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Tax proposals head to ballot



Voters in the Plymouth-Canton School District will likely face two school millage proposals this spring. The first would be the renewal of property taxes on businesses, and the second a 3-mill increase.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are likely to go to the polls in March and again in June.

Superintendent Charles Little and the school board finance committee are proposing that the district seek an 18-mill renewal on non-homestead

property in March, and 3 enhancement mills in June.

Tentative dates are March 29 for the non-homestead millage renewal and June 12 for the 3-mill increase.

"Without the \$14.8 million the renewal will generate," said Little, "we wouldn't be able to put much in place. It's essential."

Little favors two separate elections, because they would give the district "the advantage of clarity. The non-homestead mills on commercial property is an imperative part of our \$85 million budget. Without it we are going nowhere," he said.

June 12 is the regularly scheduled school board election. The terms of trustees Roland Thomas and Susan Feiten are expiring. Thomas announced Monday night he will not seek re-election. Feiten has not yet said whether she will run. Both seats are four-year terms.

"Plymouth-Canton is in a very

poor, poor situation," Little said. "Livonia (public schools) collected \$16 million more (under the state's new school finance system), just for showing up. Ann Arbor collects \$7,700 per kid. Detroit collects \$5,600. We only collect \$5,500. Which of you would say your youngster isn't worth what others are?"

After July 1997, added Little, millages raised locally will have to be shared with districts throughout Wayne County.

Language could be written into the

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Talent to spare



PLYMOUTH —

BILL BREWER/1995 PHOTOGRAPHER

And the winners are: Sarah Lewkowicz, Breanne Chavis, Corey Helchowski and Tom Groom won the Plymouth Observer Middle School Art Students design contest held in conjunction with the Plymouth ice carving festival.

Students draw their way to victory

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BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Why would a grandmother come all the way from Melvindale to spend a cold January afternoon in Plymouth's Kellogg Park?

Lewis Young had good reason: Her granddaughter, Breanne Chavis, a

Central Middle School eighth-grader along with three other middle school art students at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Competition.

The young winners sketched designs, then had them carved and sculpted as part of the ice festival.

Chavis, a ninth-grader from Canton, was a winner in the Plymouth Observer Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest. Co-winners were Tom Groom, an

eighth-grader at Central; and from Lowell Middle School, Corey Helchowski, an eighth-grader, and Sarah Lewkowicz, a seventh-grader.

Coordinating the entries was Central art teacher Diana Sprout with help from Lowell art teacher Lynn Fornaszewski.

Lewkowicz designed a globe with Simba, a main character in the movie "The Lion King," resting on top of it.

She proposed her "Over the World" design because, "They're always saying to clean up the world, and Simba runs the world in the movie," said Lewkowicz, who says it is her favorite character.

With Lewkowicz to accept her award were her brother Sean, who helped with the drawing, and her mother, Judy Lewkowicz.

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Educators see too much emphasis on MEAP

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BY M.B. DILLON
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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials say parents shouldn't place too much emphasis on the standardized state test known as the MEAP — Michigan Edu-

cational Assessment Program.

"It should be viewed as just one indicator of a child's academic achievement," said Sheila Alles, Plymouth-Canton curriculum coordinator for language arts and social science.

"One of the things parents can do is use the MEAP results as one snapshot of the child's progress in the classroom," she said.

"The teacher can provide addi-

tional information about how their child is doing in school. In talking with teachers, parents get a more thorough understanding of their child's academic development. Looking at their students' projects, activities and assignments also is beneficial to parents," she said.

Dave Rodwell, the district's associate executive director for research and technology, said Plymouth-Canton's

building-by-building MEAP results (see accompanying chart) are encouraging. "I think we are improving, and that's really what the test is all about," he said.

It's important that parents realize, Rodwell said, that the MEAP essential skills tests in reading and math "aren't really achievement tests."

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Study committee explores recreation options

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Recreation in the city of Plymouth will be the subject when a newly-formed recreation study committee meets for the first time, possibly as early as next week.

"I'm in the process of getting everyone together. We'll have our first meeting in a week to 10 days," said City Commissioner Stella Greene, who heads the committee.

A main task of the seven-member committee is to review two separate surveys of residents and Plymouth Cultural Center users on recreation services.

"Our goal is to do a review. We'll make some recommendations back to the mayor," Greene said.

The committee will also put together a recreation master plan review, required every five years by the state, Greene said.

The survey of residents was in the city newsletter, The Courier, in an edition mailed last summer. Meanwhile, the city recreation department plans to survey Cultural Center users. "The users aren't necessarily residents," Greene said.

Could fee increases for non-residents be possible? "That's always conceivable," Greene said, adding it's something the committee could review.

Recreation director Tom Willette said 111 resident surveys were returned. Comments on possible improvements were all over the map. Some suggested the city could use more public swimming facilities. A few respondents said the city should do

more programming for teens.

Willette noted that while the city owns no public pool, the Plymouth-Canton schools offer swimming at Central Middle School.

"We want to see from the surveys if they were happy with what we are doing. Most of the surveys were fairly positive," he said. Of those responding, the condition of city parks and facilities was rated above average. But nearly 48 percent of respondents said there was a high need for improvements to neighborhood parks and creation of walking and biking paths.

Willette said the committee wants to respond to public concerns, but added available money to pay

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Tape tells of 'a wild man' who shot two people at plant

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

"We have a wild man who shot two people."

That's what a worker at the Sheldon Road Ford Motor Co. plant told Plymouth Township police Jan. 7, according to the tape of the 911 call played by police Tuesday at a joint press conference with a Ford Motor Co. spokesman.

Police said that Ford employee Michael Brattin, 43, of Novi left two letters in his home prior to the shooting that could be viewed as suicide notes.

"They were addressed to family members," said Sgt. Robert Antal. "Mr. Brattin was set on committing this crime."

Killed in the shooting spree that happened shortly after 5 a.m. were Michael O'Brien, 41, of Canton and Brattin, who shot himself. Brattin's estranged wife, Sandra, 39, of Livonia was hospitalized for gunshot wounds.

A University of Michigan Medical Center spokeswoman said Tuesday information on Sandra Brattin's condition was unavailable, adding she likely had been discharged.

All three Ford employees worked in close proximity in the radiator and heater control departments.

Police said they had yet to determine if Michael Brattin had a legal permit for the gun he bought from a Livonia gun dealer.

Police and Ford officials have said the shooting was the kind of incident that would be hard for any firm to prevent. Ford spokesman Bill Carroll said Tuesday, "There was no lax security at this plant. It was not an intrusion by an outside attacker." Michael Brattin had worked at the plant more than 20 years.

"The final outcome could have resulted anywhere," Carroll said. "There is nothing we could have done to prevent this."

Carroll said the company was aware before the shooting of tension between the three, as O'Brien was reportedly seeing Brattin's estranged wife. "We were in the process of making some changes because of that. We were in the

process of moving Sandy, she did not request that," Carroll said.

Carroll said employees who witnessed the shootings have received counseling. "They didn't return to work for several days," he said.

Carroll estimated "about 100" plant employees have sought some kind of counseling related to the shooting.

Antal said the two undated letters left by Michael Brattin were in a duffel bag along with some extra ammunition in Brattin's home.

Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry said, "It doesn't say he's going to commit suicide, but it doesn't leave a lot to the imagination."



BILL BREWER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

911 tape: Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry (left) released a call to 911 from the Sheldon Road Ford Plant to report a murder/suicide. At center is Sgt. Robert Antal and at right is Bill Carroll, a Ford Motor Co. official.

Ice festival carving competitions highlight the talents of many

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The weather didn't much cooperate, but the number of people who showed up for the 13th Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular was comparable to

last year.

"We were able to get the word out and keep carving going through the week, and we did everything we said we'd do," said festival executive director Mike Watts.

Winners in the various carving competitions were: in the individual carver junior high competition, first place went to Michael Watts of West Middle School. Chantez Granger of Breithaupt Tech Center of Detroit won the individual high school competition. Nicholas Watts of Catholic Central High took second and Ni-

gel Johnson took third place.

In the high school team competition, Nicholas and Mike Watts of Catholic Central High took first place. In the college division individual carver competition, Marion Dixon of the Culinary Institute of America of Rochester, N.Y., took first place. Second went to Herbert Lorentz of Henry

Ford Community College, and third went to Sean O'Rourke of Oakland Community College.

Professional team winners were: first, Aaron Costic and Greg Butauski of Ohio; second, Renee Odermatt of Switzerland and Anja Schneider of Germany; third, David Welke and Doug Gahns of Warren.

In the college teams competition, Herbert Lorentz and Robert Susko of Henry Ford Community College were first; Sean O'Rourke and Todd Stapanowski of Oakland

Community College were second; and Tony Maggio and Scott Ryan of OCC were third. Matt Sokolowski of Wixom won the amateur competition.

In the professional individual competition, first was Dean Carlson of Palm City, Fla.; second was Jeff Stahl of Archbold, Ohio; third was Greg Butauski.

Ten bronze and three silver medals were awarded in the professional competition, a higher number than usual, based on criteria set by the National Ice Carving Association.

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Measuring the MEAP

Here's a school-by-school breakdown of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for the Plymouth-Canton public schools. Results for 1994 are shown in bold. Last year's figures are italicized. The MEAP numbers represent the percentage of students who have at least a satisfactory mastery of the subject. "Satisfactory" is defined as achieving 75% or more of the subject.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS			
ELEMENTARY	READING (Grade 4)	MATH (Grade 4)	SCIENCE (Grade 5)
Allen	39.2 ('94) 64.7 ('93)	55.7 ('94) 66.7 ('93)	77.5 ('94) 85.9 ('93)
Bentley	42.9	60.0	77.3
Bird	63.8 60.2	85.0 78.5	90.5 95.0
Eriksson	52.5 40.8	58.8 45.6	80.0 82.2
Farrand	24.7 48.8	61.2 60.5	81.7 79.3
Fiegel	47.3 51.5	58.1 51.5	93.8 93.2
Field	35.0 34.4	65.0 34.4	78.9 79.8
Gallimore	39.3 44.9	57.4 65.2	87.7 84.9
Hoben	38.8 36.2	58.8 34.2	77.8 66.7
Huisung	45.3 51.1	67.2 58.0	89.9 95.3
Ishbister	47.8 46.2	64.4 57.5	92.0 84.0
Miller	59.6 60.2	72.3 63.1	86.1 69.2
Smith	66.0 42.9	70.0 39.3	86.2 89.2
Tonda	57.6 48.6	75.0 54.7	87.6 83.8
District summary—elementary	47.7	65.3	85.0

MIDDLE SCHOOLS	READING (Grade 7)	MATH (Grade 7)	SCIENCE (Grade 8)
Central	56.3 ('94) 55.3 ('93)	66.0 ('94) 55.5 ('93)	75.2 ('94) 75.4 ('93)
East	61.6 50.9	74.0 62.3	76.0 77.7
Lowell	45.1 52.3	68.3 65.9	68.7 63.5
Pioneer	49.8 63.0	80.1 75.3	83.3 83.5
West	46.7 61.2	72.4 68.9	80.2 83.5
District summary—middle schools	52.3 56.5	71.8 65.5	76.9 77.2

HIGH SCHOOLS	READING (Grade 10)	MATH (Grade 10)	SCIENCE (Grade 11)
Plymouth Canton	54.6 ('94) 51.8 ('93)	50.6 ('94) 35.6 ('93)	60.3 ('94) 62.9 ('93)
Plymouth Salem	57.3 50.1	49.8 31.2	58.2 61.9
District summary—high schools	55.9 50.9	50.2 33.5	59.2 62.4

* Result categories marked with an asterisk indicate a new school.

Source: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

THE PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

Canton teenager to benefit from hockey game Feb. 17

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Veteran Detroit Red Wing star Gordie Howe will play with Canton firefighters and police officers in a hockey game to benefit a Canton youth in need of a double-lung transplant.

"He said he'd play on our team," said Canton firefighter Mike Caruso, who with other firefighters and police officers is spearheading the benefit to raise money for Greg Unger, 14, who attends school in Wayne-Westland.

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.

"Tickets are going fast," Caruso

said, adding that every penny will be given to Greg Unger and his family.

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 can suffocate and starve the victim.

Greg's family — his dad, Bill, of Mt. Clemens, and mom, Barbara, of Canton — 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.

Firefighters and police officers have been getting plenty of help with the benefit, particularly from businesses and individuals who are donating cash as well as prizes to be raffled.

The evening will offer a raffle featuring a seven-day trip to Florida and an 18-hole golf outing at Indianwood Golf Course. Gift cer-

tificates from restaurants and area businesses also will be given away, said Canton Police Det. Richard Pomorski.

Businesses and individuals donating so far to the effort include: Ace Sports, Blackwell Ford, Bob Evans, Bob's of Canton, Applebee's, Baker's Square, Canton Sports, Don Clark Sportswear, Damon's Ribs, Herc's Restaurant, Home Depot, Hockey Outlet, Indianwood Country Club, Johnson's Restaurant, III Brothers Restaurant, Mexican Fiesta II, Mountain Jack's, Nails and More Beauty Salon (Mt. Clemens), Olive Garden, donation of the use of an ocean-front condo, Outback Restaurant, Jim Reed, Sports Authority (Livonia), Patricia Tanski and Warren Valley Golf.

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

Proposals

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ballot proposal specifying that the 3 mills be used for instructional purposes only. And a portion of the revenue could be escrowed, he added.

"I'm very concerned that in our current budget, we don't have what we need to purchase for schools," Little said. "You can't compete with the Livonias of the world when you're going backwards."

The March-June timetable, should it be approved by Wayne County, would permit the board

to approve the 1995-96 budget by May 8. That would provide time to promote the enhancement millage, and to go back to voters should the renewal millage fail in March.

Thomas said the district's budget format will be changed to "provide more meaningful information to both the board and the community."

The revised budget will "better explain increases in costs so it's easier to understand," he said.

"We've asked Dr. Little to sub-

mit a proposed budget to the board. By doing this, we will eliminate micromanagement of the budget by the board," added Thomas.

Little added that he sees no reason to close the Starkweather, Tanger or Gallimore school buildings.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, said bond projects at the buildings have been put on hold, pending a decision on the buildings' future. Little proposed going ahead with the capital improvements.

"I don't know where they got their art talent. It wasn't from me," said Lewkowicz with a laugh. There was plenty of excitement when Sarah Lewkowicz got the call.

"Sarah called me the day and moment she found out she won,"

said her mother. "She called me at work to make sure she could be here."

Groom of Plymouth Township drew Chilly Willy the penguin from "Woody Woodpecker."

"I decided to draw him because I like cartoon characters," said

Groom. With Groom as he accepted his certificate were his parents, Cherie and Larry Ferguson. "This was a nice surprise," said Cherie Ferguson.

Corey Helchowski of Canton said he was encouraged to enter by his art teacher, Lynn Forman-

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Students honor King's memory

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, seized the opportunity on Dr. Martin Luther King Day to urge students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to complete the work of the civil rights leader, slain during his quest to rid the nation of imperialism and poverty.

"Some say the last election represented the year of the angry, white male," said the freshman.

congresswoman. "They think we have gone too far. Where should we go? I don't have an answer for you. I offer that as a challenge."

"Each of you will soon begin to experiment with democracy. Ultimately, your generation will run this country. Some of you will end up in government, shaping what our government will look like."

"Soon," said Rivers, "you will have the opportunity to vote; something denied to blacks for many years. As you enter our de-

mocracy, you can vote for people who want equality; who want the promise of our nation to be fulfilled. You can help build a society that values everyone, or that values only the white, monied, and privileged."

Salem senior Lee Bonner was among the students who organized the Martin Luther King Day commemoration, which included schoolwide discussions on dignity and respect.

Dignity and respect have been

the subject of ongoing forums in the schools, and it was agreed that the topics would tie in nicely with Martin Luther King Day, said Bonner.

The dignity and respect movement at PCREP was launched after "some of us noticed that basic, common courtesy was lacking on students' part and between teachers and students," said Bonner.

"My idea was to create a better learning and teaching environment. That's how we came up with the idea of doing something for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Dr. King tried to enhance the idea of equality, both white and black, in the whole country," he said.

"I think we need to really use the word 'us' more than 'them.' In order to get past all the segregation that still exists, we need to focus on 'us,'" Bonner said.

Students broke up into small groups after Rivers' talk, heard by 300 in the Canton Little Theater and aired live throughout the high schools via the district's new Dynacast system.

Students brainstormed ways in



BILL BREISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student leaders: Lanessa Dann-Hightower and Ted Docks were among the students who helped organize the Dr. Martin Luther King Day commemoration at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I think people really didn't respect the ideas of Martin Luther King," she said. "If they had, the way people treat others would be different than it is today."

Several students said they were disappointed that some teachers told students attendance at school Monday was optional. Students had a half-day because of a teacher in-service.

MEAP from page 1A

They're designed to lead curriculum development"; to get the district to move toward the state curriculum.

The test has limitations, and it's a mistake to think that the MEAP measures a whole reading program for a school, he added.

Rodwell likens the MEAP to the movie "Ten." The obscenity of that film, he said, was reducing a woman to a number. There's a similar dynamic with the MEAP, he said. "You're reducing a school to a number. What we are saying is we can assess a reading curriculum based on a raw number, when we don't know what it's measuring."

"As a district, we are pleased that our test scores continue to improve."

As the state places more emphasis on assessment, parents and students will notice changes in certain areas.

"Parents aren't going to see much difference in language arts instruction; students have been writing, and writing has been an integral part of the language arts program for many years," Alles said. "But you will see changes in science instruction. Writing is being integrated into math and science."

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for improvements is a concern.

Making up the recreation study committee are Greene, former Mayor Dennis Bila, Willette, rec-

reation department supervisor Steve Anderson, Plymouth resident Traci Johnson, who works for the Northville recreation de-

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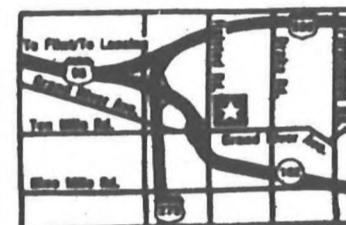
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Truman: Thomas Kage displays a Harry Truman doll, buttons and other memorabilia from elections past.

Political novelties displayed locally

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Political buttons of varying persuasions will fill the Livonia Arts Commission showcases along with a display of election memorabilia collected by Thomas Kage through Jan. 30 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

"I thought it would be unusual because nostalgia has a lot of merit. People like to reflect on the past as with antiques and it's interesting to see how these evolved over the years," said arts commissioner Lee Alaskas, who booked the show after a tip from a fellow commissioner.

Kage, a consultant with the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, president of the Wayne County Salaried Staff Federation and a Sunday school teacher at Plymouth First Presbyterian Church, has been collecting political memorabilia for 15 years.

He attends four shows a year throughout the country in search of party tickets and the like to add to his 300-item collection.

An oil lamp from Harrison's campaign in 1892, a Harry Truman doll and a flier from 1896 announcing the event closing the Republican campaign, drive home Kage's point that collecting is an education in itself.

"I'm intrigued by the different personalities and how they used any way they could to get the public's attention," said Kage of Northville.

"I was never any good at history but through collecting I've learned the strategies that they ran on, the themes. All of them had their faults, their strengths, but they all have to be respected for their drive."

Kage first acquired a taste for collecting while scouring his grandfather's farm for arrowheads.

Looking into a long box of treasures from his childhood a few years back served to trigger that old feeling again, the one of finding something of value from the past.

"Collecting shows how we changed over the years. Back then you didn't have television or ra-



Old stuff:
Here is a copy of *The Wolverine State March* by Lida Browning White. It featured Michigan Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris, who served 1913-17.

dio, so buttons are kind of obsolete now."

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The TAG program offers courses in computer programming, science, biology, chemistry, creative dramatics, languages, art and literature. Mail-in registration must be received by Jan. 28. Walk-in registration will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 1-2. A special four-week class — on supporting a gifted child — is available to parents.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Continuing Education Services at (313) 462-4448.

Schoolcraft seeks entries for annual poetry contest

Poet Jack Driscoll will judge the 12th annual Poet Hunt, a competition sponsored by Schoolcraft College and "The MacGuffin" literary magazine.

Driscoll teaches at Interlochen Center for the Arts and is a visiting professor at Western Michigan University.

The competition is open to all Michigan residents except for the 1994 winners.

Individuals may submit up to five previously unpublished, original poems of up to 50 lines.

Entries should be typewritten or photocopied.

Names and addresses cannot appear on manuscripts, but should be placed along with a

daytime phone number on 3-by-5 cards.

There is a fee of \$1 per poem, payable by check or money order to "The MacGuffin."

Entries must be received by Feb. 1.

Mail entries to Poet Hunt, Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152.

Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

The winning poems, plus three honorable mentions will be published in the fall 1995 issue of "The MacGuffin."

For more information, call Art Lindenbergh at (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5292.

Governor backs school deregulation

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler reversed a decade of policy by asking for dismantling of the state School Code and the Department of Education.

In the first "State of the State" speech of his second term, Engler called for deregulating schools and blustered "all those barriers in the system."

Less than a year ago, lawmakers toughened the School Code to

provide for core curriculum outcomes, new proficiency tests, expulsion of kids with guns, and state-endorsed diplomas. In the last decade, they — and Engler — adopted PA 26 with its requirements for long-range plans that would be public documents.

Engler Tuesday picked up the rhetoric of the religious right, referring to "parents" seven times but never to school boards. The conservative Republican governor stopped short, however, of vocalizing the second half of the religious right's agenda — state aid to parochial schools.

In related events:

■ An Engler spokesman Tuesday confirmed a lobbyist's rumor that the State Board of Education today (Thursday) would elect conservative W. Clark Durant as president. How could that be when the board, subject to the Open Meetings Act, wasn't scheduled to meet until Jan. 19? "They agreed among themselves," re-

plied press secretary John Truscott.

■ Durant will have board secretary and press spokesman Robert Harris reassigned and will bring in his own person, funneling major announcements through the board and not Department of Education staff.

■ Engler wants the State Board, with its new 6-2 GOP majority, to recommend how to trim back the

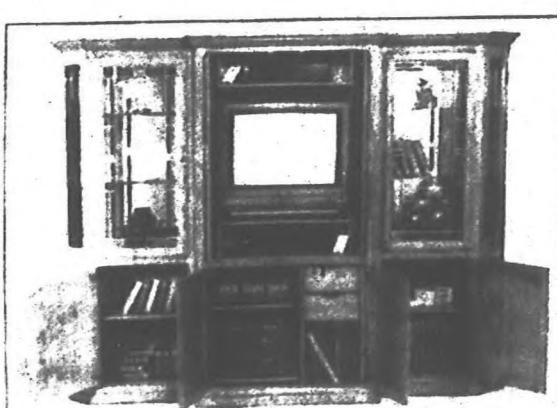
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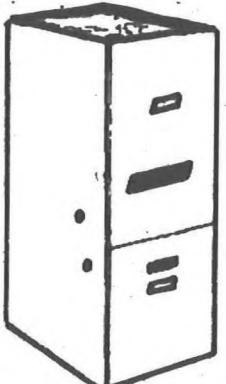
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department. The governor took the first step by announcing he immediately would "transfer all financial aid for college students to the Department of the Treasury."

Truscott said Engler will advocate a new model code for local districts to adopt or modify. He will ask to scrap the new high school proficiency tests, made public in November and due to come on stream in 1986. He will favor a national test that allows Michigan's students to be compared to other states'.

The state faces a revenue surplus beyond a constitutional cap. Democrats advocate "family" tax cuts and one-time refunds. Engler was cheered by Republicans when he proposed permanent tax cuts, averaging \$300 million a year. His three plans and their annual impacts:

- 1) Raising the personal income tax exemption from \$2,100 per person to \$2,400 and indexing it to the rate of consumer price inflation — \$115 million.

- 2) Phasing out the intangibles tax "because it penalizes savings and investment" — \$87 million.

- 3) Trimming the single business tax (SBT) by eliminating three payroll-related factors from the base: workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and Social Security taxes — \$106 million.

Engler failed to mention: raising the fuel tax for roads and public transportation; state universities, which have lobbied him for a major increase; unification of trial courts, an issue he precipitated by refusing to sign bills to add judges in the suburbs; or any state role in a new Detroit Tigers baseball stadium.

Asked afterward why he didn't mention colleges, Engler said, "Wait 'till you see my budget message."

Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, said the Tax Policy Committee she serves on will have to deal with the revenue surplus, but she'd prefer to "abolish the single business tax entirely. But we're not going to be able to build a consensus for replacement, so we'll have to reduce the SBT. It would remove a disincentive (to business) to increase your payroll."

"The School Code has served the state well," said freshman Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne. "It's a little irresponsible to throw it out. Education is a state responsibility. You don't dissolve it. But it's in line with his (Engler's) consistent attack on public education."

"I originally voted against PA 25 (the 1990 amendments to the School Code)," said Rep. Lyn Banks, R-Redford, who spent several terms on the Education Committee. "But school districts

like it. They have to produce long-range plans. It's no burden in Livonia."

Freshman Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, said "he needs to give the (excess) tax money back to families instead of giving it to business." She favors putting more into schools and raising dependent exemptions in the income tax.

Freshman Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, got the chairmanship of the Natural Resources Committee his first day on the job. "I'll need a full and complete understanding" of the polluters-pay law "to revamp the environmental law and move it through in a bipartisan way. There's no question it's a terrible impediment to redevelopment of urban areas. Many social problems wouldn't exist if we can move jobs back to urban areas. But investors are scared to risk their capital."

Freshman Rep. James Ryan, R-Redford, liked Engler's call for more schools of choice. His top priority will be "reform of sentencing guidelines, juvenile sentencing and parole reform." Ryan has been assigned to the Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee.

Ryan's Nov. 8 victory gave Republicans their 56th vote and control of the House for the first time in 28 years.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said Engler's "call for double-bunking convicts through the state prison system could be controversial in western Wayne County. The Western Wayne facility in Plymouth Township is one of the last to contain all private cells. In the past, Rep. Gerry Law and I helped pass legislation to keep the prisoner population low."

Geake promised "scrutiny" of Engler's proposed \$200 million for prison expansion because "Michigan already ranks sixth in the nation in percent of our population we lock up." Geake praised Engler's calls for a U.S. balanced budget amendment (cheered loudly by Republicans), eliminating the intangibles tax, and more local control of education as long as there are "uniformly high standards."

Law, R-Plymouth, returning to Lansing after a three-year break, called it "irrational to eliminate the SBT," which raises \$1.8 billion, as other Republicans advocated.

Law had asked for assignment to the House Education Committee, but didn't get it. "They weren't going to let me in there," said Law, who is on good terms with the Michigan Education Association and local districts. "Less mandates is fine, but why were they put there in the first place, some of them just a year ago?"

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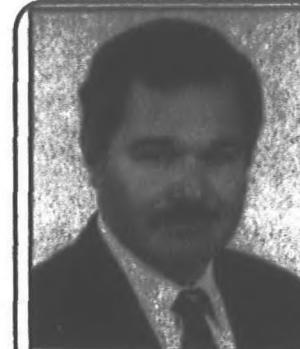
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Kmart vows to continue with modernization plan

BY DOUG FUNKE

STAFF WRITER

A modernization program at Kmart stores apparently will continue on pace even though the Troy-based retailing giant demoted its chairman and architect of the plan, Joseph E. Antonini, earlier this week.

While Antonini lost his chairmanship duties, he will continue to be in charge of day-to-day operations for the publicly owned company.

Kmart also announced Tuesday that a strategic review of its business continues to address issues critical to shareholders including merchandising, leadership, financial policies and operational execution.

The company also announced plans to add two new independent directors to its board of directors by the annual shareholders meeting in spring.

Older Kmart stores are in Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Canton and Farmington Hills.

Newer or remodeled stores are in Bloomfield Township, Southfield, Plymouth and Troy.

"Livonia and Garden City both are scheduled for expansion and refurbishing in the spring of 1995," said Teresa Fearon, Midwest regional coordinator for Kmart. "Others aren't on the schedule at this time (but) I don't have all of 1995 yet."

"As for renewal, one of three things will happen by the end of 1996 — expansion/refurbishing, relocation or closure," Fearon said.

"Today's announcement has absolutely no bearing on those other stores," she added.

Antonini, a Bloomfield Hills resident, said at a press conference Tuesday that some 1,600 Kmart stores have gone through the modernization process to date with up to 350 on the docket over the next two years.

"The modernization program is doing very well," he said. "Sales and profits have exceeded the old stores."

However, Antonini left the door open for changes to initial projections. "Odds and ends will be looked at," he said.

A couple of analysts here say the reassignment of duties is a good move by Kmart.

"This demonstrates to me that the board is of the opinion the business strategy makes sense, but for execution, some reconfiguring or another structure is necessary," said Donald S. MacKenzie, partner and co-founder of Conway, MacKenzie & Dunleavy, a Birmingham-based turnaround consulting firm.

"The impression I get is they're going to reassess the current business plan and determine whether they have adequate capital resources and other resources to commit to previous strategies. And whether anticipated returns are still realistic," he said.

Antonini may have been overburdened carrying three major loads as chairman, president and chief executive officer, MacKenzie added.

"I think the process, especially with the stock languishing, causes distraction from focusing on the business plan," he said. "When ever you're in a turnaround situation, management's

attention must be fully directed to the turnaround effort."

Tony Howard, a research analyst with First of Michigan Corp., said he expects Kmart to continue its store modernization program.

"I think it has to be done," Howard said. "Some tweaking of this strategy may occur — the degree or speed may slow down. You might see further consolidation. Instead of remodeling, they may close some stores and build Super Kmarts."

"Clearly, Kmart has to go toward bigger stores," Howard added. "Remodeled stores show improved sales."

F. James McDonald, speaking for Kmart's board at a press conference, made it clear that the directors still have confidence in Antonini's leadership abilities.

"Joe Antonini understands retailing and merchandising as well as any executive anywhere," McDonald said. "Don Perkins (new chairman) won't be running Kmart. That will be Joe Antonini's job."

Perkins, who has served on the Kmart board since 1986, was named chairman. He retired as chairman and CEO of the Jewel Cos. in 1980 at the age of 53. Perkins will continue to live in Chicago.

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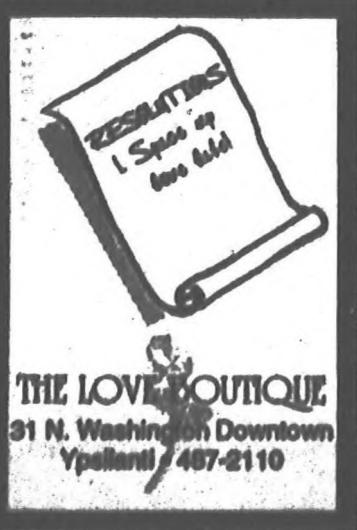
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COMMUNITY LIFE

FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Grading exams has its pluses

We've just graded the last of the Family Room End-of-the-Year Exams. I've never had so much fun grading papers before! And I've graded quite a heap of them in my day. I used to be a schoolteacher, you know, for six years. I taught ninth through 12th grades for awhile and then college freshmen. Now if you include my stint as a substitute teacher, then my time wielding a red pen comes out to seven years.

No matter, it was a relatively short time compared to most educators' careers, yet I managed to grade gobs of tests, essays, term papers and quizzes anyway. And there were such gobs that I'm convinced I singlehandedly kept the red ink pen business out of the red ink during those seven years. My comments in the margins did it. I always wrote really chatty comments like the one I wrote to a pupil of mine who answered the essay question about Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" with "He midas well go home and warm up if he's cold." Now a simple, short nasty comment in the margin might be expected, such as "He midas well." I thought Midas just fixed mufflers."

Instead, I wrote convoluted, lengthy, yet I am sure very helpful paragraph on the life and death motif found in the poem which, when I look back at it, was rather a doozy thing for me to do because it was the final exam given on the last day of school. And the "midas well" student had long since bolted into summer freedom never to see me or the test again.

Anyway, in comparison, this Family Room exam was fun and easy to grade. It was, after

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

With a 'little' help from friends

■ Greg Unger needs a double lung transplant and with the help of family and friends, and even some well-known local rock bands, he may have the \$100,000 needed for the out-of-pocket expenses.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Barbara Unger's eyes well up with tears every time she thinks about the impending separation from her rail-thin 14-year-old son, Greg, who suffers from cystic fibrosis.

The separation, however, may mean a longer, healthier life for him.

In July, the Canton youth and his father, Bill, of Mount Clemens, are scheduled to move temporarily to St. Louis where they will await the availability of lungs for Greg's double-lung transplant at Children's Hospital.

A veteran criminal investigator for the IRS in Detroit, he will transfer to a St. Louis office for eight months. Barbara, his ex-wife, a secretary at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, will take a three-month leave of absence and join them when a donor is found.

"It's hard for me to let him go; he lives with me and I'm going to miss him," Barbara said.

"It's an overwhelming experience we're going through," Bill said. "It shows you the secret of life, let me tell you. That's the way the people have been."

In order to ease the out-of-pocket expenses, the Ungers and the Children's Organ Transplant Association Inc. (COTA) are trying to raise at least \$100,000. So far, the friends and family of Greg have raised about \$44,000, mostly through private donations. A bake sale held at Botsford Hospital raised about



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Keeping busy: Greg Unger has filled his free time by collecting cards of his favorite sports heroes, a hobby that has left him with a roomful of card-filled binders.

\$4,000. Bill's co-workers at the IRS have also pitched in.

'Breath for Life'

The efforts will continue next Wednesday when Greg's cousin Brian of the local band Brave New World hosts the "Breath for Life"

Charity Benefit Concert" at Industry nightclub in Pontiac.

Brian's band will be joined by dance band Charm Farm and Rochester-based industrial mavens HAL, along with the tecliffo sounds of Bukihi 3, Dorothy and R-World. The cover charge is \$6 and doors

open at 8 p.m. For information, call (810) 334-1999.

"We've been playing the circuit for five years," Brian said. "I figured an excellent idea for a fund-raiser for Greg would be to pull some of the bigger bands from Detroit (like) Charm Farm and HAL (and) have a benefit. All the bands I contacted agreed to do it. Everything just fell together."

Greg — an avid fan of the Stone Temple Pilots, Metallica, Pearl Jam, the Offspring and Green Day — admits he hasn't heard much from the bands who are playing, but being an alternative music fan he is grateful for his cousin's help and eager about attending the show.

Former Red Wing John Ogronick also caught wind of Greg's needs and helped Canton firefighters Mike Caruso and Jim Davison and police Officer Rick Pomorski organize a benefit hockey game between the Detroit Red Wings Alumni and the Canton Fire and Police. The game will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Plymouth Cultural Center/Ice Arena at 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. The \$5 tickets are available at Canton Fire Station No. 1 at Canton Center and Cherry Hill roads, or by calling (313) 981-1113.

"He read about it in the paper and contacted my nephew Larry (Tinskey, media coordinator of the drive). He sent Greg an envelope of three of his cards autographed," Barbara said.

Early diagnosis

Greg was six months old when he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes an abnormal accumulation of mucus in the lungs and other organs and literally suffocates and starves its victims. While in elementary school, Greg said he was able to play Little League baseball and "run around."

"When I was smaller, I could do

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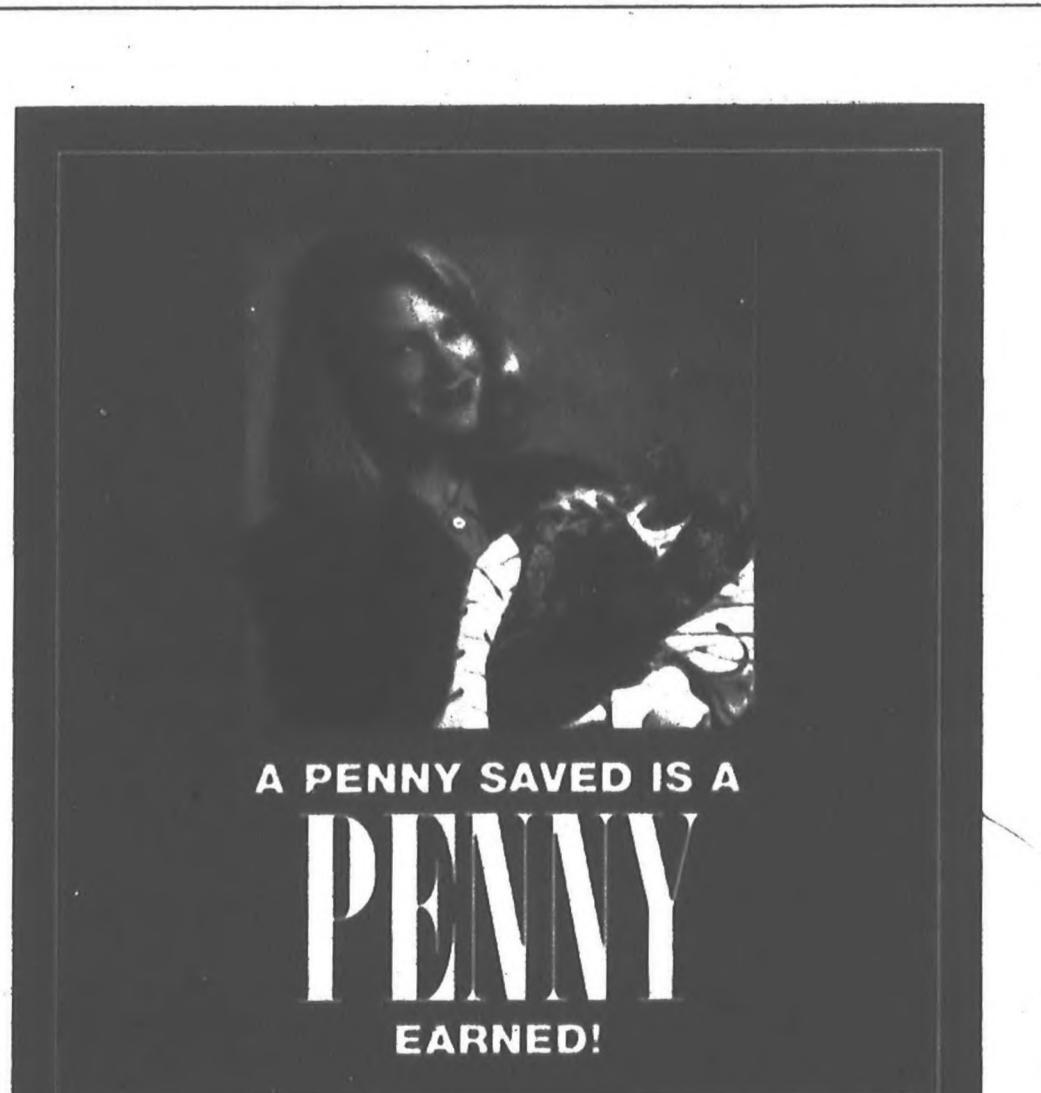
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Johns-Sovine

Stacy Michelle Sovine and David Howard Johns were married Nov. 12 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, with Rev. Merton Seymour officiating. She is the daughter of Tom and Cecilia Sovine of Canton; he is the son of Elaine Johns of Adrian, Mich., and Kenneth Johns of Clinton Township.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University where she received a degree in finance.

The groom also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a civil engineer, working for Fiebeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, a Lansing area engineering firm.

Cynthia Martin, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Cari Herron, Kim Sovine and Carol Johns.

Ken Parko served as best man. Groomsmen were Craig Belanger,



Eric Sovine and Jack Giampalmi. The couple received guests at New Hawthorne Valley in Westland before leaving on a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They are making their home in Lansing.

Vea-Zittel

Pete and Janet Vea of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Lynne, to Mark Scott Zittel, the son of Dave and Beverly Zittel of Grand Blanc, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1994. She is employed by C.M.S. Therapies as a speech therapist.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Grand Blanc High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by CPC International in Milwaukee, Wis., as a sales representative.

A May wedding is planned at



Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**Merrifield-LaLonde**

James W. and Maralyn L. Kimmins of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lynne Merrifield, to Paul Michael LaLonde, son of Paul F. and Marie T. LaLonde of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a double bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Aaron & Sarah Insurance Agency in Northville.

Her fiance is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed by Phillips Plumbing in Livonia.

A March wedding is planned in



Geneva Presbyterian Church, Canton.

Keener-Evans

Julie Ann Evans and Randall Kevin Keener were married Oct. 29 by the Rev. Gerald Street at First Church of the Nazarene in Northville.

She is the daughter of Robert and Carol Evans of Canton. He is the son of Donald and Tamara Keener, also of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is working in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of Mt. Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio and is working in Ann Arbor.

Sharon Evans served as maid of honor with Melinda Mattson, Cherie Alvarez and Jennifer Stone as bridesmaids.

Shawn Keener served as best man with Rich Ingram, Trent Smith and Mike Magda as the groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the First Church of the Nazarene in Northville. They took a wedding trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They are making their home in Plymouth.

**Szott-Peters**

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Peters of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Cybil, to Michael L. Szott, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Szott of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she is pursuing a degree in psychology.

Her fiance is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineer for Johnson Controls and is pursuing a master's degree at Wayne State University.

The couple plan a May 1996



wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Arnold-Silver

Kellie Silver and Jeff Arnold were married Aug. 6, 1994, at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford. She is the daughter of Gary and Geri Silver of Canton; he is the son of Larry and Joyce Arnold, also of Canton.

Cory Mcmann served as maid of honor with Brenda Aulinskas, Kandi Jurek and Laura Wright as bridesmaids. Olivia Daratony served as flower girl.

Russ Watson served as best man with Marc Tindall, Scott Jurek, Tom Daratony, Ed Wright and Pat Mcmann as groomsmen. Erik Wright served as ring bearer.

**Send us wedding, engagement news**

Local wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements are an important part of the Community Life section of the Observer.

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The week of Jan. 23-28 has been designated as National Handwriting Analysis Week. It is a time to reflect on the importance of legible handwriting.

Jan. 23 is believed to be the birthday of John Hancock, one of the most famous signers of the Declaration of Independence. His large, distinctive signature sets him apart from other signers. However, a signature should never be analyzed alone, as it is the image the writer wishes to portray to others. The body of the handwriting represents the inner personality and can be quite different. So it is im-

portant to analyze the two together for an accurate picture of the writer's personality.

Like fingerprints and snowflakes, no two handwritings are exactly the same. To the trained eyes of a handwriting analyst (also known as a graphologist) your handwriting is like a clear snapshot of your emotional, intellectual and physical self. This may be the reason why signatures of famous people are worth more than other memorabilia. According to Gary Goss, a major national dealer in collectibles, an original signature of Abraham Lincoln is valued at \$250,000.

Currently, graphologists are often called in to analyze handwriting in death threats, ransom notes and to help the FBI in formulating psychological profiles. Businesses are employing grapholo-

gists to assist in selecting the right person for a particular position.

If you would like to try analyzing your own handwriting, take out your pen and a sheet of unlined paper and write several paragraphs in your most natural handwriting, then sign your name. Now begin by comparing your signature against your handwriting. If they are basically similar in size and shape, your inner and outer personalities are in accord. If the signature is considerably larger, that is the way you wish to be perceived by others.

Next use the headings below to formulate a brief analysis of your handwriting. Please keep in mind that no single trait stands alone, but each one must be analyzed within the gestalt (total) picture of the handwriting.

Overall picture: Handwriting

that is well-organized on the page is a positive sign and suggests you are organized, too. Placed too far to the right side of the page, you want to move away from the past; too far to the left side of the page, you are still strongly influenced by your past.

Legibility: This suggests the importance you have for communication with others and your consideration for them. Your interest in efficiency can also be seen here.

Copybook conformity: You are basically a traditional person who is strongly influenced by early conditioning.

Size: Too large suggests the outgoing person who needs room for ego expression. Small suggests good concentration and less need for the limelight.

Slope of the lines: This reflects your overall outlook on life.

lient and able to bounce back from experiences.

Speed: Rapid writers usually think fast. Slow writers usually think at a slow, careful pace.

People often ask me what the shape of a certain letter means. I can only interpret letters in the context of the whole handwriting. I am cognizant that some authors want you to believe each letter has a specific meaning, but the interpretation can be altered by other things which are found in the handwriting.

People skills: People who start their writing to the right, rounded at the bottom of letters and have a legible signature care about others and are often willing to extend a helping hand.

Pressure: Heavy suggests intensity of feelings, usually deep and long-lasting. Light suggests sensitivity and one who is resi-

ANNIVERSARIES



Burgert

The Livonia American Legion Post 32 was the setting for a Dec. 30 party, honoring Harold and Audrey Burgert of Livonia who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The former Audrey Cole, she first met Harold when she was 13 and he was 14. He took her out on her first date which eventually led to their exchange of wedding vows on Dec. 30, 1944, in Redford.

Thirty-two-year residents of Livonia, they have three children — Harold C. III of Bedford, Texas, Karen Schebel and husband William of Canton and Susan Henderson and husband Greg of Livonia. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The party was arranged by their children along with granddaughter Lori Mullen, great-grandson Joshua Mullen and grandsons Shawn Burgert and Todd Schebel.

He is a four-year retiree of Northland Container Corp. He also worked for Federal Department stores for 29 years as a major appliances and electronics buyer.

He is a member of the American Legion Livonia Post 32, Coast



Guard Combat Veterans Association, Destroyer Escort Sailors Association, Men's Senior Livonia Golf League and USS Merrill (DE392) Reunion Association.

Members of Mount Hope Congregational Church, their hobbies include travel and photography, an interest he comes by naturally. His father, Hal Sr., and uncle, E.J. Burgert, were photographers with the Detroit News for 30 years. In fact, the couple's original

wedding photograph was taken by News staff photographers.



Dubiel

A surprise 40th anniversary brunch was held for Tom and Dolores Dubiel at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland Nov. 13.

The brunch was given by their children — Tom Dubiel, Janet and Bill Dempster, Bob and Paula Dubiel and Kathy and Mark McCray. About 80 family members and friends joined in the celebration, a surprise because their anniversary was Jan. 22.

He is retired while she is employed by the Automobile Club of Michigan.

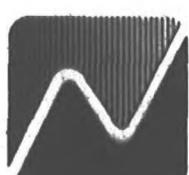
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Scouts add fat free to cookie selection

It's that time again, possibly one of the most anticipated events in the country, the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale on now through the end of the month.

For more than 50 years, Girl Scouts have been selling cookies door-to-door and at booth sales. The cookie sale is an activity of the Girl Scout program and helps fund awards for girls while helping troops with expenditures, such as trips, community service projects and special projects.

Troops in the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are selling eight different styles through Jan. 29. Available this year are a new fat-free cookie, the Cinnamon Oatmeal Raisin Bar as well as old favorites like Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Peanut Butter Sandwiches and Strawberry 'n Creme. Each box costs \$2.50.

Troops in the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council also are offering low-fat oatmeal and raisin cookies, called Snaps, which contain only .75 gram of fat per cookie. There are also seven other varieties — Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Do-Si-dos, Chalet Cremes and Juliettes. Each box costs \$2.50 and orders can be placed through Jan. 28.

The Michigan Metro Council is the fourth largest in the United States and provides leadership, cultural and personal develop-

ment opportunities for more than 35,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties. Proceeds from the sale will directly benefit a variety of programs for girls in the two counties.

More than 14,000 girls in 1,000 troops are participating in the Huron Valley Council's sale this year. The council recorded sales of 840,000 boxes in 1994 and is hoping to sell 860,000 boxes this year.

Through the cookie sale experience girls learn to set individual and group goals, to answer questions with confidence, to follow through on a commitment, to greet people, to handle money responsibly and to work with others.

Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves more than 14,000 girls and 4,000 adults in Livingston, Monroe, Washtenaw, western Wayne and Oakland counties. It is partially funded through seven United Ways — Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, Southeastern Michigan, Manchester, Chelsea and Plymouth.

Cookie sale funds also help Huron Valley Council with expenses associated with volunteer recruitment, support training, program development and membership.

To order Girl Scout cookies call the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council at (313) 971-8800 or (800) 49-SCOUT.

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Recreation

City committee is a first step

The move to start a committee to study recreation in the city of Plymouth is long overdue.

The committee will meet within the next 10 days to look at surveys done to determine what residents are looking for in recreational activities.

A main task of the seven-member committee is to review two separate surveys of residents and Cultural Center users on recreation services. A review will be done and recommendations made. The committee will also put together a recreation master plan review, required every five years by the state.

While we laud the efforts of the city, the efforts don't go far enough. The city should include Plymouth Township and the Plymouth-Canton schools in discussions about recreation.

The schools are sitting on some of the best recreational facilities in the community and need to be involved in the planning process.

Also, in light of the recent merger between the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire departments, the city should examine merging recreation services with the township. A joint recreation department could accomplish much.

However, involving the schools should be the first priority. There already has been some cooperation. The schools have opened the Cen-

tral Middle School pool to the public. Also, one member of the city recreation committee is a Plymouth Canton coach.

The city should also take a look at what Canton Township is trying to accomplish. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is pressing the schools to use the 300-acre high school complex for recreation and the schools as recreation centers.

It would make sense for the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township to put a full-court press on the schools to run joint recreation programs.

The taxpayers have paid for basketball courts, swimming pools and property in their school taxes. Those facilities should be seen as potential recreation sites for adults as well as youths.

According to the city survey, most residents are happy with what the city is doing, but nearly 43 percent of respondents said there is a need for improvements to neighborhood parks and creation of walking and biking paths.

Recreation is an issue that extends beyond the city limits of Plymouth and into the township and into Canton. Thus, it should be treated that way. But it can't be done without the cooperation of the Plymouth-Canton schools.

Let's just hope the new recreation committee can expand its vision.

A job well done, Mr. Headlee

Dick Headlee will be genuinely missed and fondly remembered by the people of Michigan.

— State Sen. Michael Bouchard
R-Birmingham
1995 Journal of the Senate

Thanks, Sen. Bouchard, for putting it on the record. Indeed, Richard Headlee will be missed.

Tax-fighter Richard Headlee, the Farmington Hills resident who for almost 20 years waged a battle to put people above politics and politicians in Michigan, is retiring and moving to Utah.

This insurance executive never spent a day in elective office — although he came close to being elected governor in 1982 — and he certainly wasn't one to inhabit the smoky back rooms where the political deals are cut.

But Richard Headlee still could strike fear into the hearts of the keepers of the public trust in Lansing, as well as those in the city halls and school district headquarters of western Wayne and Oakland counties.

Statewide, his legacy to Michigan taxpayers bears his name — the 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Every elected and appointed official with access to the public purse knows the Headlee Amendment. It limits property tax increases to the rate of inflation.

Headlee should be best remembered for putting the spotlight on spending and taxes in relation to that economic goblin known as inflation. At the time, taxes and prices were going up faster than the public's ability to earn money to pay them.

Some 15 years later, it was Headlee who led the successful drive to limit terms of Michigan officeholders.

Locally, Headlee became something of a kingmaker — some observers would say "godfather" — when it came to tax issues. Although school officials in Headlee's home district of Farmington might not care to admit

it, his yea or nay could lift or sink a millage request in the late 1980s and early '90s.

And credit Headlee with the financial rescue of the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. in Farmington Hills. The company, which had just finished a grand new headquarters near I-696 and Farmington Road, was suffering from many bad investments when Headlee took over as president in 1972.

Headlee, using a tough-love style of management, nursed the company back to profitability, thus saving those who had invested in life insurance and pensions.

Of course, Headlee wasn't perfect — and neither was his tax-fighting effort. At the time, in the late '70s, this newspaper thought that Headlee was putting too much emphasis on taxes, and not enough on fees and tuitions.

And those two items, fees and tuitions, have proved to be big trouble over the years. One state university raised tuition 13 percent recently.

More recently, we wished he would have taken a strong stand — one way or the other — on the confusing Proposal A ballot question last year. He appeared to waffle on that issue. We expected better from the celebrated tax-fighter.

Headlee had his problems as a politician. His comments about women and women's issues (he said he liked women more than his opponent because he had nine children and the Blanchards had only one) didn't endear him to thousands of voters during the '82 race for governor.

Still, you had to admire the way he stuck to his standards with absolutely no concessions for political expediency. All politicians should be as open and honest about themselves as Headlee was in 1982.

All things considered, we agree with Sen. Bouchard, who said for the record that Headlee "has displayed vision, a concern for others, and a commitment for improving the state."

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
What sort of new business would you like to see downtown?

We asked this question at the downtown post office.



'How about an educational type nature store for young children?'
Cynthia Saunders
Plymouth



'I'd like to see another women's boutique-accessories store and another nice restaurant.'
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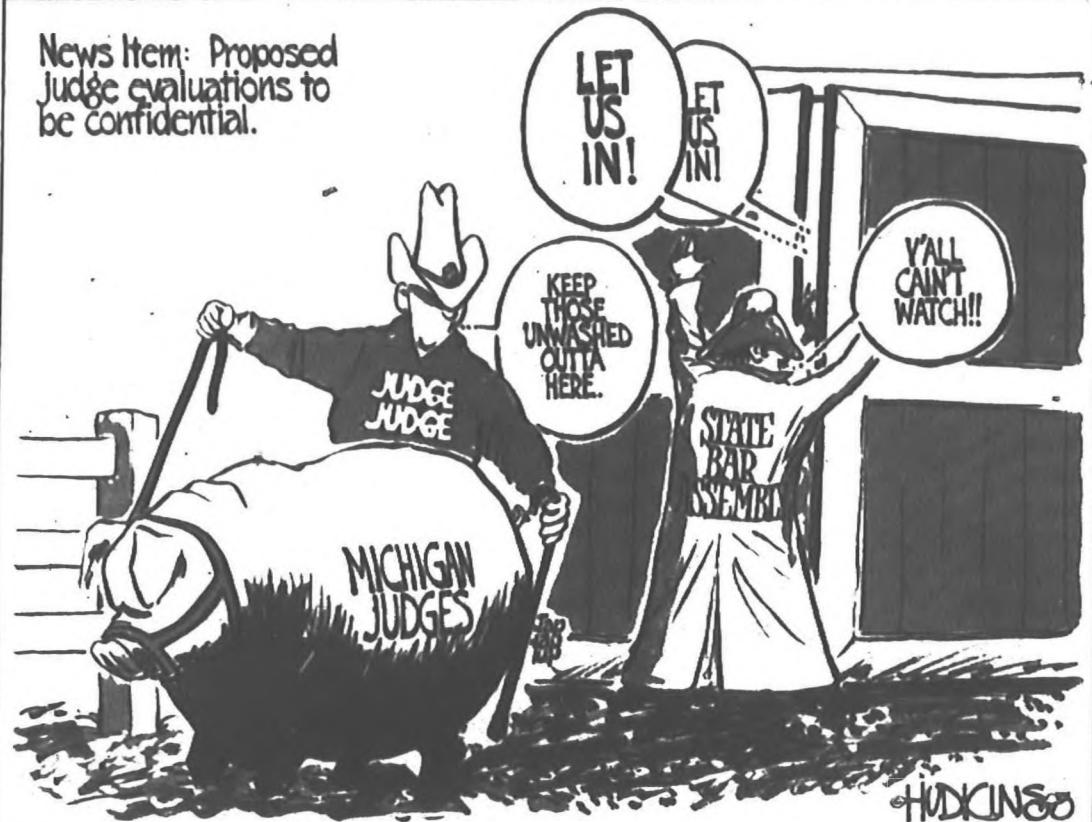
'It would be nice to see some more women's clothing stores, and new restaurants.'
Janice McCord
Plymouth



'They need a new bar, some more young restaurants.'
Bill Lowandowski
Plymouth

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News Item: Proposed judge evaluations to be confidential.



LETTERS

A thanks

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees would like to take this time to thank all the people in the community who donated food and nonperishable items.

We would also like to thank the following for all their help with either donations or letting us put boxes into their stores for food storage: Burger King, Spartan Store, Cottage Inn Pizza, Kroger Store, Olive Garden and MC Sporting Goods.

Also, a special thanks to all the Plymouth-Canton Chapter members who helped on this project. It is because of everyone's efforts we were able to help those in need.

Jennifer Stuscavage, project chairperson

Questions 'facts'

I am not an expert on welfare but my intuition does tell me that Gov. Engler is on the right track in his initiative to do "something" about the high cost of welfare.

My engineering experience puts me in agreement with Phil Power in the notion that solutions to problems must be based on facts. Of course, in this case, the so-called facts produced by the University of Michigan and the Department of Social Services study came after the fact, and thus were something that the policy decision could not have been based on.

My first point would be then, nothing ventured nothing gained. My second point asks the question: how do you know the Social Services study came after the fact, and thus were something that the policy decision could not have been based on. Perhaps it represents interviews with long-term welfare recipients who are very experienced in filling out the forms and answering the questions "right" in order to qualify for benefits.

In my opinion, honesty at all levels is a big problem in our society. I am particularly suspicious of the "fact" that the majority of former recipients are not healthy enough or capable enough to hold down a job. I base this suspicion on my own observations, just in our local area. I have come across more than a few obviously healthy people living in houses, driving cars, raising children, etc., and yet are being supported at public expense.

My judgement tells me there is something very wrong in the welfare system, even though I can't tell whether or not it's in the local, state or federal program. Its my opinion that as long as people can be paid more on welfare than they can earn on minimum wage jobs we will continue to have a problem.

Ralph Bolz, Livonia

Surviving is difficult

I want to commend Philip Power for writing that column. As I remember, the study done by the University of Michigan tracked what happened to those 80,000 general welfare recipients and how many of them died.

Someplace the "right-to-life" adherents need to recognize that they have a responsibility for the life of these persons, and it will take a search for the truth of the situation rather than just a cutting knife on a budget to deal humanely and accountably with those on government assistance.

I, like many other Americans, do not want to be taken advantage of by any of those on welfare but, at the same time, I do want to help these people find their way to survive and get a place in our society. The Republican party is just beginning to realize how difficult a task this is.

I only hope that our U.S. Representative, the Hon. Joseph K. Knollenberg, and his Republican colleagues will be knowledgeable about this study from the University of Michigan when he deals with this welfare question in Washington. Hopefully our representatives and senators in Lansing will also. Thank you for showing how easily we operate from false assumptions rather than the truth.

Rev. John K. Sefcik, Redford

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Making New Year's resolutions can be a chore

I found myself held rapt by the fascinating Community Voice of Jan. 5. It reminded me of the section "Snappy answers to stupid questions" in the old Mad magazines.

I'm sure you can't help but recall the question, "Have you broken any of your New Year's resolutions?", to which four intelligent-looking people responded that they did not make any to break.

While indicating a common thread of sanity toward the tradition of celebrating setting oneself up for disappointment, I wondered why, after years of this sort of cliche inquiry, no one barked back something a bit more provocative.

Had it to do with the wording of the question? Were those four out of four at the same table in the deli?

If more were asked, did any at least joke about eating less deli food?

Surely since asked, those folks have secretly wished or whined that they might have given pause and whipped out a more unique, personal voice, witty or considerate.

Perhaps I'm easily distracted, but that little paper cornerstone caused me to be hopeful on a daily, rather than yearly, basis, that even I might resolve, reconcile and refine my own life continually, should I choose.

There appears no end to possible self-improvement relying on the comforting old chestnut: "Where there is life there is hope."

This in mind, I ponder a few reasonable goals. Sundry physical aspects need attention, of course. I recall a comic strip where the romantic heroine resolves: "I will get in shape, and the

Expect to lose weight, but not by 5:30 p.m. Maintain a daily regimen of exercise, but not during the cocktail hour. Recognize hairdos that make me look like Shemp. Be less of a hummer, cut a narrower swath, get out of my own way, in other words move about my world with care. Someday own a pair of boots. Reconsider learning to drive. Do not festoon my bike with clothes as a silent butler until it crashes over, turning my wire basket into a trapezoid. Indulge the extreme affections of our cats, but refuse to wear them like furry turbans upon my head throughout the night. Try not to take it personally when the birds fly from the feeder at my approach, and keep the nearest window to them shut tight while roasting chicken.

As for personal issues requiring behavior modification I am inclined to put in check such drab habits as si-

multaneously rousing from sleep while bickering like an ignoramus with world news. A good cup of java is a safer jolt than anger and fear, but I find the two combined forces cause serious psychological paralysis often disguised as simple dread.

Focus on subtle things, casting off my awkward ways. Encourage and be encouraged. Tell my own that I love them every chance I get, as a matter of fact — but never matter-of-factly. The spirit of resolution is there to enjoy and employ as a natural measure of self-improvement at any time.

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GUEST COLUMNIST



DOROTHY MATSU

shape I have chosen is a triangle."

I hope to be leaner, not meaner. I will not compensate for eating less meat by eating more cheese. I will have the courage to taste what I create before it's too late.

Divided High Court leaves insured wondering

Michigan's splintered Supreme Court sent mixed signals to homeowners and their insurance carriers in cases arising in Farmington Hills and Flint. A homeowner never knows if his insurer will protect him if he shoots (at) someone.

The Farmington Hills case was Buczowski versus Allstate Insurance. The high court said Allstate has a duty to indemnify its insured, Walter McKay, for shooting at Anthony Buczowski's car and hitting the man instead.

It occurred June 23, 1984, after a drinking bout that started in Kensington Metropark. McKay passed out and was revived by friends. The incident caused an argument between him and his girlfriend.

That evening, McKay got sore because his girlfriend left her house with Buczowski. McKay got a 20-gauge shotgun from home and fired at what he thought was Buczowski's vehicle. The deer slug ricocheted and hit Buczowski, who was sitting at a picnic table in the yard. Buczowski need-

ed to have a finger amputated and a surgical fusion of his left wrist.

McKay was convicted of the criminal charges of careless use of firearms and carrying a concealed weapon. Buczowski sued him for negligence, too, and got a jury award of \$1.5 million. (He also sued Kmart, which sold McKay the ammo, but the Supreme Court ruled Kmart had no legal responsibility for McKay's acts.)

Buczowski then sued Allstate, McKay's insurer. Wayne Circuit Judge Charles Kaufman ruled summarily in favor of Allstate.

The insurance policy said Allstate won't cover an injury "which may reasonably be expected to result from the intentional or criminal acts of an insured person . . ."

Three justices — liberals Michael Cavanagh and Charles Levin and swing vote Conrad Mallett Jr. — said that "shooting a shotgun in a residential neighborhood in the middle of the night at an unoccupied car does not necessarily lead, as a matter of law, to a reasonable expectation of bodily inju-



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ry." They said the circuit court should take Buczowski's case against Allstate.

In a separate opinion, Justice James Brickley concurred in the result to provide a fourth vote to send back the case for trial.

Dissenting, the three tough-on-crime justices — Patricia Boyle, Dorothy Comstock Riley and Robert Griffin — said the insurer shouldn't have to cover McKay's action: "The insured intentionally fired a shotgun, at night, in a residential neighborhood . . . (T)he insured took this action in a highly ine-

briated condition without any attempt to ascertain the presence of persons who would be put in danger."

I've commented in the past on the Flint case. Thank goodness, the Supreme Court this time reversed a bum decision by the Court of Appeals.

It seems Michael Marzonie and Vernon Oaks, in separate cars, got into a shouting, finger-flipping, bottle-tossing altercation and high-speed chase through the streets of Flint. Oaks went home and got out his shotgun. He said Marzonie's vehicle "crept" in his direction, so he fired at the grill.

Marzonie lost his left eye and the hearing in his left ear; his neck was broken in two places.

Oaks pleaded guilty to careless discharge of a firearm, but Marzonie wanted money, too. Question: Should Oaks' homeowners insurer, Auto Club, pay?

In a pair of goofy rulings, the circuit judge and Court of Appeals said yes, finding "no actual intent to injure and no certainty of injury . . ."

Justices Riley and Boyle, joined by

swing vote Mallett, said Oaks may not have intended to injure Marzonie, but he should have expected some injury.

Thus, the insurer didn't have to cover his trigger-happy action. In a separate opinion, Griffin, Cavanagh and Brickley agreed. (Levin didn't participate.)

The lessons:

- You can't predict how our Michigan Supreme Court will rule, or how many years a ruling will take.
- It's not nice to fire a shotgun at someone, because you can do permanent harm, be convicted of a crime, and may not be covered by your homeowners' insurance.
- Our seven justices are badly splintered. No opinion was signed by more than three, a severe disfavor to lawyers and businesspeople seeking guidance. The justices need a management course in how to work as a team.

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Don't let Congress hobble fine public broadcasting

As a little boy, my son Nathan learned his ABCs in large part by watching "Sesame Street" on WTVS Channel 56, public television. Even today, he grins when he sees Big Bird. So do I.

My wife and I don't watch much TV, but we sure enjoyed the series "Upstairs, Downstairs," thanks to programming offered by the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

And I regularly start my day with "Morning Edition" and end it with "All Things Considered," remarkably fine news programs distributed by various Michigan local affiliates of National Public Radio, including WUOM (Ann Arbor), WDET (Detroit), WEMU (Ypsilanti) and WKAR (East Lansing).

All this programming now is at risk.

Beginning this Thursday, the Labor-HHS Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold hearings in Washington on de-funding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Speaker Newt Gingrich and some of his allies want to "zero out" the taxpayers' contribution to public broadcasting on the stated theory that the service is redundant because commercial radio, cable and satellite television now can serve every taste for which there is a market."

That's true. They could. But anybody who watches TV or listens to radio knows they don't.

Ceaseless in its pursuit of the lowest common denominator of the mass market, commercial TV has failed to devote either prime time or serious money to the kinds of cultural, educational (especially for children) and public-affairs programming that we see every week on public television.

Commercial radio, at least in these parts, seems about equally divided between popular music (aimed mostly at adolescents), talk shows (both sports and politics) and "rip 'n' read" news (i.e., rip the copy out of the news wire machine and read it on the air).

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting received \$280 million from Congress for this fiscal year. That money — 95 percent, by law — goes back to states and communities to help fund more than 1,000 public radio and TV stations around the country, including those in Michigan.

Public broadcasting in America is a remarkably successful public-private partnership, with less than 20 percent of the total cost paid by the feds. The rest comes from other sources, such as



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universities, donations from listeners and viewers, local businesses and so forth.

In the case of WEMU, for example, 60 percent of the budget comes from Eastern Michigan University, 24 percent from listener contributions, 9 percent from business and other sources, and 17 percent from government.

That doesn't sound like the kind of tax-dollar-sucking, bloated-bureaucratic-encumbered government monster that the Republicans rightly want to cut out of the budget. Frankly, it sounds to me much more like a political move to go after the "liberal" news media.

If the argument is about subsidies from government, I suspect Rush Limbaugh owes the taxpayers a whole lot more for the free (and profitable) use of the public airwaves than Dan Schorr or Bill Moyers does. And if the argument is cast in terms of market forces, it seems fairly clear that without government support (including tax breaks), there would be no great universities, no public libraries, no basic science, no museums.

In the case of public broadcasting, without government support for CPB, there will be no more fresh programming that understands that not everything of great value is popular, not to mention no more new shows like "Sesame Street" and a hobbled "All Things Considered." I hope you share my alarm at that prospect.

The thing to do, of course, is write your U.S. representative or senator.

And although he isn't a member of the HHS subcommittee, Michigan's own Joe Knollenberg, R-Birmingham, is a member of the full Appropriations Committee, to which any bill will be referred. His office address is 1231 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone: (202) 225-5802; fax: (202) 226-2306.

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Transplant

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more than I can do now; I can't really run," said the 4-foot, 10-inch, 60-pound Greg, sitting with his 20-year-old cat on a makeshift nest-like area of a couch. His cat purrs as if protecting Greg.

Greg's health has declined since grade school. His lungs collapsed so frequently that in 1992 doctors suggested he get a transplant.

"It was something that took a lot of thought. We had to weigh our options," Barbara said.

Unfortunately, she and her family, which also includes 26-

year-old Kristopher and 21-year-old Jamie, realized "the alternative is there is no alternative."

The ninth-grader no longer participates in physical education classes at his school, Stevenson Junior High, in Westland. While speaking, he sometimes gasps for air in between sentences and nervously plays with his gold Red Wing charm necklace. To keep himself busy, Greg collects cards of his favorite sports heroes. His roomful of binders is filled with pages of cards of players like Waterford native Pat LaFontaine

("he's underrated") and Red Wing Sergei Fedorov.

Insurance will pay for a good portion of the surgery, but without the donations, the out-of-pocket expenses would deplete the Ungers' savings. Some of those costs include an apartment to live in while awaiting the transplant. Greg and his parents will go apartment shopping in February when they take him for required tests.

Barbara said it's hard to say how long Greg will survive without a transplant.

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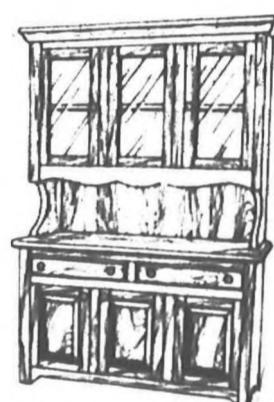
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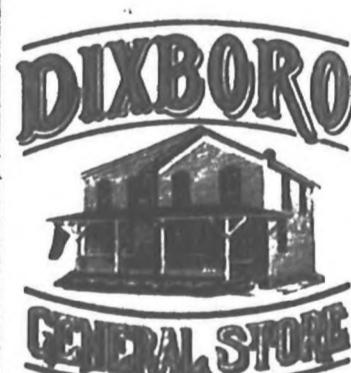


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all, entirely "objective" (no essay questions). Though most of the test takers did write a short essay anyway and their words were very flattering, I gave extra credit points for that.

So here are some exam statistics. One hundred percent of the test-takers knew about Cajase, the yucky stuff found in the refrigerator. And they all knew the frequency with which I attend rock concerts. And every last one knew about the terrible things that can happen in a restaurant setting when small children are present. And they knew Anna, my friend from Grand Rapids, who saved the day with her green tarp during a soggy camp breakfast.

Now most everyone (92 percent of the entrants) knew that "blurb" and "bluck" had something to do with the stomach flu. And most knew that I buy makeup up about as much as I go to rock concerts (once a decade). And

practically everyone knew that that nasty motel 30 miles west of Cedar Point was not, how shall I say it, not even worth a one-star rating. Come to think of it, I wouldn't even give it a one-moon rating. And I'm not talking about the moon that hangs in the sky at night.

Seventy-five percent of the contestants knew that Halloween Night '94 was the coldest and darkest and, in spite of it all, the best one in recent history in my neighborhood. Actually, in the whole township.

Exactly 50 percent of the contestants had troubles with the question about Joe's glasses. Joe, now 3, had a really tough time that late summer day when he got his very first pair of glasses. They were way too tight so he tore them off his face which is when I noticed the terrible red grooves in the sides of his head which made me feel very sorry for him which led me to take him down the candy aisle in the little store which had Gummi Maggots for sale

which Joe requested and I bought and he ate. So, yes, he indeed ate maggots that day.

Now for the results of the on-purpose, mean teacher, trick question: question number six. Sixty-seven percent of the test takers were tricked. That's a lot! That was too tricky. I threw the question out. The problem was the date of the moon landing and the beach party and my 12th birthday. It was July 20 all right, but it was 1969, not 1959. That was a dirty, low-down dirty trick, I know. I'm sorry. It won't happen again.

The winning entries came from all over Observerland. The winners were from Plymouth, Westland, Redford, Livonia and one winner sent her entry on the back of a picture postcard of the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas.

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Audition for a part in the 'Odd Couple'

Schoolcraft College is holding auditions for its winter theater production, Neil Simon's comedy, "The Odd Couple," 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-26 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads in Livonia. There are roles for six males and two females.

Auditions are open to the public, and no experience is necessary. Scripts are available in the campus library to read ahead of time. For more information, call (313) 462-4400, ext. 5270.

■ Farmington Players continues its season 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 with A.R. Gurney's "What I Did Last Summer," a funny and warm look at one boy's journey into adulthood.

The play is a story about Charlie, a 14-year-old boy, summering at the family's home on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie while his father is away fighting World War II.

An eccentric local woman agrees to give him art lessons, for which he forgoes his family responsibilities. A tug-of-war results between the woman and Charlie's mother, who tries to maintain "a family" while her husband is away.

Show times are 8 p.m. Jan. 27-29, Feb. 3-4; Feb. 9-11, and Feb. 16-18; 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5; and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the player's Barn, 3232 W. 12 Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads. Call (810) 553-2965 for tickets. Hurry, the Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 shows are sold-out. The Feb. 18 show is nearly sold-out.

■ Raven's Choice Concerts presents "Raven" 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10, call (313) 532-3299 or (313) 532-0546 (after 6 p.m.), (313) 534-2304 (after 6 p.m.), Gittfiddler Music Store, (810) 349-9420 or

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Looking ahead

Livonia Symphony Orchestra gets ready for their children's concert, which features a laser show.

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Noteworthy Concert:

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Plymouth-Canton High School Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Tickets:

- Seniors \$5
 - Adults \$6
 - Children \$3
- Call (313) 451-2112



Heavenly music:
The Detroit Metropolitan Harp Ensemble will be performing at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Chamber Concert on Jan. 28.

Lots of surprises at PSO concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual chamber music concert will feature an alphorn solo, harp ensemble, and the winner of the symphony's youth artist competition.

The concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Plymouth-Canton High School Little Theater, allows members of the orchestra the opportunity to play in smaller groups.

"They are all fine musicians, and they very often don't get to show off all their talents playing in the larger orchestra," said Christa Grix, symphony executive director.

"This is a concert the musicians themselves really look forward to," Grix said. "It's a wonderfully eclectic concert. It's very rare that we can hear so much variety on one program."

You can't get much rarer than the Alphorn, which will be played by Jeff Ash, an Ann Arbor dentist who is married to PSO flutist Deborah Ash.

"He's a Plymouth Symphony in-law," Grix joked.

The 12-foot long wooden instrument he will play was handcrafted in Switzerland by a farmer, who, according to the Ashes, worked on it over three winters.

The alphorn is a long, curved and powerful horn that was used originally by Swiss Alpine herdsmen for signaling. It's also used in orchestra scores and, the Ashes said, alphorn making a comeback in Switzerland.

The Detroit Metropolitan Harp Ensemble will also perform at the Jan. 28 concert. The 14-to-18 member group is directed by Ruth Myers, the PSO's principal harpist, and was formed in 1993. They have performed in 14 area churches and at the Renaissance Festival.

Members include Sarah Berbrich, (Canton), Cynthia and Christina Seelig, (Farmington),

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Practice makes perfect: Violinist Delia Chien of Canton, a top finisher in the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Artist Competition, practices.

Violinist: 'I finally won'

Eighteen-year-old Delia Chien of Canton, a top finisher in the Plymouth Symphony's Orchestra's young artist competition last month, will be part of the Jan. 28 Plymouth Symphony Orchestra chamber concert.

Chien, accompanied by her mother, Fumie on piano, will play Antonin Dvorak's "Violin Concerto in A Minor," the work she performed in the competition.

"I'm excited about it now, but five minutes before, I'll get a little nervous, but I'll be still excited," said the Plymouth-Canton High

School senior.

Chien and 16-year-old Peter Hennig, a German exchange student attending Plymouth-Salem High School until December, shared second place in the December competition among nine students. Both won \$200.

Hennig has since returned to his hometown, Erfurt, Germany.

Chien said she has taken part in the competition for four years. "I finally won," she said

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Folk Festival features 'Doc' Watson

BY MARK E. GALLO
SPECIAL WRITER

"Doc" Watson of Deep Gap, N.C., is as close to a guitar icon as folk music has today.

Watson headlines the 18th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Hill Auditorium. Also on hand will be Alison Krauss and Union Station, Leo Kottke, Mark O'Connor, Victoria Williams.

Tickets for this annual fund-raiser for the Ark are \$22.50, and available at the Michigan Union Ticket office, Schoolkids Records, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (313) 763-TKTS or (810) 645-8868.

Since he first recorded in 1960, Watson has been one of the most highly revered acoustic guitarists in the world, the reason for which should be readily apparent to anyone



Guitar icon: Doc Watson headlines the 18th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

with an appreciation for this kind of music after even the most cursory listen.

Historically credited with pioneering the playing of fiddle tunes on flat-picked guitar, a style which he, ironically, honed during a very brief period of playing electric guitar in the early 1960s, he is a master of a wide variety of styles — from pop standards to the music of Jimmie Rodgers, John Hurt and Bob Wills to gospel and hymns and awe-inspiring fiddle and dance tunes. He estimates that a good 30 percent of his extremely extensive repertoire, however, is made up of what is most easily described as "old-timey" music, the music of his native Appalachian Mountains. Though he's a master harmonica player, the

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Other Hot Tix:

- The Red Clay Ramblers and local sensations the Dennis Cyporn Band - Jan. 22, and blues guitar great Duke Robillard of Roomful of Blues/Fabulous Thunderbirds fame, Feb. 8 - 7th House, 7 N Saginaw, Pontiac, (810) 335-8100.

- Jazz guitarist Mark Whitfield - Feb. 2 - the Ark, 637 1/2 Main St., Ann Arbor, (313) 763-TKTS.

- Over The Rhine - Jan. 26, and the famed Nick Lowe, Feb. 8 - the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (313) 996-8555.

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Royal Oak String Shop, (810) 548-4894

The folk concert will feature music, songs, stories and poems from early times to the present, and a first reading of an original poem for a new war memorial dedication. Also appearing are Neil Woodward and Ray Brown.

Locust Manor Bed and Breakfast and Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills are offering a sweet package for a Valentine's Day escape — an evening at the 1842 Bed and Breakfast and dinner at Cafe Cortina. After dinner, you'll return to roses in your room and

awake to a gourmet breakfast. Call (810) 471-2278 for details and reservations.

Congratulations to Karen Cooney of Canton, winner of the (professional category) cake decorating contest held during the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. "Salute to the Sunday Funny," was the contest theme. Cooney's cake featured Hagar the Horrible.

Runner's up were Mary Shroyer of Westland, second place, and Alice Sutherland of Garden City, third place.

Mike Housey of Livonia was

the winner of the (advanced two or more years experience) category.

Marilyn Frederick, of Farmington Hills, known locally for her famous "Time Bomb Chili" led a panel of chili connoisseur judges, including Larry Becker of Plymouth, and yours truly, at the Winter Freeze Allen Park District Chili Cookoff on Jan. 14. Twenty-two cooks participated in the cookoff at the Allen Park Elks Lodge.

John James of Wyandotte, "Lightening Strikes Twice Chili," was the winner. Bob Hall, who

won the 1994 cookoff, placed second this year, and Ellen Hasper, placed third.

Ken Brundage of Livonia, "Fubar Chili," and Gary Ray, also of Livonia, "Old No. 7 Chili," were among the contestants.

James now qualifies for the semi-final cookoff on Sept. 30 in Reno, Nev.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Let's Go! sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, (313) 963-2106, fax (313) 591-7279.

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and Charles and Joshua Walker (Redford).

They will play "Greensleeves," an English folk melody, and Pachelbel's "Canon in D."

Also on the program is Delia Chien, who was one of two top finishers in the PSO's youth artist competition (see related story). She will play Dvorak's "Violin Concerto in A Minor" accompanied by her mother, Fumie Chien.

A string quartet — Ann Walaayay, Karen Attaway, Lynn

Route and Marybeth Derderian — will perform Felix Mendelssohn's "Fifth String Quartet, Opus Four No. 3."

A trio of piccolo, flute and alto flute, will play a Gordon Jacob composition.

Concertmaster Maria Smith will perform the "Sonata for Violin and Piano" by Cesar Franck, and a French horn trio will play Schubert's "Barclie Song" and several other compositions.

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blind 71-year-old maestro is an unsurpassed guitar virtuoso, and he has close to 40 albums, not to mention five Grammys, that testify to his prowess.

For a large portion of his audience, his real introduction came with the groundbreaking 1972 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band album.

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken," on which he nearly stole the show from the likes of the Carter Family, Roy Acuff and Earl Scruggs. That exposure to a new and enormous audience changed Watson's fortunes. Though there have been at least two "final tours," that I know of, largely due to the accidental death of his son and musi-

cal foil, Merle Watson, the adoration of his fans has proven sufficient to keep him coming back. The reality of his age, however, makes it seem more likely that each tour may, indeed, be the one after which he'll lay down that old guitar.

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Violinist

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with a laugh.

She has played violin for nine years, and studies now with Ann Arbor-based teacher Grazyna Blaszkupki.

"I used to play the piano, but I just kind of stopped piano and started to study violin more."

In addition to her Plymouth Symphony work, she plays with the Michigan Youth Orchestra and is concertmaster of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Chien stays busy outside music, as well. She is one of 16 valedictorians in her 516-member class, a National Honor Society vice president and a captain of the Science Olympiad competition.

She said she will attend college next year, probably the University

of Michigan "and probably a double major in violin performance and chemistry. I want to be either a doctor or a musician," she said.

Hennig has studied the violin since age nine. He toured Finland, Russia and Italy as a member of the German Youth Orchestra, the Deutsches Musikschulorchester.

Hennig had been living with the James family of Canton and maintained a four-point grade average at Plymouth-Salem High School. His favorite composer is Dimitri Shostakovich and he enjoys composing music in his spare time.

Hennig was concertmaster for the Plymouth Centennial Park Orchestra and was a temporary member of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Documentary presents 'Tales from Arab Detroit'

The Detroit Institute of Arts will host the premiere screening of "Tales from Arab Detroit: Abu Zayd Comes to America," a documentary film produced by the Arab Community Center and Olive Branch Productions, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, Lila Jones Theatre, on the Oakland Community College campus, Melior at Lincoln, Royal Oak. Featured will be Mozart's "Serenade No. 12 in C Minor, K. 388." The concert also includes works by Gounod, Bizet, Molter, and Reinecke. The concert will be repeated the following week on a tour that takes the ensemble to Colorado and New Mexico.

The film tells the story of two Egyptian poets who toured metro Detroit in 1993, reciting the 1,000-year-old epic of the legendary

Arab hero, Abu Zayd.

The film points a camera at the Arab community's reaction to these men and their ancient art. It also asks what it means to be Arab in America today. By capturing the complicated, often contradictory ways in which Arab-Americans balance the demands of old and new identities, "Tales from Arab Detroit" leads its views through a community which thrives on tradition and change.

Madonna film series resumes on Feb. 2

Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia will present two free films in Krege Hall on campus as part of its Humanities Film Series.

Films will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 591-5197 for information. The schedule is:

■ Thursday, Feb. 2 — "Passion Fish,"

■ Tuesday, March 14 — "Enchanted April."

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'Nunsense' production features local talent

Area residents are getting in habits and are performing in the Wayne State University Studio Theatre musical production of "Nunsense," which runs from Thurday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Jan. 29. The theater is located downstairs at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University.

"Nunsense," which has become the longest running off-Broadway show in theater history, will be performed at the Hilberry Theatre on the university campus. For

ticket information call (313) 577-2972. All proceeds from the production will benefit the Robert T. Hazzard Student Production Support Fund.

"Nunsense" originally began as a line of greeting cards in early 1981 and evolved into a musical comedy that centers on a benefit revue put on by the Little Sisters of Hoboken.

The Little Sisters need to raise fast money following what the Reverend Mother Superior, Sister

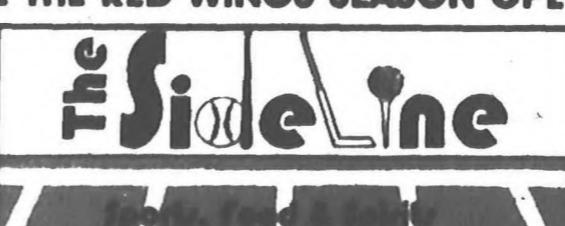
Mary Regina, who is played by Rochester Hills resident, Kim Fletcher, describes as a "small disaster back at the convent." It seems that Sister Julia, Child of God, the convent cook, accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters when she served some tainted vihysiose soup. The Reverend Mother decides to mount a musical revue talent show starring herself and four fellow sisters in order to raise cash for the burials.

Besides Fields, "Nunsense" stars Farmington Hills resident

Abha Mangrulkar as Sister Mary Amnesia, who sings like a bird, but arrived at the convent in her habit without a clue as to her identity having been struck by a fallen crucifix, and Stacy Stoltz of Garden City, a.k.a. Sister Mary Leo, who dreams of being the first nun ballerina.

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LET'S GO! DINING

Morels features the best Michigan has to offer

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER


Talk about drop-dead gorgeous! That's Morels, an urbanely sophisticated restaurant in the Bingham Office Park. Blonde hardwood floors flowing into soft, gray-rose carpeting, dark ceiling with recessed lighting, polished wood tables, and a wall of windows wrapping around a softly lit outdoor courtyard. Like I said — gorgeous.

Morels bills itself as a Michigan bistro. It's that and much more. "It's one of the nicest dining experiences in the state," said Julie Richards, director of operations. "I think we do a very good job with the food, the service, and taking care of our guests' needs. The restaurant is gorgeous. People really do fall in love with it and that helps."

What's a Michigan bistro? According to Richards, "it's a gathering place where there is conversation, wine, a coming together to enjoy what the state of Michigan has to offer. All the food we serve is either grown or produced in Michigan."

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Morels offers its diners Michigan goat cheese and Michigan Morel (mushroom) sauce.

Morels is part of the Unique Restaurant Corp., which also operates Sebastian's Grill in Troy, and Trattoria Borschetta in Novi. Many of Morels' Michigan-inspired offerings are the creation of corporate chef, Jim Barnett.

Like its sister restaurants, Morels is well-known for its sumptuous theme feasts offered six times a year. Each fall, they host a "Morel Feast" in honor of their namesake mushroom. "They're really been wonderful," said Richards of all the feasts. "People really enjoy them. You come in and have a six-course meal. You just sit and food is continually brought to you. It's not

just dining out. It becomes a whole experience."

Morels is offering a seafood feast, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at a fixed price of \$38.95, not including tax or gratuity. The same feast will be offered Jan. 25 at Trattoria Borschetta and Jan. 28 at Sebastian's.

But Morels is an experience anytime, starting with their bread basket, which is certainly a signature of any fine restaurant — multi-grain walnut rolls, spinach and chive rolls, sourdough bread slices, and silver-dollar size scones dotted with almonds and Michigan dried cherries, all homemade.

To say Morels' menu is creative is an understatement. It includes appetizers like Wild Mushroom

Strudel or Warm Goat Cheese with Traverse Cherries, Salmon and Roasted Fennel Ravioli, and main courses like Beef Brisket Sauerbraten with Herbed Spätzle and Fried Ginger. And, of course, there are nightly specials.

Waiter Chuck Johnson of Southfield has worked at Morels just over a year. A real beef-loving man, he said, "Frankly, I don't think anyone in town comes close to our tenderloin. It's just exceptional, the quality, the preparation."

Johnson served me a bowl of mushroom soup, which came crowned with a small pat of walnut butter.

Ron Zate of Birmingham said he likes Morels because "it has everything — a great restaurant



Michigan bistro: Morels is an urbanely sophisticated restaurant with a wall of windows wrapping around a softly lit outdoor courtyard.

should have — great food, great service, and great atmosphere. The staff is not only amazingly attentive, but the food is always creative. I had one of my favorites, Rock Shrimp and Penne. It's incredible."

Zate was dining with John Klekamp, a news reporter for

Channel 7. Klekamp ordered the Sauteed Breast of Turkey. "It was my idea to come here tonight," he said. "Always interesting food, whether a special or off the menu. I like the dried cherries and the pears and apples they put in my salad. People know what they're doing. They're fun people."

Restaurants celebrate Chinese New Year

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■ **Wing Hong**, 31455 W. 14 Mile Road (near Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills, (810) 851-7400. Chinese New Year celebrated 6 p.m. Wed., Feb. 1 with Lion Dance, Chinese exercise demonstration, and special menu items. Call for reservations.

The "Year of the Pig" makes its debut on Jan. 30, and several metro Detroit Chinese restaurants are planning festivities that will last several days.

Celebrations for the Chinese New Year, including special menus and entertainment, are being planned at the following restaurants.

■ **New Peking**, 29105 Ford Road, Garden City, (313) 425-2230. Twelve Course dinner 6:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 30 to Thurs., Feb. 2. Cost \$40 per person. Call for reservations.

■ **Hunan Palace**, 38259 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (810) 473-3939. Ten course dinner 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, entertainment, including Lion Dance and martial arts demonstration. Dinner only, 6 p.m. Mon., Jan. 30 to Thurs., Feb. 2. Cost \$40 per person. Call for reservations.

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LET'S GO! MOVIES



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With "To Live," Chinese director Zhang Yimou again recounts the turbulent decades that have changed his country forever. Government officials are so incensed by the film that Yimou and star Gong Li

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have been forbidden to present or talk about it in any form.

Fortunately, in its successful overseas release, "To Live" can speak for him. Currently on screen at the Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak, it's a beautifully made movie about hope and survival that ranks with "Raise the Red Lantern" as the director's best work.

The movie is broken up into decades. In the 1940s, a wealthy young Fugui gambles away his entire family estate. After calmly signing papers to settle the debt, his father wants to rip Fugui's head off and then dies from a heart attack. To make matters worse, his pregnant wife Jiazen leaves with a baby on the way.

Fugui now begs on street corners, cares for his sick mother, and vows to never shake the dice again. When his wife returns, he

goes to the man who now occupies his home and asks for a loan to open a shop. Instead, the man lends him an old box of shadow puppets.

Traveling from town to town, Fugui and his troupe bring the paper puppets to life in an elaborate entertainment incorporating Chinese opera and story-telling. During one performance, a bayonet rips through the screen and he is thrust into a war and forced to fight the invading Communists.

Captured by the Communists, Fugui now entertains the troops. A commendation from the new leadership makes it easier after wartime. No one knows that Fugui was once part of the upper class and he realizes that had he not lost the family home, he'd probably be dead.

Where earlier Yimou films were exercises in futility, "To Live" is about hope. The everyday lives of these people are completely fascinating and believable, even when the movie takes a hokey and melodramatic turn or two.

The common people embrace Communism in its early days. They band together to forge steel for the bullets and cannonballs that will someday "liberate" Taiwan. They eat heaping bowls of noodles at the communal canteen.

Then things get weird, the government gets paranoid, and good, loyal followers are branded reactionaries and forced to confess

imaginary crimes. Hospitals are now staffed by inexperienced young nurses while doctors march in shame through the streets.

Through it all, Fugui and Jiazen show themselves as survivors. You want to shake Fugui for decisions he makes that ultimately lead to doom for those around him, though you completely relate to his weakness.

Despite his problems at home, director Yimou has almost single-handedly educated the world about his native country, the last bastion of large-scale Communism. "To Live," like all of his films, takes epic material and presents it on both a political and personal level. It's impossible to walk away from it unmoved.

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SCREEN SCENE

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

DETROIT FILM THEATRE

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information.

"Minbo — Or the Gentle Art of Japanese Extortion" (Japan-1992). 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20-21, 4 p.m. Jan. 22. From Juzo Itami, the comic director of the "Taxing Woman" movies comes this funny and insightful look at contemporary Japanese life. Here a band of blackmailers meet their match in a savvy female government official. (\$5)

"Metropolitan Film Festival" 7 p.m. Jan. 25. This ambitious four-day festival kicks off with free films at the DFT. Highlights include Detroit Tom Ludwig's "Receding Shadows," about the drug rehab center Mariner's Inn, and "A Great Day in Harlem," a feature-length documentary about jazz music. The next three nights will be hosted by 1515 Broadway and the Magic Bag Theatre.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE

2218 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$4-\$8 students)

"Killing Zoe" (USA-1994). 9 p.m. Jan. 19; 11:30 p.m. Jan. 20-21. American Eric Stoltz arrives in Paris to help a buddy pull off a bank heist, but the whole thing goes way wrong. Quentin Tarantino

no served as executive producer on this debut film from Roger Avery, Tarantino's longtime buddy and collaborator on the scripts of both "True Romance" and "Pulp Fiction."

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)

"Immortal Beloved" (USA-1994). Gary Oldman stars as Ludwig Van Beethoven in this cinematic search for the woman who inspired the composer's "immortal beloved."

"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 Smalltown, USA.

"To Live" (Japan-1994). Reduced to poverty by the husband's excessive gambling, a family narrowly escapes the horrors of China's "cultural revolution." Director Zhang Yimou delivers another controversial epic in the tradition of "Raise the Red Lantern" along with another highlight performance from Gong Li.

"Red" (France/Poland-1994). Opens Friday. The last in a director Krzysztof Kieslowski's color trilogy about the chance en-

counter between a young model and a retired judge.

MAPLE THEATRE

4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Little Women" (USA-1994). Yet another screen treatment of Louisa May Alcott's 19th-century American classic about a widow and her four daughters. Susan Sarandon, Wynona Ryder, and Gabriel Byrne star. Directed by Gillian Armstrong ("My Brilliant Career").

"Neil" (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.

"Death and the Maiden" (Britain-1994). Based on Ariel Dorfman's award-winning play, the story of an anti-government activist (Sigourney Weaver) who confronts the man (Ben Kingsley) she believed tortured her years ago. Directed by Roman Polanski.

MICHIGAN THEATRE

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

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REDFORD THEATRE

17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50) "Little Women" (USA-1933). 8 p.m. Jan. 20; 8 p.m. Jan. 21 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). George Cukor's definitive film version of the Louisa May Alcott story, starring Katharine Hepburn and Joan Bennett as two of the 19th-century sisters finding maturity and romance.

STAR JOHN R

John R at 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Call (810) 585-2070 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.) "Cobb" (USA-1994). Tommy Lee Jones logs another Oscar-caliber performance as notorious baseball player Ty Cobb, known both as the game's greatest player and world's biggest jerk. Ron Shelton ("Bull Durham") directs both with a love for the game and an eye for truth and detail.

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LET'S GO! STREET SCENE

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Riding high: Mule brings its brand of music to the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor Friday, Jan. 20.

Mule: A band for musicians

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

Detroit moan rockers Mule have a love-hate relationship with Michigan. One minute the band's demure bassist Kevin Munro is enthusiastically talking about how he and singer Preston "P.W." Long would like to do a "Circle Michigan Tour," named after the roads along the state's shoreline.

"It's more of a concept; it's not exactly gonna happen," Munro said. "(But) if we could learn a bunch of country covers or something, or some rock standards then we could just go in and (say) 'This is not like what we are.' Maybe we're just not good enough to do that kind of stuff. We'd probably make more money, too."

Ten minutes later, kicking back with his bass in his room above the quaint Detroit coffeehouse Zoot's, Munro says P.W. is promising never to play Michigan again after their Blind Pig show on Friday, Jan. 20. Shows around the state just don't go well apparently. For example, at a recent Grand Rapids show, Munro's still-bruised finger was slammed in the door of a car.

"The Grand Rapids was pretty mediocre anyway — the way I played it because of my hand. The response from the audience wasn't particularly heartwarming either," he said. "Preston and I were talking after the show (that) we don't want to play Michigan ever again. He's claiming not to ever want to play here again."

"Maybe that's what we're gonna do. Michigan has a real love/hate thing."

The same idea can be applied to Mule's latest CD "If I Don't Six" on Chicago's Quarterstick Records. Like Nirvana favorites, the Melvins or the Meat Puppets, Mule has earned a reputation as more of a musicians' band than a fans' band.

"It takes a few records to catch what we're about; we've always cut our own path," said Munro, the son of a Detroit Symphony Orchestra flutist and brother of Black Mali frontman Lonn.

Either you'll love Long's drunken-like drawl over the sultry rhythm section of Munro and drummer Jake Wilson in songs like "Nowhere's Back" or you'll hate it. The perfect backdrop to a smoky, backwoods pool hall, Mule's music is something that any open-minded listener would fall hopelessly in love with. "A Hundred Years" is the essential soundtrack to a lonely night. There's even something charming about the high-pitched out-of-tune vocals in "Piano."

Mainstream music fans might like to hear facts like Mule has performed with Pearl Jam, Urge Overkill, Sonic Youth and L7 during its three-year career. "Spin" magazine named Mule's eponymous debut one of the "10 Best Albums of the Year You Didn't Hear." The U.K. music magazine, "Melody Maker," named Mule, in a tabloid-like typeface, one of "Your Stars for 1994." And, although written nowhere on Mule's latest "If I Don't Six," the album was engineered by the famed Steve Albini — barely.

"I was apprehensive, but he did a great job. He's a straight-forward guy, 'Mr. Punk Rock.'

Still it took "If I Don't Six" about six months to catch on. (It was released in early 1994.) Munro thinks the album might just keep rolling on.

"I think it's gonna be a sleeper," he said. "A lot of big-name records came out the same time ours came out. We were overshadowed by REM and (stuff) that gets too much press."

Press in Detroit has been lacking, Munro complains. For one, he said, Mule's never been on the cover of major Detroit alternative magazines.

"We have never been elected or nominated for any award whatsoever, none. Here we are selling thousands of records which is substantially better than some other bands in Detroit."

Munro is willing to wait it out.

"We're pretty patient. I'm not being egotistical, we have our faults, but I think it just rocks."

Mule performs Friday, Jan. 20, at the Blind Pig, 208-210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 969-0885.

Daddy Stitch: Doing it 'good'

A lot of musical elements came together for Daddy Stitch in 1994, except one: how to describe their sound. The group has a manager and a financial backer, both based in Toronto, but nary one catchy name for their music.

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

The Grzyb residence in Shelby Township is an average house in the suburbs.

In one room, some adults are playing with a baby. Upstairs, someone's sister is on the telephone. The only strange element is the muted roar of dense but melodic hard rock coming from the basement, drowning out the usual household noises and making normal conversation impossible.

It may be a Wednesday night in the suburbs, but Daddy Stitch has to practice somewhere.

Because it's now January and too cold for the garage, the band has made its seasonal move to drummer Shawn Grzyb's basement. The five members are blasting through both new and old songs tonight.

"Let's do 'Hotel States,'" someone suggests above the hum of amplifiers.

"I don't have my harmonica here," protests singer Mike Apostolou, but he caves in quickly. "Aw, let's do it anyway."

Tonight there is no crowd to perform to, so they play in a loose circle, facing each other. Guitarist Jarrod Wolny begins strumming some heavily distorted chords, and Daddy Stitch then proceeds to transform your average laundry-strewn basement with a weight bench in the corner into the most intimate of venues, blasting through the incredible epic song that opens their newest six-song demo, "Hotel States."

Well-formed band

For a band that's been together a relatively short time (three years), Daddy Stitch is remarkably well-formed. Apostolou sums it up:

"We're a band that's been kicking it in Detroit for a couple years and are starting to do pretty good."

But Daddy Stitch is way past "pretty good." The year 1994 was an incredible year for the band, resulting in major label interest and a greater number of live dates.

"We played about 30 to 35 shows last year," bassist Dave Bingham said. "We're music junkies."

"You don't want to overdo it and play out too much," Apostolou added. "All your crowd isn't going to come to a whole bunch of shows."

While "a lot of our gigs are parties," Daddy Stitch likes playing college towns. According to the band, college crowds, notorious for responding only to cover bands, are usually converted to Daddy Stitch



Practice, practice: Daddy Stitch — guitarist Nick Fiori, bassist Dave Bingham, guitarist Jarrod Wolny, singer Mike Apostolou and drummer Shawn Grzyb — use the basement Grzyb's parents' home for rehearsals.

fans by night's end.

"We played some parties in East Lansing and the response was great," Bingham recalled. "We'd have the whole house just slammin'."

"We kind of have an ability where we can go places, play our stuff and be sincere, and people love it," Apostolou said. "We usually make pretty good money, too."

Even with new songs to finish and record labels to deal with, the band's major concern is to keep playing live.

"We're going to keep doing what we do," Apostolou said, "and let management in Toronto, who we've had for about a year now, take care of the shopping (demos to record companies)."

Powerful demo

And Daddy Stitch's demo is an indescribable yet powerful one. The six songs range from heavy Matthew Sweet-type rock ("Hotel States") to delicate acoustic songs ("Mary and Clay").

"'Hotel States' is our favorite recording, at least production-wise," Wolny said.

"Not that we're not good in the studio," Bingham added, "but it's a true representation of our live

sound. Some of the other songs are a little too polished."

Of course, time in the recording studio is expensive. Funding for the demos came from both management and earnings from gigs, plus the band was lucky enough to find an outside source of financial backing.

"Management found us an investor who's also a fan of the band," Apostolou said. "He comes to the studio when we're there, actually digs the music, and has really shelled out a lot of money to help us. He's a really cool guy."

"He's the owner of some big electronics corporation in Toronto," Bingham offered.

"Yeah, whenever we go out there he gives us free batteries and stuff," Wolny added.

Although many elements seemed to come together in 1994, one problem remains: defining the Daddy Stitch sound. It's a mixture of genres, several of which the band ran through in rehearsing various songs.

Bolstered by Grzyb's solid, unexaggerated drumming and other guitarist Nick Fiori's raw solos, the heavy sway of "Hotel States" gives way to the pounding "Incision," and when Apostolou and Wolny switch singer/guitarist roles, the result is not self-indulgent but the confident

punk of the as-yet unrecorded "Place."

Working on a brand-new song, Apostolou warns, "These lyrics aren't finished," but the new number sounds just as complete and powerful as any other Daddy Stitch original. But how to describe it?

"What was that one quote?"

Bingham asked his bandmates.

"Chainsaw buzz or something?"

"Chainsaw psychedelic," someone wonders aloud.

"At the Earthfest someone said we were fender-bending rock," Apostolou said as the rest of the band exploded in laughter.

At this point, the band isn't looking for, and doesn't need, any labels to bog them down. Watching everyone's eyes close as they intently begin rehearsing another number, it becomes clear that the members of Daddy Stitch aren't particularly worried about defining their brand of music. And they certainly don't have any problems making it rock.

Daddy Stitch plays Thursday, Jan. 19, at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak, with Son of Rococo and Goiter, (810) 589-3344; and Friday, Jan. 20, at Point Billiards, 18000 E. Warren (between Mack Avenue and Cadieux Road), Detroit, (313) 886-7073.

Local bands tune up for 3 benefit concerts



Giving shelter: Royal Oak rock band Motor Dolls — Monic "TNT" Reynolds (from left), Paula Messner and Dana Forrester — are playing a benefit for My Sister's Place Saturday, Jan. 21.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

After raising more than \$3,000 for a Detroit women's shelter, the Motor Dolls are set to drive into St. Andrew's Hall Saturday, Jan. 21, to hopefully top last year's success of the "Gimme Shelter" benefit.

The Women's Justice Center and My Sister's Place shelter are particularly needy this year after a fire severely damaged the residence on Dec. 10.

"There's only three shelters in Wayne County," said Paula Messner, Motor Dolls' lead singer. "They need more . . . losing one was bad enough."

This year, the Motor Dolls will be joined by all-girl bands Beggar's Opera, Day 28, Whiptail and MaX, along with acoustic artist Mary McGuire. The second annual benefit will be hosted by 89X DJ Kelly Brown and Christina.

Tickets are \$5 and showtime is at 9 p.m. St. Andrew's Hall is at 431 E. Congress in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

The "Gimme Shelter" show is one of three major benefits happening within the next two weeks. Tonight (Jan. 19), and also at St. Andrew's Hall, 15 bands and performers are playing to raise money for the Motor City Music Awards and Rock Artists Against Drunken Driving. Among those showcasing their music are the Skilletton Crew, the Tearjerkers, Chris Moore of Crossed

Wire, Discipline, and Body and Soul, a re-tread version of the funk band Brotherhood Recipe. Showtime for that is 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Charm Farm, HAL, Brave New World, Dorothy, Bukimi 3 and R-World will gather at Industry, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, to raise money for 14-year-old Gregory Unger of Canton who needs \$100,000 for a double lung transplant.

The "Breath for Life Charity Benefit Concert," sponsored by the Children's Organ Transplant Association, Inc., begins at 9 p.m. and there's a \$6 cover charge.

Unger is the cousin of Brave New World keyboardist/songwriter Brian Unger.

For more information about that event, call (810) 334-1999.

Have a listen

To hear new music by Mule (message 1), Motor Dolls (message 2), Charm Farm (message 3), Immigrant Suna (message 4), Daddy Stitch (message 5) and The Exceptions (message 6), you can call the Street Scene Music Line by calling (313) 963-2095 on a touch-tone phone. Fast-forward to the corresponding message by pressing 33. To repeat a message, press 4.

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Thursday, Jan. 19

FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor (jazz) (313) 761-1451

KENNY MEAL
Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor (blues) (313) 996-8555

CRASH TEST DUMMIES
With Bass Is Base at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (alternapop) (313) 961-5451

FRED HIRSCH TRIO
The 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac (jazz pianist) (810) 335-8100

GUTTED
With Universal Stomp, Mad Dog and Subsidence at The Ritz, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. (hard alternative rock) (810) 778-6404

MOTOR CITY MUSIC AWARDS BENEFIT
With Tate's Basement, Skeleton Crew, Discipline, Cymonic Drive and No Mercy in the main ballroom; Body and Soul, Sullivan, Virko Smith, 3/4 Step, and Alan Day in the Shelter, and Tearjerkers, Adam Druckman, Chris Moore, Priscilla Ederle, and Alex Lumelsky in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

BOVCE
Clarion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (R&B) (313) 665-4444

Friday, Jan. 20

RFB BOYS
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor (bluesgrass) (313) 761-1451

SLUG BUG
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
Pegasus, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (jazz) (313) 875-7400

THE HAVE NOTS
With The Happy Accidents at Scalici's, 6650 Allen Road (one block west of Southfield Road), Allen Park. (alternapop) (313) 382-5844

THE PLANTS
With Pets or Meat at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (rock) (810) 334-9292

MARY MCGRUE
Brendan's Pub, 33210 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. (acoustic) (810) 855-6220

HOWLING DIABLOS
Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (blues) (810) 334-7411

JAMES WALNUT
Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (blues) (313) 581-3650

STEVE MARINELLA
Sports, 166 Maple, Wyandotte (blues) (313) 285-5060

MIKE HARRIS AND THE SNAKES
Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. (blues) (810) 852-6433

CLIFF EBURNE
The 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac (singer/songwriter) (810) 335-8100

WILD ORCHID
Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham ("Texas rock'n blues") (810) 642-9400

LARRY JON WILSON
La Casa Music Series at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward Ave. (at Lone Pine), Birmingham. (acoustic) (810) 646-4950

FOREHEAD STEW
Impound, 17320 Harper, Detroit. (rock) (313) 343-9881

RED TREE
With Mickey Strange and the Kings of Pain, and Sally Growler at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. (experimental) (313) 875-6555

VUDU HIPPIES
Theo's, 705 Cross S.W., Ypsilanti. (alter-napop) (313) 485-6720

ROYCE
Clanion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (R&B) (313) 665-4444

ENEMY HIT SQUAD
With Chronic Boom at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-2355

TYRONE'S POWER WHEEL
With Tension Splash, Baked Potato and the D.T.'s at The Ritz, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. (alternative rock) (810) 778-6404

Saturday, Jan. 21

MUSTARD'S RETREAT
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor (folk) (313) 761-1451

BAABA MAAL
The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (reggae) (313) 963-7680

BROTHERS FROM ANOTHER PLANET
Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross, Ypsilanti. ("ghetto metal") (313) 485-5050

THE WILD SHEEP RIDERS
Heidelberg, 215 N. Main St., Ann Arbor (country) (313) 663-7758

BLUES ACTION COUNCIL
Q Club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac (blues) (810) 334-7411

WOOL
With Forehead Stew and Guzzard at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Originally scheduled at Club Hell in Detroit. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

MOTOR DOLLS
With Beggar's Opera, Whiptail, Day 28, Msx and Mary McGuire play a benefit for My Sister's Place at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Originally scheduled at Club of Earth night. (rock/industrial) (810) 778-6404

Sunday, Jan. 22

RICHARD SHINDELL
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor (folk) (313) 761-1451



Ave., Birmingham. ("Texas rock 'n' blues") (810) 643-9400

IMMIGRANT SUNS
With Mensur Hatch at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. (ethnic) (313) 878-6888

ROYCE
Clanion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, (R&B) (313) 665-4444

CITIZEN KING
Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (ska) (810) 334-1999

Monday, Jan. 23

BOYZ II MEN
With Babyface and Brandy at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1-75 and Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. (well-dressed R&B) (810) 377-0100

Tuesday, Jan. 24

PETER HIMMELMAN BAND
With Spank at Magic Bag Theatre Cafe,

WHIRLINGROAD
Gotham City Cafe, 22848 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (folk-oriented pop) (810) 544-3030

MARTYN WYNDHAM-READ
The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor (folk) (313) 761-1451

SALT CHUNK MARY
With Epicuriens at Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. (rock) (313) 996-8555

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3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (video) (810) 589-3344

MARY MCGRUE
Mr. B's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (acoustic) (810) 349-7038

TUESDAY, Jan. 25

CHARM FARM
Along with HAL, Brave New World, R-World, Dorothy, and Bukiini 3 plays a benefit fundraiser for Greg Unger of Canton who needs a double-lung transplant, at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (alternapop/industrial/techno) (810) 334-1999

THROAT SINGERS OF TUVA
(Huun-Huur Tu) at The Ark, 637½ S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (313) 761-1800

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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Ski fans will enjoy world-class event in Iron Mountain

BY CAROLE STRONG
SPECIAL WRITER



Every winter for the past 55 years, the little town of Iron Mountain, unpretentiously tucked into the south central part of the Upper Peninsula, plays host to a world-class ski jump event.

This year's contest is set for Feb. 18-19. And it bears a new title, the Pine Mountain Intercontinental Ski Jump Competition, reflecting the global diversity of the contenders' home countries.

"We'll have our most impressive competition roster yet,"

boasts Jeff Polklinhorn, event chairman and president of the local Kiwanis Club, longtime sponsor along with Champion International, Pepsi Bottling Co. and Budweiser. Over 50 international, A-class jumpers from 15 or more countries in Europe and Asia, plus the U.S. and Canada, will compete — all the major countries you would expect to see at a Winter Olympics!

For Midwest ski fans, attending is a two-in-one opportunity. Not only do you get to experience the thrills of ski jumping "up close and personal," but you can plan some add-on time for downhill skiing at the excellent facilities that share space at Pine Moun-

tain with the 90-meter competition jump and a 70-meter practice jump.

The ski jump meet is actually two separate events. The Intercontinental Cup takes place on Saturday, the Kiwanis Invitation on Sunday, both starting at noon and with the same contenders. (If weather conditions dictate a Saturday cancellation, the Intercontinental Cup will be held Sunday.) For the fans, this is a drive-in event with a party atmosphere prevailing. You arrive at the hill by car and are directed to a parking lane carved out of the snow, set up for viewing. Arrive early for the best spots. Admission is through purchase of a souvenir booster button, good for

both days: \$15, adults; \$13, students under 17; children under 6, free.

Grooming the 300-foot long slide and the hill landing site is a special undertaking, done two weeks ahead. Normally Pine Mountain seldom lacks for snow (the real kind).

Watching from your car does have its advantages. You can keep warm, have a tailgate lunch, and follow the event on your car radio. Local WMIQ-AM at 1450 tells all, keeping tabs on each jumper and his results: length of jump and style points. If you approve, you "cheer" by honking your horn.

It's fun to stretch your legs and

catch a close view of the jumpers. You know these guys have stamina. After each jump, they fly some 300 plus feet at about 70 miles per hour before landing. Then they must climb, shouldering their skis, to the top of the 10-story high ski scaffold for their next run.

For a warm-up, visit a concession selling pastries, popular here since Iron Mountain's iron mining days when miners lunched on the famous meat and potato turnovers. It's only a short walk to the Alpine-styled Pine Mountain Lodge (including condos and full resort amenities) and the downhill skiing area featuring 15 runs and three chair-lifts, also

groomed cross-country trails.

Additional in-town accommodations include a Best Western, Comfort Inn and Super 8 motels. For restaurants, there are several at the lodge complex; also Romagnoli's (hearty Italian), just north of town; and The Stables (mixed menu) in town; plus several take-out pastry locations. For more information and event pre-sales (\$3 admission savings), contact the Tourism Association of Dickinson County, 1-800-236-2447.

From Detroit, plan on an approximate 10-hour drive; or fly via United/United Express, 1-800-241-6522, several flights daily, with Hertz car rentals available at Iron Mountain's Ford Airport.

Great Escapes

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Skis trips

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Cross country ski trips, Traverse City Weekend, Feb. 3-5. Trip cost \$154. Call (810) 478-6379. Tawas weekend, Feb. 10-12, cost \$165. Call (810) 263-5241 or (810) 666-2394. Grayling Ski weekend, Feb. 17-19. Cost \$115. Call (810) 335-7351 or (810) 334-1394. Cross country ski hot line lists day ski trips in

metro Detroit that are organized on short notice if snow is available. (810) 435-7250

Travel films

WORLD TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE SERIES
Raphael Green presents "Russia — Murmansk to Mt. Ararat" 7:30 p.m. Fri. Jan. 20, City Council Chambers, Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road. Admission \$4, includes refreshments. (810) 354-4717

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RIVER PLACE
Guests can bring along their pets. Canine friends will receive a gigantic pillow, dinner prepared by the chef, rawhide for chewing, and a milk bone. Feline friends are greeted with a fancy feast, and scratching posts are made available. Guests are required to keep the pet in a cage while not in the room. River Place

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Morocco," March 7-21, a tour of no more than 25 people. The \$3,950 per person (double occupancy) includes round-trip air fare, all accommodations and most meals. (810) 642-5512

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Elliott Travel is offering a "Play Now — Pay Later" plan for travel. Customers can be approved on the spot at any of Elliott Travel's seven locations for financing their travel plans.

The program is financed by Wyandotte based Charter National Bank at an interest rate of 12.7 percent. Consumers can finance all or part of their trip. For example, a customer financing a \$2,000 trip may choose to pay for part of the trip, finance a portion or finance more than the actual trip to allow for spending money at the destination.

"We looked at how the American public shops and found that

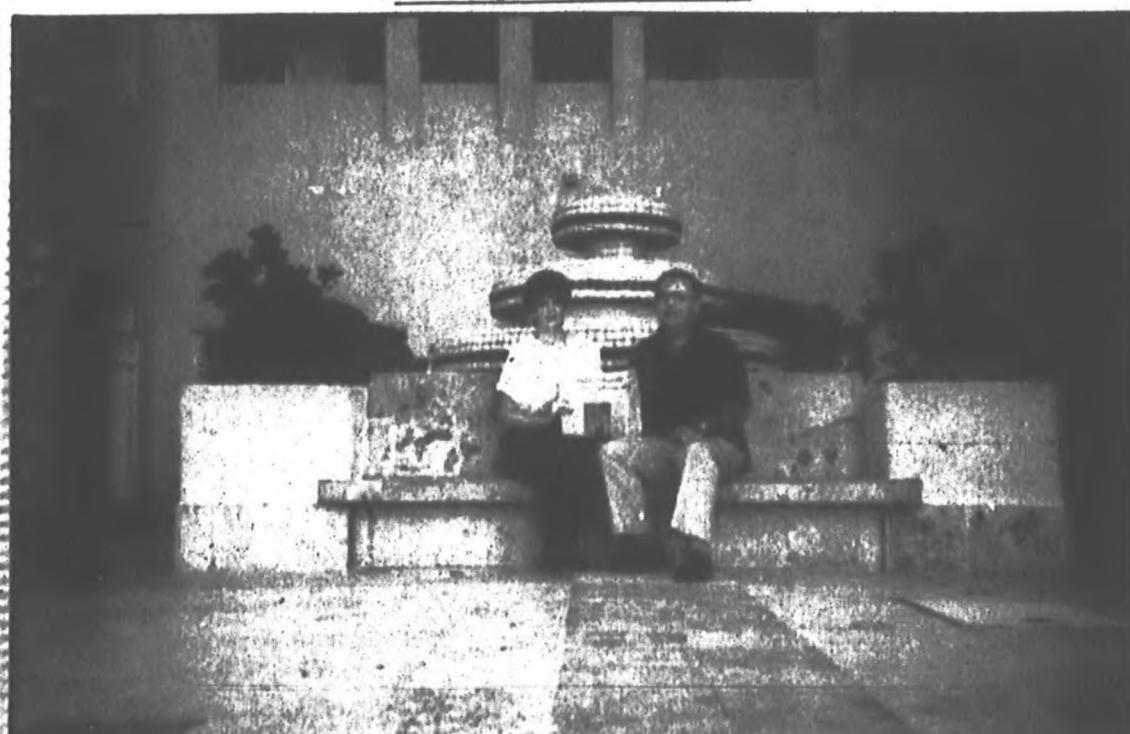
the traditional travel agency is a retail dinosaur," said Jill Marini, vice president. "The consumer who either will not or cannot write a check for \$3,000 on the spot may be more than willing to pay \$60 a month. It's how Americans shop. We decided that if we could find a way to make paying easier, we could open up the market to many people who thought they could not afford that dream vacation. We found that consumers with other credit cards did not always want to use up their existing credit nor did they want to pay the high interest rates associated with these other cards."

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proximately 10 to 20 minutes at any of the Elliott Travel locations including Greenfield Plaza, Westland Center, Southfield Center, Fairlane Town Center, 12 Oaks Mall, Oakland Mall and Briarwood mall. Telescopa Travel LTD, the parent corporation, is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

"The possibilities are limitless," said Marini. "Las Vegas for \$40 a month, Cancun for \$60 a month, a week cruise for \$120 a month. We feel this program will open travel opportunities to a wide range of people who felt travel was not in their budget."

Wish you were here



In Cancun: Wade and Judy Rotthoff of Canton celebrated 25 years of marriage with a trip to Cancun, Mexico in October. The weather was hot and sunny, the people were friendly and the scenery was wonderful, Judy said. Cancun is a great vacation spot, she said.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

LOCAL EVENTS

AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold auditions 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon 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. Information, 455-4080.

GED TESTING

GED testing will be offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 24-25. The test will be held at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. Registration fee is \$25. Please register in advance. Information, 416-4900.

SKATING LESSONS

Registration for Winter II group lessons will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Fee for the city of Plymouth residents is \$30, and \$40 for non-city of Plymouth residents. Each lesson is 25 minutes in length, once a week for eight consecutive weeks. Lessons will begin the week of Jan. 30. Information, 455-6623.

VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is in need of volunteers for the following areas: clerical, 16th annual run, program assistant, and babysitting. To volunteer, call 453-2904.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A 4-on-4 beach volleyball tournament will be held for players ages 14 and up. Separate divisions will be held in junior varsity, high school varsity, and adult, A, B and C leagues. Depending on number of teams, the format will either be double elimination or round robin with a separate championship in each group. Coed, men's and women's divisions available based on number of participants. Maximum number of players per team is six. Sign-up ends 2 p.m. June 30. Information or to register, 453-2904.

SPRING SOCCER

Registration for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring soccer season will end Jan. 31. Boys and girls ages 5-18 are eligible to participate. The cost is \$40 and you must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and Social Security number when registering. You may register at the Recreation Department inside the Plymouth Cultural Center. 455-6623.

SQUARE DANCE

A Pre-Super Bowl Square

Dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. Thomas A' Becket Family Life Center, 555 Lilley in Canton. Food will be served at 7:15 p.m., with dancing from 8-11 p.m. Salad, pizza, beer, wine and pop will be provided for \$12.50 per person. For tickets, call Harry Doyle, 981-1004, or Chico Rodriguez, 459-6026.

BALLET PERFORMANCE

Canton residents Jillian Mitchell and Kirk Tooley will perform when the Children's Ballet Theatre presents its Winter Dance Festival at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Edsel Ford High School auditorium, 20601 Rotunda in Dearborn. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. They can be purchased at the door. Children's Ballet Theatre offers gifted youngsters ages 9-16 a showcase for their talents. The children's company, under the direction of Karen Milligan, will perform "Peter and the Wolf," "Hansel and Gretel," and more. Information, 981-0709.

BREAST CLINIC

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will hold a breast and skin clinic 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Marian Women's Center by appointment only. A physician will perform a complete breast examination, provide instructions on how to perform a breast self-examination, and perform a skin cancer check. If indicated, a mammogram will be done. Cost for the breast exam is \$20. Cost of mammography is usually covered by insurance. Registration required, 591-3314.

ART EXHIBIT

Madonna University will host Origami III, an art exhibit featuring Japanese multi-folded paper designs, in its Library Wing Exhibit Gallery, through Tuesday, Jan. 31. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The showing is open to the public and free of charge. Information, 591-5187.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. John Neumann Catholic Church will hold a blood drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at 44800 Warren, in the assembly room, Canton. For appointments, call 455-5910.

BLOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will hold a blood drive 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at 701 Church St., in Fellowship Hall, Plymouth.

For appointments, call 453-0677.

SOCIAL REGISTRATION

Registration for spring soccer will be at the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department through Jan. 31. This is open to boys



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Student station: WSDP, 88.1-FM radio, will broadcast the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem boys basketball games. This year's broadcasters are John Tims, Kevin Carlson and John Kreger. The next game is Tuesday, Jan. 24, with Plymouth Salem playing Livonia Churchill.

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.

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, 416-2390 or 459-1358.

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 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.

ANTIQUES SHOW

The Plymouth Winter Antique show features more than 35 antique dealers and generally provides one-third of the Plymouth Symphony's annual budget. It will take place at the

historic Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River in Farmington Hills, with a \$3 admission fee. A special preview party is set for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.

The \$20 per person admission for the preview party includes light refreshments. Tickets for both events will be available at the door. Information, 416-2390 or 459-1358.

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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.

CERTIFIED SITTER PROGRAM

Oakwood Community Health is sponsoring a program to help 11- to 15-year-olds develop the skills to become knowledgeable, safe and responsible babysitters. Participants learn infant and child CPR and choking intervention, information on children's activities, basic first aid, bathing and feeding. Cost: \$30. Program meets 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, at Oakwood Adult and Child

Day Care Center; 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 24, 31 and Feb. 7, at Oakwood Health Care Center in Canton. To register, call 593-4660.

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.

PARENT 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.

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.

AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announces auditions for the spring production, "T.H.E. Club (Try Helping the Environment)," by Annette Cantrell Epstein, produced by Sandra Richards, directed by Jennifer Tobin, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Sheldon at Junction. Open to actors of all ages, 5 and up. Performances in March. Participation fee, \$50. For more information, call the director, Jennifer Tobin, 453-5212.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Local artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D and M Studio will be exhibiting her award-winning oil painting, "Forgotten Friends," at the Plymouth Historical Museum's special exhibit 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.

CLUBS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Suburban Republican Women invite you to hear Patrick Anderson, Wayne County Republican chairman who is to become chief of staff for Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller, speak on "Rules for Conventions" at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. The cost is \$10. For

CAMPUS NOTES

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

DEBORAH SCIGLIJ of Canton, a marketing major, received the 1993-94 Highest Achievement Award at Madonna University School of Business Honors Convocation. The award is given annually to the student from each major who attains the highest grade point average.

JESSI PILKINGTON, of Plymouth, was selected into the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha,

the national medical honor society. The honor society requires that candidates display integrity, capacity for leadership, compassion, fairness in dealing with colleagues and academic excellence. Pilkington plans to complete his training in a general surgery program.

MELISSA MCLELLAN of Plymouth, an English student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, received an honorable mention for the college's Harvard/Malinowski writing committee scholarship. Mclellan wrote "War to Peace: Similarity of Traumatic Experience, Memory, and Trauma Theory: An Analysis of Post-Vietnam War." In addition to her two main publications, she had to have a 3.5 grade point

average, and be referred by an English faculty member to be considered for the scholarship.

MATTHEW D. TUDOR of Canton, son of Mrs. Carol Tudor, graduated from Wittenberg University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.

OWEN CROSSBY AND JENNIFER STEINMULLER of Canton, and Kathleen Bortell and Rachael Cavasian of Plymouth, all sophomores, were initiated into Western Michigan University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta in October. To be eligible for the national honor society, inductees must be full-time students working toward a baccalaureate degree.

They must have had a grade point average of 3.5 or better during their freshman year.

CAROL KOWALSKI of Canton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kowalski, was awarded a scholarship for the 1993-94 academic year at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Kowalski is the recipient of the Iver and Myrtle Olson Scholarship.

RAYMOND W. ENGLISH of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter of the academic year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. English was among 496 undergraduate students who earned at least a 3.3 grade point average.

SPORTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1995

PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Eagles soar

Plymouth Christian Academy withstood a second-quarter reversal of fortunes to defeat Dearborn Fairlane Christian 78-68 Tuesday in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball game at Fairlane.

PCA led 25-6 after one quarter, then got out-scored 24-8 in the second as Fairlane closed to within 33-30 at the half. The Eagles increased their lead to five (49-44) after three periods before pulling away in the fourth.

Five players reached double figures in scoring for PCA: Chris McCoy (16), Ryan Thomason (14), Mike Roose (12, and 15 rebounds), Brian Fair (11) and Jamie Neil (10). The Eagles did not shoot well from the field or free throw line, making 21-of-67 from the floor (31 percent) and 32-of-47 from the line (68 percent).

But they did win, improving their record to 6-2 overall, 4-0 in the MIAC. Fairlane is 1-8 overall, 0-2 in the MIAC.

College standouts

Madonna University freshman Dawn Pelc (Dearborn Divine Child) was named NAIA Great Lakes Section Player of the Week.

In two games, the 5-foot-8 freshman forward hit 19-of-35 shots from the floor (54.3 percent), 4-of-10 from three-point range, while grabbing seven rebounds. She also had three assists and three steals.

Her 36 points against University of Michigan-Dearborn last Thursday set a Madonna single-game scoring record.

Pelc was a member of Divine Child's 1993 state Class B championship team.

Brian Paluk, a sophomore forward from Plymouth (Redford Catholic Central), recorded his third double-double of the season when he totaled 12 points and 10 rebounds in Saginaw Valley State's 94-77 basketball win at Northwood University Jan. 12. Paluk is fifth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in rebounding, averaging 8.4 per game for the 2-3 (8-5 overall) Cardinals.

Anyone wishing to submit items for the Sports Scene should send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or FAX them to (313) 591-7279.

Breaking on top *Salem spikes Churchill to open WLAA season*

■ Opening the league season against the conference's other top contender — on the road — is less than an ideal situation. But Plymouth Salem handled it well Monday, beating Livonia Churchill in straight sets.

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER



Two teams, each coming off strong performances from a year ago with mostly the same lineup, each having set lofty goals for this season, met Monday in the first real test of the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball season.

Staking their claim to role of frontrunner was Plymouth Salem, with a display of level-headed concentration that made their coaches proud. The Rocks routed defending WLAA champion Livonia Churchill in three-straight games, beating them 15-9, 15-3, 16-14 at Churchill.

It was a solid job, if not an overwhelming show of strength, for Salem. The second game was probably the Rocks' best; the Chargers led 8-2 before Salem broke away, scoring the final 13 points of the set.

But it was the third game that had to make coaches Brian Gilles and Allie Suffey smile. Salem was hardly at the top of its game, falling behind 6-0 and trailing most of the way. Indeed, Churchill had a 14-11 lead and seven times served for what could have been the game-winning point.

Each time the Rocks fought off the attack, surviving until they could get something going themselves — not an easy task against a team as accomplished as Churchill. But they did, scoring the final three points on Kelly Johnston's serve, the last two an ace and a Charger misplay.

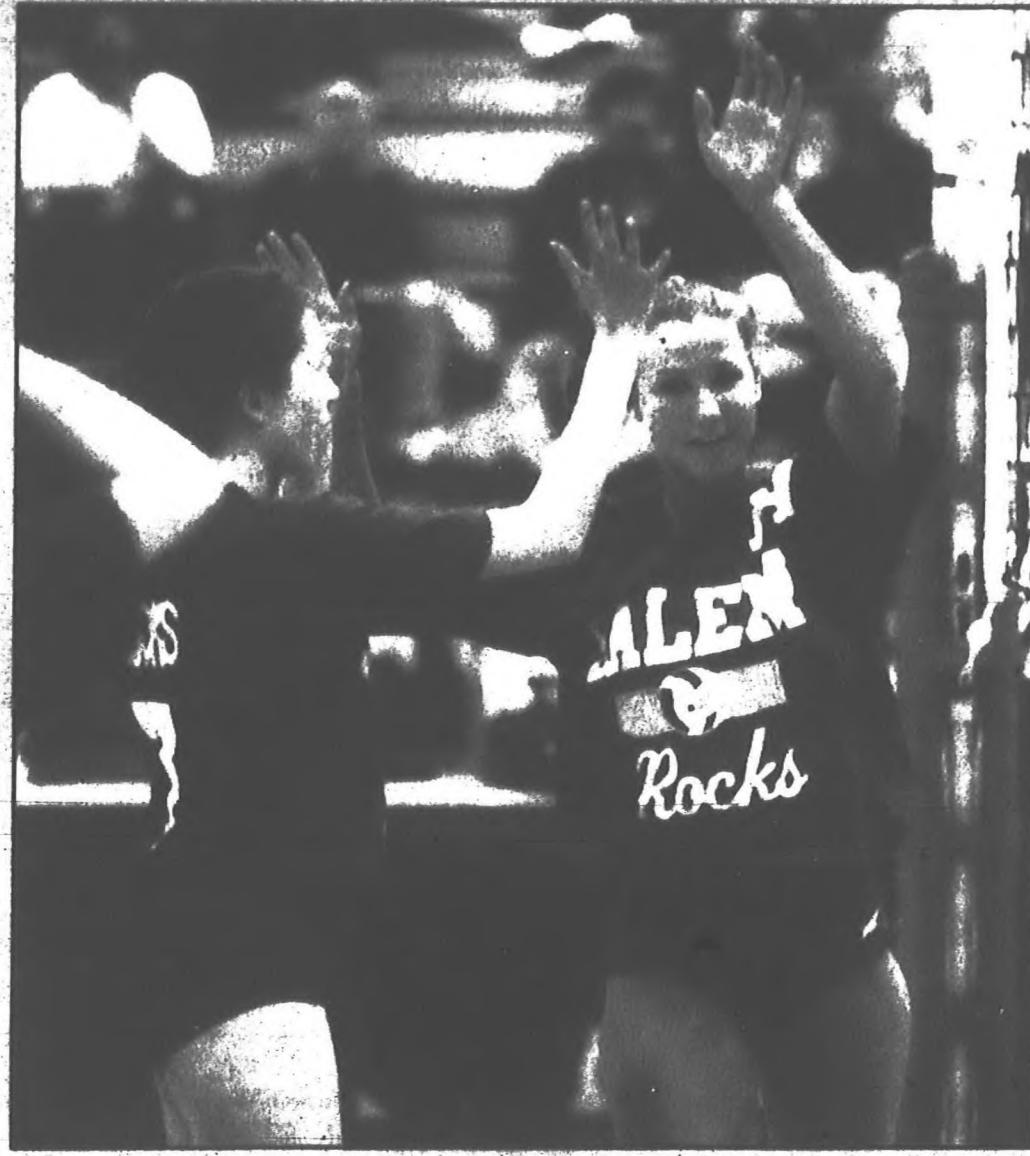
The win gave Salem an 11-5-1 overall record. Churchill is 14-2 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA.

"That's the one thing we thought has gradually come along," said Salem's Suffey of his team's perseverance. "And that's what we want. We don't want to plateau in March."

"I see a lot of maturity on this team."

Which is something he and Gilles have been trying to foster and refine — an ability to focus on what's at play.

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BILL BRESSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Net tough: Salem's Paula Dombrowski (right) receives congratulations from teammate Karissa Socia after a block against Churchill. The Rocks' net play was pivotal in the win.

Young Rocks look tough

WRESTLING

did what you wanted them to do. And some of them, like (Eric) Coburn, beat people they lost to earlier. That's the kind of thing you like to see happen, people coming back and beating people who beat them earlier."

Salem's best finisher was Clayton Walker at 185 pounds. The junior won his first three matches to advance to the final, where he lost to Brian Fingerot of Berkley 17-6 to finish second.

The Rocks had four wrestlers place third and another tie for third. At 100, sophomore Sean Hughes posted a 4-1 record, but because he had wrestled the maximum number of matches allowed (five), he could not wrestle for third. Instead, it was ruled a tie.

Coburn, at 112, won his first match but lost to New Lothrop's Torey Birchmeier in his second by a 2-0 margin. A sophomore, Coburn battled back with two wins to reach the consolation finals — against Birchmeier. This time, Coburn came out a winner by a 7-4 score, earning third.

"We did pretty well, actually," said Salem coach Ron Kreuger. "We had eight kids who placed fourth or better, and there were some pretty good wrestling schools there."

"It was the kind of tournament where all of a sudden, everybody

Scott Hughes, a senior, won four of five matches at 126 to place third, including a victory over Pat Hasselbach in the consolation final. And Phil Mitchell, another senior, finished third at 134 with a 2-0 triumph over Churchill's Ted Begley in the consolation match. Mitchell was 4-1 for the day.

Jeremy Breithaupt, a junior wrestling at 160, was also 4-1 in the tournament; he took third with a 6-2 victory over Roosevelt's Aaron Zeld in the consolation final.

Salem's Nate Morland, a senior with no wrestling experience prior to this season, ended up fourth at 215 with a 3-2 record. And freshman Rany Abdellatif also placed fourth at 106 with a 3-2 record.

The Rocks' other wrestlers: sophomore Greg Mitchell was 2-2 at 119; junior Dave Popeney was 1-2 at 142; freshman Dan Hamblin was 0-2 at 151; and freshman Teono Wilson was 1-2 at 172.

"We were real pleased," Kreuger reiterated. "We got a trophy, and it's been a while since we got a trophy."

Salem shows ranking is earned

SWIMMING

meet any better, taking first and second in the 200-yard medley relay.

John McLennan, Andy Detting, Tim Buchanan and David Bracht combined for a first in the medley (1:46.87); Joe Ervin, Rodolfo Palma, Matt Martin and Marc Levitt took second (1:48.81).

Detting was the only double-winner in individual events; he finished first in the 200 individual medley (2:09.73) and in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.56).

Salem's other relay firsts came from Bracht, Pat Morgan, Levitt and Eric Seidelman in the 200 free (1:34.40), and Seidelman, Bracht, McLennan and Ervin in the 400 free (3:27.87).

"We got a real good performance from our guys."

The Rocks had seven first-place finishes in the meet, including a sweep of the three relays. They couldn't have opened the

Other winners for the Rocks were Seidelman in the 200 free (1:50.38) and Ervin in the 100 backstroke (56.88).

They also got some strong second-place performances that, according to Olson, "widened the gap." Like Brent Meille in the 200 free (1:46.92), Otto Geissman in diving (a personal-best score of 234.18 points) and Buchanan in the 500 free (5:08.74).

The victory should prepare the Rocks well for Saturday's Salem Invitational. Among the five teams visiting Salem's pool will be Birmingham Groves, the state's second-ranked squad. The rest of the field includes Livonia Stevenson, Saginaw Heritage, DeWitt and Farmington.

The Invitational starts at 1 p.m.

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Chiefs start league with win

A win is a win, but

"It was not a good match for us at all," said Plymouth Canton volleyball coach Melinda Cain after her team beat North Farmington 15-12, 15-17, 15-12, 15-1 Monday at Canton. "It was a win, but it was not a good win."

The not so good win improved the Chiefs' record to 9-2 overall; it was their first match in Western Lakes Activities Association play. North is 1-2 in the WLAA.

There was not a lot Canton did right in the first three games, according to Cain. Serving, which was expected to be one of the team's strong points, was poor. "We had more missed serves in this match than we had in the entire season," the Canton coach said, numbering it at 17.

There were some bright spots. Like in the opening game, when the Chiefs trailed 12-4 before rallying. "The kids kept their composure, came back and won

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the game," said Cain.

But they continued to struggle until the fourth game. Then: "Everything clicked again. It was like, bang! We showed up."

Amy Price (seven points) and Jenny Sikora (eight) did all the serving in the final game. Price finished the match with four service aces, tying Jessica Orleman for the team high.

Orleman, a sophomore, lived up to her status as "our big hitter" by collecting 12 kills. Kristie Drinkhahn and Laura Logsdon added 10 apiece. Beth Ostach had three kills and dominated defensively, particularly in the third game, she finished with four solo blocks and 10 block assists.

Setter Amber Wells totaled 28 assists to kills.

"I'm happy with the win," concluded Cain. "But I'm not happy with the way we played."

Plymouth Salem

The Rocks weren't up to a peak performance level when they hosted the Plymouth Festival Saturday. They reached the finals of the five team tournament with four victories and a tie, but then lost to defending tourney champ Dexter 15-7, 6-15, 15-5 in the final.

Salem opened the tournament with victories over Bloomfield Hills Lahser (15-5, 15-2) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (15-0, 15-10), then split two games with Trenton, winning 15-2 and losing 15-11. The Rocks followed that with a 15-11, 17-15 victory over Dexter.

In the tourney semifinals, they met Lahser again and won, 15-6, 15-13. But Salem could not beat Dexter a second time, when it counted most.

"That's just what happened to us last year," said Salem co-coach Brian Gilles. "We beat Dexter in pool play and lost to them in the final. I was a little upset Saturday."

Shellye Silla led the Rocks with 49 kills (.426 kill average), plus 10 solo blocks and eight block assists. Paula Domrowski added 33 kills (.287), with seven solo and one block assist; Karen Gundry had 29 kills (.287) and 45 digs; and Kelly Johnston totaled 22 kills (.219), 37 digs and seven service aces.

Setter Erin Koch finished with 94 assists-to-kills (7.2 per game). Kim Sheldon had 30 digs and 15 aces, and Julie McGurrin contributed 30 digs and six aces. Karen Springateen did her part against Ypsilanti Lincoln, serving all 15 points in the 15-0 opening game.

Plymouth Agape Christian

Plymouth Agape improved its record to 6-1 with a pair of victories, the latest coming Monday at Plymouth Greater Life Academy.

Agape defeated Greater Life 15-1, 15-5, with Gretchen Baisch getting three kills.

After gradually building their lead to 9-3, the Rocks put it away on Courtney Sheldon's serve, during which the final six points were scored. Two came on aces, two more on Silla's kills.

Churchill looked more assertive — and perhaps a bit perturbed — in the third game, getting five points on Jamie Clark's serve, including two aces, to build a 6-0 advantage. The Rocks battled back and eventually went ahead 9-7 on back-to-back kills from Silla. But the Chargers showed some mettle by hanging in to open up their 14-11 lead.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSOC. STANDINGS Through Jan. 14		PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC BASKETBALL STANDINGS Through Dec. 19	
BOYS B LEAGUE American Division		BOYS A LEAGUE American Division	
Lakers	3-1	Lakers	4-0
Hawks	3-1	Pacers	4-1
Bucks	3-1	Celtics	4-2
Kings	3-1	Jazz	4-5
Nets	2-2	Hornets	4-6
Sons	1-3	Knicks	3-7
76ers	1-3	Nets	2-8
Rockets	0-4	Celtics	1-9
National Division		GIRLS B LEAGUE	
Celtics	4-0	Pacers	4-0
Pacers	4-0	Hawks	3-1
Jazz	4-0	Pacers	3-1
Sons	2-2	Hawks	1-3
Pacers	1-3	Bulls	1-3
Bucks	1-3	Kings	0-4
Hornets	0-4	Results: Celtics 56, Kings 26, Lakers 41, Bucks 17, Pistons 43, Rockets 42	
Knicks	0-4	GIRLS A LEAGUE	
National Division		Pacers	9-1
Hawks	8-2	Pacers	9-1
Pacers	8-2	Pacers	6-4
Jazz	7-3	Bulls	3-7
Sons	5-5	Kings	2-8
Kings	4-6	Lakers	1-9
Bucks	3-7	Tournament, first round: Pistons 40, Lakers 37	4-0
Hornets	3-7	WOMEN'S DIVISION	
Bucks	3-7	1st Res.	4-0
Hawks	0-4	Mr. B's	3-1
Pacers	0-4	Servco	3-1
Jazz	0-4	Birch Const.	2-2
Sons	0-4	Senior Gym Rats	0-4
Celtics	0-4	Tandem/Mr. B's/Side St.	0-4

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Canton's bests result in victory; Salem succeeds

GYMNASTICS

Plymouth Salem

Behind strong performances from Melissa Hopson and Kristin Kosik, Plymouth Salem outscored Northville 137-133.4 in a dual meet Tuesday at Plymouth Canton.

"It was our best meet so far," said Chiefs' coach John Cunningham. "It was a relaxed atmosphere with a lot of things to watch. The girls weren't in the spotlight much."

Brie Wall, Kari Jackson and Brooke Larson all recorded personal best all-around scores. Wall finished first with 34.75 points; Jackson and Larson tied for second at 33.55.

Wall got firsts in the uneven parallel bars (8.8) and balance beam (9.2) and finished fourth in beam (8.75). Hopson's 36.25 total was the best all-around total; Kosik was next with 35.3.

"She's been going great guns," Salem coach Pam Yockey said of Kosik. "She's really coming along nicely. Kristin could be one of the highlights this season."

"Both (Hopson and Kosik) are doing exceptionally well."

Zoe Yockey contributed a third in beam (8.8) and a fourth in floor (8.9) for the Rocks, now 3-0 in dual meets. On Tuesday, they host Farmington at 7 p.m. at Canton's gym.

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hand, not the past or future. It's something Churchill could have used.

"We played poorly," said coach Mike Hughes. "We passed the ball well and we played hard, but we did not hit the ball well at all."

"Salem's a fine volleyball team, but Salem did not beat us. We beat ourselves. And a lot of that's coaching."

If there was a dominant force in the match, it was Salem mid-fielder Shellye Silla. The 5-foot-11 junior asserted herself early, getting two kills and two blocks, each one earning a

point, in the opening game. She finished with 13 kills, two solo blocks and four block assists in the match.

"When we need a side out or a kill, Shellye gets it," Gilles said simply. "And it doesn't matter if it's a big game or whatever, she plays the same."

That's what the Salem coaches want: a steady, consistent style without the highs and lows that can ruin a good team.

There was no doubt Silla and teammates Karen Gundry (seven kills) and Paula Domrowski (six kills) ruled in the middle. The Chargers had little

success attacking there.

The first game was a fairly tight struggle, with the score tied at 9-all. Salem finally pulled away, getting four points on Gundry's serve and two more on Julie McGurrin's to clinch the win.

The second game started out far more defensively, with each team serving four times before a point was scored. A pair of aces by Candice Ribar put the Chargers ahead 2-1, but moments later Salem scored five points on McGurrin's serve. But the Chargers showed some mettle by hanging in to open up their 14-11 lead.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Heavyweight: Jon Spolsky (CC) decisioned Tom Zun (Jenison), 6-3; **consolation:** Matt Steve Robedian (Holt) dec. Craig Kraenzel (Lincoln), 8-5; 8th-8th: Chris Tyle (Fowlerville).

pinned Cory Andrews (Bedford), 2-0; 4. Holt (Bedford) dec. Chris Tranter (Howell), 10-0; **consolation:** Dave O'Hara (CC) won by default over Ken Taylor (Glenn), 8th-8th; Jeff Brach (Stevenson) dec. Josh Miller (Lakeland), 12-5.

10th: Gary Williams (Holt) dec. Todd Costello (Lincoln), 15-6; **consolation:** Adam Tuttle (Bedford) dec. Dario Iann (CC), 14-5; 8th-8th: Hung Huynh (Jenison) dec. Brian Kelp (Dearborn), 6-0.

11th: Chris Williams (Fowlerville) won by disqualification; **consolation:** Ryan Meek (Clarkston) dec. Dan Smith (Bedford), 10-4; 8th-8th: Craig Tranter (Howell) dec. Dave Falzon (Stevenson), 18-3.

12th: Rob Wendel (Howell) dec. Jeremy Finch (Fowlerville), 11-5; **consolation:** Tom Shaver (Holt) p. Steve Vree (Jenison), 1-4; 8th-8th: Steve Dec (Bedford) dec. Dan Christensen (Ste-

venson), 3-1.

13th: Rich Barnes (Bedford) dec. Joe Colant (Brooklyn), 9-5; **consolation:** Russ Clark (Holt) dec. Jesse Laycock (Clarkston), 7-6; 8th-8th: Greg Alman (CC) p. Ryan Vartanian (Stevenson), 4-4.

14th: Corey Grant (Clarkston) dec. Dave Gardner (CC), 7-2; **consolation:** Mike Mihnevich (Lincoln) dec. Ryan Duffy (Lincoln), 5-4; 8th-8th: Jon Sata (Stevenson) dec. Joe Zogab (Bedford), 3-2.

15th: Scott Goldman (Stevenson) dec. Kevin Griffin (CC), 8-4; **consolation:** Matt Fuller (Bedford) won by forfeit over Tony Vance (Clio), 8th-8th; Shane Goddard (Holt) dec. Joe Roy (Clarkston), 9-5.

16th: Chris Mullen (Stevenson) dec. Cory Mead (Howell), 9-2; **consolation:** Jeremy Lafferty (Clarkston) dec. Charles Woodbury (Bedford), 7-4; 8th-8th: Roy Tyle (Fowlerville) p. Ryan Burke (Davison), 0-0.

HOCKEY RANKINGS

MICHIGAN METRO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS (as of Jan. 18)

EAST DIVISION

W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
5	2	0	10	23	19
4	3	1	9	35	25
4	3	0	8	25	23
3	1	1	7	26	25
2	6	2	6	33	44

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WEST DIVISION

W	L	T	Pts	Gf	Ga
Bro. Rice	6	1	0	12	48
Trenton	4	4	1	9	34
Redford CC	3	5	0	6	15
A.A. Pioneer	3	2	1	6	20
Notre Dame	0	2	0	0	2
A.A. Huron	0	8	0	0	5
Peffer (Trenton)				49	

RANKINGS

These rankings are prepared by the Observer sports staff, but readers are reminded there is no scientific certainty about which Schools in Redford, Carden City, Westland, Wayne, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington are eligible to be ranked.

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Wayne Memorial
2. Plymouth Salem
3. Westland John Glenn
4. Plymouth Canton
5. Redford Catholic Central
Canton vs. Lath Westland, 7 p.m.
Carden City at Monroe High, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Dibb Fordson, 7 p.m.
Red Thurston at Gib. Carlson, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Lw. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
W. L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Lw. Churchill at Lw. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
F. H. Hamson at W. L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Burgess at DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
W. Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at B.H. Rooper, 8 p.m.
Ply. Christian at A.P. Inter-City, 8 p.m.

MEY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 21
Madonna at Concordia College, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 19
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

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at Lw. Stevenson's Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21
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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.54

Livonia Churchill 1:45.54

Plymouth Salem 1:46.70

North Farmington 1:47.22

200-YARD FREESTYLE

Jon Carlson (Churchill) 1:47.77

Eric Seideman (Salem) 1:48.45

Chris Teeters (Stevenson) 1:52.18

Dan Belanger (Farmington) 1:52.47

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 1:55.39

Karen Reavis (Redford CC) 1:55.82

Joe Ervin (Salem) 1:56.17

Greg Tracy (Redford CC) 1:57.30

John Hawkins (Farmington) 1:57.80

Dave Yun (Stevenson) 1:58.02

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Drew Sophie (N. Farmington) 2:05.32

Randy Cobb (Franklin) 2:06.23

Chris Teeters (Stevenson) 2:07.30

Dan Belanger (Farmington) 2:08.07

Kevin Reavis (Redford CC) 2:08.13

Rob Grant (Churchill) 2:09.11

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 2:09.45

Ted Burmeister (Stevenson) 2:10.87

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 2:11.46

Brian Rajdi (N. Farmington) 2:20.83

50-YARD FREESTYLE

Paul Magoulick (Redford CC) 22.58

Randy Cobb (Franklin) 22.66

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 22.67

John McLenaghan (Salem) 22.88

Jeff Buckler (Stevenson) 23.14

Jason Speer (N. Farmington) 23.17

John McLenaghan (Salem) 23.57

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Chris Teeters (Stevenson) 23.71

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Jason Fowler (Canton) 278.75

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Matt Marquell (Churchill) 135.25

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Drew Sophie (N. Farmington) 56.72

Chris Teeters (Stevenson) 57.81

Tim Buchanan (Salem) 58.10

Rodolfo Palmer (Salem) 58.51

Dan Belanger (Farmington) 58.60

Nick Sosnowski (Redford CC) 59.49

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Plymouth Salem 3:27.40

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

■ SPECIAL GUEST

In a costumed, live dramatization, actress Peggy Miller will bring to life the colorful personality of Fanny Crosby, America's blind gospel hymn writer, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, Novi.

Crosby (1820-1915) wrote some 9,000 hymns and reigned supreme during the era of gospel song — a light, informal hymn written in the style of a ballad. Among her most familiar hymns are "Blessed Assurance," "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Rescue the Perishing."

Miller, the wife of a United Methodist minister, is a graduate of Asbury College with a degree in speech and drama. She is known for her portrayals of famous women in history. She researches and writes her monodramas, which she calls "Living Portraits." Portraits are based on the character's life, the period of history in which the person lived and costumes of the day.

■ POTLUCK/DISCUSSION

Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff, at West Chicago, Livonia, will have potluck dinner and discussion, "Taking Back the Christian Center," Sunday, Jan. 22. Dinner will be at 4:30 p.m., with the discussion at 5:30 p.m. in the church social hall. For more information, call Don Lintelman at (313) 421-5406 or (313) 522-6232.

■ SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will have its annual paid-up membership luncheon at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Musical entertainment will be provided by Louise Lazarus.

■ SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will offer tennis doubles 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 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, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, Northville. 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) 963-5902. Dance class costs \$40 per person. For more information on the programs, call (810) 349-0911.

■ BIBLE CLASS

A community Bible class meets Tuesdays at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. The classes are for both men and women and 21 denominations and 77 congregations are represented. Small groups meet 9:30-9:55 a.m., with a lecture in the sanctuary 10:11 a.m. Nursery is available for infants through kindergartners. For more information, call (313) 348-1209.

■ 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.

■ SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Jo Ann Perkins as its guest for Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the chapel. The topic will be "Attitude."

The group also will sponsor BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft (children are invited), and 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.

■ 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 feature workshops on poverty, racism, drug abuse, relationships and peer pressure. The keynote speaker will be Steve Angrisano, 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) 349-8196.

■ 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) 347-1636 or the church office at (810) 474-3444.

■ WEDNESDAY SERVICE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27476 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.

■ 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.



Of first service: Sculptor Rich Bubin (right) of Pittsburgh, Pa., attracted members of the New Life Lutheran Church — Shirley Klokkenberg (from left) of Northville, Rich Vavro of Salem Township, George Lemieux of Plymouth Township and Vita Good and her daughter Kate of Canton — as he began to carve the new mission's name and logo in ice during the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. The sculpture was in front of the Plymouth Masonic Temple on Penniman across Kellogg Park where the new congregation will begin worship services at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22. For more information, call Rev. Ken Roberts at (313) 420-1023.

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BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

Many writers have close ties to Michigan

We don't usually forget Hemingway, and all those significant summers he spent "up in Michigan." But, for some reason, I think we do tend to forget that many other notable writers had close ties to this pleasant peninsula as well. To name a few:

■ One highly prolific author, born in Kalama-zoo in 1885, penned numerous short stories, wrote not one, but two, autobiographies, collaborated with George S. Kaufman on several plays (probably most notably, "Dinner At Eight"), and saw several of her best-selling novels made into musicals and films.

Always the champion of the strong, independent woman, Edna Ferber, who began her career as a reporter for the Appleton (Wisconsin) Daily Crescent in 1902, won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1924, with her novel, "So Big," the story of a mother struggling to impart values to a son who pays little attention.

"Show Boat," "Cimarron," and "Giant" were among Ferber's most widely-read, uniquely American stories.

■ Born into a large, affluent family in Niles in 1885, Ring Lardner went on to make an indelible mark as a sportswriter and humorist.

The publication of later works, such as "How to Write Short Stories" (1924), "The Love Nest," (1926), and "Round Up" (1929) revealed, in addition, his considerable gift for short fiction.

On graduation from Niles High School near the turn of the century, Lardner left his home state. But in later years, he would often sign letters to friends: "Resy — A Michigan Boy."

Like Ferber, Lardner also wrote for the theater, once collaborating with Kaufman on a musical, "June Moon," taken from his short story, "Some Like Them Cold." Lardner penned the lyrics for the music as part of his contribution to the production.

A rather eccentric, hard drinking personality, Lardner was the model for Fitzgerald's character, Abe North, in "Tender Is the Night."

Whoever really wants to understand the American people should read Ring Lardner," said a 1925 New York Times Book Review ad of the "Michigan boy."

■ Though not a Michigan native, this writer of yesterday's blockbusters spent several years serving as a minister at the Congregational Church of Ann Arbor in the early part of this century. Maybe he began one of his most popular novels, "Magnificent Obsession," when he was in residence here? The weepy story about a guilt-ridden doctor bent on making amends, was published in 1930.

Not surprisingly, the Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas' novels often featured biblical themes. In 1942, he authored "The Robe," a story centering

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week

- Visit the Westland studio of Lesa Shelton as she crafts clay jewelry and vases for her upcoming one-woman show in February at the Livonia Civic Center Library.
- Linda Chomin's Artistic Expressions column kicks off a paint-along series with Nancy Lenski of Plymouth.
- Marty Figley's Garden Spot Column.
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CREATIVE LIVING

A JOURNEY DOWN THE
AVENUE
OF GRAND
DREAMS

JOHN PRUSAK

BY LINDA CHOMIN SPECIAL WRITER

Take a journey down Grand River with John Prusak and Dean Cobb in an exhibition of 45 photographs continuing through Feb. 19 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

From the old Riviera Theater to a boarded-up castle at the corner of Cass and Grand River, this is a show not to be missed. Travel along with Prusak and Cobb as they meet the Hubcap Man of Williamson, members of the Toro Motorcycle Club in Detroit and Barnabas Collins, a tattooed carnival worker at the Fowlerville Fair whose mother named him after a soap opera star vampire. Their stories are what make the show come alive.

If you go along Grand River from Muskegon to Detroit, you'll find a cross index of every culture there is," said Cobb, Hartland resident who teaches media at North Farmington High School. Through the years, much of the scenery has changed. Sadly, many of the places and people portrayed are gone. Death, decay and progress have taken their toll but the historic avenue goes on, still traveled by taxis in Detroit, trucks near Lansing, and tractors in Fowlerville.

"For me, it's not simply a matter of getting from point A to point B," said Prusak, a 47-year-old Detroiter.

It's the journey, the people, the mom and pop establishments. We're losing our identity, gobbed up by the conglomerates. With that idea comes the notion had we not stopped, we would never have met Barnabas or the Hubcap Man."

Neither Prusak or Cobb considers themselves photographers as such, but more the eye

Grand River Avenue holds many memories for John Prusak and Dean Cobb. Visit the places and characters that have become near and dear to their hearts in the first showing of a photography exhibit spanning 18

years in time at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery.



Hubcaps for sale: Prusak was struck by the honesty evident in this automobile age entrepreneur.

behind cameras that record history. Prusak is an art instructor who teaches media production at the William D. Ford Technical Center in Westland, animation at Wayne State University in Detroit, and film at the Focal Point Workshop at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. He has produced more than 50 films and videos including "Roger and Me", with Michael Moore, "Don't

Tear It Down" with comedian Thom Sharp, "Embers in the Fire" a documentary on young people with cystic fibrosis, and "Hefty's," a drama about a rich person attempting to break a Coney Island hot dog eating record.

Cobb is currently producing "Peter Pan" at North Farmington High School. He has directed the theater program in Farmington for the last 25 years producing many musicals including "West Side Story," "Oklahoma," "Pippin" and "Midsummer Nights Dream." He also programs and directs the public access channel in that region.

Although Prusak and Cobb first met in 1972, it wasn't until a chance meeting in 1980 at Hefty's Coney Island in Redford when they realized both had been photographing the same street where they lived — Prusak in Detroit, Cobb in New Hudson. Since then the two have traveled down that road together many times in search of new adventures. It's all here in this stroll down memory lane.

"I think weld like people to see, if they'd just look around as they drive, there are some wonderful people," said Cobb, 47.

Prusak started taking photos along Grand River as he was growing up in Detroit. Why, Grand River? Because it was close to his life.

"There are important things everywhere. You see every culture. It's all different," said Prusak. "It's a record we'd like to think of the people we met, the history end of it."

"Red Wing High," captures the long since gone Olympia Stadium. The Detroit Red Wing's hockey team logo still flies on the side of the

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Origami brightens long winter days

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Origami of every shape imaginable color the Exhibit Gallery in the annual show by the Ann Arbor Society 4 Origami (AASO) continuing through Jan. 31 in the second floor Library Wing at Madonna University in Livonia.

Hisashi and Kay Ogata are two of the members exhibiting the ancient art of Japanese folded paper designs in the show. Born in Tokyo, they began practicing origami along with brush painting and calligraphy at the age of 3.

It's closely related to the three dimensional object in geometry. Some structure is very close to crystal structure in nature," said Hisashi Ogata, a physics professor retired from the University of Windsor after

26 years service

Dinosaurs, oriental boxes, umbrellas, and a stage set of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" exhibited in an international origami show last year in New York City were folded by Hisashi.

They are exquisite examples of his talented hand. Hisashi and Kay's three dimensional wall hanging origami is an innovation new to this country.

"We got the idea from origami magazine published in Japan," said Kay Ogata of Windsor.

"I wanted to create a finer art form. I like to make a design and pick up the colors and the shapes," added Hisashi.

Japanese paper called Shikishi was hand carried especially to America by Kay's sister for the artwork. The metallic surface is matte

rather than glossy. It serves as a background for purple irises created by Hisashi, and green stems designed by Kay in one of four pieces focusing on the seasons.

Although both folded as children, it wasn't until Hisashi retired four years ago that a seriousness for the art form took over.

"We enjoyed it," said Kay. Since he started he says, he's reborn and he's excited."

During an opening reception Jan. 12, Robin Wilt of Ann Arbor showed guests the simple steps for folding a sailboat. Wilt is exhibiting in the show along with Jorge Pezzat of West Bloomfield, and Bob Brill and Laura Hayes of Ann Arbor among others.

Brought to Japan in the sixth

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Exhibit: Hisashi and Kay Ogata, members of the Ann Arbor Society 4 Origami (AASO), display their work in an exhibit at Madonna University in Livonia.

Antique show to benefit symphony

The Plymouth Symphony League matches antiques with a historic location at its 10th annual winter antique show Jan. 27-28 in the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$8 and will benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The show opens with a preview reception 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. The \$20 per person donation includes hors d'oeuvres prepared by league volunteers plus admission to the two-day show. An as yet unnamed antique donated by Botsford Inn owner, Creon Smith of Plymouth will be given away in a raffle during the reception.

"What I like about this year's show is our new

location at the Botsford Inn. It's Michigan's oldest operating inn. Because it was built in 1836, it makes a perfect frame for the antiques," said show chairwoman, Renate Hartig of Plymouth.

Henry Ford owned it for a while and some of his antiques are still on display there."

Three demonstrators will share the arts of rug hooking, china painting and furniture restoration as nearly 30 exhibitors dealing in antique English and American furniture, sterling, china, toys, brass, copper, children's items and estate jewelry offer something for every taste.

Carol Cole of Ann Arbor displays children's books and sterling in the form of demitasse

spoons, seafood forks and match safes as well as tea items including Transfer ware and the English pottery called Sprig ware.

In the last few years, Cole has noticed a trend towards purchasing fine ware for setting elegant tables. Demitasse spoons for stirring hot beverages became popular sellers with the advent of cappuccino and espresso machines. Seafood forks serve hors d'oeuvres very nicely, and hand-painted china just plain makes for a pretty table.

"Most china was handpainted until the arrival of Transfer ware from China," said Cole, who

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taught art in the Livonia Public Schools for three years before starting her family.

The Chinese were sending a lot of tea to America, so they shipped the tea cups and saucers (Transfer ware) with it to weigh down the ship."

In addition to items for creating an elegant table Cole will have children's books from the 1920s to 1940s, many of them hand colored.

"A lot of children's books now

are just for fun. Early ones were more serious. If there was fantasy, there was a moral to the story," said Cole.

"There's a lot of emotion connected to the older books from the 1930s and 1940s. Because the Art

Deco period had a lot of scroll work in the corners of pages, I find many grandparents are saying wouldn't it be nice to have one of these old books?"

Prices for such titles as Uncle Wiggly, Child's Garden of Verses and Peter Pan will range from \$8 to \$50.

Cole's interest in antiques was triggered 13 years ago after inheriting a hand-painted English screen constructed of canvas from her mother.

"I didn't appreciate antiques, the beauty of the objects when I was younger. Now I feel the old sterling is so much more beautiful than the new," Cole said.

"Everything has a story or history to it, when something was used, who owned it. Antique dealers educate and pass on knowledge of our past and preserve it so

that our future generations will learn of our history."

Other local dealers in the show include Jim Taylor of Birmingham, decorative accessories and Early American country furniture; Jackie Werks of Farmington Hills, estate jewelry; and Peggy Blaisdell of Plymouth.

Blaisdell, who with husband John owns Blaisdell Antiques, are surrounded with the past in their contemporary colonial home. Her booth will include English ironstone china; Tea Leaf and Transfer ware; English Blue Willow; lamps and shades; oak furniture from the turn-of-the-century; children's and adults rockers; late 1800s walnut one- and two-drawer stands, brass in many forms such as jelly pails, trivets and candlesticks; copper

kettles, and advertising tins (coffee, biscuit and tobacco).

The Plymouth Symphony League is a fund-raising arm of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, now in the midst of its 49th season. The League contributes about 25 percent of the orchestra's annual \$100,000 operating budget. An additional 30 percent is grossed from ticket sales. Corporate and individual donations make up the rest.

Previously the League's two annual antique shows in fall and winter were located at the Plymouth Cultural Center. After 31 years, last fall's show had to be canceled due to a lack of volunteers, and a location.

Antique show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Origami

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century by Buddhist monks from China, origami originated as representation of animals and people folded for ceremonial purposes. In the West, the ancient art form has inspired magicians like Harry Houdini to write books drawing young and old, amateurs and professionals to its magic. Webster's Dictionary included the word origami for the first time in 1961.

Zen lies at the heart of all Japanese art forms. Origami is no exception, symbolizing the Zen belief in the harmony of the universe and nature. It is non-competitive, more cooperation than competition.

"Origami is so joyful. Who can't use a little joy in their life," said Ralph Glenn, art department chairperson at Madonna University.

"They did it both in China and Japan. In Japan, they leave folded wishes and requests at the Shinto shrines. It is an art form that's associated from religion."

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday Sunday. Madonna University is located at Schoolcraft 1-961 and Levan in Livonia.



Ancient art form: Origami of every shape are part of the Exhibit Gallery in the annual show by the Ann Arbor Society 4 Origami (AASO) continuing through Jan. 31 at Madonna University.

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around several witnesses to the crucifixion of Christ, and the robe discarded from the cross. The doortop-sized novel, later made into a popular film, is probably the work for which Douglas is best-remembered.

Nelson Algren, born in Detroit in 1909, made his literary reputation with hard-hitting, gritty novels like "The Man With the Golden Arm" (winner, in 1950, of the National Book Award), and "Walk on the Wild Side" (1956).

Also a journalist, his beat during the late sixties, was Vietnam.

On his death in 1981, the prestigious P.E.N./Nelson Algren Fiction Award was established in his honor, by P.E.N. American Center.

Marked usually by an economy and simplicity of expression that belied the depth and complexity of Roethke's work, his poems often

considered by many critics as one of the finest modern born poets, Theodore Roethke's work overall is remarkable in its richness.

From his first collection of poetry, "Open House" (1941), to the posthumously-published "The Far Field" (1964), the Saginaw born poet, Theodore Roethke, displayed what many critics considered marvelous craftsmanship.

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ten revealed his fascination with the natural world, especially that of plants and insects.

Poems like "Old Florist," "Orchids," and "Child on Top of a Greenhouse" reflect his experience in and around plant life and the greenhouses his family owned in Saginaw. (Images from the Michigan countryside of his childhood occur again and again in his work.)

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For more on Roethke and his work, read Allen Seeger's insightful 1968 biography, "The Glass House: The Life of Theodore Roethke."

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a long-time member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer Newspapers. She has a lifelong interest in reading, "everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

Avenue

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building in all of its glory above a row of thriving marijuana plants. The greenery sprang from concert goers trashing their discards as they waited in line. People of all ages, including Prusak's students, relate to the scene.

"Lots of kids relate to that because they're big hockey fans," said Prusak.

Two different publishers have already shown interest in turning

the photographs into book form. After the exhibit closes Feb. 19 in Livonia, Prusak and Cobb's show begins touring with its next stop scheduled at the Hartland Public Library followed by dates at the historical museum in Lansing.

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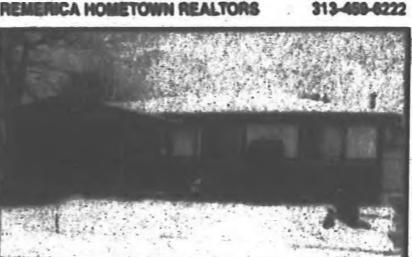
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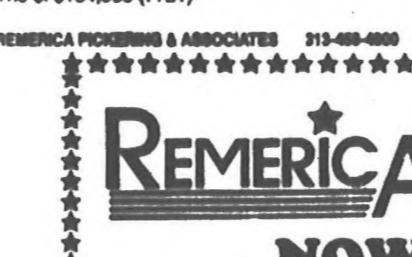
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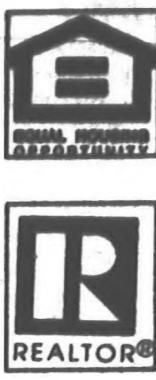


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Gallery volunteers make a difference

"Every time I enter the museum for gallery service, I know I am making a difference," says Lisa Mason, who volunteers on weekends for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Gallery Service Committee.

Gallery service volunteers serve as hosts and hostesses in the galleries each day that the museum is open. Training sessions take place monthly on Saturdays in the museum. For more information, call (313) 833-0247 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

A mother of three and director of managed health care for Providence Hospital, Mason finds time once a month to greet and assist visitors in the galleries. Busy as she is, Mason says,

"Gallery service is a must in my life." She likes the idea of doing something valuable for the DIA within the constraints of her very demanding schedule.

The

Gallery Service Committee was initiated in early 1992 following budget cuts that threatened to close the museum. Working in tandem with the museum security staff, volunteers staff the galleries for 10 three-hour shifts per week. To keep the DIA fully open to visitors requires 10 to 13 volunteers per shift. Nearly 400 volunteers have been trained for their role but at least another 100 are needed to fully staff the galleries.

"We particularly need volunteers for the weekend shifts," said Gloria Parker. "Gallery

service can be an ideal opportunity for working people, since the weekend commitment can be as small as one three-hour shift per month."

Mason, who has been with gallery service since its inception, also serves as a Sunday afternoon shift captain and as the committee's nominating chairwoman.

Among the rewards she gains from her efforts are the satisfaction in serving her metropolitan community and the sense of ownership and pride she feels for the DIA. Spending time with the museum's treasures gives Mason the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream to learn more about art. Working with a diverse group of volunteers from

all walks of life is an added benefit.

A resident of Royal Oak and a registered nurse by training, Mason has been employed for most of the past 16 years in health care administration. Professionally and in her volunteer work, she interacts with people whose altruism motivates their activities. In addition to gallery service, Mason is involved in professional groups and her neighborhood association, and also organizes a group of soup kitchen volunteers. Mason and her husband, Mark, have two sons, a daughter and a large extended family.

The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Nelson's Gallery closes its doors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

A lot of tears were shed as artists dropped by Nelson's Gallery in Livonia for the last time to pick up their paintings, ceramics and glass art. Nelson's, an art gallery and custom framing business since 1968 in Livonia, closed its doors for the last time in late December.

Devastated by a number of elements including a series of rent hikes, months of road construction along Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile roads and a poor location, owner Laura Hardy said she had no choice, but to cut her losses.

"A part of me is very sad. A part of me is very excited. Sometimes you have to look at change in a positive way," said Hardy, 30.

With clients from as far away as White Lake, Grosse Pointe Shores, Canton Township and Garden City, Nelson's catered to not only residential, but such diverse business clients as Bob Saks dealerships in Farmington Hills; Bruce Campbell Dodge, and Industrial Experimental Manufacturing in Redford; MRM, an air valve distributor in Novi; and in Livonia, First Michigan Title, Carlson Travel Network, Fine Wine Source, Express Photo, First Optometry with Dr. Levine, Ludwig Design and Photography, and the historic Wilson Barn.

Hardy said she will continue to seek previous clients' as well as new custom framing business by appointment only (810) 969-2444 from Laura's Place, a studio in her Oxford home.

But what about the artists? How is the closing affecting them?

Hardy says she'll continue to support and represent local artists, possibly in already established shows.

When no other galleries would exhibit local artists, Hardy gave them a chance. She provided support, nurturing and a place for many of these struggling, emerging artists to show their work with her artist-of-the-month shows begun back in 1989. Gwen Dietrich of Canton Township, Christine Wong of Novi, Randall Lents of Redford Township, Tom Igel of



Laura Hardy

Livonia, Laurel Raisanen of Westland, Tom Dyer of White Lake and Janell Agar of Algonac were among those who exhibited in these monthly showcases.

Glass artists, Christine Fleischer and Joseph Wianiewski of Livonia both got their start in shows at Nelson's. They have continued to display their hand-blown glass paperweights and vases in the annual "Art as Gift" show featuring more than one dozen artists at Christmastime.

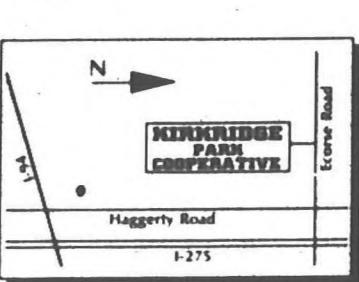
"I feel mostly sad about Nelson's closing. It was a very special place for all the artists in the area to come together, sort of Laura's dream. I'm going to miss it," said Wianiewski.

Added Fleischer, "We won't have her lovely gallery to show our work in with Michigan Glass Month coming up in April. I wish there were more of the smaller galleries that show local artists. We have a lot of talented artists in the area."

In 1990, Hardy began the process of evolving the gallery space to fit the artists. She knocked down and painted walls to spotlight their work to its best advantage.

Hardy is also known for her community support hosting shows of art by students in the Livonia Public Schools and underwriting the framing costs for "Living on the Edge: Homeless in America," a black and white photography exhibit by Guy Warren of Westland.

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LIVONIA CITY HALL

Through Jan. 30 — The Livonia Arts Commission presents more than 20 pastel paintings by Frank Van Dusen. The dreamy landscapes visit Paris, London

and the French Riviera primarily, but works focusing on Michigan including Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia can also be found. Van Dusen, a Livonia resident, spent 40 years as a commercial artist for advertising agencies, art studios, and Ford Motor Co. before retiring in 1985. Since then, he has concentrated on creating fine art at his easel. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MICHIGAN ART EXCHANGE Through Feb. 10 — Winter Enchantment, an exhibit of paintings and works of art revolving around a snow scene theme continues with media including stained glass, silk, pottery and weaving. The artists cooperative/gallery is at 470 Forest in Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

LIBRARY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Through Feb. 19 — Journey — Grand River: Photographs by John Prusa and Dean Cobb spotlight interesting people and places along Grand River Avenue from downtown Detroit to Muskegon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

LIBRARY SHOWCASES

Through Jan. 30 — Political buttons from as far back as 1840 are part of a collection owned by Thomas Kage that fills the two showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library. Memorabilia including dolls, lamps and glass flasks from presidential races used to advertise the favorite candidate shows another side of Truman, Roosevelt, Carter and Clinton. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

WOODWARD GALLERY

The gallery at 1357 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. Gallery

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ture golf course with 18 holes by 22 artists, has been extended indefinitely due to popular demand. It is at 300 River Place, Jos. Campau at Guion in Detroit. Call 269-8345 for general information, 866-1622 for groups and parties.

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The gallery features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, by appointment only Tuesday, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 332-6619.

GALLERY VON GLAHN

The gallery is now carrying the limited edition print series, "Star Trek — Art from the Final Frontier." The images include portraits of the command officers from the first USS Enterprise and "The Next Generation," and paintings of the Enterprise soaring through space. The gallery is at 319 S. Main in Ann Arbor. Call 663-7215.

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through spring 1995 — Visitors can witness the in-gallery conservation of Rembrandt Peale's immense oil painting, "The Court of Death" (1820). The piece, 11 feet 6 inches by 23 feet 5 inches, is one of the most important allegorical paintings in the history of American art. The conservation process includes cleaning the painting's

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

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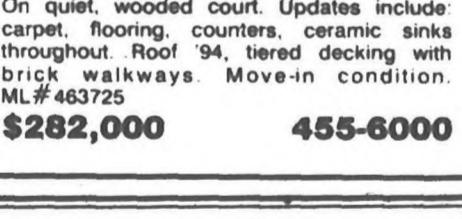
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■ MARKS CENTENNIAL

Max Broock Realtors celebrated its 100th birthday the week of Jan. 2. The Bloomfield Hills-based real estate group also has offices in Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester.

■ REALTOR LOCKED UP

Joseph Kollins of Century 21 Gold House in Canton was arrested Dec. 6. In his holding place, Kollins was given a telephone to make calls raise bail — in the form of pledges to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He was able to post bail and was released a few hours later.

■ BUSINESS MOVES

Eagle Consultants Inc. of Troy moved into a 17,544-square-foot building at 465 Stephenson Highway in Troy. The company was represented by Mike Zieck of Manhattan Company, Troy.

■ MOVING UP

Kenneth Lipschutz of Friedman Real Estate Group in Farmington Hills was promoted to vice president. Mitchell Lipton was promoted to executive vice president.

■ NEW MANAGER

Michael Workman was named general sales manager of the Michigan Group's Livonia office. He replaced Chuck Mills, promoted to corporate director of business development. Workman has 23 years of real estate experience, including 17 years as a broker-owner. The Michigan Group has offices in Plymouth, West Bloomfield and Livonia.

■ ONE IN A MILLION

Clair Lewis of Oak Park recently joined the Bloomfield Hills office of Coldwell Banker/Schweitzer Real Estate. Lewis is a member of the Million Dollar Club.

■ CHIP OFF THE BLOCK

Acquest Realty Advisors Inc. of Bloomfield Hills recently formed Proquest, a new company that offers commercial property management services.

— Compiled by Becky Burns

BY BECKY BURNS
SPECIAL WRITER

Two Observer & Eccentric real estate groups got especially involved this holiday season.

Coldwell Banker/Schweitzer Real Estate, based in Sterling Heights with 17 branch offices, collected thousands of toys for needy kids as part of the Toys for Tots campaign. Max Broock Realtors, based in Bloomfield Hills, put together food baskets and distributed them through LightHouse, an emergency shelter in Pontiac.

This marks the fifth year Coldwell Banker has been involved with the national Toys for Tots campaign. It works in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to collect and distribute toys to children throughout southeast Michigan on Christmas Day. This year, Coldwell Banker collected 5,000 toys and \$2,000 for Toys for Tots.

"It's a very good organization and a good idea," said Ann Shahin, office manager of Coldwell Banker's West Bloomfield office. That office collected a couple hundred toys and about \$200 for the charity.

Some Coldwell Banker offices, like in West Bloomfield, put on a Santa party. "They invite kids and parents to bring an unwrapped toy. The kids get to sit on Santa's lap," said Kathy

Schweitzer, director of administration and public relations for the real estate group.

The Lion King was present at some of the parties. Each child received a stocking full of goodies. Some offices worked with schools to raise money and toys. "If you get the principals and teachers behind it, they get really creative," Schweitzer said.

Ten schools worked with Coldwell Banker on the Toys for Tots drive. "Primarily this year, we created a theme focusing on kids helping kids," Schweitzer said.

All 17 Coldwell Banker offices participated in one way or another. Among the towns with offices are West Bloomfield, Northville, Livonia/Farmington, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy.

The amount of toys, money and participation keeps increasing each year, for the most part because more and more people know Coldwell Banker supports Toys for Tots, Schweitzer said.

She added that the Marine Corps is reason the campaign is so successful: "We're a collection agency. We bring the toys downtown to the Marine Corps and they distribute them."

Coldwell Banker kicks off its Toys for Tots campaign at the end of November each year, but offices usually put bins out around the beginning of

the month. Schweitzer said people continue to bring in toys through Christmas Eve. The Marine Corps distributes toys to various southeast Michigan charitable organizations that, in turn, give them to the children. Money collected goes to buy more toys.

For the second year in a row, Max Broock Realtors has gone all out to provide a Christmas for hundreds of area families and senior citizens through the Lighthouse in Pontiac.

In an effort that involved the majority of Realtors in its five offices, Max Broock provided food baskets for 550 families and 250 senior citizens. Along with organizing people and groups to adopt families, Realtors put in 2,500 hours of work on the campaign.

"It was a companywide effort," said Chuck Sower, vice president of Max Broock. "We, the company, have taken a very active role in the LightHouse campaign."

Carole Pray, of the Birmingham office of Max Broock, headed the campaign, along with two former Max Broock Realtors, Lynn Baker and Sandy Christopher.

Pray said they received about a 95-percent response in the form of family adoptions or monetary donations from a mailing sent out in October. The Realtors began donating time

soon after Thanksgiving.

"It works well for the agents because it's a slow time," Pray said. "It's just a tremendous effort. I'm a firm believer that giving and receiving are the same. All of us got so much back."

Ninety-five percent of the Realtors at Max Broock, which also has offices in West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Rochester, volunteered their time.

"Once somebody volunteers, they want to come back," Pray said. "It makes everybody's holiday so much richer."

Donors drop off holiday baskets and gifts the week before Christmas. The Realtors put them together and distribute them the week of Christmas. Realtors' families also got involved.

Pray's daughter designed the logo for the campaign and helped get Birmingham Seaholm High School students involved in collecting gifts for teenagers, something that's been a problem in the past. Another Realtor's daughter helped get Farmington Hills Mercy High School students involved.

"Every year, the scope is getting wider and bigger. That says a lot about Bowen Broock and his commitment," Pray said.

Board has legal authority to hire and fire

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M.
MEISNER

Q. My management company was the managing agent for a condominium association for seven years. Then somebody new got on the board who felt our contract should be bid out.

A. While I thought that was fair, an upstart management company underbid us by 50 cents in and cents a unit.

The new board, even though sat-

isfied with our services, opted to go for the cheaper management company, saying the members demanded it.

I have tried to get an audience with all of the board members but they refuse to talk to me. Can I go to the members of the association and appeal to them before it is too late?

A. I empathize with your dilemma but the fact is that the board of the condominium association, well advised or otherwise, has the legal right to hire and fire contractors and other persons in behalf of the association.

While your complaint is common and while perhaps the condominium association in question is being pennywise and pound foolish and has no appreciation for loyalty or good service, the ultimate remedy you have is to seek other clients who are more appreciative of your services.

Going to members of the association would be looked upon by the board as going over its head and will obviously not be appreciated.

To the extent members of the association inquire as to why you are no longer the managing agent, you are obviously free to advise them of what has transpired.

They can, through the political pro-

cess, take whatever action they deem appropriate against the present board for its decision.

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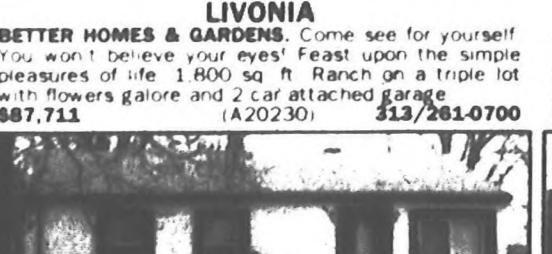
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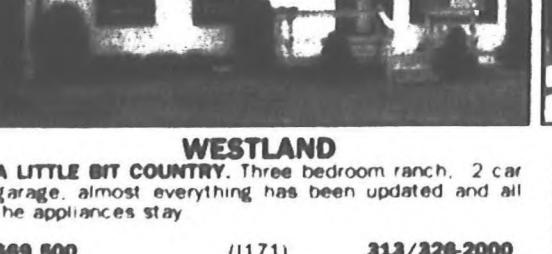
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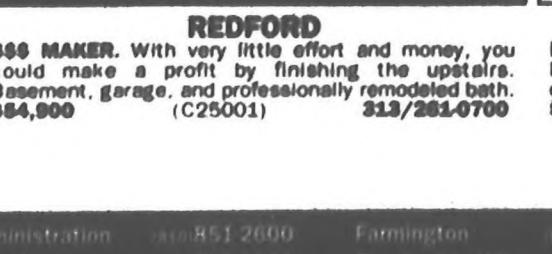
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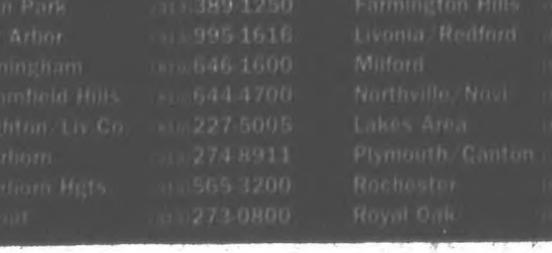
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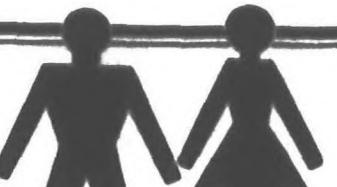
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BUILDING & BUSINESS WRITER
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BUILDING & BUSINESS
OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hiring 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.

Thomas E. Wolfe of Bloomfield Hills was named president and chief executive officer of Ziebart International Corp. in Troy. Wolfe had been president and chief operating officer before joining Ziebart in 1977. Wolfe was associated with the Grant Thornton public accounting firm.



Dana Hebert of Livonia joined the sales staff of Grace & Wild Studios in Farmington Hills as an account executive. Hebert had worked for Film Craft Video in Farmington Hills as an account executive. Hebert also worked as a sales representative with Allied Film & Video and Producers Color Service.



Gary Brancaleone of Beverly Hills was appointed senior loan officer in the Ross Mortgage Corp. Sterling Heights office. Brancaleone most recently had been a residential mortgage originator for National Bank of Detroit in its Macomb mortgage center. He had worked for NBD since 1982.



Pam Zaliwski joined Schmaltz and Co. in Southfield as a staff accountant. Zaliwski earned her bachelor of accountancy degree from Walsh College in Troy and passed her certified public accounting examination in November. She joins Schmaltz and Co. with previous experience in accounting.

Boom in housing will slow

More building permits for single-family housing units were issued in southeastern Michigan last year than in any year since the 1970s. Builders who anticipate another banner year in '95 were warned that the economy will soften.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Residential builders here who enjoyed a tremendous 1994 have been advised by the chief economist of their national association to go easy on putting up large numbers of speculative models this year as the economy cools.

"No question, this is a critical point in this economic cycle," said David F. Seiders, economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

"We're sort of through the easy part of the economic cycle where there's plenty of room to grow — thousands of unemployed people, unused plant capacity," Seiders told the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

"That's great for an upswing, growth," he said. "It can't go on forever. The economy has limits."

"Last year, job growth was very good, unemployment fell like a rock and inflation went nowhere."

"The Federal Reserve will slow down the economy. No doubt, they'll have their way," Seiders said.

The immediate goal is to prevent runaway inflation. The cooling is accomplished by raising federal funds rates to banks. Those interest rates commonly are passed on to borrowers.

Mortgage rates, currently at about 9.2 percent, could rise to 9.6 percent by the end of this year and



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back down to 9.1 percent by the end of '96 if inflation is held in check, economists for the NAHB project.

What prompts people to buy a new house?

"For timing, it's the interest rate," Seiders said. "Job security is always central. Third, I'd say, is the perception of houses as an investment."

Seiders also warned local builders that talks in Washington on limiting the deductibility of home mortgage interest will heat up as tax reform comes under scrutiny.

"It's getting harder and harder to defend the deduction on housing affordability," Seiders said. "There could be a tough battle on that in 1995."

BASM announced that building permits for single-family houses and detached condominiums in a seven-county area including Wayne and Oakland increased by 20 percent last year to some 14,600 units.

Through the first 10 months of 1994, Canton, with 640 permitted units, was up 38 percent; Rochester Hills, 339 units, up 52 percent; West Bloomfield, 338 units, up 73 percent; Oakland Township, 250

units, up 171 percent; and Plymouth Township, 163 units, up 81 percent, BASM reported.

The forecast for this year is more of the same.

"We expect to maintain this activity level, around 14,000, maybe a little dip, but we expect to maintain this pace," said Robert R. Jones, a West Bloomfield builder and BASM's immediate past president.

"I think the boom will decrease a little bit," said Bernard Gieberman, president of Crosswinds Communities in Oakland County.

"Demand far exceeds supply now. I think we'll see demand and supply more in balance in '95 and '96."

Some builders here, burned by past recessions, have cut back on speculative construction.

"We primarily build pre-sold houses," said Paul D. Levine, president of the Irvine Group in Farmington Hills.

Tinkering with the mortgage tax deduction is a terrible thought, he added.

"I think it would hurt everyone," Levine said. "It's not just a deduc-

tion for the rich. It gives everyone a little incentive for owning a piece of the country."

Rex Rosenhaus, vice president of Uniland in Farmington Hills, concurred.

"For many of our clients, the home interest deduction is the only one they're able to take advantage of," he said. "It does play a fairly huge part in a person's decision-making process."

While Rosenhaus said he understands that the Federal Reserve incrementally raises rates to gradually cool the economy and avoid boom-and-bust cycles, he wishes the medicine weren't so painful.

"It will be a lot easier to manage business without highs and lows and in the grand scheme of things it seems to be working, but I wish it wouldn't affect our industry as directly as it does," he said.

Peter Burton, vice president of Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms, said it's his impression that builders with numerous lots in a subdivision always have three or four houses under construction without a specific buyer.

"Spec houses at the upper end are much more scarce now," Burton said.

"I think he (Seiders) was just warning builders to be careful because the market certainly will tighten as interest rates rise," Burton said.

Burton added that he would expect an outcry against limiting the current deductibility of mortgage interest.

"Hopefully, there would be enough support from the general population to fight changes that will hurt a lot of people," he said.

John Bollan Jr., president of Bollan Building in Troy, said he believes there's still a fair amount of speculative building going on here.

"It's geared toward transferees. They need speed of closing and mostly it's at the upper (price) end," he said.

"The basic things I came away with, number one, is we're looking at the potential for rates to climb and, number two, I think we should be positive, according to our association, that our market should be pretty stable."

Funny guys: Chris Bearss, left, and John McIntire provide customers plenty of opportunity for yuks with their business.



Gag guys prosper in strip malls

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

A good sense of humor and an open mind are the admission tickets to local Gags & Gifts stores.

Besides being a local Halloween costume headquarters, the eight metro-Detroit stores offer an assortment of zany items. Among these are

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REAL ESTATE (200-372)	D.E
RENTALS (400-430)	E

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once-again trendy lava lamps and black lights, as well as Rondkill Helper, surprise shock devices and birthday "over-the-hill" items.

Costumes range from newborn size to adult size 52. They can also accommodate folks who wear sizes 60-70.

Cousins Chris Bearss and John McIntire, both 37, bought out previous owners Greg Novack and Mike Puchata in 1985. McIntire had been a third partner.

The corporate name is Gags & Gifts Inc. Four years ago, they changed the name to Gags & Gifts to better reflect their inventory.

"It was hard to compete with Toys R Us," McIntire said. "Our largest competitor is Spencer Gifts, which is found in closed malls."

Except for the Arborland store in Ann Arbor, all other Gags & Gifts stores are in strip malls. Besides the first store at Six Mile and Farmington in Livonia, others are located in Waterford, Canton, Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Rochester Hills, and Westland.

McIntire began work there in 1981 and later became a partner. Bearss was in food service working for Bruce Cameron, owner of Midtown Cafe, Birmingham, and Harris Machus of Machus Red Fox restaurants.



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Whitney	4	3	1,700	2	10' x 12'	1,800	5,000	\$179,900	Whitney
Whitney	4	3	1,700	2	10' x 12'	1,800	5,000	\$179,900	Whitney
Whitney	4	3	1,700	2	10' x 12'	1,800	5,000	\$179,900	Whitney

The Internet becomes another tool for business



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Nobody asked how to profit from the Internet when it was in the hands of government, academia, and computer geeks. Geeks probably like to make money but government and academia have never been particularly interested in profits.

But now that the Internet has become popularized, and is reaching a broader market that is literally growing by the millions, more and more people are asking how to make a buck from the Net. So many users and potential users are asking that question that somebody ought to write a book, which is exactly what Mike Weaver and Odd de Presno have done.

Odd de Presno is a familiar name on the Internet as he is the founder and brains behind

KIDLINK, an Internet site for youth that has more than 10,000 kids ages 10-15 from 56 countries as subscribers. That's enough to earn status for a future column, which it is. A Norwegian, de Presno has written some 12 books on line and some 700 articles.

Weaver I never heard of until he co-authored the book "The Online World: How to Profit from the Information Superhighway" which was released in late 1994 by Productive Publications of Toronto. Weaver earns a living by teaching about computers to grades 7-12 and to adults and has earned the Saskatchewan Association for Computer Education/Apple Teacher Award of Excellence. He has worked collaborated with de Presno on several KIDLINK projects.

"An Online World" gives far more detailed information about modems, terminal software, and electronic communications than you will find in most general books on the Internet. The book is interlaced with practical tips

that come from the authors' rich and varied experience on-line. And so it has value to the millions of new on-liners who have just connected in the past year or two to Prodigy, Compuserve or American On-line and in the past year have discovered the Internet. The authors assume readers have a minimum level of knowledge and anyone who has been on-line for six months to a year will feel comfortable with the book's level of difficulty.

The idea of earning a profit from on-line services is based on the book's assumption that knowledge is power and that anyone who can gain information of any type quickly and with relative ease has a competitive advantage in the marketplace. On-line business uses covered include project coordination, on-line business meetings, monitoring what the competition and others are doing, monitoring your own business, building a local database, clipping the news, scanning newsletters, the bulletin board as a sales tool, marketing by modem, and interacting with international

commerce data bases.

"By the year 2000, the Internet will have one billion users. Can you afford to ignore a market of this magnitude?" the authors ask. "It will change the way you learn, get information, and do business. Discover the networks for electronic mail that already span the world. Talk with others in remote countries as if they were next door. Expand the number of people you include in your networks."

To profit from the Internet requires a plan, not the haphazard surfing through the Net that recreational users do when searching for hidden treasures. Good advice given by the authors is to set down on paper a search plan before connecting to your on-line service.

An example of business applications the authors' list of useful e-mail applications: to quickly distribute lists of important prospects to your sales force; to avoid lengthy phone conversations; to receive order information faster and more efficiently than by traditional mail or fax, and from a

larger geographical area; to quickly distribute reports and memos to key people around the world; to send new prices and product information to customers; and to exchange spreadsheets and analyses.

Two chapters loaded with practical information is "Working Smarter" and "Cheaper and better communication." Of greatest interest to me was the method suggested to build your own data base tailored to your personal or business needs. The authors tell how to use script commands to automatically log into the Internet or other on-line service, search and sort e-mail, listserv groups, news groups, and other sources of information and save the information to be easily accessed, filtered and saved in a data base for future use. Chapter 18 on "Automatic Communication" was fascinating.

The book is available for \$47 US dollars, including postage and handling, by writing Productive Publications, P.O. Box 7200, Station A, Toronto, ON M5W 1X8

Canada, by telephone (416) 483-0634, or fax (416) 322-7434. The book's ISBN number is 0-920047-89-7. The publisher, Iain Williamson, is interested in the comments, queries or suggestions of users who may direct them to him at iain.williamson@canrem.com.

I first learned of the book's through a listserv group I subscribe to, online-news. It ended up being a much more detailed and informational book than I anticipated. My only disappointment was the long discussions on how to benefit from Compuserve which de Presno uses religiously. But that's a personal thing from someone who has never warmed up to the grand-daddy of on-line systems.

(You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oconline.com, at voice mail at 963-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 891-7279. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313) 691-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "Key:" prompt type GLGNY2.)

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

FRIDAY JAN 20

LEGAL PRACTICE

The Institute of Law Firm Management presents two concurrent weekend workshops "Law Firm Leadership Practicum" and "Organizing, Leading, Effective Practice Groups in Small to Medium Size Law Firms" through Sunday at the Eastern Michigan University Corporate Education Center, Radisson on the Lake Resort, Ypsilanti. Cost for either workshop is \$475; \$425 for subsequent registrants from the same firm. For information or to register call 800-292-4536 or 313-971-1860.

MONDAY JAN 23

ENVIRONMENTAL VEHICLES

ESD Engineering Society and SAE Interna-

tional hosts a three-day series of tutorials, technical sessions and exposition.

Env 95 Environmental Vehicles Conference through Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency Hotel. For details, contact Susan Sikora at (810) 524-1737.

TUESDAY, JAN 24

WOMEN ENGINEERS

The Detroit Section of the Society of Women Engineers features a program on living and working in the global marketplace 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Oak Library, 11 Mile just east of Main. Cost, which includes a light dinner, is \$3. For information, call 313-323-2268 or (313) 322-6996.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 25

SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATING

Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services plans a five-week course "Negotiating Your Way to Success" 7:10-10 p.m. Wednesdays starting this date on campus in Livonia. Cost is \$132. To register or obtain further information, call (313) 462-4448.

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY

Human Resources Advisory Council presents a seminar "Winning Through Diversity: Benefiting from Cultural Differences in Your Workplace" 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Cost is \$195. \$175 per person for two or more from the same organization. To register, call (810) 932-3880.

MANAGING PRIORITIES

National Seminars Group hosts a workshop "How to Manage Projects, Priorities & Deadlines" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Cost is \$99. The workshop also will be presented during the same hours Friday, Jan. 27, at the Holiday Inn, 26555 Telegraph, Southfield. For reservations, call (800) 258-7246.

EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Detroit Edison co-sponsors a conference "Ventures in Business/Education Partnerships for Job Readiness in the Community" 8:15-11:15 a.m. at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn. Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$10. Registration deadline is Jan. 13. To register, call (313) 271-2700.

Gags

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"We do well in blue-collar areas, but we also do well in Rochester Hills," Bearss said. "Rochester Hills is our second-best store. Livonia is the first. We seem to work better in a blue-collar area."

The stores also offer bachelor and bachelorette items in a cordoned off area for patrons 18 and over.

"Everything that we buy for that area has to have some humor and funniness attached to it," McIntire said. "We try to hit everybody's sense of humor. We try not to discriminate against anybody's sense of humor. We're pretty irreverent about things. We're serious about funny business."

What's new in your business?

Bearss: We also manufacture items. That's something that we took from basically nothing. We employ eight people to produce these silly, goofy things.

How important is location?

Bearss: From a business standpoint, we'd be better off in malls, but we couldn't afford the rent year around.

What is the scope of your business?

Bearss: Thirty percent of our gross annual sales comes from the October period. Fifteen percent of our sales is in November and December. The rest is spread out over the rest of the year.

McIntire: In January, we should close down, but we don't. January is the worst month. We put things on sale. Things pick up for Valentine's Day.

Do you deliver?

Bearss: No, but we do for balloon decorations. When Ford introduced the new Mustang, we provided 2,400 10-inch balloons.

McIntire: Under the balloons was the car.

How do you go about financing and how do you prepare to grow?

Bearss: Leverage. Much of our growth has been fostered by good experience.

We tend to set up some temporary stores in vacant buildings or spaces in cities that we like. Every single one of our stores was a temporary store. Our highest rent is in Rochester Hills. We came into this with no strong family backing.

McIntire: We do it one at a time. We open slowly. We don't do a whole bunch of stores at once. We spread merchandise thinner. We take merchandise out of one store to open up another because we couldn't afford to buy all brand new stuff.

We buy used fixtures. We buy into the business on a gradual basis.

How many employees do you have?

Bearss: Eighty-two. The majority are part-time. We are one of the few employers of our full time management staff has very low turnover.

As we got bigger, we've had to hire on some more people besides store managers, like a general manager and office managers. While other companies are cutting staff, we seem to be building it. Other companies are staggering and falling a bit.

What are your other costs?

McIntire: We have to maintain a warehouse, (at Newburgh and Plymouth) on a year-around basis. We have to prepare all year for Halloween.

Do you hire high school kids?

Bearss: At Halloween time we do. This year, because the economy was strong, we had a heck of a time gathering our employees for the fourth quarter period.

We're competing against MacDonald's and Burger King who pay \$6 an hour and better. We give them a low-pressure, nice place to work.

McIntire: Mostly, we want to hire 18 years or older.

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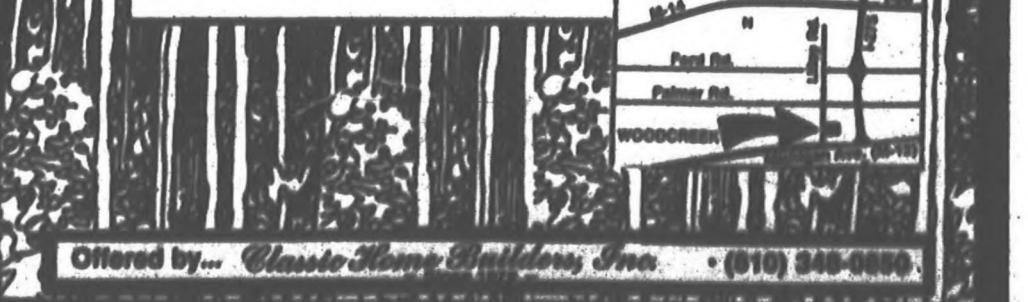
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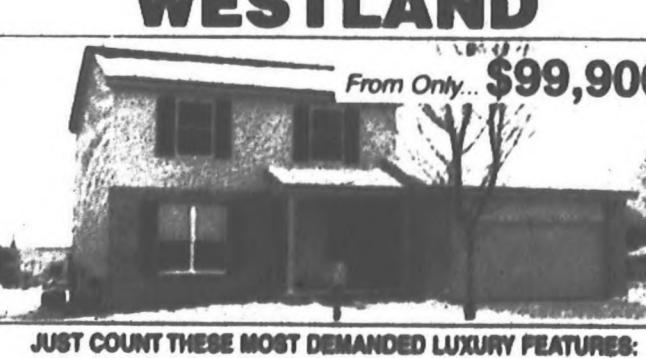
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■ ALTAIR COMPUTING

Altair Computing, a engineering software company based in Troy, has won the 1994 Technology of the Year Award presented by Industry Week Magazine.

Altair won for OptiStruct, a software package used by companies around the world to design products ranging from automotive components to aircraft structures.

"OptiStruct turns analysts into designers . . . and allows companies to achieve significant time savings, increased productivity, decreased design costs and improved product quality," said James Scapa, president and CEO for Altair.

■ DORN TECHNOLOGY

DORN Technology Group of Livonia has announced the release of a new RISKMASTER/Win risk management program module for Microsoft NT Server Version 3.5, a windows-based operating system.

■ MONEY MAILER

Len and Jinny Singer of Livonia have acquired a direct mail franchise with Money Mailer, an international advertising and marketing firm that stresses

partnerships with local businesses.

■ SHOPPING CENTER

The Stuart Frankel Development Co. of Troy will develop Walled Lake Commons, a 110,000 square foot shopping center with a Farmer Jack, Perry Drug and Melvin's Hardware at Pontiac Trail and Maple Road.

The Parliament Co. of Southfield, will serve as general contractor.

■ NEW PR FIRM

Elise Minch and Anne Giragossian, formerly of Lepidus Publicity Group, have announced their own partnership, Minch & Giragossian Public Relations in West Bloomfield.

■ PIZZA FRANCHISES

Hungry Howie's Pizza, headquartered in Livonia, has announced two franchise agreements in Bowling Green and Louisville, Ky.

"Our entry into the Kentucky market is a natural step in our nationwide expansion plan as we seek to solidify our dominance along the I-75 corridor leading to Florida," said Steven E. Jackson, Hungry Howie's president.

Hungry Howie's is building a new headquarters and distribution center off I-75 in Madison Heights.

■ FINANCIAL GRANTS

The Japanese Society of Detroit Foundation, an arm of the Japanese Business Society of Detroit, recently donated \$80,000 to 30 educational, cultural and charitable organizations in the area.

Recipients included the Easter Seals Society, Focus: Hope Center for Creative Studies and Arbor Hospice.

The mission of the Japanese Business Society of Detroit, with 210 corporate members, is to enhance understanding between Japanese and American businesses, as well as the communities they serve.

■ BUDD INVESTMENT

The Budd Co., a supplier to the automotive industry headquartered in Troy, has announced plans to invest nearly \$100 million to improve plant operations throughout North America during the upcoming year.

Budd, with annual sales of \$1.7 billion, is a subsidiary of Thyssen AG of Germany.

■ 3 DIMENSIONAL SERVICES

3 Dimensional Services, a Rochester Hills prototype manufacturer, has added an in-house pattern and model shop with capabilities to develop and build patterns, models and quick cast molds.

The upgrades will augment engineering, design and prototype production services.

■ NAME CHANGE I

ABC Home Health Services, reportedly the nation's second largest home health care provider by number of visits, becomes First American Health Care on Jan. 1.

Its agencies serving the tri-county area from Southfield will be known as First American Home Care.

The name change reflects the company's expansion into a

broader spectrum of health industry activities beyond home care.

■ AIRBAG MODULE

Takata Inc. of Auburn Hills, a safety-restraint system supplier, has developed what it says is a revolutionary compact airbag module that uses technologically advanced inflators, cushions, covers and module design.

The Envirosure inflator uses a non-toxic propellant and is 40 percent smaller and 30 percent lighter than current sodium azide inflators.

■ TECHNICAL CENTER

American Axle and manufacturing, a supplier of driveline systems and a manufacturer of a variety of forged products for the automotive industry, is building a 66,000-square-foot technical center in Rochester Hills.

■ NAME CHANGE II

Howard L. Green & Associates, a retail market and feasibility research firm in Troy becomes the Green Group effective Jan. 1.

The expanded organizational structure and broadened scope of services offered by the firm dictated the name change, said Jeffrey S. Green, president and chief operating officer.

■ NEW ACCOUNT

D&S Plastics of Auburn Hills has transferred its advertising and public relations activities to Words, Sentences, Paragraphs, et cetera in Bloomfield Hills.

■ GIFFELS HONORED

Giffels Associates of Southfield, an architectural/engineer-

ing firm, received a first place architect award at the Michigan Asphalt Paving Association-Michigan Department of Transportation Awards Banquet.

MAPA recognized Giffels' design of a 40-acre, ultra smooth Vehicle Dynamics Pad at the Ford Motor Proving Grounds in Romeo.

■ WEIGHT WATCHERS ACCOUNT

Stone, August, Baker Communications of Troy has been re-appointed as marketing services agency for Weight Watchers of South Texas, the fifth largest Weight Watchers franchise in the country.

"After working with other organizations, we've come back to Stone, August, Baker because its comprehensive marketing services are truly results oriented," said Stanley Lipman, president of Weight Watchers of South Texas.

■ NEW HEADQUARTERS

CDI Computer Services has expanded and added a new headquarters building at 32660 Stepperson Highway, Troy.

The new headquarters, 35,000 square feet, is a four-fold increase over space in its previous Madison Heights location now occupied by the company's Visualization Lab.

■ EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

Educational Technologies, a Troy-based financial education firm, recently provided an entrepreneurial skills course delivered via interactive television for laid off AT&T employees.

■ MAGAZINE SUCCESS

The Quarton Group, a Troy publishing company, has announced that single copy sales for NBA Inside Stuff are up 73 percent since its initial national newstand sales launch last February.

■ PHOTO DISPLAY

Meteor Photo and Imaging of Troy selected the work of commercial photographer Michael Wolford, an 8-by-12 foot display, as part of its outdoor Christmas exhibit.

■ BUILDING AWARDS

Etkin Equities and Etkin Management Services of Southfield, property owners and managers, figured in five Pursuit of Excellence Office Building of the Year Awards sponsored by the Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit.

They included Timberland Office Park, Troy, for suburban office park; City Center, Southfield, for buildings 100,000-249,900 square feet; and Volkswagen of America, Auburn Hills, 250,000-500,000 square feet.

Also, Timberland II, Troy, under 100,000 square feet; and Brookfield III, Farmington Hills, in the corporate headquarters category.

The Guardian Building in Detroit, owned by Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and managed by Cushman & Wakefield of Southfield, won in the historical category.

Judges looked at operations, emergency and handicap procedures, tenant amenities and impact on the community.

SUBURBAN START

Pam Dickey of Redford attended the international convention in Toronto, Canada, of Discovery Toys Inc. Dickey has been affiliated with the company for 5 years.

Ronald W. Eppler of Canton joined First of America Bank-Southeast Michigan as assistant vice president-commercial services sales representative.

Martin Spencer of Livonia joined First of Michigan Corp. as manager, information systems. Spencer designed, implemented and managed information systems projects for National TechTeam in Dearborn.

Phillip Kierschke from Westland joined Marriott in Livonia as a front-desk clerk. Kierschke graduated from Southeastern Academy in Kissimmee, Fla.

Lisa Radwick of Canton was promoted to inventory and analysis manager at Avanti Press in Detroit.

Kyle Percin of Livonia, JoAnne

Thompson and Craig Winbiger were promoted to staff accountants with Follmer, Rudzewicz and Co. in Southfield.

John Ogorodnick joined Kemper Securities Inc. as an investment consultant in the Plymouth office.

Mary Beth Donnelly of Canton was one of six national winners of the General Host Chairman's Award. The award is the highest given by General Host, the parent company of Frank's Nursery & Crafts, and is awarded for exemplary performance leading to significant improvement in company performance and profits.

Judith Keenan of Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. in Livonia was awarded the designation of Certified Insurance Service Representative after completing an educational program administered by the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents.

Fazur M. Rahaman of the Garden City district office of American General Life and Accident Insurance Co.

retired after 22 years with the company. Rahaman began his company career in 1964 as a sales representative in the Detroit Central office. He left the company in 1969 but returned in 1976 as a sales representative in the Redford district. Most recently he was a sales representative in the Garden City district. During his career, Rahaman qualified to attend 10 of the firm's annual national leaders conferences, one time as a member of the President's Council, an organization of the company's top producers.

Deborah S. Grant-Kelterborn of Plymouth was promoted to independent branch adviser in the Longaberger Co.'s sales program.

The Detroit office of Ernst & Young LLP announced the following manager promotions: Milan E. Belans II of Farmington Hills to audit manager, Kirsner S. Berg of Livonia to audit manager, Susan J. Haines of Farmington Hills to audit manager and Donald J. Goshorn of Farmington Hills to special services group manager.

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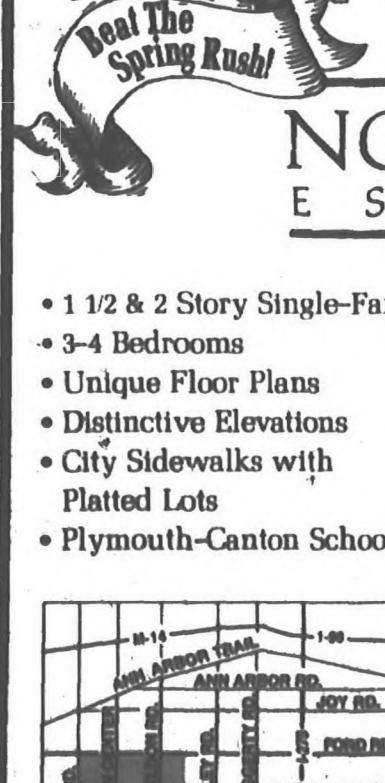
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FEMALES

WAS A PROFESSIONAL SINGER
DF 39, non-smoker, non-drinker, employed. I am a mother of a 12 year old. I have many interests such as fishing, playing my guitar and singing. I also enjoy movie, cooking, dining out and going to the theater. I am looking for a nice man who is between 35-45 years of age. Someone who is a non-smoker and non-drinker with similar interests. Call Ext. 33236

UNITY STUDENT

SWF 52, 5'4", 120 lbs., non-smoker. Into physical fitness, athletic activities and classical music. I would like to meet someone who is spiritual and active. I am looking for a friend and companion. Call Ext. 33218

SIMILAR INTERESTS

DWF 49, tall, figured. I am looking for some sports & cooking. I am looking for a White male 50-60 years of age. Call Ext. 33157

MATURE & HEALTHY

WF Attractive Catholic, in her 70's is seeking a healthy man in his late 70's or early 80's. I am who like a pal & a pal. Call Ext. 33199

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

DWF 42, 5'2", I am attractive inside & out, with a good sense of humor. I enjoy good company, boating, movies, gardening, music, computers, reading & sporting events. I am interested in meeting a responsible loving man with strong morals & values. Probably, someone who is between 40-48 years of age, emotionally & financially secure. Call Ext. 33201

SAVED IN THE LORD

SBP 51, 5'5", a medium build. I am witty, like to laugh & am a very level minded person. I like a man that is taller than I with a sweet personality. Someone who is loving, understanding, clean, level minded & knows how to treat a woman. Call Ext. 33139

PHYSICAL FIT

SWF 33, 5'4", short blonde hair & blue eyes. I am professionally employed. I consider myself to be a very honest and caring person. I love outdoors, sports, family & friends. Looking for a single White male 29-38 years of age, sensitive, caring and a non-smoker with similar interests. Call Ext. 33132

BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBER

WF 55 plus, 5'5", 120 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes. I like movies, concerts, going out and doing anything together. Looking for someone about 22 years of age with a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 33008

WILL RETURN YOUR CALL

SF 41, 5'7", 115 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes. I like motorcycles, mountain bikes, fishing, camping and anything outdoors. Call Ext. 32945

NON-SMOKER & NON-DRINKER

DWF 28, 5'2", 105 lbs., brown hair, green eyes. I have 3 children. I consider myself to be a very loving and honest person. I like taking walks, holding hands and communicating. I am looking for a single or divorced White male who is honest, faithful and is not afraid of commitment. Someone who is also family oriented and 29-35 years of age. Call Ext. 33175

ICE SKATING

DWF 46, 5'3", 112 lbs., brown shoulder length hair. I am a born again Christian of non-denominational belief. Some of my interests include sports, animals, Christian music, movies, dining out, bowling & playing cards. I am interested in meeting a Christian gentleman 35-50 years of age. Someone who is a non-smoker & non-drinker. Call Ext. 32706

WILLING TO ACCEPT KIDS

DWF 28, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, family oriented, non-smoker, non-drinker. I have three children. I am looking for love & commitment. You must be honest, faithful & willing to work at a relationship. Call Ext. 33175

LOOKING FOR THE SAME

SF 36, 5'3", 130 lbs., red hair, blue eyes. I am a very affectionate, loving, open & dedicated Christian. I love movies, riding my motorcycle, going out to dinner & staying home watching movies. Call Ext. 32837

ATTEND CHURCH

SWF 42 year old Christian. I am 5'7" & weigh 135 lbs. I love to exercise, read, watch movies & travel. I am looking for a single or divorced Black Christian male 40-55 years of age. A man who I can talk to, go out with & read the Bible. Call Ext. 32898

LIVE IN DETROIT

BBF 15, 5'2", 128 lbs. & mother of six adult children. I'm a secretary. I sing in church & attend church regularly. My hobbies are sewing, traveling & worshipping God. Call Ext. 32840

ATTEND CHURCH

SWF Very attractive, physically fit, spiritually fit & professionally employed. 34 year old. I am athletic, 5'5" & weigh 110 lbs. I am also sensitive, caring & affectionate, with a positive attitude. You are an attractive single or divorced White male. A positive thinker with beautiful eyes & a winning smile. You are between the ages of 30-45, like myself you enjoy all sports & working out. Call Ext. 32891

GOOD COMPANION

SWF 14, 5'7", slim, blonde hair, blue eyes. I am a single mother of one who seeks a single male 25-30 years of age. You must like children, have a sense of humor & be a non-smoker. Call Ext. 32884

SEEKING HONESTY & HUMOR

DWF 5'3" & blonde hair. I love music, traveling, boating & the outdoors. I am seeking a White male 44 years or over. A man who loves the water & would enjoy doing things together. Call Ext. 32884

ACTIVELY THEOCRATIC

SWF 30, 5'5", 120 lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes. I am a single mom. I'd like to start out my new life. Call Ext. 32887

DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

DWF I am a 40 something Lutheran professional. I am seeking companionship with a 40 something down hill snow skier. I would like a companion to chase snowflakes with & a partner for skiing. This includes light social drinking. Call Ext. 31599

DINNER & MOVIES

DWF 34 years old, 5'3" & weight proportionate. Reddish brown hair & blue eyes. I love bowling & quiet evenings with friends. I am seeking a kind, sensitive Christian man 38-48 years of age who is a non-smoker & non-drinker, with similar interests. Call Ext. 30828

ATTRACTIVE

SBF I am a 62 years old African American female. I am 5'9" & weigh 155 lbs. I am very active & enjoy all sports. I would like to meet a sincere gentleman to whom I could possibly share some of the same interests with I would prefer someone 50-60 years of age. Call Ext. 31420

LOVE ANIMALS

WWF I am in my early 50's with blonde hair & blue eyes. I own my own home. I have four grown children. I am seeking a western mother, dining & quiet evenings at home. I am looking for someone to share the simple gifts of life with. Call Ext. 33085

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWF 52, blonde hair & blue eyes. I am also professionally employed & financially stable. I have a great sense of humor & many interests. I would like to find a single White Christian male to enjoy my interests with. A man 34-44 years of age. Call Ext. 33149

MUSIC

WWF I am 34 years of age & a college graduate. I enjoy various sports activities. I am seeking a single White male 26-38 years of age. Call Ext. 32981

SBF 44, 5'5", with hazel eyes & ash blonde hair. I am a unique, kind & honest person who tends to be spontaneous at times. I like traveling & all activities that are fun. I would like to find a special person who is a non-smoker for a relationship. Call Ext. 33067

NON-SMOKING CATHOLIC

DWF I am 42 years of age & 5'5" with blue eyes. I am looking for a sincere, responsible, caring & White non-smoking gentleman someone who is 5'9" to 6' in height & 40-48 years of age. You must enjoy family, camping, dancing, walking, animals & the simple life. Call Ext. 33070

LET'S TALK

DWF I am 29 years of age, 5'8" & weigh 125 lbs. with blonde hair & brown eyes. I enjoy movies, dancing, bowling, dining out, walking in the park, flea markets & much more. Call Ext. 32983

UNIQUE & HONEST

SBF I am 24 years of age & 5'5" with hazel eyes & ash blonde hair. I love dancing, hiking, traveling & all activities that I am 1 am looking for a special person that is a person for me. I am seeking a friend & a possible relationship. Call Ext. 32985

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

SWF 26 years old with brown hair & brown eyes. I like sporting events, bowling, playing softball & watching movies. I am looking for a single or divorced White male 26-30 years of age. Call Ext. 33013

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

DWF I am extremely attractive & 5'8" with green eyes. I am looking for a mate that is a minimum of 6' tall & 180 lbs. I want to see the world around me. I am tall the outside, but a 10 on the inside. I am looking for a Christian guy & have good morals. Call Ext. 32987

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

SWF 26 years old with brown hair & brown eyes. I like sporting events, bowling, playing softball & watching movies. I am looking for a mate that is a minimum of 6' tall & 180 lbs. I want to see the world around me. I am tall the outside, but a 10 on the inside. I am looking for a Christian that is respectful. Call Ext. 32987

VERY ACTIVE

SBF 70 years of age with brown hair & blue eyes. I like the outdoors, church & traveling. I don't drink or smoke. I am looking for a Christian that is respectful. Call Ext. 32987

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SBF 34, have children. I love the lord. I enjoy roller skating and walking. I'm looking for a Christian male who is fun loving, sincere, loves children and has a down to earth personality. Call Ext. 32844

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

SBF I am 34, 5'4", 120 lbs., with two children. I am seeking a Christian male 30-50 years of age. Do you enjoy walks, movies, shopping, quiet evenings & walks?

TWO CHILDREN

I have red hair & blue eyes. I am a born again Spirit filled Christian with a gentle spirit. I like reading, sewing & classic music. I am interested in one man. He must be able to look deeper than the surface. He must love God. Jesus & have a positive attitude. He must be a true gentleman, a hard worker & caring & honest. Who loves children & enjoys being with them. Call Ext. 32821

ATTEND Nondenominational CHURCH

SBF I'm 25, 125 lbs., 5'10", with sandy blonde hair & blue gray eyes. I like going to the movies, spending time with my friends. I'm looking for a gentleman who is caring & honest. I'm looking for friendship & possibly a relationship. Call Ext. 32824

CATHOLIC

SBF I'm 19, 5'6", 128 lbs., with blonde hair & blue eyes. I am a professional & I'm financially secure. I enjoy sports, quiet evenings & the fireplace. I would like to meet a professional man who is in his 40's, good physical shape, sensitive & a non-smoker. Call Ext. 32814

TRADITIONAL VALUES

SBF I'm 44, 5'6", 128 lbs., with blonde hair & hazel eyes. I am a professional & I'm financially secure. I enjoy sports, quiet evenings & the fireplace. I would like to meet a professional man who is in his 40's, good physical shape, sensitive & a non-smoker. Call Ext. 32812

NONSENTENTS

SBF I'm 19, 5'6", 128 lbs., with blonde hair & blue eyes. I am a Christian & I'm seeking a Christian male who is fun loving, sincere & has a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 32813

WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

SBF I'm 18, with blonde hair & brown eyes. I like movies, I'm looking for a possible long term relationship & someone who is 19-25 years old. Call Ext. 32793

CATHOLIC BACKGROUND

SBF I'm 41, 5'11", with blonde hair & brown eyes. I am a Catholic, have my own home & have two children. I enjoy walks, singing, music, having a good time & a lot of fun. Call Ext. 31625

HAVE ONE CHILD

SBF I'm 33, 5'3", 140 lbs., & a faithful member of the Church of Christ. I love bowling, enjoy long walks, quiet evenings at home, movies & the simple things. I am looking for someone to be a friend & possibly to marry. Call Ext. 32821

REASONABLY ATTRACTIVE

SBF I'm 28, 5'2", dark blonde hair, blue eyes. I am seeking a Christian male 28-38 years of age for friendship & possibly to marry. Call Ext. 32825

TALL & HANDSOME

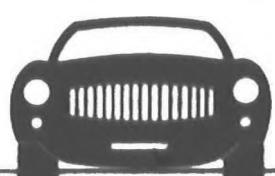
SBF I'm 49, dark hair & brown eyes. I am in search of a woman who is slender & 5'6"-5'8". I am looking for a tall & handsome Christian who is interested in boating, fishing, hunting, dancing & loves all sorts of things in life. Call Ext. 33171

DIRECTOR

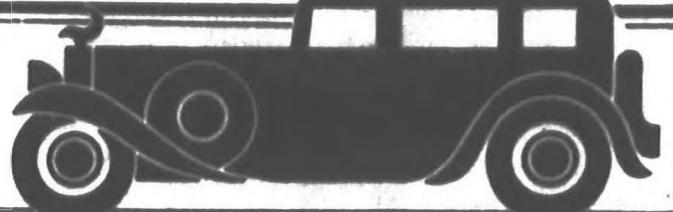
SBF 26, 5'11", 165 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I have never been married. Catholic engineer & professional musician. Looking for a single White female 21-26 years of age who has never been married. Someone who is kind with a good sense of humor. Also someone who enjoys sports, the movies, dancing & having a good time. Call Ext. 33166

HIKING

SBF 33, 6 ft, 230 lbs. I would like to meet a female



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TURBOS 1993, 2 door, loaded, after market, air, power windows & locks, cruise, AM/FM stereo, very low miles, \$8,995.

TURBOS 1993, 4 door, GL, 3.8L, automatic, air, power windows & locks, cruise, AM/FM stereo, leather, loaded, keyless, ABS, \$10,995.

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