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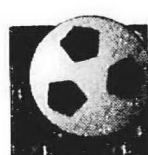
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Focus on recreation continues



Plymouth Township officials heard plenty of free-flowing debate Monday about whether they should put three new soccer fields in a park at M-14 and Haggerty in a community meeting at St. Kenneth Church.

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A proposed new park with three soccer fields on the northwest corner of M-14 and Haggerty in Plymouth Township was the focus of a community meeting Monday at St. Kenneth's Church.

The issue, which received mixed reviews, next goes before the Plymouth Township board during a public hearing at its 7 p.m. March 27 meeting.

The board is working toward an April 1 deadline to expedite the project. Grants are awarded in August. Even if the township secures the grant, construction is unlikely this year, officials said.

The current design includes three soccer fields: a field for ages 6 and under, a field for ages 7-10, and a field for ages 11 and older. Also included is a barrier-free hard surface pedestrian path along the park perimeter, a picnic shelter, a small maintenance structure, a restroom facility and parking.

"A possible future enhancement to the site would be a public pool and bathroom facility," said Jim Anulewicz, department of public services director.

Development of the soccer fields is expected to cost about \$1.3 million. With the additional options of a soccer-area restroom and a swimming pool and bathroom option, the projected

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City, township talk about means of joining forces

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Plymouth city and township officials are once again moving in the direction of a joint operating agreement to provide across-the-board recreation programs. The move comes more than two years after voters in Plymouth Township defeated a millage which would have been used to pay for joint recreation programs for the two Plymouths.

"There's a lot of potential out there, and with a collaborative effort we can do a lot of great things with

recreation," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "In a meeting with (township supervisor) Steve Mann, I suggested we don't re-invent the wheel, but look at the joint recreation agreement Northville and Northville Township have and see if there's something we can do to expand recreation opportunities."

"We're eager to work with the city on joint recreation opportunities," added Mann. "We're without any recreation program now, and I want to change that."

Unlike what the previous town-

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Home cookin': Sisters Angela and Andrea Alberty, clockwise from left, parents Rose and Tom Alberty, son Tom Alberty and Plymouth Whalers Steve Weiss and Cole Jarrett sit down to the dinner table at the Alberty home. The Albertys are playing host to Whalers Weiss and Jarrett while they finish out the hockey season.

No place like home

Whalers find family life with hosts

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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Canton residents Tom and Rose Alberty have taken on a whale of a job - to provide a home away from home for two championship athletes.

The couple acts as surrogate parents for two of the Plymouth Whalers - 17-year-old Stephen Weiss and 18-year-old Cole Jarrett.

The Whalers are part of the Ontario Hockey League - a junior hockey league that is the last stop before the jump to the National Hockey League.

"It serves as a development league for players age 16 to 20," said Whalers spokesman Scott Kelly.

Tom Alberty said, "I think the whole thing is that we make them a part of our family. We support them and get the opportunity to watch them grow."

The Alberty couple were persuaded by a friend to open their door to the Whalers players.

"A friend of ours is the team doctor, and has been trying to talk us into this for five or six years," Rose Alberty said.

The couple have three children of their own - a 22-year-



Play time: Horsing around after dinner is Whaler Cole Jarrett and Tom Alberty. The Albertys treat the players like two more sons.

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Residents concerned over move

Johnson Controls relocation not what potential neighbors expected

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Mixed among Plymouth Township officials' worries that Johnson Controls, its second largest taxpayer, may soon purchase land in Salem Township is the apprehension of Country Club Village residents at Ann Arbor Road and Napier that the company's proposed new automotive headquarters isn't something they anticipated.

The company is considering purchase of 360 acres at Napier and Joy Roads for office and future expansion.

"We have different milestones," said Bill Dawson, Johnson Controls spokesman. "We have an early April decision to buy the property. April 2 remains the important date, the option on the property. There's other issues we have to deal with: one, the deadline to buy, and two, developing the property."

About a dozen Country Club Village residents voiced their opinions at recent Salem Township meetings.

"We raised our concerns," said Plymouth Township resident Laura Falzon.

Before deciding to purchase their homes, many residents looked at the zoning in both townships and were reassured it was residential. Their homes sell in the \$500,000 range.

REI, a development firm which owns the land, planned to build a 310-home subdivision until it faced angry Salem Township residents who want to put

'We aren't going to let it rest or take it lightly. This is an opportunity to do it right.'

Laura Falzon
—Concerned resident

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Ordinance would tag drunk drivers with related costs

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If Acting Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll gets his way, convicted drunk drivers will soon be reimbursing the city for expenses involved in their own arrests and prosecutions.

"The new ordinance will help the city capture resources expended to keep the streets safe, and forces violators to become responsible for their own policing," said Carroll.

Carroll wants to use a state law, which allows drunk drivers to be

charged with all expenses related to their arrest and prosecution, to recover nearly \$30,000 that's spent annually on patrols and prosecution of drunk driving cases.

"The costs are exorbitant, and this will help us recoup them," added Carroll. "If you have a bad accident with a drunk driver involved, it could take six hours or more of an officer's time. We want to recoup that money and then put it back into alcohol enforcement patrols."

In a memo to Acting City Manager Paul Sincok, Carroll said "when those

funds are collected they would then be returned to the City, where they would be entered into a separate fund. The (police) department will use these monies to fund overtime for further OUIL (operating under the influence of liquor) enforcement during the summer months when cruising is at its height and we can use additional manpower on Main Street."

City commissioners Monday night adopted the first reading of the proposed ordinance. It will go into effect soon after the second reading, which is expected at the commission's April 2

meeting.

Commissioner Bill Graham said he's in favor of the ordinance, but is concerned the law could be abused.

"I think the ordinance is a good idea; however, I don't want it to be a type of device to allow for an OUIL witchhunt and become an income generator for the city," said Graham. "We should take a look at the numbers of tickets issued before and after the ordinance to determine if more people are being caught driving drunk or enforcement is

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Local store owner heeds call of the wild

"They paved paradise and put in a parking lot."
— Joni Mitchell

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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The gentle act of a Plymouth businessman may have saved the life of one meager squirrel, but it speaks volumes for capacity of the human heart.

Gary Phillips, the owner of Backyard Birds, came face to face one day with an animal he just couldn't walk away from.

Phillips had been away from his store, and returned to an unexpected situation.

"I had been off, and I came in on a cold rainy November day and there was this fox squirrel," Phillips said. "His home was gone."

While he was away, the landowner had removed some trees behind the adjoining property to create room for additional parking.

"There were three beautiful, stately trees that were probably 75 to 125 years old," Phillips said. "(The squirrel) was just sitting there in the dirt. He was cold and wet and homeless — he was totally lost and bummed. I was just crushed."

Phillips said the squirrel had lost its shelter and all the food it had stored for the winter. "His life was going to be a very short story with a bad ending," the store owner said.

"I opened up a bag of my richest squirrel food and put it out back hoping he would eat it," Phillips said he felt if he provided food, the animal would have time to construct a new home by winter.



Master of his domain: The Squirrel Master sits on the feeder placed near the back door of Backyard Birds on Main Street by owner Gary Phillips.

But he was worried about how he was going to keep feeding the little critter. "I didn't want to attach a feeder to the side of the building because I didn't want it to upset the landlord," he said.

About that time, a regular customer happened by the store and saw the squirrel's predicament. "The guy brought this eight-foot long telephone pole and a chainsaw. It

was the most awesome thing," Phillips said. "He was unbelievable."

In no time the man had constructed a stand for the feeder. "Just the idea that a customer would do this to help was amazing," Phillips said. "(The squirrel) took to the new feeder like a fish to water."

That grim November day occurred over two years ago, and now the squirrel has a permanent home in the hearts of employees and customers alike. Presumably, he has a nest in neighboring trees.

The squirrel even has a name.

"The guys that work here call him 'The Squirrel Master.' They seem to like him a lot," Phillips said.

On any given day now, The Squirrel Master can be seen cavorting with several of his pals in the alley behind Backyard Birds.

Phillips said his customers are both fascinated and amazed by the animal's antics. "All the time customers come by and say, 'Do you know you have a squirrel behind your store?'"

"Most people really seem to enjoy him," said Amy Alley, a store employee. "He has a definite personality."

Sometimes, Backyard Birds will even have a squirrel in the store. "He comes in the store a lot in the summertime. He'll just come marching in and we won't notice him," said Alley.

Occasionally, he has even become locked inside — just like the proverbial kid in a candy store.

He apparently helps himself to food and

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PCAC auction

The Plymouth Community Arts Council holds its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31, at St. John's Conference Center.

Tickets for *An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance* cost \$60 per person and are available by calling (734) 416-4278. Proceeds from the event help fund PCAC programming.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. 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 to the live auction, the popular silent auction will also feature an array of offerings. Together the auctions will include art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, travel getaways and other "surprises" at various price levels. A preview of all auction items will be held Friday, March 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the PCAC.

For more information, call the PCAC at 416-4278.

Fall Festival meetings

Anyone wanting to be part of the Plymouth Fall Festival should be marking March 28 on their calendars.

It's at that meeting that applications for the festival must be signed for. The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall building at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads. Anyone unable to attend the March

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28 meeting must contact the applications committee. You can get the number from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, 453-1540.

Applications must be received by May 14 to be reviewed at the May 30 meeting. Post-festival financial reports, along with payment, must be received by Sept. 26.

The festival committee is also making a change in its meeting schedule. Past meetings had been conducted on the first Wednesday of each month. This year, they will be held on the last Wednesday of each month. Dates for this year are March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26 and Nov. 14.

Charity run

On April 16, Michael Licata of Plymouth will lace up his running shoes to participate in the 12th-annual Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. Licata, along with runners from 20 other states, will run Massachusetts' historic 26.2 miles (the Boston Marathon) from Hopkinton to Boston to raise \$2.3 million for cancer research.

By raising a minimum of \$1,500 each to be a team member, DFMC runners are

funding the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Since the DFMC's inception in 1989, runners have raised more than \$10 million for the Barr Program, founded in 1987 by Jacksonville Jaguars owners Wayne and Delores Weaver to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

To contribute to Licata's run, send a check made payable to DFMC to: Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, 152A Trapelo Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, and indicate the contribution is for Michael Licata. For more information, call (781) 259-8881.

Children's book

The Penniman Publishing Company, looking to make it big in the world of children's literature, has released its first children's illustrated book, *There are 508 Stars in the Sky*. This delightful story is about two young girls who set out on a backyard adventure to answer one of nature's great wonders: How many stars are in the sky?

There are 508 Stars in the Sky can be purchased at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in downtown Plymouth and through the Internet at Amazon.com.

The Penniman Publishing is currently working on other children's titles. Soon to be released: *Smart Fish Lake* and *What Do You Want to Be?*

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City gets mixed bag of resumes

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Plymouth city commissioners are expected to narrow their search for a city manager tonight when they meet with their consultant from the Michigan Municipal League.

As of Tuesday, 40 resumes were received at City Hall as the result of a nationwide search, the second since David Rich left the position last July.

"We're expecting the consultant to narrow the field down to 3-5 candidates, who we will interview on the 29th (of March)," said Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

One of the criteria set forth by

commissioners when they met with consultant Bill Baldrige last month was to have candidates with previous city manager experience. Of the 40 resumes, only 16 have current public sector positions, while the remainder are from the private sector, according to Acting City Manager Paul Sincov.

Of those private sector candidates, five are from Plymouth or Plymouth Township. It's the first time during the search that Plymouth-area candidates have applied for the position.

There are at least two resumes from candidates who applied during the last search. And, the list of candidates stretches across the United States, from

New Hampshire to California. The level of experience ranges from current city managers to one candidate who owns and operates his own cleaning business. Only two of the 40 candidates are women.

When commissioners conducted their previous search last summer, they received 53 resumes. Commissioners interviewed eight candidates, and then were unsuccessful in attempts at reaching contract terms with four of them.

The city's cost for the MML consultant and search process is 10 percent of the base salary of the selected candidate. The city advertised the position as paying between \$65,000-\$90,000.



My serve: Just before sitting down to dinner, Cole Jarrett hands a Coke to teammate Steve Weiss.

Library ticket sale closes out Sunday

Area literary fans have just a few days to book time with one of Michigan's leading publishers.

Brian Lewis of the Chelsea-based Sleeping Bear Press is the keynote speaker for the 15th Author Luncheon hosted by the Friends of the Canton, Plymouth, Novi and Northville libraries.

Ticket sales for the April 5 luncheon at Fox Hills Country Club close Sunday.

The event is sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and Hometown Newspapers, both part of the HomeTown Communications Network.

There are plenty of tickets available, particularly at the Canton Public Library, said Diane Geddes, committee chairwoman. Tickets at \$20 each may be picked up at any of the libraries through the weekend.

Lewis is the first publisher to be a luncheon

speaker. Previous speakers have included Michigan-based authors such as Judith Guest and Mort Crim.

The son of a publisher of technical manuals, Lewis founded Sleeping Bear Press in 1995 when he couldn't find a publisher for a 62-year-old golf manuscript, *The Spirit of St. Andrews*. That success led to a series of books ranging from regional sports to children's titles.

The publisher is scheduled to release a cookbook by well-known chef/restaurantier - not to mention television *Survivor* - Keith Farnie the day after the luncheon.

For more information, call the Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, or the Canton Library, (734) 397-0999.

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old daughter, a 19-year-old son and a 16-year-old daughter.

"They (Stephen and Cole) are great kids. They get along really well with my family," she said.

"It has taught my kids how other kids live. Also, they see others driving very hard for success," she said.

"They are such nice kids. They are a real positive influence on my kids," Tom Alberty said.

Rose Alberty said the experience has also taught her children how to get along and adjust to others. "This is important for when they go off to college."

She tries to provide a home environment similar to what the boys would have in their own homes. This includes doing the mountain of laundry generated by her extended clan.

Weiss and Jarrett are not expected to do household chores, as some billeted players are.

"You have to provide an environment where they don't have a lot of pressure," Tom Alberty said. "We try to provide a loving caring environment where they can excel."

He said the athletes are exhausted by their schedule of games, practices, and school work.

The one thing Alberty insists upon is that the whole family eat dinner together every night.

Family dinners have always been the norm in the Alberty home. "It unites us, and makes them feel like a part of the family," he said.

"They're very active boys. I make a complete dinner every night," Rose Alberty said.

And pre-game meals are always the same: pasta and

■ 'They are such nice kids ... a real positive influence on my kids.'

Tom Alberty
—Host dad

chicken. "Hockey players are very superstitious," she said with a laugh.

Rose Alberty is also their biggest fan. So far she has never missed a Whalers home game. "Knock on wood," she said.

Tom admits, "I wasn't a real hockey fan until this - now we go to every game."

The Albertys are in their fifth year of hosting Whalers players in their home.

Weiss and Jarrett are staying with the family for a second year, and will likely be billeted at the Alberty house next year.

"They become a part of your family and a part of our lives," she said. "To see them graduate from high school is a really big thing."

"We are seeing them succeed and grow-up," she said.

Tom Alberty agreed. "They call it 'billeting', but you are really raising two extra sons."

Alberty said she is saddened when the players go home for the summer.

"You bond with them. I am sure we will know them all of our lives," she said.

The Alberty's own Rosie's Romper Room - a Canton child care center. Their flexible schedule makes it easier to host teens in their home.

There is also an added bonus when Weiss and Jarrett drop by the day care center.

"It's great when the kids come by here. The kids get so excited - they are like heroes to these kids."

Barry and Judy Chabala of Canton are hosts to Whalers player Chad Wiseman.

"He's just a great young man - I love him to bits," she said.

The family has opened their home to four players in the past two years.

"It's been a great experience," she said.

The Whalers games take on a whole new dimension for the Chabalas. "We hear and see the game through the eyes of a player."

Wiseman is a native of Burlington, Ontario, and brings his experiences to their home. "It enlightens us," she said.

"We love having players here. The hardest thing is when they leave."

Wiseman has already been drafted by the San Jose Sharks.

Steve Spott, assistant coach of the Whalers likened the process of putting players into homes as "putting a puzzle together."

He said he tries to match players with the type of family they are accustomed to.

The families receive a small stipend of \$60 per week for each player they host. "These people are doing it for the love of the game. There is no monetary gain," Spott said.

"You have to be the right kind of person to do this," Tom Alberty said. "You really have to nurture these kids."

Chabala added, "I can't say enough positive about it. For us it has been a fantastic experience."

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creating an income stream."

Carroll said costs related to a drunk driver can include the officer's time, the fire department's effort for the jaws of life and fuel clean-up, as well as processing blood from the drunk driver.

The City of Plymouth is taking advantage of a law that is

already working for drunk driving cases involving the Michigan State Police, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the City of Northville at 35th District Court.

"The restitution package is above any other fines or fees from the courts," said Carroll.

"And, if a person is on probation,

they can't get off probation until it's paid."

Carroll said the average drunk driving arrest and conviction reimbursement will be approximately \$200. He noted city officers handled 160 drunk driving cases last year.

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cost could swell to \$2.7 million, officials said.

The township, which has owned the land since 1999, may qualify for up to \$500,000 in grant funding with the rest coming from the general fund.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann, Clerk Marilyn Massengill, Treasurer Ron Edwards, and trustees Kay Arnold and Chuck Curmi attended the community meeting.

Though residents voiced traffic concerns, Anulewicz said the park wouldn't have "a tremendous impact."

Anulewicz had previously discussed the makeup of the plan with the heads of Plymouth-area soccer groups as well as a soccer expert from the YMCA.

Supporters pointed out soccer is played a few months out of the year and provided benefits to families.

A portion of the parcel's southwest corner has some contamination from a leaking valve of unleaded gas about 10 years ago, according to Mike Bailey, of Dietrich, Bailey, & Associates, the township's engineers. "The plume followed the pipe trench," he said.

Though the contamination

must be indicated on the grant application, Bailey noted it is near a parking lot area.

Some residents expressed concerns about lighting, loiterers and trespassers. Others wondered why a children's play area wasn't a considered use.

"There's a play area at McClumpha Park, one planned at Miller Park, and at Brentwood Park," Curmi said.

Resident Carl Berry, who is a retired Plymouth Township Police Chief, took issue with the intensity of use and traffic, as well as security of the area. "Will the area be supervised?" he asked Anulewicz.

"We are not anticipating it will be supervised," Anulewicz responded.

Berry questioned Mann if the township had the \$1.5 to \$2 million in its general fund for anticipated school field improvement, the M-14 and Haggerty soccer field plan, and development of Miller Park.

"Do we have that money now?" Berry asked. Mann said yes.

Berry called the soccer field plan "a pushed issue" both because a traffic study requested by both Plymouth and Northville Townships hasn't been completed nor have solutions been found

to the problems cited by neighbors.

Developers have proposed both the 60-acre Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park located east of Haggerty and south of Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township and an office park on 21 acres on Haggerty, north of Five Mile in Northville Township.

Residents in both communities worry about traffic.

Ray Sturdy, a Lake Pointe area resident, said his children played soccer. He endorsed the plan with some suggestions. "You will need sufficient screening and landscaping because you will have soccer balls on the freeway," he said.

Resident Bill Martin favored spending money in the Lake Pointe area. "Spend the money in our backyards rather than out on Powell Road," Martin said.

Carol Levitte, a Plymouth Township resident, believes the township is rushing to meet the April 1 grant deadline. "I can understand the rush for grants but give us a breath," Levitte said. "The new soccer fields have been in the works for a very long time. We had years to consider the area."

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ship board tried in 1998, Mann said he wants to improve recreation without dipping into the pocketbooks of township residents.

"I want to see what we can do without raising taxes," he said. "And, I would like to see a program that encompasses every age group."

That is the same sentiment being expressed by McDonald.

"My thoughts have been consistent since I served on the original joint recreation committee. I would like to see the communities offer some type of cradle-to-grave recreation," said McDonald. "I can envision sharing services, like a pool, recreation center and parks."

McDonald has appointed a sub-committee of commissioners Dan Dwyer, Sean FitzGerald and Michele Potter to meet with township representatives to see where recreation issues lead them.

"Mr. Mann and I agree there's a lot more work that can be done as far as municipalities getting together and supporting a community-wide recreation effort," said McDonald.

Mann said he'll appoint a group to meet with city commissioners within the next two weeks.

McDonald and Mann said they'd welcome recreation opportunities that would include the Northvilles. In fact, both have

talked with those two communities about area-wide recreation programs.

"I talked with them twice about Plymouth Township joining an across-the-border recreation program," said Mann. "The options are still open. It comes down to what serves our residents best."

"Joining with Northville and Northville Township ought to be an option," added McDonald. "I've had talks with them, and they're always looking at opportunities to expand recreation. If that means an area-wide recreation authority, then why not look at it? We shouldn't dismiss anything until we look at it."

POLICE BLOTTER

Threats

A 9-year-old student at Labister School on Canton Center Road, who became upset over a basketball game during recess, told other students he was going to bring his Dad's gun to school March 16.

The Youth Bureau was notified. The boy was referring to a bubble gun, police said.

Road rage

A woman said when she stopped her Ford Explorer at Lilley and Ann Arbor Road March 16 a man pulled up to her right side. He began pounding on her window. He kicked her Explorer, dented it, and broke her taillight.

She didn't know what caused the incident, police said.

— Sue Buck

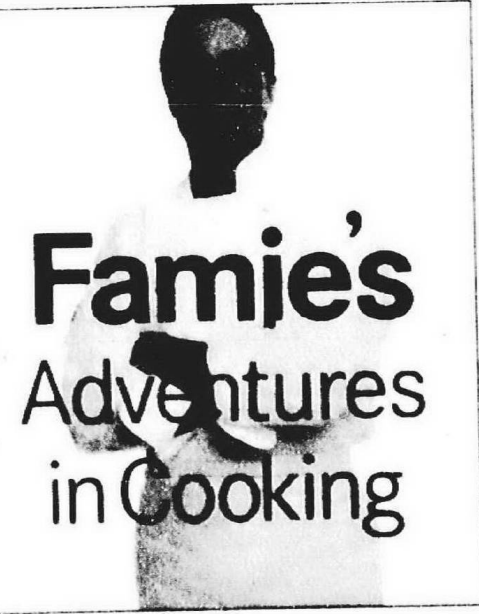
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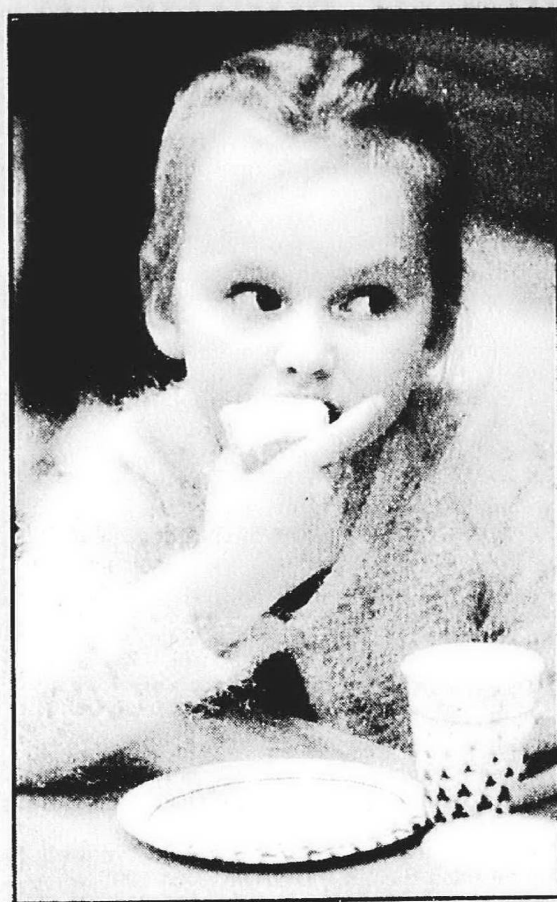
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Hmm, what next: Carlos Agudelo of Farmington Hills, surveys the food choices as his wife Margarita struggles with her plate and daughter Sofia, 27 months. Margarita is an ESL student at Starkweather Center in Plymouth.



Charlotte Zimmer of Plymouth, 5, takes a bite of some cake.

Feeding frenzy

ESL families share global tastes at Discovery dinner

By TEDD SCHNEIDER
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For a few hours Thursday evening, the Auditoria at Discovery Middle School was transformed into the Great Hall at the United Nations — with better food.

The melange of exotic sights, sounds and, most of all smells, was all part of the first-ever International Potluck Dinner for the Plymouth-Canton Community School ESL program. Some 200 students and their families made their way through a buffet line to sample the likes of Japanese Sushi, Russian Serniki (cheese pancakes) and Mango pie from India.

Delicacies from Asian and European countries dominated. Africa was represented with a tin of Ugandan Mandazzi (fried cakes) and there were three different bowls of tabbouleh from Middle Eastern nations.

A few traditional American favorites — picnic pasta salad and "Pizza Pizza"

from a well-known local chain — dotted the menu as well and a second table, filled with cakes decorated to resemble dozens of flags.

"I think (the dinner) is a great idea," said Ari Ginez, a sixth-grader at Discovery. "You get to meet a lot of people and taste food from other countries."

Ari, from Mexico, was busy decorating her cake in red, white and green bars. Her family's contribution of fried tortillas was a popular item with many diners even as Ari scanned the table for her favorite, Chinese food.

At the other end of the room was Phong Cu, who came to the U. S. last year from Nam Dinh, Vietnam. His plate was filled with fried rice and a nearly finished pizza slice.

Phong, 13, was adopted by Tina Lam of Canton and has just received his U. S. citizenship under a new law that applies to adopted children.

The get-together was planned by Sue Shepard, the district's bilingual project director and ESL teachers throughout

the district.

"It's a way for families from the same country but with children at the different schools to meet each other," she said. "Also, some of them may not come to more typical school functions because they are new, or uncomfortable with their English skills."

In fact, Thursday's dinner table conversation flowed freely in several languages. Indian dialects, Spanish, Arabic and English were prominent as parents set out food and helped keep the line moving.

About 520 students are currently enrolled in the ESL program throughout the district, Shephard said, nearly twice the number compared to five years ago. The largest concentrations are from Arabic-speaking countries, as well as India, she said.

In addition to speaking and writing skills, there is a lot of cultural "sharing" in the classroom, said teacher Michelle Allen. Allen teaches at Eriksson, Bentley and Field schools, as well as Ply-

mouth Canton High School, where there are about 50 students enrolled in ESL classes.

"We spend a lot of time educating the kids about American culture and we pick up a lot of information about theirs — sometimes by surprise."

For example, the art of making Halloween jack-o-lanterns out of pumpkins was literally foreign to most of her elementary students, Allen said. "When they had to smell the pumpkin or scoop out the seeds, you could it in their faces."

Marge Lemkuhl, who teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth, said even the cake decorating exercise had a few pitfalls. "Some kids wanted to use kiwi or cucumbers but we didn't think that would go over very well," she said.

Squirrel

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water, and then decides he wants to go home. "The next morning we find him just running all around like a frenzied cat," Alley said. "He can't wait to get back outside."

She stresses the animal is not tame. "He is habituated to humans, but he is still a wild animal," Alley said.

The squirrel doesn't even budge from the feeder when employees go to and from the back of the store. "He won't move when you go in and out the back door," Phillips said.

Alley said squirrels will typically construct from one to five separate nests for shelter and food.

The Squirrel Master's story is just an example of what she sees as a larger problem. "People just don't realize the impact construction has on wildlife — they don't understand," Alley said.

Her employer shares that concern. "We concentrate so much in the development of business that we push the wildlife out," Phillips said.

When asked why the fate of one homeless squirrel was important, he replied, "A lot of times in life you don't get to pick and choose your opportunities to help. This one was staring me right in the face."

"Here was an animal that could have been potentially starved-out, and Gary did something for him," Alley said.

The cold Michigan winter can be very hard on wildlife, Phillips said. "This year we have had desperately cold weather. My squirrel feed sales have doubled this year."

His business sells a variety of food and feeders for birds and small wildlife.

Phillips likes the idea that his store can serve as a refuge for a wild animal.

"It is nice that a commercial business can be a part of the ecosystem," he said.

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the controversial issue to a referendum vote.

Across the border in Plymouth Township, in typical neighborhood style, quality-of-life topics were spawned in sidewalk conversations. These included not only talk about Johnson Controls but Salem Township's growth management plan and its newly created urban services district. The district, of which Johnson Controls would be a part, is designed for larger development and may include research and development in the future.

Salem Township has grappled for years to create such an area in an attempt to preserve its rural atmosphere in other parts of the township. The urban services district lacks utilities like water and sewer, vital for business development.

"We're pretty much rural," said Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti. In one sense Roperti says both Plymouth and Canton Township, which developed quickly, "gave away the store."

When it comes to development philosophy Roperti finds more in common with adjacent municipalities like Superior, Northfield and Ann Arbor Townships, which still have farm and agricultural concerns.

The Plymouth Township residents said they appreciated the tone of congeniality and spirit of cooperation when they came to Salem Township meetings. Its board and planning commission members listened.

Though Salem Township officials tucked that urban services district into an optimum corner of its township, Plymouth Township residents say it has raised questions of traffic and access points.

"I don't fault Salem Township," said Falzon, who has three children under age 5. "They designed it for an out-of-the-way corner but this puts it into our backyard, a community of young families. We aren't going to let it rest or take it lightly. This is an opportunity to do it right. We don't know what will end up there. It's a pretty loaded issue for Salem Township."

Gail Levens, another Country Club Village resident, went to last week's Salem Township planning commission meeting to get questions answered for everybody. "We wanted to know what was going in there," Levens said. "We asked questions but there are no answers yet. We just want information."

Levens has both a 2- and a 4-year-old child. "We have a big play group in the neighborhood," she said.

Wetlands, congestion, dumping and aesthetics aren't traditional "play group" topics, but these parents are keeping abreast of current events.

The Plymouth Township neighbors plan meetings of their own as they form a homeowners group, Falzon said.

Date set for driver training sign-up

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools announces that Saturday, March 31, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Canton High School Cafeteria registration for the Driver Education Program-Summer 2001, will take place. This will be the only registration day.

If a student/parent cannot register on this date, someone else may register for that person. Registration is scheduled for students whose birthdates fall between June 18, 1983 and Nov. 16, 1986. Only these students will be eligible for this summer's driver education program. All of the pertinent information (registration times, session dates, attendance policy, etc.) is included on the registration form which must be completed and returned on Saturday, March 31. Registration forms were distributed to students at the beginning of March.

Additional registration forms can be picked up in either the Canton or Salem High School general offices. This year there is a charge of \$250 for this program payable at registration. This includes a workbook. Contact the Driver Education Department, Plymouth Salem High School (734)416-7809.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Zach Shemon, 17, is Plymouth's Carrier of the Month for March. The son of Sharon and Dan Shemon, he has one brother, Aaron, 20.

An 11th grader at Plymouth Canton High School, his favorite subject is chemistry. His plans are to attend the University of Michigan and study economics and music. He enjoys music, cars and sports. He sits first chair saxophone in the Plymouth Canton Wind Ensemble, All-State Band at Interlochen and the U-M Youth Band and received honorable mention in the Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist.

He likes the freedom of being able to work within his own schedule. He enjoys working with people, time management and money management. He feels it benefits the youth by getting to know all the neighbors and it's a good way to save up money.



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Company sells stock to fund new bank

Plymouth Financial Corporation recently announced the successful sale of \$8 million in common stock to fund capital expenses relating to the opening of New Liberty Bank.

Founded in 1998, PFC of Plymouth, Mich., is the bank-holding company for New Liberty Bank.

Scheduled to open this spring, New Liberty Bank will represent the first independent, community-owned bank in the Plymouth area in nearly 50 years.

PFC's sale of 800,000 shares of common stock concluded December 15, 2000. Nearly 200

investors signed on as owners of this new, neighborhood financial institution; the majority are Plymouth-area residents.

"An independent, community bank like New Liberty Bank is long overdue," explains Michael D. Weaver, chairman of PFC and the president/CEO of New Liberty Bank. "We're extremely excited about our investors' response to New Liberty Bank and its future."

Weaver, along with William Graham, treasurer of PFC and vice president and chief financial officer for NLB, and their management team of banking

professionals bring nearly 70 years of Plymouth-area banking expertise to the new venture.

New Liberty Bank will serve both business and individual clients. Locally-owned and operated, New Liberty Bank is poised to redefine neighborhood banking by emphasizing seasoned, local management; personal, one-on-one service and vast community knowledge.

As part of its state charter status, New Liberty Bank will acquire the downtown Plymouth branch of Peoples State Bank (PSB), which has approximately \$17 million in current

deposits. All of the key management and staff of PSB/downtown Plymouth will be a part of New Liberty Bank.

Weaver says he anticipates a smooth transition. New Liberty Bank will initially open in the current downtown Plymouth location of PSB, 245 N. Main St., until NLB's new main office is complete.

For more information, please contact Karen Hogan at (616)863-0009 or Michael Weaver at (734) 354-0516.

CAMPUS CLIPS

DEAN'S LIST

The following students from Plymouth have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 term: **Christina Brian, Zachary Bux, Lauren Gutowski, Nina Hundley, Katherine Porter, Stefanie Sennett, Bree Stokanovich, Stephen Vankerkhove, Sara Wacławek, Carrie Smith, and Jennifer Thomas.** The following students from Canton have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 term: **Derek Calzadillas, Brian Franz, Brian Haas, Bree Loverich, Melanie Mikosz, Anthony Riggs, Michael Riggs, Angela Space, Kevin Stone, Kimberly Truzzi, Joseph Tychevicz, Jared Vidovic, Candice Wallace, Scott Siediaczek, Timothy Sisler, Virginia Haddad, Carla Kittler, Carey Lawson, Jason Lee, Maureen McEachern, Jessica Montgomery, Jessica Saskevitch, and Angela Caton.**

Andrew Oleszkowicz of Plymouth has been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 term for Alma College. Students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term while carrying a minimum of 13 credits.

The following students from Canton have been placed on the Dean's List for Grand Valley State University for the fall 2000 semester: **Kristie J. Good, Katy B. Grainger, Adam J. Podolan, Dawn M. Putnam, Scott P. Setlock, Kristen D. Thomas, Kellie A. Titus, Jennifer E. Wrobel, and Kimberly A. Yount.** The following students from Plymouth have been placed on the Dean's List for Grand Valley State University for the fall 2000 semester: **Marueen E. Kearney, Michael C. Kress, and Christopher J. Pocock.**

The following students from Plymouth have been placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester at the University of Detroit Mercy College: **Sherry Bowerman, Amy Dupula, George Kithas, Frederick Klein, Timothy McKernan, and Frank Zolanski.**

Jeremy M. Bauer, son of Joe and Debbie Bauer of Canton, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the fall semester.

Nicholas C. Farrell of Canton has been named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont for maintaining a 3.0 GPA and who are in the top 20 percent of his class.

HONORS

Rebecca Lobenherz, daughter of Jan Lobenherz from Plymouth, has been named a United States National Award Winner in History & Government and Science. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. Becky is currently a junior at the high school and is ranked 1 out of a class of 552 students.

Alma College sophomore **Jaclyn Bernard**, daughter of Alan and Madonna Bernard of Canton, is currently studying at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Alma's study abroad program offers students opportunities to learn through immersion and to broaden their educational experience.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Paul A. VanDeVen, son of Anton and Julie VanDeVen, a Northwood University senior from Canton, was granted the Martin E. Goldman Memorial Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year.

GRADUATES

The following students from Canton received degrees from Western Michigan University in December and the end of the fall session of the 2000-01 school year: **Lisa M. Blackmer, Owen Carl Carter, Christopher B. Curry, Martin A. LaPorte and Joshua B. Tolbert.** The following students from Plymouth received degrees from Western Michigan University in December and the end of the fall session of the 2000-01 school year: **Elizabeth Erin Fry, Megan E. Harvey, and Sarah Pratt.**

Vicki L. Vensel of Plymouth, has fulfilled requirements for a bachelor of arts degree from Concordia College. She graduates with a major in Health Care Administration through Concordia's accelerated degree completion program.

East Middle School students take part in math competition

East Middle School students recently competed at two math competitions in the Detroit area.

Two teams were sent to the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan to compete in the annual Detroit Metro Math Counts competition.

Seventh graders John Zhou and Dan Pan and eighth graders Josiah Bode, Jean Xu, Megan Beems, Jennifer Sun, Elizabeth

Schellbase and Gulrez Mahmood competed Saturday, Feb. 10.

The team of John Zhou, Dan Pan, Josiah Bode and Jean Xu placed third overall in the competition with Zhou acquiring a ninth place in the individual competition.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, East Middle School was once again invited to send a team to compete in the Detroit Country Day Invitational math contest.

The competition this year was comprised of 30 schools. Students on the East team were eighth graders Megan Beems and Gulrez Mahmood and seventh graders Dan Pan and John Zhou.

"It is an enormous honor to be invited to these contests," coach and math department chairwoman Jennifer Melvik said. "We are extremely proud of the East Middle School teams."

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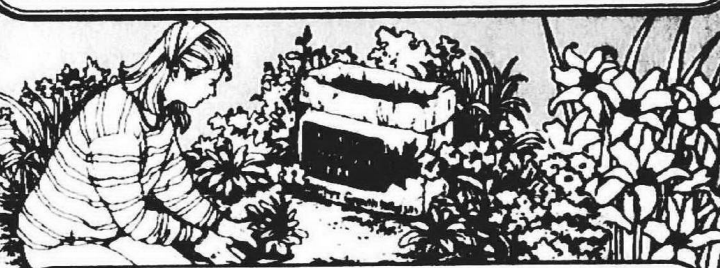
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Schools offered Internet program

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County RESA is offering administrators and teachers in the county's 34 school districts a computer-based education program aimed at helping them and their students get more out of today's new Internet technology.

The program "promotes the educational use of the Internet" in kindergarten through 12th grade "to achieve the highest-quality education possible," stated a spokeswoman for Classroom Connect Inc., a California com-

pany whose programs are already being used in Illinois, New York, Texas and Florida.

The voluntary program permits teachers, through their districts, to subscribe to the more than 60 on-line courses that teach students how to use computers and the Internet in mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

In the process, students "also will learn the technology skills they need to survive in the 21st century," said the spokeswoman.

One key part of the program is the Quest Channel, in which stu-

dents become "virtual" team explorers, traveling the Internet and making discoveries about some of the world's mysteries - and then publishing their findings.

Judith Hamilton, Classroom Connect CEO, said the curriculum resources meet state and national standards.

Annual subscriptions range from \$180 to \$200 per teacher, depending upon how many sign up, according to David Frankel, Wayne RESA technology consultant. Teachers can "sign up for as many courses as they can fit into their schedule," he said.

The subscription service includes on-site, in-person teacher-training and workshops. Frankel said RESA is working to get state board of education approval for continuing education units for participating teachers.

Administrators also can get some training in using technology in their districts, he said.

There is no financial commitment on the part of Wayne

RESA (Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency), Frankel said, although the arrangement could be worth \$1.8 million to Classroom Connect.

"We're just trying to let the teachers know about the opportunity," he said. RESA hopes to sign up about half the county's nearly 20,000 teachers.

Although RESA already offers computer and on-line training programs to educators, Classroom Connect permits teachers to fit the training to their schedules.

However, Skip Blunt, technology specialist for Livonia Public Schools, wasn't sure about his district's interest in the training aspect because the district "has its own in-house training program."

"Livonia as a school district is a little bit ahead of the curve on some of this stuff," he said.

For information, call Frankel at (734) 334-1378 or Dolores Veshka, RESA instructional technology librarian, at (734) 334-1593.

Nankin Mills Center adds evening, Saturday hours

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The Wayne County parks department has extended tour hours at the new Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Hines Park.

The Westland facility, which is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., has now added Thursday evenings until 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 4.

Larry Fitch, parks spokesman, said interest in the new \$1-million-plus installation influenced the department to expand the operation. "We'll see if it works out," he said.

Since its Jan. 13 opening through March 10, the center

has drawn 770 people, he said.

"We're pleased with the attendance," said Fitch, and people have left "impressed."

The center offers hands-on, interactive exhibits telling the history of the Rouge River and its significance in the development of Wayne County and metro Detroit. Plant and animal life and the coming of man, from native Americans through Henry Ford and World War II manufacturing, are included.

Groups are asked to call ahead for guided tours at (734) 261-1990.

The interpretive center was funded by the parks millage and from contributions raised by the Friends of Nankin Mills.

Training grants available

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced last week that 5,067 Michigan workers will have an opportunity to improve their job skills through nearly \$3 million in grants. Twenty grants, funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Job Training program, will be used to upgrade the skills of workers at 20 Michigan companies.

"These grants will help provide Michigan workers with the learning tools and resources needed to improve and enhance their job skills," said Doug Roth-

well, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "Michigan takes pride in its reputation of possessing a strong workforce. Providing job training programs allows us to continue to develop this workforce while addressing the specific training needs of each company."

The funds are provided to local community colleges, vocational-technical schools or other training providers.

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Schoolcraft names writing winners

The MacGuffin, the literary magazine of Schoolcraft College, announced six student winners in this year's College Creative Writing Competition.

First place in the poetry section went to Katherine Kauffman of Northville for "The Pitcher"; second place to Mary Badalamenti of South Lyon for "A Sewing Lament"; and third place to Deborah Clawson Nicholson of Plymouth for "The Band."

In the fiction category, the first-place winner is Jenny Glancy of Northville for "Marla Goes Mental," and second-place honors go to Karen Sutherland of Farmington for "Choices."

The creative non-fiction winner is Pat Quaranto of Canton for "Memories of Dad."

All works will be published in the fall 2001 issue of The MacGuffin. Other prizes include two tickets to dinner theater performances for the first-place finisher in poetry and the winners in fiction and creative non-fiction, \$25 gift certificates to the College bookstore for the second-place poet and lunch for two at the American Harvest for the third-place poet. All winners receive one-year subscriptions to The MacGuffin.

The annual competition is judged by members of The MacGuffin staff. Entries are identified by codes to keep contestants' identities anonymous.

Art Lindenberg, editor of The MacGuffin, says he hopes the competition will stimulate more students to engage in creative writing. "Publishing in our journal is an excellent goal, but even if students don't win, they have the satisfaction of putting together excellent pieces of creative writing and having them read critically," Lindenberg said.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.



Guided tour: Thirty-seven Plymouth-Canton eighth-graders got a tour of the Schoolcraft College campus Monday as part of their Youth Leadership Plymouth program. The day included talks about career planning, and available coursework, and they had a chance to complete an inventory designed to help them choose their career paths.

Students benefit from youth leadership program

Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center on Monday hosted 37 eighth graders for Youth Leadership Plymouth's Business/Vocation and Education Day.

The students toured the campus and heard speakers from Schoolcraft's Business Development Center, Admissions and Career Planning Services.

Representatives from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools talked to the students about career planning and coursework available at the high schools.

Staff from Human Synergistics, Inc., a Plymouth-based human resource firm that markets internationally, offered the participants the opportunity to complete their Life Styles Inventory, designed to look at potential career paths.

Youth Leadership Plymouth is a Plymouth Chamber of Commerce program for eighth graders, modeled after the 5-

year-old adult Leadership Plymouth program. Other co-sponsoring organizations include the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth, and The Knopf Company, Inc., a Plymouth-based training firm.

The 37 students in this year's program come from all five middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton communities, plus students from Our Lady of Good Counsel and New Morning School.

During the first year of the program, the students develop decision-making and communication skills, build an awareness of the community in which they live and are motivated to become active participants in their community. Six all day sessions are held once a month during their eighth grade year.

The second year of the program is a commitment to be

actively involved in community service during the ninth grade when they become active in either Kiwanis' Key Club or Rotary International's Interact Club at the high schools.

Previous sessions have focused on "Team Building," "Learning About the Plymouth Community," "Health and Wellness" sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and "Courts and Law Enforcement" sponsored by the 35th District Court.

The final session of Youth

about the Plymouth cultural options and diversity at The Plymouth Community Arts Council Building. Speakers will come from the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

This year's final celebration will be a banquet for the students and their family members on Thursday, May 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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Physical Therapy UPDATE

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STRIKING UP THE BAND

When exercisers experience pain along the outer sides of their knees, the problem is usually iliotibial band syndrome. It involves the hard band of fibers on the outside of the thigh that extends down to the knee. The band starts at the rim of the pelvis, crosses the point of the hip, comes down the thigh across the outer side of the knee, and attaches below the knee. It helps the hip from moving too far to the outside. Sometimes, the band overdevelops and tightens with exercise and causes against the bone ridge on the outside of the knee as the leg bends and straightens. To remedy this problem, the band needs to be stretched with a knee.

PS: Aside from rubbing hand enough to irritate the knee, a tight iliotibial band also causes similar pain over point of the hip.

Johan Cunniff, PT

Mark Hipsberger, PT

Bob Schoonmaker, PT

**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 16, 2001, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

THE HAMLET PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 075 99 0011 000, 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0001 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 001, 117 99 0002 000, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, AND 120 99 0001 000. Property is located north and south of Proctor Road between Denton Road and the western Township boundary (First Public Hearing.)

**ZONING MAP
SECTION 18 & 19**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 12, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

Published: March 22, 2001

**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, April 5th, 2001 for the following:

THERMAL IMAGING SYSTEM

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

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**"NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS"
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

TO THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRM OR CORPORATION HAVING CHARGE OF ANY LAND IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan must be cut and destroyed on or before the first day of May, the first day of June, the first day of July, and the first day of August in each year and/or as needed and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed. Any owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three (3) days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance #64 of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the Owner or occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and State tax roll or the next general Township tax roll and/or place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense. The Township of Canton may notify by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant as shown on the current County and School tax roll, of any lands on which said noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain a summary of the provisions of this section of the Ordinance. Failure of the Township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided herein or any debt created hereunder.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

Published: March 22, 2001



Exam day: Plymouth-Canton eighth-graders finish an exercise called "Inventory Styles for Adolescents" as part of their Youth Leadership Plymouth program.

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REQUEST FOR BID**

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of Engineering Services up to 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 6, 2001 for the following:

**PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES
2001 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

Specifications are available at the Office of Engineering Services on the second floor of the Canton Township Administration Building. 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 proposal 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

Published: March 22, 2001

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND THE
DEVELOPMENT
OF M-14/HAGGERTY ROAD PARK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, for the purpose of considering a grant application to fund the development of a Township park on a parcel located west of Haggerty Road, north of M-14. The public hearing will be held at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4394.

The proposed development of the M-14/Haggerty Road site includes three (3) soccer fields; paved parking areas with a pedestrian drop-off area; a barrier-free accessible path around the site; one covered shelter area; picnic/play area; restrooms and landscaping.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the general public with the opportunity to make any comments or recommendations regarding the proposed grant application to fund the development of the M-14/Haggerty Road park. A copy of the proposed grant application can be reviewed at the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170-4394.

An application for funding the development will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

MARILYN A. MASSENGILL
Township Clerk

Published: March 22, 2001

OBITUARIES

VIVIAN DEMARAY CHRISTEIN

Services for Vivian Demaray Christein, 90, of Plymouth were held March 17 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

Mrs. Christein was born Sept. 25, 1910 in New Orleans and died March 15 in Ann Arbor. She was a media center technician for the public school system, retiring in 1980. Before she worked for the school system, she was a beautician and homemaker. She came to the Westland community in 1990 from Livonia. Prior to Livonia, she lived in Redford and Detroit. She was an artist and loved to paint. She enjoyed baking, flower arranging, ceramics and traveling through Europe.

Mrs. Christein was preceded in death by husbands Adolf Christein and Maxwell Demaray.

Survivors include daughters Sandra and her husband Jack; Kay and her husband, Edward; sons Ralph (Maggie) and Russell; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JAY E. POWELL

Services for Jay E. Powell, 52, of Canton Township were held March 20 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating.

Mr. Powell was born April 1, 1948 in Athens, Ohio and died March 16 in Canton Township. He was a retired carpenter from D&W Construction Company. He had worked as a carpenter for 33 years. He was raised in Wayne and graduated from John Glenn High School in 1966. He came to the Canton community in 1979 from Garden City. He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local No. 0687. He also was a member of The Disabled American Veterans.

Jay and Debra met in 1975 and married in 1979. He served in the Army during Vietnam, receiving the Purple Heart and numerous commendations. He

was an avid golfer.

Survivors include wife Debra of Canton; son, Jay E. Powell, Jr. of Royal Oak; daughter, Jill (Michael) Tili of Canton; granddaughter, Rachael Tili of Canton; parents, Robert and Hope A. Powell of Adrian; sisters, Roberta Henning of Adrian; and May Seeburger of Adrian; brothers, Allan Powell of Adrian and Kim Powell of Lansing.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or The Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

RITA TURCOTTE

Services for Rita Turcotte, 77, of Canton were held March 19 at St. Thomas a'Beckett Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at the Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mrs. Turcotte was born Aug. 7, 1923 in Detroit and died March 16 in Chelsea. She lived in Canton for 25 years, having previously lived in Livonia. She was a member of St. Thomas a'Beckett Catholic Church for 25 years, participating in the Sta-50 Club and Bingo as well as other church activities. She had worked at Kmart in Livonia, retiring in 1985. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, enjoyed movies and traveling and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Turcotte was preceded in death by her son, Daniel Turcotte.

Survivors include daughter, Mary C. (Francisco) Rodriguez of Canton; grandson, Marc Rodriguez; granddaughters Alisa (Robert) Yeary and Jaclyn Rodriguez; sister, Helen Kapanowski of St. Clair Shores; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

GEORGE EDWARD HAYNES

Services for George Edward Haynes, 64, of Plymouth, were held March 19 in Chapel Hill, Tenn. Burial was at Triune Cemetery in Chapel Hill, Tenn.

Mr. Haynes was born Feb. 23, 1937 in Chapel Hill, Tenn., and died March 14 in Novi. He cut down and maintained trees for

Wayne County. He retired from the county recently. He came to the Plymouth community in 1975 from Redford. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 6695 of Plymouth and the Moose Lodge in Livonia. He loved fishing, boating and working with trees. He played the steel guitar and loved Elvis. He was a loving husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother and son.

Survivors include wife, Clarice of Plymouth; stepchildren, James (Cheryl) Toomey of Plymouth; Jeffrey (Tina) Toomey of Romulus; and Julie (Chris) Yeskie of Plymouth; stepgrandchildren, Kristin Toomey of Romulus and Nicholas Toomey of Plymouth; mother, Lila Haynes of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; sister, Barbara Wingerter of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and brother, Norris Haynes of Manchester, Tenn.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JOHN EDWARD SADOWSKI

Services for John Edward Sadowski, 76, of Plymouth were held March 20 at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Osebold officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Sadowski was born March 8, 1925 in Jewett City, Conn., and died March 17 in Plymouth. He was the owner/president of Denis Enterprises, Inc. He came to the Plymouth community in 2001 from Dearborn Heights. He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford, the V.F.W. Post No. 10,004 in Jewett City and The Inventors Club of Ann Arbor. He invented the Tee-Plus (a Golf tee). He loved to play golf. He graduated from Bryant College in Providence, R.I. He was a World War II veteran, and was a letterman in four different sports.

Survivors include his wife, Doris of Plymouth; daughters, Kathy (Jim) Stedman of Dearborn, Doris (Fred) Bowles of Plymouth, and Denise (Mike) Waldenmeyer of Livonia; son, Mark (Shannon) Sadowski of Winter Park, Fla.; and grandchildren, John, Jim, Danielle, Michelle, T.J., Jesse, Miles and Aaron.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

GORDON L. MCQUADE

Services for Gordon L. McQuade, 74, of Plymouth were held March 2 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. McQuade was born Sept. 30, 1926 in Detroit and died Feb. 28 in Plymouth. He was a 30-year Plymouth resident, previously of northwest Detroit. He was a lifetime member of the

NRA and a past president and active member of the Contractors Specification Institute.

He also was a member of Cor-sillo Ministry and a 30 year member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed trap shooting, hunting and camping in northern Michigan with his family. He was past president of Western Wayne County Conservation Club. He was a graduate of Wayne State University, earning a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. He worked at Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Architects in the Guardian Building in Detroit, Yamasaki Architects in

Troy and Austin Engineering until his retirement in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Mary C. McQuade of Plymouth; sons Gordon L. McQuade, Jr. of Saline and Brian C. McQuade of Alpena; daughter, Karen Deighton of Washington; brothers Garth McQuade of N.C. and Hugh O'Neill of California; sister Helen Barrick of N.C.; and grandchildren, Lauren, Erik and Kirsten.

Memorial contributions may be made to The McQuade Family Memorial Fund, 11729 Riverside Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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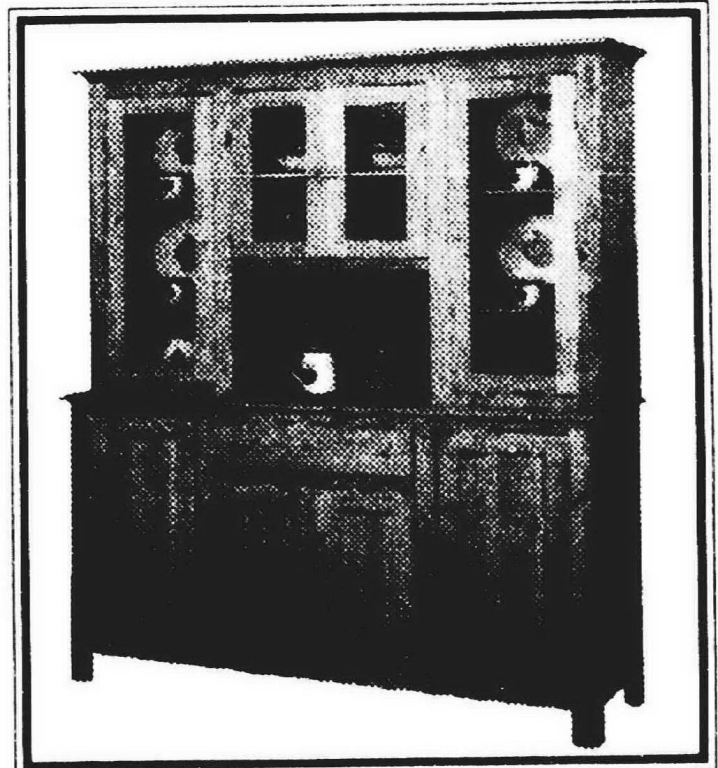
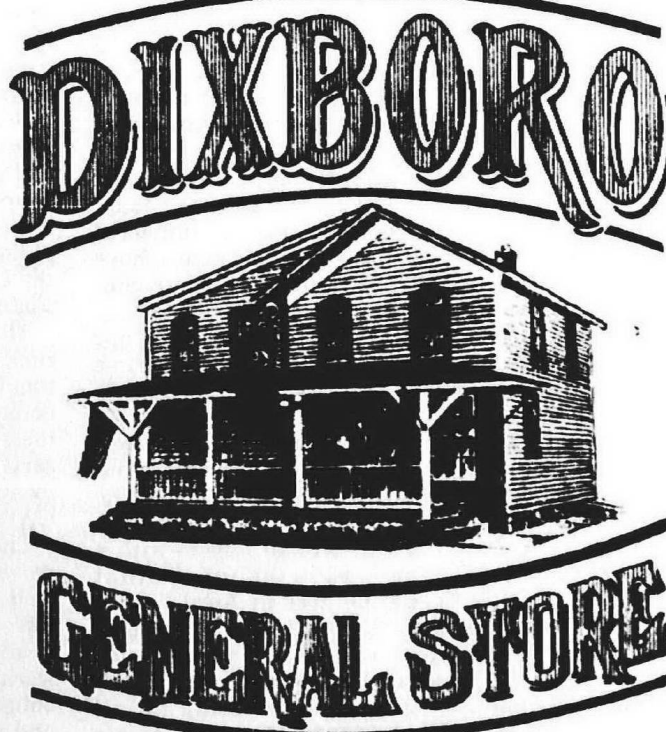
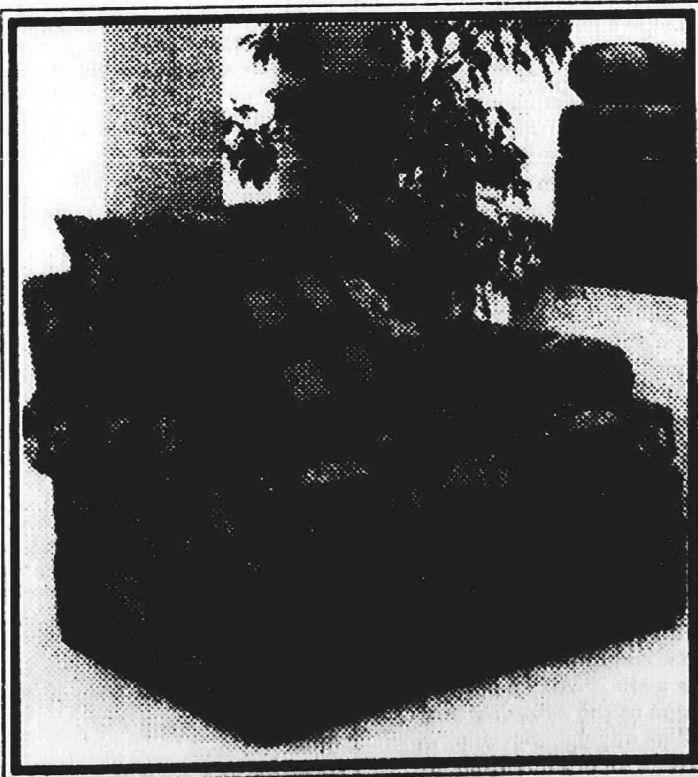
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Township shouldn't just listen, but pay attention

Plymouth Township officials conducted a community meeting at St. Kenneth Church Monday that drew roughly 50 people to talk about plans for a new park on the northwest corner of M-14 and Haggerty.

After recovering from the shock of seeing so many people at a meeting — the township board rarely draws throngs — the board listened to a free-flowing exchange of ideas pro and con about the idea of putting in three soccer fields and, perhaps, a pool.

They listened, but whether they were paying any attention will be proven in their actions. And it's the paying attention part they need to get right.

For the record, we think the idea of the park is a great one, and we commend the board for moving in that direction. Recreation was clearly an issue for township voters in the last election, and new Supervisor Steve Mann acting quickly to implement some programs shows he listened.

The board is acting under an April 1 deadline to apply for grant money that will be parceled out in August. We understand the haste, since the township is hoping to use grant money to pay for about a third of the approximately \$1.3 million package (if they decide to go with the pool/bathhouse option, the cost would swell to \$2.7 million).

But former Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry is right when he says the haste with which the board is moving on this particular park plan could be mistaken for a "rush to judgment."

Residents in the area have legitimate concerns, including traffic, safety and security issues. There's a possible contamination problem. Lighting, noise and loiterers are among appropriate reservations. The township's director of public

services, Jim Anulewicz, told residents Monday the park "wouldn't have tremendous impact" on traffic in the area, but a traffic study requested by both Plymouth and Northville Townships has yet to be finished.

Anulewicz said the township doesn't expect the park to be supervised, meaning no one from the township will be manning the park. So who settles problems and questions? Still up in the air.

Some residents thought a children's play area should have been part of the discussion, but with such areas already existing or planned at McClumpha, Miller and Brentwood parks, it's apparently not part of this discussion. And maybe it should be.

Mann assured people the township has its share of the project cost in its coffers, so money apparently isn't going to be an issue, once the grants are secured.

Meeting the grant deadline date is a great idea, and pursuing that deadline doesn't necessarily mean residents' concerns won't be taken into account. There's no reason both can't be accomplished: plans submitted for the grant application don't have to be set so deeply in stone that they can't be altered as the need arises as the plan comes to fruition.

Mann and others on the board campaigned last year on the idea the township board had become too far removed, too inaccessible and too indifferent to its residents' concerns.

There are doubters who think the township is paying lip service to the residents' demands to be heard. Anyone paying attention to the last election should realize voters have a funny way of determining on their own whether their government officials are paying attention.

Sincock should reconsider

With some officials casting a negative eye toward the list of applicants for the vacant city manager position, we'd like to reiterate a position we've taken in the past and urge assistant city manager Paul Sincock to throw his resume into the hat.

Sincock has been doing the job — and doing it well — since former manager Dave Rich left last summer. He's devoted more than 22 years to this community, knows the job inside and out and instantly brings something the city commission has been craving in its seemingly never-ending search: stability.

Sincock has been reluctant to put those 22 years of experience on the table, with a natural fear of suddenly being employed only at the whim of a commission that has exhibited a tendency to act on its whims. That's not a

knock on the current commission; it's simply a matter of fact that anyone in that situation would be at the mercy of four votes on any given commission.

Rich knew it and frequently used it. Sincock doesn't want to have to worry about it. And he shouldn't have to. Perhaps something could be worked into his contract that provides either a hefty sum of money or a return to his previous job should the commission ever force him out. It'd be an odd clause, but not unworkable.

The search has gone on long enough; too long, in most eyes. Sincock would give the commission everything for which it searches: stability, experience, knowledge, quality of character.

Now they just have to convince Sincock.

Schoolcraft's McDowell will be tough to replace

Schoolcraft College has begun the process to hire a replacement for retiring president Dr. Richard McDowell.

The longest-serving president in Schoolcraft College's history, McDowell will leave behind a 20-year legacy of accomplishment. McDowell has enhanced Schoolcraft's campus and its academic reputation, moving it into the front ranks of community colleges.

The \$7.8 million student services building at Schoolcraft already bears his name, testimony to the respect he has developed from board members, the academic community and the community at large. This spring, Schoolcraft will break ground for a \$27-million expansion of its Waterman Campus Center, which will include a state-of-the-art information technology center.

Community colleges have been an increasingly important segment of the post-secondary education picture. Community colleges have taken a leadership position in developing specialized career and high-tech, computer-centered programs. Schoolcraft's culinary arts department has won a national reputation. Its business, continuing education and technical programs are also winning national praise.

During McDowell's administration, the college has earned back-to-back 10-

year accreditations from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The most recent was awarded last month.

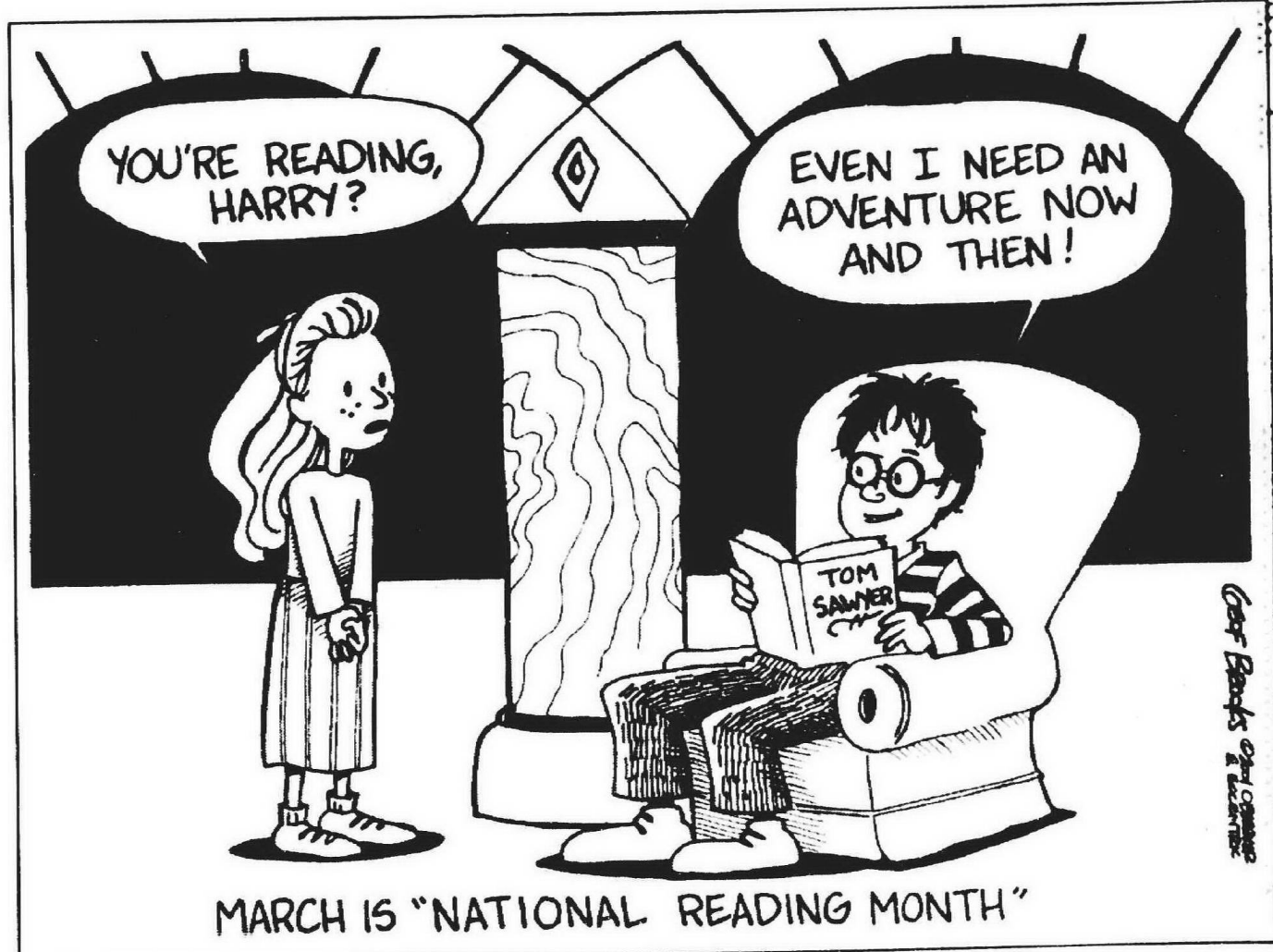
McDowell was also a major force behind the Schoolcraft College Foundation, which provides Schoolcraft scholarships and supports instructional initiatives. The endowment has grown to \$10 million.

McDowell is respected in his profession and in the community. In 1988 he was named one of the top 50 community college presidents. In 1997 he was named Livonia's First Citizen.

Trustee Greg Stempien told McDowell that his decision to retire was "good for you, but tough for the board." Indeed, McDowell's career has provided the board with a difficult challenge.

We expect the Schoolcraft board to take its time in evaluating potential candidates and are confident that they will select someone to build on the strong foundation that McDowell has created.

McDowell will continue to be an active Livonia citizen, but he plans to spend these cold winter months in a warmer climate. We salute his many accomplishments and wish him all the best in his retirement.



LETTERS

Not a nuisance

The remarks from Livonia attorney Joe Seward regarding Dr. T. Mark Prose's case against the City and others took me by surprise. He opined that a mediation amount of \$75,000 allowed for the conclusion that this was a nuisance matter.

Hogwash! Three mediators of substantial qualifications and experience unanimously agreed that there is a liability on the part of the City. And there were damages!

The amount could be indicative of several other factors besides believing this was a nuisance. Remember Dr. Prose has made more than one attempt to resolve this issue for a token damage and an apology. Money was not the issue. I am certain the mediators were apprised of this fact.

The award at mediation should be a clue to the City that it should carefully evaluate its position.

Carol A. Levitte, Esq.
Plymouth

Ultimate compliment

I have received the ultimate compliment from The Community Crier when I was criticized for wanting more input from the general public and the residents of Lakepointe on the proposed Haggerty Road Park in Plymouth Township.

To be criticized by that newspaper for wanting more input from the public is the ultimate of compliments for an elected official. Thank you Community Crier!

Abe A. Munfakh
Plymouth Township Trustee

Listen to people

I recently attended a meeting about the new park and soccer fields in the Lakepointe area that will be open to all of the residents of the Township. I strongly believe the township needs more recreation and we now have an opportunity to carry out this goal, but we do need to take the time to ensure the people who are directly impacted by development near their homes have a fair hearing to address their concerns.

Not all problems can be fixed, nor should they, but in looking at the time line set by the Plymouth Township Board on this project I do not believe the board is giving the Lakepointe residents a fair chance to air their concerns and then try to fix some of the problems.

This is a \$15 million project with a request for a \$500,000 grant that needs to be submitted by April 1. The township at a meeting in the latter part of February set a meeting for March 19 with the Lakepointe residents, then an open meeting for all township residents March 27 to air their concerns and then fix the problem before they submit the grant on the first of April.

Whether the township board intended it or not, the meeting gave the appearance of jamming it down people's throats and not addressing the concerns, but only patronizing them by having the meeting. Then going ahead with what they intended to do all along.

I'm not totally faulting the board for their feeling to push hard to get more recreation in the township. The township has studied this issue too long and not accomplished anything, but

let's not rush headlong into something that could have serious problems later because we didn't take a little extra time now.

If we do have the \$2 million available in the township budget, as the supervisor stated at the meeting, then let's take the little extra time and fix some of these concerns. There were no problems expressed at the meeting which couldn't be solved quickly, but the residents need to have fair input before a decision is made and be assured some of their concerns were addressed.

Township board members, please take the time not only to accomplish items that have sat too long with no action, but listen not only to special interest groups, but to all of the residents. Recreation is a key issue and deserves to be provided to the entire Township in a well financed and thought out plan.

Also, Clerk Marilyn Massingell has my apologies for accusing her at the meeting of not posting the meeting, which she indeed did. There were five board members in attendance.

Carl F. Berry
Plymouth

A union thing, too

Sometimes in a news story, a misconception is given as to the actual facts of the story. Most of the time this is a simple inadvertent mistake on the part of the writer, lack of sufficient facts on the subject, not interviewing all concerned, etc.

This was most certainly the case in the article in the Feb. 8 issue of the Observer titled "High visibility," regarding community service provided from the Visteon (former Ford) plant. The fact of the matter is that over 50 percent of the community service activities are generated by and driven by the UAW local representing the membership, and we participate in most of the rest.

Granted, they are regarded as "joint programs" by both the management and the leadership of the union. The simple fact is that ideals such as serving the community is much more the philosophy based in the tradition of the UAW as opposed to a company like Visteon or Ford Motor Co.

The concept of "community service" really has no value to add to the bottom line of any company. They have an obligation to the shareholders to increase share value. Taking time to service their community really takes away from that ideal; however, the UAW is actually in that business.

The UAW is in many ways a social movement (as our history proves) as well as a labor organization. Yes, we have an obligation to our membership to ensure adequate wages and safe working conditions, but we have an obligation to the community we live in and work in as well. If we can't fulfill our obligation to the extended community as well as our membership, we will have failed as an organization. We will not fail!

The following is a partial list of some of the things we do on a yearly basis:

- Christmas Basket Program — Christmas dinner for 200-plus families, average cost \$8,000.
- Coats-For-Kids-Program — New coats, hats, boots and gloves for an average of 140 children. Average cost \$12,000.
- Pop Can Collection — Mott Children's Hospital; average \$2,000 a year
- Charity Car Show — Different

charity every year (this year's charity: Special Olympics); average raised, \$4,000.

■ Collect used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

■ Soup can labels for area schools.

■ Sell shamrock's for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, average collection, \$4,000.

■ Employee contributions to United Way average \$90,000.

■ Yearly donations to the Ann Arbor and Detroit veterans hospitals.

Our union meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month at the UAW hall on Joy. Visitors are always welcome.

Roger Caldwell, president,
UAW Local 845

Dave Travis, editor, Our Union Writes, UAW Local 845

Where was report?

I find Mr. Power's column of March 15 rather intriguing, especially the portion regarding with the state's economy and the shortage of skilled workers in the next 3-5 years.

Is that not what Spencer Abraham predicted in his losing campaign for reelection to the U.S. Senate? Mr. Power offers no solution, but Senator Abraham did, and for that — along with the fact that he was a Republican — the UAW poured millions of dollars to help elect his opponent.

It seems that to the UAW any thought, idea or suggestion from anybody but a Democrat is automatically wrong, incorrect, repugnant and not worth considering. Most interesting is the fact that the UAW also offered no solution. Could it be they didn't believe it because a Republican predicted it?

Since I find it hard to believe that these prestigious economists just finally came to this realization when Senator Abraham recognized it and predicted it months ago, I am wondering where was this forecast during the campaign and why wasn't it published?

Was the media also so determined to defeat Senator Abraham that they held it back until now rather than substantiate the senator's prediction and possibly help re-elect him?

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Youngsters know next to nothing about economics

As most parents who have tried discussing budgeting with their kids know all too well, most high school seniors know next to nothing about economics.

Here's how abysmal the ignorance is, according to the National Council on Economic Education: Only 34 percent know that money loses its value through inflation. Less than 60 percent understand that when demand for a product goes up but the supply doesn't, the price is likely to increase. Around two-thirds do not know the stock market works to bring people who want to buy stocks together with people who want to sell them.



Phil Power

Just how dangerous economic illiteracy can be to our kids was demonstrated in the news headlines last week:

■ Stock exchanges tumbled. The NASDAQ dropped 62 percent below its all-time high, closing below 2,000 for the first time since December 1998. The Dow industrials also tumbled, closing below the 10,000 mark for the first time in years. Kids who are leaving school and going to work will have to start making personal decisions about 401(k)s and IRAs, but they don't have the foggiest idea what a bear market is or how to make informed investment decisions.

■ DaimlerChrysler laid off 2,700 white-collar workers. Unemployment in Michigan jumped a full 2 percentage points, putting our out-of-work numbers above the national average for the first time in five years. Up to now, the main question for kids leaving school was which job to pick from the pages of help wanted ads in the newspaper. But today's kids have no idea how to manage their careers in a time of rising unemployment, much less an understanding of the kinds of skills needed to qualify them for good paying jobs.

What's odd about all this is that while 96 percent of Americans think economics should be taught in the schools, only 13 states require students to take an economics course to graduate. Michigan is not included.

Many of our high schools do offer economics courses, and Michigan started last year to test economics (along with history, geography and civics) in the social sciences part of the MEAP test. But many Michigan teachers admit econom-

ics is the subject most lacking in their professional preparation, and most experts think course materials need improvement. Not surprisingly, less than a quarter of the 11th graders who took the MEAP test met the standard.

Just in time, now comes an outfit called the Michigan Council on Economic Education, a non-profit group based at Walsh College's Novi campus. Headed by an MSU economics education Ph.D., David Dieterle, the council is in the second year of a five-year program to increase and improve economics education in Michigan high schools.

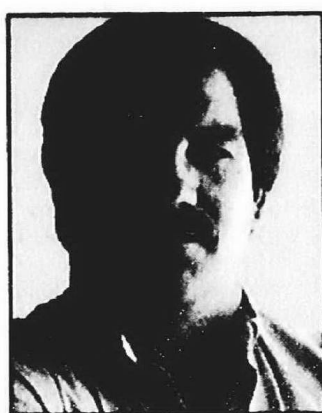
Kids learn about personal budgeting and investing through a Web site, appropriately enough called "The Mint." Kids and teachers learn about the mysteries of the stock market by playing "The Stock Market Game." Teachers get generalized but up-to-date support materials through www.economicsamerica.org. The council offers Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for Economics, where a teacher can click on a given benchmark and get a listing of classroom material appropriate to his grade level; the Web site is www.michecon.org.

Dieterle is careful to make clear his group isn't about to push ideology down the throats of students or teachers. "What we're here for is to empower and inform teachers," he says. "They're professional educators, and our only job is to help them become better professional educators."

It's a sensible approach, as Americans unfortunately tend to shy away from public discussions of two vitally important subjects: sex and money. But if we talked - and taught - a bit more about sex, fewer kids would get AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. And if we talked - and taught - more about money and economics, our kids wouldn't be wandering into the world of adult responsibilities so uninformed and so likely to get into trouble.

Bill Clinton actually had it right when he ran for president back in 1992 on the slogan, "It's the economy, stupid." Today, it's stupid not to learn about the economy and the economic principles that drive it. The Council on Economic Education is playing an important part to help out. If you'd like to know more, Dieterle's office phone is (248) 596-9560 and his e-mail is ddieterle@www.walsh-col.edu.

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Brad Kadrich

Getting called to the principal's office was more fun than I thought

I hadn't received a failing grade on a quiz in a very long time. Third grade, I think.

But there I was Friday, taking a history exam concocted by Judy Evola, Plymouth-Canton Schools' outstanding PR person, and staffers at the schools. It was part of our Leadership Plymouth class, our day of learning about the educational system here.

I was actually doing pretty well, considering this was a "pop" quiz. Even though Judy had sent us material well in advance, I simply reverted to my high school days and waited to cram at the last minute. Still, I did OK for the first half of the test, before hitting a stretch where I missed six straight questions.

I did manage, though, to pull out a better-than-average grade by answering the three extra credit questions correctly. For instance, I knew the district was scheduled to open Dodson Elementary and Plymouth High School in the next two years.

Before settling down to take the quiz, I thought about conjuring up some of the old excuses. "Mrs. Evola, the dog ate my homework" didn't seem like it would work. I also thought about pointing out I didn't do homework when I was actually in high school, but it wouldn't have mattered.

And it was an excellent way to kick off the day, which we spent with our counterparts from the Leadership Canton program. The programs, in case you weren't aware, are used nearly everywhere nationwide to teach students more about their community and prepare them to take leadership roles in those communities.

For only the second year, the classes were combined. Before last year, the logistical and attitudinal problems were simply overwhelming.

"There were some logistical problems to figure out, because Canton meets on Fridays and Plymouth meets mid-week," said the ever-diplomatic Evola, who also allowed as how there were "also some territorial issues."

The two groups eventually meshed (although there was some forced meshing required on the part of tour guides). The first target of our combined voice was Dr. Kathleen Boehr, the superintendent of schools, who made herself available for nearly an hour of what became pretty pointed questioning.

She admitted the learning curve in her first year was a bit broader than she'd expected.

"It's been a rich, full year, and the learning has exceeded any expectations I could have set for a first year," she said.

Having just nearly failed a quiz, I only nodded my head in somber agreement.

The whole day was what school should be about: teaching an old dog new tricks. For instance, like many outsiders, I had assumed (and been told, in fact) that P-CEP (the nickname for

the campus) stood for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

In fact, it stands for Plymouth-Centennial Educational Park, having originally been called Centennial Educational Park during Superintendent Russell Isbister's years in the 1950s and 1960s.

We also got a tour of the park from National Honor Society students Karina Gary, a senior headed to Michigan State University to be a teacher, and Angie Dunnigan, who will go to Brigham Young with the same purpose.

Karina's parents are both teachers; her mother supervises the Salem Rock Cafe, the student-run restaurant that is the product of the district's culinary arts program. I didn't even know the district had a student-run restaurant. (The food, by the way, was delicious.)

Karina and Angie gave us an excellent guided tour, particularly of Salem High School, where they are both seniors. When we got to Canton High School, they were a little fuzzier on some of the intricacies. But after covering politicians who can't say, "I don't know," our guides were refreshingly honest, yet informative. Scratch their political careers.

The day's lesson continued with a panel discussion featuring school board president Dar Watts, new Plymouth High School principal Michael Bee, parent-community council member Marcy Staley and Canton Township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, where we were feted with historical information and current policy.

And the discussion on mentoring, which pits an experienced teacher with a rookie, was one of the more interesting of the day, mainly because of the energy level of Sharon Belobraich of Hoben Elementary School.

I would agree with those who say the day should include more than just the public school district. Perhaps the discussion should include schools like New Morning School, the Christian schools and even Schoolcraft College.

Still, any time you can say you discovered that 15 new schools were added between 1960 and 1986, and currently employs 864 teachers, you count that as a learning experience. Now, how many of you know the name of the first superintendent of schools?

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School prayer has no shot at ending violence in schools

This e-mail, which has been making the rounds in the wake of the Santana High shooting, reached me last week, via one of my favorite conservative correspondents:

To: God@Heaven.com, From: Concerned_Student@Earth.com
Subject: Dear God
Why didn't you save the school children from being shot?
Sincerely, Concerned_Student



Joni Huberd

To: Concerned_Student@Earth.com,
From: God@Heaven.com
Subject: re: Dear God
I am not allowed in schools anymore.
Sincerely, God

Obviously, someone came up with this pithy little exchange to make a point. But

the message being distributed is dangerous and difficult, and about the most un-Godly I've ever come across.

The first few lines reflect a common cry of the human soul whenever anything like a school shooting happens. Everyone searches for a reason, a way to explain a tragedy of epic and unfathomable proportions.

What possessed Andy Williams, a shy teen-ager with a long, sad history in just 15 years of life, to take his father's gun to school and mow down his classmates like so many video game monsters? Was a Higher Power involved in any of this?

I think the answer is both yes and no. It is too simple to say the world has gone to hell because not enough of us have our eyes on heaven, too easy to call for prayer in schools or a reading of the Ten Commandments before the Pledge of Allegiance. Just days after the Santana tragedy, an 8th grade girl shot a classmate. They attended a Catholic school, where prayer is a daily occurrence and religion is part and parcel of the curriculum.

There isn't a "quick fix" for school violence. There's no instant remedy we can apply to children whose hearts are so broken, they try to soothe their pain with death, either someone else's or their own. Sometimes, both.

In his book, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," Rabbi Harold Kushner explains his view that bad things don't have meaning, in and of themselves. They are simply part of the world in which we live. But we can give them meaning, with our responses. When we rage at God, we have wasted valuable time and energy that could be used to heal our own pain and that of others.

Consider the parents of Rachel Joy Scott and Cassie Bernell who died at Columbine High

School two years ago. They have turned their personal grief into crusades of faith. The mother of Jacob Wettlering, a child abducted more than 10 years ago, has centered her life around an all-volunteer organization for missing and exploited children called "Jacob's Hope."

Not only is the "bring prayer back to our schools" argument simplistic, it's absurd. Government can, and should, keep religion and its attendant struggles for power and control out of our schools. When everyone agrees as to the nature and existence of a Higher Power, then perhaps there will be a place for it.

But what force could keep an omnipresent God out of our classrooms?

The second part of this conscience niggling e-mail, however, disturbs me the most. To say, even just to make a point, that God would stop Himself from reaching out to save one of His own children because government officials have "outlawed" prayer in schools sends a terrible message. To assume if we had done this or that, we would be spared pain is the ultimate arrogance. We cannot control God with our behavior any more than He can control us.

The simple truth is that we and our world were created and operate under a set of natural laws, laws over which we have no control. Whether we make good or bad choices, sometimes bad things happen. All we can control is our response to the world around us. We can be inspired and encouraged by the words of a Higher Power, its spirit and example. But saved from harm and pain? Would we really want lives without the depth of understanding and compassion that comes with grief?

We love with more heart when we've known pain, we appreciate joy more when we have known sadness and we celebrate our wellness and care for our health more when we have been ill. We say "I love you" more when we are farthest from those close to us, we value and understand success only through our failures and we find our greatest faith in our most astonishing moments of weakness.

Like Forrest Gump, I'm not a smart woman, but I know what love is. The God my parents taught me to worship is the embodiment of love, not some vengeful force hell-bent on making the world worship Him in a single, specific way. He weeps in our sadness, hates senseless violence, mourns our losses.

And probably wonders, too, what the heck He was thinking when He put us in charge of our own lives.

My heart aches for Andy Williams and his parents, for the tangle their lives had been before all this and the tragedy their lives will be from now on. I mourn for the parents of Andy's victims, those who died and those who will live with the memory.

As I hope they do, I take comfort and strength in the knowledge that I do not weep alone.

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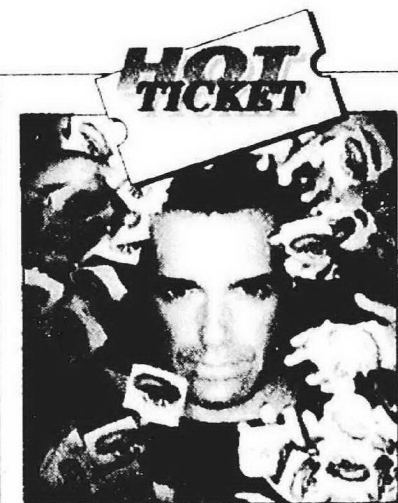
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The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Fantasticks" 8 p.m. at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 students/senior citizens (313) 531-0554.



SATURDAY
Darren DeWitt of Farmington Hills (center) is featured in "A Dance Odyssey 2001: Breaching the Millennium" 8 p.m., Bonstelle Theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10, (313) 577-4273.



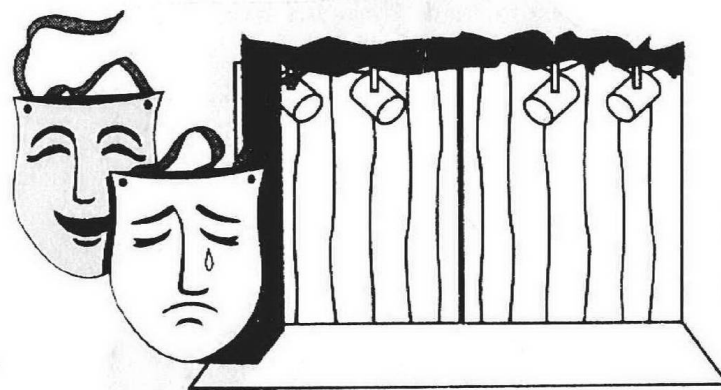
SUNDAY
John Gajec leads the Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra in a 3 p.m. concert at Hilbert Junior High School, 26440 Puritan. No charge.



HOT TICKET
David Copperfield brings his "Unknown Dimension" to Detroit's Fox Theatre, Friday-Sunday, March 23-25. Tickets \$27.50-\$45. Call (248) 433-1515.



Love story: Ernest Thompson's sentimental comedy "On Golden Pond" follows life partners Norman (Ray VanHoeck) and Ethel (Deborah Mornewick) through the ups and downs that marriage brings.



Laughter to tears

Schoolcraft cast presents heartwarming story

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Laughter erupts in the audience as Deborah Mornewick lovingly yells to her make-believe husband Norman from off stage.

"I'm out here, you old poop." Playwright Ernest Thompson uses the endearing term for Norman over and over again as he paints a heartwarming picture of the couple loving and tolerating each other through 48 years of marriage. Mornewick, a Garden City resident, plays Ethel, Norman's better half and the one who does most of the tolerating in the Schoolcraft College production of "On Golden Pond."

The sentimental comedy focuses on the sometimes strained relationships a family endures but tends to ignore until a crisis brings them out into the open. The show, featuring Ray VanHoeck of Canton as Norman, opens Friday, March 23, in the Liberal Arts Theater on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus.

"It's an interesting play and timely because there's such a gap between the generations," said Jim Hartman, director of the college's theater department. "These two mature characters and a 13-year-old are in the process of spending time together and a nice rapport develops. They teach each other things."

"It's a heartwarming story billed as a comedy with serious moments mixed in. It makes you realize the moments of every day are important."

On Golden Pond

What: Schoolcraft College's Theater Department presents Ernest Thompson's sentimental comedy.

When: Dinner theater 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 and 30-31; performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7.

Where: Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Tickets: Dinner theater \$21, performance only \$10. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5457.

Unfortunately, VanHoeck's character doesn't realize life is for treasuring until it's almost too late. A young boy and a heart attack force 80-year-old Norman to examine the troubling relationship with his daughter when she arrives for what could be their last summer on Golden Pond. Henry Fonda played Norman, and Katherine Hepburn, Ethel in the film. Both won Oscars for their roles at the 1981 Academy Awards.

Fun kind of role

"It's a fun kind of a role," said VanHoeck, who played Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice" last season. "The problem is the public is familiar with the film and I don't look like Henry Fonda or sound like Henry Fonda. I'm not Henry Fonda. I have to make it my own."

"Norman's body is wearing out

and he's at the threshold of senility. He's also a curmudgeon. When his divorced daughter brings the 13-year-old son of her boyfriend to visit, the young person fills a role he never had with his daughter."

VanHoeck seems right at home playing Norman, even though this is only his third time acting in a production since he retired from 40 years in banking. At age 69, he's somewhat of a late bloomer. VanHoeck began auditioning for roles a couple of years ago after taking acting classes with Hartman at Schoolcraft College.

"I've enjoyed theater all my life," said VanHoeck. "It can be extremely trying but that makes it rewarding as well as a challenge. In this play I like the nostalgia combined with comedy — the mention of Toll House cookies and fresh-picked strawberries, and the fact there are roles for older actors. There aren't many plays for mature people."

Even though VanHoeck enjoys playing the role, he swears he's nothing like Norman — which is hard to believe because he seems so right for the part. Mornewick, on the other hand, admits she's a lot like Ethel.

"She's a little woman, full of energy, optimistic, sees beauty in everything — especially the small things," said Mornewick. "Norman's more brass and always dwelling on dying. It's a beautiful love story about being together so many years and being opposites. When she sees the changes in Norman after her

Please See LAUGHTER, B2

The Soft Boys are reunited, ready to rock

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Robyn Hitchcock has never gazed at moonlight from underwater. But he thinks he ought to try.

Twenty-one years since the release of *Underwater Moonlight*, Hitchcock has reunited the Soft Boys. Despite his long career, it is an album he considers the pinnacle of his career.

With the re-release of the album on Matador Records, along with a second CD, *And How It Got There*, the Soft Boys are about to return to rock's regular vocabulary.

"Basically this tour is a 21st birthday party," said Hitchcock, during a phone interview from his London home. "It is probably the best record the Soft Boys ever did."

Releasing the record worldwide proved difficult, according to bassist Matthew Seligman. Matador came along. "They seem to be really into what they do," said Seligman. "We just kind of said yes."

Sick of shadows

Underwater Moonlight, a pop-influenced punk album filled with imagery, seemed unusual for the state of music in 1980. "It was to the side of its time," said Hitchcock. "It grew out of the '60s and mid to late '70s, the Punk Era. There was a lot of kind of Beatles denial. (Musicians were) sick of the shadow of the Beatles, the Byrds and the Beach Boys, all the people who began with B. That was the music we'd grown up with."

Rather than deny those influences, Hitchcock and his bandmates — Kimberley Rew, Morris Windsor and Matthew Seligman — embraced them. For Hitchcock, the album represents "the first time I really started to write good songs."

Though he'd been writing for years with friends at art school, it wasn't until the late '70s with the Soft Boys that Hitchcock found he truly had something to say. Those words came in the form of *Queen of Eyes* and *I Wanna Destroy You*, songs like *Insanely Jealous*.

For Seligman, the album represents his first try at recording. "We were quite a poor band," he said, reflecting. "Simple would have to be the word." The album was written and recorded rather quickly, during sessions in June 1979 and again after young bassist Matthew Seligman replaced Andy Metcalf in March 1980.

The Soft Boys didn't have much money. They took to recording in a boathouse in Cambridge. Those sessions are roughly documented on *And How It Got There*. It's an auditory glimpse into the mindset that created songs that have stood the test of time.

"We were working on more complex, bluesy stuff. *Insanely Jealous*, *Underwater Moonlight*, the words hadn't congealed," said Hitchcock.

Seligman laughed and said he's glad the extra CD is free. "There is some

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Positive Vibrations: The Soft Boys reunite and rerelease 1980's "Underwater Moonlight." The band is (left to right) Kimberley Rew, Morris Windsor, Robyn Hitchcock and Matthew Seligman.

SPECIAL EVENT

All that jazz: Dancers move to the music of Dave Brubeck's "Take Five," one of the pieces showcased in "Jazz Blowout."



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Dancers get personal with movement

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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At times, the dancers look like nothing more than streaks of red as they energetically leap across the stage. Then they're seemingly motionless as they slide to the floor.

Members of the audience don't often have the opportunity to watch modern dance like this from on-stage except once a year at the "Jazz Blowout" presented by students and faculty in the Creative and Performing Arts Program at Churchill High School in Livonia.

Jazzy beat

Heartien, a six-piece professional jazz band provides the beat for choreography set to Dave Brubeck's "Take Five," making the audience feel like they're part of what's happening on stage. Up close, the dancers' muscles tighten to form shapes with the body that aren't seen from afar.

"Lots of times dancers don't have the opportunity to perform other than in a regular stage setting," said Mary Murphy director of dance for the Creative and Performing Arts Program known as CAPA. "This forces them to

perform where the audience is — inches from their faces. It's more intimate and involved. The audience feels like they can reach out and touch the dancer (although she doesn't encourage that) and become part of it instead of watching from a distance."

Dancers like Guinevere DiPiazza enjoy the experience as well. A student at Broadway Bound Dance Academy in Livonia, DiPiazza hopes to perform on the stages of New York and LA after graduating from

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Jazz Blowout

What: A concert of dance, vocal music and jazz presented by CAPA.

Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia.

When: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24.

Tickets: \$4 general; reserved on-stage seating \$10 adults, \$6 students. Call (734) 523-8841.

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daughter Chelsea arrives, she says she should have rented him a 13-year-old boy years ago."

At home on-stage

The audience more than likely won't be able to tell this is Mornewick's first production because she seems right at home on-stage as well as with yelling out terms of endearment from the wings. She had never thought about acting until she had to take a humanities class to earn credits for the accounting degree she's pursuing at Schoolcraft College. Like VanHoeck she was much too busy working and raising six children to take an acting class. Mornewick has never performed in front of a live audience before and stepped into the role only two weeks ago. She isn't worried because she's been doing yoga to help her circula-

"I always loved the theater and thought it would be interesting to see how it all works."

Deborah Mornewick
Actress

tion and breathing.

"I always loved the theater and thought it would be interesting to see how it all works," said the 49-year-old Mornewick, who has 10 grandchildren. "It's been a huge learning experience. You can see the reality of living. It's funny but serious. It's addressing the reality of the fact that everybody dies."

At this stage in life Ben Campbell isn't as concerned with dying

as with trying to play the role of a 13-year-old. The 18-year-old Garden City resident is the smart-alecky Billy Ray Jr., who grows on Norman. Audiences who regularly attend Schoolcraft College theater productions will remember Campbell as Edmund in Eugene O'Neill's powerful drama "Long Day's Journey Into Night" last fall.

"I'm tagging along. I'm the typical 13-year-old - squeaky, uneasy, a quick wit with a smart mouth," said Campbell, who will graduate with an associate's degree in theater in May. He plans to transfer to the University of Nevada this fall. "It's fun. I get to wear tight jeans. Norman seems to grow on me the way I grow on and entertain him."

And that will be Norman's salvation.

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Churchill. She's been preparing for a professional career by studying dance in CAPA for three years. CAPA offers Livonia Public School students (grades 9-12) a chance to develop their talents in an intensified curriculum that concentrates on dance, music and theater.

"It gives a more intimate feeling," said DiPiazza. "The audience is right there. Sometimes in a big auditorium there are all these lights in your face and you don't know you have an audience. This makes it real. That's what I love about theater."

While DiPiazza likes all of the dances on the program, she does have some favorites. Murphy and four guest choreographers have set pieces to jazz and popular music - among them Murphy's "Ombre" and "Heather Fontaine's 'Take Five.'" Fontaine is a member of Jazz Dance Theatre and artistic director of Dance Ensemble West.

"Ombre is lyrical," said DiPiazza. "It's really unique. 'Take Five' is very stylized. Another piece uses whistles and repeats patterns and makes use of shapes. There's also clapping and stomping."

Developing technique

Murphy's selection of the works is part of the strategy she uses to prepare CAPA students for a future in dance. Using a ballet-based program to develop strong technique, Murphy then exposes students to various forms of dance. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, dancers study ballet for two hours a day. Tuesday and Thursday are

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Meghan Dolan
CAPA student

devoted to modern and jazz. Since the first of the year they've also rehearsed after school to prepare for the concert, which includes live vocal and jazz music. CAPA voice teacher Barbara Pierce will perform to music provided by Heartline which is led by Murphy's husband James. Murphy was the band director at Churchill until this year.

"Different choreographers give them different styles other than mine," said Murphy who joined the CAPA program in 1986 after graduating from Western Michigan University with degrees in dance and dance education. "Today, you have to be able to do everything from African and hip-hop to swing and Irish step-dancing so they're well-rounded in dance as an art form."

Upbeat

Jazz seems to be the favorite of many of the students including Meghan Dolan, who began taking tap at age 3 in Livonia Public Schools. She's now 17 and in her third year of the CAPA dance.

"Take Five" is my favorite," said Dolan. "I like the music because it's more jazz and upbeat dancing. Dancing is something I love to do. People ask what do you do for fun? I love to dance. It makes you feel good."

Like Dolan, Jessica Reschke cast her vote for "Take Five." Now in her third year of the CAPA program, Reschke hopes to be on Broadway one day. This is her last performance as a dancer at Churchill before graduation.

"It's going to be sad but I'm excited because it's intimate when the audience sits on stage."

Youth arts festival

The audience won't be on-stage when CAPA dancers perform in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Thursday, May 10 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo but Colleen Badgero is excited nonetheless. The "Jazz Blowout" audience won't be able to see the piece the students will perform at the festival but they'll understand why CAPA was chosen as one of only three groups to dance in the gala on opening night. Dancers from all over Michigan competed to perform on the program.

"I'm excited because it's a lot of fun. You learn a lot from dancing with people from different studios," said Badgero who performed in the gala with Dance Ensemble West last year as well as participated in classes. "It was an honor to be in it. You get a lot of respect from other dancers."

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New festival features noise, rock from four countries



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Noise was once a dirty word. Anyone raised on rock and roll knows that was the word your father used to describe that "racket" spilling out of your bedroom. "Noise" implied something misunderstood, strange, fuzzy, wrong or out-of-tune.

So exactly when did noise become music?

A genre embraced in places like Germany and Japan still seems underground, almost cult here. Noise fuses unorthodox artistic vision with pure punk attitude. It's music rebelling against itself, and its often created by homemade "instruments."

David Warmbier remembers the first time he heard noise. "It blew me away," said the musician and former radio show host. "It was intense. I'd just never seen anything like it. I guess I've always been drawn to the extreme."

Organizer of the International Festival of Noise, coming Saturday, March 24, to Detroit's Gold Dollar, Warmbier is also one-half of noise-makers The Hearing Trumpet. He and Greg Hallock, a Redford resident, have been

performing for about seven years. The band developed out of a radio show, *Misanthropy 961* — still heard with Hallock at the helm Sunday nights from midnight to 2 a.m. on Windsor's 91.5 FM. The show began in 1985 with Warmbier creating live radio mixes of experimental music with found-sounds he ran across at thrift stores.

His time in radio linked him to contacts in experimental music across the globe, and Warmbier became a contact for other performers.

When he discovered bands like The Ruins and PAK were touring together and Troum would be in town on the same night, he approached Neil Yee, owner of Detroit's Gold Dollar, and formed the first International Festival of Noise.

"I called up a couple of friends and called it a festival," said Warmbier, a Redford native and Farmington Hills resident.

Yee considers this an example of "people trying to do new things," which is something he's always fostered at his venue.

Ask festival performers like Little Princess and you'll see, noise is about energy and drive more than it is chaos.

Little Princess is artist Davin Brainard, a Livonia native with a penchant for finding noise in

unlikely places. His beat-driven sounds are derived from a genre he calls rhythmic, broken and distorted. Among his favorite homemade instruments is the electric log, which is just one example of how he melds aspects of music and nature. He and musical co-host Warm Defever (His Name Is Alive, Princess Dragonmom) are more likely to be found playing an electric pine cone than a guitar. They've also put cookie tins and Altoid boxes to good use.

"Little Princess started in 1992," said Brainard, 31. "It had a lot to do with working at a record store, being alone on Sunday, and having a double-dubbed cassette deck there and a lot of blank cassettes."

The store was The Record Exchange, once in Livonia and now relocated to Ferndale. Brainard made 10 tapes with Little Princess on one side and The Hearing Trumpet on the other. With no record label to release it, he did his own cover artwork and wrote the words Time Stereo to describe the music. "It seemed important, but it didn't really mean anything," admits Brainard.

Time Stereo evolved into his own label, which also features bands like His Name Is Alive and The Wolfman Band, Davin's own paintings and a host of

assorted items — like your standard must-have monster gloves, camouflage T-shirts and butter-cake-scented incense.

His paintings, often celebrating the childlike innocence of blue skies and puffy white clouds, tend to seep into Brainard's musical endeavors. It might be part of the reason Little Princess is considered "happy noise." He loves it all. What could be more fun than putting your friend in a robot suit sans eyeholes and releasing him into the crowd?

Warmbier is just as passionate. "I love doing it, that's the bottom line. I'm a fan of my music." So it made sense to house an event like this in a venue just as open to showcasing something out-of-the-ordinary.

"The Gold Dollar is so cool about trying new stuff," said Brainard.

Yee said the important aspect to remember with noise rock is to take it for what it is. His advice to musicians in this genre? "If you're gonna have a mic in a vacuum cleaner, when you smash the vacuum cleaner, you need to take it seriously. This is your art."

Not every band on the bill can be called noise. Bands like Japan's Ruins tend to be heavier, noisier rock. Troum will drone, and PAK falls into a prog-



Little Princess' Davin Brainard

rock category. Newcomer Honey-muzzle comes closer to "traditional noise" by 18-year-old John Browning of Marine City. True noise will be provided by Toronto's Knurl and localites The Hearing Trumpet and Little Princess.

"Noise doesn't sound anything like music," said Brainard. "It still has the energy of rock 'n' roll."

The first International Festival of Noise will feature the drum and bass of Ruins, improv rock by Ron Anderson's PAK, the drone of Troum, haunting Knurl, Livonia's own The Little Princess, Redford-based The Hearing Trumpet, and guitar noise by Honey-muzzle, 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, The Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

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Little Princess' Electric Bear

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weird bass playing," he said. "I kind of wonder what I was on."

For Hitchcock, it incites memories of what it was like to write those songs. "I'd be basically staring at something out on the water, staring at a beam of light," he said. That hypnotic state served him well. "Once someone threw a bicycle into the river. It still had a light on. The light shined up through the water from this sort of drowned bicycle."

Such a scene might have been an inspiration for *Underwater Moonlight*, said Hitchcock. He's not sure. "I just had this vision of *Underwater Moonlight*. I might even have heard the title before. ... I imagined these two people going out for a row, two lovers, and then their boat is intercepted by a huge sea creature. Two statues appear where the lovers stood. I remember writing it, but I don't remember then what I was feeling."

By the time Seligman joined on, the band had moved to London from Cambridge and had begun rehearsing at another space near Waterloo. "We were definitely trying to be a punk band when we recorded *I Wanna Destroy You*," he said.

Seligman remembers it as an exciting time. "I think I was very committed. I was very happy

that I made this record. I'd never been to America before." *Underwater Moonlight* brought him to New York for the first time.

The Soft Boys have rehearsed a few times since last July. Most of its members remained in music through the years, working together or keeping in touch in some form. Rew's band the Waves, became Katrina and the Waves and hit with *Walking on Sunshine*.

When the Boys finally came back together, Hitchcock said, it sounded surprisingly good. "I think *Insanely Jealous* is the best song," said Hitchcock. "I've never written anything better than that."

There is a strong contrast between the band today and the low-fi walls on *Underwater Moonlight*. "The edges are much smoother, even if the music is the same," said Hitchcock. Seligman agreed, noting that it's strange to hear it so well-played.

"We never played to an audience," he said in a modest, teasing tone. "We always played to empty rooms."

When the Soft Boys hit Detroit March 29, the room will be full. The band plans to record the show and broadcast it over the Web. "It really feels like music matters there," said Hitchcock. "The Soft Boys gotta make a live

album in Detroit." Seligman too is looking forward to the show.

"If it's good, everyone will be in

a state of shock, including the band," he 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: "T for 2" opens Thursday, March 29 and continues to Sunday, May 20, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. No performances Easter Sunday. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: *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

HARMONIE THEATRE: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," the off-Broadway interactive theater production continues through April, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$55-\$65. (313) 961-5211/(248) 645-6666

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: *The Phantom of the Opera* opens Wednesday, April 25 for 5 weeks, at the theater, Detroit. \$16-\$68. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* continues to April 15, at the theater, Rochester. \$24.50-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: *Struggling Truths* continues to April 8, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: *Sisters* continues to April 8, at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20, \$15 matinee/seniors/students. (313) 872-0279

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: The hilarious comedy *Noises Off* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, 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 mystery *I'll Be Back Before Midnight* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$11, \$9 Thursday. (248) 625-8811

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: *Fantasticks*, a romantic comedy musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, March 30-31, April 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 and April 8, 15138 Beech Daily, (1 block south of 5 Mile Road), Redford. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Group rates available. (313) 531-0554

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS: *Carousel* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 988-7049

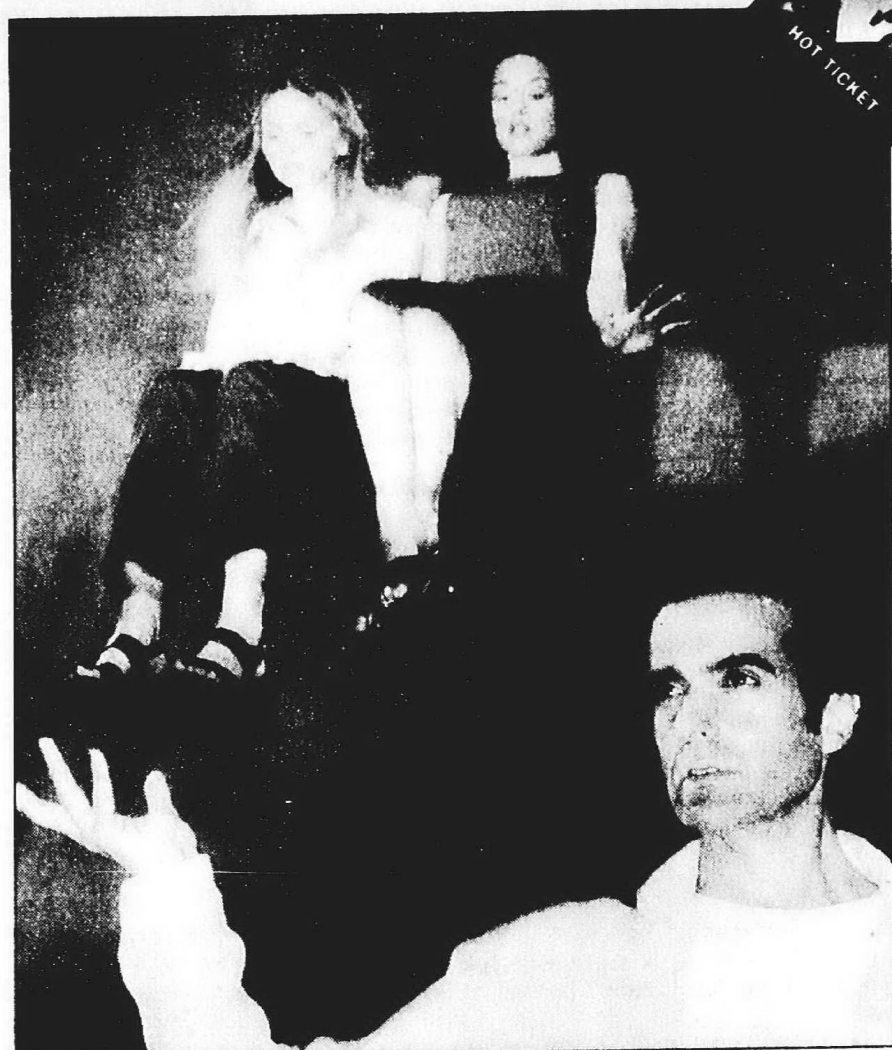
ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK: *Crimes of the Heart* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527. Benefit performance to assist Lighthouse of Oakland County 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 (7 p.m., refreshments). \$50

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: "The Fantasticks" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24 and April 6-7, and Saturday, March 31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 and 8, at the theater, Redford. \$12. (313) 531-0554

VILLAGE PLAYERS-BIRMINGHAM: Agatha Christie's suspense master-piece *Witness for the Prosecution* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, at the playhouse, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-2075 for ticket information.

COLLEGE THEATER

HFCC THEATER ARTS: Black Box Productions presents *The Miss Firecracker Contest* Thursday-Sunday, March 22-25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on Henry Ford Community College's main campus, Dearborn. \$5, seating limited. (313) 845-6478



Electrifying: David Copperfield brings his "Unknown Dimension" to Detroit's Fox Theatre for seven performances, Friday-Sunday, March 23-25. Copperfield's encore for the evening is an illusion where 13 members of the audience, chosen at random, vanish in a fiery blast. Some reappear miles away. Some don't come back at all. Tickets \$27.50-\$45, call (248) 433-1515 to purchase tickets or (313) 983-6611 for show times and other information.

HILBERRY THEATRE: *Picnic* continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10; Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* through April 5; *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh 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

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY: "Cabaret" Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24 and 29-31, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 31, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, and 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 27-28, in Varner Studio Theatre on campus, Rochester. (248) 370-3013

THE THEATRE COMPANY: *Between Daylight and Boonville* opens Friday, March 23 and continues to April 8, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, in McAuley Auditorium at University of Detroit Mercy. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130 or www.udmercy.edu

U-M OPERA THEATRE: Offenbach's "La Perichole" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15 reserved seating, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Wizard of Oz* 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 24-25 and 31 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 23-24, Pontiac Northern High School. \$7, students/seniors, \$6. (248) 656-7730

RISEING STARS: *Midsummer Night's Dream* 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, March 28-30, noon Saturday, March 31, Lahser High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTHUR'S WONDERFUL KIND OF STORYTIME: Features the PBS character and librarian Ms. Page Turner noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in the food court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia.

MIKE DEASY: Guitarist presents a free concert 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Grace Christian Fellowship Church, 29520 Munger, Livonia. (734) 525-6019

AND THE WINNER IS: The Skating Club of Novi presents its annual ice show 7 p.m. Friday, March 30 and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Novi Ice Arena. \$5. (248) 347-1010

BOOK FAIR/YOUNG AUTHORS' NIGHT: Features display of books by young authors, lecture by Debra Golden, children's book illustrator 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton. (734) 459-5917

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Thursday-Sunday, March 29-April 1, most sessions begin at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., separate sections for all levels of players, at the Finnish Cultural Center, Farmington Hills. Reservations no required. \$9 experienced players, \$7 intermediates/newcomers, \$5 students. (734) 480-9055. Call (248) 358-3089 if you need a partner.

CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY: Includes Town Hall meeting Thursday, March 22, at the Southfield Pavilion (\$175), call (248) 355-3700; a youth symposium on diversity Friday, March 23 (free), at the Southfield Center for the Arts. (248) 351-1320; and a benefit concert by Harry Belafonte 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Detroit Opera House. \$20 and up. (248) 645-6666

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

FAMILY CONCERT AND SING-A-LONG: Features Metropolitan Singers of Southfield and the Choristers of St. Genevieve Children's Choir singing more than 20 favorite Disney songs 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Free but donations will be accepted. (248) 424-9022

FIDDLING POET: Ken Waldman, author of *Nome Poems*, talks about life in Alaska, performs his poetry and plays old-time fiddle music, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 for seniors/students. (248) 424-9022

HERITAGE DAY: Demonstrations of Irish storytelling, music, dancing, cooking, genealogy and more Saturday, March 24, at the Ancient Order of Hibernian's Hall, Detroit. (313) 535-4110

REDFORD THEATRE: *Bad Day at Black Rock* starring Spencer Tracey and Walter Brennan 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

SWIECONKA: Polish Easter lunch and performance by the Radomian Polish Folk Dance Ensemble 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the Stitt Post No. 232, Dearborn Heights. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. Deadline for reservation is March 31. (734) 427-8640

EAST LANSING FILM FESTIVAL: Opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, continues through Sunday, March 25, Wells Hall on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing. Screenings 7-11 p.m. Friday, March 23; 1:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24; 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25. \$5 general, \$3 students, (517) 332-6076 or www.elff.com

BENEFITS

ANGELS' PLACE CONCERT: Features Manfred Dreileich, 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

CELEBRATING LIFE: Michigan Jewish Aids Coalition present a musical revue featuring the cast of *Ragtime: The Musical* 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. \$36 open seating, \$72 reserved, sponsorships from \$100 to \$1,000. (248) 594-6522

COMMON GROUND SANCTUARY: Red Wagon Wine Shoppe will host a wine tasting 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. \$35, to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary. (248) 852-9307

DETROIT WALDORF SCHOOL: Award winning Irish musicians and dancers, including Grupai Ceol, featuring Sean Gavin of Redford, National Scottish Fiddle Champion Jeremy Kittel and All Ireland Uilleann Pipes Champion Tyler Duncan, 7 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the Detroit Waldorf School, 2555 Burns in Indian Village, Detroit. (313) 822-0300

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 with a huge array of art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, and travel getaways. Following a sumptuous meal and the live auction, guests can dance the night away to the music of the Couriers. In addition, a putting tournament has been included with a specialty putter as the prize. A preview of auction items will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

FLEA MARKET: The Detroit Historical Society Guild presents a show of antiques, collectibles and contemporary treasures 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8, at Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit. Free. \$1 for secured parking. Vendors can still purchase tables for \$25. To benefit the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Historic Fort Wayne and Historic Moross House. (313) 821-7795

GRANT-A-WISH: Fashion doll sale and charity raffle 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Livonia Marriott. \$5. ldsmith@email.com or (519) 733-3300

HAVEN: Ten percent of the restaurant's proceeds plus all of the tips from the grand re-opening 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, April will go to Haven, a nonprofit organization in Oakland County dedicated to stopping domestic violence and abuse, at Big Boy, 800 North Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 624-2323

LIGHT UP THE PARK: Live and silent auctions, gourmet buffet, music by the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, fireworks display, and opportunity to meet Detroit sports celebrities 6 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Comerica Park's private Tiger Club, Detroit. \$350, to benefit the Atanas Ilitch Osteosarcoma Foundation which will award \$300,000 in checks to cancer programs at local hospitals and a nationally renowned cancer center. (313) 983-6050

SONGS OF TRIUMPH/SONGS OF JOY: The Legacy of Roland Hayes features Indra Thomas, Florence Quivar, Vinson Cole and Mark Rucker in a recital 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at the Detroit Opera House. \$15-\$75. (248) 645-6666. Proceeds will support processing the Roland Hayes Manuscript Collection housed at the Detroit Public Library.

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

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Peace Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-2255

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER: Features soprano Heidi Grant Murphy 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$40, \$30. (734) 764-2538

COMPOSERS' CONCERT: 7 p.m. Monday, March 26 features works by Wayne State University students and composition division director James Hartway, performances by Robert Conway and Catherine Wilson, Flavio Varani, bassist John Paul White, in the Schaver Music Recital Hall, Detroit. (313) 577-1795 or music@wayne.edu

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pianist Leif Ove Andnes, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$52, box seats \$45-\$71. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

LES VIOLONS DU ROY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church, Ann Arbor. \$40. (734) 764-2538

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Series at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, features flutist Alexander Zonjic and Detroit Symphony Orchestra harpist Patricia Masri-Fletcher, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Shrine Chapel. \$15 adults, \$10 students, \$30 or \$20 respectively for concert/afterglow. (248) 706-5355

ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With saxophonist Branford Marsalis 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY:

Cabaret concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free. (313) 538-1652

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and Branford Marsalis, saxophone, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$20, \$50, and \$15 for students. (248) 645-6666

SONNET QUARTET: DSO musicians in residence perform 8 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus. \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013, (248) 645-6666

VOCAL/FLUTE RECITAL: Mezzo-soprano Terry Meerkov, flutist Lori Newman and pianist/composer Enrique Arias team up for an afternoon of music by Bellini, Rachmaninoff and Hindemith 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the Assembly Hall, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 915 E. Washington Street, Ann Arbor. No charge.

WSU WIND ENSEMBLE: DSO oboist Brian Ventura in Concert with the WSU Wind Ensemble, 7 p.m. March 28; DSO cellist Mario DiFiore and University of Windsor pianist Philip Adamson 11:45 a.m. Friday, March 30, Schaver Music Recital Hall on campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1783

OPERA

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN: Canton Project Arts presents "Viva Verdi," a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Summit on the Park, Canton. A lecture on opera begins at 3:15 p.m. \$15. (734) 394-5193

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ACTING WORKSHOP: Gordon Michaels, personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give a workshop covering a variety of topics including cold reading and on-camera techniques, how to get an agent, improvisation, New York versus LA markets, scene study, the actors resume, career consultation, and monologue coaching Friday-Sunday, March 30 to April 1 in Northville. \$250. (734) 261-5354/(313) 727-2383. Michaels has been in the entertainment industry for more than 20 years. He's appeared on Broadway, in films and on television. Film credits include "The Lost World," "Air Force One," "Leaving Las Vegas," and the soon to be released "Texas Rangers."

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: Registration for Summer Camp of the Arts now being accepted, ages 7-11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-July 6, at the Huntington Woods Recreation Center. (313) 965-3544

MASTER CLASS FOR SINGERS: Conducted by baritone Mark Rucker, for high school and college students, at the Detroit Main Library's Friends Auditorium. Free and open to the public. (313) 833-1467

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only, ages 16 and older. Call (248) 552-5001 for audition time. \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ: Auditions for low bass singer, needed for established close harmony ensemble performing in Detroit/Ann Arbor area, requires strong music reading skills and excellent "ear," vocal jazz background a plus. (248) 682-6562

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Female keyboardist/singer needed for understudy role in the interactive theater show in Detroit's Harmonie Theater. Need to read sheet music and chord charts for pop/jazz/wedding music. Acting ability a plus. Equipment provided. Compensated performance. Call for audition (248) 388-2700

POPS/SWING

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

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

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND: Spring concert featuring Vickie Kimler 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Farmington High School, Farmington Hills. Donations. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

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BRASS

BRASS BAND OF BATTLE CREEK: 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$22. (734) 764-2538

CHORAL

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD: Free family concert and sing-a-long, featuring more than 20 Disney songs, with guests, The Choristers of St. Genevieve Children's Choir, 4 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022
VOX HUMANA: Detroit's Chamber Choir present an a capella program of works ranging from the early Baroque period to American spirituals 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at First Unitarian-Universalist Church of Detroit. \$10 advance, \$7 seniors/students; \$15 at door, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 964-2658

JAZZ

BLUES JAM WITH BAREFOOT MARY: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 29 and April 5, and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at Cowley's Old Village Inn, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
REGINA CARTER TRIO: And Renee Rosnes Trio 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Orchestra Hall. \$17-\$47. (313) 576-5111
PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310
TIM FLAHERTY TRIO: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, at Rosie O'Grady's, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163
DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480
LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310
SHEILA LANDIS WITH FRIENDS: Perform as part of the Creative Arts Center's 6-week event titled "Improvisation: A Journey Into Jazz" 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the center, Pontiac. \$10. (248) 333-7849
MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With saxophonist Russ Miller 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

FOLK/BLUE GRASS

KATE CAMPBELL/JESS KLEIN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS
WILL DANFORTH: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690
PAUL GEREMIA: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS
ANDREW KERR/ANNE O'MEARA HEATON: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-TKTS
CLAUDIA SCHMIDT: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS
MATT WATROBA/DAVID BARRETT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

AFRICAN DRUM ENSEMBLE: Music of Uganda, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus. Concert features the new steel drum band and the music of Trinidad. \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013
JIM BUCKINGHAM: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Ancient Order of Hibernian's Hall, Detroit. (313) 535-4110 (Irish)
PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0690 (Irish)
MOGUE DOYLE: 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968
MAURA O'CONNELL: 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS
THE DIGGERS: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968
THE LASH: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DANCE

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Celebrates its 10th anniversary with Encore: A Decade of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. \$22 adults, \$18 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222
JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: Auditions for modern/jazz dancers, age 18 and up, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, throughout March, at the theater, 22715 Plymouth Road, between Telegraph and Outer Drive, Detroit. (313) 534-0301
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
U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984
DANCESCAPES: The Oakland Dance Theatre and Oakland Dance Theatre Repertory Company under the direction of Mariah Malec, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus. \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013, (248) 645-6666
DANCE ODYSSEY 2001: BREACHING THE MILLENNIUM: Wayne State University Dance Company, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, Bonstelle Theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$8 students/seniors. (313) 577-4273

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Tim Cavanagh Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080
DAME EDNA: THE ROYAL TOUR: Thursday-Sunday, March 22-25, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Blake Clark Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at Palsano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
JACKIE MASON: Continues to April 1, at Second City, Detroit. \$35, \$45. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: John Heffron Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900
THE QUEENS OF COMEDY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$75, \$46, \$36. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Mark Coir, director of archives for Cranbrook Educational Community, presents an illustrated lecture on the development of the Cranbrook campus 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the museum. Free with museum admission of \$4.50, \$2.25 seniors and ages 12-18. (313) 993-1641/(313) 833-7939
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: T.G.I.F., an evening of art, music and fun 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 30, view "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," at the museum. Advance \$20, \$15 members; \$25 at door. (313) 833-7900
ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM: "Tables to Treasure: a look at place settings from the past, continues to March 31, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663 or on the Web at www.rochester-hills.org/museum.htm
CHARLES WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: "Retracing our Roots," a historical and cultural hair fashion show 7 p.m. Friday, March 23 (\$20); "Spirit Awakening," a one woman show by LA based actress Akuyoe Graham 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29 (\$20), at the museum. (313) 494-5820

LIVE MUSIC

ADD: Stiff Upper Lip Tour, with Siah's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35-25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

BERNARD ALLISON: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030
ARAB STRAP: Saturday, April 14, The Shelter, Detroit. Details to come.
A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)
BABY AMBASSADOR: With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067
BADLY DRAWN BOY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666
BARBARA BARRETT: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Coyote Club, Pontiac. (248) 332-4695
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
JONATHAN BROOKE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$20. (248) 645-6666
THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Thursdays, Menu Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
BS 2000: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700
LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 27, Motor Detroit, details to come.
AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, April 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. www.beatdownsounds.com (house)
TERRY CLARK: With Jill Jack, 8



p.m. Thursday, March 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030
CLUTCH: Saturday, March 24, Harpos, Detroit. (313) 824-1700
COLD AS LIFE: With Without Warning, Die Cast, God Forbid, 8 p.m. Friday, March 24, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6 general admission. (248) 645-6666
OLU DARA: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030
DEATHGIRL.COM: With The Atomic Numbers, Sweatysuedelips and Blush, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$7, 18 and older. (248) 645-6666
DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030
DELTA 88: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Xhodos Cafe, Ferndale. (248) 399-3946; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 30, Crazy Wisdom, Ann Arbor.
DISCO DISCUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700
DISMEMBERMENT PLAN: With The Climax Divine, Judah Johnson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-9700
DOO WOP REUNION TOUR: Return to 50s and 60s Motown with the Buck Ram's Platters, Speedo and the Cadillac, The Tokens, The Drifters featuring Charlie Thomas, The Penguins and The Shirelles, 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515.

GLEN EDDY BAND: CD release party for Shakin' It Up, Saturday, March 24, Beale St. Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900
EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band)
FASTBALL: With The Atomic Numbers, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030
GOODSMACK: With Staind, Cold & Systematic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666
THE GO: With Neil Hamburger, Wolf Eyes, 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700
GRAND FUNK RAILROAD: With Matt Besey, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$9.47-\$22. (248) 645-6666
DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. Details to come. (singer-songwriter)
DJ MATT HANCHON: Alternative from 1980's and 90s on "Love Factory" Fridays, and alternative dance Saturdays at The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m.; also 13th anniversary on Saturday, March 24 at the club (248) 589-3344.
HAPPENSTANCE: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, The Great Baraboo, Shelby Township. Free show. (810) 792-7397
AL HILL: Solo, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Mac's Acadian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227; 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23, and Tuesday-Saturday March 27-31, Zydeco Louisiana Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; Thursday, March 22, 336 Main, Plymouth. (734) 454-6500.
DJ ERIC HINCHMAN & JOHN ARNOLD: Techno and house, Wednesdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
HIS NAME IS ALIVE: With Year of the Robot, Magda, Clark Warner, Liz Copeland, 10 p.m. Friday, March 30, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067
BRIAN HODGE: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
IDLEWILD AND BRASSY: 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700 (rock)
INNER RECIPE: With Loki and Simple Neptune, Friday, March 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555
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bass of Ruins, improv rock by Ron Anderson's PAK, the drone of Troum, haunting Knuri, Livonia's own The Little Princess, Redford's Hearing Trumpet, and guitar noise by Honeybuzzle, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 24, The Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

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 Grackles, Wolfman Band, 9 p.m. Monday, March 26, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700 (wild Japanese rock)
KISS THE COW: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
MARK KNOFFER: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$60. (248) 645-6666
KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5-\$8. (734) 996-8555



Will he show? With three Grammys to his name, Eminem is among the nominees for the 2001 Detroit Music Awards, 7 p.m. Friday, April 6 at Detroit's State Theatre. His band D12 is expected to perform. So one question remains. Will the Real Slim Shady please show up?

Tickets are \$10 for balcony seats, \$25 for limited mezzanine seats and \$100 for tables of four. Call (248) 486-3424.

MARK KOZELEK: Formerly of the Red House Painters, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030
ROBBY KRIEGER: Formerly of The Doors, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030
DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room beginning this month, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
LEFTOVER SALMON: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, The Majestic, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700
LELAND: With Capture The Flag, The Whiz Kids, 6 p.m. Friday, March 23, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6 general admission. (248) 645-6666
GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$25-\$50. (248) 645-6666
LIQUID SOUL: With Funktelligence, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030
LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$30. (248) 544-3030
DJ MAC D: Funk and Hip Hop, Thursdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344
MAGGIE, PIERCE & E.J.: 10 p.m. Monday, March 26, Town Pump, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 961-1929
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Macy Gray, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 3-4, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets \$49.50 on sale, March 10. (248) 645-6666
LARRY MAXWELL: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700
MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-4695
JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100
KENNY MEERS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302
METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067
MOKUM: With Alphawave, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067
KEN MURPHY: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, April 4-5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, March 30-31, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, April 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues variety)
DONNY OSMOND: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$37-\$52. (313) 471-3099

OVERDOSE: 9 p.m. every Sunday, hosted by DJ Thomas Barnett, Sky Bar, upstairs from Sangria, Royal Oak. 21 and older. \$5 cover. (248) 543-1964 (techno)
OVER THE RHINE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Magic Bag, Ferndale. 18 and older. \$12 advance. (248) 544-3030

PAIK: With Lab Partners, Halon, Friday, March 23, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873
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MACEO PARKER: Saturday, April 28, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248) 645-6666
MICHELLE PENN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (singer-songwriter)

MIKE ROE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$13-\$15. (734) 464-6302
THE SOFT BOYS: Featuring Robyn Hitchcock, with John Wesley Harding opening, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$17. (248) 645-6666
STEVE SOMERS & VALERIE BARRYMORE: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
DJ SPOOKY: 10 p.m. Friday, March 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666
SR-71: 5 p.m. Friday, March 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$13 general admission. All ages. (248) 645-6666
STRAPPED TO A ROCKET: With April in Athens, Brooklawn, 10 p.m. Friday, March 23, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 962-7067
TESLA: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25 general admission. (248) 645-6666
TICKLEPENNY CORNER: With Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Xhodos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 399-3946

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VOLUNTEER JAM FEATURING THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With 38 Special, The Dickey Betts Band and Trent Summar & The New Row Mob, 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18 lawn/\$30.50 pavilion. (248) 645-6666
ROBERT WALTERS 20TH CONGRESS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030
THE WHITE STRIPES: With The Von Bondies, Drum Buddy Badass, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700
BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

Unique career suits Matt Prentice fine

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Matt Prentice, president and CEO of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, can't believe he's been in the restaurant business for 20 years. His story is as inspirational as the food served at his dozen eateries which are strategically located around metro-Detroit.

Prentice, who has been cooking since he was 12, went to the Culinary Institute of America in New York.

■ Matt Prentice has an uncanny ability to forecast restaurant trends.

At 19, he returned home to Royal Oak with an opportunity to complete an externship program that also would

pay for a second year of chef's education. His employer, a deli owner, challenged him to turn around one of his struggling restaurants in Oak Park, which Prentice did.

Needing a greater culinary challenge, Prentice was about to accept a restaurant sous chef's position when the deli owner decided to sell. Prentice tapped his culinary education savings and bought the deli.

Using his last \$200 as cash register till, he opened Deli Unique in 1980, serving Beef Wellington and flaming duck at deli prices.

Fine dining

■ Duet, 3663 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 831-3838. Urban upscale theme and continental cuisine bring the word "creative" to new levels.

■ Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road (248) 642-1094. A very Michigan food focus is enhanced by a beautiful atrium garden that changes with the seasons.

■ No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road (in Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210. Upscale prime steakhouse with lobster as the principal seafood focus set in an atmosphere reminiscent of a 1920s Havana hotel.

■ Northern Lakes Seafood, 1475 North Woodward (in Kingsley Hotel & Suites), Bloomfield Hills (248) 646-7900. In a modern, casually-elegant dining atmosphere, surfers enjoy the freshest of seafoods and turfers can order Certified Angus Beef.

Friends and family fun

■ Flying Fish, 17600 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills (248) 647-7747. Casual neighborhood family eatery serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day.

■ Portabella, 2745 W. Big Beaver Road (Somerset Collection South), Troy (248) 649-6625. Italian with creative diversions such as dishes playing on the portabella mushroom theme.

Casual and quick

■ Cafe Jardin, 2815 W. Big Beaver Road (Somerset Collection South), Troy (248) 649-1348. Don't shop till you drop. This is a great place to people watch and grab a bite.

■ Deli Unique, 1475 N. Woodward Avenue (in Kingsley Hotel & Suites), Bloomfield Hills (248) 646-7923; 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms (248) 645-5288; 6724 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield (248) 737-3890; and 3663 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-8810. Eye-opening breakfasts or for lunch and early dinner, there are soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers with an array of side dishes.

■ Plaza Deli, 29145 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-2310. Deli delights that don't disappoint.

Definitely unique

In his first year of operation, Prentice employed 15 people and served 50,000 customers. Today, he employs more than 1,000 and serves more than 4 million annually.

Confident that he could expand, he opened Cafe Jardin in the main promenade of Somerset Collection South in 1984. Future successes and industry accolades followed. Today, Prentice is one of Michigan's key taste makers and Unique Restaurant Corporation one of the state's largest caterers.

Beginning with his first eatery, Prentice found ways to turn sow's ears into silk purses. Ten of his restaurants are on sites of failed eateries.

In addition to a 16-hour per day work ethic, imitated by all who work for him at the highest levels, Prentice has an uncanny ability to forecast restaurant trends. Add on an exceptional palate and unwavering attention to details and you know his formula for success.

Until 1998 Prentice had located all his eateries in the suburbs. When he opened Duet in Detroit's Orchestra Place in

June of that year, he said, "People driving the Orchestra Hall projects are the brightest real estate minds in Detroit. The whole development is \$80 million. There's a lot of smart money coming into Detroit today. If Duet executes, we'll

have as good a food as any other fine dining in Detroit." Forecast now realized.

Staying on top

Prentice's forecasting savvy has never let his restaurants become stale. He's willing to move on, not so much pushed by food trends, but by a chance to offer his dining patrons something new and fresh.

Such taste making is not cooked up alone. Prentice has kept the creative juices of Corporate Chef Jim Barnett flowing. Perking up palates with stylized wine selections is the internationally renowned Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon, who serves as Unique Restaurant Corporation's Beverage Director.

A number of her protégés have advanced to certified sommeliers and are continually encouraged by Triffon to rise to the ranks of Master Sommelier through continued study and by passing difficult examinations.

Prentice says he will open the highly anticipated Milk & Honey in the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield, by the end of 2001. Operating as a full-service Choleov Israel dairy restaurant, the menu will specialize in Asian, vegetarian dishes and fish.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Lunch rush: Matt Prentice makes sandwiches in a hurry during lunch at Plaza Deli.

"Because of kosher restrictions, Milk & Honey will be culinarily pristine," Prentice said. "Meat-like textures will be achieved with soy and mushrooms. Sauces made with roasted vegetables will be as rich as those made from meats. Vegetarians will be pleased with the offerings."

Eleanor Heald writes about dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Orient expression: Lara Louise Frost, a student at Michigan State University, combined the simple beauty of Japanese buildings and an exquisite kimono in her entry for The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition this year. Frost won first prize.

BY MARY KLEMIC
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When you consider a carpet, you realize there is much more to it than meets the eye. Its decorating dimensions go beyond a flat surface; its artistry isn't contained within its borders.

For examples, consider the entries in The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Designers Student Creative Space Competition, an annual event.

They show how placement of a rug and the surrounding decor form distinctive arrangements. This year's competition, the 12th, continued to convey such creative composition.

"Floor covering accounts for one-third of a room," said Ann Parker, showroom manager at The Ghiordes Knot showroom at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"It's like purchasing a piece of art. It's handmade. It's designed by some individual. It's a very personal thing."

"There is much more variety (of carpets) out there now than ever before."

Challenge

Entrants had to illustrate the use of a carpet on the floor and as the focal point of the room. (In other years, the rug could be placed anywhere in a space, including on the walls or ceiling.)

They could choose one of two rugs with which to work, depicting



Creative space: Sarah Strader, a student at the Center for Creative Studies, won honorable mention for her entry. "I allowed the rug's design (to) set the pace for the setting, the furniture and social environment," she said in her statement.

it as an 8-by-10-foot rug: "Mid Summer Night," an Aubousson weave, or "Takyu III." The Ghiordes Knot provided photos of the rugs.

"Mid Summer Night" has an espresso black background with yellow-green leaves and flowers in garnet and butter shades branching toward the center. The sky-blue "Takyu III" features a design taken from an ancient Japanese kimono.

Judging was completely on presentation. The judges were an impartial panel of professional designers, all ASID members.

Some instructors used the challenge as part of their curriculum. Some students visited the MDC showroom to see the actual, hand-woven rugs.

"There seems to be a lot of camaraderie with the students," Parker said of the contest. "They're excited. It's an exciting challenge."

This year's competition drew 95 entries from students at Lawrence Technological University, Adrian College, Center for Creative Studies, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Kendall College of Art and Design, Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

"There was tremendous response this year," Parker said.

The Ghiordes Knot furnished \$1,000 in prize money (\$500 for first prize, and \$250 for each of two honorable mention prizes). The winning designs will be displayed at MDC's Student Career Day on March 23.

Designs

Lara Louise Frost of Lansing, a student at MSU, was awarded first prize.

Frost depicted "Takyu III" in an uncluttered, Oriental-style room with clusters of white globe lights on the ceiling. The beams, windows and frames on the shoji screens of the room suggested the rectangle shapes on the border of the rug.

"The simple beauty of Japanese buildings allowed the mysterious geisha to stand out like a jewel in their exquisite silk kimono," she said in her statement.

"Similarly this room emphasizes classic proportion in a refined yet elegant space for the exquisite kimono-inspired rug."

Laura Rabe of East Lansing, an MSU student, and Sarah Strader of Detroit, a student at CCS, were each awarded honorable mention.

Rabe depicted "Takyu III" in an Oriental-style setting, with shoji screens, and arrangements of characters in narrow frames. Two large blue urns featured a branching pattern similar to that on the rug. A waterfall was placed like a tapestry on each of two opposite walls.

"The gentle sound of the flowing water evokes the serene quality of nature, which is taken from the Takyu III rug," Rabe said in her statement.

In her rendering, Strader placed "Mid Summer Night" in a patio. The rug was on a brick floor, with bamboo furniture.

Among other entries, CCS student P. Eka Sukmawati of Southfield developed the idea of creating an outdoor atmosphere into an interior space.

Sukmawati's depiction put "Mid Summer Night" close to rectangular windows, to make use of natural lighting. The outdoor theme was accentuated by using such natural materials indoors as wood for ceiling beams, window frames and a beer barrel serving as a floor vase.

EMU student Kathrine Caswell of Ypsilanti chose a bath scene for "Mid Summer Night." The rug's name "implies feelings of warmth and relaxation" she said in her statement.

The antiquated appearance of the rug inspired an Old World look in Caswell's rendering, with stonework, marble columns and arched windows.

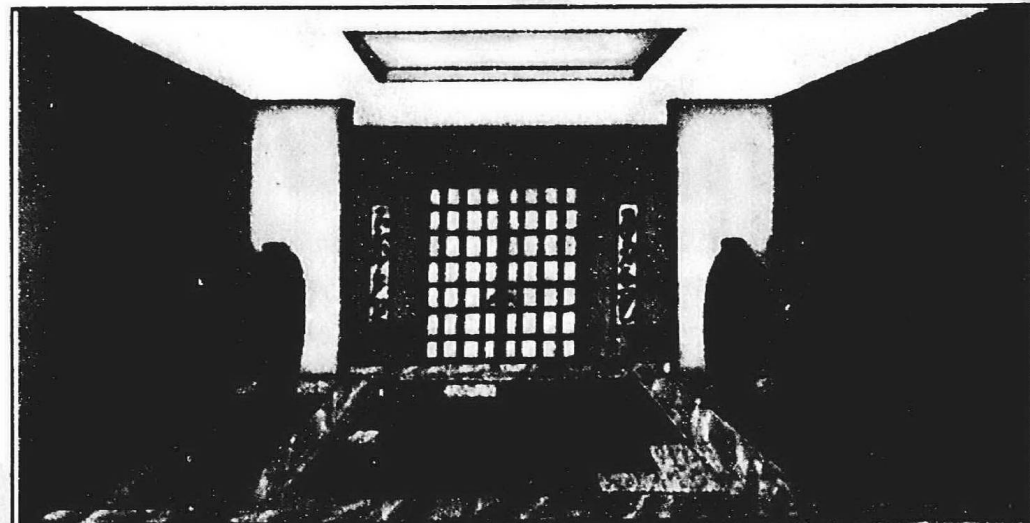
A sampling of other entries showed different interpretations in a variety of rooms — including a library, an art gallery, a jewelry store, and a room of relaxation that featured a bathtub, a fireplace and a lounging seat.

Some placed "Mid Summer Night" in settings with smooth surfaces and neutral colors that contrasted with its flowing pattern and rich tones; some put it in rooms with elements that carried along its Middle Ages or antique style.

"Takyu III" was placed in settings that were tranquil or conveyed the idea of East meeting West.

Windows helped bring nature into the room or sunlight to highlight hues of the rug. Floral arrangements were among the ways the vegetation theme of the patterns were carried throughout rooms.

Rugs were positioned in the center of an arrangement of columns or next to a wall-size mirror, among other locations.



Serene nature: MSU student Laura Rabe won honorable mention for her design, which evoked the serene quality of nature through running water, depicted here along the walls. Winning entries will be displayed at The Ghiordes Knot at Michigan Design Center in Troy at Student Career Day on Friday, March 23.



Magic carpets: Among the other entries in the competition, Kathrine Caswell placed a rug in a bath scene (left). P. Eka Sukmawati of Southfield created an outdoor atmosphere into an interior space (right).



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MARTY FIGLEY

Growing vine

Ivy is popular, doesn't require a lot of coddling and makes a great toptary.

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JOE GAGNON

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Manufacturers should focus on creating reliable appliances and market that reliability in television advertisements.

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Fashion show:

City Business & Professional Women will host the "Parade of Fashions" fundraiser, March 25.

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Turn closet cleaning into a lifetime lesson

Cleaning your children's closets affords the perfect opportunity to teach them how to share with others.

Here are some simple tips on instructing your children how to build a better home and community.

"Get into your children's closets and roll up your sleeves," said Brian Kincaid, senior product manager at Rubbermaid®. "While you are doing something good in your house, it is also the perfect time to teach your children to do something generous outside your home by donating items you no longer use to your favorite charity."

■ **Make it fun.** Getting your children to clean closets will be easier if you make it fun. Play music they like. Or turn it into a game or challenge between siblings, by seeing who can come up with the best or

most creative way to organize in the quickest amount of time.

■ **Get rid of clothing items that no longer fit or are no longer worn.**

The first and most important rule is to discard those items no longer worn. Children are constantly growing-up and out of clothes and shoes. Clearing out these belongings is a valuable time-saver as well as a space saver.

■ **Teach children the joy of giving.**

While imparting the lessons of organization to your children, you also can use this project as a lesson about sharing. Instead of throwing out last year's coats, shoes and clothes that will no longer be worn, pack those gently-used items in a Rubbermaid tote and donate it to your local Salvation Army or local shelter. Not only will the things be

appreciated, but the tote can be reused as well. Challenging your children to give away what they no longer need will help pare down their closets and spark enthusiasm about doing good for others.

■ **Make it easy for your kids to stay organized.**

Kids are more likely to follow through if given definite instructions on how to do something. Be specific and give everything its own place. Create a new storage area for toys, separate from clothes. Provide the necessary storage containers. New baskets provide an ideal storage solution for items such as toys because each can be carried separately and stacked one on top of the other.

Clear storage containers allow you to find items easily without making a mess.

Glass exhibit featured in April

April marks the 21st celebration of Michigan Glass Month.

Native West in Plymouth will celebrate this wonderful art with "Etchings in Glass," the store's first April glass exhibit, and join as a participant with other local and regional galleries, artists, and museums. The opening reception is scheduled for noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

Native West features two Southwestern artists. Maryann Wagner of Tucson, Ariz., creates beautiful hand-drawn native symbols and figures on her crystal. She hand-cuts her original artwork and traditional Native American designs into mouth-blown and hand-

blown lead-free crystal by using a sandblasting technique that encompasses both carving and etching. Native West will have a selection of Maryann's work for sale during the exhibit month, including bowls, vases and platters with many of the items being limited editions.

Sara Creekmore of Magladena, N. M., works with the finest, fused, blown and lamp-worked dichroic glass available. Colorful paperweights and glass jewelry are what Sara is known for.

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Beauty, color and ancient symbols will be shown at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth, during April. Other participants include Penniman Gallery in Plymouth and York Street Glass in Old Village Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

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

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 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.

CRAFTERS WANTED
The St. John Bosco (12170 Beech Daly, Redford) Fun Fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Limited space available. Call (313) 937-3856 or (313) 534-3808.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold its first-ever Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 20 exhibitors are expected to display a range of arts and crafts items including Easter gifts, woodworking, fun cat products and handmade stuffed animals. Proceeds from the craft show will benefit St. Mary Mercy's Employee Activities Committee which is sponsoring the event. The craft show will be held in the Auditorium,

located inside the hospital at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia. Call Amanda Hosko at (734) 655-8942.

TOUCH OF SPRING
The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia) is sponsoring "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 150 juried crafters. Admission is \$2. No strollers please. Babysitting, raffle and snack bar.

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. Admission \$2.

HANDCRAFTERS ARTS/ CRAFTS
HANDCRAFTERS will be sponsoring its 9th annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 6; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 7 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 8 at the Northville Recreation Center (303 W. Main Street). Over 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained

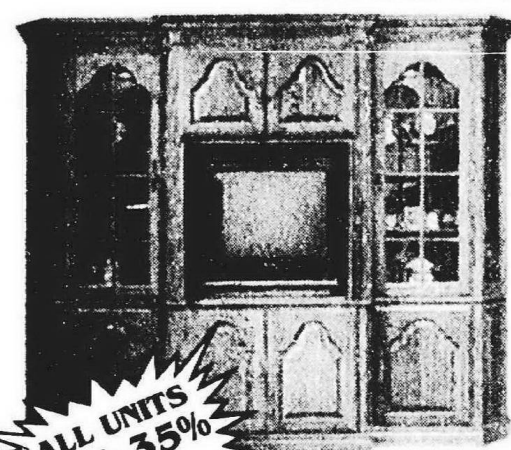
glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Lunch will be available. Admission, \$2. No baby strollers. Call (734) 459-0050.

ARTISTS/ CRAFTERS WANTED
Artists and crafters wanted for the Plymouth Community Summer Festival Friday, June 14, 11 a.m. through through Sunday, June 17, at 5 p.m. Held on the grounds of Compuware Arena, M-14 and Beck Road. Call Sandra at (313) 543-2501.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
Canton Township would like to extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The dates of the show are June 23 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and 24 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for an application submission is April 16. Call Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studio's at (734) 453-3710.

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL
The Farmington Founders Festival will host a juried outdoor Arts/Crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application and information call (248) 477-5837.

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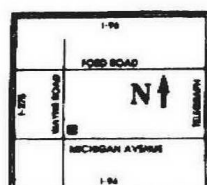
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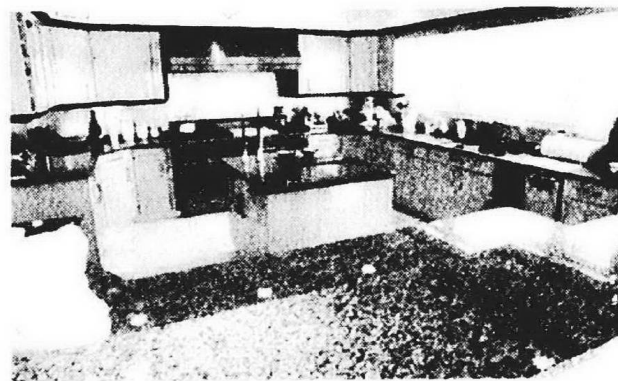
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MARTY FIGLEY

There are a lot of ways to use ivy, *Hedera helix*, indoors and out, from the traditional topiary that is so popular now to using it as a ground cover. *H. helix* is the most widely grown species. Although now the ivy in our homes is well controlled, that hasn't always been the case. Victorians let them ramble over everything, across the walls and around furniture. I recently saw a photo of a

window where ivy was trained up the sides and around the frame to add a softness to the window and to take the place of curtains.

Pots of ivy were set at the edges of the window on the sill and it grew from those two pots. Quite interesting.

Perhaps ivy is so popular because it is easy to grow and doesn't require a lot of coddling.

It grows well in low light, drafty conditions and hot spots seemingly without a care in the world, although it performs best if given bright, indirect light, kept evenly moist and fertilized once a month. A spritz of water once a week will discourage red spider mites.

Originally ivies grew continually on one long stem. Then in

the early 1900s a gentleman found one that sported side shoots! Now it was possible to maneuver the plants into shapes of all descriptions.

The bicolored plants have been around for centuries, and there are numerous leaf shapes and colors such as silver and creams that give the effect of marbling, flecking, speckling and the like. Now these ivies, and those with many different leaf shapes are on the market, either wavy, lacy, ferny, ruffled and frilly.

The American Ivy Society, P.O. Box 21223, Naples, Fla. 34106-2123, has selected *Hedera helix* "Lady Frances" as the first "Ivy of the Year." The selection period was three years.

"Lady Frances" is a miniature ivy that has small, variegated leaves that are starlike but high-

ly asymmetrical, about 1 inch long and nearly as wide.

It is self-branching, so is especially suitable for hanging baskets because the lateral runners turn upward as the vines get longer.

It would make beautiful topiaries where fine-textured, gray-and-white contrast is needed.

In the garden it is hardy and non-invasive, and produces bushy mats of foliage.

"Lady Frances" contrasts beautifully with green hostas, astilbes and impatiens. It has been grown outdoors in central Ohio (Zone 5) since 1993.

New products

I don't know how many of you order products, plants, seeds, bulbs and the like through the

mail; there are certainly many mail-order companies that send catalogs and I'm sure you are familiar with many of them.

With that in mind, the Mailorder Gardening Association has given Green Thumb Awards to 10 new gardening products. Here they are:

In the Plants and Seeds division — *Hemerocallis* "Rosy Returns" from Wayside Gardens; *Buchloe Dactyloides* "Legacy" (Legacy buffalo grass) from High Country Gardens; *Hydrangea macrophylla* "Hanabi" from Pride of Place Plants; Canna "Pink Sunburst" from Van Bourgondien; and *Hibiscus syriacus* "Lavender Chiffon" from Wayside Gardens.

In the Tools, Supplies and Accessories division—Mantis Edger from Mantis; Charley's

Best Self-storing Hose from Charley's Greenhouse Supply; *Elera Perennial Guide* (Volume One) from Elera; Natural Beginnings Seed-starting Mix from Gardens Alive!; and the Green Thumb Grow Light Stand System from Hydrofarm, Inc.

An independent panel of garden writers and editors chose the winners that were selected based on their uniqueness, technological innovation, ability to solve a gardening problem or provide a gardening opportunity, and potential appeal to gardeners.

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

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in *Gardening Calendar* to Ken Abramczyk, *Observer* Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail: kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN SPEAKERS

FARMINGTON
Shelly Buckman, plant ecologist, will show how to use garden herbs and discuss the aesthetic value of herbs with the Farmington Garden Club at noon Monday, April 2, at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Visitors are welcome. For information, call 476-3017 or 615-3616.

EVENING HERBS
Peter Stark from Renaissance

Acres will talk with the evening herb study group 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Stark will discuss what to plant and how to design small herb gardens. Members of the public and new members are welcome. Meetings are held in Room 125 of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. For information, call (734) 998-7061.

LIVONIA
Jean Moran, a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club and the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, will discuss flower arranging at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, with the Livonia Garden Club at the Livonia Senior Center.

NURSERY SCHOOL

WATER PONDS
Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, in Westland, features a

seminar at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24 on "What's New and Opening Your Ponds."

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

ORCHID SHOW
Plant sales, raffle and growing tips about orchids will be available at the Palm Sunday Show 2001, presented by the Michigan Orchid Society, April 7 and 8 at Laurel Park Place Mall at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. Admission is free. Call Gail Lift for membership information at (734) 971-4117.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. 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: Garden Maintenance Workshop taught for four Wednesdays starting on March 28; 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.

Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening.com.

ORGANIC
A patio gardening class will be taught at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Learn how to repot a vegetable plant. Class participants can take the plant home. Fee is \$3. Call (734) 466-2555.

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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Make your own winning Oscar night

Roll out the red carpet — it's Oscar time! Even if, like most of us in the metro area, you're planning on catching the festivities on TV, there's no reason you can't celebrate like a star.

Oscar option no. 1

Grab your tux, or your glitziest golden gown, and head on down to Michigan's only official Oscar Night America party, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Detroit's Roostertail. It's about as close to the Academy Awards as you can get — if you aren't nominated.

The party starts with flashing cameras of paparazzi catching your every move as you enter whether you're dressed in black tie or looking like your favorite movie star. Inside, a champagne reception, movie-themed dinner, and official Academy Awards program awaits before the big screen presentation of the event itself.

Tickets are \$135 per person and proceeds benefit the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7969 for details.

Oscar option no. 2

If ball gowns and champagne toasts sound like an intriguing idea, but your Sunday night plans usually keep you closer to home, throw your own Oscar bash. Send invitations on movie ticket stubs or write them on folded red and white popcorn bags. Tell guests to get out their old prom dresses and bridesmaid gowns and put them to good use.

Adorn your doorway with a carpet of red velvet and light the path with a succession of candles or tea lights on either side. Welcome guests with a glass of champagne, or sparkling grape juice, and serve hors d'oeuvres inspired by the evening's nominees — *Chocolats* perhaps.

Play Oscar-winning film soundtracks and decorate your place with movie posters. Quiz guests to test their knowledge of Oscar trivia (www.oscars.com). What year did a streaker dash across the Oscar stage? Who did Angelina Jolie bring to the awards last year?

Pass out lists of major categories and nominees (again, see www.oscars.com) and ask guests assign points to nominees in each category. The most likely winner would get a 5, the least likely winner a 1. The person who earns the most points by the end of the evening should be presented with an Oscar statuette — made of chocolate of course.

For party favors, send guests home with videocassettes of former Oscar winning movies wrapped with a black bow tie. You'll be a winning host, no envelope necessary.

Oscar option no. 3

Make March 25 an informal affair. Gather the family for an Oscar Pajama Party. Make buttery popcorn and serve it with *Oscar* Mayer hot dogs, all the fixings and soda pop. After you ogle the opening ceremonies and act as fashion police (rating each and every star's ensemble) while lounging in your favorite pair of flannel, footie one-piece zippered pj's of course — make it an evening of games.

Go to a craft store and purchase a Styrofoam mannequin head. Spray-paint it gold and set it out on a table for instant Oscar appeal.

Play *And The Winner Is...*

Write a movie title on one slip of paper and "Oscar-winning" category on another. During the commercial breaks draw a movie title and category out of a hat and act out an acceptance speech your guest would give *The Academy* after starring in the "winning" film. Who would you thank? Family members should get a chuckle out of guessing, charades-style.

Who said you had to go to Hollywood to enjoy *The Academy Awards*?

HomeTown Life features writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola would like to thank the Academy for giving her a good excuse to throw a party every year. She'll be rooting for her favorite screenwriter Cameron Crowe and film *"Almost Famous."*

Don't forget, coverage of the 73rd Annual Academy Awards begins 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25 on ABC, channel 7. Thank you. Good night.

A DAY AT ST. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



One-on-one: Candice Szyndalar, 6, a student in Karolynn O'Neil's class, reads a story she wrote to principal Gayle Bomgren Feb. 15 at St. Michael Christian School in Canton.

Canton parochial school enjoys small class size, parental involvement

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Gayle Bomgren, principal of St. Michael Christian School, said the Canton parochial school is "very much like a family — we take care of each other."

The former Farmington Hills preschool teacher, hired as principal two years ago, credits small class size and unfailing parental and staff support with making the school what it has become since opening its doors 11 years ago.

The community has contributed to the growth of the school by continuing to send its children there, and the church has answered back by adding onto the building four times.

"We can't build outward anymore," said Bomgren, as she enters two classrooms in a portable behind the church. "We might be able to go up but that's about it for space."

Located on Sheldon Road at Warren Road, the Christian school has a very low teacher to student ratio — no more than 1 to 10, Bomgren said. Approximately 187 students were enrolled in the 2000-2001 academic school year where the education is Christ-centered.

Curriculum includes religion

Religion is a daily component of the curriculum supported by chapel service that rotates between the ordained and lay minister staff, twice every Wednesday. The curriculum is guided by the "Faith Alive" study series and accompanied with art, music, physical education and computers. Children reside in communities such as Canton, Plymouth, Novi, Wayne, Westland and Ypsilanti, and Bomgren said inquiries into their program have come from as far away as Ohio, Kentucky, California and Florida.

"When people call and request materials on the school, it's our strong academic curriculum and small class size that they've heard about and are eager to learn more," said Bomgren.

St. Michael accepts students beginning at age 3 for their theme-based early childhood preschool program. They also have a kindergarten (age 5 by Dec. 1) and elementary (grades 1-5) program — all of which are maintained by annual tuition.

Because class sizes are kept to a minimum, individual instruction is a constant. Most of the teachers are also assisted by an aide or paraprofessional and the school embraces volunteers from the community who spend time at the school reading to students or helping out in other ways.

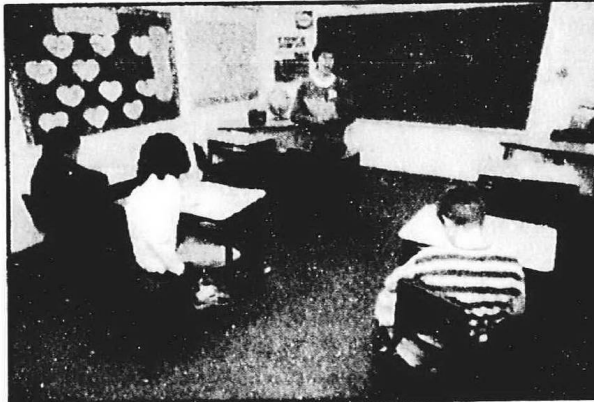
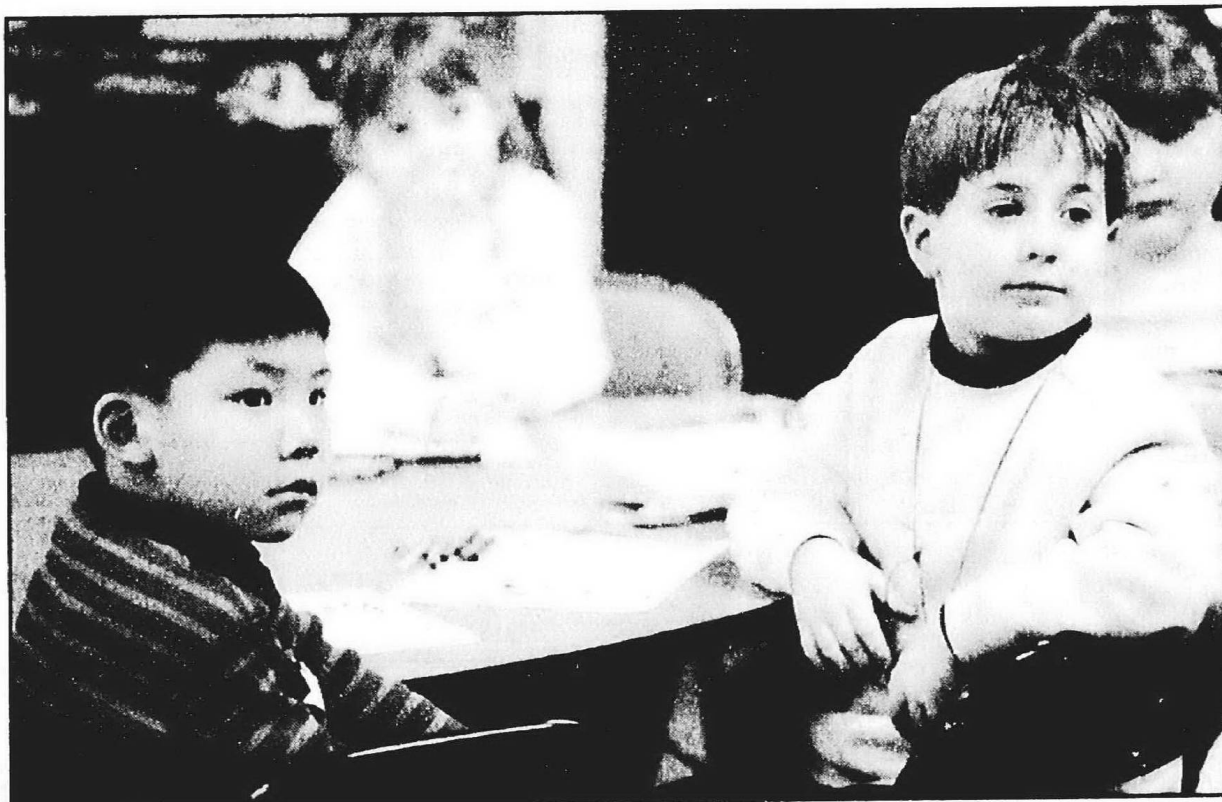
Focusing on what's important

The school places much emphasis on the family's role in "educating today's youth."

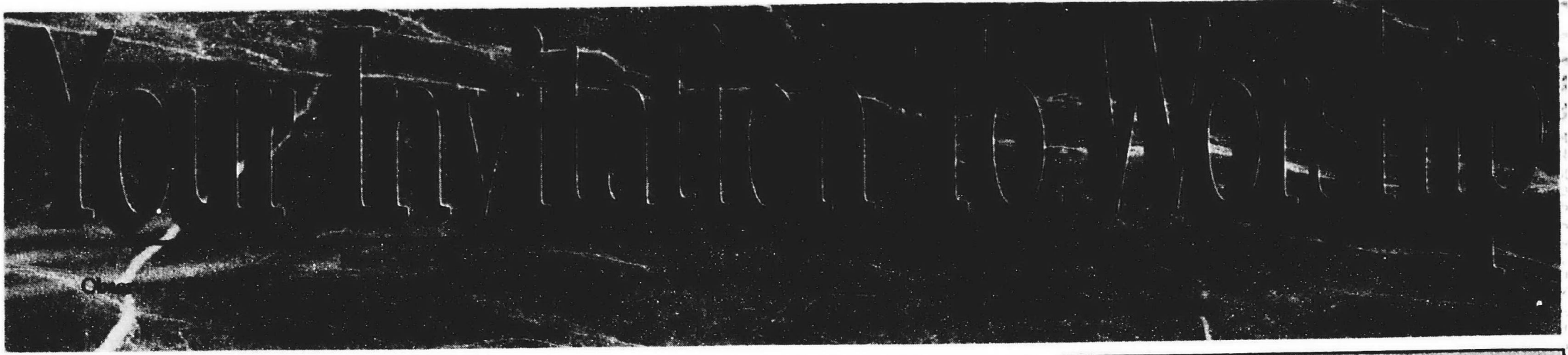
"We have very little discipline problems," said Bomgren, "and I attribute that to many things, one being our curriculum is based in faith and the other is the fact that we have high percentages of parental involvement."

It's much more different than what I was accustomed to in the public schools. Parents are really involved and really active here and everyone counts on them including the teachers and the children."

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 Sheldon Road (at the intersection of Warren and Sheldon roads) in Canton. For more information or to receive a brochure about their curriculum and tuition call (734) 459-9720.



Feb. 15: Staff photographer Paul Hurschmann spent Feb. 15 at St. Michael Christian School in Canton. Some of the images he captured that day included kindergartners (top, left to right) Ryan Chin and Matthew Read, both 6, listen during a lesson. Teacher Linda Pavolich (above) reads a lesson to her third-graders Lee Bracken (from left) Dieulila Morton and Josh Kempfer. Four of the seven students in the class were out sick with the flu. Preschoolers (left) line up at 3:15 p.m. with their parents to go home.



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Though most communities in our area have curbside yard waste pickup, why not keep this valuable resource for your own use in your garden? Spring yard cleanup and grass clippings make this spring a great time to start a compost pile.

Building the bin

From the 2-by-6's, cut six pieces 42-inches long (pc. no. 1), four pieces 48-inches long (pc. no. 2), two pieces 45-inches long

(pc. no. 3) and one piece, 51-inches long (pc. no. 7).

Cut two, 42-inches long pieces (pc. no. 4) and two 48-inch pieces (pc. no. 5) from the 8-foot 2-by-4's. (Piece no. 6 will be cut, marked and cut later from the 10-foot 2-by-4's.) You can follow along in the diagram.

Make the two side panels by fastening two no. 1 pieces on top of two no. 2 pieces using adhesive and screws (a cordless drill/driver is ideal for this). Keep the corners square.

Lay one of the 10-foot 2-by-4's across the diagonal, mark and cut the angles, glue and screw it to the side assembly.

Build the front and rear panels the same as the sides.

Using tin snips, cut the fencing and staple to the inside (the side opposite the diagonals) of the panels.

Attach the rear panel to the side panels using the tie plates at the top and bottom of each side. Glue and screw piece no. 7 across the bottom of the opening.

Attach a scrap piece of 2-by-4 on the bottom of the side panels about 4 inches from piece no. 7.

Slide the front panel between the blocks and piece no. 7, secure the top with either the web straps or rope.

We simply put leaves, shredded plant matter, grass clippings and a little soil in our bin. We

Materials needed

7 - 8-foot, 2-by-6's (pressure treated or cedar)

2 - 10-foot, 2-by-4's (pressure treated or cedar)

2 - 8-foot, 2-by-4's (pressure treated or cedar)

1 pound 2 1/2" corrosion resistant deck screws

1 pound poultry staples (small U-shaped nails)

2 Web Straps or rope

14-foot, 4-foot wide garden fence (or similar)

4 Framing anchors, such as Simpson A35 Lateral Tie Plates

1 tube construction adhesive (caulk-gun type)

Tape measure

Saw (A handsaw will work, but a miter saw will make the job much easier)

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Cordless drill/driver

Caulk gun

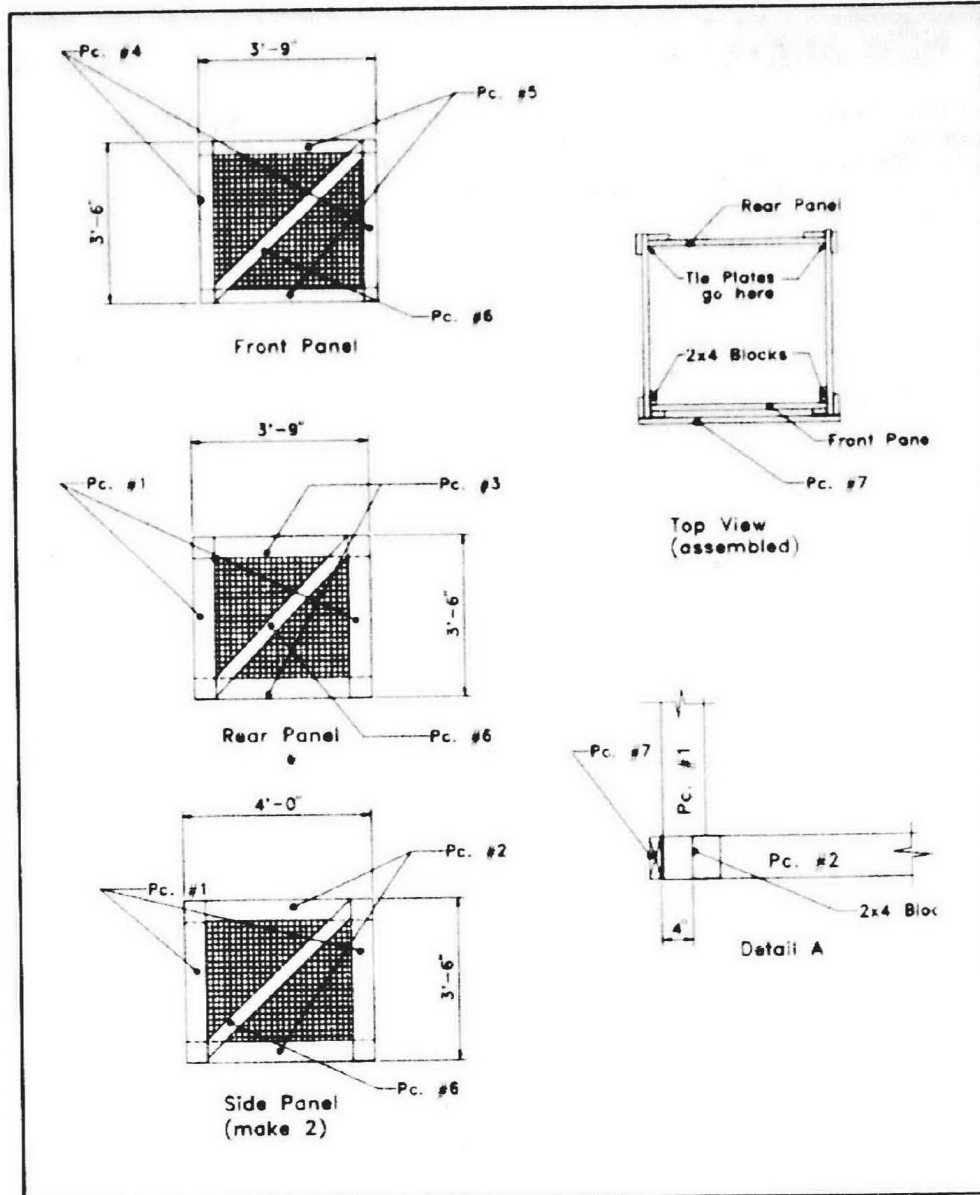
Hammer

Tin snips

Air stapler (optional)

occasionally sift the compost, returning that which isn't decomposed to the bin.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students.



Waste not: Looking for a way to build a compost bin? Harry Jachym offers this drawing, using 2-by-4 and 2-by-6 pieces of cedar or standard treated wood. Read the accompanying instructions in today's Ask Dad column.

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■ **Nancy and Russ Hammond** of Redford announce the birth of their son **Ian Russell** born Jan. 25 at University of Michigan Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Ian joins sisters Natalie, 11; and Olivia, 8. Grandparents are Vera and James Hammond of Garden City and Pat and Gordon Libby of Houghton Lake.

■ **Gloria and Michael Leonard** of Manitou Beach announce the birth of their son **Noah Christian** born at Bixby Hospital in Adrian. Noah joins siblings Benjamin, Jennifer and Myken. Grandparents are Shauqi and Ayda Mughannem of Livonia and Bud and Donna Leonard of Grand Bahama Island.

■ **Dean and Sherri Brown** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son **Dylan Jeffrey** born Jan. 31 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Sue Guill of Westland; Claude and Pam Guill of Livonia; and Ron and Kate Brown of Ossineke, Mich.

■ **Kevin and Shanon Manor** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Nolan Avery** born Jan. 17 at the University of Michigan Hospital - Ann Arbor. Nolan joins sister Lauren Nicole, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bill and Stashia Nicol of Howell and Tom and Diane Manor of Belton, Texas. Great-grandparents are Stanley and the late Muriel Sroka of Romulus.

■ **Tina Marie Scheafer and Jimmy Ray Elliott** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **RaeAnn Gracy Marie Elliott** born Feb. 21 at Garden City Hospital. RaeAnn joins siblings Jamie Renee, 4; and James, 3. Grandparents are John and Cindy Scheafer of Inkster and Ed and Judy Elliott of Westland.

■ **Jessica Leja and Steve Perkins** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Meghan Katelyn Perkins** born Feb. 16 at Garden City Hospital.

Grandparents are Gary and Lori Leja and Bill and Gale Perkins.

■ **Michael T. Smith Sr. and Kelly L. Hunn** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Ryan Daniels Smith** born Feb. 15 at Garden City Hospital. Ryan joins brother Thomas, 3 1/2.

■ **Amanda Wells** of Westland and **John Ridley** of Romulus announce the birth of their daughter **Emily Marie Ridley** born Feb. 15 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Denise David, Terry Wells, Kathy Warren and John Ridley.

■ **Schuyler Norton** of Garden City and **Rebecca Green** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Schuyler Edmond Norton II** born Feb. 13 at Garden City Hospital. Schuyler joins siblings Trenton, 5; and Mariah, 3. Grandparents are Lynda and Mark Norton, James and Laurel Green and Larry and Ginger Wolf.

■ **David and Catherine Johnson** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Sara Renee** born Feb. 12 at Garden City Hospital. Sara joins siblings Angela, 22; Don, 20; Paul, 15; Christen, 13; and Cathy, 10. Grandparents are Richard and Margaret Johnson of Taylor and Thomas and Patricia Roberson of Westland.

■ **Ronald and Michele Paddock** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Dominic James** born Feb. 6 at Garden City Hospital. Dominic joins siblings Amanda French, 14; and Bailey Paddock, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Paul and Annette Arwagi of Westland and James and Diane Paddock of Wayne.

■ **Michael and Louann Street** of Wayne announce the birth of their son **Joshua Michael** born Feb. 3 at Garden City Hospital. Joshua joins brother Lloyd Giddings-Street, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Carulus and Brenda Giddings of Wayne and Robert Gresler and Beverly Street of Livonia.

Justice-Stanek

Bill and Judy Justice of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Michelle, to Frank Stanek of Rochester Hills (formerly of Warren).

The bride-to-be is a 1990 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She received a bachelor's degree in Computer Aided Design from Eastern Michigan University in 1994 and graduated in 2000 from Rensselaer's Engineering School in upstate New York with a master's degree in engineering science. She is currently employed at General Motors Powertrain headquartered in Pontiac as a design engineer working on the Advance Design Team on prototype engines.

Her fiancé, the son of Mary Stanek of Rochester and Frank Stanek of Southfield, graduated from Wayne State University in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in

Barth-Karinen

Kenneth and Patricia Barth of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Arlene, to Jason Patrick Karinen of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2000 Eastern Michigan University graduate with a degree in communications. She is currently pursuing her master's degree.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Joyce Karinen of South Lyon is a 1995 graduate of South Lyon High School and works as a carpenter.

A May wedding is planned at Tanglewood Golf Course. They will make their home in Commerce Township, where the couple have rebuilt an entire house together.

ENGAGEMENTS

Worosz-Brown

Barbara Worosz of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Shannon Marie, to Andrew Tyson Brown of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works for Panasonic Automotive in the Logistics department.

Her fiancé, son of Jerry and Marija Brown of Livonia, is a 1991 graduate of Churchill High School and manager of technical support at MTS Corporation.

A January 2002 wedding is planned in Jamaica.

Wade-Capaldi

Russ and Jan Wade of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Rico Raymond Capaldi of Westland.

The bride-to-be works for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Rick and Pam Capaldi of Canton, works for Superior Controls.

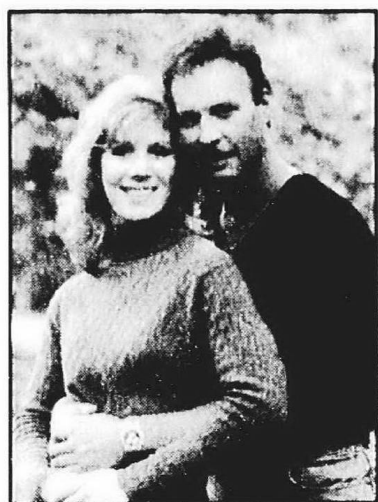
A June wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Eros-Balko

Craig and Theresa Eros of Pinckney announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Theresa, to Kevin Richard Balko of Canton.

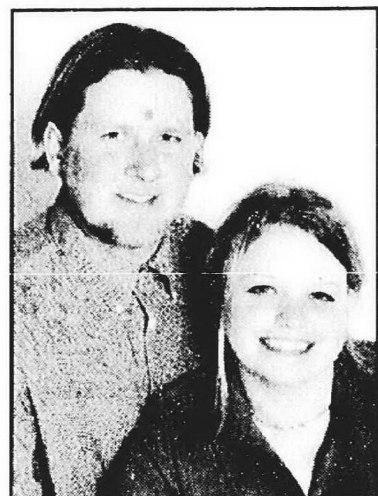
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Pinckney High School and an Eastern Michigan University graduate.

Her fiancé, son of Richard Balko of Livonia and Denise Balko of Westland, is a Franklin High School graduate. He will graduate from Schoolcraft College and is attending Lawrence

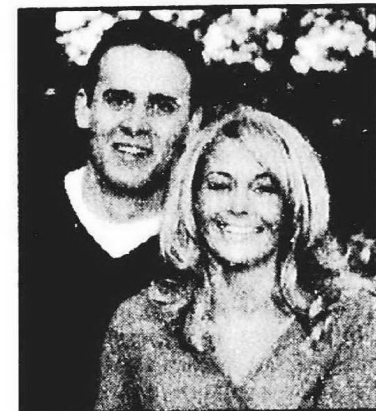


mechanical engineering and 1999 with a second bachelor's degree in engineering of technology. He is employed at General Motors in Warren as a project manager for IS&S Department.

The couple will wed in May at the St. John's Conference Center.



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Technological University. He works for Farmington Public Schools as a computer support technician.

An August wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

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Join Hester Fairweather and friends for one of two very special gatherings in her Victorian home garden. Somerset Collection South Rotunda, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, April 7th and April 14th. Seating is limited and tickets are \$15 per person (children 2 and under are free). Admission includes breakfast in the garden, a special performance of "It Might As Well Be Spring" by The Children's Theatre of Michigan, a Classic Polaroid photo per family, treats and surprises. Tickets must be purchased in advance in the North Grand Court from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th or at Hester's House, March 31st through April 13th during Bunny Visiting Hours.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

PROGRAMS DURING LENT

PRE-EASTER FUN

Parents and children (2-5) can join in the fun March 27, April 3 and April 10 for a free program during Lent. Hear a story, sing a song, do a craft/activity and enjoy a snack. There will be some unstructured playtime at the end so adults can socialize. You must register by calling Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038. Event runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 w. Six Mile, Livonia).

ECUMENICAL PRAYER

The members of congregations of the Plymouth Ministerial Association invite the community to join in ecumenical prayer and a simple lunch of soup and bread on the Wednesdays of Lent. Offering will run through April 4 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Lunch follows after noon prayer.

LENTEN SERVICES

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. Call (313) 532-8655.

FISH FRY

St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Telegraph/Northline in Taylor) will host a Fish Fry, Friday March 30 from 4-7 p.m. Call (734) 287-3866.

LENTEN SERVICES

Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) will be held every Wednesday in March and April 4 at 7 p.m. We will also be having a soup supper at 6 p.m. before the service. Call (734) 427-3660.

LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of Schoolcraft) will hold mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Each service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Wednesday services at 10 a.m. will be March 28 and April 4. Thursday service will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. March 29 and April 5. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday 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.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church in Garden City (6443 Merriman Road) will have their Annual Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Their guests will be The Covenant Players. All men and women are invited to this time of prayer and reflection. Call (734) 421-8628 or Faye Myers at (734) 421-2189 by April 4 for reservations. A free-will offering will be accepted.

UPCOMING

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The International Christian Education Association will present its 55th Leadership Training Institute Friday, March 16 and 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Costs are reasonable. Instructors are professionals drawn from church and college staffs. Call (248) 557-5526.

JOY ALOUD II

The "Mission Partners" of the Metro Area Lutheran churches are presenting a second "Joy Aloud" program of vocal and instrumental religious music. The event will run from 4-6 p.m. at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church (Dequindre North of 12 Mile) Saturday, March 24. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. A free-will offering will benefit Life Directions.

RESPONDING TO LOSS

The Responding to Loss workshop is helpful for anyone dealing with loss from death, divorce or other causes. Event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church (36125 Glenwood, Wayne) in the ABC room. March 24. \$15 includes lunch, coffee breaks and a folder of helpful materials. Ruth Sissom, author of two books about loss will be the presenter. Call (734) 721-7410.

INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM

NCCJ's Interfaith Round Table presents the 15th Annual Muslim-Christian Jewish Symposium "Restoring The Garden of Eden: Religion and Local Environmental Stewardship" at 1 p.m. March 25. This conference brings together theologians from different traditions to strengthen individual faith through a growing understanding of other benefits. Conference is led by Dr. Orin Gelderlos, professor of biology and environmental studies at the University of Michigan - Dearborn. He will focus on religion's role in preserving our ecology. The conference will take place at U-M Dearborn (4910 Evergreen, School of Management Building). Call Daedra A. McGhee (313) 567-6225.

FUN/FAITH FAIR

St. Maurice Parish (32765 Lyndon, Livonia) religious education program will host a Fun and Faith Fair from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Celebrate your faith. Games, crafts and refreshments. Call (734) 421-5240.

LOVE IS NO ILLUSION

Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia will feature John Louis presenting "Love is No Illusion," at 6:30 p.m. following potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25. Louis' program includes something for everyone: Juggling, music, comedy and live animals. To attend call a hostess regarding the potluck dinner: Debbie George 397-7854, Vicki Reault 513-0167 or Gail Weems 476-1394.

CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, Livonia) invites the public to attend a Celebration of Friendship program at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday Services March 25. Cynthia Khan will share her personal story of God's strength and protection during the Bible breakfast. The complimentary Bible breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (46001 Warren Road, Canton) invites the public to attend a Celebration of Friendship program at 9:30 a.m. March 25. The service will feature a biblical message of God's love and friendship by Pastor Robert Bayer, a contemporary blend of hymns and praise songs, special music by the "Singers of the Spirit" and a children's message not to be missed. A nursery is available for small children and a complimentary brunch will be served in Friendship Hall at 10:30 a.m.

EVENING WITH HUNGER

The community is invited to share a Soup & Bread Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27 at Christ the King Lutheran Church (9300 Farmington Road, Livonia). Guest speakers from Gleaners Food Bank and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen will speak about our local hunger problems and how their organizations function as they fight this problem daily. Call Ricky Brogdon (313) 937-8710.

NEEDLEWORK AS THERAPY

The sisterhood of Congregation

Beit Kodesh will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 27 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia). The guest speaker, Miriam Freeling, will speak on "Needlework as Therapy." The public is welcome. Refreshment will be served.

RETROUVAILLE

If you're struggling in your marriage and want to give God a chance to save your relationship and family union, a Retrouvaille marriage weekend is for you. Two-year follow up surveys show that four out of five troubled marriages have been saved by attending Retrouvaille weekends. The next Retrouvaille weekends are at St. John's Life Center in Plymouth March 30-April 1 and May 4-6. Call (313) 237-6052 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

SPIRITUAL BEINGS

Men of Orchard present "Spiritual Beings, Angels and their Counterparts," at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30 in the fellowship hall (30450 Farmington Road) in Farmington Hills. Linda Wells from the DIA will be discussing and showing how artists depict the invisible in the visual arts. Everyone welcome. No charge. Call (248) 626-3620.

EASTER DISCUSSION

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) continues its educational series from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31. The guest speaker will be Randall Shields, campus pastor and professor at Concordia College, Ann Arbor. Shields will look at the historical Easter and its relevance to the 21st century. A continental breakfast will be offered. Cost is \$5. Please pre-register by March 28. (734) 522-6830.

EVENING WITH SIMON PETER

Have you ever wondered what it was like to see Jesus? To travel with him? Have you ever wondered what Peter thought about this man Jesus? You can meet Simon Peter, talk with him and get some idea of the magnitude of Jesus' love for everyone, of his compassion and of his obedience to God's will. At 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, John Dzwonkowski will present his interpretation of what it was like to be a follower of the chosen one at St. Colette Church (17600 Newburgh Road) of Livonia in the main church. There is no admission charge.

baby sitting will be available in the social area of the church and the presentation is suitable for junior high school and older children and all adults.

BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads) from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2 in Fellowship Hall. Call (248) 626-3620.

BRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center will begin a group for teens who are faced with grief after the death of a family member/friend. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday evenings beginning in May at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Youth House) - 220 Elm St. in Northville at 7 p.m. There will be an informational meeting for parents at 7 p.m. April 3 at the Youth House. Call (248) 348-0115.

PARENTING

Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia will host "Parenting with Love and Logic" beginning April 3 and the following Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person/couple for materials. This is the manual that you have been looking for to be a firm but loving parent. Call (734) 455-2116 to register.

A HEALTHIER YOU

Soy, flax, calcium, fruits, grains, nuts and beans. Miracle foods or hype — what's the real story? Use this Lenten time of reflection, renewal and change to become a healthier you. Join the parish health nurses at St. Colette Church (17602 Newburgh, Livonia) and a registered dietitian (Lee McDonagh) for a presentation at 7 p.m. April 3 in the social area of the church (between Six and Seven Mile roads). Learn secrets about what foods you should be eating to prevent heart disease, osteoporosis and cancer. Sample a calcium fortified dip with diet healthy fruits and vegetables. Call (734)

464-4436 to reserve a spot.

REMARIED MINISTRIES

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville will offer an 8-week workshop equipping remarried and engaged couples with the tools to build successful marriages and families. Meets from 7-8:15 p.m. in room A102 beginning April 4th and every Wednesday after. There is no cost and free child care is provided. Call Stacy Cole (248) 374-5912 (40000 Six Mile Road).

DIVORCE SUPPORT

New Beginnings, a support network of people experiencing divorce, starts April 5 at Christian Reformed Church (21360 Donaldson) of Dearborn. The groups meet under the direction of a psychotherapist from 7-8:45 p.m. for six consecutive weeks to work through their divorce. There is no charge. Call (313) 563-1030.

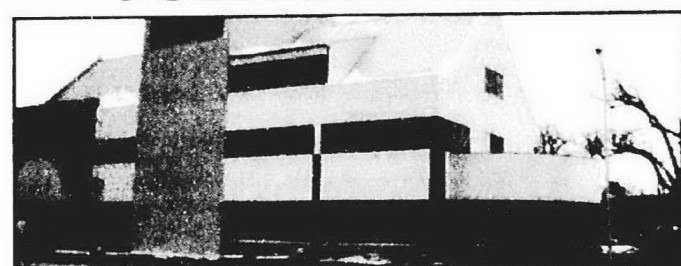
NEW BEGINNINGS

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:

■ April 5, Dreams, Visions and Images, Rev. Phil Seymour

RELIGION ON THE NET

OurFaiths.org, the not for profit Web site opened for all faith communities has a unique mission in cyberspace — a home for all religions under one banner. While each faith has their distinct area the OurFaiths team works together to build bridges of inter-faith understanding through chats and message boards where anyone can talk with others and post messages. Working at OurFaiths is a team of hosts from Islam, Judaism, Eastern, Earth-based, Catholic, Latter-day Saints and other Christian faiths. Visit www.our-faiths.org or e-mail Tblake@our-faiths.org

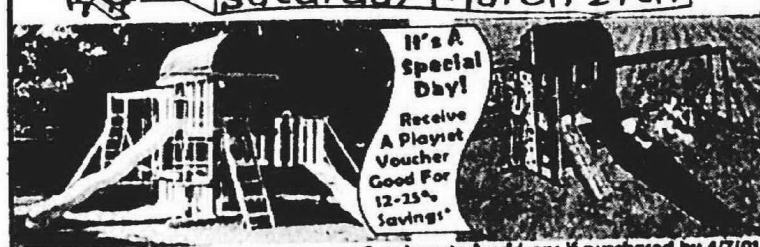
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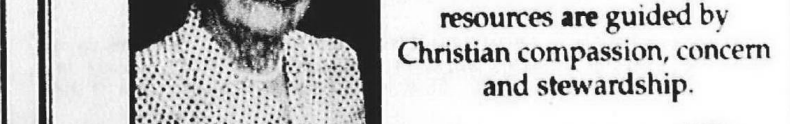
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 13, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 13, 2001. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery

Members Absent: Yack
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter as chair for this meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 27, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to approve the study session meeting minutes of March 6, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

General Fund	101	\$ 328,971.55	Auto Theft Grant	289	41,510.59
Fire Fund	206	38,645.27	Downtown Dev		
Police Fund	207	75,479.25	Authority	294	8,145.48
Summit			Post Employment		
Operating	208	67,578.49	Benefits	296	8,151.95
Golf Fund	211	3,146.23	Cap Proj - Road		
Street Lighting	219	16,609.06	Paving	403	36,250.00
Cable TV Fund	230	977.34	Building Auth		
Twp (Community)			Construction	469	214,906.57
Improvement	246	4,689.22	Water & Sewer		
E-911 Utility	261	184.60	Fund	592	426,159.74
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	808.16	Trust & Agency		
Federal Grants			Fund	701	5,612.50
Fund	274	25,144.74	Total - All Funds		\$1,302,970.74

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to adopt a resolution recognizing the Knights of Columbus "Help the Handicapped Week." Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to authorize the township Clerk to post an Internet message to sell the punch card election system supplies listed in the attachment. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to approve the following budget amendments in the 2001 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2000. Motion carried by all present.

Fund	Current Budget	Budget Amendment	Amended Budget
General	\$19,583,974.00	\$585,224.00	\$20,169,198.00
Fire	6,952,950.00	23,144.00	6,976,094.00
Police	11,106,085.00	265,432.00	11,371,517.00
Community Center	3,475,583.00	26,343.00	3,501,926.00
Golf Course	2,543,504.00	4,437.00	2,547,941.00
Cable TV	702,743.00	5,553.00	708,296.00
Community			
Improvement	3,279,000.00	520,082.00	3,799,082.00
911 Service	197,500.00	8,904.00	206,404.00
Capital Proj - Roads	2,045,766.00	283,359.00	2,329,125.00
Building Auth			
Construction	5,577,781.00	3,285,548.00	8,863,329.00
Water & Sewer	20,617,311.00	137,566.00	20,754,877.00
Tonquish SpAssmt	0	254,892.00	254,892.00
Koppnick SpAssmt	0	72,520.00	72,520.00
Beck Road SpAssmt	0	9,057.00	9,057.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to increase Purchase Order #21509 by \$4,000.00 for Siegal/Tuomala for additional design and architectural work on the Fleet Service Center. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Building Code Enforcement Agency Ordinance No. 96(A) which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 96

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 96; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Building Code Enforcement Agency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 96, be and hereby is repealed.

Section 2. Violation And Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Plumbing Code Enforcement Agency Ordinance No. 97(A) which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF PLUMBING CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 97(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE PLUMBING CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 97; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Plumbing Code Enforcement Agency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 97, be and hereby is repealed.

Section 2. Violation And Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Mechanical Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 98(A) which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF MECHANICAL ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 98(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE MECHANICAL ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 98; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Mechanical Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance, Ordinance No. 98, be and hereby is repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Electrical Ordinance No. 77(D) which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 77(D)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 77; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Electrical Ordinance, Ordinance No. 77, be and hereby is repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules No. 2.350 - 12.354 which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ORDINANCE NO. 2.350 - 12.354

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 77; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules, promulgated pursuant to Ordinance No. 77 be and hereby is/are repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of the Electrical Service Conductors; Placement Ordinance No. 78(C) which is to become effective upon the publication of March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 78(C)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL SERVICING CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 78; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance.

The Electrical Servicing Conductors; Placement Ordinance, Ordinance No. 78, be and hereby is repealed.

Section 2. Violation And Penalty.

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the State Construction Code Administration and Enforcement Ordinance No.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

CARD PARTIES

St. Bernardine pinocle and euchre card parties will be held at 7:30 p.m. arch 30, April 6 and April 20. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, and includes cards, prizes, refreshments and munchies. Future parties are March 30, April 6 and April 20. Located at Ann Arbor Trail & Merriman, use north entrance to Social Hall.

FRIENDS' BALL

Providence Health Foundation "Friends' Ball" will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds will benefit The Providence Cancer Institute and the emergency department. Textron, Inc. is the sponsor. Call Sherry Licata for reservations (248)

424-3087.

HAVE A BALL

An evening benefiting Plymouth Christian Academy will be held, March 30 at CompuWare Arena in Plymouth. Event proceeds from "Have a Ball" will be used toward the development of the schools new Sports Complex and help with valuable initiatives at school. Last year nearly 1,000 supporters attended the mini-live auction and dinner auction to help raise over \$150,000. To participate in the event or serve as a donor/advertiser call Sandra (734) 455-3505 ext. 148.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School (9600 Levee, Redford) will host a Mom to Mom Spring Resale from 9:30

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 31. Admission is \$1; strollers allowed. For rental availability call Shirley (313) 531-8511. Church is located one block north off West Chicago and west of Beech Daly.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Sacred Heart Church (29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia) will be the host site of a Mom to Mom's sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Second hand children's clothing (newborn and up); toys, maternity items; children's furniture, cribs, strollers, high chairs and beds. Bake sale. \$1 admission. Call Jennifer (248) 426-6227 to rent a table. Representatives from Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, D.K. Books (personalized books also avail-

able) and Tupperware will be present.

WATCH/PERFUME FUND RAISER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital (34675 Five Mile) will hold a watch and perfume fund raiser sponsored by the St. Mary Mercy Foundation from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 and 6 in the Pavilion lobby. All watches are licensed and include brands such as Seiko, Guess and Gruen. The sale also includes hard to find fragrances and name brands. Call (734) 655-2980.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. A clown will be on-hand to provide free face paint-

ing and balloon animals. Maternity through infant and pre-teen clothes, toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch and child care. Bake sale. Hot dogs, chips, Kool-Aid and coffee. Call (734) 422-0149.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Hosanna Tabor Church (9600 Levee) between Beech Daly and Inkster Road will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bag sale at 2 p.m. Snack bar available.

RACE FOR A CURE

The Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, will celebrate its 10th anniversary even with a move to Comerica Park in Detroit. The event will take

place Sunday, April 21. The event includes 6:30 a.m. (information, pack pick-up and warm-up); 9 a.m. 5K men's competitive run and 5K women's competitive run. One-mile run walk (non-competitive) and 5K walk/run for women, men, family and friends. Entry fee is \$15 by March 24; \$20 by March 31; \$25 by April 7 and \$40 thereafter. Call (800) 527-6266 or visit www.karmanos.org/raceforthechecuredetroit

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Newburg United Methodist church will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 27 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28. NUMC is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

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Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Section 8. Repeal.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 9. Severability.

If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 10. Savings Clause.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 11. Publication.

The Township Clerk shall publish this ordinance in a manner required by law and shall at the time publish a supplementary notice setting forth the purpose of the said Uniform Traffic Code and to the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available at the office of the clerk for inspection by the public at all times.

Section 12. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the amendments to the Inspectors Ordinance No. 14(A) which is to become effective upon the publication on March 22, 2001. Motion carried by all present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE COUNTY
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ORDINANCE INSPECTORS ORDINANCE NO. 14A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ORDINANCE INSPECTOR; TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF SAID POSITION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING LITIGATION OR PROSECUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Establishment of Ordinance Enforcement Inspector.

The position of Ordinance Inspector is hereby established in the Charter Township of Canton.

Section 2. Authority and Duties of Ordinance Inspector.

1. The Ordinance Inspector is hereby authorized to enforce all ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, with the exception of Ordinance Nos. 81 and 86. The authority herein granted to the Ordinance Inspector to enforce the aforesaid ordinances shall not be exclusive, but shall be supplemental to the enforcement authority granted to any other specific office, officer or individual by any particular ordinance or statute.

2. The duties of the Ordinance Inspector shall include, but shall not be limited to the following: the investigation of violations of the aforementioned ordinances; the serving of notices of violation of the aforementioned ordinances; the issuance and service of appearance tickets in accordance with P.A. 1999 No. 76, MCL 764.9c; appearances in court or other judicial proceedings to assist in the prosecution of any ordinance violators; preparation of cases for the prosecution of violators of the aforementioned ordinances, and such other ordinance enforcement duties as may be delegated by the Township Board.

Section 3. Appointment And Removal of Ordinance Inspectors

The Township Board of Trustees is hereby authorized by resolution, at any regular meeting of said Board, to appoint any person or persons to the position of Ordinance Inspector.

Inspector for such term or terms as may be designated in said resolution. By resolution, the Township Board may without cause remove any person from said position whenever the Board deems said approval is fitting and proper.

Section 4. Repeal

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 6. Savings Clause

The enactment of this ordinance shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any pending litigation or prosecution of any rights established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 7. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take immediate effect upon publication. All ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted shall hereafter be supplemented by the terms of this ordinance.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of March, 2001, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

Introduced: February 13, 2001

Adopted: March 13, 2001

Published/Effective: March 22, 2001

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table consideration of the preliminary FDD for the Grand Sakwa development, to refer the item to the Planning Commission to resolve all outstanding issues and authorize the Commission to hold the second public hearing and take action upon the preliminary FDD, final FDD and site plan when the project is considered. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the Special Land Use for Abundant Life Recreation/Day Care Center. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the contract with PALA, Inc., 1244 Dennis Road, Williamston, Michigan 48895 for the installation of a voice and internet tax information system in the amount of \$88,000.00 plus \$8,000.00 annual service contract with funds to come from account no. 101-953-077-0000. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish for first reading the amendments to the Water Supply and Sewer System

Ordinance No. 30(P). Motion carried by all present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
AMENDMENT TO WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM
ORDINANCE NO. 30(P)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 ENTITLED "MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL" PROVIDING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTOR WITH AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH OR APPROVE A POLICY OR GUIDELINE RELATING TO THE USE OF THE WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; FURTHER PROVIDING AUTHORITY IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTOR TO EXPEND FUNDS NECESSARY TO CORRECT AND REPAIR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHICH ARISE IN THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTION 6 TO EXEMPT CORNER LOTS FROM CERTAIN FRONT FOOTAGE CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 6(C) TO PROVIDE FOR A SEPARATE IRRIGATION WATER CONNECTION TAP FOR CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS OR PROJECTS WITH A GENERAL OR COMMON AREA OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A SUBDIVISION, CONDOMINIUM OR OTHER LEGALLY CONSTITUTED LANDOWNER ASSOCIATION WITH NO BUILDING ON SUCH GENERAL COMMON AREA; AMENDING SECTION 6(F) TO PROVIDE A DUPLEX IS CONSIDERED A 2 UNIT DWELLING REGARDLESS OF WHERE LOCATED; AMENDING SECTION 6(H) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT FACTOR FOR A RESTAURANT TO BE ONE UNIT PER 400 SQUARE FEET; AMENDING SECTION 6(I) TO PROVIDE THERE SHALL BE COLLECTED ONLY ONE WATER DEBT SERVICE CHARGE PER PLATTED SUBDIVISION OR SITE CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PROJECT FOR LANDSCAPING IRRIGATION SYSTEM SERVICING SUCH PLATTED SUBDIVISION OR SITE CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION; AMENDING SECTION 7 TO EXEMPT CORNER LOTS FROM CERTAIN FRONT FOOT CHARGES; AMENDING SECTION 7(A) TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE APPLICABLE AN INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE WILL BE APPLIED TO SEWER BILL; AMENDING SECTION 7(C) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL EQUIVALENT UNIT FACTOR FOR A RESTAURANT TO BE ONE UNIT PER 400 SQUARE FEET; AMENDING SECTION 8(D) PROVIDING A SERVICE CHARGE OF \$100 WILL BE CHARGED TO RESEAL AN OPEN BYPASS ON THOSE METERS THAT HAVE BYPASSES; AMENDING SECTION 8(E) TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY IN TOWNSHIP TO ESTIMATE WATER USAGE UPON MECHANICAL FAILURE OF WATER METER; ADDING SECTION 8(F) TO PROVIDE THAT OWNER OR LESSEE OF REAL PROPERTY SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO BUILDING TO THE TOWNSHIP TO EXAMINE, REPAIR OR REPLACE WATER METER OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND FOR PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE; ADDING SECTION 8(G) TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING, DAMAGING, CHANGING, REROUTING, REMOVING, AND BY-PASSING A WATER METER BY PERSONS OTHER THAN TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL; AMENDING SECTION 15(F) TO PROVIDE THIS ARTICLE NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INTERFERE WITH ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AMENDING SECTION 15(G) TO PROVIDE PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS SHALL BE ABANDONED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WAYNE COUNTY STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTION 19 TO PROVIDE IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO CONDUCT THE ACTIVITY OF ERRECTING, CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING OR MODIFYING A WATER OR SEWER LINE WITHIN ANY WETLAND WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AMENDING SECTION 20 RATES, FEES AND CHARGES PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVING OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 3 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, Section 3 thereof entitled Management and Control is amended to read as follows:

112.030. Section 3. MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.

This section provides the Municipal Services Director with authority to establish or approve a policy or guideline relating to the use of the water system and sewer system under certain circumstances and further provides authority in the Municipal Services Director to expend funds necessary to correct and repair emergency situations which arise in the operation and maintenance of the water system and sewer system under certain circumstances.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6 WATER RATES

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 6 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, Sections 6 thereof entitled Water Rates to read as follows:

112.060. Section 6. WATER RATES.

This section amends Section 6(B)(2) to exempt corner lots from certain front foot charges, to amend Section 6(C) to provide for a separate irrigation water connection tap for certain developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision by a subdivision condominium or other legally constituted land owner association with no building on such general common area; amending Section 6(F) to provide a duplex is considered a (2) unit dwelling regardless of where located; amending Section 6(H) to provide for the Residential Equivalent Unit Factor for a restaurant to be 1 unit per 400 square feet; amending Section 6(I) to provide there shall be collected only 1 water debt service charge per platted subdivision or site condominium subdivision project for landscaping irrigation system servicing for such platted subdivision or site condominium subdivision.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7. SEWER RATES

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 7 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled Sewer Rates to read as follows:

112.070. Section 7. SEWER RATES.

This section provides that Section 7(C) is amended to exempt corner lots from certain front foot charges and to further amend Section 7(C) to provide for the Residential Equivalent Unit Factor for a restaurant to be 1 unit per 400 square feet.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8. WATER BILLINGS AND READINGS

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 8 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled Water Billings and Readings to read as follows:

112.080. Section 8. WATER BILLINGS AND READINGS.

This Section provides that Section 8(D) is amended to provide a service charge of \$100.00 will be charged to reseat an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses; amending Section 8(E) to provide authority in Township to estimate water usage upon mechanical failure of water meter; adding Section 8(F) to provide that owner or lessee of real property shall provide access to building to the Township to examine, repair or replace water meter or other equipment and for penalties for non-compliance; and adding Section 8(G) to provide penalties for tampering, damaging, changing, rerouting, removing, and by-passing a water meter by persons other than Township Personnel

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15. PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 15 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled Private Sewage Disposal to read as follows:

112.150. Section 15. PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

This section amends Section 15(F) to provide this Article not be construed to interfere with any additional requirements which may be imposed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and to amend Section 15(G) to provide private sewage systems shall be abandoned in accordance with Wayne County standards.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 19. WETLAND

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 19 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled Wetland to read as follows:

112.190. Section 19. WETLAND.

This section amends Section 19 to provide it shall be unlawful for any person to conduct the activity of erecting, constructing, installing or modifying a water or sewer line within any wetland without first obtaining a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or other governmental agency as required.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 20. RATES, FEES, CHARGES.

Ordinance No. 30(P) is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30, entitled Rates, Fees, Charges to read as follows:

112.200. Section 20. RATES, FEES, CHARGES.

This section amends Section 20 to provide for various new water and sewer rates and charges.

SECTION 8. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE

This section provides that the balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

SECTION 9. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 11. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

This section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 12. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

This section provides that portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective after publication of the second reading. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the following budget amendments in the Golf Course Fund. Motion carried by all present.

Golf Course Fund

Increase Revenues
Contribution from General Fund \$211,000-676-1010 \$242,755

Increase Appropriations
Transfer to Building Authority Debt Fund \$211,756-965-3690 \$242,755

This budget amendment increases the Golf Course Fund budget from \$2,547,941.00 to \$2,790,696.00

Community Center Fund

Increase Revenues
Contribution from General Fund \$208,000-676-1010 \$130,715

Increase Appropriations
Transfer to Building Authority Debt Fund \$208,757-965-3690 \$130,715

This budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund budget from \$3,501,926.00 to \$3,632,641.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the transfer of \$130,715.00 from the General Fund to the Community Center Fund and the transfer of \$242,755.00 from the General Fund to the Golf Course Fund to provide funding for these costs. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fund for these transfers. Motion carried by all present.

Increase Revenues
Appropriation from Fund Balance \$101,000-699-0000 \$373,470

Increase Appropriations
Transfer to Community Center Fund \$101,959-965-2080 \$130,715
Transfer to Golf Course Fund \$101,959-965-2110 \$242,755

Total \$373,470

This budget amendment increases the General Fund budget from \$20,169,198.00 to \$20,542,668.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the creation and filling of an Administrative Assistant position in the Finance and Budget Department. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to approve a resolution to send Officer Koch and Shloh to K-9 Concepts, Inc., in Broussard, LA for a cost not to exceed \$3,300.00. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the creation and filling of a Public Works Foreman. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the creation and filling of a Public Works Foreman. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the increase in Purchase Order #24959 by \$50,000.00 to The Rensen Company for the additional work required on the Fleet Service Center. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to award Wade Trim/Associates the one year contract for Geographical Information and Storm Water Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$87,200.00. Motion carried by all present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to authorize payment to Wayne County for three applications of dust control on local roads for the 2001 calendar year, for a total amount of \$12,000.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy to approve the transfer of \$130,000.00 from the parking lot portion of the Summit expansion project to the contingency account for the Summit on the Park expansion. Motion carried by all present.

Adjourn
Motion by Bennett, supported by Lajoy at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all present.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held Tuesday, March 13, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of March 27, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

Published March 22, 2001

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Be mindful of children's emotions, well-being to prevent isolation

BY MARISA HOWARD
SPECIAL WRITER

Headline News: Another High School Shooting, Another Community in Grief and Disbelief. While many of us wonder what series of events precipitate incidents like the recent California school shooting, experts in the field of mental health have been studying and diagnosing this rash of youth violence.

Committed to identifying the missing links that will stop these tragic episodes, a general lack of empathy exhibited by today's youngsters, particularly those committing headline atrocities, is one common thread that has become frighteningly obvious.

Empathy is broadly defined as identification with and understanding of another's situation, feelings and motives. More specifically, it is our capacity to intimately relate to one another — sensing, feeling and understanding the emotions and reactions that each other experiences.

Empathy is an innate characteristic observable in very small

children: Infants in a nursery will react to the cries of other babies in distress. As our complex personalities develop, however, the instincts towards self-preservation and personal benefit begin to conflict with our ability to share the trials of others. Human beings need guidance in developing empathetic skills. Parents and other adults need to help children to appreciate what goes on around them and to assimilate what they see, hear and feel into how they respond to those with whom they interact.

Never to early to start

Children who haven't developed empathetic values don't stop to consider how their actions will affect others. They have no base of reference — a social conscience — against which to measure the effects of their behavior. This type of self-centeredness is developmentally appropriate for babies and very young children; it becomes problematic as children become older and begin to interact with others.

Early lessons in empathy can be quite simple. For example, when a toddler rips a toy from a playmate's hand, parents can easily intervene by stating, "You wouldn't like it if Johnny took your toys, would you? It would make you cry." The child is taught to reflect on how his behavior affects others, using his own feelings as a reference point.

Teaching empathy becomes a greater challenge as children grow and develop more complex behaviors. Although it's healthy for parents to encourage individuality in their youngsters, it's also important that they teach children to examine their motives as well as incorporate lessons regarding tolerance and acceptance. Preteens are notorious for building relationships that rival trade unions in complexity, often changing alliances with the whim of the day or hour. They are worried about peer acceptance and act impulsively, sometimes unintentionally making decisions that hurt the feelings of others. Adults

need to be swift and clear in teaching kids that it's not OK to tease, manipulate or exclude someone.

Character development is a life-long process. As a result, consistent guidance in empathetic thinking is critical — and frequently most lacking — throughout the teen years. Don't quit your job early. Your child needs to know you care about him so that he can care about others. Here are some tips you can use to keep your child safe while helping him develop an empathetic personality:

Start early — It's never too early to help your children learn to be mindful of the feelings of others. The earlier you start, the more ingrained this concept will be in their overall personality.

Be aware — Too often we revert to the old adage of "Children will be children." If you notice a child being unkind to another, intervene. Help the aggressor to understand how his actions affect others. Protect the less-dominant child.

Practice what you preach —

Your children look to you as a model for their behavior. Never allow your children to witness you acting in a way in which you would not want them to act. If you slip, take this opportunity to show your child the value of an apology.

Square one

Go back to the basics — Empathy development is a lifelong process. Revisit lessons in empathy often in conversations with your child.

Learn from the mistakes of others — Parents all too often make the assumption that their children are immune to tragic current events. However difficult it may be, children can learn from the mistakes of others. Openly discuss headline tragedies. Ask your children how they feel about what happened, how the tragedy might have been averted, and validate their feelings. You will be modeling the skills of empathetic listening as well as emphasizing the importance of acknowledging the feelings of others.

Watch for warning signs — Troubled children generally give many signals that they are hurting. Unfortunately, many of these signals are recognized after it's too late. Learn about the precursors to violent behavior, and trust your instincts to action.

Don't be afraid to ask for help — Raising children is not easy. If you believe your child is at risk, do not feel shame in seeking the help of professionals such as clergy, school personnel or mental health professionals. Get help before it's too late.

Marisa Howard is a full-time therapist for Lifespan Clinical Services, a division of Starfish Family Services, specializing in therapy for adolescent girls, families and parent/child relationship development. If you are interested in hosting a group training on the Warning Signs of Violence, call Lifespan Clinical Services program officer Tamie Glenn for further details at (734) 454-1580.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ADAMS
■ Class of 1991
A reunion is planned for Aug. 25 at RiverCrest in Rochester. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

ALLEN PARK
■ Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for May 5. Call Sandy Martin Wagel (313) 278-6246 or e-mail jawagel@aol.com

ANDOVER
■ Class of 1971
A reunion is planned for July 21 at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. Information about the reunion can be found at www.andoverclassof1971.org or call Pete Bowers (248) 332-3846.

AVONDALE (AUBURN HILLS)
■ Class of 1981
A 20-year reunion is planned for Sept. 8 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Please contact Kathy (Donaven) Reed at (248) 625-5147 or e-mail BKREED5@aol.com

BENTLEY
■ Class of 1981
Reunion is planned for Nov. 23 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. The committee is currently updating addresses/phone numbers of former class members. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

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BERKLEY
■ Class of 1971
A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at the Northfield Hilton. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

■ Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for June 23 at the American-Polish Cultural Center in Troy. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

■ Class of 1991
Reunion is planned for Aug. 10 at the Club Venetian (Madison Heights). The committee is currently updating addresses/phone numbers of former class members. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

BISHOP BORGESS
■ Class of 1971
Reunion is planned for Oct. 26-27 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

■ Class of 1980
A reunion is planned for June 30 at the Dearborn Hills Country Club. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

■ Class of 1981
A 20-year reunion is planned for Sunday Sept. 2 (Labor Day weekend) at the 5th Avenue Ballroom in Novi. Contact e-mails kashaw@aol.com and drtoupin@aol.com

CANTON & SALEM
■ Class of 1991
A reunion is planned for Nov. 10

at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
■ Class of 1961
For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit. Class of 1961 40th reunion call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165.

CHERRY HILL
■ Class of 1975
Cherry Hill High School in Inkster is planning a 25th+ reunion from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

April 28 at Laurel Manor. Call Brian Douglas (734) 479-1803.

■ Class of 1980
A 21-year reunion is planned for the class of 1980 at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Dinner served at 8 p.m. at the Karas House (23632 Plymouth Road, Redford). Tickets are \$100 a couple, \$50 per individual. Prices include buffet-style dinner, bar, DJ music and dancing. Send a check or money order to: CHHS Class of 1980, 15 Hickory Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118-9417 no later than Feb. 28. Call (248) 547-2864 or e-mail CHHS1980@aol.com

mail CHHS1980@aol.com

CHIPPWA VALLEY
■ Class of 1991
Reunion is planned for July 20 at the Mirage in Clinton Township. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

CHURCHILL
■ Class of 1981
A reunion is planned for Aug. 11

at the Doubletree in Novi. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

■ Class of 1991
A reunion is planned for Sept. 15 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

CLARKSTON
■ Class of 1966
A 35-year reunion will be held June 30 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. If you have not been contacted call Elaine Keeley Schultz (248) 673-6542.

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2-ball winners

Amber Drabicki of Livonia and Allie DeBella of Redford advanced to the state finals of the NBA-Detroit Pistons 2-Ball Competition in April by virtue of their performance on March 10 in Southfield.

The pair, competing in the 10-and-11-year-old division, won their district in Livonia and moved to regionals at Southfield-Lathrup on Saturday. The two scored 52 points to win the regionals, shooting from various spots on the floor, but had to wait and see if the score was among the top four in the state.

It was and they advanced to the finals on April 1 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, where they will compete before the Pistons-Golden State Warriors game.

College notes

■ Wayne State University freshman Chris Totten (Garden City) finished fourth out of nine divers at the NCAA Division II swimming and diving championships last weekend.

Totten finished with 384.95 points in the meet, while Mike Schluckbier of Drury University won the meet with 412.50 points. Wayne State came in 14th overall with 56 points.

■ Julie Stoll (Redford Thurston) went 5-for-7 on Tuesday as Eastern Michigan University split a softball doubleheader at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Stoll was 2-for-3 with a stolen base in the Eagles' 2-1 loss in the opener, but went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI in EMU's 10-5 win in the second game.

■ Kalamazoo College's Steve Domin (Stevensen) made All-America in two events at the NCAA Division III swimming championships in Buffalo, N.Y., last week.

Domin was part of the Hornets' third-place 800 freestyle relay team (6:52.41) and a member of the seventh-place 200 freestyle relay squad (1:24.82).

He also gained Honorable Mention All-America status for his part in the ninth-place 400 freestyle relay team (3:07.21), 11th-place 200 medley relay squad (1:35.23) and took an individual 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.38).

■ Albion College pitchers Brent Vasher (Canton) and Steve Gordon (Salem) contributed victories to the Britons' recently concluded 5-6 spring trip.

Vasher went 1-1 with a team-best 2.45 ERA for two starts. He went the first five innings of a 2-1 victory over Monmouth College on March 16 at Cape Coral, Fla., and got the win.

Gordon was 1-1 with a 7.71 ERA in two games, one start. His win came in relief against Webster University March 11.

Baseball tryouts

The Canton Cardinals u-10 travel baseball team will hold tryouts at 10 a.m. on March 24 at Pioneer Middle School. The Cardinals will play about 35 games in the Little Caesar's league.

For information, call 495-9767.

Umps wanted

The Canton Umpires Association is looking for people interested in being a baseball umpire with the CCJBBA.

Weekly hours vary, training and major equipment is provided. Applicants must be at least 14-years-old with some knowledge of baseball.

For more information, call Greg Angel at (734) 981-3007 or Dave Gove at (734) 981-3427, or by email at wdygreg4@aol.com.

Senior softball

Applications are now being taken for senior men's softball.

Age groups are 55-64, 65-70 and 70-up. The seasons will begin in the spring and cover teams located in Livonia, Canton, Dearborn, Garden City, Taylor and Southgate.

For more information call Gene Fanger at (734) 434-1482 or John Finch (734) 427-7210.

RTHA seeks coaches

Redford Township Hockey Association is accepting applications for coaches for the 2001-2002 season. Coaching positions for House teams are available. Minimum of Associate level coaching cards are mandatory for Bantam and Midget divisions.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with youth hockey, can contact Mark Scicluna at 313-533-0821 or redfordhockey@hotmail.com.

SC tumbles in OT

For a team that usually hits most of its free throws, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team picked the wrong night to miss.

And it cost the Ocelots a spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association semifinals.

The Ocelots made just 10 of 17 in the game — including a pair of misses by Dave McGlown with 16.6 seconds left in regulation that could have iced the contest — and wound up losing to Wabash Valley (Ill.) in overtime, 94-87.

"We expect anybody to make one of two foul shots and Dave usually makes those," said SC coach Carlos Briggs, whose team usually hits 73 percent of its free throws. "But I'm second-guessing myself, because we could have got Derrick (Bird) or one of our better foul shooters to go to the ball."

"But you also have to knock down shots at the beginning and at the end of the game."

The Ocelots (32-3) held their biggest lead of the game with 32.2 seconds left in the contest as Bird hit two free throws to put SC up, 79-74.

But Wabash Valley's John Hollingsworth hit a 3-pointer with 17.5 seconds left to cut the lead to 79-77. SC inbounded the ball and tried to work it up court, but Wabash fouled McGlown with 16.6 left.

McGlown missed the pair and the Warriors (34-1) wound up getting the ball to Antwain Barbour, whose drive with 8.2 seconds left tied the score. SC had a chance to win in regulation, but rushed the ball up court, never got set and McGlown's last-ditch shot missed the mark.

"The difference in the game was that they made plays down the stretch," said Briggs, whose team made its first trip ever into the national finals. "We didn't get a stop when we needed it and defense and rebounding wins games."

SC did take an 84-80 lead in overtime, but Wabash roared through the rest of the OT, going on a 10-0 run and hitting 8-of-8 free throws.

"I thought we had a lot of momentum going into overtime," said Wabash coach Jay Spoonhour. "Don't be under the impression that we contained those guys. They can score. When you score 106 points per game, it's no fluke."

Bird led the Ocelots with 27 points (12 from 3-pointers) and added 12 rebounds, while Sam Hoskin (Redford Bishop Borgess) had 25 points with 13 rebounds and Mike Peek came off the bench to add 11 points. Dwight Windom and McGlown had eight points each, while Windom had eight rebounds and McGlown had 11 assists. Barbour paced Wabash with 25 points, while Darren Tarver had 22 and Hollingsworth and Omari Westley had 11 each.

Schoolcraft didn't help its own cause by committing 20 turnovers to 13 for the Warriors. The Ocelots shot 35-for-76 from the floor, while Wabash shot 33-for-67 from the floor and 21-of-28 at the line. It was a close game all the way, though, as the two teams traded the lead 38 times.

The loss put the Ocelots into the consolation bracket today with a 5 p.m. game against either Okaloosa-Walton (Fla.) or Dixie (Utah) College.

SC made its tourney debut in style Tuesday, rolling to a



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Top gun: SC's Sam Hoskin had a big game against Wabash Valley, pouring in 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds

20-2 start and cruising from there to a 77-54 triumph over outgunned Western Nebraska.

Please see SC HOOP, D5

WOMEN'S HOOP

Monroe rolls past Ocelots

About midway through the first half of Schoolcraft College's opening game at the NJCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Wednesday, something went wrong.

For the Ocelots. After that, everything went right for their opponents, Monroe (N.Y.) CC. The result was a 64-43 victory for third-ranked Monroe in this first-round tournament game, played in Hagerstown, Md.

With 9:58 left in the opening half, the Ocelots led 16-7. They were getting the ball into the post to Angelica Blakely and she was converting.

Monroe called timeout, made a defensive adjustment, and everything changed. SC was outscored 15-3 over the next 6:10 and trailed 26-24 at halftime.

Things went from bad to worse in the second half. A 22-5 Monroe run in the first 8:12 of the half doomed the Ocelots.

"I'm disappointed," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "I thought we let some things get away in the second half that wasn't typical of us."

Monroe improved to 28-3.

SC, now 25-6, was to play South Suburban (Ill.) CC at noon today in a consolation-round game.

Devin Francois paced the Ocelots with 16 points, eight rebounds and two steals. Next best was Blakely, with nine points and seven boards. Rachel Eley was limited to two points, but dished out eight assists and had eight steals.

Monroe got 18 points and 11 rebounds from Christina Volpe, 15 points from Taisha Roberts, 11 points from Tynecia Pam and six points, 15 rebounds and seven assists from Iesha Eldridge.

It was an error-filled game: Monroe had 32 turnovers, SC 23. But Monroe outrebounded SC 59-28 and hit 28-of-63 from the floor (44 percent); SC was 18-of-64 (28 percent).

ROCKERS SOCCER

Red-hot Rockers still in the hunt for playoff berth

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Suddenly, they're rolling. And the playoffs aren't such a fading dream after all.

On Tuesday, the Detroit Rockers stretched their season-best winning streak to four games by battering the Baltimore Blast 15-10 in Baltimore.

The win pushed the Rockers' record to 12-23; they are just one game behind the Kansas City Attack (13-22) and the final playoff berth in the NPSL's National Conference.

Please see ROCKERS, D5

Curtis chases new dream

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Life doesn't always give you a second chance. If you're lucky enough to get one, you'd better make the most of it.

Tom Curtis got his second chance at basketball — and the 1995 Garden City grad is making the most of it.

In high school, Curtis — a reasonably athletic, but slow-footed junior — was cut from the Cougars' basketball team.

As a sophomore at Grand Rapids Community College, Curtis finished this season by leading the Western Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association in rebounding, blocks and was 10th in scoring and has a slew of Division I, II and III schools wanting him to play for him.

The difference?

"I never tried in high school at anything," said Curtis, a 6-9 forward who turned 24 on Wednesday. "One of the reasons I didn't try hard in high school was I never thought it would get me anywhere, so why would I play? I know I could have played and I regret

that I didn't. But I know it will take me places now."

In his junior season at Garden City, Curtis was encouraged to try out for the Cougars, but missed the first tryout. He showed up for the second, but coach Greg Williamson cut him anyway.

"He was tall and athletic, but he was slow of foot back then — especially at the pace we tried to play at," said Williamson. "Back then, he didn't have much of a work ethic and I think was trying to find himself at that particular time."

Curtis knew that Williamson did what he had to do.

"He didn't have any choice," said Curtis. "I skipped the first tryout, so I agree that he had to do it. I decided not to try out my senior year and I regret it. I could have been playing with Brad Buddenborg and Pete Males (both played in college) and it would have been fun. If I had played, I would have gotten a lot farther in my career, but I just didn't have the

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BASKETBALL PROFILE

Good from border to border

Observer swimmers set standards for state's best

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For the ninth-straight season, the same name has appeared at the top of the team standings when the Western Lakes Activities Association Boys Swim Championships were concluded.

That name was Plymouth Salem.

Once again, the Rocks dominated the league and the Observerland area, and this season they made a strong impression at the state finals as well with a third-place finish — the best ever for Salem.

Chuck Olson, the long-time coach of the Rocks, earned another Observerland coach of the year award with the state-meet maneuvering of his personnel.

A couple of his swimmers could have competed in other individual events, but after confiding with their coach, they realized the best way to score for the team was by stacking the relays. The result was two first-place finishes and a fourth for the Rocks' relays.

It was an impressive season for Rock swimming, and other programs as well. Redford Catholic Central, Plymouth



FILE PHOTO BY TOM HIBBELN

State scorer: CC's Brett Meconis placed eighth at state meet in the 100-yard butterfly.

Canton, North Farmington and Livonia Stevenson each had strong seasons punctuated by outstanding individual performances.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Salem, 200-yard medley relay: Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Mike Johnson proved to be a record-setting bunch.

With Matt Showalter (breaststroke) and Kevin Schopieray (butterfly) teaming with

Lynn (backstroke) and Shelton (freestyle), Salem finished first in the 200 medley at the WLAA finals in 1:41.04.

At state meet, Olson altered his lineup somewhat, inserting Dzialo into the fly and Johnson to the free, moving Shelton to breast. The result was a 3.5-second drop and a fourth at the Class A state final, with a school-record 1:37.53.

The performance earned Salem All-America consideration.

Ben Dzialo, 200 freestyle, Salem: Dzialo was a multi-event state-meet qualifier, making the cut in the 200 free, 100 fly and 500 free. He ended up swimming the 100 fly and all three relays at state, where his performance was hindered by a flu virus.

Still, there's no doubting he had a super sophomore season. Dzialo won the 200 free at the WLAA finals in 1:46.44 and placed second in the 100 fly in 53.44. At the MISCA meet, he was sixth in the 500 free in 4:51.09 — the fastest time this season in Observerland in that event.

"Ben had an outstanding sophomore year," said Olson, "but not unexpected, when you apply yourself and have as much enjoyment in training and competition. His results were predictable."

Dzialo has a 4.0 grade-point average.

Please see OBSERVER SWIM, D4

It's set: Whalers to meet Sarnia



The streak, sadly, has ended for the Plymouth Whalers.

But as bad news goes, that's relatively minor. Because the jockeying for positioning for the "real" season — the Ontario Hockey League playoffs — is just about over. Play-off action begins Saturday, with the Whalers hosting the Sarnia Sting at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena.

The Whalers' streak that came to a close was their grip on the Hamilton Spectator Trophy, presented annually to the OHL's regular-season champion. The Whalers had that distinction the past two seasons, and they came very close to making it three in a row.

But the Erie Otters held off Plymouth's challenge and clinched the regular-season championship with back-to-back shutouts, 4-0 over Toronto Friday and 5-0 over Kitchener Saturday.

That gave the Otters a six-point lead over second-place Plymouth, with one game for each team remaining. Ironically, the Whalers finish their regular season Friday at Sarnia, then both teams turn around and head to Plymouth for Saturday's playoff game.

In its two games last weekend, the Whalers won at Sault Ste. Marie, 4-3, on Friday, but lost at home to Windsor, 4-2, on Sunday.

In Friday's win over the Greyhounds, two Whaler goals in the first 2:03 of the third period altered the complexion of the game, but it took a goal by Kris Vernarsky with 8:25 remaining (Damian Surma assisted) to give Plymouth the

OHL PLAYOFFS	
First round	
Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting	
Best-of-seven games	
Game 1: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.	
Game 2: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m. Monday.	
Game 3: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Compuware Arena.	
Game 4: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 30.	
Game 5: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Compuware Arena (if necessary).	
Game 6: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 (if necessary).	
Game 7: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5 (if necessary).	

Tickets for all Whaler home games may be obtained by calling the Compuware box office at (734) 453-8400.

win. Sault Ste. Marie carried a 2-1 lead into the third period, getting a goal from Kyle Wailes in the first period and, after Plymouth's Preston Mizzi tied it at 5:31 of the second, getting a second score a minute later from Jeff Richards to regain the lead.

Plymouth's Tomas Kurka knotted it at 2-2 1:28 into the final period, with assists from Ryan O'Keefe and George Nistas. Surma then put the Whalers ahead for the first time in this game at 2:03 with an unassisted goal.

The Greyhounds' Trevor Daley tied it again at 5:45, setting the stage for Vernarsky's game-win-

ner. Paul Drew made 31 saves to get the win for Plymouth. Ray Emery stopped 42 shots on goal for Sault Ste. Marie.

On Sunday at Compuware, the Whalers allowed the Spitfires to take command early, building a three-goal lead that proved large to overcome.

Windsor's Kyle Chapman scored the only goal of the opening period, assisted by Steve Ott. Ott then got the first two of his three goals in the game in a 46-second span of the second period, with Jason Spezza assisting on both, giving Windsor a 3-0 lead with 13:22 left.

Vernarsky's goal (assisted by Surma and O'Keefe) got Plymouth started on the comeback trail with 1:24 remaining in the second. Stacey Britstone added a power-play goal 5:21 into the third period (assisted by Surma and James Wisniewski) to trim the deficit to 3-2.

But the Whalers could not get the equalizer. Ott's third goal was scored into the empty net, Spezza again assisting.

Rob Zepp had 23 saves for Plymouth. Mike Leighton made 28 stops for Windsor.

The Whalers, who are 42-15-5-5 for the season, will have home-ice advantage throughout at least the first two rounds of the playoffs. Against Sarnia, which is 28-29-7-2, Plymouth is 4-1 going into Friday's season-ending matchup.

First-round playoff games scheduled for Compuware Arena are 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Game One); 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Game Three); 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 (Game Five, if necessary); and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5 (Game Seven, if necessary).

Tickets are available at the Compuware Sports

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East Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Belleville Bulls	38	22	5	3	83
Ottawa 67's	32	24	14	4	78
Peterborough Petes	29	28	8	2	68
Kitchener Frontenacs	27	29	11	1	66
Oshawa Generals	20	35	7	5	52
Central Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Toronto St. M. Majors	35	22	8	2	80
Sudbury Wolves	35	22	7	2	79
North Bay Centennials	31	28	8	2	69
Sarnia Sting	28	27	7	4	67
Miss. Ice Dogs	9	55	7	2	15
West Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	42	15	5	5	94
Windsor Spitfires	33	22	8	4	78
Sarnia Sting	28	29	7	2	65
London Knights	25	34	5	3	58
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	23	38	4	3	53
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OTL	Pts.
Erie Otters	44	11	10	2	100
Brampton Battalion	39	22	9	4	79
Guelph Storm	33	22	9	2	77
Owen Sound Attack	31	28	7	3	72
Kitchener Rangers	26	35	6	0	58

Arena box office, at any TicketMaster outlet, or by calling (734) 453-8400. Ticket prices range from \$10-15 for single games; playoff packages start at \$96.

Madonna loses a pair to Ohio Dominican

The return to the northern climates wasn't any easier on Madonna University's baseball team.

The Crusaders dropped both ends of a double-header at Ohio

BASEBALL

Dominican Sunday, losing 11-0 and 10-4 in Columbus, Ohio. Madonna, 3-7 after its trip to

Daytona Beach in Florida, is now 3-9. Dominican improved to 11-5.

Dominican's Dave Pearson handcuffed the Crusaders with six innings of two-hit, two-walk pitching in the opener. Madonna's only hits were singles by Mario D'Herin and Joel Halliday.

Halliday took the pitching loss, giving up six runs (five earned) on eight hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings.

In the second game, Madonna's hitting picked up but its pitching didn't. Joe Pruchnik and Nick Dedeluk each had two hits, including a double, with Pruchnik scoring a run and Dedeluk scoring one and driving in another.

Corey Farnier took the loss, surrendering five runs (four earned) on six hits and a walk in one inning pitched. Jonathan Sanchez allowed two runs (none earned) on three hits and seven walks in 4 2/3 innings to get the win for Dominican.

Crusader cagers lauded

After winning the first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in school history, the honors haven't stopped for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

Junior Forward Kathy Pangnis was named to the NAIA All-America first team, while senior forward Kristi Fiorenzi was named to the third team.

BASKETBALL

Pangnis, the WHAC Player of the Year, is the first player in school history to make the first team. The Allen Park native averaged 15.2 points per game and 6.3 rebounds per game, coming off a knee injury that sidelined her for most of the 1999-

2000 season.

Fiorenzi, a Plymouth Canton graduate, averaged 15.1 points and 6.7 rebounds for 30 games. She was twice named conference player of the week and was a first-team All-WHAC selection.

Both helped the Crusaders to an 11-3 conference record and a 18-13 overall mark.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, March 23

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Ohio Dominican at Madonna, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL

(all double-headers)

Friday, March 23

Madonna at Shawnee St., 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

Madonna at Muskingum, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 25

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, March 23

Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

(end of regular season)

OHL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, March 24

Game 1: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 26

Game 2: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

Game 3: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30

Game 4: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 (if necessary)

Game 5: Sarnia at Plymouth, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3 (if necessary)

Game 6: Plymouth at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 5 (if necessary)

Game 7: Sarnia at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday, March 23

Rockers vs. Milwaukee

at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Rockers vs. Cleveland

at Palace of Aub. Hills, 12:05 p.m.

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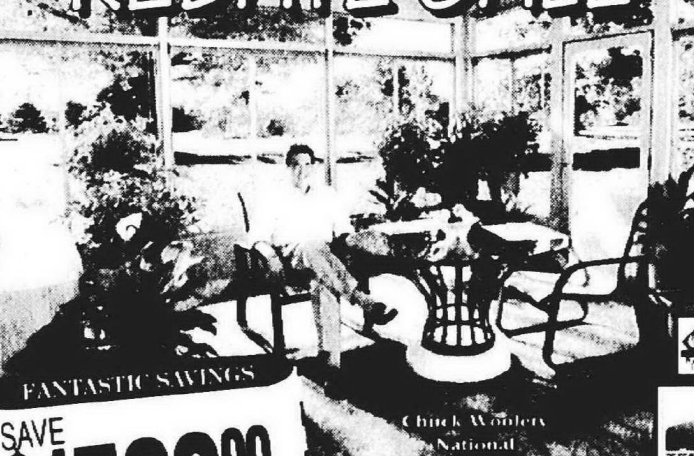


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Wednesday, March 28th @ 7:30 pm

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

WTU banquet

Livonia Whitetails Unlimited will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, March 31, at the VFW #3941, 29177 W. 7 Mile Rd., in Livonia. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., while the wild game buffet starts at 7 p.m.

There will be door prizes, auctions and raffles. The tickets cost \$50 for an individual, and \$30 for spouses and those ages 15 and under. All tickets, except spouse tickets, include WTU membership. The order deadline is March 25. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For tickets or information, please call Durwin Moiso at (248) 437-2670, or Gary Jones at (734) 466-9394.

Gaiefsky invited

Junior Deborah Gaiefsky of Livonia Stevenson has been invited to play softball this summer for the world touring Coast To Coast Softball Stars.



Deborah Gaiefsky going on tour

Gaiefsky will participate in games played July 3-16 in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Gaiefsky lettered as a sophomore at Stevenson and played volleyball this winter as well. She also is carrying a 3.9 grade point average in school.

Twisters tryouts

The Wayne County Twisters of the Lake Shore Football League will conduct a pro-style combine tryout camp at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24 and 31 at the Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

There is a \$20 tryout fee (payable at registration). Candidates must be 18 years or older with a high school diploma.

The combine will consist of bench and standing press, vertical jump, 40-yard dash, quarter-mile run, shuttle and agility drills. Players must bring outside running shoes.

For more information, send an e-mail to michigantwisters@yahoo.com.

Final tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will conduct its final spring registration from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 31 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan between Canton Center and Beck.

Space is limited for lower age brackets due to overwhelming

response to earlier registrations, so new registrants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted after this date.

Space is available for baseball 11-18 years and softball 7-18 years.

Registration is open for boys and girls 4-18 years who are Plymouth or Canton residents or attend school in the Plymouth-Canton district. All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration.

Cost is \$65 for T-ball; \$75-95 for baseball/softball 7-18 years; \$350 for travel baseball 10-18 years; and, for travel softball under-10 to under-18, \$175-250. Only checks, cashier checks or money orders will be accepted.

Any adult interested in coaching or umpiring can sign up at this time. For further information, please call: Chris Angel (T-ball 4-6) at (734) 981-3007; Mark Caples (baseball 8-12) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (baseball 13-18) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (softball 7-18) at (734) 454-7328; travel baseball/softball at (734) 453-2040.

Westland softball

Open registration for the City of Westland Department of Parks and Recreation summer softball leagues will be Monday, April 2 through Sunday, April 22 at the Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road.

Registration for returning teams began March 12.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

GCYAA seeks players

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association still has openings for players in all age divisions for baseball, softball and T-ball.

For more information, please call Ken Kibit for baseball and T-ball at (734) 513-8603 or Curt Blankenship for softball at (734) 522-8539.

Westland golf lessons

The City of Westland Senior Resources Department is offering golf lessons in cooperation with the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, Westland.

The cost is \$40 for the five-week session (includes coffee and donuts). Students participating in the golf class will be working with a golf pro and simulators.

Lessons will begin at 10 a.m. Thursdays, March 29, and April 5, 12 and 19.

There will be no lessons today due to golf league orientation at the Senior Resources Center (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Refreshments will be served. League details will be covered at

the orientation.

For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

Michigan Cup redux

The Championship golf experience for the non-championship golfer will be offered again this season by Tournaments USA in the Michigan Cup series.

The Michigan Cup uses the Ryder Cup and President's Cup format in a series of events throughout southern Michigan from May-Sept.

"Eighty percent of people who love to play golf do not break 90 on the scorecard — yet they go out and play as much as they can," said Tournaments USA co-founder Jeff Bradley.

"The only people who really get a chance to play competitive golf are the low-handicap and scratch golfers," he said. "All the other tournaments seem to cater to this more talented style of player."

The series debuted last summer and was well-received.

Tournaments USA will donate \$2,000 from the series' proceeds to the Salvation Army.

For more information, call (734) 522-8872 or visit the website at www.tournamentsusa.com.

Learn to Check clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct the Learn to Check clinics at several metro-area locations.

Clinics will take place 6:30-8:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 28, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills; and 5:30-7:20 p.m. and 7:30-9:20 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Redford Arena.

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking.

Areas of emphasis in the two-hour instructional session include proper checking technique, how to receive a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning.

To sign up call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600. For more information visit the Web site at www.suburban-hockey.com.

River dinner

The Friends of the Detroit River will hold a benefit dinner from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, March 26 at the Gibraltar Community Center. The center is located on S. Gibraltar Rd.

Admission for the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, please call (734) 675-7528.

WACO wolves golf

The WaCo Wolves USA travel baseball team will stage a golf outing fundraiser beginning at noon Sunday, April 29 at the Woodlands of Van Buren, located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

The cost is \$75 per person. Included in the fee is 18 holes of golf with cart (four-person tee-off), closest to the pin and long drive prizes, lunch special at the turn (hot dog, chips and drink), cookout and open bar at the 19th hole along with door prizes. There will also be a skins competition and 50-50 raffle.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call Lou Jannick at (734) 595-2975 or e-mail ljannick@ameritech.net.

Spree teams wanted

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club (LYSC) is encouraging local youth soccer teams to become charter entries in the Livonia Spree Invitational Tournament (June 22-24).

The tournament is open to boys and girls teams in age groups from under-9 through under-19. It offers recreational, select and premier divisions.

The tournament, scheduled in conjunction with the city's 51st anniversary, has been sanctioned by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYS).

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games in pool play with group winners and wild card teams moving on to play in a trophy round.

All players will receive commemorative participation pins and they, along with their families, will be eligible for discount tickets to the Livonia Spree.

For an information packet including team entry forms as well as additional rules and information, call the tournament hotline at 734-462-5889. You can also e-mail lysctournament@ameritech.net or visit the Livonia Youth Soccer Club's website at www.livoniassoccer.org.

Rugby recruits

The Oakland Highlanders, a new rugby club in the Midwest and Michigan Rugby Football Union, is currently recruiting new members of all skill levels for the spring season.

The team consists of men 18-and-over. Experienced rugby

players as well as amateur athletes looking to explore a new sport are welcome. The team competes against other clubs in the Midwest Territorial Union, such as Battle Creek, South Bend, Flint, Traverse City, Midland, Fort Wayne, Findlay, Toledo and Grand Rapids.

You need not reside in Oakland County to join. For further information, call Matt Martello at (248) 307-0938.

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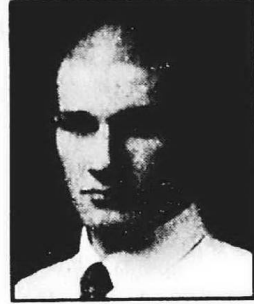
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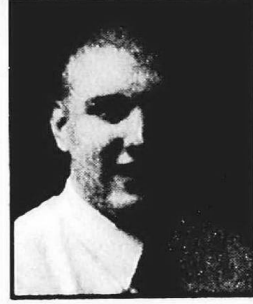
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Observer swim from page D1

Joe Bublitz, 200 individual medley, Stevenson: Bublitz had another quality season for the Spartans and left his mark with school records in the 200 IM (1:52.51) and the 100 backstroke (54.13).

"Joe is one of the most respected swimmers in the state," said his coach, Jeff Shoemaker. "He consistently encourages and compliments his teammates and the competition."

"He's a true asset to the Stevenson team and he'll be sorely missed. A lucky college coach will have the next opportunity to meet Joe Bublitz."

He won the 200 IM in the MISCA meet for the second year in a row, won the 200 IM in the WLAA meet and shared first place with Salem's Eric Lynn in the 100 freestyle.

Bublitz finished third in the state in the 200 IM and had the seventh-best 100 freestyle time in the same meet.

Mike Johnson, 50 freestyle, Salem: Johnson, a junior, stepped into the elite class this season. He won the 50 free at the WLAA Championships in 22.12 after placing second in that event at the MISCA meet in 21.59. Johnson was also third at the WLAA finals in the 100 free (49.07).

He stayed on track at the state final, finishing third in the 50 free in 21.69, as well as swimming in all three relays.

"Mike's junior year proved to be another step, in which the more experience, the greater the results," said Olson. "He's a great teammate, one of those quiet but noticed leaders."

Johnson carries a 3.8 grade-point average.

Chris McFarland, diving, John Glenn: Was a three-time diving qualifier for the state meet, capping his career with a 12-place finish in this year's state meet.

Undeclared in dual meet competition, McFarland will be attending San Jose State University in the fall.

"Chris has been a blessing to work with the past three years," said his coach, Randy Ferguson. "He's been a great role model for the younger divers as they continue this new diving tradition at John Glenn."

"Chris was outstanding at the state meet during the prelims and semifinals, getting 5's and 6's on everything. He struggled on a couple dives in the finals but still reached his goal of scoring in the state meet."

McFarland reached the 250's four times during the season with a high of 259.80 against South Lyon for six dives.

He scored 425.85 for 11 dives to win the Wayne Invitational and also finished first in the Walled Lake Invitational and the WLAA meet.

He carries a 3.66 GPA and was selected All-Observerland three times and All-WLAA twice.

Brett Meconis, 100 butterfly, Catholic Central: Meconis improved greatly this season, taking third in the Catholic League in the butterfly and in the 200 freestyle (1:48.06). He was also a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams and finished eighth in the state in the 100 fly in 52.50.

"He's one of our fiercest competitors and hardest workers," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "He increased his training and it has paid off with lifetime bests in his events. We expect some fantastic swims from Brett next year."

Eric Lynn, 100 freestyle, Plymouth Salem: This should come as no surprise — Lynn, a junior, led a powerful Salem squad in scoring this past season.

Why not? He's certainly proven to be one of the state's most versatile swimmers. Lynn made state qualifying times in nine events. All three relays, the 50, 100 and 200 free, the 200 IM, the 100 back and the 100 fly.

At the WLAA Championships, he finished first in the 100 free (47.72) and was second in the 200 IM (1:58.82). At the state finals, Lynn was part of all three scoring relays and was third in the 100 free in a school record 46.69.

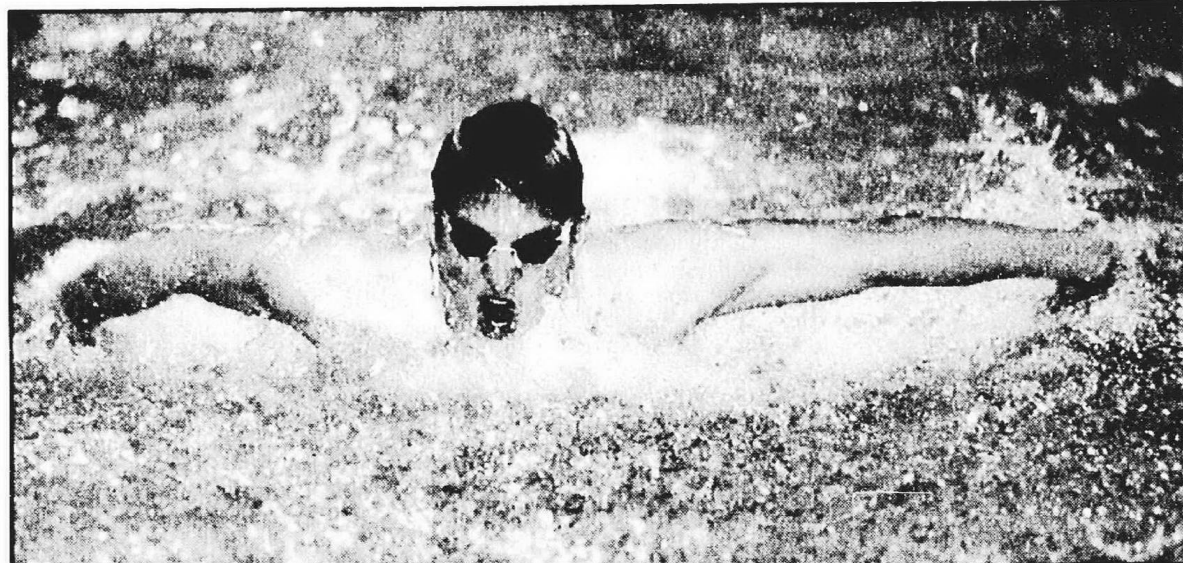
His all-around ability should make him one of the top swimmers in the state next season.

"I believe Eric has taken a step (toward) becoming a major player in the state as a senior," said Olson.

Brian Mertens, 500 freestyle, Plymouth Salem: For the last four years, Mertens has been one of Salem's steady performers, particularly in the distance freestyle. He was a team cocaptain this season.

At the WLAA Championships, Mertens placed second in the 500 free (4:59.13). He also placed fourth in the 200 IM at the WLAA's (2:07.03). His fastest time in the 500 came at the MISCA meet: He was ninth in 4:59.07, just 1.1 seconds short of the state cut.

Brian has been an outstanding swimmer and leader all four years at Plymouth Salem, Olson said of the senior. "He was always the leader in practice



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Multi-event threat: Salem's Eric Lynn proved to be a strong swimmer in just about everything — he qualified for state in nine events, including the butterfly.

and the example of the student athlete."

Mertens carries a 3.7 grade-point average.

Salem, 200 freestyle relay: The same foursome — Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Eric Lynn — teamed on all three relays for the Rocks, and the results couldn't have been better.

These four followed a win at the MISCA meet (1:26.10) with a first at the WLAA Championships (1:29.19, with Hugo Alvarez in place of Lynn). That left just one challenge remaining: the state finals. They handled that as well, edging Rockford for first by .02 (1:25.90).

They earned All-America status and set a new varsity record.

Zach Fellrath, 100 backstroke, Catholic Central: For a first-year swimmer, Fellrath proved to be a pleasant addition to the Shamrocks. The junior's best time was 55.81 and finished third in the Catholic League meet. He also competed on the state-qualifying medley relay team and went 51.62 in the 100 freestyle.

"He's a first-year swimmer who did a fantastic job," said Baker. "He joined us from cross-country and made it to states in his first year of high school swimming. He's a gifted back stroker and the biggest surprise of the year for us."

Adam Farber, breaststroke, N. Farmington: Farber had the best time in Observerland and one of the best in the state at 58.47. He also was among the area's best in the 50 freestyle and butterfly.

Farber was a double winner at the Western Lakes championships in the butterfly and breaststroke. It was at that meet he swam his best times of the season, including a 52.64 in the butterfly.

Farber is headed to the University of Michigan on an academic scholarship.

Salem, 400 freestyle relay: Talk about teamwork — Johnson, Shelton, Dzialo and Lynn completed a fabulous state meet with a second first place finish, in the 400 free relay (3:09.79). It earned them their second All-America standing and completed a year in which they were unbeatable, having won the MISCA meet (3:12.76) and the WLAA Championship in a conference record 3:15.16.

"These four young men really showed how teamwork pays off with outstanding results," said Olson.

He should have been smiling when he said it. All but Shelton return next year.

ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

Catholic Central, 200 medley relay: Fellrath, Dan Dziekan, Steele and Kevin Ryan worked well together, coming away with a second-place finish in the Catholic League and a 13th place at the state meet with a best time of 1:40.37.

"This relay had a tremendous year, qualifying for states and touched out in a swim-off for the final spot in the consolation finals," said Baker. "It really robbed these young men of a well-deserved spot in the finals."

Matt Wisniewski, 200 freestyle, Canton: Wisniewski was instrumental in Plymouth Canton's rise in the WLAA. The Chiefs finished second in the conference with Wisniewski placing second in the 200 free (1:49.00) and third in the 100 fly (55.21).

At the state meet, Wisniewski was 20th in the 200 free (1:48.25) and placed 27th in the 100 fly (54.78).

"As a junior, Matt improved greatly," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "not only as a swimmer, but also as a leader. We are looking forward to next season."

Andrew Carlin, 200 IM, Catholic Central: Carlin is one of the team's most versatile swimmers, qualifying for the state meet in both the 200 IM and the

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1. Ben Dzialo, sophomore, Ply. Salem	2. Brad Nilson, junior, Plymouth Canton
200 individual medley	
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80 freestyle	
1. Mike Johnson, junior, Plymouth Salem	2. Redford Catholic Central (Zach Fellrath, Dan Dziekan, Bryant Steele, Kevin Ryan).
2. Ed Lesnau, senior, Redford CC	200 freestyle
Diving	
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500 freestyle	
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2. Nick Markou, junior, Redford CC	2. Redford Catholic Central (Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Kevin Ryan, Nick Markou).
100 backstroke	
1. Zach Fellrath, junior, Redford CC	1. Plymouth Salem (Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn).
HONORABLE MENTIONS (individual state qualifiers)	
Kevin Ryan, Redford CC; Jeff Andonian, Redford CC; Dan Dziekan, Redford CC.	

100 freestyle (49.31). He placed second in the Catholic League in the 200 IM and his state cut time in the event was 2:02.21.

"He's one of our most talented and versatile athletes," said Baker. "He can swim almost every event and be highly competitive, allowing us flexibility in our line-ups. He should be a strong competitor for the next two years."

Ed Lesnau, 50 freestyle, Catholic Central: Lesnau is CC's lone senior in an individual event on the all-area team, and is one of its hardest workers. He set a school record in the 50 free in 21.64 and came in 12th at the state meet. He was second in the Catholic League in both the 50 free and 100 free (coming in 13th in the state at 48.24) and was a member of the 200 and 400 relays.

"He's a terrific competitor," said Baker. "He's very intense when on the blocks. He's got the quickest start I've seen and a very fast, powerful turn. He's our best sprinter."

Jeff Tallman, diving, Wayne: Jeff took first place in diving at the Michigan Mega Conference White Division meet with a score of 387.80.

He was fourth in the Class A diving regionals and finished seventh in the state meet in 1-meter diving.

"Jeff is most talented diver I've had in my tenure at Wayne," said Coach Mike Greuber. "He has a chance to be one of the top three divers in the state."

Bryant Steele, 100 butterfly, Catholic Central: Steele is a strong swimmer, coming in fifth in the Catholic League in the 50 free with a best time of 22.82 and was second in the 100 fly in the league and swam a 54.00 in state qualifying. He's also a member of the medley and 200 freestyle relays.

"He's a strong swimmer who steps up when needed," said Baker. "He has the muscle power to be an excellent flier. Having two excellent fliers who can win the event when necessary is a great feeling. He's also a great sprinter and a member of our sprint relays."

Aaron Shelton, 100 freestyle, Salem: It would have been difficult to find a better finish for a senior co-captain's season than the one Shelton had in 2001.

His Salem team enjoyed its best ever performance at state meet, and Shelton was an instrumental part of it, swimming on all three scoring relays. He narrowly missed scoring in the 50 free, placing 13th in 22.24.

At the WLAA Championships, Shelton was second in the 50 free (22.10) and third in the 100 backstroke (58.85).

"Aaron's leadership began when he was picked as co-captain for 2001," said Olson. "His enthusiasm and leadership for practices and competition had

his team's attention."

Nick Markou, 500 freestyle, Catholic Central: Markou was the top distance swimmer for the Shamrocks, coming in second in the Catholic League in the 500 freestyle (4:59.63), while swimming the 200 freestyle in 1:47.56 in state qualifying. He was also fifth in the Catholic League in the 200 free and had a split of 48.42 in the 400 freestyle relay.

"He's one of our hardest workers and most deserving swimmers. He practices hard all season and competes in every rave. He's our best distance freestyler and we're glad to have him for another year."

Catholic Central, 200 freestyle relay: The team of Lesnau, Meconis, Steele and Ryan were third at the MISCA meet in 1:29.14, second in the Catholic League and ninth in the state meet.

"It was a very competitive relay with senior leadership leading it off," said Baker. "They really came through in the clutch, nailing wins when we needed them."

Brad Nilson, 100 backstroke, Canton: For the second straight year, Nilson qualified for the state meet in the 100 backstroke by winning the 100 back at the WLAA Championships in 55.96. He was also fourth at the WLAA meet in the 100 free (50.37).

He reset the Canton pool record in the 100 back as well (55.88). At state meet, Nilson placed 26th in the 100 back (55.88).

"Nobody works harder, day in and day out, than Brad," said Weber. "His work ethic is a major strength for the team and his ability to swim multiple events helped lead us to our 9-1 (dual-meet) season."

Mike Nemer, breaststroke, Stevenson: Served as captain of the Spartan swim squad.

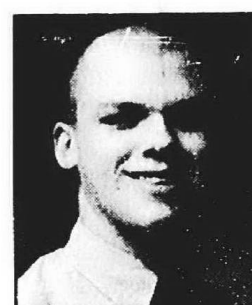
Swam his best time in the 100 breaststroke in the state meet, a 1:00.68 that earned him a ninth-place finish. Saved his best 200 IM time for the WLAA meet, 2:04.19.

"Mike is a real team leader who understands competitive swimming," Coach Jeff Shoemaker of Stevenson said. "He was an excellent mentor to the younger swimmers as captain."

"Mike is a superior athlete with many things to look forward to as he moves on to the University of Michigan."

Catholic Central, 400 freestyle relay: Lesnau, Meconis, Steele and Ryan swam a season-best of 3:16.10 and came in ninth in the state and second in the Catholic League.

"They swam very well at states," said Baker. "We had four great swimmers working together to make each other better. This relay always came through when a win was needed."



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Plymouth Canton



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Catholic Central



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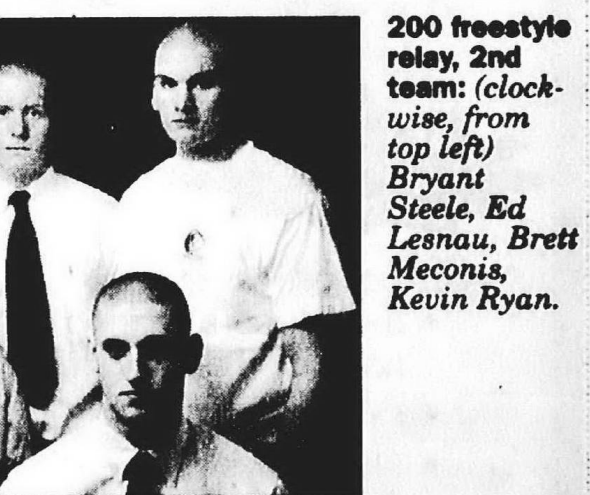


Salem relays: Observer's first-team 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams of (clockwise from top left) Aaron Shelton, Eric Lynn, Mike Johnson, Ben Dzialo.

200 medley relay, 2nd team: (clockwise, from top left) CC's Bryant Steele, Kevin Ryan, Dan Dziekan, Zach Fellrath.



200 freestyle relay, 2nd team: (clockwise, from top left) Bryant Steele, Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Kevin Ryan.



400 freestyle relay, 2nd team: (clockwise, from top left) Kevin Ryan, Ed Lesnau, Brett Meconis, Nick Markou.



Curtis from page D1

After graduation, Curtis moved to Detroit with a friend for five months. "It didn't work out and he came home. He took a job as a sky cap at Metro Airport, then worked for 3 1/2 years at Commonwealth Industries in Detroit, but quit when he had enough. All along, he was playing pick-up basketball."

A couple of years ago, his sister talked him into going back to school. She attended Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids and convinced him to move there, where he started at GRCC. Looking for a place to play, he wound up moving into a house with some players from perennial Division III contender Calvin College.

When he started at GRCC in January, 1999, one of his classes was a basketball class. The next was the functional equivalent of being found in a soda shop at Hollywood and Vine.

"The teacher told coach (David) Selmon about me and he told me to come in and try out," said Curtis. "I didn't go because I went away for the weekend."

But Selmon wasn't going to give up that easily.

"I asked him to play and he said, 'I don't know. I have to pay tuition,'" said Selmon. "I told him to let me know if he changed his mind. In the fall, he showed up and said let's go for this."

For never having played organized basketball, Curtis held his own, averaging about 2 points per game and eight rebounds. But more important, he realized that basketball could take him somewhere and, for the first time in his life, began to work at it.

"After I started playing, I got

more confident and took it from there," said Curtis. "Selmon said that if I improved, he would pay my tuition and he did that in the second semester of my first year."

This season, Curtis really took off — on the court and in the classroom. He led the team in rebounding with 19.5 per game — including a school record 26 in one game — and averaged 10.5 points and two blocks per game. And he also moved closer to his goal of getting a degree in education by averaging a solid 3.0 grade point.

"This guy decided he was going to be a player, and really worked hard at it," said Selmon. "He just took off. He's got a great touch from 15-16 feet and there weren't many games when he didn't have a double-double. Right now, I can't even return all of the phone calls from colleges wanting him to play for them. I get about seven or eight a day wanting to know about him. The University of San Francisco offered him a scholarship, but he's not going to take the visit because he thinks it's too far away."

That's just fine with Curtis, who's considering state colleges such as Spring Arbor, Olivet and Calvin, along with Furman (S.C.) and Missouri-Kansas City among others.

"A full ride doesn't concern me," said Curtis. "I'm close with my brother and my sister and I'd rather be closer to home. It's important to be back here."

"The thing is I want to teach and go into education. If I would have thought that basketball could get me there, I'd have done it much sooner. I regret not doing it then, but I don't regret it now."

SC hoop from page D1

SC had nearly as many people with nine or more points as Western Nebraska had players. Five Ocelots totaled nine or more, led by Bird with 18. Bird also grabbed seven rebounds.

Hoskin added 16 points and nine boards. Keanan Weir scored 14 points (4-of-7 three-pointers) and McGlown and Peek netted nine apiece. McGlown also dished out seven assists.

Deonte Moses' 18 points topped the Cougars, who dropped to the consolation bracket with a 21-13 record. Justino

Victoriano contributed 16. Once SC took control early in the game, it never surrendered the lead. The Ocelots led 42-23 at halftime; their lead was never less than 16 in the second half.

"We take pride in our defense," said SC's Weir. "We create our offense off of our full-court pressure. And our shots were falling early."

Briggs was pleased with his team's reaction to playing in front of a crowd in a big arena.

"We came out with poise and patience," said Briggs. "We

wanted to make it a 94-foot game and apply as much pressure as we could. We wanted to wear them down since they only had seven players."

The Cougars were without their top two scorers, Tommie King and Bobby Moore, as well as 6-8 freshman Carnell Adams, all suspended for the rest of the season for disciplinary reasons.

SC outshot Western Nebraska, making 24-of-54 from the field (44 percent) and 8-of-22 three-pointers (36 percent) compared to the Cougars' 18-of-47 from the

floor (38 percent) and 1-of-9 on threes (11 percent).

The Ocelots also had the edge in rebounding (40-32) and committed fewer turnovers (18, to Western Nebraska's 22).

"We had to replace 45 points of our offense," said Cougar first-year coach Trace Bevell. "For the first 25 minutes, I thought we played scared, like we were intimidated. When you come into a game shorthanded, everything has to fall just right."

It didn't from the start for Western Nebraska.

Rockers from page D1

Such a thought seemed inconceivable just two weeks ago. Detroit fell to 7-22 with a tight 10-8 loss to the Harrisburg Heat, the NPSL's top team, in a matinee game played March 7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Since then, however, it's been almost all good news. The Rockers have won five of six — and they haven't been knocking off mediocre teams, either. In the last eight days, they have beaten three of the league's top four teams: Toronto (twice), Baltimore and Milwaukee.

But before you start ordering playoff tickets, take note: The road won't get any easier. Of the Rockers five remaining games, three are on the road, including the season finale at Milwaukee (they also play the National Conference-leading Wave at the Palace this Sunday). The Rockers play three games in the final four days of the season — all on the road.

Kansas City, by comparison, plays four of its final five games at home, one of those a pivotal match against Detroit March 31. And the Attack haven't exactly been slumping: Last Saturday, they beat Harrisburg 24-16.

Tuesday's win at Baltimore was as good as it gets for Detroit. The Rockers scored first, getting a goal from Sean Bowers in the first quarter. But Baltimore rallied and led 4-2 after one period.

The second quarter was the difference. Detroit outscored the Blast 11-2 in the period to take a 13-6 lead into halftime; Droe Callahan's goal at 7:27 of the second proved to be the game-winner.

Two-point goals by Jason Dieter and Denison Cabral in the third quarter pulled Baltimore to within a three-pointer of tying the Rockers entering the fourth. But Domenic Mobilio, who has scored 44 points (16 twos, five ones, seven assists) in the 10 games since joining the Rockers in a trade with Philadelphia last month, got a two-point goal early in the fourth quarter to clinch it for Detroit.

Mobilio finished with four points (one two, a one-pointer, one assist) in the game. Joel Shanker also scored four points for Detroit (one two-pointer, two assists), with Callahan and Bowers each getting a two-pointer and an assist. Randy Prescott, Martin Dugas and Joe

Malachino adding a two-point goal apiece. Martin Nash picked up two assists.

Paul Shepherd and Alan Placek divided time in goal for the Rockers, Shepherd stopping 14-of-19 shots faced and Placek turning aside 7-of-8 shots.

Cabral led the Blast with three two-pointers. Dieter contributed two twos. The loss left the Blast at 21-15, one game behind Harrisburg for first in the American Conference.

Last Saturday at Computware Arena, Mobilio scored a pair of fourth-quarter two-pointers to break a 10-10 tie with Toronto, which Callahan followed with a three-pointer that sealed the Rockers' 17-12 triumph.

Mobilio again led Detroit with five points. Matt Knowles added a pair of two-point goals, with Shanker scoring a three and an assist for four points. Bowers also had four points (one two, two assists). Callahan finished with three points, and Nash had three assists.

The Thunder Hawks, 19-17 after the loss, got four points from Giullano Oliviero.

The game was a battle throughout, the biggest lead by

either team just three points until the Rockers' fourth-quarter surge.

The previous night, the Rockers' match against Milwaukee at Computware was even more dramatic — a 23-20 Rocker win supplied by Nash in overtime. A goal by Greg Howes 5:36 into the fourth quarter gave the Wave an 18-15 lead, but that wasn't enough.

A two-pointer by Mobilio and a three by Nash put Detroit in front, 20-18, with just 3:24 left. Milwaukee, however, got a goal from Matt Tirschman with five seconds left in regulation to tie it at 20 and force overtime.

Nash, who led the Rockers' attack with three three-point goals (nine points), got the gamewinner at 1:34 of OT.

Mobilio collected two twos, a one and two assists for seven points; Paul Dailly had two twos and an assist for five points; Bowers had four assists for four points; and Callahan got a triple and an assist for four points. Knowles also had a two-pointer.

Howes' three twos (six points) paced the Wave, who were 19-16 after the weekend.

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REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

We live in Bloomfield Township and are concerned about what appears to be an accumulation of a substantial amount of water in our back yard due to the construction of several homes on the block behind us.

We approached the township, which assured us that it will be more diligent in enforcing "water issues" and expansions, but we wonder whether we will have a problem when we sell our home and fail to advise of the water problem in our yard.

Is there a way to manage the problem? Can others be expected to help pay to fix the problem? Do we have an action with the county or village association?

It is difficult to answer all of your questions in this column, but it would appear that to the extent that the property adjacent to you has resulted in drainage which has created the "lake" which you talk about, you may have recourse against the neighboring owner.

The township has some responsibility in regard to approving the construction of homes, including drainage, and you should continue your recourse against the township to ensure that they are trying to make things right.

You are well advised to consult with a civil engineer, but if you have neighbors who have a similar problem, you should join forces and hire a lawyer.

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New Career: Chris Ciccone is making the transition to real estate from the aviation business.

So you wanna be a Realtor?

BY DOUG FUNKE
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"We don't just drive around in a Lincoln, show three or four houses and collect a \$4,000 (commission) check."

Diane R. Winkelmann, Realtor, Century 21 Hartford, Farmington.

So you want to become a Realtor? Are you sure?

The great majority of people in the business today didn't start there. And about half of the rookies drop out after a year or two.

"Real estate is more of a lifestyle than an occupation," said Dan Elsea, president of brokerage services for Real Estate One, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

"You spend a lot of hours, different hours. In a lot of ways, it controls you as much as you control it," he added.

Pat Jacobs, executive vice president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors, headquartered in Waterford, has seen Realtors come and go for 20 years.

"It's tough," she said. "It beats your ego down. The phone rings day and night. This isn't a get-in-your-car-and-drive-around-the-neighborhood job. It takes a high-energy person."

Real estate can be a difficult nut to crack, especially for a younger person.

"Probably for two things," Elsea said. "All real estate companies pay on a commission basis. You need some savings - money saved up - which is difficult for someone just starting out. You probably need three months of cash in a bank to cover your bills."

"The other is because of what we do - selling probably the most significant asset people have - it helps to have some maturity age-wise," he said.

What it takes

"People skills are very significant," Elsea said. "They have to be comfortable dealing with people, dealing with conflict. This is probably an overworked term - being a self starter is significant ... people willing to take their own initiative."

"Realtors are independent contractors for the most part, their own boss. Nobody tells them to get up in the morning and go to work," Elsea said.

"They have to have an understanding to develop a business plan and track their efforts," added Pat Stokes, manager of the Plymouth office of Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke.

Real estate isn't a get-rich-quick occupation.

Sales commissions, about 6 percent here, are divided evenly between the agent who lists a house for sale and the agent who finds the buyer.

Those agents, in turn, typically divide 10-50 percent of their commissions with the broker who owns the office where they work as an independent contractor.

So a Realtor who brings a buyer to a \$150,000 transaction and splits her commission 50/50 with her broker ends up with about \$2,250. And she doesn't get paid until the deal closes.

Expect stiff competition.

More than 7,600 Realtors belong to the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors, the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the North Oakland County Board of Realtors combined.

Licensing requirements

But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

To become a licensed real estate agent in Michigan, you must be at least 18 years old, complete 40 hours of classroom training and pass a written exam.

That class includes real estate and contract law, fair housing/civil rights, fiduciary duties and ethical standards.

Major real estate franchises, some really boards, community colleges and private schools such as Sharp Real Estate Training in Westland, Middleton Training in Southfield and NCI Associates in Madison Heights, offer the 40-hour, pre-license class on a monthly basis.

Figure on paying \$120-\$225, which includes books.

Once licensed, most agents join a professional Realtor association, paying dues of \$500-\$600 the first year, \$300-400 annually afterwards.

Other expenses include multilist (houses available for sale) access fee, about \$35 per month, and a six-hour continuing education course required annually about \$50.

Then there's the car, gasoline, cell phone, pager, personal computer and any advertising efforts you want to make.

Business expenses, however, are tax deductible from income.

The reward is in the doing for those who persevere, said John McArdle, broker/owner of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

"When you succeed, you are in control of your own professional destiny," he said. "There is rarely a dull moment. Plus, you get to meet a ton of great people."

Meet 3 who've taken the plunge

Chris Ciccone, a Realtor with Keller Williams in Livonia, got into real estate sales about a year ago after his job as an aviation flight engineer was eliminated.

"With the airlines, I didn't get a lot of chances to interact with people," Ciccone said. "I was doing the same thing day in and day out."

It's been a good year since he switched careers.

"I had a couple of bucks put away so I didn't have a lot of financial holdbacks newer agents might have," Ciccone said.

"My expectations were it would be a lot of work. Reality is it's a ton of work. It's paid off very nicely."

It was a new compensation program involving a salary and bonus that drew Andy Dimitroff to the Real Estate One regional office in Southfield about a year and a half ago.

"I thought it would be a great way to get myself up and going," he said. "Getting started can be very expensive."

Dimitroff switched to real estate from inside computer-related sales.

"I was at a desk eight hours a day. It just wasn't my thing. I wanted more flexibility, freedom and income."

Dimitroff described his financial status as "very comfortable" since shifting career gears. "I pay my bills, have no problems and have fun doing it."

"It's been more work than I thought as far as making cold calls and marketing myself," he added.

Wayne Baumgartner, affiliated with Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth, has been a Realtor for three years. He left the construction industry for health reasons.

His biggest revelation?

"It's not as easy as you might think. The details that need to be done are pretty awesome. There's a lot of work behind the scenes," Baumgartner said.

He said his sales volume last year was about \$3.5 million. But it isn't just about the money.

"I'm working with a couple now. They had bad credit and now have good jobs. They're going to get this house. It's awesome, helping people achieve these goals," Baumgartner said.

Mortgage has rate of return, too

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM TIMBO PHILLIPS

We can usually measure success by weighing an endeavor's results against our efforts. For investments, this is called a rate of return.

An investment is defined as an outlay of money for income or for profit. While a mortgage is not a traditional investment, it is a critical part of perhaps your largest investment - your home. It follows that we should be able to evaluate it like other investments.

If my \$1,000 certificate of deposit earns me \$60 per year, I am realizing a 6.0-percent annual rate of return on my investment. If I could find a \$500 investment that would yield the same \$60 annually, I would double my rate of return. The extreme situation of having a \$60 annual yield with zero money out of my pocket would give me an infinite rate of return.

It sounds crazy, but that's math.

Let's say Melissa buys a \$100,000 home with a 5-percent down payment on the same day John, her new next-door neighbor, buys the identical home with 20-percent down. Five years later, they each sell their homes on the same day for the same price of \$140,000. In this scenario, Melissa would realize an average 160-percent annual return on her investment versus John's 40-percent growth.

Melissa's higher monthly payments will offset her actual gains a bit, but she also retains the opportunity to put \$15,000 - the extra amount that John has tied up in his home's larger down payment - into some other more aggressive investments for those five years. She may also choose to keep the money liquid in the event of a layoff or career change.

In a strong real estate market, the smaller the down payment you can make without paying a disproportionately high interest rate, the better your mortgage rate of return will be. Some mortgage lenders even offer over 100-percent financing for creditworthy borrowers. Eligible VA and FHA borrowers may be able to buy homes with as little as zero and 3 percent down, respectively.

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.

MULTI-FAMILY COUNT

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ATLANTA	17,229	+39
NEW YORK CITY	14,514	+26
CHARLOTTE, N.C.	7,400	+15
PHOENIX	10,981	+14
CHICAGO	10,942	+10
MIAMI, FLA.	3,910	+4
SAN DIEGO	6,305	+1
DETROIT	3,437	-2
ORLANDO	9,538	-27
LAS VEGAS	5,092	-27

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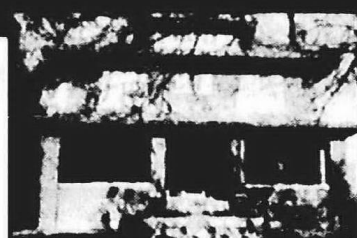
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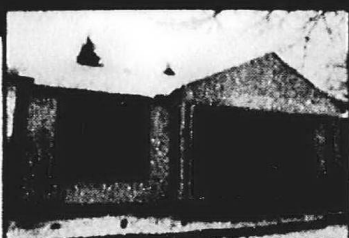
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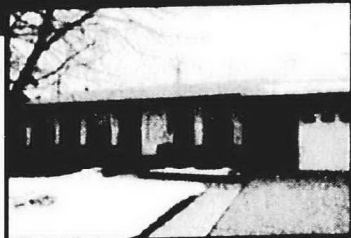
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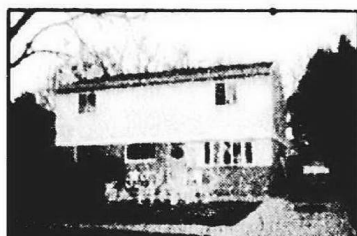
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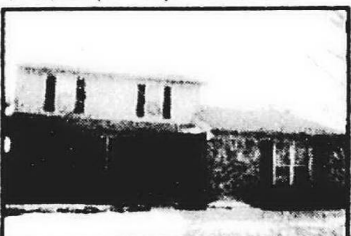
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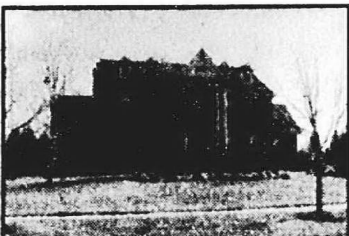
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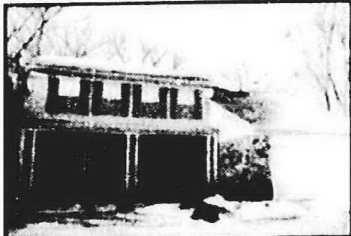
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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH/PRIVATE COURT! Very appealing 3bedroom. New kitchen with maple cabinets, 1998+ windows. Many updates: electrical, paint, carpet, C/A, 1 1/2 baths, hardwood floors. Built in pool. HPP. (50HAR) \$182,900 734-455-5600



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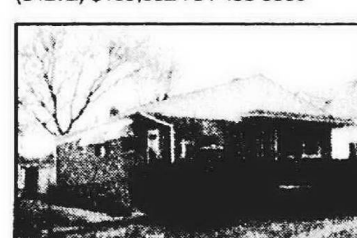
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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, French doors, spacious LR & DR, gorgeous remodeled bath w/heated marble floor, claw foot tub, partial fin. bsmt, deep fenced yard w/mature trees & perennials. HPP. (09HAR) \$174,900 734-455-5600



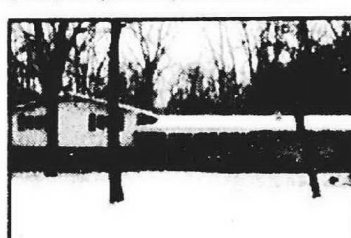
DETACHED PLYMOUTH CONDO! Sharp 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA Cape Cod, 1st floor master suite, dramatic foyer, great room fireplace, sound system, cathedral ceilings. MAY UPGRADES! 1st floor library w/French doors, 2BR up W/vaulted ceilings, jetted tub. (17STO) \$329,900 734-455-5600



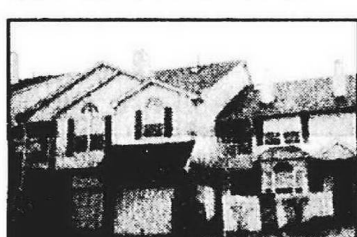
CHECK THE GREAT PRICE for all this space. Large living room & family room w/natural FP. Roof, gutters, siding, doors, furnace, C/A, hot water - all 3 years new. Corner lot w/fenced yard & shed. Close to park & school. Some hardwood floor, carpet and paint. \$189,000 (12HUB) 248-349-5600



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UPDATES GALORE! Roof (tear off) '99, newer windows, (upper level), vinyl siding, furnace & duct work, replaced kitchen cupboards in '96, HWH '98 & deck in '94. FR w/natural FP. Att. garage. Deck overlooks stream. \$195,000 (35POC) 248-349-5600



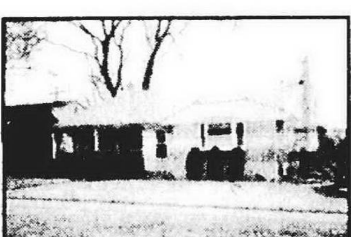
PLYMOUTH POINTE CONDO! Bright and cheery unit offers 2 very large bedrooms and 2 full baths. Skylights, freshly painted w/o, cathedral ceilings, laundry room off oak kitchen, 2 car garage. Over 1,700 sq. ft. Call Today! (08DRA) \$177,500 734-455-5600



PRISTINE BRIGHTON CONDO! Many upgrades: Merrill cabinets, kitchen cabinets, oak floors in foyer, master bath w/ceramic tile & Jacuzzi. Cathedral ceilings in great room, open loft with sky lights, extra deep basement, deck overlooking wooded lot. (06PIN) \$229,000 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY HOME! Open 2-story entry, 3BR, 2 bath, master bedroom with loft and doorwall to upper deck. LR with wood stove, built-in bookcase. All natural wood too. Doorwall to patio, screened porch overlooks 2-sided waterfall. (31VIR) \$246,900 734-455-5600



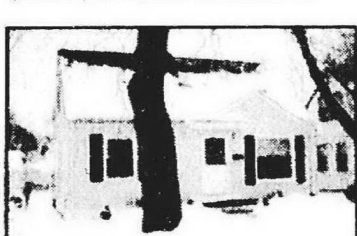
NONE NICER! Super house and lot. Decorator perfect & on the commons. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living, dining room and family room plus full finished basement. Upgrades and updates galore. Popular Sub. Lots of light and plenty of open space. \$258,500 (10RIV) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA ROSEDALE GARDENS. Wow! Super Colonial w/4 bedrooms, 2 baths & 2 car garage with storage loft. HRDWD floors T/O, beautiful marble FP. French doors w/leaded glass, nice deck and storybook picket fence. \$229,900 (35MEL) 248-349-5600



HONEY-STOP THE CAR! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated T/O: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, Exterior too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. \$214,999 (53FAI) 248-349-5600



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BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH! 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath LOADS OF UPDATES: windows, carpet, roof and bath. Finished basement - great for entertaining. Terrific floor plan. Deck and fenced yard. Fresh paint throughout. (30SEL) \$154,900 734-455-5600



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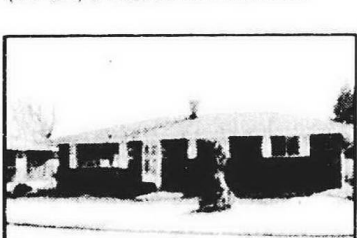
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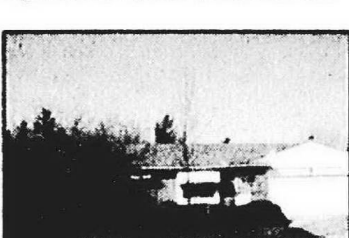
NORTHVILLE TWP FARMHOUSE! Approx. 100 year old home on 1.5 acres. 3 bedroom, 2 bath and room to room. Newer vinyl siding, A/C, copper plumbing and other updates. Fireplace in living room with parlor, mud room. (00SEV) \$329,900 734-455-5600



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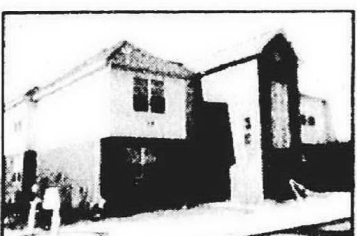
CHARM & PERFECTION. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, newer roof, furnace, C/A, vinyl windows, copper plumbing, carpeting, electrical, cement, appliances & FR freshly painted T/O. 2 car attached garage, fin. basement, stunning patio surround by brick ledge. \$184,900 (06BRA) 248-349-5600



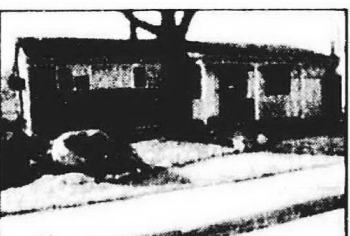
HONEY, WE'RE HOME. This lovely 3 bedroom brick Ranch features 2 1/2 baths, HDWD floors, newer roof, furnace, C/A, updated electrical & kitchen 2 car gar., nice neighborhood, great schools, walking dis. to store & churches. All kitchen appliances. \$134,900 (50ARN) 248-349-5600



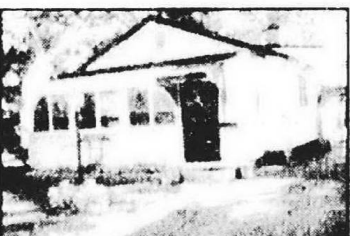
WELCOME HOME. Cute as can be your doll house on a double lot. All new inside & out. Could build home on vacant lot. Great investment. Walk to parks & schools. Crestwood schools. One year home warranty included. \$129,900 (14NGU) 248-349-5600



SHARP CONTEMPORARY CONDO! Cathedral ceilings and open floor plan w/neutral decor. Gas fireplace, snack bar opens to living room. Doorwall to covered balcony. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. (48FIV) \$144,900 734-455-5600



GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH RANCH HOME! Renovated and redecorated. Newer: windows, kitchen, roof, vinyl siding, doors, furnace and central vac, family room in basement, open floor plan, deck, covered patio. Call Today! (29SHE) \$179,900 734-455-5600



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6 top projects honored

Six projects have been selected for 2001 Pyramid Awards sponsored by the Washtenaw Contractors Association involving work done or businesses based in that county.

The awards represent exceptional effort in the areas of teamwork, service or innovation. A panel of industry experts from New York judged the nominations.

The winners:

■ University of Michigan Hospital Electrical Reliability Program – Best Project Team Over \$3 million. Construction Manager: U of M Construction Management; Engineer: Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May; Owner: U of M Health System.

Project: Install a 2,000 kW generator, upgrade generator switch gear controls, add electrical distribution for 3,000 kW of additional emergency power, install a monitoring system and provide temporary generator access at stand-alone generators throughout nine-building complex.

■ Arbordale Apartments Renovation – Best Project Team Under \$3 Million. Contractor: Phoenix Contractors; Architect: Cornerstone Design; Owner: Avalon Housing.

Project: Remodel interior finishes, roofs, heating systems, windows and kitchens in the 39-unit, 1950s-era property, adding affordable housing units to the community.

■ The New Bronson – Best Team Project in Michigan Completed by a WCA member. Contractors: Barton Malow Co. and the CSM Group; Architects: Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbot, and Diekema Hamann; Owner: Bronson Healthcare Group.

Project: Build a \$181.5 million replacement hospital in Kalamazoo with 286 beds, trauma/emergency centers, birthing center, medical offices and garage.

■ John E. Green Co.

– Best Subcontractor Award (projects over \$200,000.) EMU Health & Human Services Building.

Project: Provided mechanical services for project with tight budget concerns and an absolute requirement to meet scheduled completion date.

■ Great Lakes Ceiling & Carpentry – Best Subcontractor Award (projects under \$200,000.) New Grace Apostolic Temple.

Project: Work completed in timely fashion on school added to original church project after construction had already begun.

■ Best Innovation – EMU Health & Human Services Building, Eastern Michigan University.

Project: Incorporated recycled, renewable materials and use of "green design."

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Canton

7682 E Claymore Ct \$229,000
1946 Echo Woods Dr \$324,000
2003 Echo Woods Dr \$311,000
7030 Kennesaw Rd \$405,000
43915 S UmberlndCir \$203,000
44413 Savory Dr \$94,000
44433 Savory Dr \$93,000
44449 Savory Dr \$94,000
44475 Savory Dr \$95,000

44491 Savory Dr \$129,000
44493 Savory Dr \$127,000
44547 Savory Dr \$135,000
44555 Savory Dr \$130,000
50145 Tottenham Ct \$446,000
2061 W Franklin Dr \$126,000

Livonia

11026 Brook Fld \$160,000
29615 Grandon St \$145,000
15743 Oak HI \$300,000
18145 QueensbryDr \$314,000
19303 Westmore St \$229,000
15032 Yale St \$189,000

Plymouth

12400 Glenview \$400,000
51335 Weston Dr \$407,000

Westland

601 Larchmont Dr \$195,000




LIVONIA. Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch in a great area of Livonia. Updates include: Kitchen, windows, roof, furnace & hot water heater. Downward off dining room, large deck & patio, master bedroom with 1/2 bath, finished basement. 2 car garage + car port. \$167,500 (L31MeI)

NORTHVILLE. JUST LISTED! This beautiful New England Saltbox Colonial on wooded site, 4 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths with large dining room & formal living room with gas fireplace plus family room with fireplace off remodeled kitchen, plus that popular 3 car garage. This one is a Must See with many updates! \$472,900 (L96Pc)

LIVONIA. Beautiful brick Cape Cod on 1+ acres. There are 2 bedrooms, living room, dining room & kitchen on the main floor. The basement is completely finished. The up-stairs is ready to finish into 2 bedrooms & a full bath. There is a large 2 car garage with attached work shop. \$194,900 (L18Pv)

LIVONIA. Great 3 bedroom brick ranch in Livonia. Finished basement with 1/2 bath & bar, detached garage. Updates include: kitchen, roof, gutters & downspouts, electrical service & windows. One year home warranty included! Close to shopping & schools. \$149,900 (L51Dor)

FARMINGTON. Enjoy the charm of wet plaster cove ceilings in living room & dining room with fluted mantel around fireplace. Updates include kitchen, roof & gutters, electrical service master bath with jet tub & stall shower, family room with vaulted ceilings. Decking, landscaping & finished basement in 2001. \$239,900 (L52Sa)

REDFORD. Great starter home in South Redford. Clean, move-in condition. Updates include copper plumbing '00, windows, roof, stripped in '98, circuit breakers installed in '00. Newer berber carpet & kitchen floor. Finished basement with bath adds to living space. Fenced yard & nice landscaping. \$110,000 (L92Cen)

REDFORD. Come live at the Ponderosa! Wide open floor plan, vaulted ceilings with exposed beams, complement large limestone fireplace making this 2100 sq. ft. beauty a true entertainer's delight. All this with new roof & windows on 1 acre situated next to park. 1 year home warranty. \$159,900 (L280Y)



DETROIT. Welcome to this super desirable Copper Canyon location close to the park & all types of recreation. This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all: hardwood floors, marble kitchen with Corian counters, glass block windows, newer roof, copper plumbing, garage door opener, 3 skylights & much more! One year Home Warranty included. \$139,900 (L11Ba)

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PLYMOUTH
SHARP LAKEPOINTE RANCH. Many updates, kitchen, baths, windows. Has 3 bedrooms with 1 1/2 baths. Attached garage, fenced yard. Great neighborhood. Immediate Occupancy! (72RUS) \$189,900 (734) 451-5400

LIVONIA COLONIAL
4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH COLONIAL is loaded with character & charm! Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, 2 car attached garage, so much potential. Bring your decorating ideas. Double wooded lot! (P34SHA) \$209,900 (734) 451-5400

CANTON
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PERFECT STARTER Beautifully updated 3 bedroom home. Inviting oak kitchen, hardwood floors, newer Berber carpet, vinyl windows, brand new furnace and central air. All new vinyl siding, plus a two car garage. \$114,900 (357FI)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER Endless possibilities with this 4 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath Plymouth home. Updated White Bay kitchen with hardwood. Living room with hardwood. First floor master or use for a library. Cozy family room with high ceiling and fireplace. Florida room complete with hot tub, 2 car garage. Fenced yard and finished basement. \$204,900 (834RI)



LIVONIA RED BRICK RANCH! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths on main level, central air, some hardwood floors under carpet, newer roof and driveway, new hot water heater. 1 car detached garage, fenced in yard all this with Livonia schools backing to very desirable Rosedale Gardens. \$139,900 (627ME)



HERE IT IS! Very open floor plan with large living room opening to family room with raised hearth fireplace. Hardwood floors in most of the house. Four bedroom ranch with newer windows. Call now - this one won't last! \$192,000 (553SC)



YOUR OWN NATURE PRESERVE So, so sharp! Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath Canton colonial! Neutral throughout! Oak kitchen, w/ island, ceramic baths, formal living & dining rooms, family room w/ gas fireplace, master suite w/ walk-in closet, full basement, 2 car garage. Spectacular views from every window! \$284,900 (080NO)



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WELCOME HOME Neutral decor, totally updated 3 bedroom ranch featuring newer roof, windows, furnace and central air. Remodeled bath, updated kitchen, hardwood flooring. Two car garage with door opener. \$109,900 (419Z)



WALK TO TOWN Beautifully updated Victorian home with plenty of charm of the century charm. Five bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, new gourmet kitchen. Living, dining and family rooms, 2 car garage plus deck with hot tub. \$469,900 (012WI)



LARGE TREED LOT Surrounds this cute bungalow. Good sized kitchen and also a dining room (or fourth bedroom). Newer windows, new tear-off roof (3 years), 3 bedrooms, large living room, basement, kitchen appliances remain. Walking distance to schools. \$119,900 (495BR)



IMPRESSION! Beautifully maintained Baybrooke colonial offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, spacious family room, fireplace, hardwood flooring, oak kitchen, w/ island, generous nook, tremendous master suite w/ private bath and soaking tub, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Won't last! \$309,900 (778BR)



CAPTIVATING CAPE COD! Hard to find first floor master with stunning 2 story great room. Private first floor study and spacious oak kitchen with sunny nook. Nicely landscaped lot with deck. Full basement, central air, and immediate occupancy makes this home a winner. \$239,900 (358RI)



COME HOME TO PERFECTION! Almost new 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Canton colonial! Neutral decorated and ready to move in and enjoy! Hardwood floors, oak kitchen, spacious master suite, family room w/ fireplace, first floor laundry, full basement, 2 car attached garage. Close to all the amenities! \$279,900 (483ST)



BETTER THAN NEW RANCH Start packing! This nicely upgraded 3 bedroom ranch has been maintained to perfection. Sky lights, oak cabinetry and vaulted ceilings are just some of the fine features. \$179,900 (569TH)



SOUTH LYON CONDO Colonial Acres 55+ adult community. Built in 1986. Ranch style with full basement, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and Florida room. Private enclosed patio area. Immediate occupancy! \$104,900 (106IE)



SUPER-SIZED CANTON COLONIAL Newer 3 bdrm., plus loft, 2 1/2 ba. Col. situated on large lot backing to commons. Two story family room with fireplace. Traditional living room/dining room. Oak kitchen with nook and first floor laundry. Spacious secondary bedrooms, ceramic baths and C/A. Sit back and relax on paver patio! \$248,000 (842RI)



SPECTACULAR HOME It has it all! Four bedrooms, 3 full baths and 2 half baths. Office and media room. Finished basement with wet bar and one-half bath. Three years new and over 3,900 sq. ft. \$569,000 (330HI)



BEAUTY & LOCATION PERSONIFIED 5,000 sq. ft. colonial - premium lot, cul-de-sac location. Amenities galore - 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, walk-out lower level, cathedral ceilings - double spiral staircase. Quick occupancy. \$569,000 (640DR)



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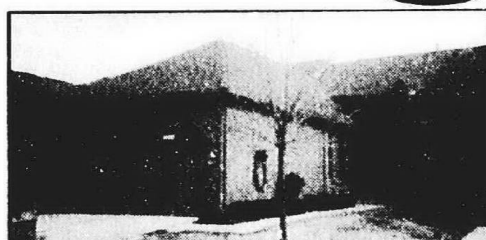
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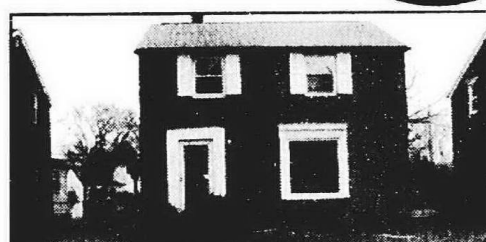
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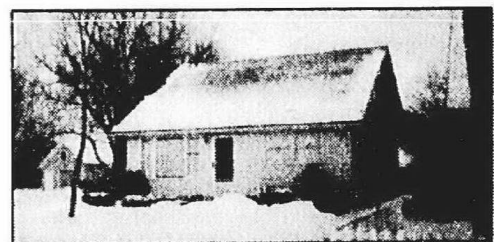
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BUILDERS SHOW

The 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.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children 6-12.

Parking is available for an additional charge.

BUY HOME CLASS

Homestead USA, a mortgage company, presents a free seminar for

home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 at Novi Road. A free credit analysis will be provided to registrants.

Topics include how much house you can afford and different types of loans.

To register, call Susan Daratony at (800) 312-5467.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Deborah Johnson, a Realtor with RE/MAX Great Lakes in Farmington Hills, and Mary Jo Wilson of Shore Mortgage host a free, no-obligation seminar for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the RE/MAX office, 33966 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

To register, call (313) 387-4561.

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE

Two Mondays and Wednesdays 6-10 p.m. beginning April 2 at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, east of Orchard Lake Road. Fee: \$175. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-

3333. Fax (248) 489-3380. www.farmington.k12.mi.us Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, 48336

BUILDING LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour seminar to prepare participants for the state builders licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 2-11, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Road, Livonia.

Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for a textbook and sample test questions. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County presents a program on living trusts, wills and power of attorney 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate.

Cost is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free newsletter may call (313) 386-7228.

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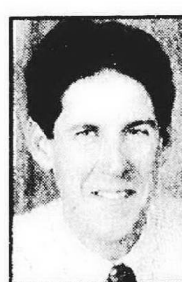
This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

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Ed Weber has been promoted to general manager of production at Robertson Brothers Co., a residential development firm in Bloomfield Hills.

Weber, who joined the company 24 years ago as an estimator,



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will be responsible for overseeing all construction activities for the company. He also will be responsible for customer/warranty service on all projects.

Weber is a graduate of the Michigan State University construction management program. He lives in Livonia.

Louie C. Kazaleh joins the RE/MAX Classic real estate office in Livonia. He's been in the business 30 years and lives in Redford.

Ronnisch Construction in Southfield announces two additions to its staff.

Edwin Glynn joins as senior superintendent. He will supervise on-site activities, manage subcontractors, coordinate deliveries and quality control, and supervise safety procedures and meetings.

Glynn brings 20 years experience to Ronnisch, most recently as a superintendent in Ohio.

He's a journeyman carpenter and licensed contractor.

Bruce Kennedy joins as superintendent. He also has 20 years experience in the field, most recently as a superintendent and foreman.

Kennedy has a bachelor's degree in vocational education from Wayne State University. He's a member of Carpenters Local 687 in Detroit and holds a state of Michigan builder's license.

Andrea L. Marshall, a member of the interior design staff at TMP Associates in Bloomfield Hills, has passed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification exam.

Marshall joined the firm in 1998. She has bachelor of science degrees in interior architecture and architecture from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

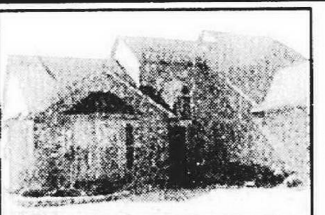
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Suttons Bay Escape Stunning 2 BR, 2 bath, 3 car garage walkout home located on 2.5 acre bluff lot fronting and overlooking Grand Traverse Bay. Peaceful and full of nature's best offerings (BG-L33LEE) 734-462-1811



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Fantastic 3 bedroom Cape Cod, with den. Move-in condition! Wood trim HDWD floors, extra-deep garage, first floor master & laundry Great room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Brick exterior (BGP-19Par) 734-453-6800



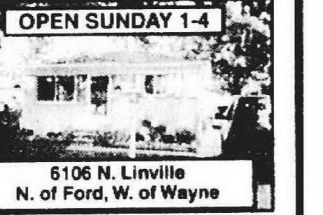
CANTON \$169,900
GORGEOUS CANTON HOME! Gorgeous Home, Gorgeous Yard! many updates include oak kitchen, flooring, carpet, roof, a/c, huge family room w/p attached 2 car garage this one's a beauty! (bgn51Lyn) 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$244,900
Over 3.4 acre & Available now! Great opportunity to own an open floor plan Ranch over 2000 square feet. Partially finished basement. Gorgeous private fenced yard, updates. (BGN56TEN) 248-347-3050



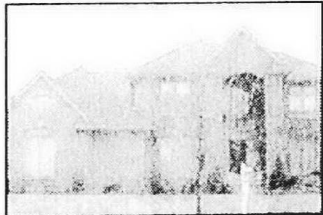
REDFORD \$119,000
Super Sharp Brick Ranch! Features 3 br, 1.5 baths, finished basement w/irc room, covered patio & fenced yard. Updates include windows, furnace, carpet & central air. Immaculate! (BG-L60GLE) 734-462-1811



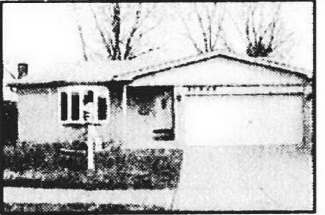
WESTLAND \$126,900
Why Rent! Nice 3 brm ranch in move in condition. Home offers spacious updated kitchen w/oak cabinets & ceramic tile. Updated bathroom, newer roof, C/A, full bsmt, 2.5 car garage. (BG-L06LIN) 734-462-1811



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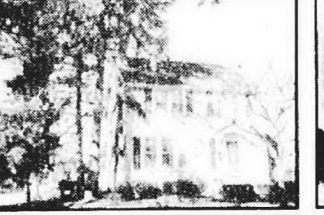
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Sharp, Clean & Ready for You! Executive style colonial on bth hole w/beautiful golf course views. 2-story great rm w/gas fp. Spac kit & nook w/hdwd flrs. 1st flr study. Lux master wjac tub. Hurry! (BGP-90Muj) 734-453-6800



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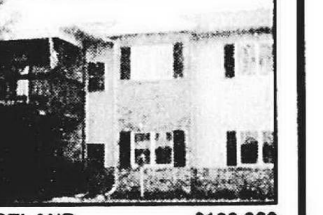
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Wow! Fabulous Neutral Ranch Condo! This Condo has soaring ceilings, sky lights, fireplace & 1st flr laundry. Full bsmt, attached 2 car garage end unit. Only 2 yrs old, 2 br w/2 full baths. (BGN87SHO) 248-347-3050



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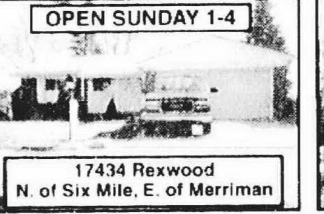
CANTON \$379,900
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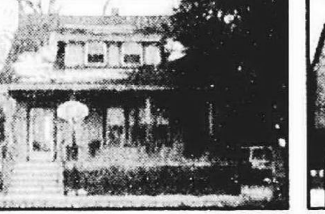
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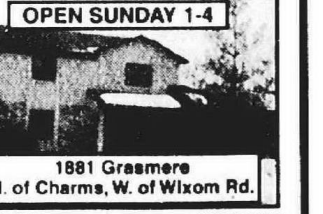
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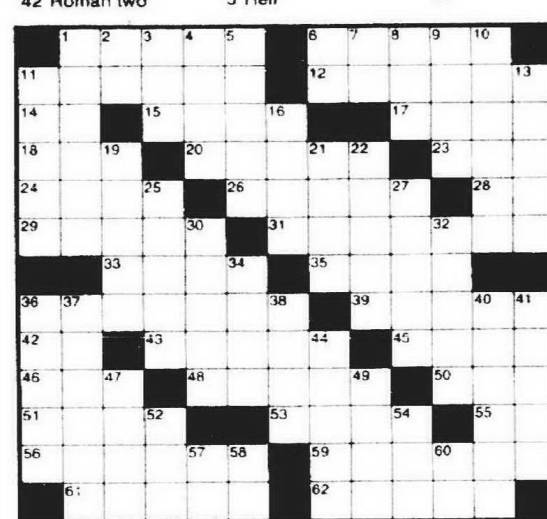
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\$299⁹⁹** **\$283¹⁵****
48 mos.

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- cycle wipers
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GM LEASE **\$327⁰⁰**** 36 mos.

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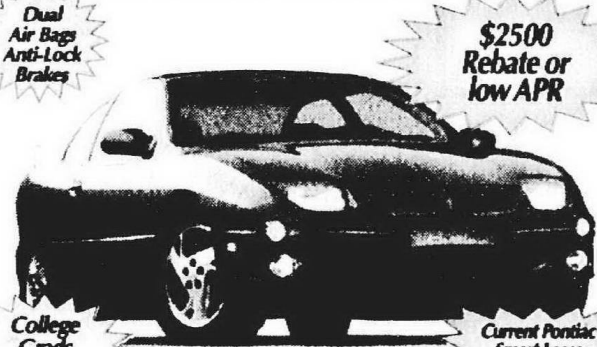
\$1000
Rebate or
low APR

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- power steering
- power brakes
- 4 speed automatic
- air conditioning
- dual air bags
- ABS
- rear defog.
- Stock #1-2270

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GM LEASE **\$217³⁴**** 48 mos.

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SALE PRICE **\$15,712¹⁷*** **GM's PRICE** **\$15,109³⁵***
LEASE FOR **\$209²²**** **GM's LEASE** **\$188⁴⁵****
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\$2157.11 due at signing \$2109.46 due at signing

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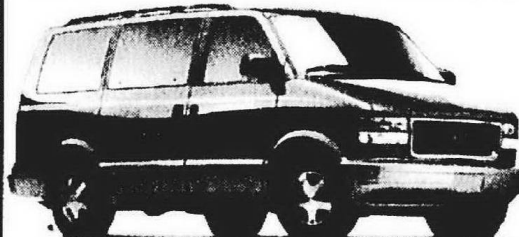
was \$33,090

SLE premium package, locking differential load leveling suspension, stereo cassette/CD, theft alarm, power passenger seat aluminum wheels, Stock #2-5030

SALE PRICE **\$30,122²²*** **GM's PRICE** **\$28,963⁷³***
LEASE FOR **\$484³³**** **GM's LEASE** **\$419⁴¹****
36 mos. 36 mos.
\$3384.73 due at signing \$3240.36 due at signing

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2001 SAFARI PASSENGER VAN



was \$27,228

All wheel drive, bucket seats, V-6, automatic rear heat, rear air conditioning, dutch doors, defogger, drivers power seat, stereo cassette/CD. Stock #1-5088

SALE PRICE **\$23,999*** **GM's PRICE** **\$23,336***
LEASE FOR **\$370³³**** **GM's LEASE** **\$335¹⁸****
36 mos. 36 mos.
\$2502.24 due at signing \$2440 due at signing

2001 SIERRA EXTENDED CAB PICKUP



was \$32,758

Deep tint glass, high back buckets, locking rear differential V-8, automatic, aluminum wheels, power driver & passenger seat, SLE package, stereo/CD, Off road package, HD trailer package. Stock #1-6289

SALE PRICE **\$27,515*** **GM's PRICE** **\$26,230***
LEASE FOR **\$351¹⁸**** **GM's LEASE** **\$310⁴¹****
36 mos. 36 mos.
\$3152.95 due at signing \$3084.82 due at signing

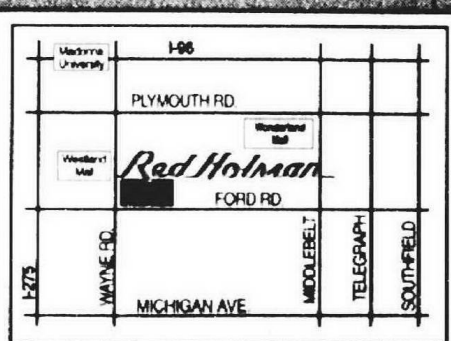
2001 YUKON



was \$38,948

Third seat, running boards, sunroof, lift gate, locking rear differential, V-8, automatic, HD trailer group, SLE decor, Stock #1-6317

SALE PRICE **\$34,395³³*** **GM's PRICE** **\$32,996¹¹***
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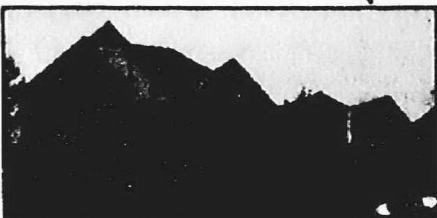
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PLYMOUTH \$414,998
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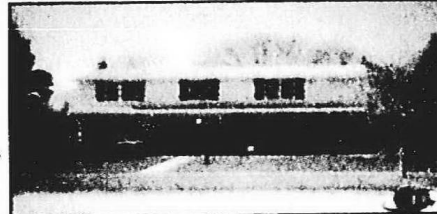
SOUTH LYON \$324,900
STUNNING 1999, 4 BR COLONIAL! Neutral decor, GR w/studio ceiling, lg room sizes, professionally landscaped w/brick paver patio & walkway. Hurry!

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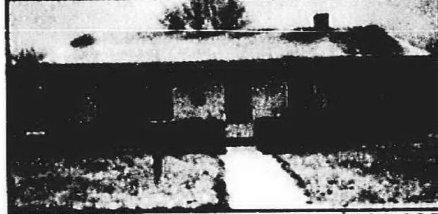
NORTHVILLE \$322,500
HONEY STOP THE CAR! Enjoy country living in the city in this charming 5 bdrm, 3 bath ranch. Professionally fin bsmt includes 2 bdrm, bath, fam rm, rec rm. Deck, patio, pool & more!

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SPACIOUS 4 BR COLONIAL remodeled kitchen, huge family room w/fireplace, master suite w/screened in balcony & double jacuzzi tub. Newer windows, alarm, & warranty.

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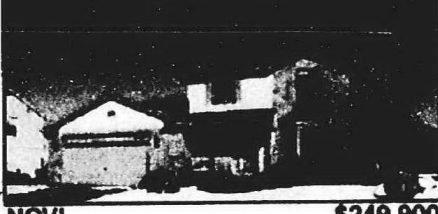
WESTLAND \$292,395
CRACKERJACK!! The surprise is in the price!! 3 bdrm ranch, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Livonia school district. Be first in line or be sorry!

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GREAT CONTEMPORARY HOME located in Wixom. 4 BR, 2.5 baths, lovely mstr BR w/ balcony, spacious GR, nice library, deck, fenced yard & sidewalks.

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WONDERFUL HOME complete with 3 spacious bdrms, some hwd floors, cozy FR w/cathedral ceiling, natural FP, ceiling fan & doorwall to deck. LR w/french doors & bay window.

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SUPER RANCH in popular Meadowbrook Hills! Newer roof, CA, freshly painted, parklike lot, 3 full baths, stone FP, part fin'd bsmt, Farmington Hills schools & quick occupancy.

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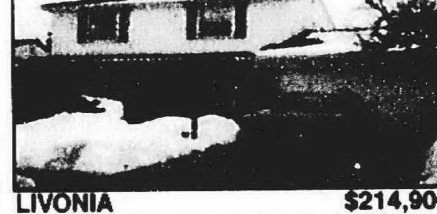
NORTHVILLE \$238,998
PRIVACY PLUS! 4 bdrm, 2 bath ranch in city of Northville. Pretty courtyard entrance with pavers & planter. Lots of upgrades. Call now for appointment.

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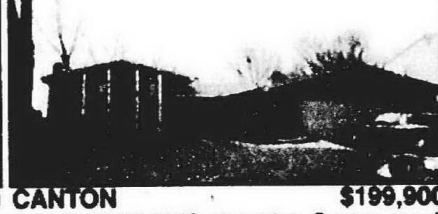
NEW HUDSON \$229,900
LYON TWP-WILLOW PLACE! Spacious Ranch on 5 acres, lg kitchen, GR w/FP, 3 BR, mstr bath, 1st floor laundry, 2-car garage, deck & much, much more!

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LIVONIA \$214,900
JUST LISTED Wonderful Kimberly Oaks location accents this updated 4 BR colonial. Original owners have lovingly maintained & updated t/o. FR w/tp and more.

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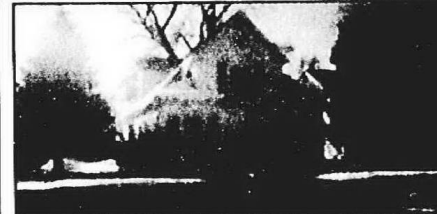
CANTON \$199,900
DON'T MISS THIS charming Canton quad-level. 4 BR, 2 baths, family room, library, basement, 2 car att. garage, most appliances, deck, inground pool. Over 2000 sq ft!

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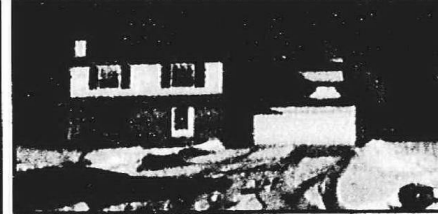
LIVONIA \$190,000
BEAUTIFUL 4 BR HOME in Livonia! Fenced yard, close to school, many quality upds incl: hwd floors, ceramic tile, newer windows, doors, furnace & c/a. Move-in condition.

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WHITMORE LAKE \$189,900
LAKEFRONT LIVING UNDER 190,000! Move right in. Beautiful all sports Whitmore Lake w/ over 650 acres of fun. 1600 sq ft colonial w/ bsmt. 2 car garage, and updating t/o.

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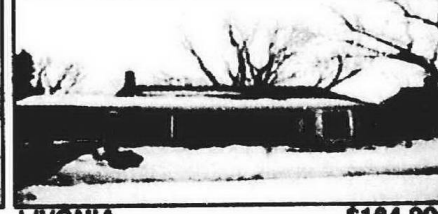
WESTLAND \$187,500
BETTER THAN NEW! 1999 colonial with 3 huge bedrooms, sprinkler system, 2 car attached garage, large(0.19 acre) fenced lot, neutral decor, oak cabinets in kitchen.

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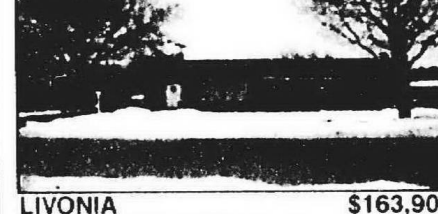
LIVONIA \$184,900
WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL in LIVONIA! 3 BR, 2 full baths, recent updates: Anderson windows, carpet, kitchen floor & landscaping. Finished lower level w/natural frpl.

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APPROX. 2000 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA Split level home with eight rooms - 1.5 baths and ample storage. Newer windows, entry & kitchen flooring, and more.

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LIVONIA \$163,900
HURRY! WON'T LAST! Nice floor plan. Livonia ranch features 3 BR, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, some newer windows, home warranty.

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WESTLAND \$162,500
CHARMING, CONVENIENT, CLEAN CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 bath, first floor laundry, full basement, attached garage.

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WAYNE \$160,000
FANTASTIC INCOME OPPORTUNITY Ranch Duplex features 3 bdrms, 1 st floor laundry, oak kitchen, A/C, separate utilities. Live in one side, rent the other.

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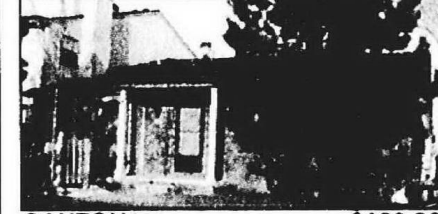
LIVONIA \$149,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION Livonia Schools! 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch with cathedral ceilings, open floor plan. Merillat whitwash cabinets, dishwasher, C/A, 2 car detached garage.

(C118) 220322 734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$139,900
MUST SEE! 3 bdrm brick Ranch w/fin bsmt. Updates: windows & bay in LR, newer exterior doors, C/A-furnace, roof, white kit. all appliances stay. 2.5 car garage.

(F334) 220262 734-326-2000



CANTON \$129,900
SHARP 2 BR RANCH CONDO Cathedral ceilings and skylights in kitchen and bath, nice finished basement.

(V1891) 734-591-9200



LIVONIA \$124,900
ACT FAST! 3 BR ranch in popular Livonia location. Updated w/quality t/o. Huge cedar deck & fence in oversized yard. 2 car att'd garage, family rm, & move in condition.

(H14906) 734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$119,900
FINDERS KEEPERS Loaded Condo features finished basement w/fireplace, oak kitchen w/ pantry & island, privacy fence, deck, C/A, glassblock windows, newer carpet.

(W331) 220482 734-326-2000



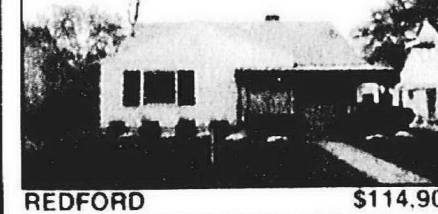
GARDEN CITY \$119,900
DELIGHTFULLY DECORATED 3 bedroom roomy starter on large lot w/2 car garage, part covered deck, newer roof, windows, HWT, updated bath and central air. One is all it will take.

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AN AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH Updated kitchen - family room w/separate heat - 2.5 car garage - double lot - partially fin bsmt - close to elementary

(K19991) 734-591-9200



REDFORD \$114,900
CHARMING BUNGALOW 3 BR, 1.5 baths, updated bath, oak cabinets in kitchen, new carpet thru-out, freshly painted, partially finished basement, 1 car garage.

(K15879) 734-591-9200



WAYNE \$103,900
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED Large kitchen and dining room with ceramic tile floors and a bow window. Doorwall to comfortable deck. Newer carpet and paint through out. 2 car att. garage.

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DETROIT \$95,500
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR, 2 bath Ranch, large family room w/woodstove. Newer kitchen w/oak cabinets, finished basement, 2-car garage & home warranty.

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WAYNE \$91,000
PERFECT HOME Custom kitchen and bath, large living room, 3rd bdrm makes a great office. Updates include roof, vinyl siding, driveway, windows, C/A, 2 car garage.

(R355) 220502 734-326-2000



DETROIT \$74,900
MULTI-FAMILY 2 story with separate entrances, water heaters, and electric service. Main floor tenant occupied, upper vacant. Shared bsmt w/laundry facilities.

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BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO! Spectacular view of Golf Course/11th hole & pond. 2-way FP & lg deck, cathedral ceilings, c/a, 2.5 bths, 1st fl mstr, 1st fl laun, some hwd flrs.
\$296,000 (50THI2) 248348-6430

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BEAUTIFUL HOME IN GREAT LOCATION! Soaring ceiling in great room, light oak kitchen cabinets, master bath features whirlpool tub, neutral decor, near shopping, express way.
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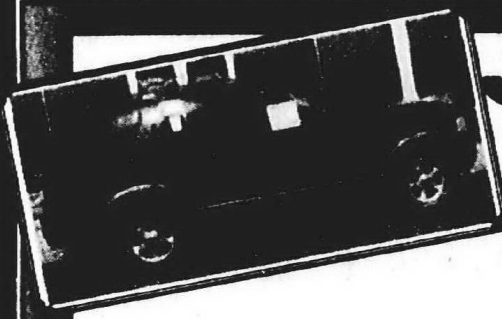
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4X2 • XLT
Silver Frost clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, CD/stereoclock, chrome wheels, XLT appearance group, 5 speed OD trans, P225 steel OWL all season tires, 3.75 ratio regular axle, speed control, tilt leather wrap steering wheel, split bench seat, air.

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WAS \$16,285 **NOW \$10,916^{85*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$1424^{1**} per mo.

2001 RANGER XLT

Stk. #12674



4X2 SUPER CAB AUTOMATIC
Torredor Red clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, AM/FM stereoclock, XLT appearance group, 3.0L EFI V6 engine, 5 speed OD trans, P225 steel OWL all season tires, 3.73 ratio regular axle, cloth 60/40 split bench seat.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$20,140 **NOW \$14,574^{35*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$1622^{5**} \$98^{09**} per mo.

2001 EXPLORER SPORT

Stk. #13020



2 DOOR 4x4
Oxford White clearcoat, dark graphite cloth sport bucket, 4.0L SOHC V-6, 5-speed auto, OD trans, P225/70R16 AVT OWL tires, 3.73 ratio, slip axle, prism sport group, step over front low hooks, lug sensors, convex group, speed, tilt, puddle lamps, auto/clock, remote keyless entry, AM/FM stereo w/single CD/cass, cloth comfort group, front overhead console, floor console, power driver's seat 6-way, cloth LB bucket seats.

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WAS \$28,445 **NOW \$23,121^{80*}**

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2001 WINDSTAR LX

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WAGON
Silver Frost clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed OD trans, comfort group, aux climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, CD/stereoclock, enhanced seating group.

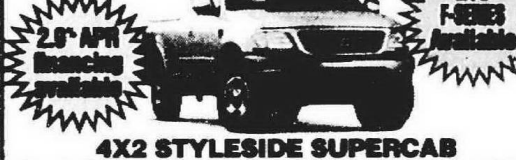
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WAS \$26,655 **NOW \$20,157^{15*}**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$280^{36**} \$238^{09**} per mo.

2001 F150 STYLESIDE XLT

Stk. #13634



4X2 STYLESIDE SUPERCAB
Torredor Red clearcoat, dark graphite, captain's chairs, XLT series, overhead console, CD/stereoclock, air, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, 4 speed auto OD, P225/70R16 OWL all season, 3.55 ratio regular axle, XLT equipment group, 6000W GWMR package, cast aluminum wheels.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$26,270 **NOW \$19,182^{*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$252^{80**} \$187^{42**} per mo.

2001 EXCURSION

Stk. #10488



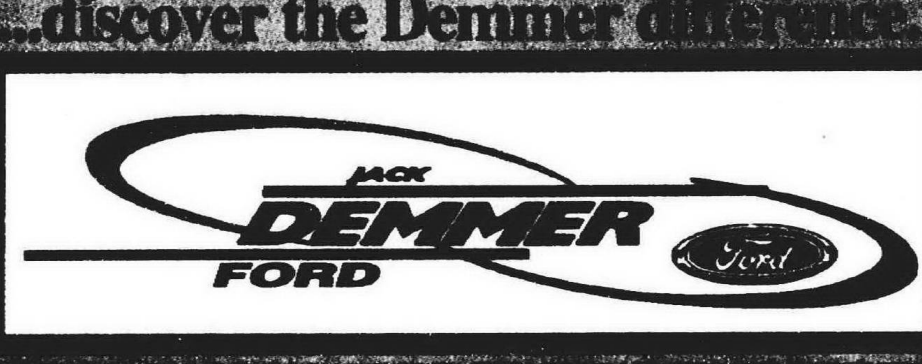
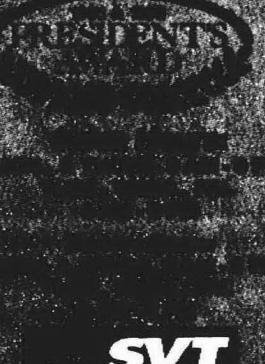
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Deep Wedgewood Blue clearcoat, medium parchment leather, prism 15 in wheels, aux heater, reverse sensing system, third row seat, comfort/convenience group, power driver's seat, power rear quarter vent windows, 6.8L P1 V10 gas engine, 5 speed auto trans, LT265/75R16 OWL all season, 3.73 ratio, slip axle, alum running boards, rear radio controls, telescopic power HTO T.T. mirrors, stereo/6 CD, heated front seats.

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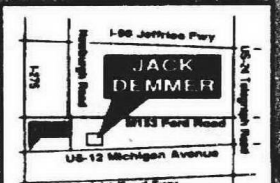
WAS \$42,600 **NOW \$33,711^{08*}**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$501^{02**} \$435^{18**} per mo.

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
2001 EXPLORER 4X2 SPORT	0 Down \$1800	\$488 \$2011
2001 RANGER XLT 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1800	\$311 \$1833
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1800	\$488 \$2011
2001 EXCURSION LTD 4X2	0 Down \$1800	\$670 \$2180
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1800	\$388 \$1838
2001 RANGER REGULAR CAB	0 Down	\$364
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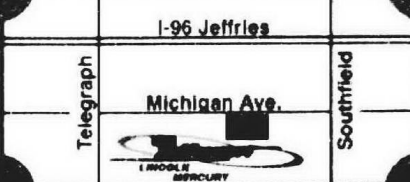
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