet minimum standards that include a SAT verbal score of 450, and composite SAT score of 1150, and a high school class rank in the top 15 percent.
- **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DANNORTH** The following students were named to the dean's list

- for the spring/summer 1994 term: Dana Soeall, senior, of Canton; Mary Schaldenbrand of Plymouth; Rochelle Lynn Volos of Canton.
- **MARGARET HODNEFIELD**, of Plymouth was featured in the Adrian College production of "Stage Door," in November at Dawson Auditorium on the Adrian College campus. She portrayed Bernice Niemeyer, a character actress allowing her to get the mousy roles and not just the "dumb pretty girl" parts. Hodnefield, a freshman planning a major in biology, is the daughter of Robert Hodnefield of Homestead Lane and Elizabeth Kelley. She is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School in Canton.

- **KIRKO MORSE**, a Hope College sophomore from Plymouth, was the assistant stage manager for the department of theater's independent senior study production of "Crimes of the Heart," that ran in November. Morse's activities at Hope have included the College Chorus and the Nyberg Cup competition, a Hope College traditional event in which members of the freshman and sophomore classes compete in song, oration and theatrical productions. She also served as assistant stage manager for the department of theater's production of "Scapino" and did spotlight for "Evita." She is the daughter of Philip and Klye Morse of Plymouth, and is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Archdiocese sets March 25 date for its Prism '95

Single and married adults in their 20s through their 50s are invited to join hundreds of other Catholics for a day of teaming, reflection and celebration at Prism '95, the eighth annual Archdiocese of Detroit conference for singles and young adults.

Slated for Saturday, March 25, at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, the day will include keynote speaker Al Kresta, workshops on various topics, Mass, dinner and dancing.

The registration fee for the day

is \$25 before March 1 and \$30 after that date.

Keynote extraordinaire Kresta, the host of Crawford Broadcasting's "Talk from the Heart with Al Kresta," a daily talk show heard in five Midwestern states, will explain why after tasting so many different religious flavors he decided it was time to return to the banquet that is the Catholic Church.

A 1976 graduate of Michigan State University, he developed a chain of Christian bookstores

helped establish the Christian Library and Study Centers, Trinity House Theatre and Crisis Pregnancy Center in Allen Park.

For five years he pastored Shalom Ministry, an independent evangelical Protestant fellowship. But as the church, the radio program and his family grew, Kresta began re-examining the claims of the Catholic Church.

He eventually resigned his pastorate and during Holy Week 1992, he and his family were

received into the Catholic Church. He currently conducts what are called Bridge Groups in which Catholics and Protestants come together to study their differences.

Married, he and wife Sally have four children whom they are home-schooling.

Among the workshops to be offered at Prism '95 will be one on New Age thought. New Age thought presents a view of the world that is radically different than that of historic Christianity.

The workshop will look at New Age thought and its appeal and tackle such questions as the existence of any common ground with Christianity and how Catholics can defend the Church against attacks from many within the New Age movement.

Other workshops will focus on such things as women's issues; Mary as a model and messenger; balancing family, church and work in healthy and holy ways; self-confidence; relationship with God; sexuality and intimacy; find-

ing support in a time of transition; social justice teachings of the church; and living faith in the marketplace.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary is at 2701 West Chicago, Detroit. For more information, call the Archdiocese's Family Life Office at (313) 237-5892.

For updates on Prism '95 or to help with the conference, call the Archdiocese of Detroit Young Adults and Singles hot line at (313) 55-PRELU.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

BETHANY-WEST

Bethany-West Chapter, a nonprofit Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer ministry, will have Larry Herren as the guest speaker at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago, east of Inkster Road, Redford. He will speak on "Becoming Able to Love and Be Loved." Cost will be \$3. For more information, call Karen at (313) 261-3602 or Kathy at (313) 584-1158.

NOW SHOWING

The Garden City Christian Center will present the new film, "Power Play," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the center, 33111 Ford Road, west of Venoy Road, Garden City. The film deals with an ambitious, aggressive attorney who realizes winning isn't everything when she meets a retired hockey star who has traded in his brawling ways to become a Christian. For more information, call (313) 421-2585.

The film also will be shown at 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The film will be shown in the church's main auditorium and child care will be provided for children 3 years and under. For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will present an eight-week program on Thursday evenings Jan. 12 to March 2. There will be activities for people of all ages.

An inexpensive dinner will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by classes in beginning conversational Spanish, living with stress, troublesome Bible passages, "First Do No Harm" — a book study of life and death medical issues and Christian ethics — and a series which will use Bill Moyer's "Great Ideas" videotape interviews on contemporary issues, all for adults.

There will be choirs for children and youth and drama groups for children, youth and adults. Noah's Ark, a program involving stories, crafts and supervised free play, will be available for younger children. Child care also will be provided. For more information, call 422-0149.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present a divorce recovery workshop Thursday evenings, Jan. 12 through Feb. 23, at the church, 200 E. Main St. A donation of \$30 is requested, and scholarships are available. Two opportunities for growth

workshops will be offered. The first, focusing on addiction and relationships with Joan Feldman, will be offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19 and 26. The other will be on co-dependency with Ed Humenay and will be 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 22 and 29. A donation of \$24 is requested.

Paul Seaser will speak on "Body Broadcasts" at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the church's Ball Hall.

Other activities include Friday Night Volleyball 9-10:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St.; Tennis Doubles 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 and 22, at the Farmington Tennis Club, 22777 Farmington Road, Farmington; and country western dance classes 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 26, also at the Northville Recreation Center. The tennis program is \$14.50 per person and reservations must be made 24 hours in advance by calling Jane Till at (810) 380-7459 or Fred Dunham at (313) 953-5902. Dance class costs \$40 per person.

For more information on the programs, call (810) 349-0911.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Northwest Christian Women's League will be organizing its 1995 season on Tuesday, Jan. 24. In its sixth year, the league is for women of all skill levels. Interested churches can call league secretary Laura Thomas at (810) 476-8163.

CYO CONFERENCE

More than 2,500 teens will gather at the Westin Hotel in Detroit Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28-29, for the Catholic Youth Organization's 13th annual youth conference, Rainbow XIII.

This year's theme will be "Accept the Challenge" and will fea-

ture workshops on poverty, racism, drug abuse, relationships and peer pressure. The keynote speaker will be Steve Angriano, a nationally recognized musician and youth speaker, and Cardinal Adam Maida will preside over his first youth Mass as cardinal at 7 p.m. Jan. 28, in the Renaissance Ballroom.

For more information about the conference, call (313) 963-9768.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples with strong marriages can improve and deepen their relationship through a Marriage Encounter weekend Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12. For more information, call (810) 349-8195.

FUND-RAISER

Clarenceville United Methodist Church of Livonia is conducting a fund-raiser. It has 1995 Entertainment Passbooks available for a donation of \$40. They are available by calling Jim Robinson at (810) 347-1535 or the church office at (810) 474-3444.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church plays volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in

the church gym. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, has a new 7 p.m. Wednesday service open to all people, especially those who cannot attend regular Sunday worship services. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

NEW CHURCH

Crossroads Church of Livonia, a new church of about 70 adults and children, is looking for people to be part of its nucleus. If you are searching for a church home and enjoy contemporary worship, relevant Bible teachings and small groups, call Rob Eddy at (313) 981-7163.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan roads, Livonia. For more information, call Shawn at (313) 464-9057 or Julie at (313) 464-4566.

A group also meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays for praise Scripture and singing at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The group meets in the church meeting room. (Use rear entrance 2.) Call Sandy at (313) 462-2243.

SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

St. Theodore Church's Spirit of the Cross Prayer Group meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611 or Margaret at (313) 427-9125.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic Church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (313) 729-4411.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m.

the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retires the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

ALCOHOLICS

The Alcoholics for Christ, Meet Your Needs Group, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue at Hannan in Canton. Alcoholics for Christ is a nondenominational, nonprofit Christian fellowship for alcoholics and their families. The group's chief goal is to direct alcoholics, family members and other concerned people to a dedicated, sincere relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information, call (313) 326-0330.

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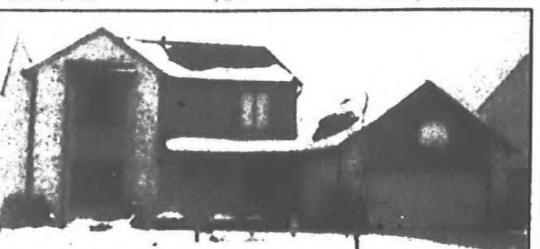
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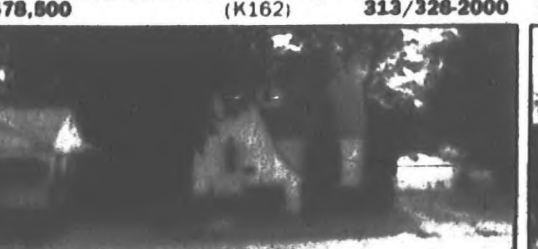
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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary — including the towns of residency and employment and a black and white photo, if desired — to Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Jeffrey G. Jamerino was named vice president and chief financial officer of Troy-based Superior Electric-Great Lakes Co. Jamerino had been the corporate controller of Livonia Group Services Inc. in Livonia. Before that, he worked for eight years at Plante & Moran in Southfield.



Jamerino

Thomas D. Hogan of Birmingham was named a partner in the Andersen Consulting U.S. partnership. Hogan had been an associate with the firm's Chicago office before moving to the Detroit area. He joined Andersen Consulting in 1982 and was promoted to associate partner in 1992.



Hogan

Tom Kuster was named to head sales at Pinewood, the newest residential community being developed by Robertson Brothers Group in Canton Township as part of the overall Pheasant Run Community. Kuster has nearly 30 years of experience in real estate.



Kuster

Kal R. Hindo of West Bloomfield recently received the Arthur Y. Moy Memorial Award from the American Concrete Institute, Michigan Chapter. The award is presented to an individual who has contributed significantly to the advancement of concrete technology.



Hindo

Stephen Strome, president and CEO of Handleman Co. in Troy, was inducted into the Video Hall of Fame in ceremonies in New York City. The Hall of Fame has honored such notables as David Sarnoff, Jane Fonda, Walt Disney and Steven Spielberg.



Strome



Median president, Janet Compo, highly regarded by her peers, heads the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

More-affordable housing wanted



The new president of Builders Association of Southeast Michigan wants to improve the image of the male-dominated group. And she's in a position to do it. She also wants to see more affordable housing in affluent communities.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Janet L. Compo, who has worked in the construction business with husband James for 34 years, becomes the first woman to lead the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan as president.

Compo, 60, a Farmington Hills resident, will serve as primary spokeswoman for the 2,000-member professional association, the third largest in the country.

"It certainly is a historical moment in our association," said Robert R. Jones, a West Bloomfield builder and outgoing BASM president. "I think it's terrific. She's as well-rounded and capable as we have in our association."

Compo, who specializes in residential design and managing office operations for the family business, said she will focus on several issues during her year-long term.

"The way it used to be set up, you could get a permit in two or three days," Compo said. "Now, it's at least three weeks, and it can be 3 1/2 to four months, depending on what you're putting up."

"That's a goal — to see what we

can do about this, to streamline the process. And make sure inspectors inspect properly and look for the right things," she said.

Improving the professional image of builders is another agenda item. Also, prodding upper scale communities to allow more affordable housing by revising land-use requirements.

"We want people to feel a builder member of our association is a good professional," Compo said. "This started a couple of years ago. We will try to set up a status program with certain designations."

"I want to see what we can do to get communities to recognize that we need all kinds of housing including affordable housing," she added. "They must allow zoning to permit this, smaller-scale condos, smaller lots. Let's help people get into new housing."

Compo, who studied art, met her husband, who concentrated on architectural building, at Cass Tech. The couple went from remodeling jobs to light industrial, to residential.

The Compos have built houses valued in excess of \$500,000 in Brighton to \$100,000 in Detroit.

Their touch on the residential building landscape extends to Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Plymouth. They average eight to 16 starts a year.

"What I like is the creativity, being in a business where most of your associates are positive thinkers," Compo said.

"I'd have to say we've had some of the finest customers anyone could have and they've become good friends. We've never ever had a complaint filed against us in all these years and we've never had a lawsuit against us."

Compo said she and her husband joined BASM when they started their business. "I thought the professional thing to do was to join the professional association of the trade you're involved with," she said.

Compo credits Don Pratt, a Troy builder and a past BASM president, with getting her more actively involved in the association. "He's been a wonderful tutor," she said.

Compo has served as a director for BASM, the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Home Builders.

Compo, a former BASM builder-the-year, helped launch the Remodeler's Council here and has participated in several local Homearamas.

She described her BASM membership as invaluable. "I learn a lot, made good friends.

I can't think of a meeting I went to where I didn't learn something new. Maybe it was a legal question that got answered, an accounting question, a building question, a PR question. I'm a pretty good sponge."

Compo wasn't chosen BASM president to make a trendy statement on gender in the workplace, said Irvin H. Yackness, BASM's executive director.

"In an industry like ours in which men have been dominant, she's demonstrated she has entrepreneurial skills not only to compete successfully but stand out," Yackness said.

"She's very much a builder and an industry leader in her own right. She's very highly regarded by her peers," he said.

Women have been involved in family construction businesses for years outside of the public eye and, consequently, rarely received the proper credit for their contributions, Compo maintains.

"Perhaps they didn't go out on jobs, didn't design houses, but, by golly, many of them made the offices work," she said. "Wives kept their mouths shut, too. Jim's in the field a lot, but he calls me four times a day. He wants to know what I'm doing."

Compo, mother to Carole, Chris, David and Paul, helps navigate the family airplane, enjoys travel, scuba diving, sewing and sketching when not directly involved with business.

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News group discussions is one of the most notorious areas of the Internet, having twice played a major role in history.

The role developed because of the unstructured, uncontrolled, and international features of the Internet. Because no one controls the

Internet, it is uncensored — as the governments of Iraq and the Soviet Union learned.

During the war against Iraq, the only news coming out of Iraq was the controlled telecasts of Peter Arnett — except for the Internet. Individuals in Iraq with access to the Internet regular posted descriptions to be read and distributed throughout the world.

The same happened when the conservative Soviet government said Gorbachev was missing and no one knew anything about him. But Gorbachev knew Russians with Internet access who used postings in News Groups to tell the world that Gorbachev's whereabouts was known and that he was safe and well.

When floods and earthquakes hit the mid-west and far west, news groups were instantly created to help persons get in touch with the victims.

There are different news group discussions on the Internet but for purposes of this column I will refer to Usenet as if it were a generic source of all news group discussion forums. It has acquired the kind of fame where Usenet is to news groups as Kleenex is to tissue paper. Actually Usenet is a totally separate system

with non-Internet services carrying news groups as well as Internet providers.

There are thousands of news groups on the Net. Comments or information is posted by a user; read by hundreds or thousands of users; and answered by any one who wishes. And so the content is changing daily; hourly, for popular groups.

Reading Usenet can be done on-line and off-line. On-line is the easiest.

Usenet can be accessed several different ways. O&E On-line has subscribed to more than 3,600 news groups. News groups also can be subscribed to by e-mail.

Michigan State University has many News Groups at its gopher site. Or you can use Telnet through the Detroit Free Net. On-line services with any kind of Internet connection usually will offer news groups of some type.

Out of the thousands of news groups that are available, a user subscribes to groups of interest.

With a modest number of subscribed groups, it is convenient and easy to read and respond while on-line. To read and respond off-line, users must have an off-line reader on their

hard-drive. The subscribed groups are then downloaded into the off-line reader to be read and responded to after the user hangs-up. The next time the user goes on-line, the responses can be sent out and new postings downloaded.

I have struggled with my off-line Usenet reader and finally gave it up for a lost cause. While advanced users may prefer off-line, newbies like myself find it easier to read news groups and print postings of interest while on-line. For that reason, this column will not deal with all Usenet options that come with O&E On-line. Some tools, if used, can complicate the lives of newbies and create frustration that nobody wants to deal with. So, we will limit our Usenet involvement with the TIN tool found on the second menu.

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BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

To buy or lease a car, you have to go through a dealer. Dealers also repair vehicles and sell parts.

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association, headquartered in Troy, is a professional association of some 250 individual business owners.

The association, primary sponsor of the North American International Auto Show Jan. 7-15 at Cobo Center, serves many other functions.

George M. Gorno, president of Gorno Ford in Woodhaven, is president. Rod Alberts is executive director.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

What is the mission of your association?

Alberts: We have so many entrepreneurs in DADA, guys providing employment, adding to the economy. When businesses come together, you get the best results for an auto show, political activity and sending messages to the public.

It's not one man, but five or six people around a table. You can't help coming up with something good... bringing the best out of people who are successful already.

What are the key issues facing auto dealers?

Gorno: Some recent things in our dealership is costs, interest rates. Health insurance hasn't come down. Safety regulations. It's getting more and more difficult to get to a profit situation at the end of the month.

I don't want to come across that we're not profitable, but fixed expenses are bumping upwards more and more every day.

Alberts: There are 50-60 employees per dealership in Detroit. That's about 15,000. Principals, owners take care of a lot of people.

What about the costs to buy or lease a car. Are they getting out of hand?

Gorno: I don't see a problem yet.

Payments are the key. So far, lending institutions haven't raised interest rates drastically. Trade-in values of two- and three-year-old cars seem to be holding up, therefore keeping payments attractive to the customer.

Two years ago, we did 20 percent leasing. Now it's 50 percent. The lease customer is attracted to the lease because of minimal down payment.

We see more turnover with a lease in two years, if purchased three years.

There's interest in product. There's more safety. Take the Explorer. It has dual air bags, new suspension, a redesigned interior and front end. There's still value even though the price has been raised.

Sales figures have been good for several years. Are we about maxed out?

Gorno: I hope not. I still think there's a lot of pent-up demand. I think the average car in America is substantially older than what we have here.

I think we'll have strong sales for at least a year. At least that's what manufacturers are saying.

What differentiates the more successful dealer from the less successful one?

Gorno: Location and reputation.

If you're on a main artery selling Fords, Chryslers or imports in an area where the building gets a lot of (employee) plan business, then you need reputation to keep the business.

Alberts: You've got to change with changing times, understand the marketplace, serve new generations.

What about the concept of negotiations on a sale versus no-dicker sticker?

Alberts: That's a tough one. I doubt if you talked to the national association whether they have a policy. It's kind of your own policy on business and marketing approach. There's no absolute answer.

The great majority of dealerships, 85 percent, practice the traditional way of selling a car through negotiating. Traditionally, a car is a negotiated item because it's a high-priced item.

Gorno: I think when you go into a dealership, trade and service are important. Regardless if there's one price or a negotiated price, you still have to like the person you're dealing with.

I think we're so competitive in the Detroit market, I don't think there's that big a spread (in price between negotiations and no-dicker sticker).

What makes the auto show so popular?

Gorno: In my case at the marketing show, it's a chance to see every domestic and foreign franchise under one roof.

At a time of inclement weather, it's a great deal to grab the family and spend two to three hours. You can't buy a car at the show, but you can talk to sales people.

Alberts: We have about 750 models on the show floor ranging from three quarters of a million dollars to \$7,000. The variety is so great.

How has your agreement with the Federal Trade Commission on extended hours worked out?

Gorno: It's been in effect about six months. Negative impact — none at all. Dealers involved need to be open 62 hours a week. We're open earlier and later. It gives customers more hours to come in and shop for a car.

Why the fascination with cars here more than in other parts of the country?

Gorno: Growing up in this area, I could tell you every make and model. Now, my children can do it.

I don't know what the fascination is other than we're so close to it. It's talked about at the dinner table.

Alberts: Just think of the market directly and indirectly. They're all here. People live it every day.

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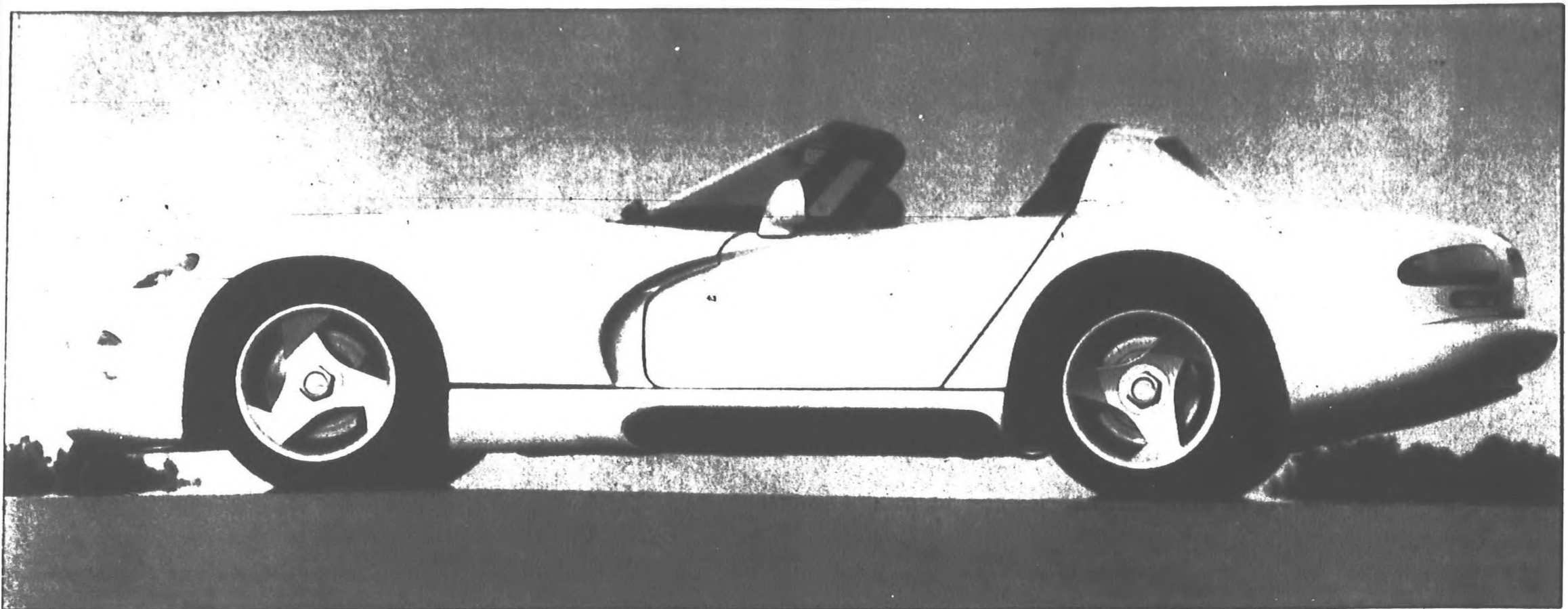
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Vicious Viper



Pure power: The new Dodge Viper RT/10 features an all-aluminum 8.0-liter, V10 mill producing 400 horsepower at 4,600 rpm and 465 pound-feet of torque at 3,600 rpm. It is linked to a six-speed manual transmission. Together they can take the Viper from 0-60 miles per hour in 4.5 seconds with a top-speed of 165 miles per hour. A tubular steel frame, independent suspension and power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering combine to give the Viper superb handling.

Intrepid features plenty of power under the hood

The 1995 Dodge Intrepid mid-size sedan continues to challenge market leaders in the fiercely contested family sedan segment by delighting customers with exceptional design, responsiveness, family comfort and safety features.

Moving into its third year in the market, Intrepid continues to offer more for less to customers who have grown weary of compromising their budget. In total, the Intrepid package offers tremendous value over the competition.

Utilizing Chrysler's cab-forward concept, the Intrepid's wide-stance design provides increased visibility and maximum space for both occupants and cargo. The four-door sedan's 113-inch wheelbase provides voluminous rear legroom and enhanced road stability.

Dodge Intrepid's standard 3.3-liter, 161-horsepower V6 engine features 181 pound-feet of torque at 5,300 rpm. An optional 3.5-liter, 24-valve, 214-horsepower high output V6 gives Intrepid even more performance.

An anti-lock brake system is now standard on the sportier ES model and optional on the base vehicle.

Optional computerized traction control gives the front wheel drive Intrepid a better grip on slick or slippery surfaces during low-speed accelerations. And for precise road feel and better maneuverability, the Intrepid also offers variable-assist speed-sensitive power steering.

Safety features include a dual front air bag passive restraint system and front and rear side-door beams. Also, a high-strength steel bumper and a crumple zone are engineered into the unibody for front impact protection.

An optional integrated child-safety seat and standard child protection rear door locks add to the safety picture. Also available are Intrepid's speed-sensitive automatic power door locks, which automatically lock when the vehicle reaches 15 mph.

Intrepid's interior design places a premium on accessibility and spaciousness. The cockpit design features full instrumentation, easy-to-reach controls and a standard tilt steering column. And Intrepid's interior volume of 104.5 cubic feet betters the room offered by its principal competitors.



Gadgets: New standard features include power door locks and windows on the ES and an AM/FM stereo radio with cassette on the base Intrepid. Heated power mirrors are standard on both models.

Chevy adds new Blazer, renamed Tahoe trucks

More than 75 years ago, Chevrolet's first truck drove off the assembly line. Records show that Chevy built fewer than 400 trucks in 1918 — a minuscule number compared to the total of 1,268,064 trucks that were sold in 1993.

Chevrolet is still making history in the truck business with the introduction of an all new 1995 Blazer compact sport utility, the renamed Tahoe and significant interior improvements to the full size pickup line. Every model in the Chevy truck lineup in 1995 has significant improvements in safety, quality and performance. Today's Chevy trucks deliver comfort and convenience while providing toughness and durability.

Considerable progress has been made since the first Chevy truck was built. Here's a brief summary of what's new for each.

Blazer: For 1995, the S Blazer will drop the S in its name becoming simply Blazer (K Blazer

will be reintroduced as the Tahoe). Both two door and four door models are offered with either two wheel or four wheel drive. All wheel drive is scheduled for introduction interim 1995. Trim levels include a base and uplevel LS package for both the two door and four door models and an optional luxury package offered on four door models.

The Blazer chassis has been thoroughly redesigned producing dramatic ride and handling improvements, making it better suited to a wide range of needs, from everyday commuting to serious off road excursions. Rear stabilizer bars on the new Blazer are among the largest in the class. A new variable ratio steering gear provides a quick response at all speeds and reduces turns lock to lock. A specially tuned steering spool valve enhances straight line tracking.

The design and engineering

process of the all new Blazer began with a customer study. Participants rated the overall importance of various aspects of the vehicle, including reliability, performance, appearance, price and efficiency.

Consumers will recognize that the '95 Blazer is a value in the compact sport utility vehicle segment. Since the original S-10 Blazer debut in 1983, more than 1.8 million compact Blazers have been sold.

Astro: Chevrolet Astro van is a mid sized van that can do more things better. Astro has a fresh look with new front-end sheet metal and new exterior colors as well, giving Astro a Chevy truck family look.

All Astro models have an extended body design with 10 inches of extra interior room behind the rear wheels. The regular body version has been discontinued. Astro is available with rear wheel

drive or full-time all wheel drive.

The list of standard equipment has grown considerably. Full body solar ray glass and air conditioning are standard. A 4.3-liter 190-horsepower V6 — last year's optional engine — is standard equipment. This powerhouse produces 25 more horsepower than the previous standard engine.

Astro leads the mid size van segment in cargo capacity, towing capacity, seating capacity, gas engine displacement, cruising range, and gross vehicle weight rating. Passenger models are popular with families who need a multi-purpose van for city driving and weekend vacations.

Tahoe: This full size sport utility vehicle replaces the K-Blazer this year. While the nameplate's new, the multipurpose Tahoe has the same toughness and proven go anywhere capabilities that have distinguished Chevrolet full size sport utility vehicles for 25 years.

A new four door Tahoe is slated to debut in early 1995 and Tahoe also adds a long list of new features. A standard driver side air bag and brake/transmission interlock head the roster of improvements.

Engineering enhancements include powertrain improvements made to the 5.7 liter small block V8, and 6.5-liter turbo diesel with drive by wire electronic fuel injection is optional. The standard five speed manual transmission has been improved for easier shifting and quieter operation.

Tahoe is built for the rough stuff, whether it's an unpaved road or a snow covered highway. With upscale appointments and rugged platform components, Tahoe is a sport utility vehicle with a proven history and promising future.

S-Series pickup: This vehicle is more user friendly than ever before. A new optional split bench seat, optional bucket seats with new manual lumbar adjustments for both drivers and passengers, and a single two sided key that operates both the doors and ignition, top the comfort and convenience list. A remote keyless entry

system with an interior illumination feature adds to its option list.

New standard safety features on S-Series include a driver side air bag and standard anti lock brakes.

Serious off-roaders will have more room for friends and camping equipment in the new extended cab ZR2 and engines are refined for '95. The standard 2.2 liter 4 cylinder engine has a quieter induction system and platinum tipped spark plugs that are designed to last 100,000 miles. Its optional 4.3 liter V6 engine has more low speed torque and a reduced piston mass design. And a new close ratio five speed manual transmission brings out the best in the 4.3 liter V6 while the optional four speed automatic transmission is filled with new Dexron III fluid that never needs replacement under normal service.

Suburban: It's America's own superwagon with unparalleled towing capacity, passenger comfort and cargo versatility. New standard safety features include driver side air bag and a brake/transmission shift interlock (with automatic transmission.) An all new instrument panel, new door trim panels and new contoured seats make the spacious interior a very comfortable environment.

A new family of sophisticated stereos makes Suburban a four wheel concert hall. Powertrain improvements include new high flow exhaust manifolds for small block V8s and a quieter valvetrain for the 454 cubic inch big block V8. Suburban's heavy duty 6.5 liter turbo diesel gets a 10 horsepower boost and new Dexron III automatic transmission fluid never needs replacement under normal service. The most popular vehicle of its type, Suburban delivers a well engineered combination of brawn, beauty and comfort.

C/K pickups: New standard safety features include a driver side air bag, four wheel anti lock brakes, and a brake transmission shift interlock. An all new instrument panel, new door trim panels, and new contoured seats make the trucks spacious interiors a

comfortable environment.

Sophisticated stereos give C/K pickups the sound of a concert hall and powertrain improvements include a quieter V6, new high flow exhaust manifolds for small block V8s, and a quieter valvetrain for the 454 cubic inch big block V8 on models of over 8,500 pounds. Automatic transmission fluid never needs replacement under normal service. From workhorse half tons to top of the line crew cabs, the C/K pickup delivers a truckload of full size features.

Lumina minivan: Chevy Lumina minivan is a unique technologically advanced minivan that meets family needs. It's the first choice for many buyers seeking a stylish alternative to truck like minivans.

The standard three speed and optional four speed automatic transmissions available on Lumina benefit from durability improvements. Extensively restyled outside and freshened inside, the minivan retains its versatility, comfort and leading edge features that have been its hallmark since introduction in 1990. Now 2.7 inches shorter in overall length than the original model, the Lumina minivan is easy to handle in city and suburban traffic.

Sport van/Chevy van: When there is a crowd of people to move or boxes of cargo to haul, there's simply no substitute for Chevrolet Sportvan/Chevy Van.

With seating for up to 15 passengers, cargo space up to 306 cubic feet, and towing capacity up to 10,000 pounds, Chevrolet Sportvan has the credentials of a serious work truck. Outfitted with uplevel Beauville trim, Sportvan becomes a spacious, comfortable touring car. New features included with the Beauville package — power door locks, power windows, tilt steering wheel, electronic speed control and electric below eyeline outside electric mirrors, make Sportvan even more luxurious. Chevy van offers incredible cargo carrying capacity. It's the choice of motorists who want seating, towing capacity and cargo room.



Chevy Blazer: The all new '95 Blazer combines the comfort and convenience of a luxury passenger car with the toughness that buyers expect from a truck.

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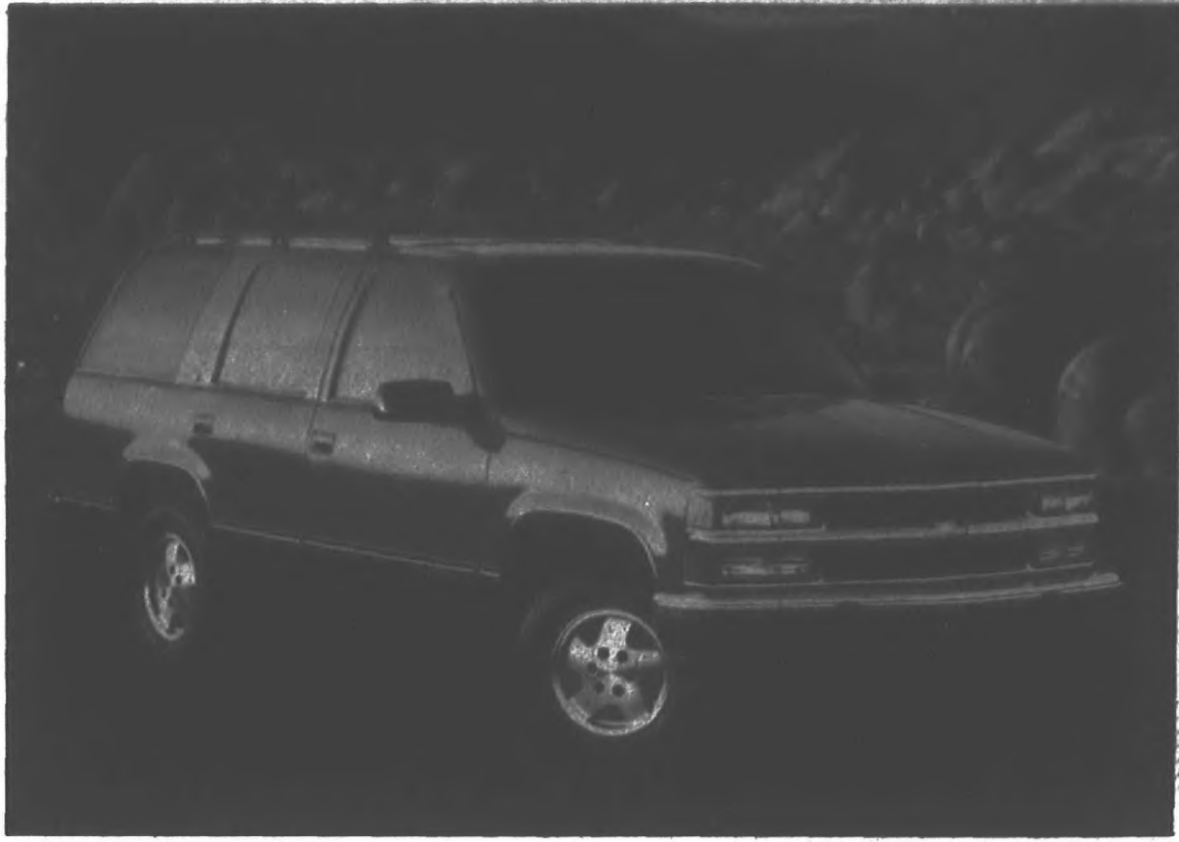
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Four-door Tahoe: In its new four door version, Tahoe is available in either two-wheel drive or with added traction capability of four-wheel drive. A choice of panel rear doors or combination tailgate/liftglass gives buyers additional versatility.

Tahoe: Chevy's newest full-size truck for 1995

The new four-door Chevrolet Tahoe sets a new standard in the full-size sport utility market with attributes like no other truck of its kind. It truly defines rugged elegance.

This new model uniquely combines four doors and a standard 5.7-liter V8 to offer more of what sport utility customers are looking for, but a full foot and a half shorter than the legendary Suburban.

Two-door and four-door Tahoes represent the final piece of the Chevrolet sport utility puzzle, from the mini-utility Tracker and all new compact Blazer, to the full-size Tahoe lineup, to the king-size Suburban, no one will offer all the vehicle choices in this market like Chevrolet to accommodate the diverse needs of sport utility buyers.

Tahoe, in its new four-door version, is available in either two-wheel drive or with the added traction capability of four-wheel drive. And a choice of panel rear doors or combination tailgate/liftglass gives buyers the versatility best suited to their active lifestyles.

Along with standard LS trim, there's optional uplevel LT trim available to Tahoe prospects seeking high measures of comfort and convenience. Safety is also a high priority on Tahoe with four-wheel anti-lock brakes and a driver's side air bag standard. ABS helps minimize wheel lockup in hard braking situations and hazardous driving conditions, helping the driver maintain control. And a newly designed steering wheel allows horn operation from anywhere on the center pad housing the air bag.

The strength beneath the handsome Tahoe exterior comes from a standard 5.7-liter OHV V8 that Rear seat heat ducts ensure consistent climate control throughout the cabin. Storage compart-

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Electronically controlled, throttle body fuel injection provides precise fuel delivery that results in responsible fuel economy and proven reliability. The Powertrain Control Module adjusts the air-fuel mixture ratio up to 80 times per second.

Rather than being designed as a shortened Suburban or a stretched two-door, four-door Tahoe utilizes an all new, specifically designed frame. The underbody mounted spare tire is accessible, yet stows neatly out of the way without taking up any of the 122.5 cubic feet of maximum interior cargo space.

An all new instrument panel, push new door panels and contoured seats give the Tahoe interior its modern appearance. That stylish look is carried through to the outside with large, flush, tinted glass and an integrated roof rack. From any angle, the four-door Tahoe is sleek and contemporary, making other full-size sport utilities look dated.

The new four-door Tahoe provides unexpected luxury features that complement the vehicle's supple ride and ease maneuverability. Soft custom cloth seating sets the mood for overall comfort.

ments located aft of the rear wheel housings provide a handy place to keep smaller items, so they won't roll around in the back.

Other standard convenience features include a center console (included with bucket seats) that converts to a mobile work station with a pivoting writing surface, map pocket, cassette tape storage, removable coin holder, rear seat cup holders and a latched rear storage drawer.

The new line of Tahoe sound systems is sure to please audio aficionados. State-of-the-art features include automatic speed compensated volume control that raises the level as the vehicle accelerates, plus bi-directional seek control, up to six AM and twelve FM station presets, a theft deterrent system, automatic tape cleaning reminder and an automatic tone select feature that sets the proper equalizer levels for music and talk programs at the touch of a button.

To aid entry and exit, or just for the sake of aesthetics, running boards are available. A standard security shade for the rear cargo area deters theft by keeping valuables concealed.

Whether it's a family trip or urban commuting, Tahoe offers the right combination of style and practicality, plus all the trailering and luxury attributes of a full size vehicle. The new Chevrolet four door Tahoe truly brings rugged elegance to the sport utility market in 1995.

Olds training center emphasizes new focus

During 1994, Oldsmobile will spend \$25 million on the most intensive and extensive training initiative in the division's 97-year history.

The training involves the entire Oldsmobile organization and its retailers. Curriculums are designed to support the division's goals of bringing to market internationally focused vehicles, coupled with uncompromised satisfaction throughout the shopping, buying and ownership experience.

Building on an initial program called "The Commitment to the Family of Oldsmobile," a series of personal development and team-building initiatives, the division continues to focus its attention on customer care and the changing business environment at a new training facility in Rochester Hills called The Oldsmobile Vi-

sion Center. The center creates an innovative learning environment where Aurora retailers develop their product knowledge and gain greater understanding of the needs of today's buyers.

The center opened its doors in January. The training schedule, which continues through mid-December, will involve about 8,800 retail and wholesale personnel for a total of 366,400 manhours.

Commenting on Oldsmobile's training initiatives, John Rock, the division's general manager, said in a press release, "The Aurora takes Olds into a new and exciting phase of its development. We have spoken about the direction this division is taking and the importance of both our product and non-product strategies.

"We are repositioning Olds in the marketplace, and the Aurora is the first manifestation of the

direction our future products will take.

"Such a dynamic change in our product lineup demands a new and innovative approach to the way we conduct our business.

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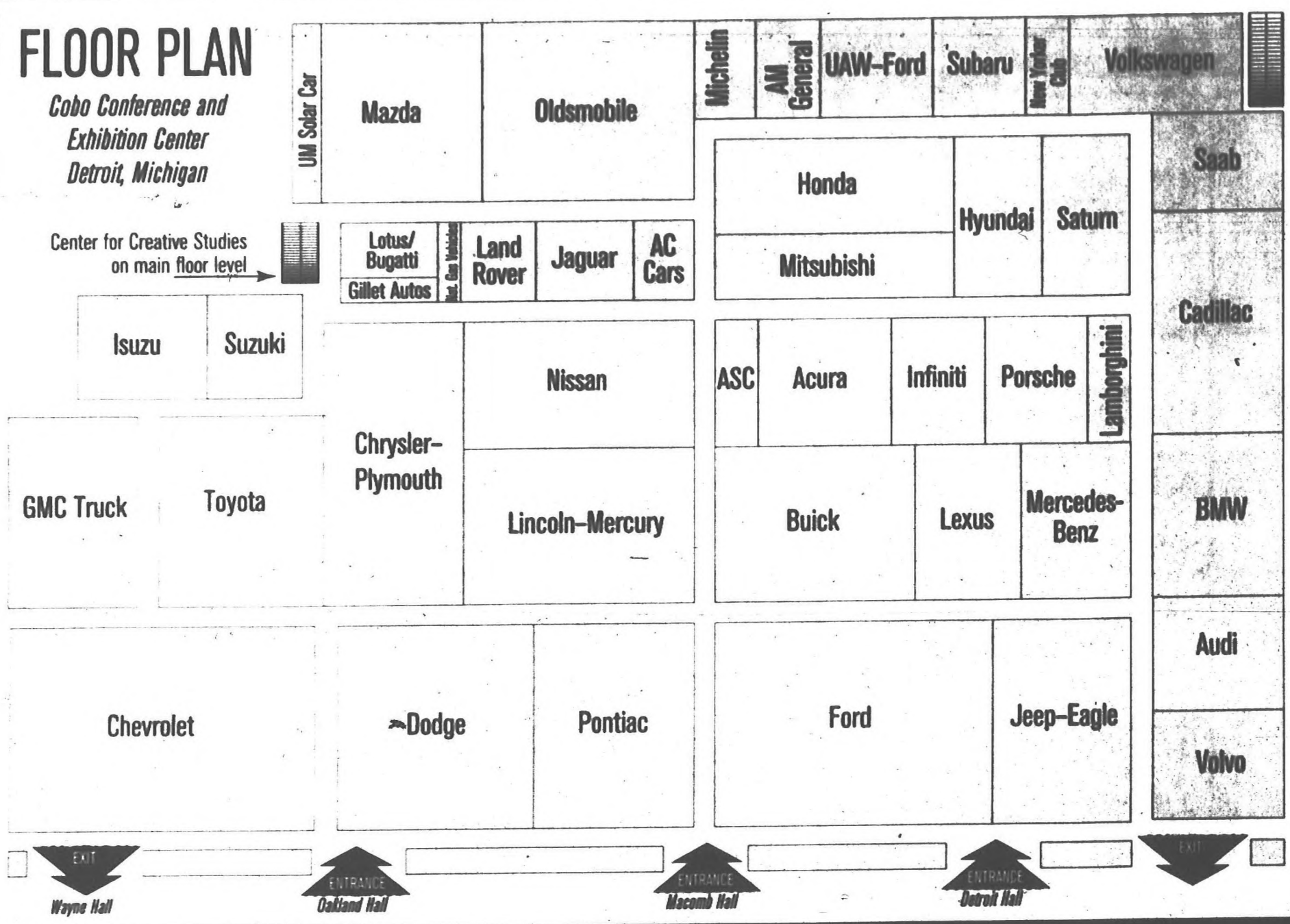
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Anniversary model: The Ford Thunderbird is 40 years old this year. In recent years, the T-Bird has proven to be popular in the middle specialty car segment.

24-hour roadside assistance is standard on Ford vehicles

Ford Motor Co.'s Ford Division officials say their 1995 products cover all the bases and include the added value of roadside assistance.

"Whether people want small cars, medium cars or big cars; whether they want value-priced cars, spacious and luxurious cars, sporty cars, performance cars or something for the family, Ford dealers have them all," said Ross Roberts, Ford Division general manager.

The 24-hour roadside assistance program is standard on all Ford cars and trucks. It delivers free help to owners or lessees who have a flat tire, dead battery, empty gas tank or are locked out. There is free towing service, if needed.

Here's a rundown on the Ford Division cars for 1995:

Aspire: The subcompact Aspire is the lowest priced car with standard dual air bags. Anti-lock brakes are an option and the car is available in three- or five-door models.

Escort: This popular subcompact carries dual air bags and a new wraparound instrument panel. An integrated child seat is another new option. With Escort's

popular one-price plan, customers can choose a well-equipped LX model at the manufacturer's list price.

Probe: Exterior refinements sharpen the design of the front-wheel drive, sporty Probe. Probe and Probe GT have redesigned tail lights. New options include chrome wheels and a rear spoiler, and both models offer aluminum wheels as an option.

Mustang: The Mustang is little changed after its popular 1994 redesign. Mustang Cobras are available in either coupe or convertible. The pure performance Cobra has an engine that produces 35 horsepower more than the Mustang GT 5.0-liter V-8 engine. The Cobra also has unique tires, wheels and suspension.

Contour: Contour is the division's all-new five-passenger sedan. Positioned between the Escort and Taurus, the Contour is designed to attract singles, young couples and young families. It reflects Ford's global engineering and design capabilities and has technologically advanced multi-valve engines. One of them is the all-aluminum Zetec engine, a 2.5-liter DOHC V-6 engine that

won't need its first scheduled tuneup until 100,000 miles. The spark plugs are platinum tipped. The Contour also has a special air filtration system.

Thunderbird: The Thunderbird, in its 40th production year, has been a top-seller in its market segment for six years and this year offers with a premium car stereo/compact disc player option.

Taurus: One of America's most popular cars adds a new model, the SE, in 1995. With younger buyers in mind, the SE offers sport bucket seats, aluminum wheels and a rear spoiler option. All Tauruses have a quieter powertrain with the addition of a new, electronically controlled transmission. Standard tint glass keeps the interior cooler by screening the sun's heat.

Crown Victoria: The full-size Crown Victoria features a redesigned grill and new taillights and rear-end treatment. The interior is all new, with redesigned split-bench seats and door panels, new instrument panel that features a larger glove box. The front seat has 10 inches of fore-and-aft adjustment.



Villager van: The 1995 Villager van offers new colors and combinations and four-wheel anti-lock brakes. It can carry up to seven passengers.

Mercury enters mid-size race with new Mystique for 1995

High-quality design, performance and safety encompass the Lincoln-Mercury 1995 models, and each of the eight cars and one minivan has a distinct personality and appeal.

"We are really pleased with the depth of our 1995 line. The addition of the all-new Mercury Mystique makes us a significant player in the fast-growing mid-size sedan market for the first time," said Keith Magee, Lincoln-Mercury division vice president.

All eight car lines and the Villager mini-van have a standard driver-side air bag, and all but the Villager have a standard passenger-side air bag as well.

Lincoln-Mercury customers also get 24-hour roadside assistance. By dialing a toll-free number, drivers get help for flat tires, dead batteries, empty gas tanks, locked out and, if necessary, towing service.

Here's a summary of the 1995 Lincoln-Mercury vehicles:

Tracer: The compact Tracer, available in four-door sedan and wagon versions adds the standard passenger-side air bag. Interior appearance changes are highlighted by a color-keyed instrument panel and steering wheel. **Cougar XR7:** It is available

with an advance-technology 4.6-liter V-8 engine.

Mystique: The new mid-size Mystique combines customer-oriented technology, comfort, safety and convenience. The five-passenger, front-wheel drive sedan is available with an aluminum 2.5-liter 24-valve DOHC V-6 engine that can be driven 100,000 miles before the first tuneup.

Sable: The new Sable line includes a sporty LTS model, with leather sport bucket seats, aluminum wheels and distinctive body-side cladding. All Sables have a smoother-shifting automatic transmission and Solar Tint windshields that block out more sun rays.

Grand Marquis: The full-size Grand Marquis has a new front-end and rear looks and major interior changes. There are luxurious new seats, an instrument panel with wood-tone applique and lighted power-control switches. The Grand Marquis' radio antenna wires are embedded in the rear window and heat-reducing Solar Tint glass is standard in all windows.

Villager: There are five new exterior colors for the Villager's GS series and 13 new two-tone combinations on the LS series. The

minivan has seating for up to seven passengers and has a four-wheel anti-lock braking system.

Lincoln Town Car: Changes for 1995 include an all-new interior and significant exterior and functional changes. The driver-adjustable steering effort and anti-theft system are new. Also new are the seats, instrument panel, door-trim panels and two-spoke steering wheel. The Signature and Cartier series also have auxiliary controls for the audio and climate-control systems in the steering wheel. Signature and Cartier also have a programmable garage door opener in the visor. New rear-seat ducts improve heat distribution in the passenger compartment.

Lincoln Mark VIII: Refinements to the Mark VIII for 1995 include a redesigned instrument panel and console and backlit control switches color-matched to the interior trim. A new universal, three-channel garage door opener can be programmed to the owner's code, and there is a high-quality stereo cassette audio system. The computer controlled ride and suspension system has been modified, and the independent rear suspension now uses rebound springs.

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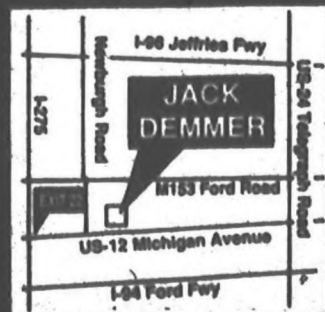
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Redesigned: The Ford Explorer has been redesigned for 1995 with a sloping hood and new fenders, bumper, headlights and grille. Redesigned bodyside moldings and tail lights round out the new look. Also new is a choice of 15-inch cast aluminum or 16-inch chrome steel wheels.



Bronco choices: Bronco models are powered by either of two electronically fuel-injected V-8 powerplants. The 5.0-liter motor can be teamed with either a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic. The 5.8-liter V-8 is paired exclusively with the automatic.



Aerostar: The Aerostar minivan offers a seven-passenger wagon and cargo van with a new occupant protection feature. Side-door guard beams joining the driver's side airbag and rear anti-lock brakes as standard equipment. There are two power plants: 4.0-liter and 3.0-liter V-6s.

Ford trucks add driver air bags

Ford trucks for 1995 will come with driver's side air bags standard equipment and the same 24-hour roadside assistance that other Ford and Lincoln-Mercury vehicles are offering.

Here's a look at the Ford truck for 1995:

F-Series Trucks: The full-size F-series expands its lineup with a new top-of-the-line vehicle. The Eddie Bauer F-150 is well-equipped, has a distinctive two-tone paint and is designed for traditional truck buyers and for customers who use their pickups for personal transportation.

The 7.3-liter direct injection "Power Stroke" V-8 Turbo Diesel is available with manual and automatic transmissions and is the only diesel engine available for Ford trucks.

Bronco: There is a new XLT Sport Package available in the four-wheel-drive utility vehicle. The package is available in three solid colors with matching grille, bumpers and cab steps. The XLT's interior trim is color-keyed to complement the outside paint, and there are captain's chairs for the driver and front passenger.

Ranger: The best-selling compact pickup sports several appearance and safety improvements. The instrument panel and seat trim are new, and driver and passenger shoulder belts are adjustable. There is a new system designed to absorb front-end impacts, and four-wheel anti-lock braking system is standard on Rangers equipped with 4.0-liter engines and on all four-wheel drive models. The 2.3 liter four-cylinder and 3.0-liter V-6 engines have been modified to run more smoothly. Torque and horsepower have been increased and a

precise, electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission is an option.

Explorer: The Explorer has been redesigned for 1995 and includes new safety features. The exterior look is more aerodynamic, with sloping hood, new fenders, bumper headlights and grill. The safety package includes standard dual air bags, rear-seat restraints, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, and a high-mount stop light. An integrated child seat will become available during the year.

Econoline wagons and vans: A slide cargo door adds versatility to Super Club Wagon and Super Van models, and six new clear-coat metallic paints are available on the all Econolines. The 7.3-liter V-8 Turbo Diesel is available, and a 4.9-liter six-cylinder engine adapted to run on natural gas will be available later in the year. New 16-inch aluminum wheels are also available of several models.

Windstar: The 3.0-liter V-6 engine is standard on the GL model, and a 3.8-liter V-6 is available as an option. An electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission is with overdrive is standard with either engine. Among the newly added options on the LX are fog lamps, load-leveling suspension and four bucket seats with leather seating surfaces. A seat-bed and interior convenience group are new to the GL option list. Windstar is available as either a seven-passenger wagon or a cargo van.

Aerostar: The wagon version is simplified for 1995, and both wagon and van versions have new side-door guard beams that join the driver's air bag and anti-lock brakes as standard equipment.



New grille: For 1995, Ford has changed the grille, instrument panel and seat trim on the Ranger truck. Among the powertrain changes, both the 2.3-liter, four-cylinder and 3.0-liter V-6 motors have been modified to run more smoothly and quietly.



Powerful: All of Ford's F-350 models and F-Super Duty chassis-cab models are available with a 7.3-liter direct injection, power stroke, V-8 turbo diesel powerplant. The new DI diesel is matched with Ford's electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Turbo 911 revs up for Porsche lovers

A Porsche 911 Turbo 3.6, which campaigned on the Sports Car Club of America's World Challenge circuit last summer, will appear at the 1995 North American International Auto Show.

The car will be on display at the Porsche exhibit throughout the show, which will be held Jan. 7-15 at Cobo Center.

Italian Mauro Baldi, who won the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans last year, piloted the Kelly Moss Porsche Racing Team entry to two first places, two second-place and one third-place finish

during the 1994 World Challenge season.

Baldi's performance helped Porsche claim the World Challenge Manufacturers' Championship.

Price Cobb, in an identical Porsche 911 Turbo 3.6, also won the 1994 World Challenge Driver's Championship.

The Porsche 911 Turbo 3.6 is based on the Porsche 911 Turbo S. Its heart is a 3.6-liter, six-cylinder, air-cooled, single turbocharged powerplant which produces approximately 300 horsepower.

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Auto show gets in gear

Charity Preview Friday, Jan. 7

The black tie Charity Preview is expected to attract more than 11,000 individuals and raise \$1.4 million for 10 charities. The Charity Preview is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association. Channel 50 will air a live one-hour broadcast. Admission is \$125, and the event will occur 6-9 p.m. For ticket information, call (313) 831-5535, Ext. 278.

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Public Show, Saturday, Jan. 7-Sunday, Jan. 15

1994 attendance totaled 632,147 individuals.

Dates and Times:

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Sunday, Jan. 15 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Admission Fees

Children age 12 and under free (when accompanied by a parent, otherwise \$4). Individuals age 13-64, \$8. Individuals age 65 and over, \$4. Tickets are available at Cobo Center during the show and

through TicketMaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (810) 645-6666.

Overview:

The 1995 North American International Auto Show at Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center will be the seventh international show and 79th show in Detroit sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

Cobo Center:

This impressive facility hosts the largest single-room auto show in the country, capable of housing a 600,000-square-foot show in one open view hall. There is an additional 100,000 square feet of exhibit area in the river level, along with 84 meeting rooms throughout and a 100,000-square-foot concourse and atrium area.

Domestic Exhibits:

AM General, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler-Plymouth, Dodge, Ford, GMC Truck, Jeep/Eagle, Lincoln-Mercury, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Saturn.

Import Exhibits:

AC Cars, Acura, Audi, BMW, Bugatti, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti, Isuzu, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Gillet Automobiles, Lexus, Lotus, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Porsche, Saab, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

Highlights:

More than 40 of the world's auto manufacturers will showcase:

- More than 700 cars and trucks at the show, covering America's Big Three and international nameplates. Last year's exhibitors represented Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Canada, the United States of America and Sweden.
- Production and concept car introductions, both worldwide and North American, from the world's top manufacturers. There were 51 new vehicle introductions at the 1994 show.
- A van conversion show in Michigan Hall (river level of Cobo) featuring the newest innovations in the recreation vehicle industry.

Cherokee line sprouts Orvis edition

Jeep Grand Cherokee offers a new level of sophistication in safety, comfort, handling and appearance for 1995 in a package that combines luxury with legendary Jeep performance and utility.

Jeep Grand Cherokee is offered in four trim levels for 1995: the base model SE, Laredo, Limited and the new Orvis Edition. The SE and Laredo — and for the first time 1995, the Grand Cherokee Limited — are also offered in two-wheel-drive in addition to four-wheel drive.

Grand Cherokee set the benchmark in occupant protection with its standard driver-side air bag, standard four-wheel ABS and front and rear door beams for side impact protection. It has enhanced its safety, equipment for 1995 with the addition of standard four-wheel disc brakes and available integrated child safety seat.

New improvements for 1995 also include larger all-terrain tires, included in the Up Country suspension package, and an Orvis Edition model — a joint project with Orvis, the oldest continuously operating maker of outdoor equipment in the United States.

The new Orvis Edition model includes the same features of the Limited model, plus eye-catching exterior paint in moss green. The interior is champagne with dark green and Roan Red accents on the seats and door panels. The Up Country suspension package and Trailer Tow Prep is standard on all Orvis Edition Grand Cherokee models.

Because both companies share a grand outdoor heritage and an appeal among discriminating customers, Jeep has become "the of-



Goodies: Comfort and convenience features available on Grand Cherokee models include a valet key and lock system, a glove compartment lock, removable rear headrests, an upgraded AM/FM stereo cassette and an Infinity "Gold" power amplifier with eight speakers.

ficial vehicle of Orvis."

Comfort and convenience features available on Grand Cherokee models include a valet key and lock system, a glove compartment lock, removable rear headrests, an upgraded AM/FM stereo cassette and an Infinity "Gold" power amplifier with eight speakers.

Also available are front bucket seats and 60/40 split rear bench seat, floor-mounted transmission controls, a security alarm system,

automatic temperature control and power windows and locks and a night-vision safety interior rear view mirror.

Grand Cherokee powertrain choices are impressive. The standard Grand Cherokee power plant is a 4.0-liter, in-line six-cylinder fuel-injected high output engine that produces a peak 190 horsepower and 225 pound feet of torque.

The first V8 offered in its class, Grand Cherokee's optional multi-

point fuel-injected 5.2-liter engine has been improved for 1995 with a new camshaft. The new V8 provides a peak 220 horsepower at 4,400 rpm and 300 pound-feet of torque at just 3,200 rpm. This torque boost improves off-line acceleration feel and helps to deliver the highest trailer towing capacity of any vehicle in its class when properly equipped. To channel power where it's needed, Jeep Grand Cherokee offers a selection of three transfer cases:

Dodge Ram gets big power boost for 1995

Dodge Ram shook up the full-size pickup world when more than 200,000 units were sold in its first year. For sheer impact, few vehicles could match it, with its bold, new exterior design, the industry's roomiest cab, the strongest engine lineup and a series of state-of-the-art safety features.

Now a year later, the 1995 Ram pickup looks to make further inroads in this highly competitive segment, by adding more functionality and power.

In 1995, Dodge extends its full-size pickup truck line with the introduction of the Ram Club Cab. It already increases Ram's best-in-class interior by 20 inches, accommodating six passengers with a standard 40/20/40 front seat and full rear bench seat. The Ram Club Cab, as with the

Conventional and Cab/Chassis configurations, will be sold in both two-and four-wheel-drive models with 1500, 2500 and 3500 designations.

The Ram benefits from an impressive range of Magnum engines, from a solid 3.9-liter V6 to the 5.2-liter V8 to a heavy-duty 5.9-liter V8 to the industry's only 10-cylinder truck power plant. The latter kicks out 300 horsepower and an eye-opening 450-pound-feet of torque.

In addition, the Ram has the available 5.9-liter 1-6 Cummins turbo-diesel engine that has been tuned to generate a diesel-engine class-leading 430 pound-feet of torque.

To match the versatility of the Magnum engine lineup, Dodge Truck offers six transmissions

with the Ram-three automatic and three manual selections.

The Ram's substantial powertrains make it a big player in the cargo hauling and towing categories. The half-ton 1500 series 4x2 and one-ton 3500 series have the highest gross combined vehicle weight ratings in the industry. When equipped with the Magnum V-10, the Ram can offer a GCVWR of up to 19,000 pounds.

In addition to being a performance leader, the Ram has set the pace for safety in its segment. It was the first full-size truck to provide standard driver-side air bag and offer optional four-wheel anti-lock brakes on all models. Dodge is still the only truck line to have all its pickup trucks equipped with standard driver-side air bags.

With its raised hood line and rounded front end, the Ram echoes the look of the classic Dodge Power Wagon and present-day big hauling rigs. To add to this unique exterior, Dodge Truck made 16-inch wheels standard, a step above competitors' 15-inch wheels.

Inside, the center of the front seat folds down to double as an arm rest and a console. The console contains compartments that can hold a laptop computer, compact discs, cassettes or a cellular phone.

With the Ram's various option packages, owners can get air conditioning, a warning message center, power mirrors and, in 4x4s, the shift-on-the-fly Ram-Trac system.

Lots of changes for '95 Chevys

From the newly conceived Cavalier, Lumina and Monte Carlo to the tested and praised Corvette and Caprice, Chevrolet is doing what it takes to become a trusted nameplate in America.

Here's a brief summary of what's new for each of Chevrolet's 1995 passenger cars.

Cavalier: The 1995 Cavalier has been newly designed from the ground up to pick up where the last generation model left off as one of the top 10 best-selling cars in America in 1993. The new version will be offered in three body styles: four-door sedan, two-door coupe, and sporty convertible. All new models benefit from a wider track and longer wheelbase, yet overall length is two inches shorter for better maneuverability. Inside, Cavalier boasts a more spacious interior than its predecessor, and standard safety features include standard dual air bags and four wheel anti-lock brakes. Handling has been improved with a new progressive ride suspension system and a new torque axis mounting system reduces engine vibration. All in all, the new Cavalier is stylish and affordable.

Lumina: Sixty-seven percent of the components used in the 1995 Lumina are totally new. Design and manufacturing processes have reduced the number of parts from 3,200 in '94 to 2,300 this year. Features include an all new exterior design and interior styling. Dual air bags, a theft deterrent system, air conditioning and power door locks are all included on the new Lumina as standard equipment.

Monte Carlo: Designed in conjunction with the new Lumina, Monte Carlo is an evolution of its Lumina coupe predecessor. For

'95, Monte Carlo has the same high quality/high value characteristics as Lumina, only with an eye toward personal luxury. Standard dual air bags, designed to be used in conjunction with safety belts, protect front seat occupants in the event of a moderate to severe frontal impact. Standard four-wheel anti-lock brakes ensure that the new Monte Carlo stops as well as it goes.

Corvette: This Chevrolet legend continues its reign as America's favorite sports car with new low rate springs on the base suspension and carbon gas charged shocks for improved ride quality. Heavy duty brakes with larger front rotors are now standard equipment. New gill panels behind the front wheel openings distinguish '95 models. Reinforced interior stitching, a smoother shifting automatic transmission and a quieter cooling fan mark the car's continual improvement.

Caprice: New paint, colors, revised rear quarter panel/window styling, and redesigned, relocated, fold away outside rearview mirrors give the '95 Caprice Classic a fresh appearance. A new, optional custom interior package enhances comfort and convenience. And a new speed compensated volume control feature is available on upscale audio systems that automatically adjusts volume as speed increases to compensate for outside noise.

Camaro: Body colored outside dual sport mirrors on coupes and convertibles, a new optional monochromatic roof treatment on Z28 coupes and coupes with T-tops, as well as optional chrome-plated wheel covers and aluminum wheels give '95 editions of this American classic an even



Monte Carlo: Standard dual air bags protect front seat passengers. Standard four wheel anti-lock brakes also are featured.

more distinctive look. And this year Z28 models can be equipped with larger speed rated performance tires.

Corsica: This value leader's long list of standard safety features coupled with an attractive price make it a logical choice for families on a budget. New for '95 are standard daytime running lamps that make Corsica easier for other motorists to see. A revised rear suspension utilizes a spring on center design to produce a more comfortable and quieter ride.

Beretta: For '95, Beretta is better than ever with a redesigned rear suspension that improves passenger comfort. Also new for '95 are standard daytime running lamps and a new smooth shifting five speed manual transmission coupled to Beretta coupe's standard engine. A responsive V6 is the new standard powerplant under the hood of the Beretta Z36.

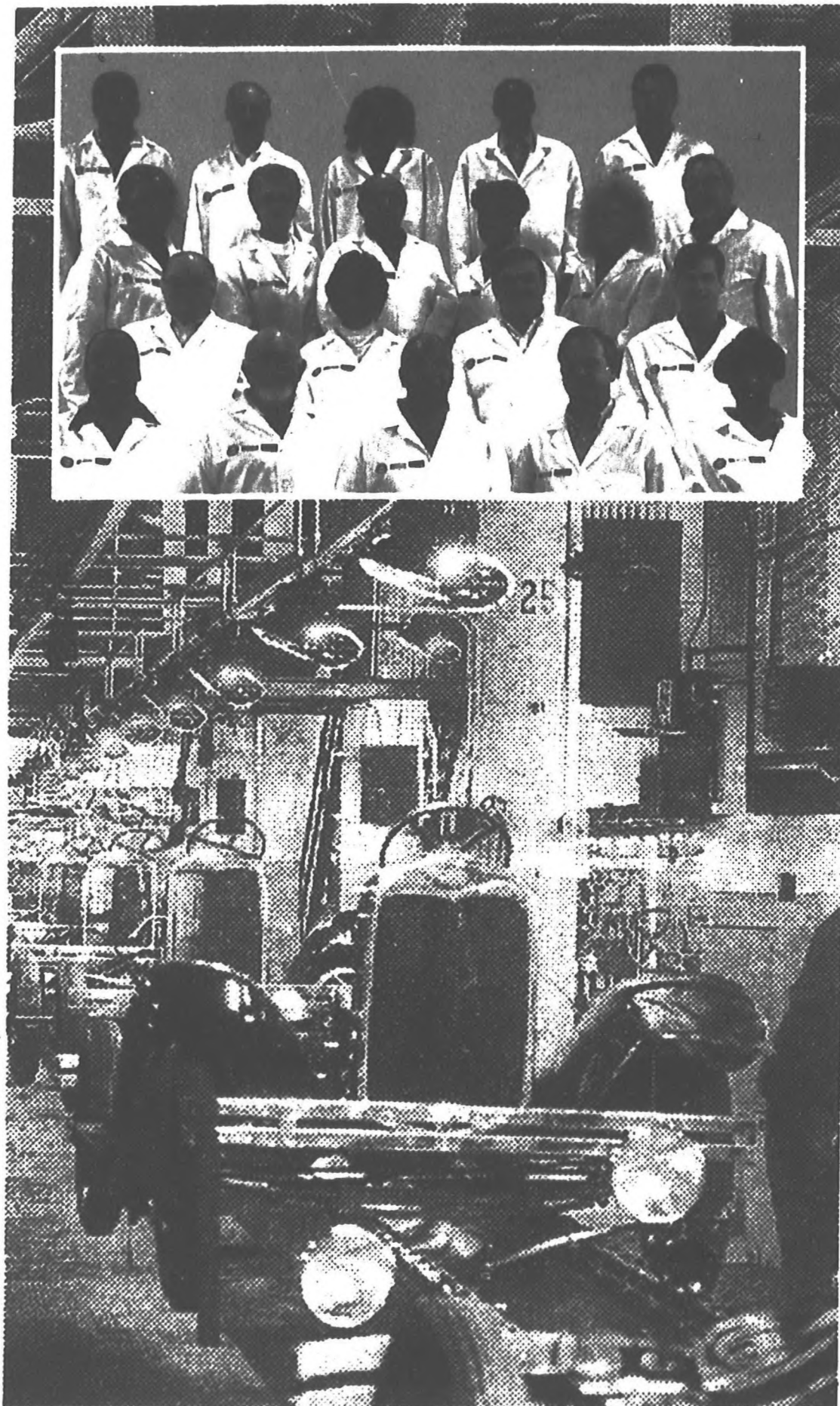
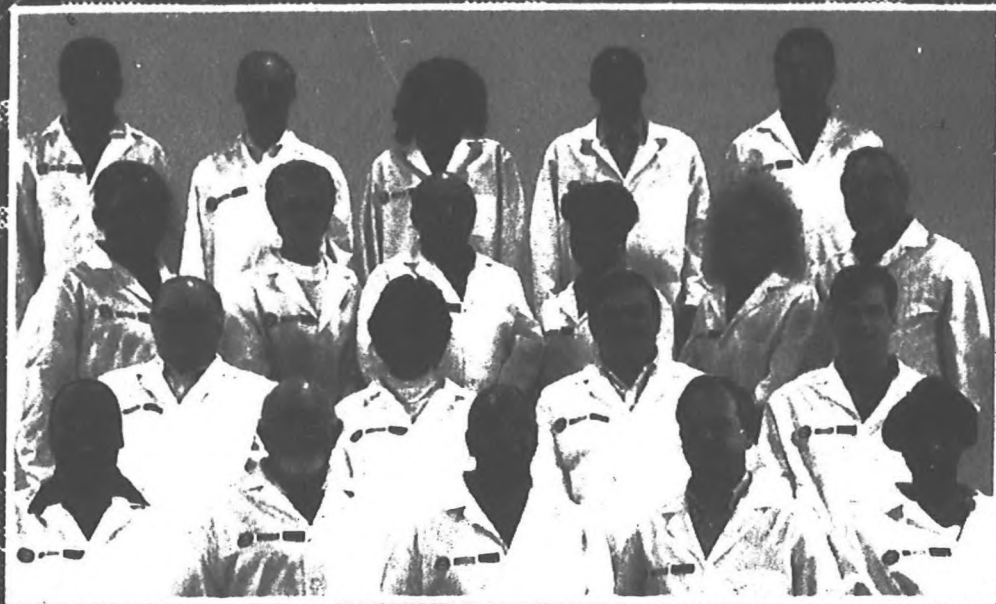


Chevy Lumina: The majority of components used in the 1995 Lumina are totally new. Features include an all new exterior design and new interior styling.

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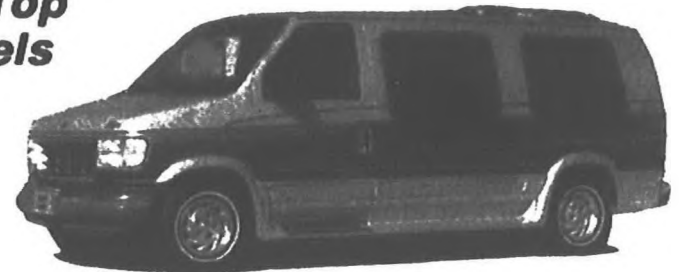
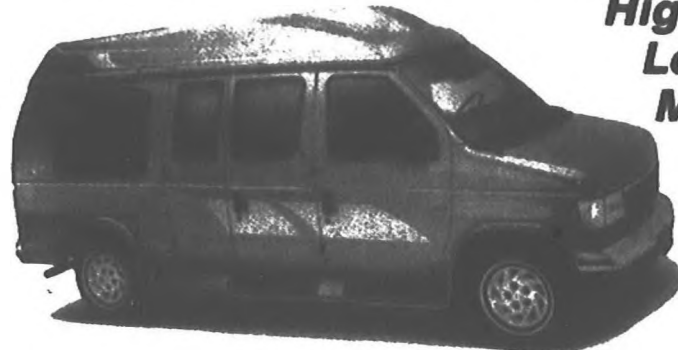
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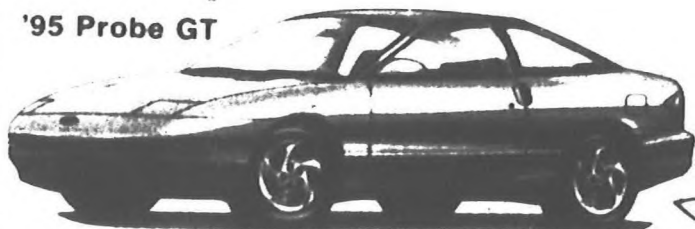
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Buick car eyes future



New Buick: Buick's XP2000 concept car features nifty technological advances like automatic seat, climate control and driver response systems. A navigation system guides drivers along a map displayed on the windshield, and a detection system warns of obstacles in the car's path.

Buick's XP2000, a concept car introduced for the 1995 Detroit auto show, is an elegant mid-size sedan using advanced technology to enhance passenger convenience, comfort and safety.

"XP2000 is more than a dream car — we see it as a realistic preview of Buicks of the future," said Buick General manager Edward Mertz.

The XP2000 is built around interactive electronics. A network of advanced computers tailors the car to the driver's needs. Its features include:

- A remote keyless fob that con-

- A "smart card" setup allowing a credit card inserted in the instrument panel to charge tolls, fuel, food and other services.
- An instrument panel display that can be adapted for use with a personal computer.
- A navigation system that guides a driver along a map display.
- Safety features such as eight air bags and a detection system for obstacles.

The rear-wheel-drive car offers efficient room for five passengers with a V-8 engine and is about the length of a Regal with the interior space of the Park Avenue.

with route names and other destination information.

The display can even be programmed to provide detailed restaurant, hotel and tourist attractions.

The XP2000 represents an evolution of safety systems. The body structure helps absorb energy of impacts and forms a protective cage around the passenger compartment.

Seat belts are positioned for maximum comfort and protection, and the car has air bags in the back of the front seats to protect rear passengers and in the front and rear door panels to protect from side impacts.

The car's computer can also be programmed to place phone calls to local emergency services if there is an accident, serious enough to activate air bags.

The Near Obstacle Detection System automatically detects cars, pedestrians and other objects moving into the path of the car, and flashes a warning on the head-up display.

New-generation high-intensity discharge headlights make it easier to see road signs and hazards.

Sensors throughout the vehicle monitor critical functions, from engine condition to air pressure. If a problem is spotted, the car will alert the driver. The car can even be programmed to notify the nationwide network of Buick road assistance and dealership service departments.

Sensors under the car could link the vehicle to wire guidance systems planned for 21st century highways. This would allow the driver to travel with hands off the wheel at up to 150 miles per hour.

A programmable display projects information onto the lower windshield in the driver's line of sight. The information includes a vehicle direction arrow on a map

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Turbo 911 revs up for Porsche lovers

A Porsche 911 Turbo 3.6, which campaigned on the Sports Car Club of America's World Challenge circuit last summer, will appear at the 1995 North American International Auto Show.

The car will be on display at the Porsche exhibit throughout the show, which will be held Jan. 7-15 at Cobo Center.

Italian Mauro Baldi, who won the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans last year, piloted the Kelly Moss Porsche Racing Team entry

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Despite Big 3 presence, many don't own cars

Of-cited statistics of households without a car are startling for an area that is home to three of the world's most successful automakers.

The regional figure is 12 percent, but 33 percent in Detroit. This lack of mobility, coupled with an inadequate public transportation system, is one of the greatest stumbling blocks people face when working toward economic independence.

The Metropolitan Affairs Commission, a coalition of business, labor and government leaders that analyzes regional problems, is helping launch the empowerment through car ownership program (ECO). ECO is part of its partnership for independence program, a demonstration project partnership with the Warren/Conner development coalition.

The program works to overcome obstacles to auto ownership which place major limitations on mobility for the chronically jobless.

Gaining access to a car is a significant step toward economic independence for PEI participants. Of the 50 pilot year families in the PEI project: 75 percent received income assistance; 72 percent were unemployed; 19 percent were employed part-time; 30 percent of adults had never worked continuously for one year; 23 percent had no health coverage; 80 percent didn't own a car; and the average household income was \$5,412 a year.

The ECO program helps PEI participants gain long-term financial stability incrementally. Through PEI programs, families are stabilized, job skills are ac-

quired and jobs attained. Through ECO's auto education and two year lease plan, participants will gain the independence of mobility without the undue burden of unmanageable payments.

ECO has two components: auto education and a lease purchase program. After completing a series of classes on aspects of auto ownership (topics include budgeting for insurance and maintenance, negotiating the deal, driver safety, and finding reputable repair facilities) qualifying participants can then lease a car from the WCDC fleet.

ECO is distinct because it will not only help participants lease a reliable car at a low cost, it will also provide them with a way to build equity toward the purchase of a car through the lease purchase arrangement.

This program has some similarities to others around the country," said Joan Weidner, MAC program director.

"But no other program has the entire package ours does."

PEI participants must prove work force stability to even qualify for the lease purchase component of the program. After two years of steady lease payments, they will have more than two years of continual employment behind them, their families will be stabilized, and they'll be able to manage the increased responsibility.

Low or no interest loans are staples of car ownership programs for many organizations. Few offer a complimentary education component. This idea came from the Pontiac area transitional housing

organization (PATH), an Oakland County group that provides housing and other support to homeless clients.

Their education/no interest loan program offers program participants access to automobiles. The ECO program incorporates education, but avoids loaning money to its participants. Instead, ECO opts for a lease purchase program that eliminates the bank loan process of costly individual policies.

Because fleet insurance is a cost efficient alternative to high personal insurance rates, AAA of Michigan vice president and CEO Terry McElroy, a MAC board member, suggested pursuing a lease purchase program. Warren/Conner plans to assemble a fleet of 20 cars through a consortium of insurance company vehicle recovery programs, led by AAA.

"This option gives people immediate access to a car without their getting hit by the initial cost," said Donna Johnson, PEI program director.

A two year, \$100 per month fee covers monthly lease payments, insurance, and a special rainy day maintenance fund. After two years, participants must get their own insurance, but they will own their cars outright.

"A major goal of the ECO program is building a track record of experience that demonstrates to lending institutions and insurers that this population of low income people presents a reasonable risk and virtually untapped market for new business," said Weidner.

The PEI hopes to demonstrate that insuring low income individ-

uals who are involved in comprehensive programs like the PEI may be an option for helping this special population break the cycle of immobility and joblessness.

Designed to help beyond the first purchase, ECO offers life lessons in money management, and major purchase decision making.

The program will offer important experience and interaction with insurers, and will help participants build a credit history that will be very useful to them in the future.

"It's important to examine every transportation alternative when seeking access to opportuni-

ty," said Johnson. "ECO is a short term solution for the PEI, but because it is being implemented in the confines of a demonstration project, we hope solutions like this lead to changes here and elsewhere."

Pending funding, the program is set to start rolling in early 1995.

Olds 88 gets good rating from consumer magazine

Oldsmobile's Eighty Eight has been named a "Best Buy" among full-size sedans for 1995 by Consumers Digest magazine.

Defined as a product that offers outstanding value for its price, the Eighty Eight merits special attention among consumers.

This year's award marks the fifth consecutive year of success.

Describing the Eighty Eight,

Consumers Digest said, "Oldsmobile continues to upgrade and improve the Eighty Eight with each passing model year, making it one of the best values on the market. It retains the 3.8-liter V6, but the engine is almost entirely new. It gains 35 horsepower. It is not only more potent, it's smoother, quieter and even gets slightly better highway fuel economy."

Commenting on the award, John D. Rock, Oldsmobile general manager, said, "We are extremely proud of this award and of the continued recognition of our efforts to provide our customers with quality products at truly competitive prices. The Eighty Eight is a world-class, full-size sedan aimed at customers seeking contemporary styling."

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Olds Achieva available with 155-horsepower mill



Olds Aurora: Oldsmobile says the new Aurora is the "Renaissance" car that represents the General Motors division's new culture. It's aimed at the import luxury car class.

Here is a rundown of the 1995 Oldsmobile vehicles:

Achieva: The standard engine for all models is an improved 2.3-liter double overhead cam, four-cylinder mill rated at 150 horsepower at 6,000 revolutions per minute. A 155-horsepower, V-6 is optional. Two transmissions are offered: a five-speed manual and a four-speed automatic. Unlike conventional vacuum-controlled devices, the Achieva's new cruise control opens the throttle with an electric motor operating through a gear train and strap assembly. The stop size between cruise velocities is smaller, accuracy is better and drift is eliminated.

Ciera SL: The only changes to this popular model is that the shift interlock system is now standard equipment and the seat and door trim have different fabric designs.

Cutlass Supreme: An all new interior is featured in 1995. Besides dual airbags, the interior now has adjustable-height guide loop for the front passenger shoulder belt and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. Remote radio controls on the steering wheel are optional. Buyers may also choose from one of two engines. The 160-horsepower, 3100 SFI V-6 engine is standard. The 210-horsepower, 3.4-liter Twin Dual Cam V-6 is optional. Standard features include air bags, power windows, automatic programmable power

door locks, cruise control and 16-inch wheels.

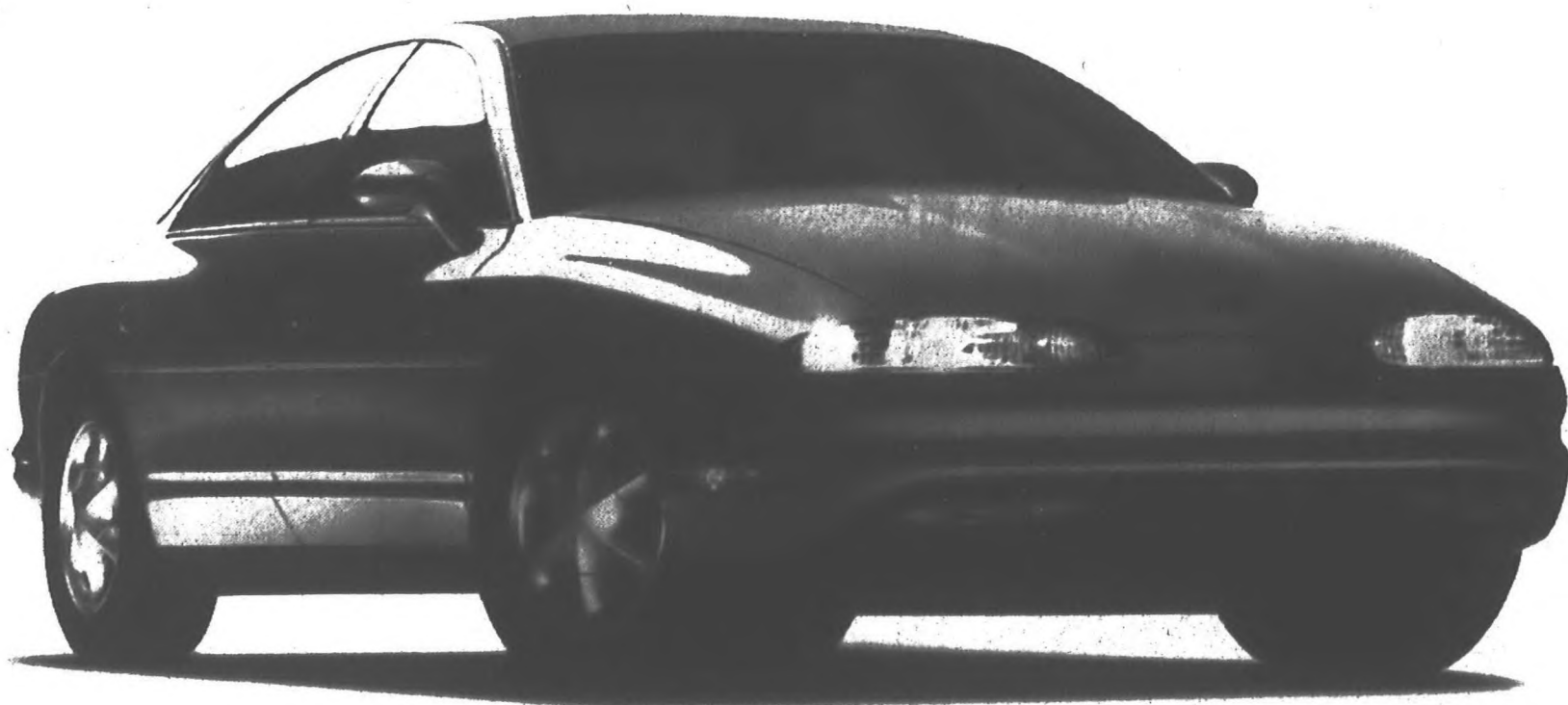
Eighty Eight Royale: Major revisions have been made under the hood for 1995. The standard 3800 V-6 mill has been completely redesigned for improvements in responsiveness. The optional Series II V-6 delivers 205 horsepower at 5,200 revolutions per minute. The intent of the engineers was to combine the low-end torque of a pushrod engine with the high-speed vitality of a four-valve, double-overhead cam design. A third engine you can get is the 225-horsepower, supercharged V-6.

Ninety Eight Regency Elite: The big change in this premium sedan is a new motor. It uses the same 3800 V-6 and supercharged V-6 as the Eighty Eight Royale. Standard features include airbags, anti-lock brakes, automatic power door locks, power windows, six-way power front seats and steel-belted radial tires on 15-inch wheels.

Aurora: This new model is being called the "flagship" of Oldsmobile and the "benchmark for the division's future product direction." The vehicle is powered by an all-new 4.0-liter, double overhead cam V-8 with 250 horsepower at 5,600 revolutions per minute. With 90 percent of the peak torque available between 1,700 and 5,600 revolutions per minute, the Aurora really jumps when you put the hammer down. The vehicle also features Magnasteer Magnetic Assist Steering, which is a power-assist system combining hydraulics, electronics and magnetics to offer continuously variable effort steering.

Silhouette: This is the only miniature van on the market with a standard 170-horsepower 3800 V-6 mill and a power sliding door. Other features include damage-resistant composite body panels and an advanced vandal-proof radio antenna. A four-speed automatic transmission is standard equipment. A popular option is built-in child-safety seats.

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Town Car loads up in comfort

With its blend of elegance, spaciousness, comfort and convenience the Lincoln Town Car epitomizes the modern full-size luxury sedan. For 1995, Town Car's appeal is heightened by an all new interior look, a number of exterior changes, and several significant functional additions.

Town Car is available in three series — Executive, Signature and Cartier.

The changes in the passenger compartment provide a more contemporary, luxurious appearance. The new instrument panel has controls that are easier to see and reach. The switches for the power windows, locks and seats are light and the new two-spoke, leather-wrapped steering wheel has the horn in the center.

The steering wheel in the Signature and Cartier series houses an additional set of controls for the audio and climate control systems. A three-channel programmable garage door opener, located in the driver's sun visor, is also standard in the Signature and Cartier series.

A new grill starts the exterior changes as well as elegant crystalline lens headlights. The front and rear bumper facings are a new design, as are the taillight lenses and lighted reflectors.

Other changes on the 1995 Town Car include concealed radio antenna located in the window glass, a selectable-steering effort switch that allows the driver to adjust the amount of power steering assist and an anti-theft system that sounds the horn and flashes the lights.

Town Car has a powerful and smooth-running 4.6-liter V-8 engine and a four-speed automatic overdrive transmission. The air-conditioning system is CFC free and is made even more effective by the heat-reducing Solar Tint glass installed in all windows.

Standard safety features include a dual air bag supplemental restraint system (SRS) and a four-wheel disc anti-lock braking system (ABS). Among the options are a power moonroof, trunk-mounted 10-disc compact disc changer, JBL Audio System and a voice-activated cellular phone. New 16-inch cast aluminum wheels are standard on the Cartier Series and available on the Signature Series with the Ride Control Package.

Wide track, long wheelbase featured on 1995 Cavalier

Like a hardy perennial, the Chevrolet Cavalier blooms bigger and better, year after year.

Since its 1982 debut, the Cavalier has become the best selling Chevrolet passenger car in modern history, with over three million sold. After a dozen years in production, the Cavalier was one of the top ten best selling cars in America in 1993.

Now the all-new 1995 Cavalier is being touted as an entry level car with style and substance, delivering more than expected in the small car market.

The '95 Cavalier will be offered in three body styles: four-door sedan, two-door coupe, and sporty convertible. All models benefit from a nearly two inch wider track and a three inch longer wheelbase compared to their predecessors — yet the new body is two inches shorter in overall length for better maneuverability in the cut and thrust of traffic.

The Cavalier coupe is also available in a Z24 version with special features: pass lock theft deterrent system with automatic transmission, 2.3-liter quad 4 engine, fog lamps, steel belted tires on 16-inch aluminum wheels, sport suspension, tilt wheel adjustable steering column, aero rocker moldings, special front and rear fascias and dual stainless steel exhaust outlets.

The 1995 Cavalier has a longer wheelbase and stiffer structure which creates a dramatically improved driving experience. The computer-modeled body minimizes flex, so the suspension can provide responsive control without transmitting undue harshness to the vehicle occupants.

A new progressive ride system and coil over shock rear suspension allowed the Chevrolet engineering team to tune the chassis to communicate road conditions to the driver and minimize the forces actually felt by occupants. In addition, ride quality has been improved through the use of a new torque axis mounting system that reduces engine vibration.

The new Cavalier interior has more shoulder room, more front hip room and more rear leg room than the previous model. Driver and front passenger side air bags are now standard. Active safety belts, with the buckle mounted on the driver seat, maintain proper positioning and don't need adjustment when the seat is repositioned. Cavalier has a fold-down rear seat that extends its cargo capacity, adding to its intrinsic value.

Versatility and comfort go hand in hand in the '95 Cavalier. New integrated rear-seat air ducts keep the rear seat comfortable on frosty mornings and cool on hot afternoons. When equipped with air conditioning the new Cavalier utilizes a refrigerant that's non-ozone depleting.

Extended durability components cut the cost of Cavalier ownership. The 2.2 liter features platinum tipped spark plugs that require no service for 100,000 miles under normal driving. Automatic transmission fluid never needs replacement under normal operating conditions. Front and rear five-mile-per-hour bumpers shrug off minor impacts. Two-side galvanized steel is used for all body panels to stop corrosion.

Safety features are high on the list of customer desires in the small car segment. In addition to dual air bags, Cavalier has anti-lock brakes as standard equipment. Rear door child security locks, child comfort guide safety belt adjusters, and safety belts designed for child safety seats are integral parts of the total safety package designed into the '95 Cavalier and should appeal to family buyers.

Thoughtful details abound. A sport cluster that includes a low oil level sensor and low coolant level warning lights provide warnings if those fluids get too low. Dramatic theater dimming slowly brings down the interior courtesy lights instead of turning them off abruptly. A new sonar rear defroster clears the areas that are crucial to onward visibility faster than conventional systems. Battery rundown protection eliminates the annoyance of a dead battery caused by leaving the interior lights illuminated. A removable storage tray for the spare tire jack and wrench even simplifies the unpleasant chore of changing a tire.

Compared to the 1994 model, more than 28 percent of the part numbers have been eliminated to simplify assembly. At the Cavalier lead assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio, body shells literally "pop" as they are immersed

in primer tanks to eliminate air bubbles and ensure total coverage. A glossy, water based highlighter solution is applied to all exterior surfaces to reveal any imperfections before the body is painted. A new form and pierce technique of installing exterior sheet metal ensures precise fit and uniform body seams through

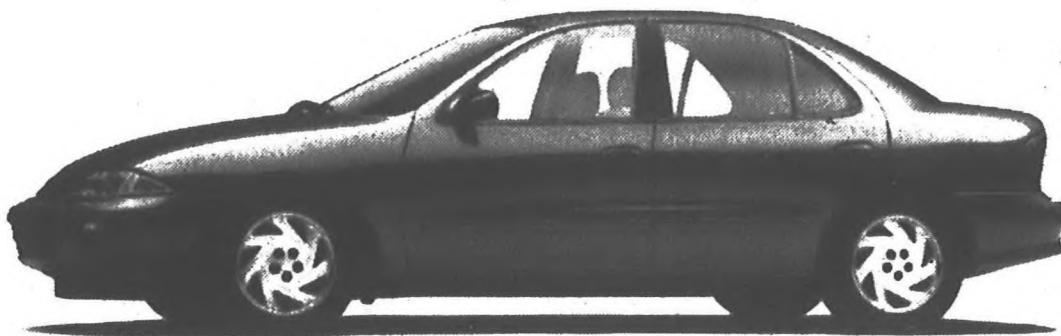
customized mounting positions. Holes for some trim items are cut with laser beams.

Chevrolet will launch the new Cavalier in stages. Coupes, sedans, and LS sedans with 2.2-liter four-cylinder engines are slated to appear in dealer showrooms this fall.

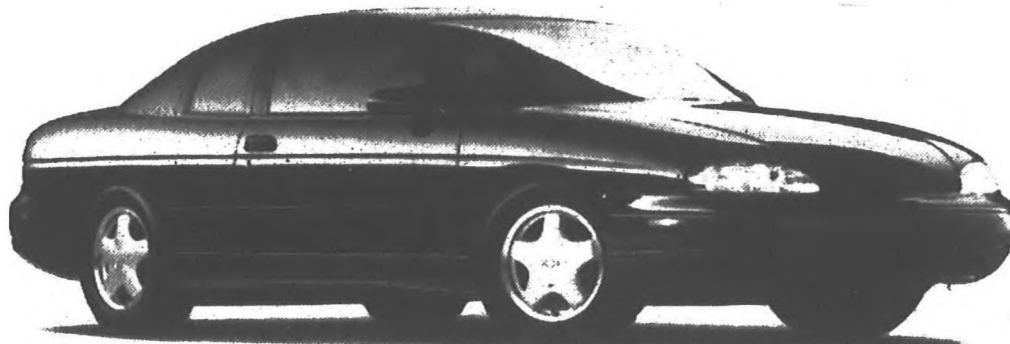


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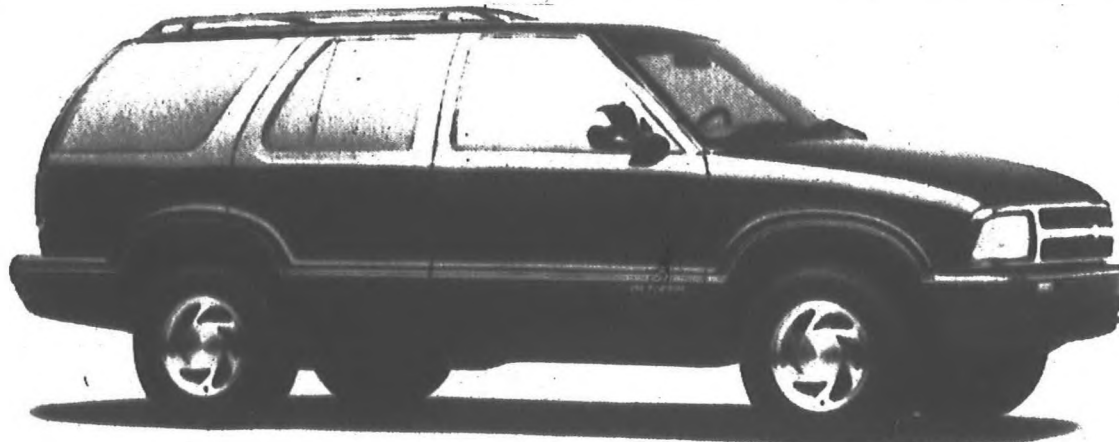
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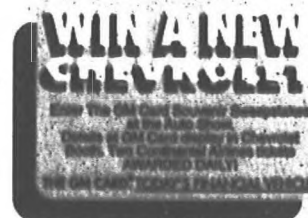


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Mystique's target customers are young families and couples, ranging in age from 30 to 45, with annual incomes of \$38,000 to \$65,000.

Market studies for Ford indicate that more than half the buyers will be women.

"Mystique buyers want a car that offers quality, durability and value for the money, along with good looks and refined road manners," says Keith Magee, Ford Motor Co. vice president and Lin-

coln-Mercury Division general manager. "They are the customers who are driving the growth of the mid-size sedan market, and they are the ones we are targeting."

Previous choices for the predicted buyers have been Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Mazda 626. Within the Mercury family, Mystique is positioned midway between Tracer and Sable.

Mystique can be equipped with either of two new advanced-tech-

nology engines. One is the Zetec engine, a 2.0-liter 16-valve DOHC four-cylinder power plant, featuring an aluminum cylinder head which produces 125 horsepower.

The other is the all-aluminum low-maintenance 2.5-liter 16-valve DOHC V-6 engine that is the heart of the Duratec V-6 System. The 170-h.p. Duratec has platinum-tipped spark plugs, enabling Mystique to be driven 100,000 miles before its first scheduled tune-up.

Either of the new engines can be teamed with one of two new transmissions — an advanced five-speed manual or an all-new electronically controlled four-speed automatic. The automatic delivers two sets of characteristics often considered mutually exclusive — lively acceleration with outstanding fuel economy, seamless shifting during typical driving conditions and firm shifting during performance driving.

Besides a standard dual air bag

supplemental restraint system (SRS), available four-wheel disc brakes and an optional anti-lock braking system (ABS), Mystique has many other safety elements, including a "Safety Cell" body structure. The Safety Cell design uses high-tensile boron steel door beams, a cross-car beam running between the windshield pillars, and a reinforced subframe to spread the energy of an impact away from the passengers.

Mystique can be ordered with the All-Speed Traction Control System, which aids the driver in maintaining stability and steerability at all speeds on slippery surfaces.

The new car's broad array of standard equipment includes a three-stage filtration system that removes dust and pollen from air entering the passenger compartment. Also standard are three passenger-assist grab handles; split fold-down rear seats; driver's side instrument panel storage; curb illumination; a tachometer; and high-level sound insulation.

Mystique is one of three new cars developed under Ford Motor Company's global vehicle program. The others are the 1995 Ford Contour and the European-built Ford Mondeo, which was introduced in March 1993. The cars are expected to be marketed worldwide.

Ford Contour is new for 1995

The Ford Contour is an all-new five-passenger sedan whose aerodynamic styling and exceptional power and performance reflect its global origins.

Positioned between Ford Escort and Ford Taurus, the front-wheel-drive Contour is designed to attract singles, young couples and young families with children still at home. Nevertheless, the car's primary customers are expected to be between the ages of 25 and 40.

"This new, four-door mid-size car is exactly what these buyers have been telling us they want," said Ross Roberts, Ford Motor Co. vice president and Ford Division general manager. "It provides excellent performance and a tremendous array of technical and serviceability features."

Contour will be offered in three series — the GL, the upscale LX and the sporty SE.

Among Contour's technological strong points is its Duratec V-6 engine System, which is standard on the SE series and optional on other Contour models. It features Ford's all-new, all-aluminum, low-maintenance 2.5-liter 24-valve DOHC V-6 engine and four-wheel disc brakes. Platinum-tipped spark plugs enable the 170-horsepower Duratec engine to hit 100,000 miles before its first scheduled tune-up.

The base Contour engine is also technologically advanced. The 2.0-liter 16-valve DOHC in-line four-cylinder Zetec engine has an all-aluminum cylinder head and delivers 125 h.p.

Besides its performance, the Contour also offers many safety features. Safety features include: a standard dual air bag system; "anti-submarine" seat design to help keep occupants from slipping forward in a sudden stop or impact; "Safety Cell" unitized body with high-strength boron steel side-impact beams which meet 1997 federal safety standards; optional anti-lock brakes; and the optional All-Speed Traction Control System that helps the driver maintain control and steerability on slippery surfaces at high and low speeds.

The Contour also offers a luxury item included in its basic price. The air filter system, found in the passenger compartment, removes virtually all dust and pollen particles from incoming air, which is particularly beneficial to hay fever and asthma sufferers. Although such a system is usually found only on luxury vehicles, it is standard on Contour.

Contour is one of three vehicles developed under a global umbrella. The first, the Ford Mondeo, was introduced in Europe in March 1993 and has recorded outstanding sales. The other global car is the 1995 Mercury Mystique, Ford employees at facilities in Europe and North America cooperated in their development.

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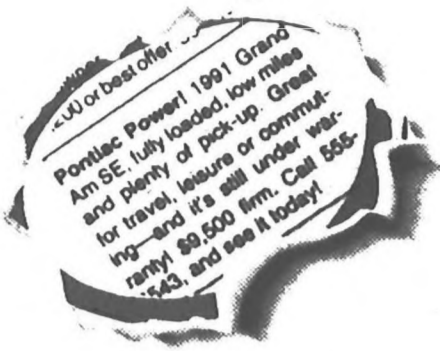


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