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Bound over: The suspects in the attempted robbery at Hiller's Market are headed for trial after Monday's preliminary exam./A3

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Music: Detroit gains a music festival of its own with Mid By Midwest, a festival made by musicians for musicians./B1

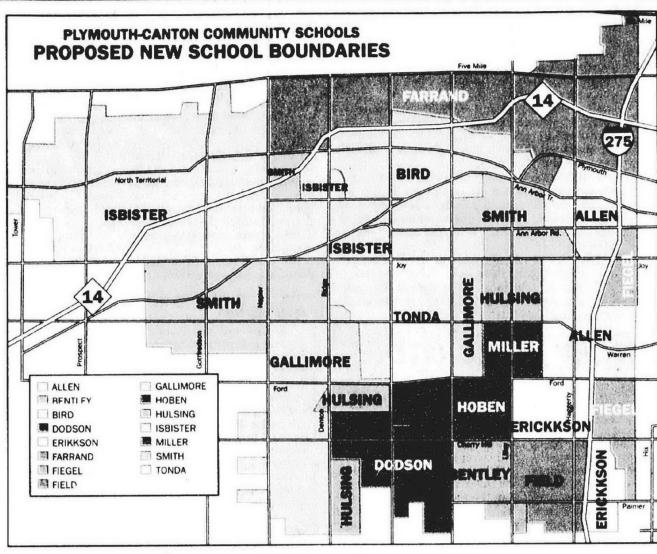
Theater: The theater troupe at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia brings the story of "Cinderella" to life./B1

AT HOME

Treasure check: An appraisal clinic will again be one of the features at The Community House Antiques Festival./C1

HOMETOWN LIFE

Skin care: Several local experts offer their advice on how to care for your



Drawing the lines

District maps elementary boundaries



STAFF WRITER

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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It took them the better part of a year, but planners in the Plymouth-Canton school district came up with a plan to redraw elementary boundaries to accommodate the newest building.

Dodson will have a first-year enrollment of approximately 553 students. "A survey we did indicates the most important thing the community the neighborwanted was to keep hoods together," said Verna Anible, executive director/educational services. "That was the same result as when we were redistricting the middle schools last year, so it wasn't a surprise. According to the report by the Housing and Facilities Committee, residents were more concerned about keeping neighborhoods and elemen-

tary school populations together than having children remain in their current schools.

Other considerations high on the list of committee members included maximizing the number of walkers, maintaining the current middle school boundaries, avoiding long bus rides and considering special education needs.

Plymouth-Canton uses a software

Board approves concept for fields

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth Township is expected to pursue state grant funding for the development of soccer fields at M-14 and Haggerty Road.

Development of the soccer fields itexpected to cost about \$1.3 million. With the additional options of a soccerarea restroom, and a swimming pool and bathhouse option, the projected cost could swell to \$2.7 million, officials said.

"We have had contact with a couple of neighbors in that area," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, has also discussed the makeup of the plans with the heads of Plymouth-area soccer groups as well as a soccer expert from the YMCA.

The Plymouth Township board accepted the project concept and budget at Tuesday's meeting and authorized grant funding application, further refining of the concept and preparation of detailed plans.

The board is working toward an April 1 grant application deadline to expedite the project.

We didn't just depend on ourselves for the location and the types of socoer fields," Anulewicz said. "This is to bring this to the board for exposure



skin during the winter months./C7

SPORTS

Pool pride: Plymouth Salem captured the Western Lakes Athletic Association swim title over the weekend./D1

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With the opening of Dodson Elementary scheduled for August, Plymouth-Canton school officials are proposing new elementary school boundaries for the 2001-2002 school year.

The changes, which need approval by the Board of Education, will reassign 757 of the 7,700 elementary students in the district, or just under 10 percent. The reconfiguration means program called PolyPlot to find the exact number of students in a particular neighborhood and match them up with the capacity of each of the 15 elementary schools.

"It's really a game of dominos," said Anible. "Once you take a group of kids out of one building, and move them into another building, you have

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city sets 2001 goals

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

After nearly a year-and-a-half of talking about setting goals, Plymouth city commissioners have finally identified six goals they hope to accomplish before the end of the year.

Commissioners Monday night, with the help of a facilitator, recognized nearly 50 areas where they wanted to see improvements in the city. After nearly four hours of discussions, they narrowed their immediate goals down to six areas.

At the top of the list were finding a city manager and a police chief. The city manager's position has been vacant for nine months, while the police chief's position has been otiose since the latter part of October.

While those two goals were obvious. it took some discussion by commissioners before coming up with a consensus on the remaining four. When the smoke cleared, the four agreed upon

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BY TEDD SCHNEIDER STAFF WRITER tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

You may not hit a home run every time up but at least you can put your ball in the mid-

dle of the fairway. It's a mixed sports metaphor for sure, but one that accurately represents the publishing philosophy of Brian Lewis, whose Chelsea-based Sleeping Bear Press has garnered an impressive record of sales and accolades in just six years.

Lewis will be the featured speaker Thursday, April 5, for the 15th annual Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Novi libraries. The event is sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers, both part of the HomeTown Commu-

Lewis' unsuccessful efforts to find a publisher for a 62-year-old golf manuscript, The Spirit of St. Andrews, inspired creation of Sleeping Bear in 1995. Since then, the small, Main Street office has expanded to house 34 employees. It has published a variety of mostly regional titles - from children's books to a coffee table memoir by Bo Schembechler to a first novel (The Greatest Player that Never Lived by Mike Veron). All have had sales ranging from good to phenomenal and have been praised for the quality of materials and workmanship. A children's Christmas story, The Legend of Sleeping Bear, has sold well in excess of

"We're not going to be doing a John

Please see LUNCH, A3 Publisher Brian Lewis

Clearance rate rises as township crime slips

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth Township police officers are working smarter

That's the feeling of township police chief Larry Carey after watching the clearance rate for both serious and lesser crimes increase in 2000.

Police cleared 609 or 35 percent of the total 1,745 crimes reported in 2000. They cleared 432 or 24 percent of the total 1,774 crimes in 1999

"That was one of my goals, that the clearance rate go up because that's the time you are actually solving," Carey said, "When you judge performance, it's not so much raw numbers like counting tickets or arrests. Our violations went down, yet our accidents didn't grow too much."

He put the figures into perspective.

"Nationwide crime went down," Carey said Locally, both crime and the crime rate went down.

The U.S. Census and SEMCOG estimate Plymouth Township's 2001 population at 27.677 with an estimated 11,1117 households. Based on these figures, the 2000 crime rate again decreased, to 321 index crimes per 10,000 population, Carey said. Index crime per 10,000 population decreased in 1999 to a rate of 339, he said.

The Michigan Incident-based Crime Reporting System defines Part I or index crimes as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, vehicle theft and arson. These are the most serious crimes.

Part II or non-index crimes are fraud, malicious destruction of property, narcotics, weapons, abuse, stolen property, etc.

In 2000, the township had 891 index

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by commissioners included:

Recreation for all age groups.

Public restroom for downtown.

Capital improvements/Develop financial

plans. Long term parking plans for downtown and Old Village.

On the topic of recreation, commissioners focused on the current master plan and future needs.

"As a result of that master plan, we want to seek grant dollars as a funding device," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "And, we need to look at the potential rezoning of Central Middle School property ... to get some portion of this property dedicated to park-type use. In the event the school tries to sell it, we're prepared.

"We should look at the expanding Cultural Center opportunities, other than what's currently in the (\$635,000 state) recreation grant (to make improvements)," added Graham. "Concerning a youth commission, we've got to look at what other communities have done and see how it works."

Commissioners also want to investigate constructing downtown bathroom facilities. More immediate plans will provide for two Port-a-johns in the downtown area from May through September to accommodate Kellogg Park crowds.

"While that is taking place, we need to define where a permanent restroom should be located and what it will look like," said Graham.

Capital improvements mainly centered on road, water and sewer construction.

develop a construction plan for the 2001 construc- of the community."

As a result of that master plan, we want to seek grant dollars as a funding device.' Bill Graham

-City commissioner

tion season, and propose a street paving philosophy," said Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

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Financial plans center on the obligations of the city as it pertains to its employees.

"We want to develop a bargaining strategy so that over time all our union and non-represented employees are consistent with how we deal with them in terms of pay and benefits," explained Commissioner Sean FitzGerald.

Commissioners also agreed to review the existng parking plans for downtown and Old Village and address any concerns.

After the goal-setting session, commissioners appeared pleased they finally, after more than a year of talking about it, set goals for the future of the city, some of which they hope to have completed by the end of the year.

"I think they're excellent goals," said Commissioner Michele Potter. "Having been on the commission for the past 15 months, I see how slowly we sometimes move. I'm hoping with this goal-setting session we'll carry forth the energy and get them done in 8-10 months."

"They are all things that are important to the community," added Pobur.

"I'll expect we'll finish off several of the goals," 'We want to instruct the administration to said FitzGerald. "It will just add to the betterment

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crimes compared to the 907 in ized ink-less fingerprinting sys-1999, a decrease of 1.8 percent. Total index and non-index crimes decreased from 1,774 incidents in 1999 to 1,745 in 2000, resulting in a decrease of 1.6 percent.

Total vehicle crashes, including private property crashes, increased by 86 to 1,177 in 2000. State reportable crashes were up 1.4 percent, while tickets decreased from 10,498 in 1999 to 8,252 in 2000, a 21.4 percent decrease.

There were 3.2 percent more arrests in 2000, 549 adult arrests in 2000 compared to 416 arrests in 1999. The 51 juvenile arrests in 2000 increased from 38 juvenile arrests in 1999.

The major accomplishment in 2000 was the installation of new technology, Carey said. That included live scan fingerprinting, automated booking and mug shots, mobile data terminals, computer-aided dispatch, community watch, and digital radio communication.

The installation of the digital photo system and a computer-

The Plymouth Community

Arts Council holds its annual

Arts auction

Township Police Department tem allowed computerization of the entire prisoner booking process.

State and federal grant money was used for these items which helped police officers spend considerably less time on administrative tasks and more time in the community, Carey said.

Vast amounts of information between the patrol officer and 70 other police agencies in southeast Michigan can be exchanged with the new mobile computers which were installed in the patrol cars

The police department began operating through the Oakland County Court and Law Enforcement Management and Information System, known as CLEMIS, Dec. 27.

The investigations section kept track of crime in other communities to determine a connection with crimes in Plymouth Township

At the end of the year, Northville Township, Livonia and Ann Arbor police departments helped the Plymouth

separately close several investigations. These included the malicious destruction of property incident at Hilltop Golf Course involving more than \$5,000 in damages; four larceny investigations where the suspect took money and credit cards from Bally's Health and Fitness; four construction site breaking and entering/larceny investigations, and four home invasions.

The police department also received a first place honor during the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Awards presented at the summer conference.

There were 43 narcotic arrests last year compared to 17 in 1999; Total estimated assets seized was \$23,865 in 2000 compared to \$14,877 in 1999.

The absence of a large commercial area like a shopping mall benefits Plymouth Township, Carey said.

"We don't have a community which lends itself to crime, to tell the truth," Carey said. \

tures a buffet dinner, the humor of local comedians and live and silent auctions. Among the items: a hockey puck signed by former Red Wing Keith Primeau, footballs autographed by Lloyd Carr and Bo Schembechler and a week's stay at Hilton Head, S.C.

Cost is \$50 per person, \$24 of which is tax-deductible. All proceeds benefit New Hope Center. Seating is limited, and reservations must be made by March 26. Joey's Comedy Club is located at 36071 Plymouth Road. Call (734) 261-0555 for more information.

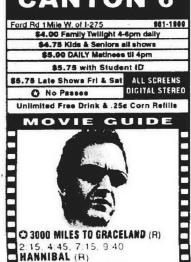
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The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter meets March 19 at noon for a sandwich luncheon

Guest speaker will be Susan Petres, who will talk about what the Children of the American Revolution Society is

For more information, call

However, road work on the Three years ago, it cost nearly a million dollars to reconstruct



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Main Street, making it a smooth needs vary." In fact, Sincock said even the pathway through downtown Ply-

south end will now make Main Street look more like a patchwork quilt, with some residents fearing the smooth ride from one end of the city to the other will turn into a bumpy travel experi-

Workers laying fiber optic cable

"What we have is a subcontractor for Ameritech putting fiber optic cable under the street," said Acting City Manager Paul Sincock. "As hard as we try to meet with all the utility companies and have everything in place before we pave a road. unfortunately there are circumstances that arise. Technologies

city has had to tear up Main Street for a water main break at Linden. That portion of the road will be repaired in the spring.

"We're working closely with the cable contractor to make certain the road is repaired properly," said Sincock. "We have standard engineering details related to road patches and how it's put back together. We'll have 10 inches of stone, several inches of concrete and several inches of asphalt. It's going to come back in relatively the same condition it was in."

Sincock said while it may not look as nice, Main Street should be as smooth as ever when repairs are completed.

dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31, at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Tickets for An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance are \$60 per person and are available by calling (734) 416-4278. Proceeds from the event help fund PCAC programming. The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with

Matt Watroba, a Plymouth high school teacher and radio personality, as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. In addition, a silent auction will also be held. The two auctions will feature art work, jewelry. sports tickets, dinners and travel getaways.

Following dinner and the auction, guests will dance to the music of The Couriers.

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual pops dinner concert, Cabaret Cafe, is set for Friday, April 6 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The event starts at

at the Plymouth Library.

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Shirl Hering, (734) 455-5525.

Comedy showcase

from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

6 p.m. This year's "fun raiser" for the orchestra, tickets for the dinner/concert are \$50 for adults, \$25 for children. Tables of eight are available for \$400, and tables of 10 are available for \$500. It's the orchestra's

biggest fund-raiser. The evening will include the sixth-annual raffle. Last year, the raffle raised more than \$6,000 for the orchestra.

To make reservations for dinner, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112.

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Club in Livonia Sunday, April 1

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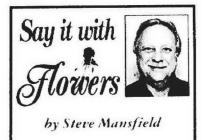
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KEEPING IT SIMPLE

If you enjoy the simple things in life, your vision is shared by growing numbers of flower arrangers who have grown a bit weary of fussy, overdone arrangements. One of the newest trends in flower arranging involves a Zen approach. A contemporary Zen centerpiece is a very pristine affair that, for example, may make simple use of wheat grass in a metal box vase, followed by the addition of orchids or bamboo. The Zen approach also calls for simple arrangements that feature so-called architectural flowers, such as calla lilies, that invite visual inspection of the wondrous ways of nature. In this respect, the bunching of a few flowers can be as overwhelming as a large multi-floral bouquet.

The elegance of a sparse arrangement can be as breathtaking as an intricate floral arrangement. For more tips on the wonderful world of flowers. call HEIDE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS, located at 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. We are celebrating over 100 years in business, and 25 years in our current location. To place vour order by phone, call 453-5140. Mon. Sat., or visit our website at www.heidsflowers.com. Look for our next article in two weeks.

HINT: Monochromatic arrangements. which feature flowers of the same color, are another way to achieve a beautiful effect through simplicity.



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company too much to ward off an intruder At PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC, we provide comprehensive medical care for pets. Bring your pet here for routine checkpreventative healthcare, and UDS. emergency treatment with Dr. Kirchgatter. Dr. Bares, or one of our other veterinarians. Our personalized service and family atmosphere is your assurance of satisfaction. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400, open six days a week. P.S. Traditionally, the beagle was much smaller than today's breed and could fit inside its owner's pocket.







Bound over: Larry Davis, allegedly part of a trio that tried to rob Hiller's Market last month, was bound over for trial after a preliminary exam Monday in 35th District Court.

Hiller's suspects bound over for trial after prelim exam

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER CMARSHALL@OE.HOMECOMM.NET

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Four witnesses testified about the early morning of Feb. 15 when they were bound with duct tape and threatened by the men police say intended to rob the storewhere the witnesses worked.

The three men accused of attempting to rob Hiller's Market on Haggerty were bound over Monday for trial, after their 35th District Court preliminary examinations.

They pointed their guns at me and came running at me and told me to be quiet. Be quiet or die," said Robert Tucker, who was stocking shelves on the midnight shift when the defendants allegedly entered the store.

Jordan Kelly, Donyelle Williams and Larry Davis were arraigned Feb. 16on four counts each of assault with intent to rob, each of which carries a maximum life sentence, for the Feb. 15 attempted robbery. The defendants were also charged with possession of a weapon in commission of a felony

At Monday's preliminary exam, store employees testified they were each told by the suspects, who were dressed in dark clothing and dark hoods, they would be shot if they didn't cooperate, and each was bound with duct tape for a 15- to 20minute period during the crime.

Each also said he heard the men communicating with each other over two-way radios.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Raymond Maguire questioned police officers from N hville

ran out a back door. Williams stopped immediately and put his hands in the air, saying, "You got me. You got me. I ain't going to fight," Roberts testified.Kelly ran back into the store. Livonia Officer Ronald McPheel said he found Kelly hiding in a trash compactor.

Livonia Police Sgt. Gregory Perttunen said Davis was found lying down in his Jeep Cherokee in the parking lot at nearby Tanger Center.Upon searching the vehicle, he found wads of duct tape, a pair of binoculars, a Motorola two-way radio, a pistol and a box cutter.

According to Bias' testimony, Davis said the suspects drove around for a while, looking for something to eat. He said the three wound up in Hiller's because "a friend told me we should go look at it and see what you think."

Bias said Davis' wife has been cleared of any suspicion in the robbery and has been cooperative and passed a polygraph examination. Davis said his friends got out of the Jeep, and he fell asleep, **Bias** testified.

"Next thing I knew, a police officer was pounding on the window," Bias said Davis told him.

Williams gave Bias a verbal statement instead of a written statement. He told Bias the three rode together to the store, and Davis stayed in the vehicle, Bias testified. He said Williams admitted to taping the witnesses with duct tape, and that they intended to rob the store.

Bias said Williams had told him the men intended to rob the store but had not intended to

Township presses on with Miller Park

BY SUE BUCK STAFY WRITER buckfloe.hos comm.net

Plymouth Township will forge ahead to develop Miller Family Park by June.

Plans for the triangular, 3.5acre parcel located on Ann Arbor Trail near Chestnut were approved last year.

The neighborhood park is expected to serve an area bounded by Ann Arbor Road, Haggerty Road, the Middle Rouge Parkway and I-275.

At Tuesday's township board meeting, trustees awarded the contract to Nationwide Fence and Supply Company of Chesterfield, the low-bidder, in the amount of \$224,200.65.

About \$207,000 of the project construction cost was obtained through a Clean Michigan Initiative grant.

"We have not previously worked with Nationwide Fence and Supply Company; however, verification of the references indicated successful projects and satisfied owners," said Kristen Miner of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, the township's engi-

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to take someone out of that building and move them to another. There aren't a lot of empty classrooms out there.

The task is to put them all together in a way that makes sense geographically, that meets the capacity and keeps the neighborhoods together," she

added. Anible points out that students who are walkers this year

will also be walkers next year. Along with the current number of students who attend Ply-

mouth-Canton Schools, the committee had to project the number of students from current and future subdivision construction, mostly in Canton and Plymouth

townships. "In Canton, Central Park is already giving us some students, and will for the next two-three years," said Marcy Staley, a member of the committee. Cherry Hill Village (future construction in Canton) is one of the biggest puzzles to deal with.

neering firm.

Nationwide Fence and Supply has done field renovations for the cities of East Lansing, Mount Clemens and Muskegon.

Trustee Kay Arnold asked if the neighborhood residents would be involved at all as a way to take ownership of the park.

"At this point there is no community involvement," Miner said. "In the future, as far as watering or the upkeep of the structures, that's a possibility."

The company will do all the work

"So all the neighbors who said they wanted to help, you aren't going to let them," Arnold said.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, said the township will meet the deadline as directed. The neighbors were involved in providing input for design, he said.

"Involvement with the project doesn't mean you have to come out, dig a hole and put concrete in," Anulewicz said. "We will continue to involve them with don't think they have to be township.

When they will start coming in, how fast they will come, and how will we keep them together as a neighborhood are questions we need to address. In the Plymouth area, we have growth at Country Club Village.

"Until we get ahead of the growth curve, we'll have to continue to make changes," said Staley.

Staley said if Dodson Elementary, located in a growth area of southwest Canton, enrolled students from a one-mile radius, we would have had 1,000 students going to Dodson, so we had to make some decisions.

According to projections for the 2001-2002 school year, Tonda Elementary will have the highest elementary school enrollment with 600 students. Field, with 590 students, will be the second largest, followed by Isbister with 580 students.

Smith Elementary is projected to be the smallest with 421 pupils, followed by Fiegel with

involved with putting something in the ground to make a commitment. It will be up to us to ensure they are part of the process. Otherwise you are going to run into some liability issues."

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The township should still encourage a service group or anybody who wants to donate money to pay for a slide, for example, said trustee Ron Griffith. Neighborhood residents could volunteer to pick up litter at the park after it is built, he said.

Anulewicz also suggested a service group could adopt the park to keep an eye on it and keep it up. "That buys into the local community," he said.

The land just west of I-275 was donated to the township more than two years ago. It was given on behalf of Peter and Adele Miller. Peter Miller was known for selling raspberries from a stand on Ann Arbor Trail at the future park site.

Adele Miller died in 1982. Peter Miller died in 1999.

Adele's sister Claire Hasske and the Millers' niece Gail Nutcommunicating with them. I ter, presented the land to the

456 students.

Anible said the redistricting proposal has been successful in not splitting up families and neighborhoods.

"We probably won't see major changes (in the future) like we have now," she said. "Certainly in a growing community there will be some minor changes. What we do think is that there's the possibility of building another school."

The last major elementary school redistricting occurred in 1976 when Field, Hulsing and Eriksson elementary schools were opened. Very few changes had to be made when Bentley and Tonda elementaries opened in 1994 in neighborhoods with steadily growing subdivisions.

Community input meetings are slated for East Middle School at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 10, and at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

Township and Livonia about the on-site capture and arrest of each defendant.

Northville Township Officer David Roberts said after he secured two of the store's exits, two men

do it that morning.

The defendants were bound over for trial and are being held in Wayne County Jail on \$500,000 cash bond.

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Grisham book, but we don't have to in order to be successful. The goal is to take the projects we do select and do a first-class job," Lewis said in a telephone interview this week.

Lewis said he relies on the intuition and talent of the Sleeping Bear staff in choosing titles and nurturing projects. Editor Heather Hughes was particularly instrumental in The Legend of Sleeping Bear, written by Kathyjo Wargin and illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. The story (and the publisher's name) come from the northern Michigan tale about a mother bear waiting for her cubs.

Other recent projects include The Awakening of a Surgeon by Plymouth's Dr. Dave Janda and Words and Wisdom of the Appliance Doctor by Observer & Eccentric columnist Joe Gagnon, part of a series of consumer guides in the works at Sleeping Bear, Lewis said.

The golf books, though, are Lewis' passion - along with the publishing business, which runs in the family. A listener is never sure which one Lewis is referring to when he speaks of the two. "I love the game. It's addictive.'

Only when he adds that pub-

The details What 15th annual author luncheon hosted by Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Novi libraries.

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lishing is a "very energetic, fastmoving business," in contrast to the more leisurely but no less demanding sport, does the difference become clear.

The most golf books are the novel, and non-fiction works about the exclusive Cypress Point Golf Course in Carmel, Calif. and The Fundamentals of Hogan, a book of never-beforepublished instructional photographs the legendary Ben Hogan used to prepare his 1957 book, Five Lessons.

Lewis, 40, grew up in Chelsen, west of Ann Arbor, and "gradu-ated" into his late father's tech-nical publishing business after

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earning a business degree from Grand Valley State University. Lewis Publishers was the second venture run by his dad, Edward Lewis. It was sold to Times-Mirror Corp. - the usual fate for successful, small publishers, according to Brian Lewis - in 1990.

Brian stayed on as president until the first golf tome pointed him in his current entrepreneurial direction.

His appearance on behalf of the friends groups will mark the first time a publisher, rather than author, delivers the keynote address. But it isn't for lack of trying, Lewis noted.

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Canton approves bulk of site plan for school construction

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER marshall hone homecomm net

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After a four-month battle between North Pointe subdivision residents and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the plans for the new Plymouth High School are all but put to bed.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees voted Tuesday to approve the school's site plan, with the exception of the junior

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varsity field track and practice athletic fields located north and south of the Beck Road entrance drive

On Monday, township and school officials met with North Pointe residents to find middle ground before the vote.

"I think everybody's recognized a degree of reality and how it impacts the entire school district," said Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik. "They've reached a point where the school district is being

very receptive to addressing their concerns."

Machnik told the board of trustees he expects a plan for the balance of the project to be presented for approval by the end of March.

The Canton Township Planning Commission in January denied approval for Plymouth High School and related facilities due to the incompatibility of the proposed junior varsity field and the adverse impacts from light and noise associated with

the facility. Commissioners stated the field could be placed in another area on the site.

"Everything got off on a very bad foot," explained Melissa McLaughlin, who serves on both the planning commission and the board of trustees. "We kept standing our ground; we knew we could do better."

Representatives from the school district met on several occasions with North Pointe homeowners in an attempt to address their concerns. Among the first few rounds of conces-

Fields from page A1

with a sense of direction. Our 📕 ' We need to go after the grant time frame is extremely tight. It will take a month to prepare the data and get the application together.'

Even if the township received the grant, construction is unlikely this year, Anulewicz said.

The primary focus of the proposed park will be the development of youth soccer fields for community use. Current plans include one soccer field sized for 11 year olds and older, one field for ages 7-10 years, and one field for ages 6 and under.

A paved parking area with a pedestrian drop-off area, a barrier-free accessible path around the site and a covered shelter area with landscaping are included.

Trustee Abe Munfakh voted against accepting the concept and budget and called the plans too intense with too many activities planned on the parcel. He said the board was moving too quickly and before it could get input from residents in the Lakepointe area at Five Mile and Haggerty.

"We are asking to approve a plan without going to the neighbors and talking to them yet," Munfakh said. "I know people in the Lakepointe area will be concerned. We should take some time and review it and have the public meeting before we

Swimming pools have to be approved by both the county and

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The district also agreed to lights from 70 feet to 60 feet.

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Some Lakepointe residents

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mouth Lakes Corporate Park

wants to build an office park on

21 acres on Haggerty, north of

Five Mile in Northville Town-

"We need to go after the grant

now," said Treasurer Ron

Last week, school administra-

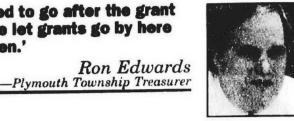
tors and project architect Dan Jerome presented a plan to the township board which included a 21-foot berm between the resi-

bring the bleachers down from 15 rows high to 10 rows, and reduce the height of the stadium At the Monday night meeting.

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some items - berm irrigation, fence placement, and assurance that varsity teams and marching bands would not use the field-tobe put in writing, said McLaugh-

"If there are agreements in writing, future administrations, if they're decent and honorable, will do their best to honor those," McLaughlin said. "(Superintendent Kathleen) Booher has been very forthright in saying as long as she's there, those things will be honored."



can take lightly," Munfakh said. in soccer fields and parking, it's a start."

The grants are awarded in August, so if the township receives it this year, plans could move ahead for next year, Edwards said.

Trustee Chuck Curmi supported a one-month, checkpoint window to determine where the township stands with the grant. . "This isn't rocket science," Curmi said. "We're not building major buildings. We're mostly moving earth.

Trustee Ron Griffith said he agreed with Munfakh that the public needs to be involved but if the township plans to apply for a grant it is on a time schedule. "This is a conceptual proposal at this time," he said. "The board will have a number of occasions to tweak this proposal."

All the board members ran in support of recreation during their campaigns, said Clerk Marilyn Massengill. "This is a good use of the property," Massengill said.

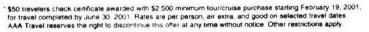
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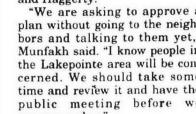


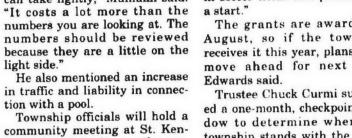
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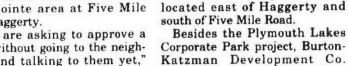
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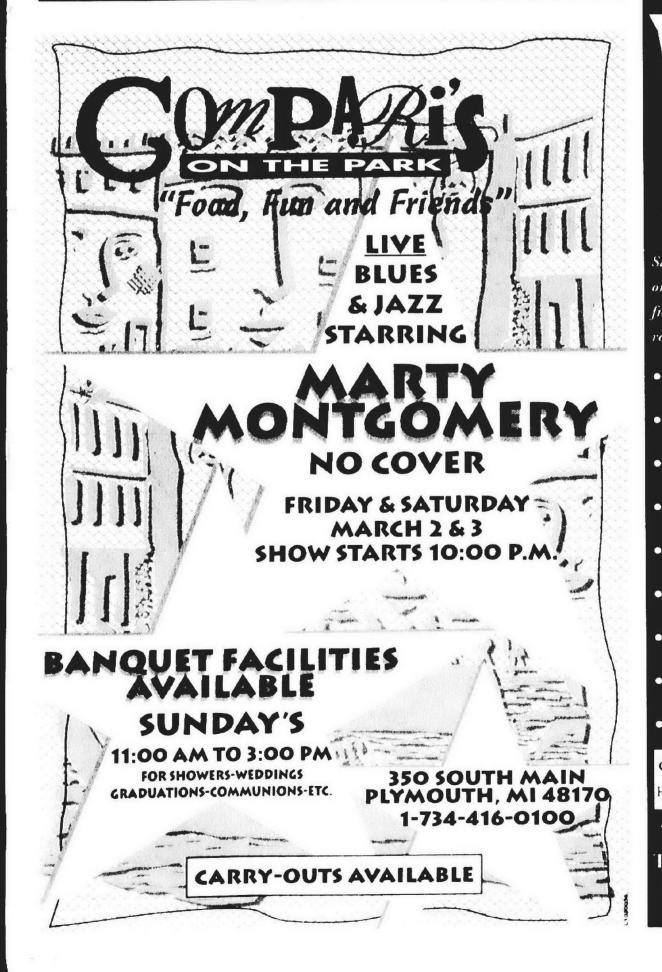
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Services for Deborah Gloria Buzenberg, 76, of Howell, will be held March 2 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Buzenberg was born June 19, 1924 in Detroit and died Feb. 26 in Howell. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed cooking and entertaining the family at all their birthdays and at the holidays. She also cherished her time at the family summer home at Higgins Lake, where she started going as a young child. She continued to spend time there as a wife and mother and more recently enjoyed the summers with her six wonderful grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Peters Danish Lutheran Church in Detroit, which is now associated with Cana Lutheran Church in Berkley. She also helped in the office at the family business, the Walker-Buzenberg Furniture Store, which has operated in Plymouth since 1933.

Mrs. Buzenberg was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Edward J. Buzenberg, who died in August 2000; and her brother, Bert (Nancy) Nielsen.

Survivors include her sons. Martin Buzenberg of Canton, David E. Buzenberg and Eric (Kim) Buzenberg, both of Plymouth; sister-in-law, Eleanor Neynaber; brother, Phillip Nielsen; sister, Alice Swainson: grandchildren Nicole, Rebecca, Daniel, Philip, Rachel, and Ryan; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to U-of-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ELMER ZANE ENSOR

Elmer Zane Ensor, 72, died Feb. 19 in Superior Township. He was born April 21, 1928 in Knoxville, Tenn.

He was a resident of Plymouth for 33 years. He was a retired employee of Ford Motor Company, Livonia Transmission Plant.

Survivors include his wife, Ann of Plymouth; son, William M. (Karen) Ensor of Plymouth: daughter, Robbin Ensor of Plymouth; brothers Fritz Ensor of Knoxville and Harold Ensor of Knoxville; sisters Betty Wilson and Jo Phillips of Knoxville; four

Catholic Church with the Rev. Sidney J. Eckert officiating. Institute Burial was at South Lyon Ceme-

tery Mrs. Fields was born April 30, 1938 in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Plymouth. She was a clerk/greeter at Meijer Thrifty Acres

Survivors include sons, Harry (Debbie) Fields, Jr. of South Lyon, and Michael J. Fields of Plymouth; daughter, Deborah (Bill) Justice of South Lyon; brother, Joseph Schneider of Algonac; grandsons, Matthew Justice and Alex Fields; and granddaughters Amanda Justice and Emily Fields.

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be made to Karmanos Cancer John A. Cenzer of Plymouth; RITA A. CENZER

Services for Rita A. Cenzer, 77, of Plymouth were held Feb. 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Cenzer was born March 25, 1923 in Detroit and died Feb. 23 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Cenzer was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church of Plymouth and the American Legion Auxiliary Post #32 in Livonia.

Survivors include husband,

son, David J. (Paulette) Cenzer of Dearborn Heights; daughter, S.C Diane M. (Edward) Zarosly of Brownstown Township; son, Dennis E. Cenzer of Plymouth; grandson, James Zarosly; and

granddaughter, Gayle Zarosly. ROBERT JOHN RODE, SR.

Services for Robert John "Bob" Rode, Sr., 57, of South Carolina were held Feb. 27 at the Blyth Funeral Home Chapel in Greenwood, S.C., with the Rev. Frank Thomas officiating.

Bob was born April 23, 1943 in Westland and died Feb. 25 in Greenwood, S.C. He formerly owned and operated Little Caesar's pizza franchises in Greenwood, Lauren and Newberry,

Survivors include his wife, Luane Rode; son, Robert Rode, II of Greenwood; two daughters, Pamela Golden of Royal Oak and Bridgette Fitzpatrick of Greenwood; a stepdaughter, Barbara Ann Rolston of Redford; two stepsons, Michael Smith of Northville, and Robert Smith of Canton; an adopted son, Gene Czajka of Greenwood; and 15 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Cross Hill Fire Department, Cross Hill, SC 29332.

Arrangements made by Blyth Funeral Home.

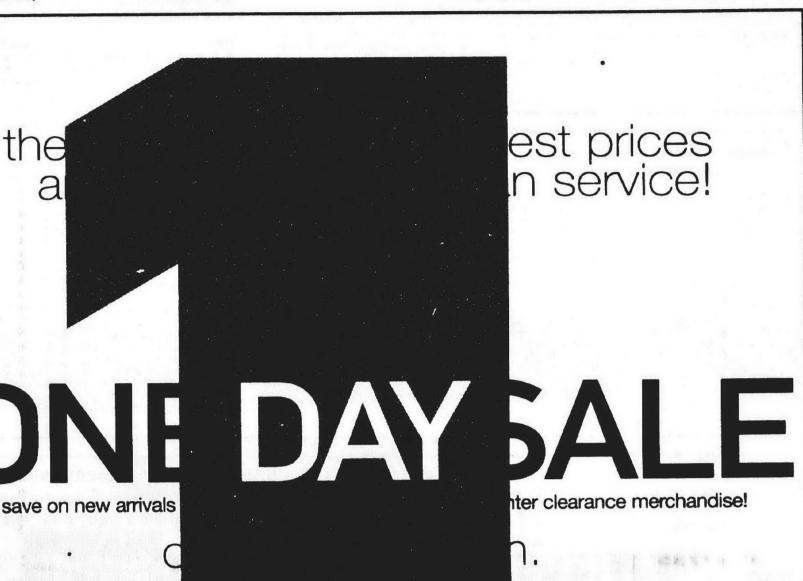
GLADYS M. LEID

Services for Gladys M. Leiber, 97. of Westland were held March 1, at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mrs. Leiber was born May 13, 1903 in Lake Linden and died Feb. 25 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Jean Granfield and Doris (Alfred) Brown; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.



grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

PHYLLIS L. HOCHLOWSKI

Services for Phyllis L. Hochlowski, 77, of Plymouth were held Feb. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Jennifer Saad officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Hochlowski was born June 20, 1923 in Plymouth and died Feb. 17 in Garden City. She was an accomplished water color artist as well as pianist. She was a member of the Three Cities Art Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident. She was the focal point of her extended family.

Mrs. Hochlowski was preceded in death by her husband, Walter.

Survivors include daughters, Denise Lorenz and her husband, Thomas McElmurry of Conroe, Texas, Jana (James) Conger of Brooklyn and Jill Hochlowski of Green Oaks, Ill.; grandchildren, Eric (Betsy) Lorenz of Midland, Heather Lorenz of Huntsville, Texas, Alicia (Robert) Maturen of Plymouth and Brian (Tracy) Conger of Farmington Hills; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Carol (Robert) Beaumier of Portland, Ore., and Ruth (Brad) Straatsma of Los Angeles; brother, E. Fletcher Campbell of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

PATRICIA A. FIELDS

Services for Patricia A. Fields, 62. of Genoa Township. were held Feb. 26 at St. Maurice



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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., Thursday March 15th , 2001 for the following: FIRE APPARATUS BID

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NOTE: Bidder must be licensed for working with lead-based paint on any bid in excess of \$4,999. A bond is required for any individual bid of \$25,000 or more. Questions may be directed to Resource Development Division, (734) 394-5190. This program is funded by CDBG, Department of HUD. Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

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Township offers weather class

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

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When notified of a tornado warning, do you take cover?

Chances are you don't and that concerns Chuck VanVleck, emergency program manager for Plymouth Township.

He hopes to enlighten people. The Plymouth Township **Emergency Management Divi**sion hosts a Basic Severe Weather Spotters class at 10 a.m. Saturday. The class will be held in the Plymouth Township board room on Ann Arbor Road at Lil-

The public is welcome to the free class.

"Many times a tornado warning is used and nothing happens," VanVleck said. "People in our community get complacent. That's a very dangerous frame of mind."

Tornadoes can occur in any month of the year, although most occur during April through July, late in the afternoon or early evening, he said.

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"Ninety percent of our severe weather comes out of the westsouthwest," VanVleck said. "We are on the extreme western edge of Wayne County. This means that if severe weather is going to hit Wayne County, it will hit us first."

It's important to educate everyone in the family on what conditions are right to produce severe thunderstorms, according to VanVleck. "They should listen to the media and be aware of changing weather conditions," he said.

VanVleck offered explanations for some commonly used weather terms:

A severe thunderstorm watch means conditions are right to produce severe thunderstorms.

A severe thunderstorm warning means thunderstorms are likely to occur with the danger of lightning.

A tornado watch means weather conditions could produce a tornado. "Secure loose objects outside and determine where your family is in case you need to take shelter," VanVleck said.

A tornado warning means a tornado has been spotted or the National Weather Service radar has detected a possible presence. "You should take cover immediately," he said.

"The rule of thumb is to go to go to the lowest floor and get as many walls as you can between you and the outside. If you have a basement, take shelter there, under the stairway or heavy furniture. If you don't have a basement go to a small interior room such as a closet or bathroom."

The tornado warning sirens will sound with a steady tone for 3-5 minutes when there is a tornado warning issued for the area. "There is no 'all clear' signal," VanVleck said.

Warning sirens are tested at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of every month.

Call (734) 453-3840, Ext. 284 for more information. VanVleck can be reached at (734) 354-3223.

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16-20. Tickets to all public per-formances are \$7.50.

For special school dates and times, birthdays, group rates and reservations, call The Marquis Theatre at (248)349-8110. Children under 3 will not

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Mexico theme: Auction chairmen Madonna University Trustee Hector Ramirez and his wife, Rosa, display a poster highlighting auction items with Madonna University President Sister Mary Francilene. One of the items is a trip to a villa in Mexico -Mexico is the theme of this year's event.

Madonna University's auction has Hispanic theme, April 20

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Madonna University is expecting more than 500 bidders at its 13th annual auction, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 20.

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The event at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia, will include a live and silent auction and a car raffle drawing in which one lucky bidder will win a 2001 Cadillac Sedan DeVille donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth. Çar raffle tickets are \$200 each and no more 750 will be sold. General tickets are \$85 or Gold Inner Circle Reserved seats are \$125 per person. All proceeds benefit the Madonna University Scholarship Fund and educational projects.

General chairs for the 2001 auction are Madonna University trustee Hector Ramirez, quality assurance manager, Ford Motor Co., and former president, Latinos de Livonia, and his wife, Rosa, who will help to develop the Hispanic theme this year by sponsoring a mariachi band, Especial de Mexico, to entertain guests during dinner.

A sampling of the items up for bid include a day on the set of the "Everybody Loves Raymond" show in Los Angeles with Northest airfare and Mariott accom-

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State's power picture not rosy, supplies described as 'tight'

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Michigan is not likely to repeat the problems seen in California, with electric shortages, skyrocketing prices and occa-

sional rolling blackouts. Nonetheless, Michigan's power supply is "tight," according to Gary Kitts, chief administrative officer for the Public Service Commission. It is likely to remain so for the next two years until new generation plants, some already under construction and others proposed, come on line

John Stauffacher, vice president of the Dynergy company which is seeking to build a new power plant here, goes further. He told the state House Energy and Technology Committee last week that energy supplies in Michigan have been "nip and tuck" in previous years.

"We were lucky in Michigan in 1998," Stauffacher said. "There was a strike by the UAW during that summer and that may be why blackouts and brownouts did not occur, but it was very close."

The power situation has improved, Kitts said, but remains tight. Michigan should have 15 percent reserves over its

peak energy demand. The state has that, he said, but only because it can purchase power from out of state. The in-state capacity is just enough to meet demand.

Kitts compared that to the situation in California, where rolling blackouts have occurred on three days this year. The state has also had 32 days of "stage three energy alerts," which occur when power reserves dip to 1.5 percent of demand

The Michigan House Energy Committee is taking testimony about the California energy crisis, on how this state compares to it, in an ongoing series of hearings. It has invited a California public service commissioner to testify in a future session.

The good news, according to Kitts, is that in the wake of passage of last year's electric deregulation bill by the state Legislature, two new power plants are under construction and about a dozen more are being proposed in Michigan.

Michigan already has about twice as much electric generation capacity as the state of California, Kitts said. That state decided years ago that it preferred to import much of its electricity rather than put up new

power plants. The latest estimate is that California imports 20 percent of it power, but Kitts said he believes the true figure is closer to 25 percent.

Committee members asked why the problem seemed to crop up so suddenly in California, and in the winter, when the peak season is in the summer. Kitts said California utilities, already operating with very old power plants, pretty much ran them into the ground last summer.

"The situation in California is worse that it appears," he said. "This is the off-season. You can usually get through the winter with no problem. The demand in winter is about 30,000 megawatts. The demand in summer is closer to 50,000 megawatts.

California also deregulated electric utilities, which was the. beginning of the problem there. Kitts said. California lawmakers required utilities to sell many of their power plants and then buy power on the open market.

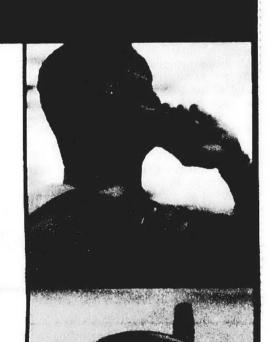
Michigan didn't do that, Kitts said

We did not want to take a step and find out later it didn't work and there was no way to undo it," Kitts said.

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Back by popular demand is the "Your Choice" raffle for a \$1,000 shopping spree to either Laurel Park Place, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom or Neiman Marcus. Tickets are \$10 each.

The door will open at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction. Dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. and the live auction will begin at 8:30 p.m. The master of ceremonies will be Joe Weaver, retired editorial director, WJBK-TV2. Making a guest appearance will be Miss Michigan 2000, CheVonne Burton.

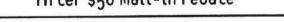
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Redistricting done with care, goals in mind

It's the fourth "R" and the one that school districts fear most - redistricting. But a committee of Plymouth-Canton administrators, teachers and parents has spent the better part of a year putting together the massive proposal for elementary school boundary changes unveiled this week with the goal of making next fall's transition as smooth as

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possible. To our mind, they've succeeded. We say this for a couple of reasons. First and foremost, we note that despite new boundaries for all 15 schools, projections call for reassignment of fewer than 10 percent of the district's 7,700 elementary students. Of those, only 113 students will be moving to a new school in what the district calls an "unrequested change." The overwhelming majority of reassignments were done to accommodate the opening of a new school (Dodson Elementary in Canton), to shorten bus rides and at the request of parents - all reasons that should enhance the overall quality of education in Plymouth-Canton.

A secondary goal of the redistricting effort - to continue the emphasis on neighborhood elementary schools where as many students as possible are within walking distance - also appears to have been met by the plan. That's no small trick in a still growing district the size of Plymouth-Canton. In fact, district officials maintain that every child who walked to his or her school this year, will be able to do so next year as well. Bentley school, for example, with a projected 2001-2002 enrollment of 576 students, has a walking population (kids who live less than a mile from school) of 437. At Smith, more than 200 of the 421 projected enrollment will be able to walk to school

The public will have its say on how standing at month's end.

well the Housing and Facilities Committee did its job over the next few weeks. Here too, the Observer believes Plymouth-Canton officials have done their homework. In addition to posting the information in individual schools, on

Despite new boundaries for all 15 schools, projections call for reassignment of fewer than 10 percent of the district's 7,700 elementary students.

cable and the district Web site, school officials will host two community forums - March 10 and 15 - before the school board votes on the plan March 27. Whatever complaints parents have about the proposal, and there are bound to be some, there will be an opportunity to voice them. School officials assure us they will take additional parent input into consideration before adopting the recommendation.

We note that wasn't necessarily the case in previous boundary revisions, particularly when Bentley and Tonda opened several years ago. For whatever reason, many parents felt disenfranchised by poor communication and implementation in that effort.

Changing school boundaries is a "game of dominoes," Verna Anible, district executive director of educational services, said Tuesday. Thanks to the work done by the Housing and Facilities Committee, those pieces should still be standing at month's end. Cert Backs O'An OBCENCE & EXCENTER VBVPP VPR VPP VBBVP VBDVP VDDVP V

"SURE, IT'S GOOFY AND DANGEROUS, BUT LANSING HAD TO DO SOMETHING!"

LETTERS

Enough already

I guess the gist of your front page article re: Jerry Vorva's recall petition is "...if I don't like a City Commissioner, I'll exercise my rights and do a recall petition."

Whoopee! Some cities have their Jerry Springers, we have Jerry Vorva. When is enough enough? Move on.

David Pugh Plymouth

Equal treatment?

Our congratulations and appreciation to Marcy Staley, et al for their letter supporting construction of the new high school and chastising the Canton Township board for holding up its construction.

We also would like to point out to those homeowners who are privileged to be adjacent to the high school complex that homeowners throughout the township have been forced to make concessions to allow progress because of our burgeoning population for years. lights and adding landscaping. We only wish we could get such generous community cooperation from our neighbors at the strip mall behind our sub.

Canton Township Board – get on board. This is a good thing.

And might we say a huge thank-you to Marci Staley and all the other parents who give so generously of their time and energy to help the professional educators produce one of the best school systems in the state.

> Carole and Mike Jacobs Canton

Critics are wrong

Once again the ability to carry a concealed weapon has come under attack. I have one question for anybody that opposes the lawful carry of a concealed weapon. Have you researched states that do allow it? Paranoia spawns from ignorance. The following are quotes from prior opponents of Right shingles. Yet, Mr. Santomauro insists the Canton officers "followed department policy."

I would hope the good people of Canton would join me in calling for a thorough investigation of this tragedy. There are other alternatives/options to capturing fleeing thieves.

> Jerry L. Holden Canton

Piece of life missing

I recently read an article written in my Home Town Newspaper about a local woman who lost an antique holiday broach, and my heart goes out to her.

It seems that my story is very similar to hers, and that's why I share her grief. Back on Jan. 5, I went shopping with my daughter at Laurel Park Mall to exchange a few Christmas gifts and that's when it happened — the day that has changed my life.

that has changed my life. It was a very cold January day when we arrived at the mall, the parking lot was full, so we had to park very far from the door. And that's the last time I saw it. I zipped up my coat and put on my gloves, and made the mad dash for the door to the mall. When we reached the mall and went inside I unzipped my coat and took off my gloves, and that's when I lost something that simply can't be replaced. You see, when I took off my gloves my diamond wedding band must have come off with them. My late husband gave the ring to me back in 1939, and it is the one thing that helps me cherish his memory. I didn't notice that the ring was missing until I went to put it on for church the next day. My daughter and I went back to the mall to retrace our steps and to check with the mall's lost and found. Despite our efforts we came up empty handed. I have placed an ad in all the local lost and founds offering a reward, but no one has come forward. I know that someone at the mall that day has found this piece of my life. The ring may have some value to the person who has found it but it can't compare to the value that it has for me.

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S&P reports should be used well by educators

Local school officials are about to get a new and powerful tool to help them determine relative strengths and weaknesses in the operation of their districts.

Standard & Poor's, the well-respected Wall Street firm with a rich history of providing independent, unbiased analytical services, will unveil the first of five annual reports on Michigan's more than 500 public school districts.

The five year, \$10 million study will tie academic results to school finances and other factors that impact a district. The program was first announced in Gov. John Engler's State of the State address last year and is being financed by the state.

We welcome this new program, and urge local school officials to embrace it as well. If nothing else, the wealth of data generated by the reports should help local school boards and business managers track how school dollars are being spent, and how specific programs are faring in relation to the level of investment.

A Michigan advisory group representing the major education associations, members of the state education department, and union leadership was established to head-off criticism that S&P's School Evaluation Services (SES) was another attempt by the governor to criticize public education while pushing for vouchers and more charter schools. William Cox, managing director of Standard & Poor's, called such criticism "nonsense."

Nor is the study intended to rank school districts or be used to compare specific programs, Cox added. "This is not another MEAP test, and to

treat it as such would be a disservice to the program and the schools," Cox said last week. "And if the governor or anyone else tries to use it as such, we will be writing letters to the editor opposing the practice."

All of the data will be available on S&P's Web site, and school officials will be offered the chance to write a response to the study. Web links to each district's Web site also will be provided.

Despite the potential for controversy, Cox said he believes the vast majority of districts will be pleased with the results of the study. His biggest criticism was reserved for the state itself, for doing a less than stellar job of gathering and maintaining accurate school data.

Our communities are blessed with quality public schools, but all can stand improvement in some areas. Hopefully, local officials will accept the S&P reports and use them to map future strategy in providing the best possible education for all students.

GUEST OPINION

Make a difference

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

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

driver had been stealing.

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

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

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

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

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

Christina Taylor

We live behind a shopping center from which business owners blast music into the early morning hours during the summer on their outdoor patio. Most recently, human waste was found floating in the creek behind our homes that was misrouted from a new restaurant which opened there. The township board didn't hold up water and sewer hookups for our benefit here when homeowners in our sub

expressed concern about a strip mall going in back to back with our homes.

Folks who live in the subdivisions divided by Sheldon Center Road must put up with more and faster traffic through their neighborhood. The construction of the Morton Taylor thoroughfare cut through a woods and put the road right at the side of homes. The township board cited progress and heavy traffic caused by increased population that necessitated the disruption of these neighborhoods.

How about the homes which enjoyed quiet space behind Target – or better yet, the new Super K and Holiday Market on Lilley Road? Homeowners knew that property was designated commercial when they purchased their homes. The township didn't hold up construction because of their concerns. What about the traffic congestion

that must be caused by Discovery Middle School on Hanford Road? Did anyone care that that may disrupt the homes along Hanford? We doubt it.

Folks along Hannan Road are concerned that a new daycare being constructed in their single residence neighborhood will cause traffic congestion for all. The planning commission found in favor of the day care there. This all comes down to say what Marci Staley and her crew of school volunteers want us all to hear. Our schools are a point of pride for the entire township. Yes, the construction of the practice field behind the houses in the North Pointe subdivisions will make life a little more difficult for those living there. Unfortunately, progress and a skyrocketing population is at fault, not the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education or the students in our community.

Let's stop blaming each other and get on with it. We have all made sacrifices to live in Canton. We have all benefited from the sacrifice. You give a little and then you get a little. The board of education has made what we consider generous sacrifices in enhancing the berm, lowering the stands and to Carry laws.

"I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn't happened. All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn't happen. No bogeyman. I think it's worked out well, and that says good things about citizens who have permits. I'm a convert." — Glenn White, president of the Dallas Police Association, Dallas Morning News, 12/23/97.

"Some of the public safety concerns which we imagined or anticipated a couple of years ago, to our pleasant surprise, have been unfounded or mitigated." — Fairfax County VA Police Major Bill Brown, The Alexandria Journal, 7/9/97.

Michigan's new CCW law is the most restrictive of CCW laws. To make it illegal to carry a concealed weapon into a restaurant just because it has a liquor license is the equivalent of forbidding a person with a driver's license to go into the same restaurant. That assumes the individual will consume alcohol and drive their car.

If they do they're breaking the law, if they don't they're not. Simple isn't it? Food for thought: Man walks into a factory carrying an AK-47 and starts shooting. Man with CCW pulls out gun and shoots man with rifle. Lives saved.

Won't happen here though, will it? Jeffrey A. Vivrette Ypsilanti

Investigation needed

Thank you for the editorial in the Feb. 15 Observer regarding the "Fatal Chase."

My good friend and neighbor, who retired as a detective after serving 30 years in law enforcement, always referred to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro as "that security guard." The message was clear. My friend, the detective, didn't think Mr. Santomauro was qualified to lead Canton's finest.

Mr. Harry Truman told us a long time ago where the buck stops, in this case, Mr. Santomauro.

With two in cuffs that was no justification for a high speed chase down Cherry Hill for the other two. It is inconceivable that Canton Police Department policy would dictate a high-speed chase on a congested twolane road, Cherry Hill, for roofing Elizabeth Sarlauskas Livonia

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OTHER OPINIONS

This education reform deal is just begging to be made

Tongues – especially Democratic ones – are wagging about how newly elected President George W. Bush has hit the ground running in the first few weeks in office.

Consistent with his campaign, he made education reform a big theme, delivering an extensive message to the Congress, holding bipartisan meetings with senators and representatives, vis-



iting classrooms and so forth. For what it's worth, here are a few observations from a Michigan perspective on the President's

plans. Candidate Bush's views on education didn't play especially well last November. Bush lost Michigan to Al Gore by a substantial margin,

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seven out of eight Democratic candidates for statewide education posts won, and the voucher proposal to divert public money to private and parochial schools was defeated overwhelmingly. It remains to be seen whether President Bush's views on education will experience the same fate as candidate Bush's.

Bush proposes annual testing of student performance in reading and math, which seems perfectly sensible to me on the grounds that you cannot improve what you do not measure. We're already doing that in Michigan through the MEAP test, together with science, writing and social studies.

But he wants the tests to be designed by each individual state, a bow no doubt to advocates of "local control" over education. But if the purpose of reforming education is to improve education for everybody, letting Mississippi (for example) design its own tests to evaluate its own miserable school system seems a nifty way to make sure Mississippi kids remain at the bottom of the national education heap.

Bush is no doubt sincere when he says that schools must be held accountable: "Parents and children who have only bad options must eventually get good options if we're to succeed all across the country." From this, he argues that kids who attend failing schools ought to receive vouchers tenable at good schools.

But Bush seems to assume the only failing schools are public ones and the only vouchers to be handed out are those to get kids into private and parochial schools. If we're going to test results and give out vouchers to improve schools in America, why shouldn't we make the same demands on private and parochial schools?

I am writing in response to the opinion

'titled "Police need to accept responsibility in

'chases" printed in the Thursday, Feb. 15, edi-

tion. I do so with much sadness over the out-

I in no way can relate to the grief the par-

ents and family of Travis Miles are experienc-

ing. I have though, in more than 21 years of

law enforcement experience, seen grief of this

magnitude over and

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come of the incident that led to this article.

Now, advocates of private schools can point out – rightly – that the Constitution prohibits governmental interference in private schools. But if we're going to be spending tax dollars on vouchers tenable at private and parochial schools in order to improve education in America, we'd better figure out a way to make sure "good" private schools are in actual fact better than the "failing" publics.

As a practical matter, most public schools in Michigan are pretty good and getting better. The bad ones are mostly concentrated in inner city districts. Are vouchers the best remedy for these? Maybe, maybe not.

As to inner city schools, the old adage that "schools don't count, families do" seems fundamental. A kid from a solid, two-parent family is likely to learn in almost any school, while a child from a fatherless family with a history of drug abuse isn't going to make it, even at Cranbrook. Maybe education reform in inner cities has as much to do with fixing family structure, drug abuse and poverty as it does with poor teachers

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and inept principals.

What concerns me about the Bush proposals on education reform is that they mask the main issue: money, taxpayer money. Private and parochial schools want it. Politicians want them to have it but without having to bear the same standards of accountability they apply to public schools.

Maybe there's a deal out there, just begging to be made. Require the same tests for all kids going to any school – public, private, parochial, charter – throughout the entire country. Based on test results, designate "failing schools" – public, private, parochial, charter. Give out vouchers tenable only at non-failing schools.

And as to inner city schools that otherwise are likely to wind up as dumping grounds for kids from dysfunctional families, co-locate in the same buildings all the range of social and health services the society can bring to bear.

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Don't change Open Meetings Act; ban retribution firings

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Art Ellis, Michigan's outgoing superintendent of public instruction, was meticulous in his efforts to keep the State Board of Education in compliance with the Open Meetings Act as they worked last week to select his replacement.

It had become quite clear some members of the Board were uncomfortable with the prospect of having to debate the relative merits of the five finalists in open session.

Ellis convinced them not to try to circumvent the law. If they don't like it, he urged, they should work with the Legislature later to change it.

This of course is an issue with a rich history in Michigan. How the OMA should apply when various government boards go about selecting their top administrators has been the subject of much debate.

Expect it to come up again. Ellis himself – during a chit-chat with reporters before the final session in which the Board would vote to name Thomas Watkins as Michigan's new superintendent – called the existing law "horrid."

His argument was familiar. Michigan's law requires a very open process. All who submit their names for consideration may have them made public. That keeps some candidates from applying in the first place, so government units in Michigan miss out on a lot potential talert.

That was exactly the argument raised back in 1996 when the state last debated the issue, then providing an exemption for university president searches. Lawmakers allowed for a closed process at universities until the field was narrowed to the final five. Later, the Supreme Court ruled the OMA doesn't apply to university searches anyway.

In any case, the argument is the same whether it is for university presidents, state superintendents, superintendents of individual districts, or city or township managers in local municipalities. State Board member Michael David Warren Jr. supported Ellis in his point, saying that allowing a closed process would have created an entirely different pool of candidates from which to pick.

It's an argument that has never held much water with me. After all, we are talking about people who are applying for very public jobs. They are the ones who would be running the day-to-day operations of our governmental units.

I'd just as soon that those who prefer to operate in secrecy stay home anyway.

Ellis explained that word often gets back to candidates' current employers that they have applied for another job. Considering that only one can be selected, it leaves a lot unsuccessful applicants who may be in hot water with their bosses.

Ellis told of one applicant who interviewed here in Michigan only to go back to his home state of Florida where he was promptly canned by his employer for applying elsewhere.

That's the outrage, if you ask me.

Where did we ever get the idea that it is OK to fire someone for looking for a job somewhere else? They are employees, nct slaves, not indentured servants.

The purpose of such retribution firings is clear - it is to threaten other employees, to send them a strong warning that they should not go looking for other employment. That's what should be outlawed.

Even free-market thinkers may be able to see the justification in such a ban. If you consider each worker as nothing more than a vendor of labor, out in the marketplace seeking the highest bid for his or her services, then such retribution firings can only be viewed as an anti-competitive practice.

We've heard quite a bit now about how, in today's information-based new economy, our workforce needs to be very flexible and highly mobile. How do you square that with the idea of letting people punish workers for going out on the job market?

Ellis countered, and rightly so, that no law we could pass here in Michigan would have an effect in Florida.

True enough. It is also true that states look to each other for examples of good legislation. It's high time somebody, somewhere labeled such retribution firings as wrong. Let Michigan be the first.

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David L. Harvey

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enforcement officers as "thoughtless." It was

patched to the scene to protect someone's prop-

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It was not thoughtless when the officers went home and hugged their children, felt numb and had sleepless nights.

The police accept responsibility when no one else will time and time again because that is their job. We go where no one else will go, do what no one else will do and do so willingly, without hesitation.

The person who needs to accept responsibility in this case will not as proven by his not guilty plea. Someone should answer, yes, and he will do so within the realms of the criminal justice system.

In the meantime, debate the issues of chases, force legislative guidelines, but don't wrongly place the blame on the police and force us to accept responsibility for someone else's

Pursuing cops doing their job

actions.

Contrary to the glorification of chases on socalled "real life" cop shows, pursuits are stressful for the officers. The shakes don't stop sometimes for hours afterward.

We don't like to engage in vehicle pursuits, but we do so because it is our duty to apprehend. We train and train and train. Still, the number one killer of police officers in the United States in 2000 was traffic accidents.

We don't take chases lightly; we don't do so recklessly as our lives are in danger and in many cases more so than anyone else's.

If the legislature acted tomorrow and told us not to chase, we would not chase. We are servants of the people and we are the people. We

The police accept responsibility when no one else will time and time again.

will act as we are lawfully instructed to act.

Until that happens, however, we are going to continue to do our sworn duty using sound discretion.

To suggest that the police were wrong in this incident and were thoughtless without first examining all of the evidence is a thoughtless act in and of itself. I cannot bring Travis back. I cannot ensure that no one in my city will not be the victim of someone else's reckless and criminal behavior.

I can continue, though, to keep pursuing criminals, making good cases thus ensuring that the violent offenders are off of our streets. This agency as well as all of the others strives to do that with great thought, integrity and commitment.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Miles family at this time of grief. My opinion is not meant to incite further debate over this particular tragedy. It is meant, however, to defend the integrity of the law enforcement professionals who perform their duties everyday with empathy and compassion for those they serve.

David L. Harvey is the chief of police in Garden City.

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Schoolcraft's McDowell to retire

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@ce.homecom

Richard W. McDowell, the longest-serving president in Schoolcraft College's history, announced Wednesday night that he will retire June 30.

McDowell, 65, said he and wife Ann will continue to live in Livonia during the summers but will find a winter home in a warmer climate.

The couple's three daughters -Novi teacher Kathy, chef Sue and marketing director Karen, all former Schoolcraft students and the McDowells' three grandchildren reside in metro Detroit. McDowell, who has guided the

college through impressive physical and academic growth during his 20 years at its helm, officially informed the college board of trustees via a brief statement at their regular monthly meeting.

"It's a good time for me and a good time for the college," McDowell commented about his decision

"Schoolcraft College is a good organization. The college will continue," said McDowell, who has been president since 1981.

Board chairwoman Carol M. Strom lauded McDowell and his accomplishments.

"Dr. McDowell has moved the college forward in many ways," she said in a statement. "His commitment to educational excellence, community outreach, campus development and innovative programs has made Schoolcraft a premier community college."

Trustees went into a closed session with board attorney Owen Cummings after their meeting to discuss conducting a public search for McDowell's sucdent services building that bears his name. This spring, it will break ground for a \$27-million expansion of its Waterman Campus Center. The latter will house a new state-of-the-art information tech-

nology center as well as expand and remodel facilities for its nationally known culinary arts department.

Other Schoolcraft accomplishments during McDowell's tenure include new continuing education and children's centers and a business development center.

Under his direction, the college has earned back-to-back 10year accreditations from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - the most recent just last month.

McDowell also was a prime force behind the Schoolcraft College Foundation, helping increase its endowment to \$10 million. The foundation provides Schoolcraft scholarships and supports instructional initiatives.

McDowell's many honors include selection in 1988 as one of the top 50 community college presidents in the country; designation in 1996 as Livonia's First Citizen; and recipient in 1997 of distinguished alumnus awards from both the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and from Purdue University.

He is a former president of the Michigan Community College Association and of the Michigan Non-Profit Forum. He also has been president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and of the Livonia Rotary.

Impact is felt

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Trustees knew of McDowell's decision soon after he reached it

late last week but were still feeling its impact Wednesday. "I'm at a loss for words," said Strom.

"You'll be a tough act to follow," said trustee Greg Stempien. The pending retirement "is good for you, but tough for the board.' Trustee-Mary Breen, who first

joined the board not long after McDowell became president, cut short a visit to children in California to attend the meeting.

Although the college had existed for a number of years before McDowell arrived, she said, "it was very green (in terms of) what it could do under the proper leadership."

And trustee Pat Watson praised McDowell's dedication and long hours, stating, "You sacrificed a lot."

After the meeting, McDowell acknowledged to a reporter, "The job kind of consumes you," referring to the demands of meetings and functions.

But he also said he was fortunate to have "a great board. They plan and do things together and are very supportive."

He praised the faculty and support staff: "There's a good spirit on campus, a good sense of pride," he said.

McDowell succeeded C. Nelson Grote (1971-81) as Schoolcraft president. The college's first president was Eric J. Bradner (1961-71).

McDowell came to Schoolcraft from the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, where he was vice president for strategic planning. Prior to that, he had held leadership and academic positions at other Pennsylvania junior colleges.





Richard McDowell: Schoolcraft president

cessor. Under Michigan's openmeetings act, candidate interviews at tax-supported institutions must be open to the public. Speculation is that the new president may come from within the ranks at Schoolcraft.

"There are qualified people among our staff who are interested," said Norene Thomas, director of marketing and development.

Asked by a reporter if she were one, she laughed and said, "Oh no, but thank you."

Also being mentioned is Conway A. Jeffress, vice president for instruction and student ser-

Construction projects

During McDowell's tenure, the 29,000-student Livonia-based college built the \$7.8-million stu-

Head Start information now

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER ecomm.net

A wide range of information is now available on the computer Web site for Wayne County's Head Start program - the second largest in the state.

The site, which previously offered only an explanation of Head Start, now gives program

gram locations and telephone numbers, services offered, a calendar and information about the Michigan and national Head Start associations.

"One of the best features of the new site is its calendar," said County Executive Edward H. McNamara. "With our busy lives, it's imperative we have a way to notify everyone about what is happening in our pro-

the site. www.waynecounty. com/hcs/hstart., also will post scheduling changes and relevant legislative updates, according to county spokeswoman Carol Hop-

available on Web

Head Start, with 27 programs in 18 Wayne County suburbs including Garden City, Plymouth, Redford Township and

Westland - provides health, education, nutrition and other services to physically or financially challenged 3- and 4-year-old youngsters. Over 3,000 youngsters are

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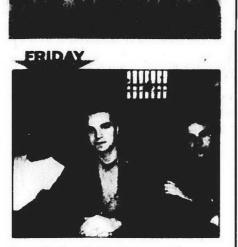
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Small Craft Sighting, (shown left to right) Chris Nagarah of Redford, Joe Kirkland of Farmington, and Courtney Cahill of Redford, celebrate the release of "Lyndon," their latest E.P., with openers Mock Heroics and Bedford Drive, 8 p.m. at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The cover charge is \$7 for this all ages show. Call (313) 833-9700.



Join Mickey and Minnie on a safari in "Disney's Jungle Adventures On Ice," 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets \$15 and \$20, call (248) 645-6666.



Mid By Midwest Festival, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at

Mid By Midwest: Masha Marjieh, Jeff Simmons, Eric Pott and J Frezzatto are The Octopus. Catch them during the first-ever

Awaiting: The Waxwings - (left to right) Dean Fertita, Kevin Peyok, Dominic Romano and James Edmunds - perform at 1 a.m., the final act on the first night of Mid By Midwest Music Fest, Friday, March 9 at Gold Dollar.

Detroit gains a music fest of its own

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Detroit's Old Miami.

t's almost as if Mid By Midwest was a music festival waiting to happen. Just over a month ago a handful of area musicians were mulling over the idea of creating a new event - one made by musicians, for musicians. Think South By Southwest - on a much smaller scale.

With astounding haste, Mid By Midwest takes

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Two of the founders, J Frezzatto (The Wildbunch and The Octopus) and Richard S. Hansen, owner of Royal Oak-based production company Living Endustries told me about their pet project.

Fulfilling a need

"If there's a need for something, everything comes together," said Hansen. Hopefully it will be a success."

Mid By Midwest organizers turned upport by D

Yee hopes the event will expand next year, including record label involve- Willy Wilson, radio host at Detroit's ment and becoming more of a showcase for the music. "There's a lot of good stuff people don't know about," he said, noting bands like Bogue and Climax Divine.

Local spotlight

Mid By Midwest

Schedule

Friday, March 9

Gold Dollar

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What began as a grassroots effort has drawn considerable attention particularly since it will rival the Hamtramck Blowout, an annual ent to benefit the D

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Willy Wilson, radio host at Detroit's WDET and local music supporter, said both events will offer something the music scene could always use exposure.

"Events like these two make it easier for the public to go out and see bands and judge for themselves what they like or who they like. The whole basic idea is to get the bands in front of an audience so they can build a fol-



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The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, Plymouth Oratorio Society, and Eastern Michigan University Choir perform Mozart's "Requiem," and Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. A 2 p.m. pre-chamber concert will feature members of the orchestra. Tickets \$6, \$10 (box seats), call (313) 576-5111.



Explore "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," an exhibition featuring nearly 200 objects found with the remains of ancient Mesopotamian rulers, through Sunday, May 6, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Tickets \$8, \$5 children, call (313) 833-8499 for information

What: Mid By Midwest Music Fest When: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10 Where: Detroit clubs including Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave .: Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave.; Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave.; Old Miami, 3830 Cass Ave.: Lager House, 1254 Michigan Ave. and Bittersweet Cafe, 3121 Woodward

Why: To benefit HAVEN Help Against Violent **Encounters Now** Cost: A \$10 wristband covers all shows March 9 and 10. A single show costs \$6. Both may be purchased in advance during business hours at Gold Dollar, or any participating venue. Call (313) 833-6873

Bitterand sweet Cafe.

The Junk Monkeys

Detroit newspapers, preferring to make it March 9-10 at happen on their own. "This thing pretty much put itself together." said Magic Frezzatto, who will perform in the Stick, The Gold festival with both of his bands. "We Old had the line up in a matter of a few Miami, Alvin's, days." Lager House

The choice of venues was just as easy - involving the haunts most fre-

> zatto. up ules were rearranged and Neil Yee, owner of the Gold Dol-

quented by these musicians. "It just seemed natural to use the Woodward-Cass area," said Frez-"The whole idea came at the (Magic) Stick one night." Music sched-

help coordinate.

10 p.m. - They Come in Threes 11 p.m. - Fletcher Pratt midnight - Climax Divine 1 a.m. - Waxwings I Old Miami 8 p.m. - Zygrot 9 p.m. - The Unfriendlys 10 p.m. - The Pirhanas 11 p.m. - Hillside Stranglers midnight - Clone Defects 1 a.m. - Murder City Wrecks Magic Stick 8 p.m. - Ghost World 9 p.m. - The Buzzards 10 p.m. - The Mood Elevator with Brendan Benson 11 p.m. - Ko and the Midnight Intruders midnight - The Numbers 1 a.m. - The Hentchmen Alvin's lar signed on to

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FAMILY FARE Theater troupe reflects the magic of 'Cinderella'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER homin@oe.homecomm.net

The story of Cinderella and the coach that turns into a pumpkin at midnight is a lot like the theater troupe at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Both share a world of make believe, and bring a touch of magic into the lives of ordinary people. The only difference is that the theater troupe has been doing it for nearly 30 years. But even after all this time, director Martha

Kuykendall is What: Rosedale Gardens hoping Presbyterian Church pre glass slipper sents Cinderelia When: 8 p.m. Friday-Satslides on Cinurday, March 2-3, and 4 derella's foot p.m. Sunday, March 4 Where: At the church or on opening the corner of West night, Friday, Chicago and Hubbard, March 2. Livonia Tickets: \$6, \$3 students "We started through grade 12. Call out groping and (734) 422-0494. The all theater is handicap learned," said

accessible

who's directed all of the church's shows since 1971 including The Music Man, Anything Goes and Fiddler on the Roof. "We have a lot of talent musically because most of us are also in choir. We always do musicals because musicals are more fun. Children will sit still when they couldn't for a straight play."

The fairy tale wasn't exactly Kuykendall's first choice for a show. The theater troupe ran out of repertoire, but not talent. Kuykendall, who taught vocal music for 30 years in Livonia Public Schools, has worked with groups at Schoolcraft College and the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, but always returns to direct the troupe of actors at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

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"We do it because we love it and it's fun," said Kuykendall. "But it is hard to find something we haven't done. Part of the fun is working with what you have. The stage is small but we us have many of the same people and it's Please see CINDERELLA BS Kuykendall,



A fairy tale: Kevin Culler (left), Cindy Pierson, Michelle Oliver, and Rebecca and Kathy Benton solve the mystery of the glass slipper in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church production of "Cinderella."

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For singer Jasper Unfriendly of Detroit punk rock trio The Unfriendlys, this also means competition. "We're definitely gonna make it one of our more memorable shows because so many other great bands will be playing in Hamtramck and downtown at the exact same time that we'll be onstage."

More than music

Ticket sales for the festival will benefit HAVEN, a Pontiacbased non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse through prevention and counseling. Satellite offices exist in Rochester, Farmington Hills and Southfield. "We are always excited when people in

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Jasper Unfriendly

Singer

tation. "They just had a shelter burn down," added Frezzatto.

The organization is recovering from the loss of one of its Pontiac shelters, which experienced a fire in November 1999. Residents were moved to another donated location while the shelter is being renovated into counseling center.



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said Nicole Johnson, HAVEN

spokesperson. "It's very impor-

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HAVEN was chosen as benefi-

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are appreciative of all efforts,

"We're hoping to use some of the funds for building a bigger (facility)," said Johnson.

Organizers hope to raise approximately \$10,000. Fifty percent of the profits will go to HAVEN. The other half will go to the performers.

"It's just the simple fact that the bands are making it happen," said Frezzatto. "They should at least have the option of getting paid. It's a job like anything else."

Donating their share

The performers have the option of donating their share back to HAVEN, and Frezzatto said many have already agreed to do so. One of the first musicians to do so was Tim Vulgar. singer and guitarist of the Clone al reunions. The Mood Elevator,

Cinderella from page B1

really fun to see a married couple play a married couple."

And that's exactly what Marilyn and John Hirtzel do. The Livonia couple play the Queen and King. Like Kuykendall, the Hirtzels got hooked on the church troupe when they took roles in the first musical the Sound of Music. After all these years, they're still in love with acting and each other.

"It's one big happy family that do these in the church," said Marilyn who never acted until the church production of Sound of Music. "I like my role. She's a typical mother worrying about her son, who at 21, isn't married yet. He falls in love with this beautiful creature that has never been seen before and may never again.'

The magic of the fairy tale makes Cinderella one of John's favorites. Even more so is the fact he's singing for the first time, and he's not doing it alone. The Hirtzels' song, as well as the rest of the show, is done with accompaniment by Jack Pierson, director of the jazz band at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Like the Hirtzels, acting is a family affair for Pierson. His wife Cindy plays one of Cinderella's stepsisters.

Defects. "With a big festival like that, it's good to give it to the charity," he said.

The musicians scheduled to perform rate among some of the areas best in rock, pop, punk, hip hop and electronic music. "So far people seem really responsive," said Hansen.

Fans of alt-country will want to check out Alvin's on Saturday night, while punk rockers might congregate at the Old Miami on Friday night. The Lager House and Bittersweet Cafe will draw the electronic set with Women on Wax and sets by DJ's like Derek Plaslaiko and Planet E's Tony Ollivierra.

'Family' reunion

The festival has spurred sever-

years my wife and I get to sing a song together, a love song," said John Hirtzel, who also worked on set construction. "I originally joined about two weeks after Marilyn got started because she said, if you don't you're not going

to see me for the next six weeks. "But I really enjoy it. I do mostly character parts. The King is very self important but loves his son. When Marilyn says 'I love you,' the King replies, of course you do. I'm the King."

Playing the King is quite a departure from John's first role as the mean-looking Nazi soldier in the Sound of Music. Kathy Benton on the other hand is tackling her first evil role as Cinderella's step mother. Benton, in real life, is the mother-in-law of Rebecca Benton who plays Cinderella.

"It's a risk going outside yourself but it's a good character role," said Kathy Benton who hadn't acted since she was a charter member of the thespian society at her high school in Farmington, Mo., "She's very demanding of Cinderella. She's a status seeker who would love for one of her daughters to marry the prince. It's good family fun.

"The hardest part is I'm demanding of Cinderella and I "This is the first time in 30 have this tendency to say thank-

a pop trio that went on hiatus last year, will return in altered form. Singer Chris Plum and bassist Eric Pott will be joined by Brendan Benson, Atomic Numbers' guitarist Zach Shipps and (bassist) Jeff Hupp who will play drums. A fan and friend of The Mood Elevator and Benson, Shipps said: "We're just doing a favor for a band we like."

Hansen said the reunion will be part of one of the festival's strongest bills. Also returning to the stage are a reunited Rocket 455 and The Junk Monkeys. Craig "Bones" Maki (formerly of Big Barn Combo) will debut his new project.

"The downtown scene is a little bit like a family," said Hansen. "This is sort of a celebration of that."

you when she brings me a foot stool. It's difficult becoming the character."

It may not be much of a challenge to become their characters when actors don their costumes and stand in front of the set painted by Caroline Dunphy, a Northville artist who was assisted by Ellen Niemisto of Livonia.

"The horses and coach are like magic they look so real," said Benton.

Bringing a story to life

"It's wonderful what she can do," added Kuykendall.

And it's amazing how a dedicated group of theater lovers can bring a fairy tale to life after only six weeks of rehearsals.

"Our congregation is very supportive of us; we wouldn't be able to do it otherwise," said Kuykendall. "We hold auditions but all are automatically included in the show in some way. It's been a wonderful way of recruiting for our church too. We've had people become members of the congregation.

"As far as Cinderella, it's a light show, not a long show. It's a fairy tale. It's just like opening your storybook and reading Cinderella. And like all fairy tales, they live happily ever after."

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'The Reluctant Dragon' visits Livonia, March 7-9 September Productions pre-

sents "The Reluctant Dragon," 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, March 7-9, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium on Five Mile Road at Farmington Road, next to Livonia City Hall. Tickets \$5, or \$4 for groups of 20 or more. Call (248) 615-0414 for information, and reservations.

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Some dragons are fire breathing and dangerous, but others are gentle, and don't like to fight.

Teaching children that things aren't always what they seem is one of Theresa Weiss' missions.

Take The Reluctant Dragon, for instance, the title and main character of a children's show playing Wednesday-Friday, March 7-9, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.

"The dragon is a peaceful, poetry, painting sort," said Weiss. "He doesn't want to fight. But unfortunately, he's spotted by some shepherds in a village near his cave.

St. George the dragon slayer is supposed to get rid of the dragon, but he'd rather retire and read an adventure story.

Further complicating the plot is Emily, a girl who knows that not all dragons are bad, and befriends the dragon

Take a closer look

"I always like stories where people aren't what they seem," said Weiss, who wrote and directs The Reluctant Dragon, an original musical based on Kenneth Grahame's classic story about a dragon who refused to fight. Grahame also wrote The Wind and the Willows.

"I want people to take a closer look. This is about conflict resolution. How can we solve this problem without violence or



Musical: September Productions will present "The Reluctant Dragon," March 7-9 in Livonia. Family members of all ages have been enjoying the show for the past eight years. Pictured here from a previous production, are Kirk Hanley of Farmington as the Dragon, and Kirk Jones, as St. George.

someone getting hurt?"

Weiss was working as an actress when she began toying with the idea of September Productions, which she founded nine years ago

"I love children's literature. and have a degree in elementary education and music education from Eastern Michigan University," said Weiss. "I just combined my talents.

Her original adaptations of classic children's stories "that are just wonderful," include The Velveteen Rabbit, The Secret Garden and Tom Sawyer.

September Productions is a touring company that performs at schools, libraries and theaters as St. George.

throughout Michigan. Shows are cast with professional adult actors

Entertaining

"I try to have a Disney feel to the shows so that the whole family will be entertained," said Weiss. "This production is not just for the preschool set. Colorful costumes, sets and toe-tapping music make this a wonderful experience for all."

The production runs approximately 50 minutes, and features the talents of Stacey Griffin of Garden City, as the dragon, and Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington

Everclear takes sides



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"We've been in the studio for a long time," he said with a sigh. The result came in the form of two contrasting full-length releases in 2000 - the pop-oriented Songs From An American Movie Vol. One: Learning How To Smile and the brash Songs From An American Movie Vol. Two: Good Time For a Bad Attitude.

It was quite an unconventional decision to release these records just four months apart, rather than stagger the albums with at least one year of touring in between them. But the project was an unusual one from the very start.

Two sides

"Volume One was originally going to be Art's solo record,' explained Montoya. "He started it. We went on a couple of tours. He had throat surgery. When he

Craig Mon- went back to it after a fourmonth break...he called Greg toya isn't so sure and I up and asked us to listen about his whereto a couple tracks." abouts. When asked where he The project wasn't taking

shape as singer and songwriter Art Alexakis intended and soon Montoya and drummer Greg Eklund were working on new songs for the record - two released as the singles Wonderwhat touring ful and AM Radio.

All of a sudden, it became the unlikely follow-up to Everclear's So Much For The Afterglow. Complete with a cover of Van Morrison's Brown Eyed Girl and an ode to Otis Redding, the record showed a sort of music nostalgia and penchant for pop culture, right down to its American Gothic-inspired cover art.

"Volume One used more vocals to where we would normally put more guitars. It seemed to work. We always knew we were going to do Volume Two, a full-on rock and roll record."

Volume Two boasts the radio single When It All Goes Wrong Again. If asked to choose, Montoya admits Vol. Two better reflects the rock he was raised on. "We pumped out the whole thing pretty fast," he said. "We knew exactly what we wanted. We played loud. We played angry. That's what we're about."

He admits though that the decision to release what seemed to the public to be two albums at once was a bit confusing. "People didn't know what to think."

"My brother and my father both played guitar," said Montoya, who grew up in Spokane, Wash. "There were always guitars hanging around the house."

Montoya grabbed his first guitar at age 15 and held on tight. "In the 80s, everyone wanted to be Eddie VanHalen," he explained. "It was the only thing I ever really felt passionate about when I was a kid. When things got tough, I just listened to music. When I was upset about something, I would crank the music."

While Montoya's small town existence didn't offer as much exposure to popular television and radio, he said he grew up listening to rockabilly, his father's Oldies station and learning about muscle cars. His quintessential "American movie" might fall in line with American Graffiti. "I didn't watch TV as a kid," he said. "I didn't watch The Brady Bunch.

Live

Scaling down their 1 hour 20 minute headline set to 50 minutes for the Matchbox Twenty tour, Montoya said: "We're gonna put on the best show we can." The difference between headlining and touring with another radio heavyweight is simply the size of the venue. Everclear will go from performing in clubs and theaters catering to about 3,000 screaming fans to giant arenas - like The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666



Ever-popular: Everclear is Craig Montoya (left), Art Alexakis and Greg Eklund. Catch them this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It will be kind of odd, we've only been on two other supporting tours, when we first started." Those tours included Detroit's Sponge and Filter and came around the time the band released its major label debut, the acclaimed Sparkle and Fade. "The only hard thing about

touring is being away from your family," he said. "I just got divorced last year. I know its effects. That's the only part.

"Besides that touring is a blast. You get a very little sam-

ple of different places." Check out Everclear opening for Matchbox Twenty, along with Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. March 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets cost \$24.50-\$34.50. Call (248) 645-

6666. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or scasola @oe. homecomm.net.

Read HomeTown Life



Opening Time The Push Stars Co-op Pop Records

The Boston trio that lent Everything Shines to the smash film There's Something About Mary returns with a follow-up to After The Party. Proving that perhaps the party has just begun, The Push Stars offer Opening Time, 13 contagiously catchy and unmistakably heartfelt tunes rooted in melodic guitar riffs and story-like lyrics.

Singer-songwriter Chris Trapper, drummer Ryan Macmillan and bassist/ keyboardist Dan McLoughlin performed recently at Ferndale's Woodward Avenue Brewery to college co-eds, curious music journalists and fans. Since the band may leave Capitol Records, Opening Time was released independently. The record takes over where After The Party left off. Here, we hear a solid trio conveying the heartache of past relationships, a search for meaning and a way of looking at life with your eyes wide-open in wonderment.

From the intriguing energy of Waiting, Watching, Wondering to the intimacy of Trapper's voice on Last Night's Dream, we hear The Push Stars yielding and story-telling songs Who We Are and Over You that earn the band its growing following.

Macmillan admits it's less polished, but true to their sound. And he's right. There are no surprises here, aside from maybe the bonus track.

The Push Stars' music possesses a genuine quality that deserves to be heard by so many more. Opening Time seems appropriately titled. Look them up at www. pushstars. com

Attention: Benefit brings back The Ghoul

BY SHARON DARGAY STAFF WRITER sdargay@homecomm.net

Jim Olenski doesn't sell many books at his Clawson video store.

But he and business partner, Gary Reichel, couldn't pass up a chance to invite Cleveland latenight horror movie host, Ron "The Ghoul" Sweed, to autograph his pictorial memoir, The Ghoul Scrapbook, for fans on Saturday at their shop.

and we're a cult video store. It a kielbasa and beer dinner. just seemed like a natural thing to do," explained Olenski, who owns Thomas Video on Main, south of Fourteen Mile Road. This was a natural place for him to come. We'll have his books here." Olenski and Reichel also perform with the rock band. Cinecyde, which will join four other bands in a concert Saturday, honoring the mop-haired, bearded host of nighttime lunacy and kitsch horror flicks. Through the book signing and performance, event promoters and Ghoul fans hope to stir up interest in bringing the wacky television show back to the Detroit air waves after a 20year absence. Local stations broadcast the syndicated show in the 1970s. The Ghoul continued beaming his antics into Cleveland homes during the early 1980s and resurfaced in that market a few years ago. "For a lot of people in the area, The Ghoul was their first hint at subversive culture," said Tom Potter of Bantam Rooster, one of the bands playing at The Ghoul's Attention Benefit Disorder concert. "In the Detroit rock scene, there are a lot of people who really like The Ghoul." Long before David Letterman pioneered his signature shtick, stupid pet tricks, or swam in a giant bowl of cereal and Velcro'd himself to the wall, The Ghoul was blowing up foam frogs, kielbasa, and Cheese Whiz, breaking racked Easter eggs with a

cue stick, bowling with jack-o'lanterns, slipping between giant hamburger bun props and spoofing network shows with skits such as Ghoulumbo and the Galloping Ghoulmet.

His annual "Evening in Parma," a wacky twist on celebrity-sponsored ocean cruises, treated a lucky fan to a whirlwind tour through Parma, Ohio. A rusted-out station wagon chauffeured the winner and the Ghoul from white sock "The Ghoul was a cult TV host factory to polka band hot spot to

Ghoul Scrapbo The

What: Attention Benefit Disorder, a book signing and concert with wacky horror movie host, The Ghoul

When: From 2-4 p.m., Ron "The Ghoul" Sweed signs his book, The Ghoul Scrapbook, then hosts a concert with local bands, The Witches, Bantam Rooster, Cinecyde, Bump-N-Uglies and Edith Head, from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Both events are on Saturday, March 2.

Where: Book signing at Thomas Video, 122 S. Main, Clawson; concert at The Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward, Detroit sion: Concert tickets are \$8 at Ticketmaster outlets or call





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recounts dozens of sketches, signature phrases and both adoring and disgruntled fans. In a letter to one offended viewer, station management described The Ghoul's humor as "theater of the absurd."

The off-the-wall comedy appeals to Matthew Hatch, bass player with The Witches.

"I'm confident in saying that all of the members of the participating bands are big fans of The Ghoul, or else they wouldn't do it," he noted.

"The main objective is to harness the excitement of Ghoul fans within the area to bring back this hometown cult icon. The Ghoul will be there to emcee the show.

"He's known for blowing things up, literally," Hatch explained. "It will be a great show."

Olenski volunteered his store for the book signing after Cinecyde committed to the concert.

"The original idea was the concert. But we figured, he'll be here, why not let him do the whole thing? This is a more appropriate venue if fans want to say 'hi' to The Ghoul," Olenski said.

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CENTURY THEATRE: Mind Games continues through July 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 DETROIT OPERA HOUSE: Fame, Tuesday-Sunday, March 13-18. \$55, \$35, \$25 and \$15. (248) 645-6666

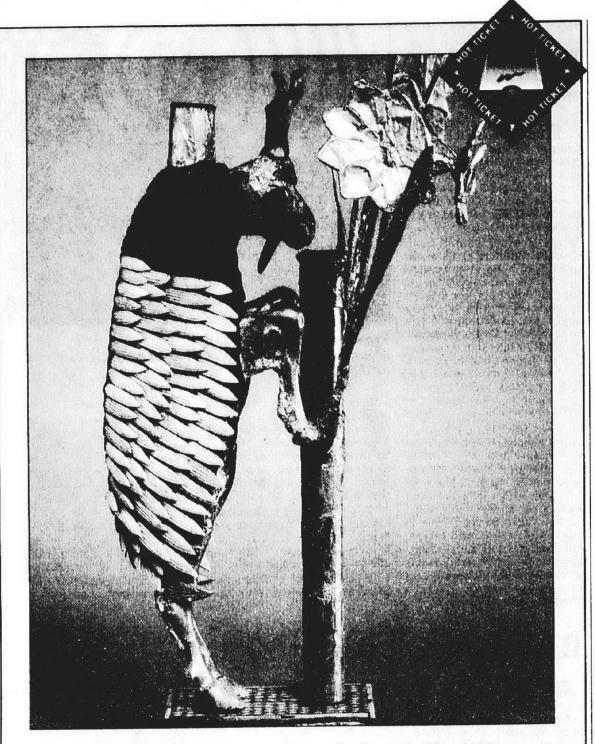
FISHER THEATRE: Tallulah continues to Sunday, March 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666; Ragtime, the musical opens March 27 and continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman April 18-29 (\$35-\$45). FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: The Tropical Pickle continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800 MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: The Civil War starring Larry Gatlin

Wednesday-Sunday, March 7-11 (\$19-\$55), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: Killing

Time continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary. \$21-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666; discussions: "Death and Life: A Religious Perspective" with Professor Charles Mabee the universities Protestant chaplain and professor of religious studies noon Tuesday, March 6 in 112 Vandenburg Hall at Oakland University; "From the Theater to the Death Bed: The Issues in Review," a panel discussion, noon Thursday, March 8 on the Meadow Brook Theatre stage. Free. PERFORMANCE NETWORK: The comedy Maggie Rose continues to March 4, at the theater, Ann Arbor.

(734) 663-0681 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Perform a cycle of Shakespeare's history plays Henry VI, Parts I, II and III and Richard III Saturday-Sunday March 10-11 and 17-18



Ancient history: Check out "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," an exhibition featuring nearly 200 objects, including this ram, jewelry, vessels, musical instruments, sculpture and game boards found with the remains of ancient (Mesopotamian) rulers. Exhibit hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and until 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month, through Sunday, May 6, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Tickets are \$8, \$5 children, includes audio tour and museum admission. Call (313) 833-8499 for information.

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

SPRING ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Clawson-Troy Elks, Troy. \$5. (248) 528-2610

BENEFITS

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

CARE HOUSE CONCERT: Bare Assets, four attorneys play jazz 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at McVees, 23380 Telegraph Road, Southfield. To benefit Care House of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council. McVees donates part of the proceeds from the evening's receipts at the restaurant/bar. (248) 352-8243

ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE:The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60. (734) 416-4278 The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with musician Matt Watroba as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction will tempt revelers

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: An evening featuring a getting to know you dinner and music by the Motor City Brass Band 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, followed by 7 p.m. concert by the BBSO, at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$65, dinner reservations deadline is March 1. (248) 645-2276/(313) 846-8888 BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Voices and Strings, featuring the Musicale's Choral Ensemble and String Ensemble, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Birmingham Community House. (248) 641-1705 CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Trio Fontenay, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Seligman Performing Arts Center, campus Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile at Lahser, Beverly Hills. \$18 to \$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Olivier Messiaen's Turangalila-symphonie 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 1-2 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111 or via the Web site at www. detroitsymphonv.com

OU COMPOSERS FORUM: Features members of the Contemporary Music Ensemble and music showcasing undergraduate and graduate compositions 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. Free. (248) 370-2032 PRAGUE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

With the Beaux Arts Trio 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538 TINY TOTS SERIES: For ages 3-6

"Fun Dances from Faraway Lands" 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$11. (313) 576-5111

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY: Prague Chamber Orchestra, joined by Beaux Arts Trio, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$40, \$30, \$20, \$14. (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229

WSU WIND SYMPHONY: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Detroit. Free will offering. (313) 846-2222, ext. 119

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and Tuesday-Thursday, March 13-15, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$30 to \$80 (stage seats), 4 play cycle seats \$108 to \$250 (stage seats). (734) 764-2538

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: The hilarious comedy Noises Off 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 and Thursday, March 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11 and 18, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. \$13, student/senior/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday. (248) 608-9077

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Peter Colley's thriller/murder mys-

tery I'll Be Back Before Midnight 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday. March 9-10. 16-17 and 23-24, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15 and 22, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$11, \$9 Thursday. (248) 625-8811 NOVI THEATRES: The Music Man 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-4 and 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 and 11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$15. (248) 347-0400

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Arthur Miller's All My Sons 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. March 11, at the theater. Dearborn. \$11 and all seats are reserved. (313) 561-TKTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at the Water Tower Theatre. Northville. \$12, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110 **RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** Carousel 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterglow includ-

ed. (248) 988-7049 ROSEDALE GARDENS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Present Cinderella 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. At the church on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, Livonia. \$6, \$3 students through grade 12. (734) 422:0494. The theater is handicap accessible

STAGECRAFTERS: Songs for a New World, A New Musical Revue! continues to Sunday, March 4, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday,

March 4. \$9, reserved. (248) 541-6430 VILLAGE PLAYERS-BIRMINGHAM: Agatha Christie's suspense master-

piece Witness for the Prosecution 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 9-10. 16-17 and 23-24 and Thursday. March 15, a 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the playhouse, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075 for ticket information.

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest March 2-4 and 9-11, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus. Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960 EMU THEATRE: Arms and the Man 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3. Quirk Theatre Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday, and \$8 Thursday. (734) 487-1221 HILBERRY THEATRE: Picnic opens Friday, March 9 and continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10; Shakespeare's Cymbeline through April 5: Antigone by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater, Wayne State University campus. Detroit. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Wizard of Oz 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11. 17-18, 24-25 and 31 and April 1, 7-8, 21-22 and 28-29, and Monday-Friday, April 16-20, at the theater, Northville, \$7.50. Children under age 3 not admitted. (248) 349-8110

PONTIAC THEATRE IV: Up the Down Staircase, 8 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, March 16-17, 23-24, Pontiac Northern High School. \$7. students/seniors, \$6. (248) 656-7730

PUPPETART: Purim Shpiel a rod puppet musical based on the Biblical Book of Esther 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Here Comes the Sun: Don't gamble for a good show, see The Sun Messengers perform 10 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Tuesday-Thursday, March 6-8, Tuesday-Wednesday, March 13-14, Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18, The Apollo Lounge, Greektown Casino, Detroit. Call (313) 223-2999 for details.

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> **RESTRING 2001:** Live band extravaganza and silent auction presented by the Musicians Relief Fund 2-10 p.m. Sunday, March 11, features bands such as 2XL, Vizitor, Austin, the Forbes Brothers, Jello Shots and Immunity, local comedian Dee Profitt will emcee the event, at the Boathouse Tavern & Grill (formerly Bogeys), Walled Lake (248) 669-1441. \$15. Proceeds will go to pay medical expenses for local musician Pat Murphy who severely injured his leg in a construction accident. For tickets, call (248) 879-9378 or send e-mail to Band2xl@aol.com

WAYNE RESA: Taste, Toast, and Teach, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at the Detroit Opera House. Jazz artist Alexander Zonjic is honorary chairperson. \$50. Benefits Wayne RESA Future Teachers Scholarship Program. (734) 334-1624

2001: AN ART ODYSSEY: The gala art auction runs 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 2, features work by Sergio DeGiusti, Balthazar Korab, Robert Schefman and Leslie Masters among others, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham. \$60, \$125 and includes cocktails, dining and music. (248) 644-0866, ext. 104

CLASSICAL

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, a playful look at poets, pianists and other animals in music by Saint-Saens, Brahms and Haydn, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$17-\$30, discounts for seniors/children under age 12 and students. Family concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11, also at the Michigan Theater, \$10, \$5 children through grade 12. (734) 994-4801

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

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Young Artist Competition for middle and

high school instrumental and piano students March 12-14, cash prizes. For an application, call (248) 645-2276 or visit the Web site at www.bbsocompetition.org FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for males ages 17-45 for Stalag 17. 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 5-6, at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, West Bloomfield. For performances April 27-May 19. (248) 553-2955 NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN ANNEX: Raggedy Ann & Andy auditions, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15, (ages 10-14). The Novi Center Stage, 45175

W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Performances Friday-Sunday, May 18-20. Actors must pay \$125 participation once cast. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:

Auditions for four women and seven men for Vaudeville: A Play with Music 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 5-6, at Watertower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital. For performances May 4-5, 11-13 and 18-19. (248) 349-7110/(734) 455-2466 or visit the Web site at www.causeway.com/ptg

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: Auditions for La Cage aux Folles 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4, registration begins 30 minutes before audition time, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. For performances June 1-2 and 7-9 (rain dates June 3 and 10). (248) 852-6649 or visit the Web site at stdunstanstheatre.com

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Begins

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

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

VSA ARTS OF MICHIGAN: The

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

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BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9

(734) 662-8310 (big band, swing,

CANTATA ACADEMY: Perform a

cabaret concert 8 p.m. Saturday,

March 3, at the Southfield Centre

for the Arts. \$15, \$12 seniors/stu-

HFCC BIG BAND: 8 p.m. Saturday,

March 10, at the Masonic Temple

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BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: A

Little Bit of Irish cabaret concert,

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Dave Falvay, 3 p.m. Sunday, March

School cafeteria. 13 Mile Road at.

Refreshments served, no charge,

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p.m. Monday, at the Bird of

Paradise, Ann Arbor, \$7 cover.

REDFORD: Is looking for playwrights to feature in its One Actstravaganza. Scripts accepted until Thursday, March 15. Mail scripts for consideration to: The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. (313) 531-0554.

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BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday

NIGHT: Performances by jazz bands

3, at Beale Street Blues. Pontiac.

and Thursday, at the Bird of

Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE JAZZ

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PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION:

TIM FLAHARTY TRIO: 8:30 p.m. to

Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the

Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at

the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5

HFCC BIG BAND: Present a winter

the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on

seniors/students. (313) 845-6470

Borders, Dearborn. (313) 271-4442

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocal-

SHEILA LANDIS/RICK MATLE: 7-9

p.m. Friday, March 9 (free), at

ist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m.

Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road

(east of Middlebelt), Garden City.

MARTY MONTGOMERY: 9:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at

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Wednesday, March 7 at Ron's

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jazz concert 8 p.m. Saturday.

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March 3, in Adray Auditorium in

Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (734)

at Schoolcraft College, 18600

Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4435

JOEY DEFRANCESCO: Friday-

9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of

12:30 a.m. Sunday, at Rosie

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m.

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Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover.

JOEL MABUS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

AFTER PARADE PARTY: Featuring

Michael O'Brien and the Distractions 3:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at St. Andrew's Hall, Detroit. \$5. (313) 885-5618 BLACKTHORN: 3 p.m. Sunday. March 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8, includes opportunity to meet artists following performance. (248) 424-9041 (Celtic) PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690 (Irish)

SHARON SHANNON BAND: 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish accordion)

PETER SOAVE: The accordion and bandoneon players performs music by Piazzolla and Romero 4 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. Free will offering. (313) 822-3456

DANCE

GINA GIBNEY DANCE: A sneak preview of the company's new work Several Truths 8 p.m. Friday, March 2 before its New York City premiere, in the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio in the Old Main building on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$10, \$5 students. (313) 577-4273 COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE: Wolverine Silverspur Dancers, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, Italian American Cultural Center. Warren. \$7, (810) 744-9148, dlj@home.com. Free lesson,

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:

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Celebrates its 10th anniversary with Encore: A Decade of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. \$22 adults, \$18 students/seniors, (810) 286-2222 JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions for modern/jazz dancers,

p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 833-9700 995-5439 DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Go behind the scenes to visit the

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Michigan Design Center and have dinner 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 1 (\$74) (313) 833-1405; Wiggle **Giggle Workshop series continues** 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 with a Culture of India Workshop for children ages 5-12. \$3 per child, preregistration recommended. (313) 833-1262. Museum admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 seniors/children ages 12-18, no charge for children 11 and younger. **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:** First Friday program includes classic to contemporary music by the Detroit Brass Society, glass blowing demonstration by Fred Birkhill, tour of the Dutch galleries with European painting curator George Keyes, 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the museum, Detroit. (313) 833-7900 or www.dia.org

DOSSINS GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Special showing of the film documenting the annual Blessing of the **Fleet Ceremony at Mariners Church** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the museum, Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/ages 12-18, free for children under age 12. (313) 852-4051

CLUB CIRCUIT

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

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

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

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

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DEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900. D OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 BLIND FIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

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Hosted by The Ghoul, with The Witches, Bantam Rooster, Cinecyde, Bump N Uglies, Edith Head, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (rock) AVAIL: With Propagandhi, J. Church

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

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

BON JOVI: One Wild Night Tour 2001" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre (Formerly Pine Knob),

Independence Township. \$26-\$56. \$3 parking. (248) 645-6666 BRIDGE: Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

DOVES: 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$10, All ages. (313) 961-MELT CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Tuesday. March 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale.

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Sunday, March 4, Magic Stick,

DELL AND THE ROUGHCUTS: 8

p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity

House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8

DE-T-RIOT: With Mad Jingles, Ritual

and Hot Wool Rat, 8 p.m. Saturday,

March 3, Royal Oak Music Theatre.

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Oak. \$32.50. (248) 645-6666

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MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK:

TERRY FARMER: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

THE GO: With Neil Hamburger, Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

THE GOSSIP: With The Von Bondies, Stroker Ace, Thursday, March 1, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

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

DJ MATT HANCHON:Alternative from 1980's and 90s on "Love Factory" Fridays, and alternative MBOS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. 21 and older. (248) 544-3030. SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700 JEFF MILLS: The Wizard performs 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, State Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$30. (248) 645-6666 MOE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 KEN MURPHY TRIO: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 13. Fox and Hounds. Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues variety) **OUTRAGEOUS CHERRY: With The** Dirtbombs, The Junk Monkeys, Gore Gore Girls, Soledad Brothers, Stroker Ace, Saturday, March 10, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-

6873 OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar unstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 543-1964 (techno) PAIK: With Lab Partners, Halon. Friday, March 23, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday. March 1. The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666. (rock-metal)

PARADIME: With Sun, Jocaine, Black Magic Crossing, 9 p.m. Friday, March 9, Hamtramck Blowout. Details to come RAINER MARIA: With Aloha, New Granada, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700

RED DYE 9 AND BLACK LODGE: With Sweatysuedelips, 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030. ROCKET 455: With The Wildbunch. Freddy Fortune, Bogue, Blush, New Grenada, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

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

SANCHEZ: 9 p.m. Saturday. March 3. The Majestic, Detroit. \$25. (313) 833-9700 **DJ SHORTROUND:** Spins house along with hosts El George and Kegger from Motor Detroit, for Sunday Night Rehab, 10 p.m. Sundays, Town Pump Tavern, Detroit, (313) 961-1929 RONI SIZE: 8 p.m. Saturday. March 10. Royal Oak Music Theatre. Royal Oak. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666 SMALL CRAFT SIGHTING: CD release party with Mock Heroics. Bedford Drive, 8 p.m. Friday, March 2. Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. All ages. (313) 833-9700 STEVE SOMERS & VALERIE BARRYMORE: 7 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, March 7-8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 STING: With Jill Scott. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19. The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$89.50. (248) 645-6666 THE SUN MESSENGERS: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 1, Tuesday Thursday, March 6-8, Tuesday-Wednesday, March 13-14. Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18, The Apollo Lounge, Greektown Casino. Detroit. (313) 223-2999 CARL THOMAS: With Sunshine Anderson, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8. Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$31. (248) 645-6666

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Monday and Thursday, throughout

age 18 and up, 7-8:30 p.m.

M OON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428 POLKA BOOSTER DANCE: 3-7 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, Dearborn Heights. \$12. (313) 937-1316/(313) 928-1822

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

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

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Jim McCue Thursday-Saturday. March 1-3, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080 DAME EDNA: THE ROYAL TOUR: Tuesday-Sunday, March 20-25, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666 EDDIE GRIFFIN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$60. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Blake Clark Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at Paisano's: at the club. Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Jim David Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 **BCOND CITY:** Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through March 11: 1001 improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6; Truth, Justice or the American Way - The Best of Second City 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

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Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3. Tuesday-Friday, March 6-9. Zydeco's, Ann Arbor, (734) 995-3600: With The Love Butlers, 10 p.m. Friday, March 9, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900 DJ ERIC HINCHMAN & JOHN ARNOLD: Techno and house. Wednesdays. The Groove Room. Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344 IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Thursday. March 1, T.C. Gator's, Canton. (734) 981-0906; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, J.W.'s, Novi. (248) 349-7038

INSIDE FIVE MINUTES: With Hacksaw, 72 Plus, Friday, March 2, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

JIMMY JACKSON & THE BLUES CONNECTION: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800

BOB JAMES: With Keiko Matsui, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666

THE KING BROTHERS:With The Grackels, Wolfman Band, 9 p.m. Monday, March 26, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700 (wild Japanese rock)

DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room begin March 4. Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-

Saturday March 1-3, 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680

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Pretty Bella Ciao dishes up simply delicious fare

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WEITHE rekoglund@oe.homec

ust when you think you've been to the most romantic restaurant in town, along comes Bella Ciao.

This intimate Ann Arbor restaurant, with the ivory satindraped ceiling and turn-of-thecentury charm, is as pretty as its food is delicious. A plate of Grilled pancetta-wrapped shrimp with lemon-sautéed spinach and soft polenta tastes so good served on a table topped with white linen and soft lighting.

Bella Ciao, says owner Jim MacDonald, is for people who know good food and good wine. The wine list is extensive, with over 70 choices from Italian reds. And then there's the American reds and the Italian and American whites - simply hundreds of varieties stocked in the restaurant's cellars.

Rustic Italian

The Scotland-born MacDonald, who spent several years cooking in Italy and France, describes Bella Ciao's menu as predominantly rustic Italian, simple fare carefully prepared and perfectly presented.

"Cooks on the whole like things very simple, things that tell the truth. We don't overwork things here."

Of course, what comes out a restaurant's kitchen is only as good as what goes in. MacDonald won't purchase what's not in seaBella Clao

Where: 118 W. Liberty St., Ann Arbor (734) 995-2107 Open: 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday Atmosphere: Romantic, intimate, a lovely little jewel Monu: Rustic Italian, with less emphasis on pasta. Fish, vegetable, chicken and meat dishes. Simple but elegantly prepared cuisine. Cost: Moderately high to expensive. **Reservations:** Definitely Credit cards: All majors accepted

Extra: Banquet room upstairs accommodates up to 40 people.

fruit has been ripened by a Michigan sun. Soon, asparagus will make its yearly debut on the menu.

At 23, Chef Jason Mase may be young to command a kitchen like Bella Ciao's, but he's passionate and imaginative - and a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He says inspiration for a new recipe may strike at any time.

"I'll be sitting somewhere, like in a bar, and I'll say, 'Oh no, I need paper and pen. I have to write this down."

Bella Ciao's menu is all about inspiration. There's boned chicken stuffed with spinach and caramelized onions, roast pheasant with soft polenta and porcini mushroom sauce, a double pork chop with brandy and apples, and the popular Burrida, a Genovese fisherman's stew of shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams and fish.

For me, the vegetable tart with raisins and pine nuts sound especially intriguing, as did the roast beet salad with mixed

Appetizers

Are appetizers are always part of your dining experience? If so, Bella Ciao offers several: marinated mushrooms; gnocchi baked in four cheeses; a thick, center cut of smoked salmon drizzled with olive oil; and mussels steamed in white wine, tomatoes and garlic.

If you've never tried rabbit, Mase suggests you try the Maple glazed rabbit with sweet potato puree, pearl onions and toasted pine nuts. No, it doesn't taste like chicken. "It has a real delicate flavor," he said.

Mase changes seven or eight menu items a month. However, two dishes never go off the menu: Penne tossed with a house-made spicy sausage, hot peppers, pungent greens and Romano cheese and the pancetta-wrapped shrimp. While I liked the penne and sausage, I loved the shrimp. I think it was the reduced balsamic vinegar-wine sauce that won my heart.)

menu," said Mase. Before she became manager, Suzanne Northway always dined with her husband at Bella Ciao's on their anniversary. "This was

our special event place," she inexpensive. The average dinner said. "It was small, intimate and the food was always great, consistently excellent. Dining at Bella Ciao is not on every street corner.

Cullnary creator: Chef Jason Mase presents grilled pancetta-wrapped shrimp with

lemon sautéed spinach and soft polenta and Penne pasta tossed with house-made

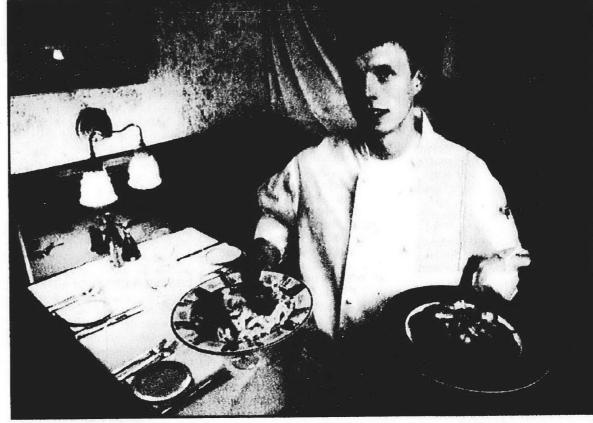
sausage, hot peppers, pungent greens, olive oil and grated Romano cheese.

tab per person is \$40, said Northway. But...like a beautiful woman, there's not a Bella Ciao

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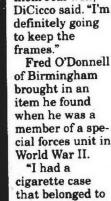
Meet the host: The Antiques Festival will begin with a special appearance and lecture by HGTV celebrity Joe Ruggiero Wednesday, March 7. Below is a representative of the many types of sports memorabilia shown at the festival.

NTIQUES You can learn valuable lessons from the experts

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER mklemic@oe.homecomm.net

ebra DiCicco of Detroit owned etchings from 1870 and 1898 that had been her grandmother's. The art pieces were in ornate, handcarved frames. DiCicco took them to be appraised at The Community House Antiques Festival last year, where she was told the frames were valuable but the art should be more extensively researched.

"I always liked them real well."



Adolf Hitler," O'Donnell said. "I picked it up (at Hitler's retreat) in Berchtesgaden.'

O'Donnell saw the case on Hitler's desk as the unit was securing the retreat. He was told the value of the piece was nearly impossible to determine. It was seen more as something for a museum than something an individual would

You may have

art works, empty frames, a souvenir or a whatchamacallit that you have wondered about. Whether a piece is the object of your affection, or affects your objection, you can have it appraised at The Community House Antiques Festival next week. For the second consecutive year, an appraisal clinic

will be part of the downtown Birmingham festival. Representatives of the Frank H. Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills and DuMouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit will again be appraising family heirlooms, garage sale finds, collectibles and other pieces.

The Community House Antiques Festival is now in its 11th year. It will begin with a special appearance and lecture by HGTV celebrity Joe Ruggiero Wednesday, March 7. The appraisal clinic will take place that day.

The antiques show will run Friday-Sunday, March 16-18. Among the offerings will be a gala preview party and lectures (see related story).

Everything will take place at The Commu-nity House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple and east of Southfield Road.

More than 40 antiques dealers from across the country will present a vast array



Handle with care: Porcelain from Shelley Barr Antiques of Bloomfield Hills will be among the hundreds of offerings at The Community House Antiques Festival, March 15 - 18 in Birmingham. More than 40 antiques dealers from across the country will be featured.

> clinic only. Each visitor can bring up to two items, at a fee of \$15 for two pieces or \$10 for one piece, for appraisal by the Boos and DuMouchelle representatives.

Antiques show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 16-17, and noon to 5 p.m. March 18. Admission is \$10.

Specialists in all areas of restoring will be available during the same hours as the show and preview party to repair prized items brought in to the event.

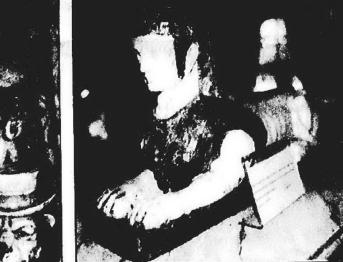
A grand raffle for a two-year lease on a Lincoln Navigator, LS or Town Car will take place; raffle tickets are \$50, or three for \$100.

Proceeds benefit The Community House, a non-profit organization providing enrichment and social service programs open to everyone in the metropolitan area. For information, call (248) 644-5832.

Antiques festival offers lectures, preview party

The appraisal clinic, and Joe Ruggiero appearance, will take place Wednesday, March 7. Other features of The Community House Antiques





buy. Fred O'Donnell



Variety: Festival goers will have a full gamut of things including the Majolica animal pitchers, left, and Egyptianinspired antiques, above, to choose from during the three-day event.



Overview: This shot of last year's festival shows some of the many booths and contents that those attending can expect to see this year. Besides the antiques, there will be an appraisal clinic, a gala preview and some lectures.

of pieces from all over the world, including English and American formal and country furniture, silver, porcelain, prints, Quimper, Staffordshire, jewelry, pewter, clocks, wicker, linen and brass accessories.

The breakfast lecture, and a verbal appraisal, by Ruggiero will take place 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$40. Each visitor can bring in one item.

Ruggiero will speak on "World of Design - Old World Meets New." He co-hosts three popular shows on HGTV: Rooms for Improvement with Leslie Uggams, Best of American Design and Homes Across America

Ruggiero was chief design consultant to the award-winning PBS series This Old House for nine years, is the author of the design and source book Found Objects, and is the former editor of Home Magazine. The Joe Ruggiero Collection (furniture, fabric and decorative accessories) was launched last

spring. From 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, the public may attend the verbal appraisal Festival are:

A gala preview party, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 15. The all-new theme for this year's preview is "Shakespeare's In The House," with entertainment by the Michigan Renaissance Festival. The party will also include a strolling supper, complimentary beer and wine and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$55 (friend) and \$100 (patron). Patrons

may enter 6 p.m.; friends may enter 7 p.m. A new program, "Take a Walk With a Designer." 8:30-10 a.m. Friday, March 16. Dan Clancy of the Perlmutter Freiwald decorating studio will lead a walk through the show before public hours, explaining how to make different antique items work in the home.

Tickets are \$25 and are limited to 25 people.

A continental breakfast, and lecture on "Folk Art" by Nancy Druckman of Sotheby's, 10-11 a.m. Friday, March 16. The cost is \$15 and includes show admission.

(Antique buffs also can enjoy an Antique Show and Sale, scheduled for May 18-20, at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.)



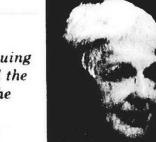
Remembering: These antique souvenir mugs and teapots that commemorate historical occasions around the world will be on view at The Community House Antiques Festival.



What's new?

JOE GAGNON

Manufacturers may be pursuing new innovations, but not all the news is good according to the Appliance Doctor. See Home Work, Page 2



MARTY FIGLEY

Blooming flowers Believe it or not, some of the earliest wildflowers will be blooming soon, just in time for the arrival of spring. See Gardening, Page 3



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Learn how to protect your skin from the winter elements. See HomeTown Life, Dage 5

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HOME WORK

Manufacturers rethink products, market strategies

APPLIANCE DOCTOR

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Ward at Maytag prompted Leonard Hadley to come out of retirement and take over the reins as chief executive officer. Hadley has

JOE GAGNON

announced a return to the "basics" philosophy for his company. His return comes at a time when Maytag officials have watched company stock prices fall at an alarming rate.

News reports indicate that Ward wanted to move Maytag headquarters to a larger city after being located in Newton. Iowa for the past 107 years. Upon resuming his old job as CEO, Hadley nixed this idea immediately. Hadley said May-

The resigdevelopment spending substannation of Romulus tially in the past year. native Lloyd

"However, much of that spending has not directly supported the delivery of innovation in our core product lines," Hadley said. "We intend to focus that spending more sharply on our core product lines in major appliances and floor care, and on products that will hit the marketplace sooner rather than later.'

This writer believes that Maytag provided proven quality products for many years, but if that company ever pulls a booboo again like it did with mistakes in the first batch of frontload washers, Maytag's image will never be the same.

Workers lose jobs

Over at Whirlpool, CEO David Whitman predicts a tough first half of 2001 with "substantial performance improvements in the second half of the year. Whirlpool has announced job cuts of about 6,000 people world-

tag increased research and I This writer believes that Maytag provided proven quality products for many years, but if that company ever pulls a boo-boo again like it did with mistakes in the first batch of front-load washers, Maytag's image will never be the same.

> wide to reduce costs. Introduction of new products such as the new top-loader washer, touted as an energy-saver, and the new refrigerator, which has the ice maker apparatus inside the door, may be the products that help the company rebound.

From sales to service, we switch over to a report from the Appliance Service News in Chicago. The latest Maytag washer rework involves replacing defective water valves in approximately 2,500 Atlantis washers made between Oct. 25 and Dec. 1, 2000.

The problem stemmed from outlet valves that were improperly made by a vendor. The washers involved house a water

valve that was relocated to the center-rear of the machine. According to Maytag, water leaks may range from a drip to a trickle to a considerable flow down the rear panel.

Where possible, the machines will be retrofit with a new water valve while available in dealer stock. Other machines will need the work completed in customers' homes. The project is identified as the "PVL" rework.

mailed a notice listing the washers that require inspections in their areas, the valve and a

Questions should be directed

heated or burst into flames, damaged property, and may have killed three people, even after 500,000 dishwashers and design changes were recalled in 1996, Forbes magazine reported. Complaints filed with the Consumer Product Safety Commission indicate that since 1991 some Whirlpool dishwashers have overheated. Forbes cited Wayne Brown, a Sears repair technician from Tennessee, who reported in 1996 that switches in some dishwashers overheated.

Whirlpool said its investigation showed evidence of problems outside the dishwasher, and Whirlpool officials still do not know what's causing the fires, Forbes reported. Recalling about one million dishwashers could cost Whirlpool \$150 million, Forbes reported.

No wonder I'm so negative this stuff is scary. Stay tuned.

Readers write

Kristine and Mike O'Day wrote that they have a portable dehumidifier that is icing up on

the coil where condensate should form and drip off.

Q: "I have cleaned the fins where the air passes through, as quite a bit of dust had collected. After cleaning, the icing still occurs. Is there anything that I can do, or do I need a new dehumidifier?"

A: Take it to the car wash and wash it. Let it dry before you plug it in. Wait until summer before you try it.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words" and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873.9789

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk @ve. homecomm. net

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MARTY FIGLEY

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The plant is low growing with blue, lavender, purple, maroon, pinkish or whitish flowers that appear at the ends of fuzzy stems. They close in cloudy weather and at night.

The foliage comes after the flowers bloom and lasts throughout winter; old leaves are frequently purplish red. The plant grows naturally in dry woods, sandy slopes and thickets, with the flowers appearing in April and May with, or just after, crocus bloom.

There are many cultivated species, all excellent for the garden. This species, with rounded leaves, is the variety obtusa. The variety acuta has sharp-lobed leaves. They are members of the large buttercup or crowfoot family.

As with most wildflowers,

Home and Garden Antiques

antique garden setting.

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March 17, and noon-5 p.m.,

CALENDAR

and garden shows: ANTIQUES MARKET

Some there is lore and legend associatearly wilded with hepatica. flowers are

Indians used the plant medicinally and as a charm to put on traps for fur-bearing animals. At one time it was thought to cleanse the liver because the leaves resembled that body part, One of my but it seems that has been disfavorites is proved.

In 1657 a Swiss physician the-Hepatica nobilis. orized that the part or parts of a plant that physically resembled sometimes called livera certain body part could cure it. This is called the doctrine of sigwort, bluenatures. Often nicknames and anemone. proper names originated from the physical characteristics of the plant (i.e. liverwort in this case)

In the 1880s it was said that a girl in the Carolina mountains could win the love of any sweetheart she wished, by secretly throwing over his clothing some of the powder made by rubbing together a few of the heartshaped leaves that had been dried by fire.

Inspiring program

Many wildflowers will be featured in a program, "Consider the Lilies," by Dr. Carl Price. You won't want to miss this dual-screen musical presentation sponsored by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary.

The time, date and place: 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, in the DeSalle Art Gallery auditorium, in the lower level of the Cranbrook Art Museum at 500 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Shuttle

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Christ Church parking lot, across Lone Pine. Come and enjoy the program,

then make a day of it and go out to lunch.

Dr. Price was senior pastor at the Methodist church in Midland for 25 years. Since his retirement he is now on the staff parttime of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, where he teaches Bible classes.

He and his wife, Pat, have led inter-generational hiking groups for the past 10 years or so to national parks, such as Glacier National Park (his favorite) and Rocky Mountain National Park. Dr. Price's interest in the nat-

ural world began in Scouting and the fact that he spent a lot of time with his grandparents in West Virginia.

"I love the outdoors," he said. "In fact, for a time I considered wildlife conservation as a career before I decided to become a minister.

His favorite wildflower? "It depends on the day. I guess the Alpine gentian in the high country is one favorite because it is hard to find."

This program will be memorable and all are invited. Ticket prices are \$8 for auxiliary members, \$10 for non-members. Questions? Call (248) 645-3149.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS Congratulations to Four Seasons Garden Center and Landscape Services, which received a Community Service

service begins at 9 a.m. from the Award from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Department. The award was for "outstanding commitment and service to their community." Glen Goldberg, company president, accepted the award in January.

Tip sheets describing the "least toxic" pest and disease management approaches are available at Trevarrow Ace Hardware, Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center, and Uncle Luke's Feed Store in Troy; Maskill's Hardware in Birmingham; Durst Lumber & Ace Hardware in Berkley; Hilzingers Ace Hardware, The Garden of Royal Oak, and English Gardens in Royal Oak; Four Seasons Garden Center and Scheer Ace Hardware in Oak Park.

Let's take the mystery out of soil pH. Think of it as a thermometer with a scale from 1 to 14. The higher the number, the more alkaline the soil; the lower the number, the more acidic. The middle number, 7, is neutral

Many garden plants like a slightly acid soil, around 6. Herbs and veggies generally like it more neutral, around 7; and woodland plants like more acidic, around 5.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Happy hepatica: Hepatica is always a welcome sight in the spring.



MARTY FIGLEY

Sunday, March 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen (located at 10 1/2 Mile Road). Admission is \$6 with ads or listings or \$7. One paid admission is good for all days of the show. Children under 12 admitted free. For information, click on www.antiqnet. com/M&M

GMC BUILDERS

The GMC Builders Home & Garden Show, the 83rd annual home show presented by the nonprofit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, features products and services for home and garden at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center in Detroit. Show hours are 2-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, March 24 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, March 25. Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, and \$4 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Visit www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019.

ANN ARBOR

The 2001 Ann Arbor Spring Garden & Flower Show features Elvin MacDonald, "The Garden Guru," who is the senior editor at Traditional Home Magazine and other garden exparts. This year's theme is "Homescapes." The public can participate in "Plants on Parade" with forced bulbs, bonsal, houseplants and miniatures. Children can participate in garden workshops and major landscape displays, vendors and a greenhouse will be featured. Show hours are 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 1, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Seline Road, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 5-12. For information. contact the Ann Arbor Spring Garden and Flower Show at (734) 434-8004 or e-mail AAflowershow@aol.com

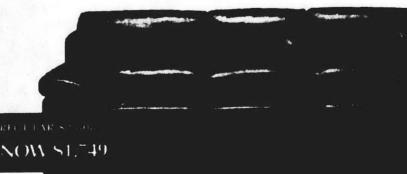
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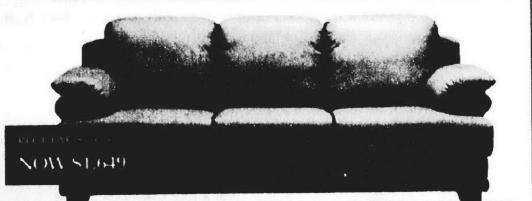
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GARDENING CALENDAR

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FLORAL STUFF

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Several workshops are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton, Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person, and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes include a herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17, and a patio pot workshop. Saturday, May 5. Call (734) 397-0800.

GARDEN CLUBS

FARMINGTON Sue Grubba, owner of Creativescapes Systems, landscape consultant and instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, will discuss night lighting in landscape at noon, Monday, March 5, at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (248) 476-3017 or (248) 615-3616.

LIVONIA

Bette Pool, a member and past president of the Farmington Garden Club, will discuss "Water Gardening" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Livonia Senior Center, 33000 Civic Center, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Visitors are welcome.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subiects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m.

Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility.

Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience: Pruning Trees and Shrubs will be taught on two Mondays, starting March 19. Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines presented on two Wednesdays. March 14 and 21 and one Saturday, March 17. Garden Maintenance Workshop taught for four Wednesdays starting on March 28. Other classes include: Water Gardens, meets on two consecutive Thursdays, starting April 5; Choosing Trees and Shrubs, four Thursdays, starting April 5; Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, four Wednesdays, starting May 2; Difficult Sites Part I on wet and dry sites, two Thursdays, starting June 7; Difficult Sites Part II, starting Thursday, June 21, Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs. Click on www. michigan gardening. com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Learn how to choose the best trees and shrubs to enhance the year-round color and interest in your landscape. Learn the pros and cons of various plant materials available to landscape the yard. Class is scheduled 9-11:40 a.m. Saturdays, starting March 10. The class is offered through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program. OOther courses include Basic Perennial Gardening, 7-9:40 p.m., Wednesdays, starting March 14 and Hands-On Landscape, offered three days, 7-10 p.m., Thursday, April 19 and 26, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Call (734) 462-4448.

HERBS AND PLANTS

EVENING STUDY Cindy Klement will present "Herbal Remedies from the Garden" 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 5 at a meeting of an evening herb study group at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Monday March 5. The public and new members are welcome. Meetings are held in Room

125. Enter @ west end of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. 1800 Dixboro, in Ann Arbor. For information, please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or

e-mail sburek@provide.net . NEW PERSPECTIVES

Bodil Drescher Anaya, a horticultural therapist master, will discuss "Starting a Program in Horticultural Therapy" at the 23rd annual conference of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association Friday, March 9, at the Plant and Soil Sciences **Building at Michigan State** University.

Anaya has 22 years experience in establishing such programs. Sessions include Adaptive Gardening, HT with Seniors, HT with the severely physically disabled, hands-on craft workshops and other topics. Also featured are the annual Seedy Character contest, displays, exhibits and an optional tour of the Michigan State University Butterfly House. Registration is \$30 for MHTA members and \$40 for nonmembers if received before March 1. After that date, fees are \$45 for members and \$55 for others. Annual membership is \$15.

A box lunch is available for \$6. For information, call Patrick Lewis at (616) 337-3300 or Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969. HERB-A-MANIA

Spice up your home with the presence of herbs. Whether you desire to grow herbs for the beauty of the plants themselves or for unique flavors, Schoolcraft College in Livonia has a culinary arts seminar scheduled for you 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 22. Learn how to grow an herb garden, how to select which herbs to plant and how these herbs will enhance your cooking. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

FLOWER SALE

AFRICAN VIOLETS

The Michigan State African Violet Society presents its annual Spring Display and Sale of African violets, gesneriads and supplies 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is free

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF POLK IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEFORE THE CLERK -FILE NO. 01 SP 10

UNKNOWN HEIRS of Ruth Freer-DeCortez.

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS

TAKE NOTICE that a petition seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled special proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is to determine the heirs at law of Ruth Freer-Decortez, deceased.

You are required to make answer to such etition not later than the 3rd day of April. 2001, said date being at least 40 days from the date of the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the party and upon your latture to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief being sought. Any answer filed by you should be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, North Carolina 28722 and also served upon the attorney listed below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on petitioner's petition will be held in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Polk County at the Polk County Courthouse, Columbus, North Carolina on the 5th day of April, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

The Ann Arbor Garden Club will be sponsoring a "show within a show" at the third-annual Ann Arbor Spring Garden and Flower Show.

The show will take place March 30-April 1 at the Washtenaw County Fairgrounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

Titled "POP," or "Plants On Parade," the fun show will be open to the public for exhibiting and viewing

All plant lovers are invited to take part. The only standard of the show is a healthy plant. Categories include houseplants, bonsai, forced bulbs and miniatures. For more information. contact cookie4860@aol.com or call (734) 995-2532.

To participate, anyone may

bring from one to 10 plants to the Saline Fairgrounds, Building D, between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 29. A panel of three will determine appropriateness for show

'Plants On Parade' show scheduled

All participants, either juvenile or adult, will be awarded a ribbon and receive free entry into the big show for one day. Plants will be returned to owners or sold by the owners after 4 p.m. April 1.

Bonnie Ion, past president of the AAGC and an accredited blue ribbon flower show judge, will coordinate the show. Diana James, Earlene LaWall, Lois

Schneyer and Kathy Fojtik will assist. The AAGC dates back to 1929. Currently, more than 100 members are affiliated with the Fed-SERTA[®] PERFECT SLEEPER



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Brickscape Gardens, on Brickscape Drive, just north of Eight Mile and east of Novi Road in Northville.

The classes will be offered every first and third Saturday of the month, from March through September. Registration is \$5 per per-

son, refundable with any brick purchase. For information, call (248) 348-2500.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Add a designer's touch

touch to your room is easy. Making that designer look reflect your own personal style is even easier. Using a designer painting technique can give your room a professional look and reflect your personality - without the professional price.

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Sponging and ragging are two popular painting techniques that use multiple colors. Deciding which colors look best doesn't need to be a difficult task. By using the Color Key System at your local Devoe/Fuller-O'Brien paint store, you can combine colors that create a mood - and a personal touch.

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When sponge painting, first put on the basecoat and let it dry

After the paint is dry, use a natural sea sponge available at your local paint store and dampen it in water. Then touch the side of the sponge to the paint and blot it on some newspaper. This will prevent your sponge from depositing too much paint on the wall.

Start in the middle of the area, gently touching the sponge against the wall. Dab a two- to three-foot area, varying the sponge angle to create different patterns. Put spaces between dab marks to give the room a

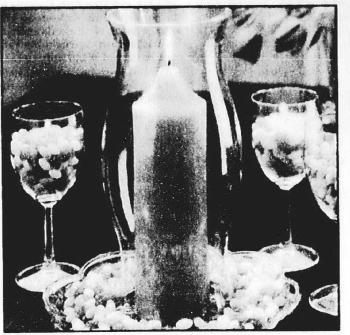
gentle feeling and to let the basecoat shine. After the first sponge coat dries, you can repeat the process with a second and even a third color to give the room a real designer look.

Another designer technique is agging. This technique conveys the look of crushed fabric on a wall.

First, apply your basecoat and let it dry. Next get a lint-free rag, wet it with water and wring it out to remove any particles. Wad the rag up so the edges are not exposed, and dip the rag in paint. Test the look for blotting the rag on newspaper.

Again, start in the middle of the wall and work in a two- to three-foot area. Dip the rag in the paint and dab on the wall. Keep refolding the rag until it is dry. Repeat the process.

For best results, use only one color over the basecoat.



Easter setting: Create an Easter centerpiece that is fun and festive with a candle.

Brighten up your table with Easter centerpiece

Brighten your Easter with an easyto-make candle centerpiece from PartyLite Gifts.

Materials needed include: one 10inch glass plate, one 12-inch clearglass hurricane shade, one 3-inch-by-9-inch pink pillar candle, tealight candles, three glass wine goblets, two to three bags of jelly beans.

Place the hurricane shade in the center of the glass plate. Add the pillar candle inside the shade. Fill the wine goblets halfway with jelly beans. Nestle one tealight in each of the three wine goblets. Scatter the remaining jelly beans around the base of the hurricane shade. Trim the wicks on the candles to 1/4 inch.

Place a vase of fresh tulips, a basket of Easter eggs or a whimsical Easter bunny figurine on the table for added color and festivity.

To learn about PartyLite, call (508) 830-3100 during business hours or visit www.partylite.com

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique - items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson @oe.homecomm.net

CRAFT SHOW

A touch of spring will be in the air March 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Macomb Commuity College Arts and Crafts Show. The student activity center (M-59 and Garfield in Clinton Township) will be filled with more than 110 crafts from around the midwest. Admission is \$2. For childrens' safety no strollers please. Call (810) 658-0440.

ST. PATRICK'S CRAFT BAZAAR

Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 from noon to 5 p.m. AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit (one block west of Telegraph). Call Sue (313) 565-3317. Tables available for rent. Sponsored by L.A.O.H. Rose Kennedy Division.

CRAFTERS WANTED

ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn) will be the host site of the Spring 2001 Arts & Crafts Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24. For applications and or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Class of 2001 and the yearbook groups. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and there is plenty of food for here or to go.

CRAFT SALE

A craft sale will be held March 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (555 S. Wayne Road) in Westland. For space call (734) 729-1605. Stop by to browse or buy.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia just west of Farmington Road) presents our Spring Spectacular Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 100 crafters, concession lunch available, strollers welcome. Call Barb (248) 478-2395 or Debbie (248) 476-0315. Lunch runners available for crafters. Admi \$2.

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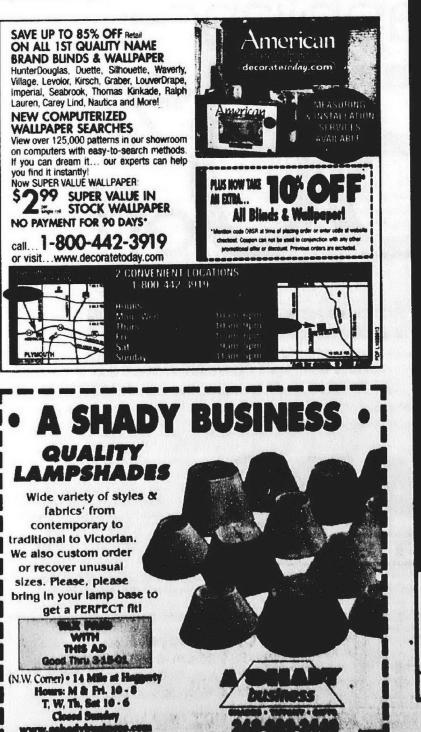
the total 5.00 ticket price goes directly to the school selling the tickets

Livonia Mall will be hosting a craft show by Bill Johnson March 16-18. Crafters come join us that weekend. Table available.

Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters needed for the 15th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School (44401 w. Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri (248) 349-5344.



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Karwan-Elwartowski

William and Jeanette Karwan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Diana Louise, to Ted Allan Elwartowski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Divine Child and a 2000 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in resource ecology. She is a remote sensing and geographic information systems analyst for Pacific Meridian Resources in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Ted and Diane Elwartowski of Dearborn, is a 1996 graduate of Divine Child and a Michigan State University graduate. He is a computer administrator and engineer for VSI Holdings, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.

Jones-Lobb

James and Catherine Jones of Dearborn Heights announce the marriage of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Lawrence William Lobb of Dearborn Heights.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Siena Heights University and works for the City of Ann Arbor Police Department.

Her husband, son of James and Jerilyn Lobb of Garden City, is a 1997 graduate of University of Toledo Law School and works for NSI Consulting and Development.

The couple wed Feb. 17 at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City before the Rev. Don Demmer. The bride was attended by matron of honor Brenda Aldrich and bridesmaids Ashley Flexon, Beckie Harrison, Pam Harvey and Beth Hurley. The groom was attended by best man Dan Lobb and groomsmen Jim Bartlett, Don Harvey, Mark



An October wedding is planned for St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.



Hurley and David Ostrowski.

The Lobb's received guests at Warren Valley Golf Club and took a honeymoon trip to Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. They have made their home in Dearborn Heights.

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Domras-Pavicic

Roger and Meredith Domras of Valparaiso, Ind. announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth, to Nicholas Vincent Pavicic of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and works for McKesson HBOC in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Nicholas and Jill Pavicic of Westland, is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and attends University of Phoenix. He works for Superior Controls in Plymouth.

A May wedding is planned for St. Mary of Wayne Catholic Church.

Zaksek-Naberhaus

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Zaksek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Irene, to Bradley Jon Naberhaus of Chicago.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science and Miami University of Ohio, where she earned her master's degree in speech pathology. She works for Chicago Public Schools.

Dennis Naberhaus of Sanford, Mich, is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics and social relations and the University of Illinois. where he earned a master's degree in labor and industrial



Orlandi-Wheaton

Richard and Karen Orlandi of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Lynn, to James Ford Wheaton of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned a degree in psychology/sociology. She works in sales for Optrex America.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Sandra Wheaton of Plymouth, is a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University and teaches at Plymouth Salem High School. He is also a coach for the Plymouth Canton High School hock-

Karamon-Gammill

Barbara Jean Karamon of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Colleen Lynn, to J. Christian Gammill of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1995 graduate of Albion College. She is a French teacher at Walled Lake Western High School

Her fiancé, son of Ronald and Martha Gammill of East Lyme, Conn., is a1991 graduate of Portage Northern High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. He will earn his master's degree from University of Michigan this year.

A June wedding is planned for St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

NEW ARRIVALS

James and Immaculate Ferreria-Eggleston of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter Yanava Semaj Ferreria-Eggleston born Jan. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Ester Martin Y Bascos of Olympia, Washington and Bernice E. Bell of Detroit.

Kimberly Norton of Livonia announces the birth of her daughter Juliana Janine born Jan. 28 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center Wayne. Grandparents are Janine and Gary Norton of Livonia.

Sarah and Greg Prosser of Wayne mond Janke of Dearborn.

Now more ways to buy at Sears

announce the birth of their daughter Sydney Marie born Feb. 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center Wayne. Grandparents are Nancy and Donald Duffy of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mary and Clarence Prosser of Merritt Island, Florida.

Livonia announce the birth of their son Alec William born Aug. 17, 2000 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Alec joins big sister Olivia Rebecca, 6. Grandparents are Shirley and Richard Onyskin of Livonia and Anna Panagos of Dearborn Heights. Great-grandparents are Marlene and Ray-

Kevin Craig Fricke, formerly of Livonia, and Rochelle Pigula Fricke. formerly of Farmington, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayla Lynne, born Feb. 16 at Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wisc. Grandparents are Frank and Marge Fricke of Livonia and Bob and Patricia Pigula of Milford.

Corey and Debbie Hansen of Westland announce the birth of their twin ; daughters, Ashley Lynn and Shelby Marie, born Sept. 13 at Beaumont Hospital. Grandparents are Alice Blight of Westland, Al Hansen of Cedarville and Henry and Diane Macuga of Livonia.

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A July 2002 wedding is planned at St. John Church in Plymouth.





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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

About Face: Skin care for the future

knew it upon walking through the door at Plymouth's Derma Graph-ic Studio. I knew if I had just one facial, I'd be hooked.

And like aesthetician Eileen Kolar's loyal clients, I was right. But the experience was more than an indulgence; it was educational, too. Having more than 12 years experience, Kolar taught me all about healthy skin.

"Every skin is different," she said. "I have over 200 treatments." Each one is customized for each client.

Kolar, a Livonia resident, began her career as a cosmetologist. But when she noticed her daughter developing skin problems that required visits to the dermatologist, she decided to learn more, and went back to school.

Skin care is an outer reflection of what's going on inside our bodies, our minds, she said. "It has a lot to do with diet, stress and environment."

Though I never had serious skin problems growing up, I've become interested in skin care as I age. If I'm lucky I'll hold onto the healthy skin I have, just like my mother has.

So, I slipped on my terry cloth gown, sunk into the cushy table and relaxed in a serene environment, complete with the sounds of flowing water and relaxing music. To soften my skin for treatment, Kolar set the vaporizer to emit oxygen for my skin cells. My hands were massaged with lotion and carefully placed into heated mittens.

Cleansing

To begin, Kolar focused on cleansing and exfoliating my pale skin. She used an enzyme cream to gently digest dead skin cells. Next, she wrapped her fingers in gauze and egan cleansing There was more than a little a pressure, but it wasn't painful. Then Kolar layered gommage with a facial brush to rid the skin of dead cells. My face was washed with a sponge. Next came the high-frequency machine. A small clear plastic device was swept across areas of my face, emitting a slight buzzing sound. It serves two purposes: killing bacteria and oxygenating my dehydrated skin. "It has a healing effect on tissue," explained Kolar, by stimulating blood flow to the cells. We moved onto the most enjoyable part of the treatment - the moisturizing process. Kolar first applied Marine DNA (from salmon) to my tzone area. The treatment is meant to penetrate and refine the texture of the skin while brightening my complexion. She followed it with a Propolis Concentrate which nourishes, protects and moisturizes skin. Topping it all off with plastic helped the nutrients penetrate more quickly, she said. I felt like a gelatin dessert; it was wonderful. After removing the plastic and washing off the products, she spritzed my face with a mist containing hyaluronic acid to hydrate. The ingredient holds in 300 times the moisture, she said, and seems something like a miracle product as the cold winter winds hit. Whether she's faced with acneprone, sun-damaged skin or a healthy complexion, Kolar considers skin care to be just as important as protecting any other vital organ. "In the U.S., we take skin for granted," said Kolar. "In Europe it's a part of the body." After a facial, remember your water. It's an easy way to keep skin looking and feeling good. At home, some of the facial techniques can be recreated. Jojoba beads are a good, natural exfolient. Clay masks benefit oil-prone skin, while hydrating masks are better for dry skin like mine. "The closer to nature you get in food and in skin care, the better it seems to be," said Kolar, who relies on holistic treatments

Take a stand against winter's harsh elements

> STORY BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



Green tes is among the most popu-lar skin-care ingredients today. It is ar sain-care ingroments today. It is believed to have healing properties against sun damage, it is antibacteri-al, hydrating and fights against free-radicals in the body. Remember, what you do today will

bow tomerrow. Stephanie Angelyn Oasola writes fo he Observer & Ecosniric Newspapers She lives in Truy.

s we battle the icy cold winds of long Michigan winters, it's easy to forget the effects of the weather on delicate, healthy skin. A bolt of freezing air outside followed by blasts of indoor heat can be cause for dull, dehydrated and overly dry skin. But with a little know-how and the right pampering products, no one has to weather

this season without a fight. Aesthetician Eileen Kolar of Plymouth's Derma Graphic Studio has all the right weapons against dry skin. With more than 12 years experience. Kolar finds it's just as important to educate her clients as it is to treat them. "Your skin is a balance of oils and water," she said. "The body is 80 percent water. It's important to hydrate ourselves internally. Your skin reflects what's going on inside."

When skin loses moisture, it develops flaky patches, redness, even overoily spots. Imagine a peach, which is soft and supple when it ripens, but begins to wrinkle and fade as it dries out. Skin acts in much the same man-

Canton resident Danell Ledin can easily identify signs of winter skin damage. As a makeup consultant for Nars, at Livonia's Laurel Park Place Mall, she understands the importance of maintaining her own healthy luminous skin. Low humidity in the air, wind and sunburn all pose a drying threat, but Ledin suggests that a good moisturizer and diligent sun protection provide the best defenses. She looks for products with aloe vera and Vitamin E to prevent dryness and soften lines and wrinkles.

For Kolar, skin essential oils are key

Follow a proper skin care regimen.

Seek out products that are right for

your skin and remember these daily

steps - cleanse, rinse and moisturize. Don't go to bed *too* beautiful. It's a

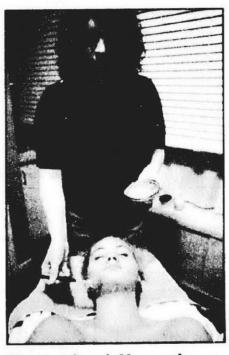
common mistake, but forgetting to

remove make-up or wash your face

before going to sleep clogs pores. For-

get the soaps and harsh astringents,

and invest in a quality skin cleanser.



Cleanse: Sarah Nunez, the aesthetician at Gerald's Salon in Plymouth encourages her client to relax during a facial.

ingredients. Focusing on holistic methods of skin care, she checks labels for sesame oil, apricot kernel seed oil and jojoba oil that will penetrate and hydrate.

"As we age, our cells lose the ability to retain moisture," said Kolar. "You need your creams. For people who are really oily, it's the hydration part they need." Oily skin can be tricky to care for during the winter, a balancing game to minimize oil and maximize hydration. Kolar relies on hylaronic

Give your skin the attention it deserves

Watch how you wash. It's best to

use your fingers or a clean, soft wash-

cloth to cleanse your face. Sponges

absorb oils and bacteria that can be

time is the right time to moisturize dry

skin and wake up feeling refreshed.

Layer moisturizer onto dry hands or

feet, for severe dryness - sleep in cot-

Use sleep to your advantage. Night

redistributed on the skin.

ton socks or gloves.

acid in the form of aromatic misters, which can be sprayed on the face throughout the day. Kolar also recommends collagen creams which help the skin retain moisture.

Some ingredients counteract the quest for healthy skin. Ledin said a few to watch out for include alcohol. mineral oils, talc, products with Retin A, alpha hydroxy and benzoil peroxide.

A Westland resident, Carrie Tobias-Stoklosa has been working for Prescriptives at Livonia's Laurel Park Place for two years. Her advice for combating dry winter skin is simple: Drink a lot of water and beware of over-exfoliation

Exfoliation is the removal of dead. dry skin cells and is often accomplished by using masks or scrubs. Kolar warns that facial scrubs should contain rounded exfoliants, rather than sharp edged beads which can microscopically cut into the skin. She prefers an enzyme peel to exfoliate. which allows moisture to penetrate deep into the skin, she said.

Carrie Zawaski, assistant manager at Bath and Body Works at Livonia's Laurel Park Place, agreed exfoliation is essential to healthy skin. "Get the dead skin off," she said. "Use a moisturizing cleanser." She suggests a foam or cream-based cleanser.

Just don't spend too much time in the bath tub or shower. No matter how wonderful it sounds te linger in a hot bath during long winter days, skin will lose moisture. And after a quick soak, lather on your favorite soothing scents. "Always put on lotion after you shower," said Zawaski. Using lotion on skin immediately after hot shower will help

Please see SKIN CARE, C9

Keep lips moisturized. Exfoliate

dry lips with a soft toothbrush or try a

gentler approach by applying petrole-

um jelly to chapped lips. Place a small

piece of plastic wrap over coated lips

and hold it taught with one hand. Run

hot water over a cotton ball and rub it

over plastic-coated lips. Remove wrap

every time you wash your hands.

■ Keep hands soft. Apply lotion after

to discover softer lips.

Indulge in head-totoe treats

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.home omm.net

Skin care is no longer restricted to you're mom's beloved floating bar of lvory soap. Today's products promote a healthy glow with ingredients that look and sound good enough to eat. Indulge with some of my personal favorites that will help perk up your winter-worn skin:

Fresh Soy Formula Face & Body Soap

The latest trend in skin care is certainly soy. The protein-enriched legume extract can be found in anything from shampoos to moisturizers and bath powder. This creamy soap contains soy milk, soy oil and glycerin, along with botanicals like ginseng, lavender flower oil and apricot kernel oil and really softens skin. (\$12 per bar)

DuWop's Lip Venom

This tingly clear gloss wakes lips up with its spicy ginger and cinnamon extracts and enhances their natural color for a bee-stung fullness. Moisturizing Lip Venom can be worn over lipstick for shine or alone. (\$12 for 3 ml.)

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In decadent flavors like strawberry, lemon, lime, orange, chocolate and vanilla, these little glass jars will remind you of a quick summer stop at the ice cream shop. All include sun screen. (\$8 for 1 ounce)

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The Rev. Jesse de Porres Cox will be the facilitator of a Lenten retreat at Madonna University in Livonia Saturday, March 3.

The retreat is an all day encounter for alumni, friends, students and their families and will focus on "Following Christ through this Lenten Season." Activities will include Sunday Mass, conferences, quiet reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconci liation and Stations of the Cross.

Cox is a member of the Dominicans of the Midwest (Chicago) Province and was ordained in 1987. He holds a bachelor of arts in theology and English from Niles College Seminary of Loyola University and a master of divinity from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. Currently, he is pursuing a master of theology in black Catholic studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

After ordination, Cox taught English and theology at Hales Franciscan High School and later became the director of vocations. Presently, he is the director of "Sign Me Up!," a program for evangelization in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He has



received several awards includes the Hales Association of Parents Special Recognition Award, the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association Award, and the Archdiocese of Chicago's Father Augustus Tolton Award.

Traveling the world, Cox has given lectures, retreats, days of reflection, addresses and has preached in the United States, India, Africa and Europe.

The cost for participating in the retreat is \$15 and runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 3 (includes lunch and refreshments). For reservations or information call (734) 432-5419.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

CORNISH PASTIES

Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fund-raiser. This will be the last chance to purchase then until November. Pasties are \$2.50 each and can be ordered by calling (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order Tuesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call in orders only. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine. Any orders faxed, emailed or left on the answering machine will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 16. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livohia. Only 1000 pasties will be made.

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Bonanza will be held Saturday, March 3 at Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia to benefit the Alzheimer's Association (Detroit Area Chapter). there will be door and incentive prizes for top pledge collectors. Call (248) 557-8277 to register.

RACING COLLECTIBLES

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will be the host site of a Racing Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 (1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland). Proceeds will benefit the Veteran Relief Fund. Admission is \$2. Under 12 free. Call (517) 467-2376.

RED WING ALUMNI GAME

Staffers from United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit will lace up their skates to challenge a team of Detroit Red Wing alumni in a charity hockey game at 4:30 p.m. March 11, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center (formerly Adray Arena). The charity hockey game will benefit UCP/Detroit. The Red Wing team will feature alumni such as Alex Delvecchio, Nick Libbet. Dennis Hextall and other greats. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Children ages four and under will be admitted for free. All proceeds from this event will be used for programs and services that assist people with disabilities and their families. The Dearborn Ice Skating Center is located on Ford Road

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The McCarty Cancer Foundation's fourth annual "Gathering for the Goal" gala sponsored by MotorCity Casino, will raise money for multiple myeloma cancer research at the Ritz Carlton (Dearborn) at 6:30 p.m. March 20. The evening will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and an 8 p.m. dinner followed by a live auction and dancing. A Mandalay Bay Hotel package in Las Vegas, sports memorabilia, jewelry and more will be auctioned off. "Gathering for the Goal" will benefit the McCarty Cancer Foundation and fund multiple myeloma research. Tickets are \$300 per person and corporate sponsorships are available. Call (248) 336-2500.

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"You don't need a lot of products to go a long way," said Tobias-Stoklosa.

Zoo director speaks at Town Hall series

Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoological Institute, will share his experiences with attendees of the March 21 Livonia Town Hall Lecture Series.

Kagan, who was named director in December 1992, is responsible for the Detroit Zoological Park, the Belle Isle Zoo and the Belle Isle Aquarium. He has worked in the zoo and aquarium world for 25 years and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in zool-

In addition to his professional work at the

zoo he has taught courses in zoology and continues to enjoy teaching at Michigan State University. He has authored numerous publications in scientific journals, encyclopedias and books on zoo design, administration and zoology.

He is a board member on several local, national and international professional associations including the Michigan Museum Association, Michigan Nature Conservancy, the Association of Animal Sanctuaries and

the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group of the United Nations Species Survival Commission.

If you are interested in attending the 10:30 a.m. March 21 program at the St. Mary Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road, Livonia) call Emily Stankus for reservations (734) 420-0383. Livonia Town Hali is a nonprofit organization and proceeds benefit Livonia Symphony Society and other Livonia charities.





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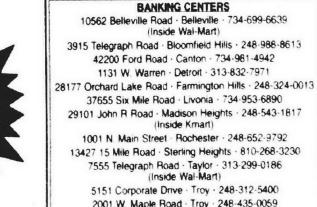
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Wondering about the "big" picture? Then spend some time at Connections, the contemporary worship service of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, held at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday evening. The church is located south of M-14 on North Territorial Road in Plymouth, just west of Sheldon Road. Call (734) 453-5280.

LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons presents a series based on the theme "Follow Jesus" 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile Road and west of Beech Daly Road in Redford. The series will culminate in Holy Week. A Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. and two Good Friday services will be held, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Easter Celebration will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 532-8655

SALT MINE

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) would like to invite all youth in grades seven through twelve to come on Sunday nights at 4:45 p.m. for Salt Mine, a time of good music, great fellowship and Bible study. Call (734) 421-0472

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile Road) in Livonia. The group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month and group support will be offered the third Thursday of the month. Call (734) 422-6038. Upcoming speakers include:

March 1, Self Care quiz for grief, Sue Ann Daniel

April 5, Dreams, Visions and Images, Rev. Phil Seymour

May 7, Memories, Del **McPherson**

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IRISH HOOLIE

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an authentic Irish meal and learn step dancing with Donald and Shannon Greenwald, Noon, Sunday, March 11 at Gutherie Hall, Newburg United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 for children under 12 and free for children under 5. This is a fund-raiser for the church's youth choir tour. Tickets can be purchased until March 8 after worship or by calling the office at (734) 422-0149.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday, beginning March 2 during Lent, St. Sabina hosts a Fish Fry featuring fish and chips, pierogi, shrimp or macaroni dinners, 4-7 p.m. in the Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Call (313) 561-1977.

ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH DINNER

St. Sabina MACS & the Women's Guild present this special dinner, 1-5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11 in the St. Sabina Activities Hall, Ann Arbor Trail east of Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Adults \$6.50 and Children \$4.50. Discounts available before March 10. Call (313) 561-1977

FISH FRY

St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Telegraph/Northline in Taylor) will host a Fish Fry, Friday March 2, 16 and 30 from 4-7 p.m. Call (734) 287-3866.

CINDERELLA

Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church will host Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" at 8 p.m. March 2; 8 p.m. March 3; and 4 p.m. March 4. Adults \$6, students through 12th grade, \$3. For tickets see cast members or call (734) 422-0494.

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WONDERS OF WONDERS

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AIDS MASS OF HEALING

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community is hosting a special AIDS Healing/Anointing and remembrance Mass for people diagnosed or affected by HIV/AIDS. The Mass is at 3 p.m. March 4, at St. Rene Goupil of Sterling Heights. Take I-696 to the Ryan Road exit, and go north past 15 Mile to the church.

SENIOR HEALTH/FITNESS

The Christ the King Lutheran (9300 Farmington Road) Men's Group is sponsoring an event in cooperation with St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 7 p.m. March 6 to discuss senior fitness and health Enhance the quality of your life and find your level of physical activity. Call (734) 421-0749.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening ofeach month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@ yahoo. com

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Salem reigns over WLAA

PCEP skaters advance

Five members of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's newly-formed figure skating team have qualified for the state championships, scheduled for Saturday at the Birmingham Ice Arena

Amy Caudill, a junior at Plymouth Canton HS, qualified in Bronze dance. Caudill also skates on the Gems On Ice junior level synchronized team through the Plymouth Figures Skating Club.

Renae Kolarik, a junior at Canton, also qualified in Bronze dance. Kolarik skates on the Crystallettes senior level international synchronized team through the Dearborn Figure Skating Club, and she's a member of Canton's track and field team.

Michelle Manery, a freshman at Plymouth Salem, qualified in Silver dance. Manery skates on the Team Elan junior level synchronized team through the Detroit Skating Club.

Christin Nycek, a sophomore at Salem, qualified in Novice freestyle. Nycek is part of Salem's junior varsity cheerleading team.

Brandi Reed, a senior at Salem, qualified in Senior freestyle, the highest level a skater can reach. She is a member of PCEP's video productions.

The PCEP team was formed after receiving approval for a contract to add figure skating as an extra-curricular activity from the Plymouth-Canton school board of education at a Jan. 30 meeting. The club affiliate is self-funded.

The team will be one of 23 high school teams competing in three districts in the state. PCEP will be in the Western District, with North Farmington/Farmington, Northville, Novi, Dearborn Divine Child, Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Ladywood and Ann Arbor Huron.

Skaters compete individually and as a team.

Madonna inks Marsonek

Amanda Marsonek, an outside midfielder on Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team, has signed a letter of intent to attend Madonna University and play soccer there this fall.

Marsonek has been a member of the Rocks' varsity team for the past three seasons. Madonna won the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship and advanced to the NAIA Tournament semifinals, finishing with a 19-3-2 record.

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.home omm.net

Championship day is supposed to be on a Saturday for Western Lakes Activities Association swimming, the day of the conference finals. In reality, the title is determined on the preceding Thursday -- during the conference preliminaries.

The theory is simple enough: Swim well enough on Thursday and you'll qualify a bundle of people in a lot of events, guaranteeing at least a certain number of points.

Certainly that approach worked well for the two teams that emerged at the top of the pack last Saturday at Plymouth Salem HS. The Rocks finished first by more than 100 points, gaining their ninth-consecutive WLAA championship -- which surprised no one.

Placing second was Plymouth Canton, scoring 447 points (Salem totaled 547.5) - 41 more than third-place Northville, a margin certainly more comfortable than anticipated.

Livonia Stevenson was fourth (377.5), followed by North Farmington (316), Walled Lake Central (247), Livonia Churchill (157), Westland John Farmington (151), Glenn Harrison/Farmington (149), Livonia Franklin (110) and Walled Lake Western (62). See meet results.

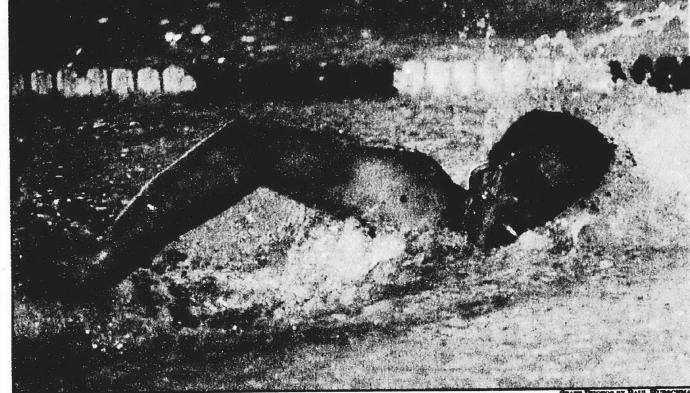
"After Thursday, I felt pretty good," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Everyone swam extremely well, we placed a lot of guys in the top six.

"Then we came back on Saturday and swam even better. After we won the 200 medley relay, I thought, 'We're on our way.' After that, I was feeling pretty good.

With good reason. The 200-yard medley relay was the question mark among the Rocks' relays. After winning that, it was almost assured they would sweep all three

And they did, setting a new WLAA record in the 400 freestyle relay with Mike Johnson, Jim Ross, Ben Dzialo and Eric Lynn finishing first in 3:15.16 (former record: 3:17.04, set by Stevenson in 1992).

That was one of two meet records set, and they came in the last two events. North Farmington's Adam Farber got the other, winning the 100 breaststroke in 58.47, breaking the mark of Northville's Jeff Sieving (59.83) set in



Standout performers: Salem's Ben Dzialo enjoyed a superb WLAA championship, winning the 200yard freestyle (above) and placing second in the 100-yard butterfly. In both events, he was one place ahead of Canton's Matt Wisniewski, who finished third with a state-qualifying 55.21 in the 100 fly (below) and was second in the 200 free with another state-qualifying cut.

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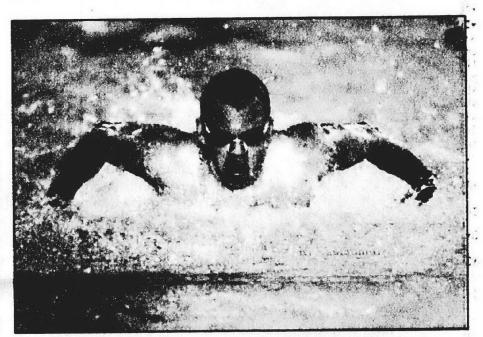
In all, Salem had six first-place swims and had just two events in which it didn't have swimmers in the top three.

The meet's most competitive race was in the 100 free, between two of the meet's premier swimmers: Salem's Eric Lynn and Stevenson's Joe Bublitz.

Lynn led Bublitz by nearly a half-second after the first 50 yards - the Rocks' Johnson was actually second at that point - but Bublitz caught Johnson and Lynn with a 24.55 second 50 to tie him for first with Lynn at 47.72, only .3 off the WLAA record. They were the top two seeds in the event, just .07 separating their qualifying times.

Bublitz also finished first in the 200 individual medley, clocking 1:57.41. Lynn was second in the 200 IM in 1:58.82.

Please see WLAA SWIM, D4



SC gets Freeman

Krystn Freeman has signed a national letter of intent to play women's soccer at Schoolcraft College this fall.

Freeman is the career scoring leader at Linden HS with 78 goals. In her junior season, she scored 27 goals and had 21 assists. She is a three-time offensive player of the year and twice was the team's most valuable player.

As a junior, Freeman was selected first team all-Flint Metro League, alldistrict and all-region. She was also received first team all-Tri-County and all-state accolades.

Freeman will focus on a degree in teaching or working with handicapped children. She would also like to coach soccer someday.

Coaches needed

Plymouth Canton HS has openings for coaches in three sports.

Needed are a junior varsity baseball coach, a ninth-grade soccer coach and a girls varsity swim coach.

For information, please contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor its annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 24 and March 31 in the Salem gym. Cost for each session is \$20, which includes a hot dog lunch.

The 11-15 year-old session will be 9 a.m.-noon on both days; the 7-10 yearold session will be from 1-4 p.m. each day. Lunch will be served from noon-1 p.m

Checks should be made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club and sent to Bill Styles, 10782 Red Maple, Plymouth, 48170. Space is limited; for more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Rocks rule at conference

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Perhaps this isn't the most formidable Plymouth Salem volleyball team - but in last Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, the Rocks sure played like it.

Pool play resulted in three sweeps for Salem, with nary a team scoring more than six points in a game. That earned the Rocks, seeded No. 1 going into the tournament, a bye straight into the semifinals. Once there, they defeated the only conference team to beat them this season - Walled Lake Central, the tournament hosts - and

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they did it in convincing fashion, 15-7. 15-8.

The toughest match of the day lay ahead for Salem, however. In the WLAA final against Livonia Churchill, it took the Rocks three games, but they emerged with the conference title, 15-9, 10-15, 15-5.

The win means Salem will take a 31-7 record into Saturday's state district tournament at South Lyon. The Rocks go up against Plymouth Canton in the first round, at 4 p.m.

"The games (against Churchill)

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were even tougher than the scores indicated," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "They blocked better than us, but I think we were a little more flexible than they were.

The difference (in the tournament), for us, was our team being able to play out of position. Team flexibility. We could make adjust-ments. (Setter) Jill Dombrowski does a great job leading, and she did very well with what she got, good passes or bad."

It wasn't the only advantage the Rocks had. "We hit .303 as a team for the tournament," Teeters said. "We had five players hit over .800. I've Please see Volleyeall, DS

Late rally falls short for Salem

Plymouth Salem stormed back from a 5-1 deficit with a strong third period, but the rally fell a goal short and the Rocks followed, bowing out in the opening round of the Division I state hockey tournament with a 5-4 loss to Dearborn Tuesday at Adray Arena.

In Monday's tournament game, Plymouth Canton defeated Ann Arbor Huron 4-1 to advance to the regional semifinal against No. 2-ranked Trenton at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Three first-period goals gave the Pioneers a 3-0 lead. Salem responded with

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Cornerstone clips Madonna in final



The reason for Cornerstone University's victory over Madonna University in Monday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament

final: The Golden Eagles could go the distance.

That was enough to carry Cornerstone to a 74-62 win at Madonna, a win which sends the Eagles to the NAIA National Tournament, carrying with them a 26-7 record and a No. 17 ranking. Madonna, regularseason champions in the WHAC, finishes its season at 18-12.

So how was Cornerstone better able to travel the distance to the conference title than the Lady Crusaders? There are three parts to that response.

First: Some pre-game analysis. Even though it was the No. 1 seed and had homecourt advantage throughout the tournament, Madonna struggled to reach the WHAC final. The Crusaders defeated both No. 8-seed Siena Heights and No. 4 Spring Arbor by three points. apiece. No. 2 seed Cornerstone had an easier ride, beating Aquinas by 20 and Tri-State by 23.

That meant while Madonna's regulars were logging 30-plus minutes a game, the Eagles' top players clocked less than 25 minutes a game. They were better rested.

Second: Cornerstone's bench was deeper and more effective. Guards Sarah Haney and Kami Main



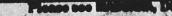
Sad onding: Madonna University's players mourn as the realization that their season has come to an end with a loss to Cornerstone in the league tournament final.

and forward/center Stephanie Anderson each contributed valuable minutes. Indeed, five non-starters played more than seven minutes, and no one played 31. Bench players scored 21 points.

Madonna, by comparison, had two starters log more than 33 minutes; only two non-starters had more than six minutes. The Crusader bench secred only 14 points, and 12 of those were produced by Lor

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I Third, and perhaps most apparent: Cornerston went the distance by, wall, going the distance — an when it counted most. The Regies connected on 5-0 10 three-pointers in the second half, including two by sophomore guard Amy Popielars in a 69-a



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Both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth

Salem's wrestlers traveled to the Temper-

ance Bedford Individual Wrestling Regional

Saturday, facing many of the state's best.

When it ended, Canton had two wrestlers

with state meet hopes still alive and Salem

Those surviving for Canton were Doy

The state finals are March 8-10 at Joe

Demsick was the only one of the three to

reach the championship round. He pinned

Ken Miller of Wyandotte Roosevelt in 1:16 in

his opening match, defeated Northville's

Matt Doyle 3-0 in his second match, then got

pinned by Kyle Burkett of Bedford in 3:17 of

Kennard finished third at 135, defeating

Nat Sturgis of Belleville 6-5 in his opener

before losing to Dave Edwards of South Lyon

10-9 in his second. He then beat Ahmad

Jouma of Dearborn Fordson 7-3 in his first

consolation match, then knocked off Sturgis

Wagner finished fourth in his division, and

it wasn't an easy road. He lost his opener to

Demsick at 125 pounds and Ozzie Wagner at

215. Salem's Tony Kennard made it at 135.

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Rockers win 1, lose 1

On Saturday, the Detroit Rockers came up with perhaps their biggest win of the season certainly their best defensive game - but they couldn't sustain it on Sunday.

The Rockers visited the division-leading Milwaukee Wave Saturday with newly acquired forward Domenic Mobilio, and he made a difference. Mobilio, obtained in a trade with the Philadelphia Kixx for forward Shawn Boney last week, scored a two-point goal and a one-point shootout goal in the first period, then assisted on two-point goal by Martin Nash as the Rockers stormed out to a 5-0 lead.

That was the end of the offense, but the Rockers' defense. led by goalie Paul Shepherd, took over after that. Detroit blanked the Wave in the first half, only the second time this season that's happened to them, then held on for a 5-3 win.

Milwaukee's only goal was a



three-pointer, scored by Joe Reiniger in the third quarter.

Shepherd stopped 19 of 20 shots for the Rockers, who earned their sixth win of the season. Milwaukee fell to 15-12.

Sunday's outcome wasn't as good for Detroit. The Toronto Thunder Hawks built a 10-0 lead by halftime, then hold off a furious Rockers' rally to record a 19-10 victory in Toronto.

The weekend split left Detroit with a 6-21 record.

After spotting the Thunder Hawks their 10-point lead, the Rockers stormed back with three-point goals by Nash and Randy Prescott and two-pointers by Mobilio and Matt Knowles, trimming the Toronto lead to 13-10 with seven minutes left

But Thunder Hawk goalie Paulo Ceccarelli stoned the Rockers the rest of the way.



Sam Bond of Monroe, 10-5, then rebounded with a pair of wins, defeating Tim Stefanson of Novi 5-0 and Brian McNeill of Pinckney 6-5 in overtime. He was pinned by Bond in the battle for third place in 2:59.

"We, as a team, are very proud of Doy and Ozzie," said Canton coach John Demsick. They both fought hard and will be continuing their season at the state meet.

"We had hopes of many more making it and wrestling on, but some things just didn't go our way and some of our guys just needed a little more confidence.

"We know more and more of our guys are going to be working for, and believing in their ability to place at the state meet, but you always need someone to go first and show the way."

Canton's and Salem's other regional qualifiers fell short of attaining their goals. At 275, the Chiefs' Derek McWatt opened by pinning Conor Terry of Saline in 4:47, then was pinned in the second round by Brandon Garrison of Wyandotte Roosevelt in 1:33 and in the third round by Livonia Franklin's

REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS/STATE PAIRINGS

Tony Martinez in :42.

Both Canton's Kyle Pitt and Salem's Mike Goethe were opening-round losers at 119. They met in the consolation bracket, with Goethe winning 3-1 in overtime. Goethe followed with a 3-0 loss to Dearborn's Rob Sulaver.

The Rocks' Nate Dillard lost his first two matches at 125. At 130, Salem's Brandon Sammut was forced to forfeit.

Canton's Greg Musser ran into trouble in his first match at 140, getting pinned by Bedford's Brad Grosteffon in 1:28. Musser rebounded with a win over Redford Catholic Central's Chris Peterson, 4-2, but then lost to Dearborn Edsel Ford's Chris Luther 5-3 in overtime

Canton's Mike Siegrist lost his first two matches at 145. At 171, the Chiefs' Scott McKee suffered a similar fate.

At 189, Canton's Phil Rothwell won his opening-round match, pinning Southgate Anderson's Dan Graham in 4:22. Rothwell lost his next two matches, however, to Bobby Everett of Saline, 10-4, and to Clint Salisbury of Bedford on a fall in 3:45.

Salem's Zach Jensen lost his first two matches at 215.

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160: Imad Kharbush, Sr., Stevenson (44-1)

son (36-13) vs. John Cox, Jr., Grand Haven

vs. Rick Ellis, Jr., Flint Carman-Ainsworth (37-

13); Steve Wallace, So., Wayne (35-10) vs.

Drew Michelotti, Jr., Rochester Adams (35-2).

10) vs. Chad Kaiser, Sr., Alpena \$42.10).

171: Ryan Rogowski, Jr., Redford CC (42-

Heavyweight: Tony Maninez, Jr., Livonia

DIVISION IV

Franklin (24-10) vs. Ryan Gritter, So.,



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(top four qualify for state meet) Heavyweight: Caleb Haffield (Belleville)

again, 9-3, to place third.

pinned Brandon Garrison (Wyandotte), 2:24; consolation final: Andy Tschithart (Pinckney) p. Tony Martinez (Livonia Franklin), 3:32.

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112: Nate Garcia (Edsel Ford) p. J.R. Mul doon (Novi), 4:55; consolation: Chris Anderson (Romulus) dec. Deno Monett (Temperance Bedford), 9-0.

119: Corey Nowitzke (Monroe) dec. B.J. Wilson (Belleville), 2-0 (OT): consolation: Rob Sulaver (Dearborn) p. Brian Czarnecki (Pinck ney), 2:56.

125: Kyle Burkett (Bedford) p. Doy Demsick (Plymouth Canton), 3:17: consolation:

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Ryan Huntly (Belleville) p. Jake Williamson (South Lyon), 2:18.

130: Mike Sherman (Belleville) won by major dec. over Carson Poupard (Monroe), 11-3: consolation: Dan Davis (Bedford) dec. Jay Nidiffer (Woodhaven), 5-1.

135: Dave Edwards (South Lyon) p. Micah Wade (Romulus), 2:38; consolation: Tony Kennard (Plymouth Salem) dec. Nat Sturgis (Belleville), 9-3.

140: Greg Brescol (Bedford) dec. Mike Werner (Redford Catholic Central), 9-1; consolation: Brad Grosteffon (Bedford) dec. Chris Luther (Edsel Ford), 6-0.

145: Ryan Churella (Novi) dec. Josiah Boyer (Bedford), 10-5; consolation: Marc Malecek (Saline) p. Chris Cooprider (Livonia Stevenson), 3:23.

152: Chad Neumann (Northville) dec. Tommy Garza (Southgate), 8-6 (OT); consolation: Travis Lusky (Bedford) dec. Eric Zimnicki (Edsel Ford), 5-1.

160: Imad Kharbush (Stevenson) dec.





goal in the closing seconds by Damian Surma to assure the victory

Preston Mizzi opened the scoring for the Whalers in the first period, with assists from Kris Whalers' 5-3

Leighton and it paid dividends when Steve Hildenbrand beat Whaler goalie Rob Zepp to make it 4-3 with 1:19 left. But the Spitfires could not repeat that success, and Surma's empty-netter clinched it. A night earlier at Compuware Arena, the Whalers again held on to beat London 4-3. The Knights took early control, getting first-period goals from Mike Stathopulos and Joel Scherban. Weiss netted a goal in between for Plymouth (assisted by Kurka and Kiser) to make it 2-1 London

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bley (Northville), 10-5; consolation: Clint Salisbury (Bedford) p. Jarvis Mosley (Belleville). 2:24.

215: Jason Johnson (Belleville) won by default over Tim Tokarz (Southgate); consola tion: Sam Bond (Monroe) p. Ozzie Wagner (Canton), 2:59.

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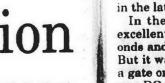
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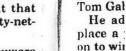
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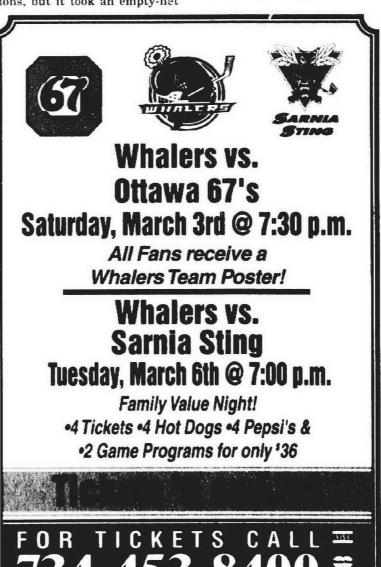




win over the Windsor Spitfires in Windsor Sunday clinched the Ontario Hockey League's West Division title for the Whalers and assured them of at least a No. 2 seed in the upcoming OHL Playoffs. Plymouth still has nine regular-season games remaining, but its record is 38-12-4-5 (85 points); Windsor is 28-21-6-4 (66 points).

The Whalers remain two points behind the Erie Otters for the overall lead in the OHL.

The win did not come easily for the Whalers, playing their fourth game in five nights. They took the lead on three separate occasions, but it took an empty-net



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Vernarsky and Nate Kiser. Windsor knotted it early in the second on a power-play goal by Ahren Nittel.

Stephen Weiss answered with a power-play goal for Plymouth midway through the second period, assists going to George Nistas and Tomas Kurka. But the Spitfires tied it again with a goal early in the third period.

A score by Chad LaRose 5:51 into the third put the Whalers ahead for good. Chad Wiseman increased their lead to 4-2 at 15:23, Kurka and Weiss assisting.

Windsor pulled goalie Mike

after one. Kurka tied it at 2-2 with the only goal of the second period; Weiss and Mizzi assisted.

Bryan Stewart (unassisted) and Chad LaRose (Vernarsky, Mizzi) gave Plymouth a 4-2 lead with 8:57 left in the third period. The Knights narrowed the gap to one on a power-play goal by Dennis Wideman with 7:02 remaining, but they could get no closer.

Paul Drew stopped 25 shots in goal to get the win for the Whalers. Aaron Molnar had 24 saves for London.

The Whalers have two games this weekend, traveling to London Friday and hosting Ottawa; Saturday (7:30 p.m. at Compuware).



Falcons stop Canton in OT Poor shooting leaves

A nine-point halftime lead evaporated in the third quarter for Plymouth Canton, which went overtime before losing 56-53 to host Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation game Tuesday.

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The loss gave the Chiefs a 9-11 final regular-season record. Farmington finishes 15-5. Matt Mikel provided the heroics for the Falcons, scoring a basket with 20 seconds left in OT to give them a 54-53 lead. After a Canton miss, Mikel pushed their advantage to three by sinking two free throws with six seconds to go.

The Chiefs never got off a shot at the tying basket.

Canton led 30-21 at the half, but Farmington closed that gap to 37-36 after three quarters. Still, it took a free throw by Mike Griffey with 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter for the Falcons to force OT.

Mikel finished with a game-high 17 points. Curtis Tillman added 16.

Andrew Holmes' 12 points topped Canton. Rian Barker contributed 11 and both Jerry Gaines and Oliver Wolcott scored eight.

"It was a well-played game," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We hung in there. We only had 12 turnovers, but a couple of them were costly.

"We've just got to learn how to take care of the ball.'

Twice, once in regulation and again in OT, the Chiefs turned the ball over with the game on the line. Still, Rheault would take nothing away from the Falcons.

"They stuck some big shots when they had to," he said. "They're very athletic."

Canton now awaits the state district tournament, hosted by Northville. The Chiefs go up against the Mustangs in Monday's opening round, at 7 p.m.

The winner of that game plays Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The district final is 7 p.m. Friday.

Rooper 68, Agape 55: A red-hot first quarter propelled Bloomfield Hills Roeper to the victory over visiting Canton Agape Christian Tuesday.

The Roughriders hit nine of their 10 firstquarter shots and all four free throws in taking a 24-10 lead after one.

"After that, it was an even game," said Agape coach Chuck Henry.

But Roeper had too much of an advantage. The Wolverines trailed 39-27 at the half and 55-41 after three quarters.

Paul Anleitner led Agape with 15 points. Josh Anthony added 12.

Roeper got 24 points from Laddie Andahazy (12 in the first quarter), 14 from Scott Ashenbrenner, and 12 apiece from Nico Martinez and Mike Hack.

Agape slipped to 15-3. Roeper is 14-5.

John Gienn 55, Franklin 42: Westland John

Glenn avenged a 55-52 loss Feb. 13 to Livonia Franklin as senior guard Brent Bogle led the way with 16 points on Tuesday.

Glenn, now 5-14 on the year, raced out to a 39-21 lead after three quarters against the visiting Patriots.

Bogle had three 3-pointers, while Mike Goree added 14 points and a dunk in the final quarter. Michael Franks and Anthony Harrell each added eight points.

Franklin (7-13) senior forward Joe Ruggiero scored 17 of his game-high 29 points in the final period.

Stevenson 43, North Farmington 40: Junior center Nick Ehlendt had 18 points and six rebounds as Livonia Stevenson (7-13) earned seventh place in the Western Lakes tournament with a win Tuesday at North Farmington (9-11).

Stevenson, which lost by 16 to North in a previous meeting, snapped a five-game losing streak.

Junior Chris Severson and sophomore Brandon Chitwood each added nine points for the Spartans.

Junior guard Matt Bartnick's two free throws sealed it with 1.2 seconds left after North's Blair Weiss split a pair with 2.9 seconds to go.

Junior Mike Leach had 11 for the Raiders. Stevenson, which hasn't had a home game since Feb. 6, hit four of 11 free throws, while North was 16 of 30.

We didn't shoot well early and they ground it out. We never could get over the hump or get a big basket to get on a run."

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Jeff Grausse huil 18: The Shamrocks will play Detroit Central (16-2) at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Opera-tion Friendahip consolution pause at Calibon, while De ha Salls - winning just its second lesgue title in school's 75-year history - plays Detroit Public School league champ Detroit Redford (16-1) in the finals at 2:30 p.m.

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CC, Mercy trail at state skiing championships

The state ski finals didn't go as well as hoped for Redford Catholic Central senior Matt Gable and the Shamrocks.

CC finished seventh out of nine teams in the boys championship meet at Nub's Nob in Petoskey, and the event was a personal disappointment for Gable.

He was the defending champion in the slalom and a contender for the giant slalom title. However, he was disqualified in the slalom and finished third overall in the latter.

In the slalom, Gable had an excellent first run of 30.43 seconds and was among the leaders. But it was determined he missed a gate on his second attempt and was DQed.

"He had skied well enough to be in third, and disaster struck, on the second run," CC coach Tom Gable said.

He added Matt was in third place a year ago, too, and came on to win the event with a strong second run. He believed the same would happen this year. "I believe the skiers who took a little steam off made it down; the faster skiers had trouble," coach Gable said, adding Matt was flying on the second run.

He did a hip-check and fell

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gate, and we didn't feel it was worth it to protest. I'm a strong believer that racers need to let their skiing do the talking for them.

"At times you can make it in the back door (with a successful protest). It's not like you're trying to pull the wool over their eyes, but I thought it was just best not to pursue it."

Gable was about six gates from the finish when the violation supposedly occurred. He still finished and received a time.

"Ski racing is ski racing," coach Gable said. "Sometimes you can be the best at a sport, but you still need a little luck and breaks along the way."

Furthermore, CC teammate John Goebel skied off course and didn't finish the slalom in which the Shamrocks

The Shamrocks finished sixth ish." in the giant slalom with 96 points. Marquette won both events and the team championship.

"I'm proud of Matt and his teammates," Gable said. "They stuck together; there was no finger pointing.

"They were happy to be there and felt they gave their best. There was some frustration, but all of them handled it well."

Mercy girls finish 6th

Farmington Hills Mercy was sixth out of nine teams in the girls state ski finals. Marquette dominated the girls competition, winning the team title with just 24 points.

While CC finished lower than expected in the boys event, coach Gable thought the Mercy girls did as well as expected.

"With the ladies, I was really Eric Sullivan, 52.65; 32. John Goebel, 53.99; elated with their result," he said. "I think they skied right where

Mercy's top skier was Liz Kujala, who was 17th among team competitors in the slalom and 22nd in the giant slalom.

"They all finished, which was really nice," Gable said. "We had all six girls make it down through both events, which was great for them. That's pretty unusual, because you always seem to lose somebody along the way."

BOYS STATE FINALS

Team standings: 1. Marquette, 61; 2. Traverse City West, 95; 3. Cadillac, 105; 4. Lake Orion, 146; 5. Rochester Adams, 164; 6. Clarkston, 173; 7. Redford Catholic Central, 208; 8. Lakeland, 220; 9. Brighton, 256.

CC slalem results: 15. Eric Sullivan. 1:12.76; 26. Che Martinez, 1:17.74; 27. Ryan Boudreau, 1:17.82; 44. Joe Murray, 1:47.06; 54. Matt Gable, DSQ; 54. John Goebel, DNF. CC glant slalom: 1. Matt Gable, 49.55; 23.

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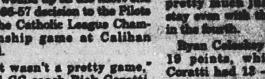
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Mercy slalom results: 22. Liz Kujala, 57.89; 26. Nicole Zaleski. 58.72: 29. Nikki Anderson. 59.37; 32. Laura Burek. 1:00.84; 43. Melissa Desautel. 1:03.47: 45. Marcy Godlew. 1:03.84.

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FILE PROTO BY BILL B Top time: CC's Matt Gable had the top team time in the giant slalom.



CC at a loss in final

"It wasn't a pretty game," said CC coach Rick Coratti.

CC, a team that lives behind the 3-point are, died behind it, hitting just 7 of 35 shots.

"We didn't hit the shots this time," said Coratti. "We did hit a couple in the fourth quarter to cut it back to seven, but then we also had to foul and it

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Gwinn's Chris Remien won the giant slalom in 48.83. Waterford United's Derek Delzer was second (49.16) and Gable third at 49.55.

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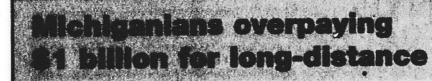
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they should have been.

"All season long they weren't taken very seriously. They've been skiing well in the slalom, and they repeated that at the state finals.

"For a young team - we graduate a few gals, but we have a number of freshmen and sophomores - I thought they really stepped up to the plate. I'm extremely pleased with their fin-



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League champ: Salem's Mike Johnson splashed to a first-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. Johnson was also second in the 100 free.

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North's Farber was the meet's McFarland in diving (375.35 other double-winner in individual events, capturing the 100 butterfly in 52.64.

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Canton had just one first-place finish: Brad Nilson in the 100 backstroke, with a state meetqualifying 55.96.

"We swam out of our minds on Thursday," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "People were dropping times all over the place.

"On Saturday, we hung together and took care of business. We did what we came to do, and that was take second."

Salem's other league champs in individual events were Ben Dzialo in the 200 free (1:46.44) and Johnson in the 50 free (22.12). The Rocks' relay winners were Lynn, Matt Showalter, Kevin Schopieray and Aaron Shelton in the 200 medley (1:41.04) and Shelton, Hugo Alvarez, Dzialo and Johnson in the 200 free (1:29.19).

Other winners in individual events were John Glenn's Chris

points) and Northville's Derek Ohlgren in the 500 free (4:55.02).

All event winners (except diving, which has different qualifying standards) were state-meet qualifiers. Other state qualifiers were: in the 200 medley relay, Stevenson (1:41.50), North (1:41.87) and Canton (1:42.01); in the 200 free, Canton's Matt Wisniewski (1:48.55 in pre-lims); in the 200 IM, Salem's Lynn; in the 50 free, Salem's Shelton (22.10 in pre-lims); in the 100 fly, Salem's Dzialo (53.44) and Canton's Wisniewski (55.21); in the 100 free, Salem's Johnson (49.07); in the 200 free relay, Northville (1:30.87); in the 100 breast, Stevenson's Mike Nemer (1:01.68); and in the 400 free relay, Canton (3:21.41), North (3:21.66) and Stevenson (3:22.71).

The state meet is scheduled for March 10 at Michigan State University.

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 22-24 at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 547.50 points; 2. Plymouth Canton, 447: 3. Northville, 407; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 377.50; 5. North Farmington, 316; 6. Walled Lake Central, 247; 7. Livonia Churchill, 157; 8. Westland John Glenn, 151: 9, Farmington Harrison/Farmington, 149; 10. Livonia 2:20.63. Franklin, 110; 11. Walled Lake Western, 62.

Event results

200-yard medley relay - Champlonship: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Matt Showalter, Kevin Schopieray, Aaron Shelton), 1:41.04; 2. Stevenson, 1:41.50; 3. North Farmington, 1:41.87: 4. Canton, 1:42.39; 5. Northville, 1:46.56; 6. Walled Lake Central, 1:47.45.

Consolation (7-11): 7. Churchill, 1:49.12: 8. Harrison/Farmington, 1:50.40; 9. John Glenn, 1:51.66; 10. Franklin, 1:58.50; 11. Walled Lake Western, 2:00.53.

200-yard freestyle - Championship (1-6): 1. Ben Dzialo (PS), 1:46.44; 2. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:49.00; 3. Jim Ross (PS), 1:50.33; 4. Justin Ketterer, (LS), 1:51.29; 5, John Moors (N), 1:51.57; 6. Joe Le (PC), 1:55.69.

Consolation (7.12): 7. Sean Wolf (WLC), 1:52.45; 8. Joe Lunn (N), 1:53.74; 9. Craig Paske (NF), 1:54.73; 10. Andy Grant (LC), 1:55.36; 11. Hugo Alvarez (PS), 1:57.03; Yuhei Uno (PC), DO.

Consolation (13-18): 13. Steve Neighbors (WLC), 1:56.88; 14. Zach Carter (N), 1:57.85; 15. Brenden Cummings (LS), 1:57.98; 16. Chris Risner (LC), 1:58.46: 17. Adam Sonnanstine (PS). 1:59.30; 18. Steve Rice (PC), 2:00.65.

200-yard Individual medley - Championship (1-6): 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:57.41; 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 1:58.82; 3. Mike Nemer (LS). 2:04.54; 4. Brian Mertens (PS), 2:07.03: 5. Anthony Serge (N), 2:10.37; 6. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:11.52.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Brian Clayton (NF), 2:10.98; 8. Eric Wolf (WLC), 2:11.51; 9. Mohammed Bachrouche (N), 2:12.36; 10. Jeff Nevi (PS), 2:14.29: 11. Brad Baron (LC), 2:14.73; 12. Trey Gercak (PC), 2:19.12.

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Consolation (13-18): 13. Kyle Chamberlin (H/F), 2:16.59; 14. Matt Showalter (PS), 2:16.72; 15. Brad Herbeck (PC), 2:17.67; 16. Jon Burmeister (LS), 2:19.70; 17. Shawn Bernard (PC), 2:19.74; 18. Glenn Legacki (NF),

50-yard freestyle - Championship (1-6): 1. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.12; 2. Aaron Shelton (PS), 22.51; 3. Dan Myers (N), 22.93; 4. Ben Maxim (N), 23.16; 5. Sermet Alver (NF), 23.24; 6. Ryan Ahern (PC), 23.47.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Brandon Truscott (LS), 23.71: 8. Mike Mueller (N), 23.99; 9. Mark Benivegna (H/F), 24.01; 10. Ron Opdyke (PC). 24.13; 11. Dave Woodard (PS), 24.43; 12. Dan Goshorn (NF). 24.55.

Consolation (13-18): 13. Eddie Lindow (PC), 24.16; 14. Ryan McDonald (WLC), 24.24; 15. Brian Gray (WLC), 24.62; 16. Jeff Darby (LS), 24.67; 17. Reno Olivero (H/F), 24.71; 18. George Shereda (LC), 24.75.

Diving: 1. Chris McFarland (JG), 375.35 points; 2. Jason Albosta (N). 355.65; 3. Dan Rais (LF), 344.45; 4. Brian Chrzanowski (WLC), 330,75: 5. Kenny Douglass (LF), 311.60; 6. Derek Bell (JG), 308.45; 7. Lance Dehne (N), 287.25: 8. Mike Maynard (WLC). 268.05; 9. John Campbell (N), 267.90; 10. Andrew Brissette (LS), 264.10; 11. Rvan Henry (PC), 255.05; 12, Blake Brunner (PC), 254.90; 13. Ed Moore (LF), 239.10; 14. Gerald Bennett (PC), 234.10; 15. Brendan Sherry (H/F), 228.05; 16. Dan York (PS), 223.60; 17. Steve Kilijanczyk (PC), 201.85; 18. Dave Seley (H/F), 152.75.

100-yard butterfly — Championship (1-6): 1. Adam Farber (NF), 52.64; 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 53.44; 3. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 55.21; 4. Brandon Truscott (LS), 57.24; 5. Derek Ohlgren (N), 57.34; 6. Yuhei Uno (PC), 58.20.

Consolation (7-12): 7. William Givens

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(WLC), 57.75; 8. Rob Cambridge (LS), 57.85; 9. Mike Horgan (PS), 58.67; 10. Hugo Alvarez (PS), 59.16; 11. Justin Gold (JG), 59.67; 12. Garrett Stone (JG), 59.76.

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Consolation (13-18): 13. Brad Baron (LC), 58.30; 14. Andy Grant (LC), 59.38; 15. Justin Fenwick (WLC). 59.51: 16. Ben Maxim (N), 1:00.82: 17. Kevin Schopieray (PS), 1:02.41; 18. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:02.65.

100-yard freestyle (1-6) - Champinehip (1-6): 1. (tie) Eric Lynn (PS), Joe Bublitz (LS), 47.72; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 49.07; 4. Brad Nilson (PC), 50.37; 5. Sermet Alver (NF), 50.87; 6. John Moors (N), 50.89.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Joe Le (PC). 51.41; 8. Dan Myers (N), 51.48; 9. Craig Paske (NF), 51.91; 10. Mohammed Bachrouche (NF), 52.04; 11. Mike Mueller (N), 52.95; 12. Morgan Truscott (LC), 54.11.

Consolation (13-18): 13. Mark Benivegna (H/F), 53.63; 14. Jeff Darby (LS), 53.94; 15. Chris Risner (LC), 54.01; 16. Dennis Speck (PC), 54.28; 17. Dave Woodard (PS), 54.33; 18. Dan Goshorn (NF), 54.81.

500-yard freestyle - Championship (1-6): 1. Derek Ohlgren (N), 4:55.02; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 4:59.13; 3. Antho-

ny Serge (N), 5:02.30; 4. Justin Ketterer (LS), 5:05.20; 5. Sean Wolf (WLC), 5:08.29; 6. Ryan Ahern (PC), 5:13.47.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Jim Ross (PS), 5:04.51: 8. Rob Cambridge (LS), 5:06.49; 9. Mike Horgan (PS), 5:16.92; 10. Steve Neighbors (WLC), 5:19.13; 11. Brenden Cummings (LS), 5:19.24; 12. Steve Rice (PC), 5:20.22.

Consolation (13-18): 13. Joe Lunn (N). 5:06.08: 14. Colin Hopper (H/F), 5:21.29; 15. Adam Sonnanstine (PS), 5:23.69; 16. Zach Carter (N), 5:25.01; 17. Paul Haapaniemi (H/F), 5:25.24; 18. Shawn Bernard (PC), 5:31.01.

200-yard freestyle relay - Championship (1-6): 1. Salem (Aaron Shelton, Hugo Alvarez, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 1:29.19; 2. Northville, 1:30.87; 3. Stevenson, 1:33.15: 4. Canton, 1:34.38; 5. W.L. Central, 1:34.69; 6. North Farmington, 1:36.40.

Consolation (7-11): 7. Harrison/Farm ington, 1:35.66; 8. Churchill, 1:38.33 9. John Glenn, 1:39.74; 10. Franklin 1:42.26; 11. W.L. Western, 1:44.99.

100-yard backstroke - Champi onship (1-6): 1. Brad Nilson (PC) 55.96; 2. Brian Clayson (NF), 58.23; 3 Aaron Shelton (PS), 58.85; 4. Garret Stone (JG), 59.12; 5. Jeff Nevi (PS) 1:00.17; 6. Ron Opdyke (PC), 1:00.45.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Trey Gercal (PC), 1:00.50; 8. Kevin Schopieraj (PS), 1:00.60; 9. Kyle Chamberlin (H/F), 1:01.14; 10. Drew Voytal (N) 1:01.81; 11. Nick Yee (PS), 1:03.00 12. Kyle Grant (LC), 1:03.16.

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Consolation (13-18): 13. Rob Gund lach (H/F), 1:01.60; 14. Paul Haapanie mi (H/F), 1:02.87; 15. Brad Herbecl (PC), 1:03.14; 16. Ben Millis (PS) 1:04.32; 17. Thomas Naughton (NF) 1:04.50; 18. Jon Burmeister (LS) 1:04.73.

100-yard breaststroke - Champi onship (1-6): 1. Adam Farber (NF) 58.47; 2. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:01.68; 3 Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:03.55; 4. Justin Fenwick (WLC). 1:05.26; 5. Mat Showalter (PS), 1:06.44; 6. Jon Heist (PC). 1:06.95.

Consolation (7-12): 7. Dennis Speci (PC), 1:07.14; 8. Matt Newman (NF) 1:08.15; 9. Bobby Gulewich (N) 1:08.18: 10. Eric Dabkowski (LS) 1:08.48: 11. Jeremy Lim (LC), 1:09.08 12. Benjamin Iwrey (NF), 1:09.76.

Consolation (13-18): 13. Kris Kins vater (LS), 1:09.23; 14. Casey Johnson (PS), 1:10.34; 15. Joe Aumiller (PS) 1:11.47; 16. Mike Batkie (H/F) 1:11.68; 17. Dan Rosta (LC), 1:12.04 18. Stephen Sanney (LF), 1:12.58.

400-yard freestyle relay - Champi onship (1-6): 1. Salem (Mike Johnson Jim Ross, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn) 3:15.16; 2. Canton, 3:21.41; 3. North Farmington, 3:21.66; 4. Stevenson 3:22.71; 5. Northville, 3:25.32; 6. W.L Central, 3:32.10.

Consolation (7-11): 7. Churchill 3:34.13; 8. Harrison/Farmington 3:37.07; 9. John Glenn, 3:41.89; 10 W.L. Western, 3:54.56; 11. Franklin 3:55.75.



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There's lots of things wrong with this proposal

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played softball against

Chris Kolb during the

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As a rookie represen-

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PAUL BEAUDRY

another foray into athletics - not on the field, but on the floor of the state house. This time, it's not for fun. He's introduced a bill that mandates public schools offering a sport for both males and females (such as basketball or golf) must hold their seasons simultaneously. And it's flat out wrong.

For starters, this is a end-around solution to a lawsuit by a group of disgruntled Grand Rapids-area parents trying to flop the girls basketball and volleyball seasons. The group claims that because volleyball in Michigan is played in the winter, instead of the fall like most states and all colleges, their girls are denied scholarship opportunities.

Hogwash. If a player is good, a college coach will find them in AAU or summer camps - whether it's girls volleyball, boys basketball, tennis, track or whatever. Why do you think more college basketball coaches - men and women-

If I were King of the put more stock in scouting summer camps than regular season games?

The trial is scheduled to begin this month in U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo. The suit is opposed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which regulates sports in the state. and coaching associations in basketball, tennis, swimming, soccer and golf.

But this bill opens up a whole other can of worms.

Since it involves only public schools, private schools would be forced either to go along or form their own association and compete among themselves.

Finding officials

How do you get enough qualified officials? Officials can work in two seasons, but they can't be two places at once. How do you schedule your facilities when you have one practice soccer field or not enough tennis courts? What happens to a program when a coach is forced to choose between the boys team or the girls team because there isn't enough time to do both? Does a golf course manager want to give up twice as many full-price tee times (and cart fees and concession) for matches and practice to support two high school teams in the same season instead of spreading it out?

In a poll this year, a whopping 8 percent of basketball coaches in Michigan - boys and girls - felt that those sports should be played in the same season. In 1998, 18 percent of superintendents,

administrators and athletic directors wanted the two seasons to coincide.

Kolb should have learned his lesson in softball - stay away from the playing field. And his attempt at trying to throw unwanted and unneeded legislation into an organizing body that is not governed by the state, shows that once again, he's striking out.

■ Wayne's inevitable departure from the Michigan Mega Conference to the Western Lakes Athletic Association won't necessarily be a bad thing, despite all of the grumbling from coaches and administrators.

The precedent it sets for other schools that want to leave is.

It's no secret that other schools want out - specifically Trenton, Gibraltar Carlson and Woodhaven. They'd love to join the Huron League, made up of similar-size schools Downriver, but the Huron League has no plans to expand.

Instead of watching as schools make noise about wanting to leave, the Mega should use the opportunity to retool the league - specifically in regard to several of the schools that were admitted as part of a civil rights probe from the Department of Justice.

I'm not advocating forcing schools such as River Rouge, Inkster or Dearborn Heights Robichaud out of the league. But these schools owe it to their fellow league members to beef up some of their programs or drop them.

It has nothing to do with race. In fact,

every school needs to consider the same thing if their teams cease to be competitive due to declining enrollment.

In this case, it has everything to do with competition. Part of the condition for admission to the Mega was to maintain and improve some "minor" sports. They haven't lived up to their end of the bargain.

For example, is it fair for schools such as Thurston or Redford Union to go to a swimming meet at River Rouge and go against four swimmers? Or to a tennis match at Highland Park to play five matches instead of eight? The programs were put in place when these schools had a higher enrollment. With enrollment declining, they need to cut back.

If these schools can't be competitive in some sports, they need to do one of three things: Look at combining sports with other schools, participate in a "club" atmosphere or drop the sport.

If they can't maintain enough students to fill their roster, let alone be competitive, they shouldn't cry foul when other Mega schools complain about not pulling their weight.

I can't help but chuckle when I think about one aspect of Wayne's leaving the Mega for the WLAA. At 1,939 students, Wayne is the third largest school in the Mega, but just six of its 19 programs compete in the Mega Red, or top division - football, boys and girls golf, boys basketball, girls swimming and boys track.

If Wayne couldn't compete in the upper division of the Mega against smaller schools, how can it compete against the larger schools in the WLAA? Maybe administrators should worry about ways to get more students to participate and improving the quality of the programs instead of changing leagues.

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I usually ignore most cold-call telemarketers. No, I'm happy with my current long-distance carrier. Yes, I have enough life insurance. Yes, I remembered to vote.

I got one call on Monday that struck me as funny. Not funny "ha-ha." Funny as in how pathetic can they get?

It was from the Detroit Tigers, reminding me - through a taped message from manager Phil Garner - that tickets go on sale this Saturday.

If Mike Ilitch wants to call and explain why the team is slashing payroll after promising to be competitive with free agents, I'll listen.

In the meantime, the franchise specifically the marketing genius responsible for this - should be embarrassed. After 100 seasons of baseball. the once-proud Tigers have to resort to telemarketing to solicit ticket buyers to their year-old, publicly-funded, \$7.50-abeer and \$2.75-a-hot-dog stadium.

Talk about funny, like a clown

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never had a team do that before, anywhere.'

The Rocks were consistently on target throughout the tournament. In pool play, they opened against No. 12 seeded Livonia Franklin and rolled to a 15-4, 15-3 victory.

Their second pool-play match was against No. 7 Farmington. The results were similar: 15-6, 15-4 for Salem.

After that came cross-creek rival Plymouth Canton, but the Chiefs were unable to derail the Salem express, losing 15-5, 15-2.

"We were playing some of our best volleyball of the year," said Teeters. The top two seeds in each of

the three pools advanced, with the top two surviving seeds -No. 1 Salem and No. 2 Livonia Stevenson — getting the byes to the semifinals. Canton, seeded sixth, played No. 3 Churchill in

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15-12. No. 4 Central defeated Amber Williams had 11 kills No. 11 Westland John Glenn in the other, 15-12, 15-6.

The Chargers then eliminated Stevenson in one semifinal, with Salem stopping Central.

Tournament statistics indicate it was, indeed, a team victory for the Rocks. Katie Good enjoyed a superb outing, collecting a teamhigh 45 kills with a .333 kill percentage. She also led Salem with 17 service aces (the team had 50 in the tournament, averaging 4.55 per game) and had 38 digs.

Dombrowski finished with 15 kills, including a 7-for-7 performance in the win over Canton. with a team-best .519 percentage. She had nine service aces, 19 digs and 113 set assists (10.3 per game).

Kelly Jaskot was next for the Rocks, totaling 39 kills (.810), five aces and a team-high 39 digs. Mary Lou Liebau added 33 one quarterfinal and lost, 15-6, kills (.311), six aces and 35 digs;

with a .385 percentage; Rolaine Llanes had six aces and 18 digs; and Jordan Falcusan ended with seven aces and 17 digs.

Canton's trip through the tournament was up and down. The Chiefs opened by splitting their match with Farmington, which they followed with a two-game sweep of Franklin and the loss to Salem.

That left them tied for second with the Falcons. A one-game playoff ended with a Canton victory, sending the Chiefs into the quarterfinals opposite Churchill.

"Churchill did the same thing against us that Salem did,' noted Canton coach Steve Anderson. "They found our serve-reception problems and that was it.'

It's a problem Anderson knows he'll have to try and correct by Saturday, or Salem will handle the Chiefs the same way it has

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in earlier meetings this season. regular season that saw the In four games, Canton has scored a total of 15 points against the Rocks.

"We're going to have to play our absolute best," Anderson said. "We match up well with Salem in every area but one. Our serve reception just isn't as strong."

Agape rolls

Canton Agape Christian pounded Detroit World Outreach 15-2, 15-4 Tuesday at Wayne Memorial to complete a splendid Academy at 10 a.m.

World Outreach were Kelly Blackney with four service aces and two kills, Alice Muench with four aces and Margie Henry with two aces.

> The Wolverines advance to the Class D district tournament hosted by Novi Franklin Road Christian Saturday. They go against Plymouth Christian

Leaders for Agape against

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a goal by John Schultz (assisted by Andy Thackaberry) early in the second period, but Dearborn scored twice more in the period to extend its lead to 5-1.

Salem didn't surrender. Goals from Mike Barr (from Steve Nagel and Dan Stiver), Steve Nagel and Mark Nagel (from Steve Nagel and Chadd Schlamb) narrowed the gap to 5-4 with five minutes remaining.

But the Rocks could not get the equalizer. Salem's Scott Stukel had 24 saves in goal.

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> Maybe you're not surprised by the news that Michigan consumers are paying too much for long-distance telephone service.

But \$1.03 billion too much? Every year?!

Unfortunately, yes. A recent study* of our state's long-distance market shows that Michigan customers could be saving more than a billion dollars annually in long-distance and toll charges. How? By opening up the market to full competition.

Diane Webb

The study, commissioned by Ameritech and conducted by Stephen Pociask, President of TeleNomic Research, LLC - a Virginia-based economic research and consulting firm - finds "conclusive, empirical evidence that the long-distance market remains heavily concentrated."

That means the market is dominated by only a few companies - the "Big Three," to be exact: AT&T, WorldCom and Sprint. Furthermore, says the report, this lack of competition is being sustained by regulatory obstacles.

Based on New York's long-distance market, the study concludes that if Ameritech could offer long-distance service here, then consumers could eventually save that \$1.03 billion.

Not only would long-distance competition and prices get better but, following New York's example, competition and costs for local telephone service would also improve.

And it's not only New Yorkers — Texans, Oklahomans and Kansans are reaping the rewards of full competition as well.

Ameritech continues to work closely with the Michigan Public Service Commission and other telephone companies to follow the blueprint established in those states by the Federal Communications Commission.

As the report indicates, it's time for our state to eliminate barriers to long-distance competition, so Michigan customers can enjoy the benefits of greater savings and choices in their long-distance and local telephone service.

Sincerely,

Diane X. Wall

Diane Webb Director External Affairs



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that was instrumental in erasing a seven-point Madonna lead.

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Until Kathy Panganis connected on three three-pointers in the final minute, after the outcome had already been decided, the Crusaders had hit just one triple try in the game. They were 1-of-11 until Panganis' late flurry.

"Pops (Popielarz) stepped up and hit some threes for us when we really needed it," agreed Cornerstone coach Carla Sterk. "And that the best (Laura Yonkers) has shot.

"But every single player came in and did something. That was big for us. This has been their focus all year long - to get to nationals.

Madonna had a similar dream, although it developed more gradually. While the Eagles were expected to be a powerhouse, the Crusaders started the season slowly, posting a 5-8 record against non-league competition. However, once the WHAC campaign started, they got on track quickly.

Madonna coach Marylou Jansen. "I hate to lose, but those seniors have a lot to be proud of."

For a good portion of the game, it seemed they'd have more than their previous accomplishments to flaunt. A trip to the national tournament seemed tantalizingly reachable, particularly after a first half in which neither team led by more than four (at the intermission, it was knotted at 32-all) was followed by a strong start to the second half.

Madonna outscored Cornerstone 9-2 in the first 5:04 to open up a seven-point lead.

That's when Popielarz found the range. Yonkers soon followed.

In the 8:32 that followed Madonna's biggest lead, the Eagles outscored the Crusaders 18-4 to build a 55-45 lead with 6:24 left. Popielarz and Julie Vogelzang accounted for six points each in the surge.

The closest Madonna got after that was seven.

"They changed their defense

Jansen, referring to Cornerstone's switch from a 1-2-2 zone to a 2-3. "We froze up offensively. They went to that zone and it shut down our inside game.

"But it's not like we weren't prepared for it."

That's where the fatigue factor may have set in. The Crusaders were simply slow to react, and the result was some unforced turnovers. They had 24 in the game, compared to Cornerstone's 18.

"They certainly had more legs than we did," said Jansen, referring to the Eagles' easier road to the final.

Added Sterk: "I thought maybe we were a little fresher in the second half."

Panganis, named the WHAC's most valuable player last week, finished with 21 points, eight rebounds and two steals. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) contributed 16 points (she was 10-of-12 from the free-throw

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line), five rebounds and two steals, and Enfield had 12 points (6-of-8 shooting) and nine boards.

Cornerstone got 19 points from Yonkers, who was 5-of-7 on triple tries; 17 points, six rebounds and five blocks from Vogelzang; and 12 points from Haney.

"Their big players stepped up when they had to," said Jensen. And those three-pointers? 'That's one of their strengths," Jansen said. "They have five (players) who can shoot them."

Which outnumbered Madonna by quite a distance.

Madonna 85, Spring Arbor 82 (WHAC semifinal): Mahogany Fletcher, a junior guard from Farmington Harrison, drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to lift Madonna University to victory over Spring Arbor in Saturday's

WHAC semifinal, played at

The Lady Crusaders trailed 48-38 at halftime and 62-48 with 13:23 left before mounting a rally. A three-pointer by Madonna's Michelle Miela with 2:23 left knotted the game at 77apiece.

The Cougars regained the advantage, going up by two on a putback by Michelle Robson with :47 to play. Two free throws by Carissa Gizicki re-tied it for Madonna at 82-all just four seconds later, re-setting the stage for Fletcher's dramatic, gamewinning basket.

Kathy Panganis led Madonna with 18 points; she also had six rebounds and two steals. Gizicki collected 17 points, five boards, five assists and two steals, Miela scored 12 points, Lori Enfield netted 11 points and eight rebounds, and Kristi Fiorenzi totaled nine points and 10 rebounds.

Spring Arbor, which ended its season at 17-15, got 31 points and seven steals from Kristin Dankert, 15 points from Portia Reilly, and 13 points from Shan-

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 20, 2001 A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

	day, February 20, 2001. Supervisor Yack called the
Roll Call	
Members Present:	Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin-
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Director Machnik, Judy Bocklage, Director Conklin
Guests Present:	Dr. Booher (Plymouth/Canton School Superintendent) Ken Jacobs (Plymouth/Canton School District), Dan- Jerome (Project architect, Plymouth High School)

Adoption of Agenda

Supervisor Yack amended the study session portion of the agenda to include Item 3, Canton Leadership Youth and Item 4, Street-lighting Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously

Item 1 Consider Re-approval of Final Plat Approval for Central Park South Subdivision No. 1

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution reapproving the Final Plat approval for Central Park South Subdivision No. 1. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Re-Approval of the Final Plat Approval for Central Park South Subdivision No 1

WHEREAS, the project sponsor, Mr. Ken Bullis, has requested final plat approval for Central Park South Subdivision No. 1 to be located on Geddes Road between Beck and Denton Roads (Tax ID#'s 115-99-0001-000, part of 115-99-0003-000 and 115-99-0004-000); and,

WHEREAS, the Community Planner and Township Engineer have reviewed the final plat and made a determination that it is generally consistent with the Subdivision Control and Zoning Ordinances;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Ken Bullis, to grant final plat approval for the proposed Central Park South Subdivision No. 1 subject to compliance with any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning and Engineering Divisions, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof

Supervisor Yack explained that this is 79.6 acres located north of Geddes Road between Beck and Denton Roads and is zoned R-2, Single Family Residential. An error was found by the engineering firm on the signature page in the proprietor statement. The Wayne County Plat Board is requiring that each of the dates and signatures be corrected in the proper sequence. This means that the final plat must be re-approved by the township board and re-signed by the Clerk. Noting else has changed on the plat. The original final plat approval was granted by the Board of Trustees at the January 9, 2001 meeting. This is simply a formality due the error that occurred

Study Session Topic

Item 2 Plymouth High School Site Plan

Issues were discussed relative to the overall site plan proposed for the Plymouth High School Facility. Director Machnik explained that construction of a school is quite different than that of a typical project. With a school construction, site plan, site development and construction occur in a much shorter time frame. It is unclear the amount of review local government has with school sites as the review and approval is the responsibility of the state. Because of some concerns regarding a portion of this site, Director Machnik recommended that the board consider an approval that separates the site into two (2) portions: the first would include the educational building, the athletic fields to its east and north; and the parking lots to its south. It would also include the access road which would allow the sewer/water permits process to continue. The second portion would include a JV football/soccer/track field; and a band, and football practice fields and would not be recommended for approval. Meetings have taken place regarding construction of the Plymouth High School with the Administration and with residents of the North Pointe to better understand their concerns. Some of the alternatives for the remaining athletic fields would be to: 1) move the field; or 2) look at modifications to change things like lighting, berm, noise, fence, pedestrian traffic and landscaping.

"It was a good year," said and that caught us," said

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m. Thursday March 22, 2001 for the following:

SUMMIT ON THE PARK JANITORIAL SERVICES

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

> TERRY G. BENNETT Clerk

> > L1031163

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE LAND**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools solicits all interested and qualified persons to submit bids for the Board's sale of approximately 27 acres of land located on the south side of Joy Road west of Beck Road.

The land description is described as: A parcel of land being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/2 of Section 5, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, further described as: North 1,485 fweet of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 5, except the East 528 feet, also except the North 445 feet of the West 131 feet of the East 659 feet thereof, subject to the rights of the public over and across the North 33 feet (being the South 1/4 of Joy Road).

Any interested persons may contact: Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, Director of Support Services, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at (734) 416-2960 for additional information. Offers to Purchase are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2001. Offers must be in a sealed envelope marked "Offer to Purchase Land" and attention to Daniel Phillips, Assistant Director of Finances & Purchasing.

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

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Madonna.

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Salem High School Auditorium Air Handler Repair. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6th, 2001 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Laura Hagan, Facilities Construction Manager at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15th, 2001. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is herby given that a public auction will be held at Stow & Go Self Storage, 41999 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI on MARCH 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each unit. Cash Only:

Unit #373 - LARRY MARDIEGIAN of 48775 W. NORMANDY CT., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170. Waterbed, lawn vac, (2) grills, radio, dog cage, wood lattice, light, boxes, crib, rug, sleds, weed eater, other misc. items.

Unit #117 - KEVIN LACKEY of 36143 NORTHFIELD, LIVONIA, MI 48150. Fish tank & stand, tires, wheels, misc. car parts, hood, tarps, boxes, other misc.

Unit #457 - ROBERT COOMBS of 1589 SHEEFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009. Wheels and tires, car parts, chairs, wood cabinet, file cabinet, other misc. items.

Unit #574 - ROBERT VICKERMAN of 1386 S. HARVEY, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170. Rolltop desk, lawnmower, gas can, shelf, fan, cooler, wheels and tires, dresser, night stand, truck bed box, other misc, items.

Unit #716 - DAVID JAMES of 25715 SIBLEY RD., ROMULUS, MI 48174. Car parts, dolley, car wheels, bench seat, 6 storage containers, other misc. items.

Unit #577 - MARGARET YATES of 8560 WESTCHESTER LANE. CANTON, MI 48187. Couch, chair, loveseat, vacuum, fish tank, lamp, boxes, suitcase, clothes, household items, other misc. items.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA March 8, 2001

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, March 08, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Metro Detroit Signs (Heather) 23544 Hoover Warren MI 48089 representing Logan's Roadhouse 39605 Ford Rd. Canton MI 48188, are requesting a variance to the Building Ordinance # 120 Section 2.6 Roof Signs. Parcel # 049-99-0001-709

(Building) TABLED from February 8, 2001 ZBA meeting

2. Theresa Nazeer 1350 N. Sheldon Canton MI. 48187 is requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance 26.02 Side yard setback for an attached garage Parcel #057-01-0470-000

(Building)

Discussion of April ZBA Meeting (Thursday before Good Friday)

(Approval of February 8, 2001 minutes)

Publish: March 1, 2001

2001 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

L103114

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City. Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2001 @ 12:15 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, 2001 @ 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. Completed 2001 Board of Review Petitions are Necessary and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 7, 2001 by 9:00 p.m. A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 19, 2001.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

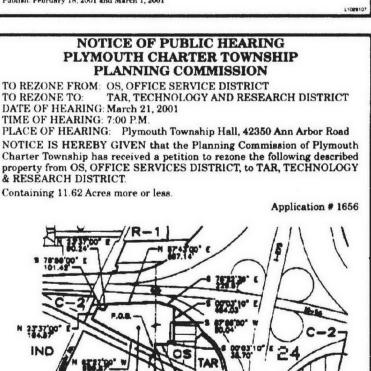
All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act"

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234, ext. 223.

> City of Plymouth MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN City Assessor

> > 100513

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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary

Planning Commission

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Tax ID # R78-023-990031-000)

For legal description, see assessing records based on tax ID numbers.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON

ORDINANCE NO. 63

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 122

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map,

as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of

Public Works Building. Community Development Department, during

regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be

received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and

written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

Telephone No. (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the

Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350

Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the

Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use

allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide

necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the

hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of

Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-

Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the

On Monday, February 26, 2001, a meeting is scheduled to take place with the residents of North Pointe to look at any alternatives. In answering a question posed by Trustee Burdziak, Director Machnik stated the location of the school is not in dispute between the township and the school district. All three schools will utilize the same athletic fields for soccer, football and track with lighted Freshman and Junior Varsity fields, however unlighted practice fields. The berm, as currently planned, will be taller than a six-foot person standing on the tallest bleacher to accommodate the noise level as well as other potential problems.

Board members agreed that they are comfortable with the direction recommended by Director Machnik. Approval consideration will be before the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 27, 2001 and will include the educational component, the athletic fields to the east and north and the parking lots to the south. The remaining athletic fields will come for board approval at a future date.

Item 3 Discussion of expanding the Leadership Canton Program

Supervisor Yack explained that this program is advertised through the. schools and the Focus. In this the third year of the program, there are thirty-two (32) in the program. Supervisor Yack would like to build on thisprogram by giving the youth that are the most interested, (however, not exceeding seven), the opportunity for involvement in a mentor program by an elected official of the township. Upon completion of this program, (near the end of June), the youth would receive a more in depth view of Canton Government and shadow an administrator for an hour or so, then introduced to some aspects that would be more interesting for them, (e.g., Public Safety, Web Development, Cable Studio, etc). They would then work with the Clerk, Treasurer and Division Directors. They would then receive a board packet in which the staff has pre-determined possibly three or four items where the youth could actively participate. Prior to the board meeting, the youth with one parent present, would have dinner with the Board of Trustees to determine the role and find the philosophy of the board members. They would then sit with board members during a regularly scheduled meeting and participate in the discussions on those pre-determined issues. Following the meeting, they would complete the evaluation form to be turned in

Item 4 Discussion of Street-lighting Policy

Supervisor Yack explained that the township's neighborhood coordinator has received questions regarding entrance lighting. This occurs most especially in the older subdivisions where the ingress/egress is onto a main road. Supervisor Yack believes that the issue at hand actually involves two subdivisions each with one street-light. It is believed that since a special assessment would actually cost more than the cost of the light, Supervisor Yack would like to simply take care of erecting the lights. Another option that was given is for the township to pay for the cost of the light and the residents would then agree to participate by paying for the monthly/yearly fee for the cost of operation.

Adjourn

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn this study session. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held February 20, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of February 27, 2001.

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There are three prime locations which I have recently visited which may be of interest to you.

The Naples area has a series of outlets out of Naples Bay in which there are canals and, in some cases, islands with luxurious homes, many of which are in the several million-dollar range.

Of course, there is the South Beach area around Biscayne Bay where many prominent movie and recording stars reside.

And finally there is the Intracoastal, around the Deerfield/ Boca Raton area, where lots that once sold for \$10,000 now go for \$2 million and houses are being torn down similar to the case in Birmingham, Mich., where new multi-million dollar structures are being erected.

A semi-luxurious home in South Florida will not be cheap. The homes have appreciated a lot.

While South Florida is dotted with many glorious areas, these appear to be the three of the prime locations with substantial appreciation in the value of property and resultant costs.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@ mich. com, and his Web site is www. meisner-law. com This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



Home owners are pleased by lifestyles and tax breaks

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

Lifestyle and flexibility in using property often top the list for why people prefer home ownership to renting.

More room, garages, basements, yards, gardens, space between residences, basketball hoops, kids, social encounters and a sense of neighborhood generally go hand in hand with ownership.

But there are economic attractions,

with," Cuffe said.

Even if those two deductions together don't exceed the standard threshold, they probably will when state and local income taxes and charitable contributions are added to the mix.

Taxpayers save at least \$15 for every \$100 they can exceed the standard deduction.

Rent isn't tax deductible on the feder-al income tax form. There's another big financial benefit to home ownership.

non-deductible debt such as credit cards or car loan, is fully deductible up to \$100,000.

A spa put into a home for medical reasons on a doctor's prescription is deductible to the extent that its cost minus the increase in property value as the result of its installation, and all other medical and dental expenses, exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross Internal.

Condominium association fees, however, aren't deductible. Some deductions are available for

APR can mislead home buyer

MORTGAG BITS

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"What's the interest rate on a 30-year mortgage?" By itself the question means little. What mortgage shoppers usually want to know is how much they will pay for one mortgage as compared to another. With their Truth-in-Lending statement in one hand and this article in the other, they can now shop with confidence instead of confusion.

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Truth-in-lending laws require lenders to provide borrowers annual percentage rate, or APR, disclosures. While this calculated figure is supposed to make for a more-informed consumer, it can be confusing. This bewilderment usually reveals itself in the common borrower question, "Why is my APR so much higher than my actual interest rate?"

APR is the "effective" annual interest rate over the life of the loan. It is based on the mortgage amount and term, its interest rate, and the buyer's closing costs and points. High buyer closing costs on a small mortgage of short duration gives a high APR relative to the note's interest rate. Conversely, if a buyer has no closing costs, no prepaid interest, and pays no points, his APR should equal his interest rate.

Using the APR to mortgage shop is helpful when comparing loans of similar type and term. APRs lose their utility, however, on adjustable-rate products and other mortgage hybrids. Be aware that lenders can vary how they calculate APR with respect to certain closing costs.

APR figures make no provision for changes in your payoff schedule. A 7-1/2-percent mortgage with \$2,000 in costs may have the same APR as a 7-3/4 percent loan with no costs. However, if the loans were paid off early, the loan with the higher interest rate would have actually been a better ent. Decreasing the term of a loan that has closing costs will increase its APR.

Making your mortgage decision ased purely on APR can lead to a poor

HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(REQUIRED BY LAW)

LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)

HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET

(ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)

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AGE OF MAJOR MECHANI-CAL/STRUCTURAL COMPO-NENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS. ETC.)

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- PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP. SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

too which usually become more appa ent when folks grapple with their tax returns at this time of year.

"Most people are aware of the financials, first-time buyers, no," said Robert Cuffe, broker/ owner of Remerica Integrity in Livonia.

"I think it's a big revelation," said Cathy Wade, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Shooltz in Oxford.

"When I see people paying \$1,000 for rent on a two-bedroom apartment, they can certainly get into a home for that. They don't understand. They think they have to have 20 percent down. They don't," Wade added.

First-timers seek lifestyle

"First-time home buyers, I think, are looking more for lifestyle, a sense of ownership, put down roots, that's their future," said Michael Rich, a lawyer who specializes in real estate. "Financial aspects become more

important probably after they've been in the house about five years. They see appreciation," Rich added.

Government sets social policy as well as raises revenue with taxes. Promoting home ownership continues to be a major goal

That's why mortgage interest and residential property taxes are among the few major deductions - offsets to income available for federal tax purposes.

You already come out ahead if those two deductions together surpass this year's standard deduction of \$4,400 for single filers, \$7,350 for joint.

"Most people, what they finance, pay in interest. They take the interest deduction, at least people we work

Most homes appreciate

Home owners usually realize appreciation in value of their homes over time, quite substantial here in recent years. Renters don't build equity.

"Almost nothing is absolute and constant," said Mira Fante, a Realtor with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Birmingham. "Home ownership has been the best investment for the working American citizen."

Up to \$250,000 of the gain in value at sale is excluded from capital gains tax (\$500,000 if filing joint) on primary residences where you've lived for at least two of the previous five years.

That means if you buy for \$150,000 and sell for \$300,000, the entire gain on your investment in the home would be tax free. The same wouldn't be true for gains on mutual funds, stocks or collectibles.

This tax nugget delivered a few years ago by Congress gives all home owners, including senior citizens who may want to retire and downsize, more options, Rich said.

Selected benefits

Here are a few other benefits home owners may be able to enjoy:

Points, a fee paid to obtain a more favorable mortgage rate, are fully deductible in the year you buy a home but must be prorated over the life of a refinancing.

Mortgage interest is deductible for two homes, real estate taxes for all residences owned.

 Interest on home equity loans, which can be used to consolidate other

both owners and renters.

Don't forget moving expenses

Moving expenses may offset income on the federal form 1040 if your new workplace is at least 50 miles farther from your old home than the old home was from the old workplace.

Also, proportionate deductions for expenses - mortgage, rent, taxes, utilities - for rooms in a home or apartment used exclusively for business are available for owners and renters.

Finally, Michigan allows a property tax credit - an offset to the state tax owed - to the extent that real estate taxes exceed 3.5 percent of household income.

For tenants, property taxes are presumed to be 20 percent of rent paid.

There's another big plus to home ownership. Some owners eventually pay off the mortgage and own the property free and clear. Tenants always pay rent.

But there are benefits to renting - no maintenance and the ability to come and go with more flexibility. People who rent have access to all their money now. Home owners only have paper profits until they sell.

So lifestyle and the financials both should be considered carefully in a decision whether to buy or rent.

"Go in and talk to a Realtor, ask questions," Wade said. "It's free. At lesst you know where you stand. It's not the known that detours people from buying, it's the unknown."

financial decision. Use APR in a broad sense, then focus in on the details of each loan type and variation. A good loan officer can help you design a mortgage to best suit your needs.

Tim " Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@ yahoo. com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours]. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



Average home sales prices for Jan. - Dec. 2000 as reported by real estate boards throught the state.

LOCATION:	Augusta .	
Alpena	\$98,054	+14%
Lensing	131,062	10.6
Hillsdale	91,776	10
Upper Peninsula	80,874	8.6
Centrel Michigan	90,793	7.3
Eastern U.P.	80,874	7.3
Grand Rapids	131,591	6.5
Jackson	118.407	6.4
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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area 30725 Bobrich St residential real-estate closings recorded Dec. 11 - 15, 2000 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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35986 Ann Arbor Trl \$100,000

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\$295,000

Use open house to sell home quickly-

With a strong real estate market in many metropolitan areas, the home seller is the king of the jungle. You might expect a seller to list a home on the multi-list, and just pounce on the highest offer. No reason to hold an open

house, right? Not exactly.

"Most real estate agents still rely on meeting buyers and their agents face-to-face, and the open house provides those close encounters," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association. "The open house is an important event that can lead to a sale, especially in real estate markets where homes are in short supply."

"Most real estate agents still rely on meeting buyers and their agents face-toface, and the open house provides those close encounters.'

Richard Roll president of American Homeowners Association

Buyers and agents know that once a property hits the market, getting there first might be their best hope of placing a successful bid. Sometimes contracts are

signed on the spot.

And listings only provide basic information. Nothing can substitute for getting potential buyers and agents in the door to view the property firsthand.

Another approach is the "targeted" open house for real estate agents or other invited guests only. The seller's agent will showcase the listing to other brokers, preferably right when the house first goes on the market.

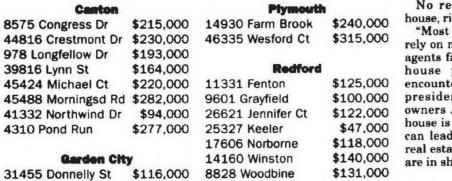
The seller's agent might make potential buyers sign a guest list. Be patient. First impressions are lasting ones, and the seller's agent needs to get feedback from buyers and brokers.

This exchange of information

helps both the buyer and seller. The seller needs to know if the, home matches the preferences or, triggers the dislikes of potential buyers. If the price is too high, a quick adjustment might lead to a quicker sale.

A questionnaire is a screening tool that saves time, too. Is the house within your budget? Does it have the basic features you' need? If the answer is no, then you can skip it and head to the next home on your list.

For more information on any aspect of buying or selling a' home, go to www. realhome. com, the Web site for American Homeowners Association.



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Defibrillators could go in every building Westland 38352 Carolon Blvd \$97,000 32638 Winona St \$163,000

Last year, Congress passed legislation that effectively required the General Services Administration - the nation's largest owner and leaser of office space - to stock its public buildings with Automated External Defibrillators, devices that can restart a heart that has stopped beating effectively. Last month, the **Building Owners and Managers** Association International, at the direction of its membership, began a six-month research effort into the benefits and liabilities of proactively placing these devices in private commercial

buildings. BOMA's membership, through a unanimous vote by its board of governors, directed the association to begin research into the use of such devices during its

An Automated External Defibrillators is designed to deliver an electric shock to the

in Washington, D.C. Advocates for AEDs pointed out that in addition to GSA, some states and localities require the presence of AEDs in public buildings. diac arrest.

An AED is designed to deliver an electric shock to the heart of a person suffering a heart attack; the shock helps the heart regain a regular beat. To work, the operator simply attaches the machine to the victim, and the

machine determines if the victim's heart would benefit from a shock. An operator does not need a medical background but is required to be trained on how to use the machine. Because the machine determines if the victim's heart needs to be shocked, the operator may hook the machine to a person he or she suspects of possibly suffering from a heart attack without endangering the victim's health. The machine will not deliver a shock unless the victim is in car-

"As we investigate this issue, we will not only look for the opportunity to develop education programs on the proper use of AEDs, but we will push for Good Samaritan legislation to provide liability protection for building

personnel and other individuals using the equipment," said BOMA President Richard D. Baier, managing director of CB Richard Ellis in Kansas City, Mo.

"Without the specter of a lawsuit should the equipment fail. we believe more building personnel would be willing to get the. training, have the devices on-site and would jump in and try to; save someone in a cardiac emergency.

During this six-month research period, BOMA International is seeking partners for, research, education and training: interested parties should contact Marco Giamberardino, director of codes and standards for BOMA International, at (202) 326-6356 or at mgiamberardino@ boma. org

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Mortgage rates rise on inflation concerns

Mortgage rates around the country edged up this week as inflation fears spooked financial markets.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixedrate mortgages rose to 7.12 percent, up from 7.01 percent last week, according to a nationwide survey released by Freddie Mac, the

mortgage company.

Rates on 30-year mortgages had dipped below the 7-percent level only two weeks ago but have been rising since that time.

Analysts blamed the increase on concerns about inflation, which were heightened by reports showing rising price pressures at both the wholesale and retail levels.

"Market focus this week shifted from fear of a recession to the threat of inflation," said

mortgages averaged 8.31 percent. Rates hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent in mid-May of last year.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rose to 6.69 percent last week, up from 6.61 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.92 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate.



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The Michigan Chapter of Community Associations Institute presents its annual conference and trade show Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia.

Theme: Lead to Succeed.

The conference is aimed toward condominium association board members, homeowners associations and professionals who provide services to associations.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 737-5581.

BUY HOME CLASS

Homestead USA presents a free home buyer seminar 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

For reservations, call Susan Daratony at (800) 312-5467.

MORTGAGE SEMINAR

The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association presents a seminar on boosting business, "Loan Origination 2001," 1-4 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers, with discounts available for six or more registrants from the same company.

For reservations, call Joanne Misuraca at (248) 356-6857.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Association of Wayne County conducts a program on self directed individual retirement accounts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center,

Cost for nonmembers is \$20, which can be applied to an annual membership. Beginning landlords can obtain a free newsletter by calling (313) 386-7228

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, associate broker with ERA Alliance, and West Bloomfield Community Education offer a class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Orchard Lake Middle School.

Topics include setting price, effective promotion and purchase documents

Cost is \$30. To register, call (248) 539-2290.

CAREER SEMINAR

Real Estate One presents a free residential real estate career open house noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 7 and 21, at its office, 7499 Middlebelt, at 14 Mile, West Bloomfield.

Topics include licensing, training and evaluating a broker.

To register, call Steve Leibhan, (248) 851-4100, Ext. 105.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Standard Federal Bank and Lighthouse Community Development cosponsor a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at Lighthouse Community Development, 46156 Woodward, Pontiac.

To register, call (248) 920-6200, Ext. 2402.

VALUE CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and **Clarenceville Community Education** give a 16-hour class, "Getting the Most for Your Home Building Dollar," 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 13-22, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$165, plus \$25 for textbooks.

To register, call (248) 473-8933.

CAREER SEMINAR II

Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke presents a free real estate career seminar 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at its Plymouth office, 500 S. Main.

Topics include licensing require- Southfield. ments and training programs. To register, call Pat Stokes at (734) 455-6000.

SUCCESSFUL SELLING

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar. "Successful Selling Strategies," 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 14, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$79 for sales and marketing council members, \$99 for BIA members and \$129 for others. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

NOVA AWARDS

The Construction Innovation Forum hosts its annual Nova Awards dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The awards honor quality and cost improvements in the construction industry

Speaker: W. Michael Hawes, deputy associate administrator, NASA, on Construction of the International Space Station."

Cost is \$200. For reservations, call (734) 995-1855.

GRI CLASS

The GRI-II class, one of three required for the Graduate Realtor Institute designation, goes 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 19, 21, 27, 28, 29 at the Southfield Holiday Inn.

Sponsors include Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors and Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Cost is \$320. To register, call the Michigan Association of Realtors at (800) 454-7842, or Davia Sturm at (248) 879-5730.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Sculptor Helen Escobedo gives a free lecture, "Ephemeral versus the Permanent," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the college of architecture auditorium at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, waste sites, hazardous waste locations com

Call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880 for information.

BUILDERS SHOW

The 83rd annual GMC Builders Home & Garden Show runs Thursday-Sunday, March 22-25, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expect-

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children 6-12.

Parking is available for an additional charge.

MECHANICAL INSPECTORS

The Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan conducts its annual spring conference Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek.

Cost is \$250 without hotel room, \$430 with. To register, call (248) 649-5443.

GARDE AWARDS

The Great Lakes Construction Alliance is looking for nominations for the sixth annual Gender And Race Diversification Excellence Awards for promoting racial and gender diversity in the construction workforce.

Forms are available from Deborah Hamilton at the National Center for Dispute Settlement at (248) 356-0870 or e-mail at ncdsdeb@aol.com

Nominations are due by March 30.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly-owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated

and landfills - by ZIP code. The Internet address is

www.NearMyHome.com More specific reports are available

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

for a fee.

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caionline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

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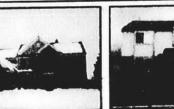
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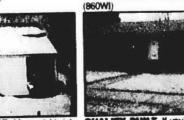


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CB Richard Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, announces two hirings.

Michael D. Blahosky, a first vice president, joins as Midwest Director of the company's hotel and leisure advisory group.

Blahosky has acquired the professional designation of Certified Commercial Investment Manager and is affiliated with the American Hotel/Motel Association

He holds a bachelor's degree from Cal State University and lives in Sterling Heights.

Keith Johnson joins as an associate with the office properties group. His primary areas of concentration include Troy, Auburn Hills, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Johnson is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Minnesota, and lives in Grosse Pointe.

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Forrest Henry, assistant executive vice president of the Associated General Contractors of America, Greater Detroit Chapter, has been elected to serve as the management representative on the four-person operations committee of the

Great Lakes Construction Alliance.

The alliance is a construction industry partnership of construction contractors, organized labor, architectural/ engineering firms

and project owners. It sets standards for safety, productivity, training and customer service

Lynn Baker and Deby Gannes join the staff of Hall & Hunter Realtors in Birmingham. Baker, an associate broker, also holds the professional designation of Accredited Buyer Rep-

resentative.

Rick L. Vidrio and Rick Brace of the Dietz Organization in Birmingham brokered the \$10.9 million sale of Hidden Valley Apartments, a 176-unit residential community in Grand Rapids.

Vidrio and Brace represented the buyer, RHP Properties of Farmington Hills.

Etkin Skanska Construction of Farmington Hills has been awarded the construction management contract for a Jacobson's store renovation just north of Orlando, Fla.

The complete demolition and rebuild of the 60,000-square-foot facility is expected to be finished by mid July.

Etkin Skanska recently completed renovation of a similar project for Jacobson's in Indianapolis.

State updates Condominium Act

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The rights of mortgagees have been addressed by recent amendments to the state condominium act.

The law now outlines the procedures associations must follow when a mortgagee is required to vote on an amendment of the condominium documents. A mortgagee is entitled to vote for amendments to the documents that affect the unit subject to the mortgagee's mortgage.

Another revision states that mortgagees don't have to attend a co-owners' meeting where a vote on an amendment of the documents is held. However, the association must solicit the approval of the mortgagees through written ballots. Co-owners who are in default

are specifically excluded from voting.

Changes now allow a co-owner to recover attorney fees from the association if the co-owner wins

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a default proceeding. A co-owner who sues an association to enforce the terms of the condominium documents may have to pay the association's attorney fees and costs if he loses.

If a co-owner owes the association money, the association may also recover interest, collection and late charges.

The first mortgage holder who

notify the association within 10 days after the first publication of the notice. If he doesn't, the association can go to court.

When a unit is sold, all unpaid bills must be paid out of the sales price first unless any governmental entity is owed money or a first mortgage exists against the unit.

The right of a developer or coowner to lease a unit during the development and sales period is controlled by the condominium documents and cannot be changed without developer approval.

Associations must now be notified in writing by co-owners or developers who want to rent their unit. If they don't have a written lease, they must provide the association with the name and address of the potential lessee, the rental amount and proposed due date.

When a co-owner renting his unit is behind on assessments, the association now has addi-

is foreclosing on a unit must tional options. The association can now issue a notice to quit for nonpayment of rent to the tenant and may enforce the notice. The association can bring an action to evict the tenant and an action for money damages against the tenant and co-owner.

> Claims arising out of the construction of the common elements or the management, operation, or control of a project may be brought no more than three years from the transitional control day or two years from the date the cause of action accrues, whichever occurs later. New associations need to take stock of the physical state of the condominium project as soon as the coowners take control of the condominium from the developer.

Overall, the amendments are a substantial improvement to the condominium act, and they should resolve many issues which have arisen over the years.

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Existing home sales down in 26 states

Total existing-home sales were down in 26 states in the fourth quarter of 2000 compared with the same period in 1999, the National Association of Realtors reported.

NAR's latest report on existing singlefamily, apartment condominium and cooperative home sales found that sales rose in 24 states in the fourth quarter of 2000; the District of Columbia reported no change in the fourth quarter compared with a year ago.

The NAR survey showed that nationwide, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of total resales was 5.80 million units in the fourth quarter, down a slight 0.4 percent from the 5.82 million-unit level in the third quarter of 2000. However, it was up 0.4 percent from the pace of 5.77 million units recorded in the fourth quarter of 1999

The strongest annual increase was in Alaska, where the 2000 fourth quarter resale pace rose 19.0 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 1999. Wyoming,

which rose 18.3 percent from a year ago, ranked second. Colorado posted the third highest increase, up 16.8 percent from 1999's fourth quarter sales activity.

While resales fell in just over half of the nation's states, they were generally modest declines, indicating that the market is still healthy in most areas, said NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall. "Home sales essentially have remained stable between the fourth quarters of 1999 and 2000. What's encouraging is that a number of states recorded double-digit increases in home resale activity. This is a clear sign that falling interest rates and demand are working in tandem," he added.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate on a 30-year conventional fixed-rate mortgage was 7.83 percent in the fourth quarter, down from 8.03 percent in the third quarter; it was 7.64 percent in the fourth quarter of 1999.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the market is stabilizing as economic activity slows, creating more normal mar-

ket conditions and a change from a seller's market to a more balanced market. "The drop in mortgage interest rates is helping to sustain the market. Even with a recent slowdown, home sales are being maintained at a relatively high level in historic terms," he said.

Regionally, the Midwest, with a 1.18 million-unit annual rate, was down 2.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2000 compared with a year earlier. The region was hit hard by severe weather in late 2000, interrupting markets in many areas. Minnesota led the region in total resales for the fourth quarter of 2000, up 2.9 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999. North Dakota ranked second in the region, posting a 1.0 percent increase in the fourth quarter compared to the same period the previous year. Ohio followed, posting a modest gain of 0.9 percent in the fourth quarter compared to the same quarter a year ago, while resale activity in Indiana rose 0.7 percent.



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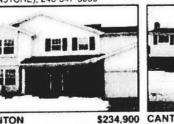
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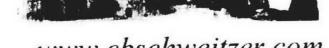
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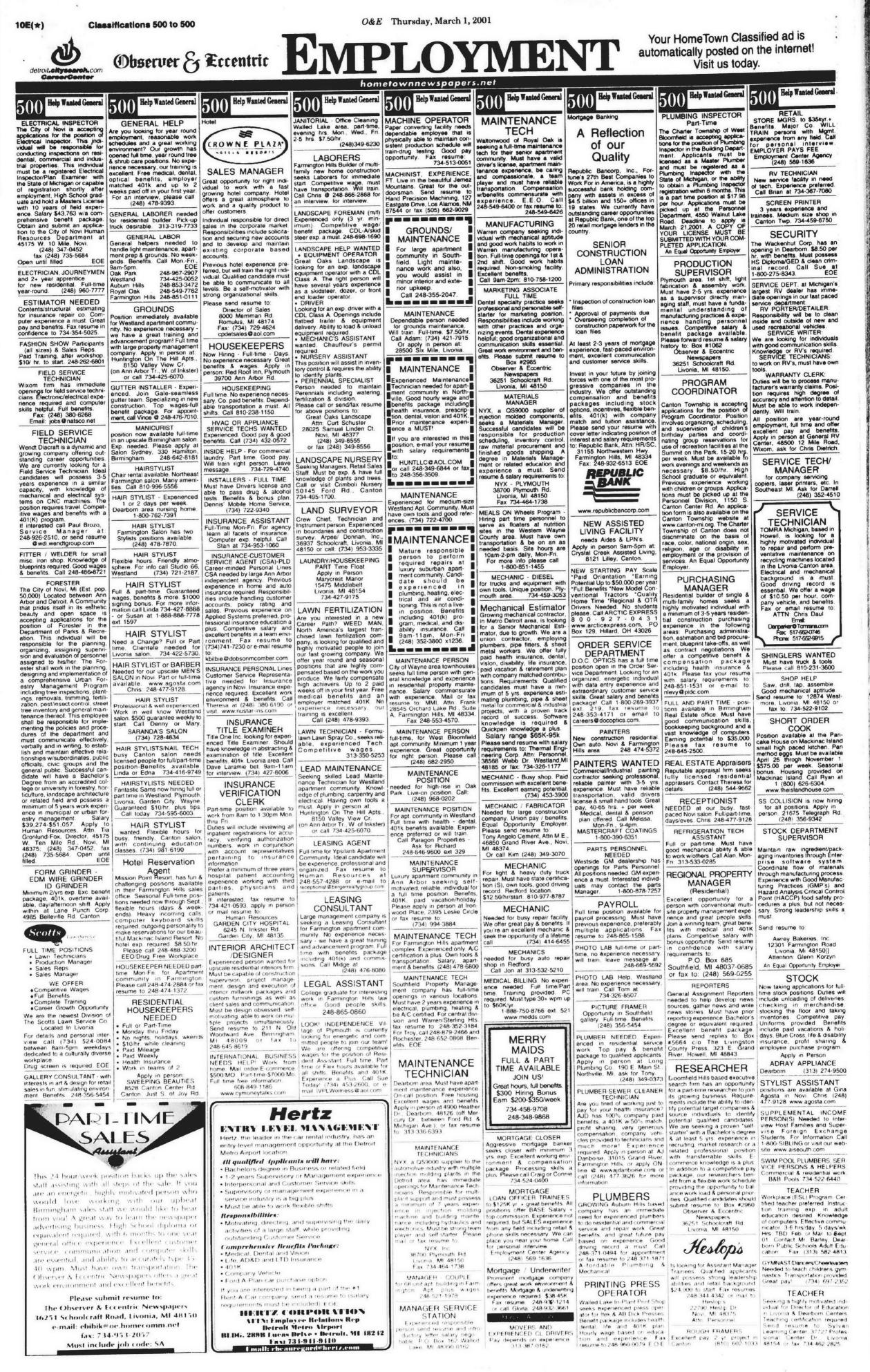
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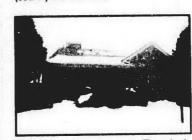
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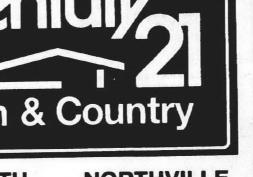


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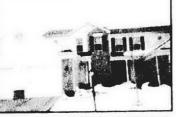
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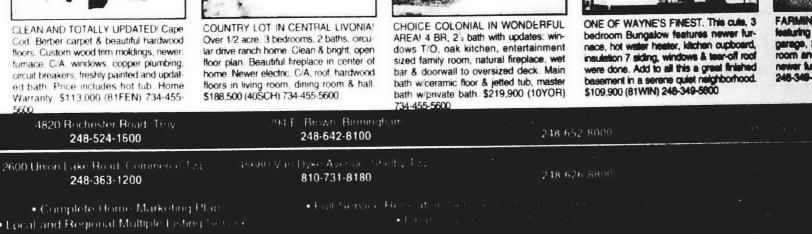




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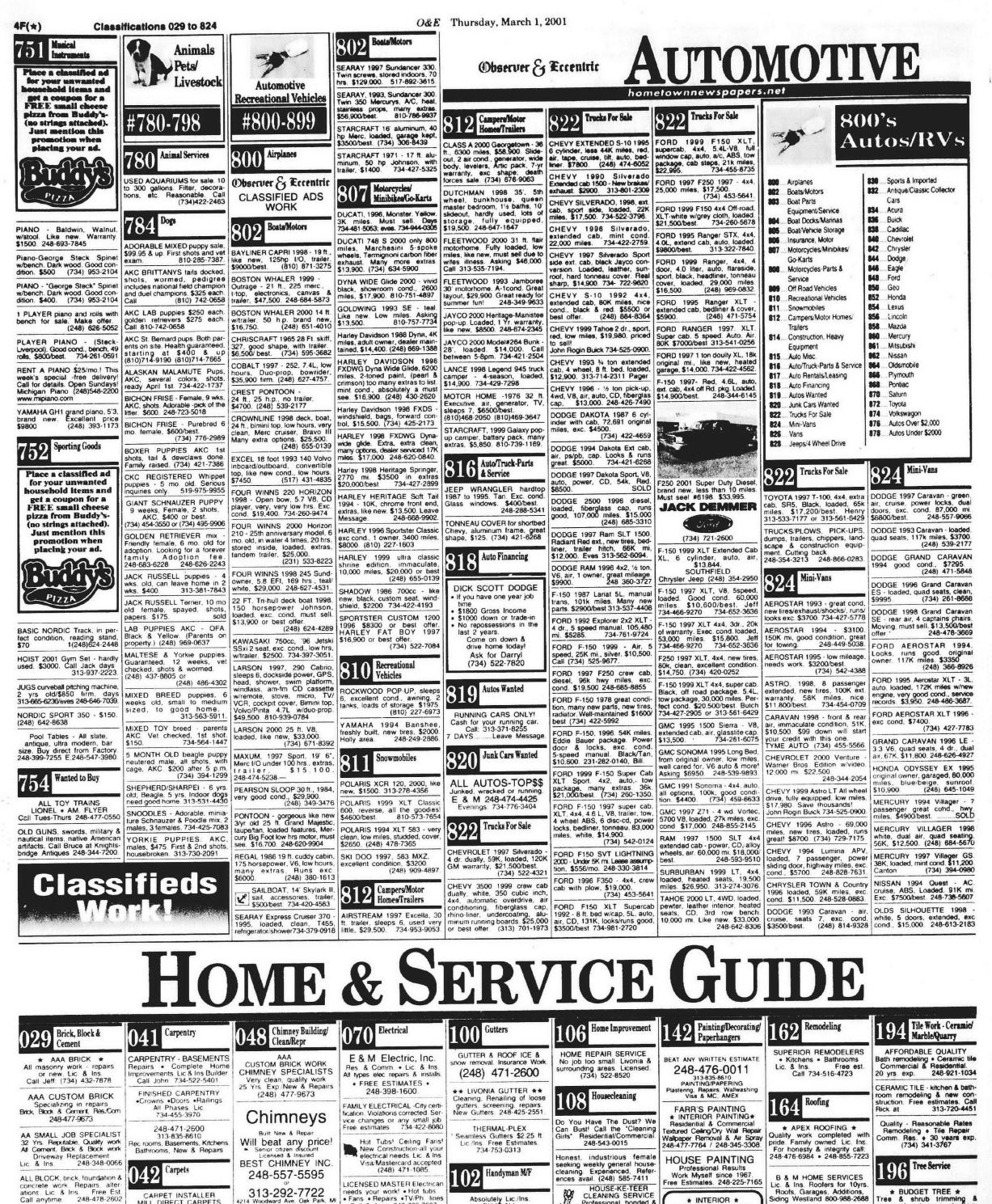
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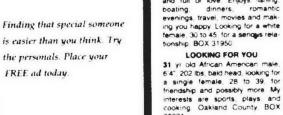
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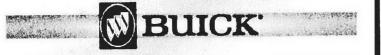
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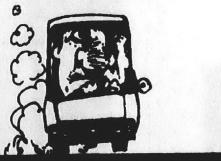
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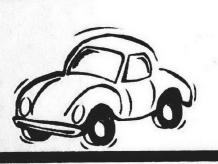
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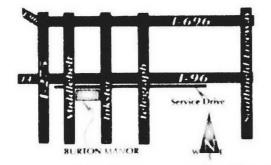
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