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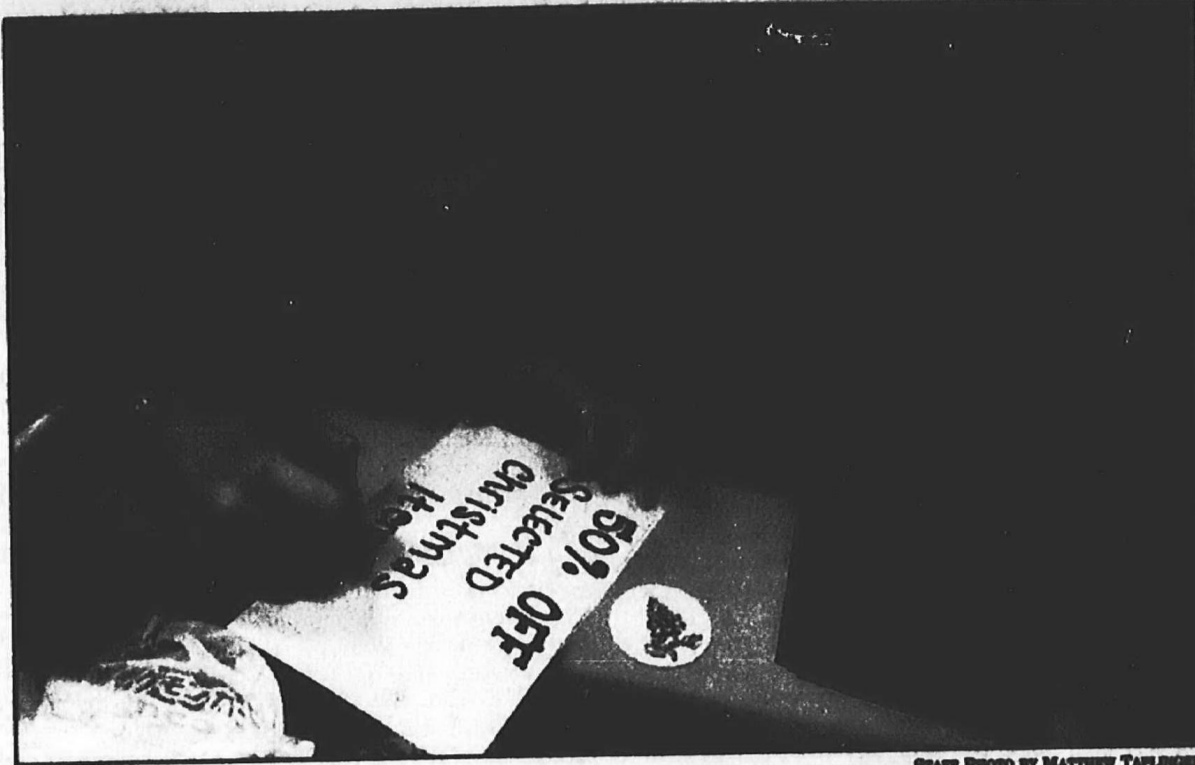
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Bargain pricing: The day after Christmas means big savings, especially on holiday merchandise that can be found at many shops throughout the area for half-off.

Township transfers cable franchise

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Plymouth Township officials approved a cable franchise transfer from AT&T to Comcast Cablevision of the South Inc. earlier this month.

The township follows other metro-Detroit communities in doing so. The change is not likely to affect viewers, officials say.

Board members scrambled to beat a federally imposed, 120-day deadline. The sale of AT&T to Comcast comes after AT&T bought MediaOne earlier this year.

The MediaOne franchise was transferred to AT&T which, in turn, has requested that the franchise be transferred to Comcast Cablevision of the South Inc.

Comcast Cablevision of the South is now registered to do business and has a resident agent in Michigan.

"For the most part, things will run very similarly as they have in the past," said Maria Holmes, MediaOne corporate affairs manager. "We will continue to take calls. Comcast intends to continue running the operation as it stands today including the telephone services."

Holmes, who has worked for the cable industry 16 years, has accepted a similar position with Comcast.

Some 65 communities are expected

Mixed reviews

Holiday shopping was feast, famine

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The holiday shopping season seemed to be a feast-or-famine period for many local retailers.

Even in the afterglow of the Christmas shopping season, business owners and managers were offering mixed reviews Tuesday. Area retailers said Mother Nature played a role in the season's soft sales, particularly for those businesses off the beaten path.

Jerry Sindici, owner of the downtown Plymouth business, Robin's Nest Gifts and Collectibles, said the weather nearly destroyed his holiday sales. But Sindici added sales for many

downtown retailers have been soft for months. In fact, he decided to launch the store's traditional after-Christmas sales nearly a month before Thanksgiving.

Teresa Mitchell, co-owner of downtown Plymouth's Animation Station, reported her store's sales were down for the second holiday season in a row. The season typically brings in 25 percent or more of the annual revenue for most retailers.

"I wish it was better," Mitchell said of the holiday shopping season. "We just don't get the heavy traffic the malls get."

Unlike her downtown neighbors at Robin's Nest, Mitchell does not offer

the deep post-holiday discounts. The sales have never been effective for her store, she said.

Just around the corner, Gabriela's marketing coordinator, Tracy Soukup, disagreed. Soukup said shoppers were flocking to the store Tuesday seeking after-Christmas sales. "People are coming in and looking for sale items, and shopping for gifts for next year," she said. "Home decor items are flying out the door."

Soukup said as a whole, the gift retail industry has suffered this year, but Gabriela's hasn't seen the drops in business yet.

On Ford Road in Canton, Target

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AGAIN

RETIREMENT OPENS NEW DOORS FOR SOME SENIORS

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If you think retirement means parking yourself in the rocker or in front of the television at age 65, think again.

An increase in retirement savings options and growing interest in investments, plus opportunities for continuing education, volunteering and even second careers, have retirees pursuing personal goals that were out of reach for most people a generation ago.

In other words, to borrow from the Oldsmobile commercial of the 1980s, it's not your grandfather's retirement.

Investment boom

Changes in workplace retirement plans - a shift from traditional pensions (often called defined benefit plans) to company-sponsored 401(k)

plans and other tax-deferred plans (defined contribution plans, to which the employee, and sometimes his or her employer, contributes) - have given workers more of a say in how much they'll save for retirement, and how those dollars are invested.

"People are really taking an interest in their own retirement plans," said Penny Pennington, a financial planner at the Edward Jones office on Seven Mile in Livonia.

Between 1990 and 1999, 401(k) assets in the U.S. grew from \$85 billion to about \$1.5 trillion, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade association for investment companies.

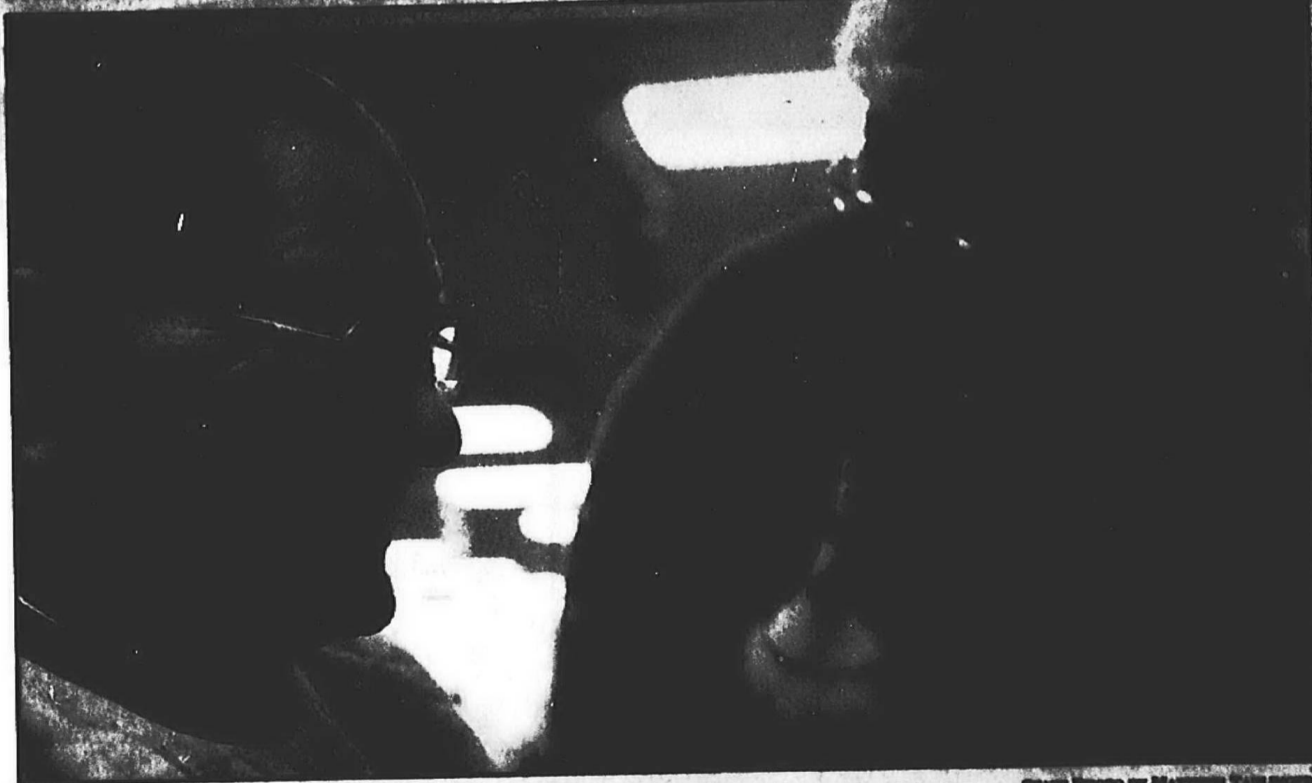
Forty-four percent of respondents to

an ICI poll said their 401(k) would be their primary source of retirement income. That was a greater percentage than those who planned to depend primarily on any other source, including additional savings or investments (19 percent), a traditional pension (7 percent), and Social Security (6 percent).

Coupled with that is increasing involvement by the general public in stocks and other investments, Pennington said. That's been at least partly inspired by more coverage, in the general media, of investments and by a stock market that soared in value for much of the 1990s, she said.

"There is so much in the public venue right now about money management," Pennington said. And everyday investors tend to be goal-oriented, not hobbyists, she said. "People follow the stock market on a daily basis."

Pennington finds that most of her



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Computer age: Volunteer instructor Joe Colombatto (above and below at right) shares a laugh with Judy Peiffer while talking about the CyberSeniors computer learning program at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Similar programs are run in several local communities, including Plymouth and Livonia, among others.

You're never too old to get on the 'Net

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
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"How 'bout just-quotes-dot-com?" asks Judy Peiffer, looking up with a smile from her blue three-ring binder.

"Hmmm... I've never heard of

that one," replies Tom Hohman, a 69-year-old retiree from Farmington Hills.

"See? I told ya I'd find something you didn't have," jokes Peiffer, still smiling while leafing through her folder of Internet addresses. Peif-

fer, director of outreach services for the Farmington Community Library, and Hohman shared favorite Web site addresses during a recent session of the weekly CyberSeniors program at the



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to be transferred to Comcast, Holmes said.

Road Runner will be replaced with an Internet service called At Home which will be of an equal caliber, said Holmes in response to a question from Trustee Abu Munkh.

Though AT&T is the parent company, the MediaOne name continued to be used, including on its trucks and buildings, because officials knew the company would be transferred to

Comcast, Holmes said. "It's more of a trade that's happening," Holmes said. "The reason for the trade is that cable companies throughout the country are working to cluster together to serve subscribers. They will own 80 percent of the franchises in the metro Detroit area when this transfer is complete."

One question raised early on was whether Comcast had a certificate for doing business in

Michigan. "They have provided a copy of that to us," said attorney Ron Witthoff of the township's legal firm of Hemming, Polacsek & Cronin in Plymouth.

Trustee Kay Arnold complained there was no mention by numerous cable officials that Comcast would "gobble AT&T up" when the board transferred the franchise to AT&T during an earlier public hearing this year.

Holmes said the information was public for some time. Arnold

continued to press that the information wasn't previously presented to the board.

"It wasn't during the public hearing when we had all the big suits here," Arnold said. "Nobody told us."

Arnold also asked why, when the township had 120 days to consider the transfer, it only came to the township board Dec. 12. "It put us under the gun," Arnold said.

Township Clerk Marilyn Mas-

sengill explained that, at first, Comcast Cablevision of the South wasn't registered in Michigan. "Comcast Cablevision was registered (licensed) but not Comcast Cablevision of the South Inc."

"The franchise has already been awarded," Witthoff said. "They have a right to seek a transfer under a federal rule."

Trustee Chuck Curmi agreed the transfer process was rather

"That's what's going on in the cable industry right now," Curmi said. "They don't know what they want to be when they grow up. They keep changing."

During the 1990s, cable subscribers signed up for services under a company called Omnicom. It was followed by Continental Cablevision, US West, MediaOne, AT&T and now Comcast.


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BOOMERS AND SPORTS INJURIES
Increased longevity and more active lifestyles are conspiring to increase the number of sports-related injuries among baby boomers. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, from 1991 to 1998, the number of adults ages 35 to 54 who were treated in hospital emergency rooms for sports-related injuries increased by 33%. There were increases in injuries in bicycling, basketball, soccer, golf, weight lifting, in-line skating, and swimming. The most common injuries were sprains and strains of the shoulder, knee, and ankle. Boomers are advised to always warm up and stretch and not to compress all their exercise into one or two days. And, when injury does occur, revitalize tissue by doing

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Meeting change
The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has changed one of its meeting dates in January.

The regularly scheduled meeting originally set for Jan. 23 has been pushed back a week. The board will meet Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at East Middle School. The school is located at 1042 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-3045.

Chorus auditions
The 120-member Plymouth Community Chorus presents its annual Spring concert April 28-29, with rehearsals starting Jan. 9.

Open auditions for new members will be held Tuesday, Jan. 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Auditions by appointment take place Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 beginning at 7 p.m. All auditions take place at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon. First sopranos, tenors and basses are

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especially needed, but there are openings for second sopranos and altos.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is in its 28th season. Persons wishing to become a member can call (734) 455-4808 for an audition appointment.

Symphony concert
Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony principal players ring in the New Year with a chamber concert of miniature masterpieces Saturday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Washburn conducts a mini-orchestra of the PSO's 10 principal musicians performing smaller, intimate versions of works by Claude Debussy, Johannes Brahms and

Bohuslav Martinu. Guest artist and PSO principal bassist Andrew Lee Wolfgang Anderson adds a bit of theater to the mix with a performance of American composer Tom Johnson's *Falling: A Very Difficult Piece for Solo Bass*.

Ticket holders are invited to attend an informal On-Stage "chat" with Washburn prior to the concert at 7:15 p.m. at the church. Following the performance, audience members are welcome to attend an Afterglow reception hosted by E.G. Nick's at 500 Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Admission is \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and college students. School age children (K-12) are admitted free. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office, 451-2112, email plymouthsymphony@aol.com or visit the symphony's website at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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CyberSenior downloads at 72

BY TRACEY BIRKENHAUER
SPECIAL WRITER

Joe Colombatto, 72, isn't your typical computer geek.

This self-taught senior from Farmington Hills teaches retirees about computers and the Internet through the Farmington Community Library's free CyberSeniors program at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The program is open to the public.

"People always ask me, 'How'd you learn all this?' I just tell 'em that I read a lot. If I buy a program, I read a book. My favorites are those Dummies books."

The retired real estate agent has used computers for more than seven years. He first started using them when he worked for Century 21. He retired two years ago, but his home computer is still hard at work.

"Yeah, I bought it in 1993, back when it cost me two thousand bucks," he said. "My thirty-five-year-old son talked me into it."

Colombatto said that his computer has increased his quality of life substantially.

Although he recently retired, he's certain that he'd be bored by now without his trusty computer.

Every day, he accesses the Internet to search for stock quotes. His wife uses it to research genealogy.

"That computer has opened up a whole new world for my wife," Colombatto said. "I showed her how to use it, but now I think it may have been a mistake. She's always on it! I had to tack up a sign-up sheet in the office."

In 1997, Colombatto attended a CyberSeniors session to learn more about the Internet in general. His skill level was too advanced for the course, so volunteered to teach it.

Colombatto leads the program along with a full-time library employee. Most of the time he's joined by Judy Peiffer, director of outreach services.

"Joe's really the instructor," Peiffer said. "I come on behalf of the library."

His three years of experience with CyberSeniors has made him marketable. Four additional organizations have recruited him to teach senior computer classes.

"We could use more people just like him," said Tina Theeke, senior branch head of the Farmington Community Library. "Many retirees volunteer for the library, but Joe is almost like a full-time staff member."

Colombatto teaches the CyberSenior courses from 1-2 p.m. every Monday. It gives him and his pupils something to look forward to.

"It inflates my ego," he said, smiling. "I get to share knowledge with people my own age. The way I see it, if I'm having fun, maybe they are too."

Besides, Colombatto added, many times the pupils teach the teacher. "I got stumped a lot," he admitted. "If I don't know the answer to something, I admit it. Sometimes, someone in the class knows the answer. We help each other out. It's a group effort and we all walk away knowing more than when class started."

Colombatto said some students come to class with strange requests, but he tries to help everyone.

"One person wanted to find out how to do grave rubbings," he said. "I found 35 ways to do it online."



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Notes, notes, notes: Volunteer instructor Joe Colombatto (center) goes over the lessons in the CyberSeniors computer learning program in Farmington Hills with Tom Hohman and Judy Peiffer.

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clients have two financial goals for their investments: sending children to college and paying for their retirement.

Financial freedom

It's financial independence, not necessarily leisure, that many of her clients are seeking for their retirement years, Pennington said.

Those retirees-to-be are "eager to remain productive," Pennington said. "They want to figure out a way that they can be in control of that activity."

One client is a manager in the health-care field who wants to volunteer in health care in poorer countries when she retires. Her investments are geared toward paying for that lifestyle, including the travel, Pennington said.

Another is an electrician who retired but continues to work - on his own terms - because the demand for his skills is so high.

"He's got the luxury of saying, 'I don't have to be here,'" Pennington said.

About half of her nonretired clients (40 percent of her clients are already retired) say they want to retire early, often in the 58-to-60 age range, she said.

"Most people that I talk with aren't necessarily looking at 65," she said.

Learning, doing

Older and middle-aged Americans, including those in retirement, are showing an increasing interest in lifelong learning, according to the American Association of Retired Persons.

The AARP, which famously recruits potential members as

they approach their 50th birthday, whether they're planning to call it a career or not, released a survey earlier this year on how, and why, people 50 and older continue their educations.

Their motivations have more to do with personal growth than those of younger adults, who may be focused on career enhancement, according to a summary of the survey.

"Midlife and older adults are looking to improve and enrich their personal lives," said Constance Swank, AARP research director.

In Livonia, extensive programs for senior citizens give retired people opportunities to learn and volunteer.

The city's two senior centers (which cater to those 60 and older but won't turn anybody away), offer everything from informal card and billiards games to classes in Spanish, ceramics and yoga to small-appliance-repair and (in season) tax-preparation services.

"It's amazing the things that we do here," said Gay Ware, who directs senior programs through the Department of Community Resources.

Ware said she is blessed with plenty of senior volunteers to staff most programs; the volunteers often even teach the classes or provide the services to their peers.

"A lot of them want to pitch in and help," she said.

Volunteers answer senior center phones, cook midday meals and deliver hot food to homebound seniors, run a travel club and play in a band for once-a-week ballroom dancing.



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Study time: Judy Peiffer, director of outreach services for the Farmington Hills Community Library, listens to instruction in the CyberSeniors program at the Costick Center.

"Once they're here and once they break the ice ... it opens up new doors for them," Ware said.

Some volunteer in other city functions, such as at Greenmead Historical Village or Livonia's cable television station, as well as at local hospitals or churches, Ware said.

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William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

The library sponsors this free program for older adults who want to learn more about computers and the Internet. Peiffer and volunteer instructor Joe Colombatto offer lectures, videos and hands-on instruction.

"When many people retire, they get depressed," Peiffer said. "They see this as adventurous. They learn something new every class."

Peiffer said the CyberSenior program opens a whole new world to many retirees.

"You see, I was alive when TV was invented," Peiffer explains. "And we were always told not to touch it because we might break it. Most the people in these classes can understand that. We're the same with computers. We're afraid to touch a computer because we fear we'll wreck it."

In addition to the Costick Center, The Farmington Community Library offers the CyberSeniors program at four senior residences. The Costick Center program is the only one open to the general public. Classes meet from 1-2 p.m. on Mondays. Topics range from "Windows 95 Without Headaches" to "An Introduction to the Web; Using the Library's Home Page" to "Using e-mail to Communicate with Family and Friends."

The program launched in 1997 with a grant from the Library of Michigan and corporate donations.

Tina Theeke, the library's senior branch head, said the program was initiated because of an honest comment made by a well-known library patron. The patron happened to be an older woman.

"She said, 'I haven't been to the library ever since they started using computers,'" Theeke said. "That one comment found

its way around the library staff and was mentioned in a staff meeting. We started to realize that we had a community that was under-served when it came to technology. We found that many older people weren't using the library because of fear of technology."

Theeke said hundreds if not a thousand retirees have benefited from CyberSeniors.

Many area libraries offer computer classes that are frequented by many retirees.

For instance, the Plymouth District Library offers introduction to computers and Internet courses. One of the most popular classes for retirees is about cyber-age genealogy.

"Retirees are generally the people who have the least experience with computers in their lives," said Alice McCardell, a librarian at the Plymouth District Library. "We even offer a class where teen volunteers tutor seniors one-on-one at the computer. Many older adults walk into these classes saying they're stupid and computer illiterate. They walk out with smiles on their faces and then we see them back in the library on the computers. They pick it up very quickly."

McCardell said she thinks the Internet enhances retirees' lives, especially for people who are homebound.

"If you can't get out of the house, the Internet is a great way to shop for groceries and keep in touch with people," she said.

Livonia Civic Center Library also offers beginning Internet classes for adults. Most of the day-time classes are comprised of retirees.

"I think there's a comfort level with the library," said Kathleen Moore, head of adult services. "And I think there's more of a

Planning can keep you on track

Retirement is no longer the one-size-fits-all package it once was. The reality of the new retirement is that you may live a longer and healthier life and, therefore, have a lot more opportunities than past generations - but you may also have a lot more challenges. Traditional sources of retirement income, such as Social Security and pensions, may no longer be enough, according to some financial advisors.

For years, millions of Americans between the ages of 55 and 64 have been focused on accumulating assets for their retirement. However, as these pre-retirees approach retirement, they need to not only focus on being a "saver," but also being a "spender," and preserving those assets throughout their retirement.

These key decisions that need to be made can be overwhelming. Experts say some of the issues pre-retirees may want to discuss with their financial advisor include:

■ Developing an income distribution plan to determine how and when to take distributions. Determining the order of withdrawing taxable, tax-free and tax-deferred retirement income sources may make your money last longer and may help you avoid paying higher than necessary taxes.

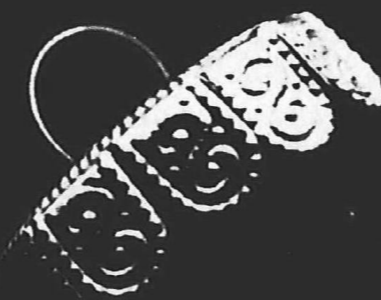
■ Taking the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and choosing the appropriate calculation method for your situation from non-Roth IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans. Planning your RMD ahead of time will help you avoid missing the Required Beginning Date for distributions, which in turn

evaluating from among several different calculation methods and establishing the required minimum distribution that best fits your goals prior to the required beginning date will help you determine the appropriate amount of income you will need to support your desired lifestyle.

■ Develop a comprehensive and flexible budget. Developing a realistic, flexible budget for your monthly expenditures may help conserve your assets during retirement.

"According to our August 2000 Planning for a Secure Retirement study, planning for retirement can be an extremely complex process, with pre-retirees averaging nearly six different sources of retirement income," said Marty Willis, executive vice president, Fidelity Investments Institutional Services

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Band to march in Disney parade

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The P-CEP Marching Band traveled to Florida this week to march at Walt Disney World.

"We will be marching in one of Disney's Millennium parades, which they've been celebrating all year," said band director Dave McGrath. "Our band members will also be doing some workshops with Disney staff members."

'This trip is geared toward the kids having fun.'

Dave McGrath
—Band director

McGrath said one of those workshops will include visiting a sound studio, and learning how a soundtrack is recorded. Afterwards, the band will record

music that will be used as background for a Disney cartoon.

The 200-member band will leave Tuesday and return Wednesday, Jan. 3.

"In the past, our Florida trips have been to the Fiesta Bowl parade and field competition," said McGrath. "However, this trip is geared towards the kids having fun. It's a reward for their hard work the past four years. There's not as much pressure to perform on this trip."



Slow season: Sharon Kennett gives change back to a customer while her daughter Rachel helps out at Robin's Nest Gifts and Collectibles in downtown Plymouth. Holiday shopping was somewhat slow for the store this season.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Several larcenies from vehicles were reported Dec. 12-13 on Greenview Place. The street is located east of I-275 and south of Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township.

The thief popped locks and removed in-dash stereos and CDs, according to Plymouth Township police.

Stereo equipment was also reported stolen from a Ford Explorer parked on Primrose Court Dec. 16.

from a truck parked on Risman Dec. 23.

A customer said after he shopped at ACO Hardware on Ann Arbor Road Dec. 16, he discovered someone stole his wheelcovers.

Speakers for sale.

An employee at Unisys on Plymouth Road told police he was approached by two men outside the building who were selling home stereo speakers.

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store manager Alison Hill reported Tuesday. "It's been busy, but it's busy every year."

Hill said the Canton store continues to see growth every holiday season, and the day after Christmas is no exception.

She said the lines to return merchandise remained short all day. "Most of our guests take care of returning before Christmas," Hill said. On Dec. 26, what Target shoppers seek is low prices, she said.

Hill said the hottest items of

the day were the deeply-discounted holiday merchandise, plastic storage containers and paper products.

The extra weekend before Christmas boosted the bottom line more than the inclement weather hurt sales, Hill said. She said shoppers who stayed home during the big snow simply made up for lost shopping time during the evening hours and on weekends.

Hill said the store remained busy until it closed Christmas

eve when shoppers were still, "looking for anything they could get to wrap and put under the tree."

The day after Christmas, the store opened at 7 a.m. and sales associates were greeted by a lineup of shivering shoppers who were waiting to get in.

Hill can't blame them, she said. "If I didn't work in retail, I'd have been one of those people. I would have been waiting in line right along with them."

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OBITUARIES

WARREN D. HARTWIG

Services for Warren D. Hartwig, 79, of Roseville, were held Nov. 22 at Buehler Funeral Home in Roseville with the Rev. Paul Donelson officiating.

Mr. Hartwig was born Jan. 13, 1921 in Forest Home Township, Mich. and died Nov. 18 in Roseville. He worked for the U.S. Army TACOM for 30 years. He served in the First Marine Division in World War II, participating in the first Pacific offensives on Guadalcanal and elsewhere in the Solomon Islands. He also served in the National Guard.

Mr. Hartwig was preceded in death by his brother, James Hartwig.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; four children, Irvin Thomas (Lynn) Hartwig of Dearborn Heights, Charles (Linda) Hartwig of Clinton Township, Ruth (Rick) Frownfelter of Canton Township, and Dr. Earl (Danielle) Hartwig of Dearborn; and seven grandchildren, Thomas, Robert, Jennifer, Jeremy, David, Andrea and Emma.

Memorials may be made to Bi-County Hospice, 13355 East 10 Mile Road, Warren 48089 or the World War II Memorial Fund, American Battle Monuments Commission, P.O. Box 96074, Washington, D.C. 20090-6074.

JOHN G. BATSAKIS

Memorial services for John G. Batsakis, 77, of Plymouth, will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena.

Mr. Batsakis was born June 21, 1923 in Mt. Pleasant and died Dec. 20 in Superior Township. He took a disability retirement from the Plymouth Post Office as a carrier in June 1988. Previously he was a teacher in the Walled Lake school district. He earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan and went on to receive his Ph.D. in education.

His greatest accomplishments came during World War II. He was a sergeant, radio-operator and gunner in the 490th Bomb Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress unit of the Eighth Air Force. He received awards for extraordinary achievement while serving on many high altitude heavy bombardment attacks over Germany. Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, he held the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and a Purple Heart.

Survivors include a brother, Angelo G. (Yvonne) Batsakis of Dearborn Heights; niece, Kathleen (Tim) Watson of Naperville, Ill.; and nephew, Chris (Georgine) Batsakis of Chelsea, Mich.

LEO ROBERT VIGI

Services for Leo Robert Vigi, 61, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 28 at The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins and the Rev. Sally Baumer officiating.

Mr. Vigi was born Aug. 20, 1939 in Detroit and died Dec. 21 in Plymouth. He was sales manager for Ronart Industries in Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1984 from Connecticut. He was a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He was an avid golfer and sailor and a loving husband, father and brother.

Survivors include his wife, Laurene of Plymouth; daughter Allison Vigi and her fiancée, Chris Winslow; sister, Susan (James) Vigil of New Mexico; and brother, Gerald Chickering of Garden City.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association of Michigan or community Hospice Services.

Arrangements were made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

RAE E. HAUK

Services for Rae E. Hauk, 91, of Livonia, were held Dec. 28 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Hauk was born Oct. 1, 1909 in Buffalo, N.Y. and died Dec. 22 in Trenton. She was a homemaker. She moved to the Trenton community from Fenton in 1994. Her family was her whole life. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin, and daughter, Erma Primeau.

Survivors include three daughters, Marabelle Virgin of Redford, Marjorie (Richard) Urbani of Dearborn Heights and Delores (Jeremiah) Webster of Redford; a son, Clarence (Donna) Hauk of South Lyon; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

ELIZABETH L. SIZEMORE

Services for Elizabeth L. Sizemore, 78, of Belleville, were held Dec. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Sizemore was born Dec. 15, 1922 in McMinnville, Tenn. and died Dec. 22 in Ann Arbor.

She attended and graduated from the Detroit Police Academy. She then became a security guard at the Desoto Motor Car Co. during the 1940s and early 1950s. She also worked for Uniroyal and later became a probation officer with the Garden City and Livonia police departments during the 1970s and 1980s. She was a member of the Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Plymouth Chapter 115. One of her favorite hobbies before her illness was bingo, but her greatest joy was her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Sullivan.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Helen) Chote of Westland, Thomas (Denise) Sizemore of Garden City; four daughters, Mary Ann Moreno of Dearborn; Debra Sizemore of Belleville; Michelle (Rodney) Cross of Belleville; and Rochelle (Richard) Carrier of Belleville; 16 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers and four sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DORA RISTOFF

Services for Dora Ristoff, 83, of Canton, were held Dec. 27 at McCabe Funeral Home-Canton Chapel with the Rev. Panayoto Pamukov officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ristoff was born Jan. 22, 1917 in Bulgaria and died Dec. 23 in Livonia. She was an assembly line worker for GM.

Survivors include husband, Kime Ristoff; nephew, Steve Ristevski; nieces Lorraine Chick and Linda Branham; and sister of Patricia Silaski.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

ROSEMARIE MONTE

Services for Rosemarie Monte, 73, were held Dec. 28 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard

Kelly officiating.

Mrs. Monte was born Sept. 2, 1928 in Detroit and died Dec. 23 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Monte.

Survivors include daughters, Bonnie (Tony) LaTorre; Roseanne Matich; and Mary Alice (Kurt) LeMerise; brother, Bud (Marti) Clifford; sister, Bernice (Frank) Heoston; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas a'Becket Building Fund or Angela Hospice.

KAREN J. SANCHEZ

Services for Karen J. Sanchez, 53, of Westland, were held Dec. 23 at Vermulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating.

Mrs. Sanchez was born Dec. 2, 1947 in Muskegon and died Dec. 20 in Livonia. She was a claims

adjuster.

Survivors include her husband, Garry Sanchez of Westland; son, Christopher Ryan Sanchez of Redford; daughter, Jessica Blair Sanchez of Westland; brother, Michael Sayre of Romulus; brother, Lonnie Sayre of Pinckney; brother, Tim (Cindy) Sayre of California; brother Brian Sayre of Florida; step-daughter, Anita (Kyle) Brazell of California; three stepsons, Garry Dean Sanchez of Brighton, Michael (Amanda) Sanchez of Florida and Gregory (Okson) Sanchez of North Carolina; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield 48076.

CHARLES A. ROOT JR.

Services for Charles A. Root Jr. will be held Jan. 19 at Unity

Church of Venice in Florida.

Mr. Root was born June 10, 1911 in Park Ridge, Ill. and died Dec. 22 in Venice, Fla. He was employed by Ford Motor Co. in Northville and retired after 26 years. He attended the Unity Church of Venice. He belonged to the University of Michigan Club and the Venice Council of the Blind. He was also the author of two published books: *The House on Ann Street* and *Storm Wreck*.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Doris J. Root; son Dr. Richard B. Root of Trumansburg, N.Y.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 1051 Albee Farm Road, Venice, FL 34292 or Unity Church, 125 N. Jackson Road, Venice, FL 34292.

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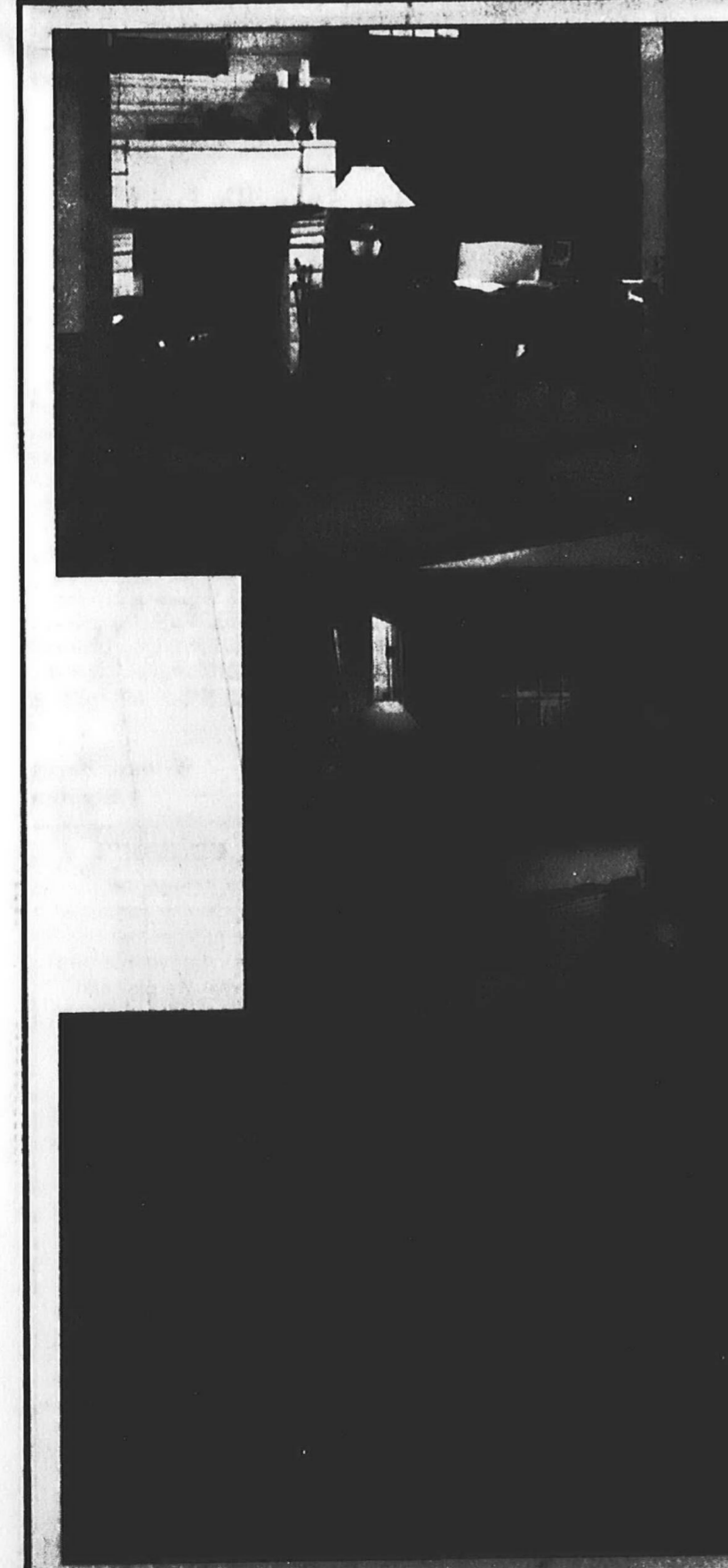
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New hires give Booher shot at making her mark

The school calendar tells us fall – not January – is the time of year for a fresh start. For those in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools though, the past couple of New Years have been just as eventful as September.

Superintendent Kathleen Booher arrived last January. Next month, as students and teachers return from their holiday break, the district will begin its search to replace two additional high-ranking administrators. Deputy Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell left in December to take the top job in the Fenton school district. And Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel and employee relations, has announced his retirement effective Jan. 17.

O'Donnell leaves after 29 years in which he moved from teacher to principal (at West Middle School) to the front office. There aren't many people on Harvey Street whose tenure with the district coincides with construction of P-CEP and O'Donnell's experience will be sorely missed.

It's obvious that the Fenton school board, while it serves a district less than one-quarter the size of Plymouth-Canton, is impressed with its new leader. He was selected from a field of 38 candidates to replace a superintendent who had served for 10 years.

Goldman will be missed too. That's a statement we're sure some will argue with. Because Goldman was the district's point man on contract negotiations – some of which over the past decade have been particularly rancorous

– he tended to draw more criticism in print and out than your typical school administrator. But even Booher acknowledged Goldman's guidance while she became acclimated to her new role this past year.

Finding new people to fill the void left by such stalwart administrators won't be easy. While the national and state economies are showing signs of cooling, several years of full employment have left many organizations in both the private and public sectors with a talent gap. The challenges in a district the size and scope of Plymouth-Canton are many. For starters, new elementary and high schools will be opening in the next two years and now board members are looking at an innovative proposal for a charter school within the district boundaries.

Add to that an administrative restructuring effort launched by Booher that will place new duties on both replacements.

For now, Booher expects to use interim appointments and in fact Marcee Martin, a retired Ferndale superintendent, has agreed to temporarily fill O'Donnell's post. In the long run, the choices for such key posts – and how they are made – will go a long way toward establishing Booher's mark on Plymouth-Canton.



LETTERS

Happy New Year

May the New Year bring happiness to all in our Plymouth Community. Lisa, Brian and I would like to extend a happy holiday and Merry Christmas greeting to all of our friends and neighbors in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Our family is looking forward to the festive holiday season and all that it brings.

As Plymouth Township Supervisor I know that your government will continue to watch over your tax dollars as we strive to provide the services you have come to expect. It is also my hope that you will continue to take ownership of the community in which you call home. By taking ownership, I am asking you to contact me, or any of your elected officials, with ideas or suggestions that you feel will benefit our hometown. Government that works effectively is a government that communicates. As we watch over your tax dollars it is important that we hear from you, that you tell us what you like and what you would like to see provided in the way of services.

As I start my first year as your Supervisor I have hopes and dreams about creating a community of which we can all be proud. The New Year is the perfect time to sit back and reflect on all that has gone on before and to plan on all that can happen in the future. As we spend time with our families and neighbors, celebrating this important time of year, it is my dream that each of us will spend a few minutes reflecting on how each of us can play a role in keeping our community the great place it is to live, work and play.

We have a lot to be proud of in our hometown. We have an excellent school system, beautiful neighborhoods, and the great town of Plymouth around which we thrive. We also have the best part of any town. We have wonderful people living here. The structure and fiber of our community is formed and shaped by the people living in the homes next to us. Make a commitment this year to meet a new neighbor and welcome them into our community.

Again, Lisa, Brian and I hope to meet many of you in the coming year.
**Steven Mann, Supervisor
Plymouth Township**

Weather whining

I read your article about poor stranded Alonzo Hursin (Canton Observer, Dec. 17), who "felt like a prisoner."

I find it interesting that my son-in-law, who also works at the G.M. Willow Run plant and lives in Canton Township, never missed a day of work. Also my wife, who watches our grandson, was able to drive to my daughter and son-in-law's home the morning after the storm and throughout the following week. Both my wife and son-in-law drive small compact cars. No four wheel drives here. It sounds like a matter of perseverance to me.

**J. Cullen
Plymouth**

Good deed

In the heart/tummy warming category of life, I would like to share with you a good deed.

On Friday, Dec. 15, in the snow, between three and five in the afternoon we stood on the steps of the Ply-

mouth post office. We were warming our hearts while freezing our fingers and toes as we rang the Salvation Army bell for Plymouth Rotary.

The generosity and kindness of the Plymouth community never ceases to amaze us. These were busy folks, carrying packages into and from the building. Standing in line, for what must have seemed like hours for some. Still, they gave generously.

About four o'clock, a young gentleman in a blue, Ford jacket approached us with a smile on his face and cups of hot chocolate. Eric, wherever you are, I would like to thank you again and tell the world of your good deed. You will never know how appreciated that cup of hot cocoa was.

In this busy, pre-Christmas season, it takes very little time to drop ones donation into the kettle to help those in need, to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. It took a bit more effort for Eric to do what he did. More than that, he planted a seed into our minds and that of the two young men who were taping a segment for a meeting at the Northridge Church. That idea? Offer to bell ringers a warm cup of cocoa or coffee. It can get very cold standing in one spot but an unexpected offer such as this, can warm a heart and tummy beyond belief.

Thank you, Eric and Plymouth.
**Mary Lu and Peter Stone
Plymouth**

Praise for carrier

I don't often write letters like this, but I have to let you know of a remarkable Canton Observer carrier, Jill Mosher. Jill has been a carrier for a few months now, taking over the duties from another wonderful carrier. Not only is my paper on my porch earlier than I expect it to be, Jill is always bouncy and smiling and gives a cheerful "Hello" when I should happen to see her.

She always thanks us when we tip her along with our monthly payment but, the most remarkable thing, is that on Sunday mornings she brings our Detroit News to our porch along with the Canton Observer! You can imagine how nice that is on these cold mornings. Both my papers delivered right to my door with my feet never having to touch the porch! Such a seemingly simple act but one that makes her stand out in this hustle and bustle world we are in.

Jill could be an example to all and is certainly a welcome carrier in Gleggarry Village. We thank her and knew that you, too, would want to show your appreciation. She represents the Observer Newspapers (and her parents!) very well, indeed.

**Cindy Bastion
Canton**

Revisit sound walls

The problems of highway (particularly interstate highway) noise, in Michigan, and the eligibility of homes for sound/noise barriers greatly need to be revisited!

There are many, many longtime residents along the I-275 (now I-275/96) freeway, from the Jeffries (I-96) northward to the connection of the I-275/96 and I-696 freeways north of Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills. Most of these

homes were in place before the eight-lane (but originally in 1967/68, proposed/expected to be a six-lane) freeway was opened in 1976/77. Certainly all of the affected Farmington Hills homes were built and occupied well before the freeway speed limit was raised from the original long-time 55 mph to 65 mph then to 70 mph in the mid-1990s.

We homeowners must have a noise protective barrier built along the eastern edge of I-275/96 to absorb and block the outrageously loud and constant traffic noise. Next year, it will be 25 years that this section of (now) I-275/96 was opened to traffic and still there is no protection for the residential area in Farmington Hills. The noise wall may cost a million dollars a mile, but right now we are in a wealthy state. The residential area east of I-275/96, from the Jeffries freeway to, at least, 10 Mile Road must have, at last, true highway noise protection now.

**Jean Barber
Northville**

Political trickery

What a disappointment. Our Republican dominated Legislature, including state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, would rather resort to political tricks than listen to the will of the voters. They recently passed a law that will increase the number of people permitted to carry a concealed weapon. And then, in order to prevent the voters from rejecting the idea, they resorted to political trickery by attaching a million dollar appropriation to the bill that prohibits it from being voted upon by the public.

Shame on those who would rather support the National Rifle Association than those who elected them. I believe we should be trying to reduce the number of guns on the street, not putting more out there.

**William Berry
Livonia**

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GUEST OPINION

Random acts of kindness are gifts that keep on giving

Times were once, when neighbors helped neighbors. Everybody pitched in, helping to fix a barn, or plow a field, or cook a dinner for an ailing homemaker. People sat around the kitchen table, telling tales, playing cards, chopping vegetables, gossiping.

These acts in those times were not random. It was all about life, and loving, and helping. It was about following the Golden Rule.

But times have changed. These days, neighbors plow their own fields, fix their own barns. You can't just stop in on a neighbor for a cup of coffee, or a glass of sympathy. Life is too busy, too hectic.

This early, snowy winter reminds me of a time nearly nine years ago when a seemingly small act of kindness had huge significance, at least for me. You see, I was eight months pregnant with our youngest child that February 1992, when the wrath of Michigan really whacked us. Such weather whacking seems to happen only when my husband is traveling.

The snow drifted thick and so heavy I couldn't open the front door. The driveway was piled so deeply, I could not move the car from the garage. I tried to shovel, but the snow was just too heavy to handle. I found myself hoping that by April the sun would shine and the snow would melt, allowing us our freedom.

One neighbor, a father of two, was snowblowing his walk. I looked from the front window, and felt a sense of relief. Surely, he would take pity on a poor pregnant soul and her two tiny sons, incarcerated in a prison of snow.

No such luck. When he finished, he turned the blower off and put it away for the next time. The way I felt, the next time was right next door. Desperate, I called every snow removal service in my phone book. All were so overbooked, they would not be able to help me for nearly a week.

Just as I felt the tears would come, a tiny tap came on the dining room window. Another neighbor, from farther down the street, was standing in my

That random act of kindness is one I will remember for a lifetime.

drive. "Do you want me to blow you out?" He pointed to his wonderful snow blower, and waited for my nod.

"Yes," I cried. "I tried to shovel, but it was too heavy."

He worked for two and a half hours, blowing not only my walk but my drive, and shoveling the front door free of the drifts. I thanked him profusely, and baked him some cookies. (Isn't that what pregnant moms do?)

That random act of kindness is one I will remember for a lifetime. A neighbor, helping a neighbor. That random act, a gift better than anyone could have offered at that time.

I often tease that Good Samaritan that I might still be stranded if he hadn't pitched in when his neighbor needed him.

A smile, a prayer, an offer of a kind word or a kind thought. Remembering how to be a neighbor, taking time from our busy lives to be a community. Those are the random acts that make a life rich and full. The generosity of a stranger's help when stranded, a please, a thank you, a hug when times are tough.

A random act lasts a lifetime. I will never forget that neighbor who remembered me when I felt forgotten. I think of him with fondness, though he long since moved away, and so did we. It is with that act, that the random act of his kindness carries on. For with his act of kindness, another act was born.

Now, when the Michigan weather rages white in the winter, I remember that act of kindness when our growing sons take our snow blower down another neighbor's sidewalk and driveway. I giggle happily when I anticipate their surprise at finding their walk cleared after a day of hard work.

A random act of kindness, one of the greatest gifts that can be given to another human. For the gift of spirit is the one gift that truly does go on giving.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the Plymouth Observer.



Cathy Standish

Michigan a national leader in student opportunities

(Editor's Note: Dorothy Beardmore ends her 16 years of service this year on the State Board of Education - most recently as president. She is regarded as among the most knowledgeable and effective education reformers in Michigan. In the article below, she summarizes her experiences on the K-12 front lines.)



Dorothy Beardmore

When someone wishes that you "may live in interesting times," consider running for a board of education. I began my life as one the same year collective bargaining for teachers took effect.

I was there when the Michigan Education Assessment Program was born and we were assured scores would never be

used to rank schools or districts. I was there when Michigan mandated special education for all children with disabilities and five years later when the federal government followed Michigan's lead.

I ran for the state board of education in 1984 because I felt the recommendations made in 1983's *A Nation At Risk* missed the mark but that Michigan and other states were accepting them. Focusing on years of study without defining what should be learned would not improve schools. Defining requisite knowledge and skills in curriculum could.

My state-level career began Jan. 1, 1985. Change in leadership on the state board broke an impasse on revising teacher certification and made it possible to move it from a lifetime to a five-year privilege. To renew it, a teacher must continue to upgrade and update subject area knowledge and pedagogy, either in college courses or approved professional development activities.

In the mid-'80s, we passed a School Improvement Policy to encourage staff in every school toward improving their students' achievement. As a reward for success and an incentive for continuous improvement, a voluntary system of accreditation was instituted.

These efforts came together in Public Act 25 of 1990, Michigan's education reform legislation, which incorporate the board's concepts of core curriculum, school improvement, professional development and accreditation.

Next, Michigan's system for financing public education underwent total restructuring. It changed the tax structure to a better balance and created a per-pupil foundation grant. High-spending districts were held harmless while low-spending districts were raised until now there is no district in the state receiving less than \$6,000 per pupil, instead of less than \$3,000 as some had.

New accreditation standards are near. They will require a high level of student participation in the MEAP, satisfactory academic performance, adequate yearly academic progress and a closing of the achievement gap between identifiable

groups of students. Since the mid-'80s, the state board has claimed that all Michigan children can and must learn much more than was ever required of them before. Jobs for the uneducated or under-educated are rare and disappearing.

Today's children reflect greater diversity than ever before. They vary in language, in culture and, too often, in preparation for school. The state board and state government focus on the earlier years in a child's life to assure young brains are appropriately nurtured and ready to learn.

Schools cannot meet physical and mental health needs, the effects of poverty or the mobility of children and families, but they can and must assure those needs are met. Michigan is a national leader in inter-agency coordination to identify and activate the individuals and groups necessary to assure students have ample opportunity for success in school and in later life. This effort is an unrecognized foundation for the state's economic development.

When I joined the board, the Department of Education had 2,200 staff positions. There are now not quite 400. Many responsibilities have been moved from the Department and Board of Education to other agencies of state government by executive orders for the governor. It is the governor's belief that the state board of education should focus on establishing policies to guide educational activities, regardless of where located.

Because the Michigan Constitution gives the state board "leadership and general supervision: responsibilities over all but baccalaureate degree granting institutions," and "general planning and coordinating" for all public education, including higher education, the board is altering its behavior to emphasize policy and lessen its monitoring of how its policies are implemented.

That responsibility has been transferred to the superintendent of public instruction, who reports his decision so that the board can continue its constitutional "general supervision" duty.

At the end of 34 years on boards of education, 16 of them at the state level, what do I think and feel?

We have learned that students rise to the occasion if they are held to high standards. The progress we have made is great; the challenges we face are even stronger.

Change is the only constant, and too many people resist it. Most Michigan schools are doing well and the students in them are, too, but the world's advances can outpace even our best.

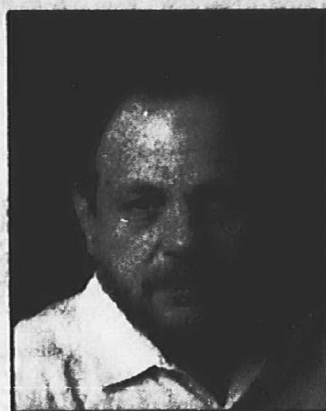
Of course, there are problem schools, problem families, problem communities.

They were highlighted in the recent Proposal 1 voucher campaign. The rhetoric was counter-productive, but the problems are real.

What can be done in schools unable to overcome their challenges? Turning our back on areas of greatest need is no solution. Families and other caregivers and the communities in which they reside must be salvaged.

There can be no throw-away children or schools, but are we as a society ready to make the concerted effort to rectify the most serious problems? Failure to do so dooms Michigan and, since many states are doing no better or not as well as we are, it also challenges our entire nation.

My time on the board ends Jan. 1, 2001. There are plenty of issues remaining for my successor and his colleagues - and for all of us.



Jeff Counts

A snow-filled winter is how it used to be

The TV storm teams actually had something to do last week. For the past few years our wimpy weather didn't give them much to do. There'd be some poor reporter standing on a freeway overpass telling us "yep, there's a half an inch of snow down there, but traffic is moving along."

Or worse, there wouldn't be any snow and the reporter didn't have anything to say. At times it seems like there were more reporters on TV and radio telling us about the weather than were in Florida trying to figure out the presidential vote.

The obsession about the weather wasn't always with us. When I was a kid growing up in Detroit in the '50s, I can only remember one day off school for a water main break. Snow storms were usually exciting affairs. We'd dress early and hit the streets for snowball fights. The real feat was to be able to chuck a snowball through an open window of a DSR bus on Plymouth Road.

The buses were mostly overhauled, and the passengers often opened windows for fresh air. Lobbing a snowball into one was a feat that lived on in legend in our neighborhood. One of my friends accomplished it - but only once that I know of. I'll never forget the look on the face of some poor woman when she got nailed.

When you're a kid, snow is fun, even if it leads to a bit of juvenile delinquency. I got to looking forward to winter. Put on some boots, gloves and a hat - that's all you had to do. I don't ever remember consulting the TV set to see if it was going to snow. You could and still can pretty much tell when it's going to happen.

But then comes the media. Actually I think I witnessed the beginning of our obsessive reporting about snow. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, I was a copy boy at the *Detroit Free Press*. In those days the weather forecast the paper printed was left in our lowly hands. Occasionally there'd be a storm story, and a reporter would grab our weather copy and turn it into a story.

But then came the southern invasion. The *Free Press* was owned by a chain that had a number of papers in the South, and some editors from there started showing up. And when they did, they discovered the storm story. Helicopters were rented to take pictures, and mass panic was printed on

page one.

Us folks from Michigan simply shrugged and laughed off the follies of our fellow countrymen. "They'll learn if they stay in Michigan long enough." It was easy for Michigan folks; we'd been trudging through the stuff most of our lives.

I understand the southerners' fear of snow. My father was from the South. Although he eventually lost his winter fears, his mother didn't. My grandmother visited in the fall but left by mid-October, fearing she'd be snowbound for the win-

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ter, unable to return to the South until spring. Perhaps she'd seen *The Call of the Wild* or some such movie.

But all that was 30 years ago. The South lost the Civil War, but it won the snow wars. The southerners' legacy can be seen every time we turn on the TV set and see "The Storm Team" in action, acting as though we're living in Los Angeles and just a drop of snow or ice is some sort of violation of our rights as Americans.

It's Michigan. It's winter. What should we expect but snow? It's time to remember our childhood and put on some boots, gloves, a hat and have some fun.

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Local Red Cross is there when disaster strikes

The holiday season should be a time of joy and peace, a time for families and friends to draw close and create treasured memories. While most of us experience the holidays this way, some will find their celebrations tragically cut short by disaster. When that happens, we hope that someone will be there to help us through.

For nearly 120 years, the local chapters of the American Red Cross have been there for families such as Angie H. of Detroit and the Lisa G. family of Armada.

Last Christmas arrived with unspeakable horror for Angie and her three children. On Christmas Eve, a fire roared through their apartment. Although Angie and her children escaped the blaze without injury, everything they owned was destroyed, including all the Christmas gifts for the children. The blaze spread to the upper flat leaving another family, with three children, homeless.

In Oakland County, the joy of the holiday season turned tragic for the Lisa G. family of Armada. On the day after Christmas, their apartment and all their precious belongings were destroyed, leaving the family of four devastated.

But a common thread of hope joined Angie's family and Lisa's family. Volunteers from the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross responded immediately, helping them through events they never imagined could happen.

The Chapter helped Angie find a new apartment and provided the basic furnishings that we all take for granted: beds, living room furniture, a kitchen table, chairs and a chest of drawers. Meals and clothing were also provided.

Meanwhile, in Armada, the Red Cross helped Lisa's family with a temporary place to stay, food and clothing and, of course, compassion.

American Red Cross volunteers get up in the middle of the night, take leave from their jobs and say a hasty good-bye to their families - every time disaster strikes. The Red Cross responds to an average of 60,000 disasters each year - one disaster every 10 minutes. Last year, the local

Southeastern Michigan Chapter responded to nearly 1,900 local disasters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The hurricanes, earthquakes and floods that affect thousands of people get in the headlines. But every disaster comes down to one single terrible moment when life changes dramatically for victims such as with Angie's family and Lisa's family.

During the holidays, the disaster that summons the Red Cross is almost always a fire. During December, January, and February, the majority of the disasters that the Red Cross responds to are home fires.

The Red Cross is not only active on disasters, but also in many other ways. A shining example occurred earlier this year at an elementary school in Eastpointe.

Last March, a fourth-grader at Crescentwood Elementary School was having lunch when she began to choke on a piece of hamburger. Trudy Rogers, a noon-side cafeteria worker at the school, immediately rushed to the child and began to perform abdominal thrusts to dislodge the food from the child's throat. She was successful and the child survived. Trudy had learned the life-saving techniques in a Red Cross CPR class just a month before the incident.

Through prevention, response, and in many other ways, Red Cross chapters work to improve the quality of life in their local communities. But they need our support. The Red Cross is not a government agency. We depend on financial donations to help friends and neighbors in need right here in our local community. In the spirit of the season, consider a generous gift to your local American Red Cross chapter. It will be one of the most worthwhile gifts you can give.

To make a donation to the Southeastern Michigan Chapter, you may call (248) 367-6600 or visit our website at www.redcross.org or send a check to the Detroit-Troy Field, Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 100 West Ave., Detroit, MI 48226.

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It's full speed ahead for Metro's Midfield Terminal

BY RICHARD FRANK
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They've got the pedal to the metal these days at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's new mid-field terminal.

With some 1,500 workers on site, "Everything is going full-speed" to reach the terminal's scheduled December 2001 opening, said Lester Robinson, Wayne County airports director.

The 97-gate terminal, a joint project between Northwest Airlines and Wayne County, is nearly 70-percent complete, he said. There are even some passenger loading bridges in place.

"We're on schedule," said Jim Greenwald, vice president of facilities and airport affairs for Northwest Airlines, which is partnering with the county on the mile-long terminal. "We're right about where we need to be."

The two spoke during a mid-month virtual-reality and walking tour of the facility which gave news media a preview of what travelers will find at the new terminal, the centerpiece of the airport's \$1.2-billion expansion project.

What it all boils down to is this: Everything - even the parking - will be a whole new experience, especially for those long used to Metro's current smaller,



Airport mall: This is an artist conception of the Midfield Terminal's concession area, which will feature a number of shops and restaurants.

darker terminals.

From the 10-level, 11,600-vehicle parking structure, with its shuttle service, moving sidewalks and heated escalators and elevators, to the new ticket terminal and concourses across the way, visitors will find them-

selves in a new world of travel.

The new terminal, with its glass walls, 60-to-70-foot-high arched ceilings, shops, world clubs and elevated tram, will provide "convenience, comfort and services that are the best anywhere in this day and age -

and hopefully in the world," Greenwald said.

"This has been designed from the ground up to serve the population," noted Robinson.

The virtual tour had passengers starting their visit to the new terminal with the parking garage.

Now 60 percent finished, the garage - the largest ever built at one time - will have three entrances: International arrivals, departures and the new south access road.

It also will offer valet parking, passenger check-ins, vehicle rentals and drop-offs.

Airy terminal

Across the five-lane passenger-pickup drive via an enclosed pedestrian walkway, passengers pass the 24 SkyCap curbside-luggage check-ins and enter the airy new terminal.

There they find 106 ticketing positions and 50 e-ticket (Internet) check-in machines. (Up to 30 more of those are in the parking garage.)

Travelers taking Northwest or one of its partners - KLM, Mesa-ba or Express 1 - or British Airways then find several intriguing paths to Concourse A, which lies ahead.

If they remain on the same level as the ticketing area, they can, if qualified, go into either the 20,000-square-foot North-

west WorldClub - the largest of the airline's four such clubs in the terminal - or to the British Airways club opposite.

Or they can catch one of the two elevated express trams, each with a 200-passenger capacity, to their domestic flight gates.

The trams are actually horizontal elevator cars with windows. Riding on a cushion of air and pulled by cables, the trams can haul up to 4,000 passengers an hour and cover the 3,600 feet in two minutes non-stop.

But there's another option from the ticket area: Take escalators down to the retail mall, with some of the nearly 85 shops and restaurants in the terminal.

Leaving the mall, passengers enter the Center Link - the middle of the mile-long Concourse A, also known as the east concourse.

Anchored by a stunning, black-marble water fountain whose 10-foot arcs of water form a network of airline routes, the Center Link also is the international passenger area. Through its big windows can be seen the wide-body jets such as 747s and 777s used for international flights.

56 inches wide

To the left and right down the concourse are the domestic gates, with moving sidewalks - some as wide as 56 inches, the biggest in the world - leading to

them. Interrupting the sidewalks about every 300 feet are clusters of concessions, high-tech arrival/departure displays and restrooms.

On lower levels of Concourse A are located crew facilities and offices and the domestic and international baggage-claims. There are 11 domestic and seven international luggage carousels.

International passengers go directly from their flights down to customs and their baggage. Customs can process 3,200 travelers per hour - 2,000 more than in the current International Terminal.

If the passengers are taking commuter flights, they will proceed from Concourse A via an underground connecting link with moving sidewalks to the smaller, 33-gate west concourse. It is divided into Concourse B, with eight jet gates, and Concourse C, with 25 commuter gates.

Charles McCloskey, director of construction, said it appears that 16 new jet gates and six commuter gates will be added onto the west concourse a lot sooner than planned.

Instead of being built in 2008 or 2009, he said, construction "may be continuous." The county and Northwest are in the process of working out the details, he said.

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ENTERTAINMENT

at the CROSSROADS



Irish gold: Sean Gavin (left clockwise), Jeremy Kittel, Megan Mac-Cleod, Tyler Duncan, Colleen Burke and Colleen Shanks play their award-winning music at the Crossroads Ceilidh.

Irish celebrate holidays by fiddlin' around and dancing

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Crossroads Ceilidh
What: A traditional after-Christmas celebration of Celtic music and dance
Where: The Ark, 316 Main Street, Ann Arbor
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30
Tickets: \$11 and available by calling (734) 763-TKTS or (248) 645-6666

Mick Gavin loves Christmas but can't wait for the day to pass so he can pull out his fiddle and make merry. This year is no exception. For a fifth time, the Redford resident is coordinating a celebration of music and dance at The Ark in Ann Arbor. The *Crossroads Ceilidh* brings to life cultural traditions of the Emerald Isle Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30.

"In Ireland the Wren dance is the night after Christmas," said Gavin. "It's a great way to celebrate. In farm houses, they bring their penny whistles and fiddles and dance and play music all night long."

"Traditionally in Ireland the crossroads is where people would meet in pubs or stores or even out in the street to dance the evening away. We'll have over 20 dancers, fiddlers and pipers from Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Mt. Pleasant, California and Detroit, so we plan to have a great time."

Gavin, along with his son Sean on flute, will be among the musicians performing jigs, reels and marches. Sean will join the award-winning Detroit/Ann Arbor Grupai Ceol, which placed second in the All-Ireland championships in 1999, for a set. The group has performed at the Frog Island Music Festival, Wheatland Folk Festival and Detroit's Concert of Colors. Pianist Barbara MacDonald Magone, a Detroit native who toured with Seamus Connolly, Alasdair Fraser, Jody Stecher and other renowned musicians, will accompany the festivities.

"We've added another night because it was sold out for the last couple years," said Gavin. "Ann McClellan who's originally from Scotland is going to dance an Irish/Scottish set and there will be storytelling. In Ireland the Seanachai is

one who tells traditional stories that can be about a ghost or a black cat that comes through the window and eats the turkey. The cat could be an incarnation of the devil. There will also be stories about going to America."

The best set dancers from the area will kick up their heels in routines similar to traditional American square dancing. Pat Quinn and Michael Belvitch, a Plymouth Salem High School graduate, return from Broadway performances with Riverdance.

Paul Cusick takes time out from studies at the University of Notre Dame to visit his parents in Plymouth and dance at the Ceilidh. Cusick, who studied step dancing at the Tim O'Hare School of Dance now located in Westland, performed with the European company of Riverdance a year before leaving to attend the Indiana university this fall. He spent four years in Europe, mostly with Riverdance.

Not bad for a local kid who started dancing 16 years ago at the age of 5.

"My parents wanted me to get involved because it was a way to experience my Irish heritage," said Cusick, a dance teacher at the World Academy in Indiana. Cusick began winning competitions at age 8. "I went from competing to loving to perform. It's a different lifestyle. I started working at 6 at night but it was a great experience to see Europe and to dance with people from Ireland, Australia and all over America. I've been to every Western European country except for Spain and Portugal."

This is the fourth year Cusick will participate in the *Crossroads Ceilidh*. He eventually would like to study law and run for public office one day. Until then he plans to come home every year for the celebration.

"It has a lot of talented young people so if you like Irish music this is the place to go," said



Riverdancer: All-Ireland champion step dancer Paul Cusick uses his Riverdance talents at a traditional Celtic celebration at The Ark.

Cusick. "It's an Irish cultural night. Irish dancing is a unique kind of dance. You keep a stiff upper body and don't move your arms. Everything's the feet."

FRIDAY



Today is the last chance to see The Marquis Theatre's production of Pinocchio. The show starts at 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 135 E. Main Street, downtown Northville. Tickets \$7.50, call (248) 349-8110.

SATURDAY



Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry continues today and tomorrow at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Museum admission \$4 adults, \$1 children, call (313) 833-7900.

SUNDAY



George Bedard and the Kingpins are just one of many groups set to make the 9th Annual New Year Jubilee a success. The drug and alcohol free event begins at 6 p.m. in Ypsilanti. Tickets \$20 adults, \$5 for children, 6-12 years old. Children 5 and under admitted free. Call (734) 483-4444.

ROCK

'Whip' the new year into shape with the Motor City Madman

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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What would New Year's Eve in the Motor City mean without the one and only Motor City Madman aiming to rock into 2001?

Ted Nugent isn't about to let his fans find out. Born and bred in Redford, the gonzo guitarist has hosted his raucous Whiplash Bash in the metro area since 1984. With the exception of a few years when he took a small hunting party to "the wilds of Texas," the bash was held each Dec. 31 in Detroit. Last year, Nugent participated in the hottest Y2K ticket around, sharing a bill with Metallica and Kid Rock at Pontiac's Silverdome.

Despite the hiatus, Whiplash Bash returns in full force Sunday and moves to The Palace of Auburn Hills. After all, it is as much a Motor City tradition as dropping the "ball" is in New York City. Think of

"The Nuge" as Motown's own Dick Clark.

"The Detroit New Year's show is always the quintessential show for any artist," said Nugent, calling between rehearsals on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from his home in Jackson County. The Whiplash Bash has showcased local acts and rock legends alike with a lineup hand-picked by Nugent himself. "We've had Kung Fu Diesel... Alice Cooper. I want what I want. And I get to choose people."

This year, he chose Sammy Hagar, a rock vocalist perhaps best known for his years with Van Halen, to the Whiplash Bash stage. The two met in 1973 and haven't forgotten their first jam. "It was one of the most powerful moments of my life and Sammy has said of his life," said Nugent.

Jeff Corey, at the Palace Sports and Entertainment, is confident the bash will be as successful as ever in its new home.

"We are pleased to host the Whiplash Bash," he said. "Over the years, the event has



Ted Nugent, the Motor City Madman

become a great tradition which Detroit can call its own - thanks to Ted Nugent and his loyalty to this area. This is our first experience hosting the event and we are looking forward to it. Pairing Ted and Sammy Hagar makes this a very attractive bill and Ted always puts on an extra special show for his Whiplash Bash."

So that's just what he'll do. "We're rehearsing like idiots, every day and night," he said. "We're coming up with a bunch of new stuff, different stuff, outrageous lyrics."

Fans like Scot Bronka, a former Troy resident who works in Farmington Hills, have spent more than one New Year's Eve celebration at the Whiplash Bash. "It means a time to completely let go, to be with friends," said Bronka. "It's a break from the norm for a short time to be with nature's finest." Bronka's witnessed everything from Nugent shooting flaming arrows



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performances of all the songs he knows by heart.

While the wild one won't be riding in on a buffalo this New Year's Eve, Nugent plans a special musical treat for his fans - an acoustic version of the enduring rock anthem, *Fred Bear*. "It's a powerful piece of music," he said, "it's played at more graduations, weddings, funerals, more celebrations than any song, I think. It's the only hunting song in the world."

Well, at least it might be the only hunting song belted out in unison on the last night of 2000. Nugent is bound to revisit hits like *Dog Eat Dog*, *Free For All*, *Little Miss Dangerous* - whatever songs he decides will "convey the most impact." He wouldn't choose to spend his holiday any other way. "Rock and roll is my drug," he said.

The show is like a dream for the 52-year-old avid bow-hunter

"It's the only hunting song in the world."
Ted Nugent speaking of 'Fred Bear'

and eccentric rock guitarist. He's able to stay close to family and friends for the holidays and do what he loves best - perform.

With the Motor City Madman at the helm, Whiplash Bash will surely endure. "I'm very, very proud of that," he said.

Ted Nugent's Whiplash Bash, includes guests *Sammy Hagar* and *Mad Mordigan*, 9 p.m. *New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$39.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666.*

Look for Ted Nugent in February on A&E's *Biography*. For more information, get online at www.tednugent.com.

Jeff Dunham gets audiences giggling

When it comes to laughter, Jeff Dunham's got comedy coursing through his veins. The man named Funniest Male Stand Up Comic in 1997's American Comedy Awards is coming to the metro area - and he's bringing a few friends along. Creator of some of the funniest partners in the comedy business, Dunham will introduce audiences to a fuzzy purple wozzle named Peanut, a grouchy old man named Walter who's never afraid to speak his mind, the self-bellittling Jose, a Jalapeno on a stick, and of course the country bumpkin he calls Bubba.

With quick wit and superior skill, Dunham isn't just a ventriloquist, he's an entertainer to all ages. Among Dunham's numerous television appearances, is the distinction of performing on the *Tonight Show* more than any other ventriloquist. The invitation was an honor Dunham shared with only four other comedians during Carson's 30 year tenure.

The Dallas native has come a long way since breaking into show business at age seven. An only child, he invented a menagerie of characters that helped ease his natural shyness. Dunham began teaching himself ventriloquism with a plastic Mortimer Snerd puppet. "My first show was in the third grade," said Dunham in a press release. "It was an oral book

report on Hansel and Gretel. I spent about three minutes on the book and 20 minutes berating my classmates."

But Dunham pursued his career, earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. "While most people were going out on the weekends and partying, I was flying off somewhere to do my show."

In 1988 he moved to Los Angeles, where his career really took off. Dunham has appeared on such talk shows with Martin Short, Rosie O'Donnell, Howie Mandel. He's appeared on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and ABC's *Ellen*. Dunham has opened shows for performers like Tanya Tucker, Glen Campbell, The Oakridge Boys and Bob Hope.

But Dunham's characters are the real stars of his show. They endear themselves to audiences everywhere. "When Walter says he's been married for 47 years and the audience applauds, I know I've hit the right buttons," said Dunham in a press release.

His characters are so vivid Dunham usually opens with 10 minutes of solo stand up simply to establish himself as the hub of the wheel. "If they walk away thinking, 'Gee, those were some funny guys,' rather than 'Boy wasn't he a good ventriloquist,' then I've done my job."



Ventriloquist and friends: Jeff Dunham is joined by puppet friends Jose Jalapeno, Walter and Peanut. See them in January at Chaplin's Comedy Club.

See for yourself when Jeff Dunham brings his lovable characters to Chaplin's Comedy Club, 34244 Groesbeck Highway, Clinton, Township. Call (810) 792-1902 for more information.

day-Saturday and 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$35 and \$45. Call (313) 965-2222 for details.

The Superstars of Comedy starring D.C. Curry, Arnez J. and Bruce-Bruce opens 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets for \$37, \$47, \$75 are on sale now. Call (248) 645-6666.

Other laughs in store

Jackie Mason's *Much Ado about Everything* comes to Detroit's Second City March 12-25. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 p.m. Fri-

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Still can't answer that fateful question "What are you doing New Year's Eve?" You're not alone. To help ease the anxiousness that comes but once a year, here are some suggestions for kids, adults, music lovers, theater-goers and everyone in between. Ring in 2001 your own way:

In the daylight

■ The 9th Annual New Year Jubilee returns 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. to Ypsilanti. The drug and alcohol free event features performers Three Men and a Tenor, Mr. B, Night Flight, Robert Jones and Matt Watroba, the jazz sounds of singer Sheila Landis, rockers George Bedard and the Kingpins, Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies, childrens performers Gemini, Julie Austin and comedians like O.J. Anderson and Amazing Clark. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$5 for children 8 to 12 years old and kids 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available at all Busch's stores. For more information, call (734) 483-4444 or visit the Web at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/newyearjubilee>.

■ As if the holidays didn't bring enough goodies, take the kids to the Toy and Hobby Expo New Year's Eve day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center, Novi. Tickets \$6, or \$3 ages 4-12. Parking costs \$5. Call (734) 455-2110.

■ Sing-along songs for the kids, with some local boys - MB2 when they perform as part of Birmingham's First Night, 6:45 p.m. at Knox Auditorium at The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 West Maple, west of Southfield and east of Cranbrook on the south-side of Maple Road. Call (248) 258-9075.

■ Catch the Red Wings in action against the Los Angeles Kings after a 4:30 p.m. buffet dinner at Detroit's Hockeytown Cafe. The \$90 ticket includes a free shuttle to Joe Louis Arena for the game. Game tickets aren't included. Call (313) 965-2222.

Engulfed in music

■ Return to the skinny ties and parachute pants of the 80s with The M80s performing 8 p.m. at the Magic Bag, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030.

■ Electrify the night with renowned DJ Kevin Saunderson, who will be joined by DJ's Minx and Reclouse, 9 p.m. at Majestic

Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$20 advance or \$65 including dinner. Call (313) 833-9700.

■ Happy "Blue" Year music fans. Join Blue Suit featuring Doug Deming, performing 7 p.m. upstairs at Fox and Hounds or Jimmie Jackson and the Blues Connection in the lounge, all at the Bloomfield Hills restaurant. Call (248) 644-4800.

■ Jazz up the season with the music of Spencer Barefield and Friends 9:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. Tickets \$45, include music, buffet and champagne. Call (313) 831-0922

■ Ted Nugent's Whiplash Bash features Sammy Hagar and Mad Mordigan this year. The show begins at 9 p.m. at The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$45. Call (248) 645-6666.

■ Shahida Nurallah performs 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. Call (734) 662-8310.

■ The jazz stylings of Rochester Hills' own Sheila Landis will be joined by pianist Ariene McDaniel, 8:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ypsilanti. Call (734) 682-0736

■ Uncle Bonsai takes his folky roots to the stage 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. at The Ark, Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$17.50-\$25. Call (734) 763-TKTS.

Don't miss your last chance at the theatre:

■ Detroit Repertory Theatre wraps up *This Blood's for You*. Tickets are \$15. Call (313) 868-1347 or (248) 645-6666.

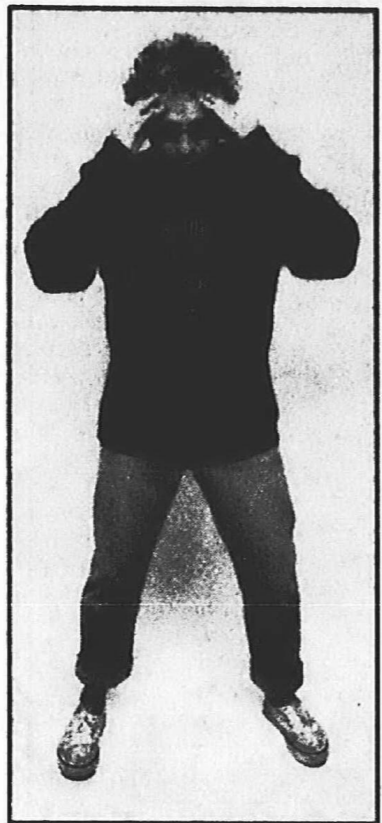
■ Catch the last performance of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets are \$10-\$55.50. Call (248) 433-1515.

■ Jeff Daniels' reign over the Gem Theatre with his comedy, *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, ends today with two shows, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$24.50-\$34.50. Call (313) 963-9800.

Usher in the New Year with laughter:

■ The Second City presents several packages to see *19th Nervous Breakdown*. The 7:30 p.m. show, \$25 per person, includes free admission to Hockeytown Cafe party. A dinner and show package at 6:15 p.m. includes a buffet and complimentary champagne for \$95 per person. The 8 p.m. late dinner and show package includes buffet and complimentary champagne along with admission to the Hockeytown Cafe party for \$115 per person. The 10 p.m. show package includes admission to the Hockeytown Cafe party for \$40 per person. Call (313) 965-2222.

—Compiled by Stephanie Angelyn Casola



Sammy Hagar

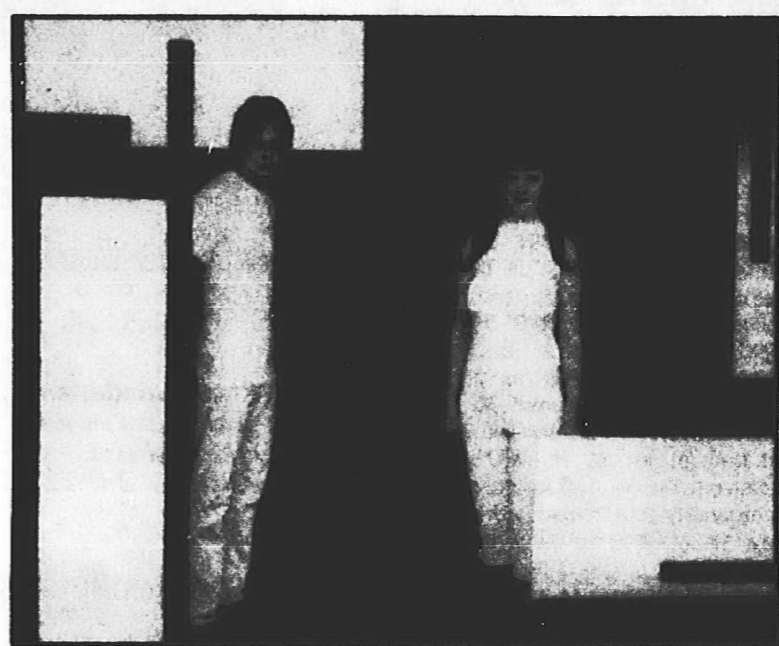
■ Rock Detroit with Jack White and friends as The White Stripes, the Detroit Cobras and They Come In Threes let it all out, 9 p.m. at the Magic Stick, Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700.



Sheila Landis



What are you doing New Year's Eve? Whether it's a children-welcome event like Ypsilanti's New Year Jubilee, which features Mr. B (above) among its roster, or a straight-up rock show starring the White Stripes (right) at Detroit's Magic Stick, the possibilities abound to start out 2001 with a bang.



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DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *This Blood's for You*, Thursday-Sunday to Dec. 31, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347/(248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: *Stomp* opens Jan. 30 and continues to Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* continues to Sunday, Dec. 31, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$55.50. (248) 433-1515 or visit the Web site at www.ticketmaster.com

GEM THEATRE: *Escanaba in de Moonlight*, a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Dec. 31, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Twilight of the Gods* continues Dec. 28-31, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple & Drake), West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Lion in Winter* opens Jan. 10, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Yagins Monologues* opens 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and continues through Feb. 11, at the theater in Detroit. Tickets \$85 for opening night charity gala, includes after glow. Tickets \$45 for the run of the show, with \$15 tickets available for first 25 students to present ID. (248) 645-6666

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* runs in rotating repertory until Feb. 22, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CINDY CINDERELLA: AN AMERICAN FAIRYTALE: Presented by Heartland Theatre Company with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 28-30, Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$6, call (313) 982-6001. American Sign Language interpretation will be provided Saturday, Dec. 30. Special services for blind and hearing impaired individuals are also available by calling (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2535

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of *Pinocchio*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 and 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, 14. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 28-29, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110

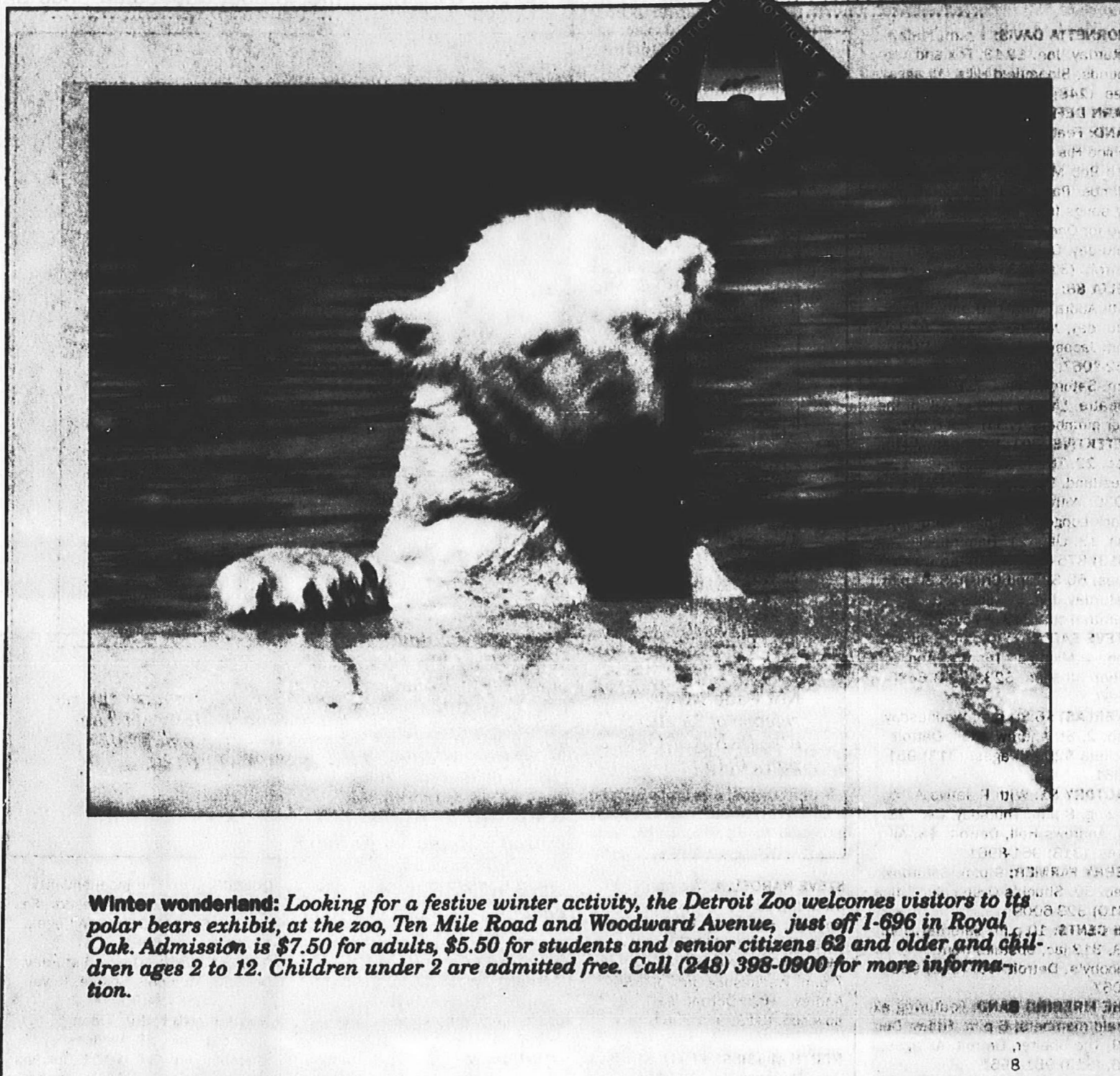
PUPPETART: *Kalobok*, a Russian version of *The Gingerbread Man* 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

JAZZ UP YOUR HOLIDAYS: The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents jazz for the holidays 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, students free. (248) 645-2276

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Presented by the Michigan Bridge Association Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-7, reservations no required, most sessions begin at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., at the Finnish Cultural Center, Farmington Hills. \$9 for experienced players, \$7 for intermediates and newcomers, \$5 students. Call (248) 358-3089 if you need a partner or (734) 439-3617 for information



Winter wonderland: Looking for a festive winter activity, the Detroit Zoo welcomes visitors to its polar bears exhibit, at the zoo, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for students and senior citizens 62 and older and children ages 2 to 12. Children under 2 are admitted free. Call (248) 398-0900 for more information.

TOY AND HOBBY EXPO: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6, \$3 ages 4-12, \$5 parking. (734) 455-2110

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BEAVER CREEK: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 for dinner (\$29.95 for dinner package), 9 p.m. for general admission (\$10), at Beaver Creek Tackle and Beer, Westland. (734) 722-5330

BIRMINGHAM'S FIRST NIGHT: Outdoor opening ceremony 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, clowns, music, variety of entertainment, midnight countdown, in Shain Park and surrounding area, Birmingham. \$8 (advance), \$10 (at door) badge admits wearer to all events. Children 5 and under free.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: New Year's Eve Gala featuring Viennese selections along with the best of American song 6 p.m. (concert only) and 9 p.m. (concert and party including dessert buffet, champagne toast and dancing on the stage) followed by 11-11:30 p.m. ceremony with Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer unsealing a small copper box with a letter written by a man in 1901, then Detroit Mayor William Maybury who left a message that the box not be opened until 2001 (the opening marks the beginning of the yearlong celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday, Sunday, Dec. 31, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

THE GAYLORDS: Buffet dinner, dancing, open bar and sing-a-long. 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Corsis, Livonia. \$80. (248) 538-8028

HOLIDAY DINNERS: New Year's Eve Sunday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. open menu and 9:30 p.m. five course prefixed menu (\$95), at Ristorante Cafe Cortina, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033

JD'S KEY CLUB DUELING PIANOS: Sunday, Dec. 31, at the club, Pontiac. \$65. (248) 338-7337

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS: Party dance and buffet 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Novi. All singles welcome. \$55 advance, \$65 at door. (248) 851-9909 or visit the Web site at www.mspsc.com

SECOND CITY: Performance of *19th Nervous Breakdown* and dinner packages available Sunday, Dec. 31, at Second City, Detroit. (313) 965-2222

BENEFITS

A JAZZY AFTERGLOW: Featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends with guest vocalist Angela Boffill 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Antheum Suite Hotel's International Banquet and Conference Center, Detroit. \$175, includes reception, dinner, concert, shuttle service from the Auto Show Charity Preview; \$125, includes dinner and concert. Benefits BARAT Child and Family Services. (313) 963-3330

SWINGTIME 2001: Dine on treats from 30 of Detroit's restaurant, dance to the music of three bands, visit the art gallery, or bid on a silent auction 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Benefits the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 584-4150

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: World premiere of composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty's *MotorCity Triptych* 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 4-5, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: With guest violinist Xiang Gao 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$35 for a reserved seat (\$20 seniors/students), \$25 unreserved seat (\$10 seniors/students). (810) 694-7643

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS: Auditions for spring session 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 and 9, at the Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. (248) 471-4516

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SINGERS WANTED: Learn to sing male four-part harmony, audition not required but the ability to sing "on key." 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the music department of the Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. (734) 261-5321/(313) 278-1078

SWING BAND: The OPC Senior Band invites musicians to dust off their instruments and join the band 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, or just drop by to listen, at the Rochester Older Persons Commission, 312 Woodward Street. (248) 646-2864

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS: Male actors sought for *Fiddler on the Roof*, which opens Jan. 13 at the Jewish Community Center for a five week run. Call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 for audition information.

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, pop)

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

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

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD & FRIENDS: 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 (\$45, includes music, buffet and champagne), at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

MARCUS BELORAVE: Will perform *A Tribute to Louis Armstrong*, with Claude Black, Don Mayberry, Lawrence Williams and vocalists Shahida Nurallah, Harvey Thompson, Robert McCarther, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$25. (313) 494-5870

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FREDDIE COLE TRIO: Will perform *A Tribute to Louis Armstrong*, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$25. (313) 494-5870

PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

SHEILA LANDIS: With pianist Arlene McDaniel, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ypsilanti. (734) 662-0736

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, at Rocky's of Northville. (248) 349-4434

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: Saturday, Jan. 6, 20, Steak and Ale, Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450

SHAHIDA NURALLAH: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30 (\$10), and Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BEN YONAS TRIO: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

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UNCLE BONSAI: 7:30 p.m. (\$17.50) and 10 p.m. (\$25) Sunday, Dec. 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

CROSSROADS CEIL: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

DANCE

MOON-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

COMEDY

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Reubin Ruebin and lots of crazies Sunday, Dec. 31, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Romont Harris Thursday-Saturday Dec. 28-30, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John DiCrosta Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, at Paisano's, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: Joel Zimmer Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 28-30; Jackie Flynn 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Jack Simmons Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 28-31, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: *Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.seondcity.com

TED'S PUB: Ladies Night at the Mic featuring comedians from metro Detroit, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the pub, Clawson. No cover. (248) 435-4755

7TH HOUSE: *Bingo!* An audience participation comedy romp, presented 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the theatre, Pontiac. \$20. (248) 335-8100 or www.bingotheshow.com

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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

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *The First Ladies of Fashion* exhibit featuring 14 reproduction inessential Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

TROY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Photographic Retrospective* continues to January 2001, at the museum, Troy. No charge.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Traditions of the Season continues to Monday, Jan. 1, Thursday-Saturday visitors can visit eight Village buildings at night and follow the lanterns to homes featuring traditional holiday cooking and decorations. Carolers, horse drawn carriage rides, cider and cookies are all part of the experience. Visitors will be able to pick out their holiday greenery at a Victorian era greens show. Reservations are required to take part in the evening program, call (313) 271-1620. For information about the Museum or Village, call (313) 271-1620

LIVE MUSIC

ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL: With Lonnie Brooks, Jeff Grand, Jim McCarty, RJ's Blues Revue, Randy Volin's Sonic Blues, Bugs Beddow, 8 p.m. Friday Jan. 5 and Johnnie Johnson, George Sedor and the Kingpins, Thornetta Davis, The Millionaires, Chicago Pete & the Alligators, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

AN EVENING WITH RICHARD ASHCROFT: Rescheduled, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Tickets for Magic Bag show will be honored. \$22.50 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Centre Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

SENNY AND THE JETS: Sunday, Dec. 31, Best Western Hotel, Romulus. (724) 728-2800

CHUCK BERRY AND JERRY LEE LEWIS: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$75. (248) 645-6666.

BLACK MAGIC CROSSING: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

CLASHBACK: A Clash Cover Band, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BLUE CAT: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$85. (248) 645-6666

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, Union Lake Bar and Grille, Commerce Township. (248) 360-7450

CAPTURE THE FLAG: With Over It, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

AARON CARTER: 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. All ages. (313) 961-5461

CHAIN REACTION: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Innleefe Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

THE CLARNS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 644-3030

CLOUD NINE: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 966-8555

CONSOLATION PRIZE: With Wristrocket, Blindshot, November, 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

THE CRUISE: With Proteins, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. \$8. (313) 961-5451

THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

WANN BEBEVER'S 100 YEARS BIRTHDAY: Featuring the mastermind behind His Name is Alive, along with Bob McCreeby, Allice of Slumber Party and more, performing songs from the I Want You To Live for One Hundred Years record, Saturday, Dec. 30, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

DELTA 88: With Audra Kubat, 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067; With Kevin Meisel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

DETECTIVE PIOT: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, The Token Lounge, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030; With Inside 5 Minutes, The Black Lodge, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-8555; With the Bomb Pops, 60 Second Crush, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-8555.

STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397

EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961

FACTORY 81: With Relative Ash, Arizing, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-8961

TERRY FARMER: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Shuck's Oyster Bar, Utica. (810) 323-6009

45 CENTS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

THE FIREBIRD BAND: Featuring ex-Braid members, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-8961

G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961

GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7150

HEMLOCK: Friday, Dec. 29, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 28-30, Jan. 9, 12, 13, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600

IGNITION NEW YEARS EVE: With the only Indoor Fireworks display at midnight, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, State Theatre, Detroit. (313) 961-5451

IMMUNITY: 10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Ramada Inn, Flint. (810) 732-0400

ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JETTISON RED: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

THE JNK: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, The Manhattans, featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$75. (248) 645-6666

THE LANTERNWACK: With Stun Gun, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

MEB: 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Knox Auditorium, Birmingham. See www.mb2.net.

MEB: 8 p.m. New Year's Eve Party, Sunday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. Details to come. (248) 544-3030

MAZINGA: With 45 Cents, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 966-8555

BRAD MERLASSI TRIO: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. 18 and older. \$20 advance. (734) 662-6310

METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursday, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.

MEALTIME GRUB: 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Boulder, Plymouth. 21 and older. \$4. (734) 464-4180

MEAT & POTatoes: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067



Not Fade Away: The Beatles live on in memory and now on film with the re-release of "A Hard Day's Night," showing at the Landmark Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak. The movie is rated G. Showtimes are 1:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Call the box office at (248) 542-0180.

STEVE MARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 5-6, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

NEVERMORE: With Living Sacrifice, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 961-8961

NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

TE'D NUGENT'S WHIPLASH BASH: With Sammy Hagar and Mad Mordigan, 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666.

ORBIT SUNS: With Twitch, Audra Kubat, 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 1, 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666.

THE PAYBACKS: With Gore Gore Girls, Octopus, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

QUEERS: With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961

ROBERT PENN: 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 3-4, 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800.

ROBB ROY: 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Boulder's, Plymouth. 21 and older. \$5. (734) 464-4180

DJ KEVIN SANDERSON: With DJ Mixx, DJ Reeloose, 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20 advance. (313) 833-9700

SHOOL NITE: End of the month M&E Battle, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 966-8555

SMOORE ISOLE BALL: With Galactic, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade, Lake Trout, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, State Theatre, Detroit. \$28. All ages. (313) 961-5451.

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Small Brown Bike, Blindshot, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-8961; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, The Shelter, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

BLUE SUIT: Featuring Doug Deming, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds upstairs, Bloomfield Hills and in the lounge, Jimmie Jackson and the Blues Connection. (248) 644-4800.

TELEGRAPH: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$5 at the door. (313) 961-8961

THE WHITE STRIPES AND THE DETROIT COBRAS: With They Come in Threes, 9 p.m. Dec. 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

ZEN TRICKSTERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030

1994 THE TRIBUTE: Beatles premier cover band, Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

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

ANBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1383 or www.arborbrewing.com

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

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

ANDRADO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 665-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance. \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARDON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CARMEN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUB ON CLAY: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961met.com

CONO ARINA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 963-6616

CONOREN HILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2668 or www.conorenhills.com

COVINGTON: 3338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DASH AND THE FIRE HOSE: 2901 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETOUR: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

DETROIT 220: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

DETROIT 263: 263 Florio Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

DETROIT 215: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

DETROIT 17600: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

DETROIT 3650: 3650 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8608

DETROIT 2211: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 963-6611

DETROIT 1560: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

DETROIT 3125: 3125 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

DETROIT 1515: 1515 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 585-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

DETROIT 625: 625 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

DETROIT 900: 900 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 963-6606

DETROIT 3: 3 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 336-7337.

DETROIT 9979: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 485-8450

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DETROIT 211: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-6506

DETROIT 105: 105 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

DETROIT 2229: 2229 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

DETROIT 652: 652 Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

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DETROIT 3015: 3015 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

DETROIT 3468: 3468 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 348-7038

DETROIT 311: 311 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

DETROIT 2: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

DETROIT 10: 10 Water Street, Pontiac

DETROIT 176: 176 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

DETROIT 1500: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

DETROIT 400: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 690-5080

DETROIT 3532: 3532 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

DETROIT 318: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7650

DETROIT 217: 217 Farmworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

DETROIT 681: 681 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961met.com

DETROIT 335: 335-5640

DETROIT 2118: 2118 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

DETROIT 2049: 2049 Jay, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 813-6030

DETROIT 624: 624 Brook, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

DETROIT 484: 484-6302

DETROIT 34824: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

DETROIT 324: 324-7411

DETROIT 35234: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

DETROIT 688: 688-8769

DETROIT 212: 212 W. Bush Street, Royal Oak. (248) 585-1519

DETROIT 240: 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 999-8946

DETROIT 248: 248-9467

'State and Main' is the location for laughter

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From the moment director David Mamet fades his cameras into the sleepy town of Waterford, Vermont, in his new film *State and Main*, he drives a cast of both delightful and detestable characters into unfamiliar territory — the simple life. The New England town seems stuck in the 1800s, with its vintage fire station, quaint shops and neighborly façade.

At first glance, Waterford seems to be the perfect location for Walt Price (William H. Macy) to set up shop and film his next movie — *The Old Mill*. Here, we meet a man who's motto seems to be "It's not a lie, it's a gift for

fiction." So he and his crew take over a local hotel, tossing everything in this all-American town upside down.

Price discovers that the towns Old Mill actually burnt down in a rash of fires in 1960. This is the first of a barrage of problems facing the filmmakers and just one of the unexpected twists and hilarious turns like this that make *State and Main* a slice of cinematic joy. As the film constantly remind us — everyone deserves a second chance.

Mamet keeps a dizzy pace, introducing viewers to all facets of the movie business: from the ego-driven actors to the powerful producer, from the sensitive writer to the anxious cinematographer.

He sets up an almost too-good-to-be true dichotomy with the townspeople: the doctor who knows everyone's name and ailment, the easily persuaded Mayor George Bailey (Charles Durning), even a charming shop-owner who's as smart as she is simplistic.

But the plot truly begins with the arrival of superstar actor Bob Barringer, played with a touch of sleaze by Alec Baldwin. It seems Barringer's got a penchant for teenage girls. And a young waitress named Carla Taylor (Julia Stiles) immediately catches his eye. When Barringer flips his car and destroys a light-post after a drunken tryst with Carla, he puts himself, the film and the crew in jeopardy. The

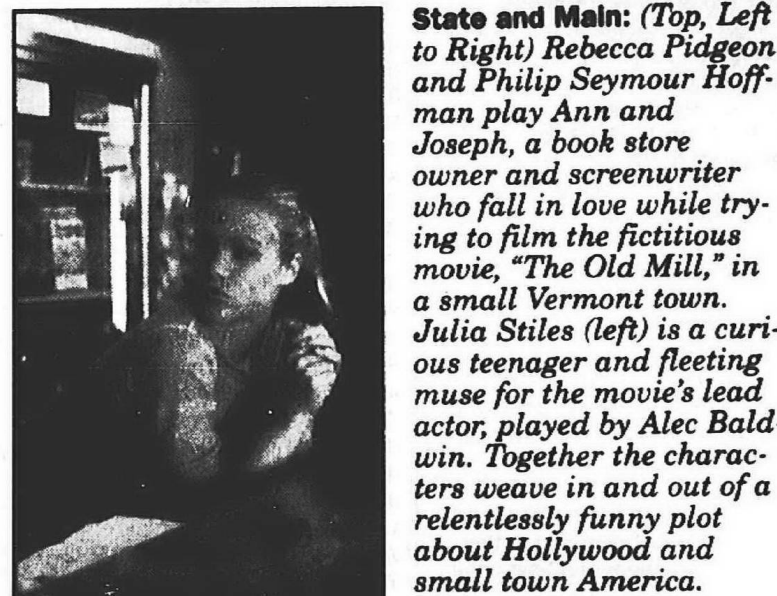
only witness is Joseph Turner White, the meek screenwriter, played with brilliant subtlety by Philip Seymour Hoffman (*Magnolia*, *Boogie Nights*). Foreshadowing what will ensue, the camera peeks down at a destroyed car. Barringer and Carla walking away in opposite directions. White stands distraught at the scene, on the corner of State and Main streets, with only a flashing yellow caution light looming above him.

Suddenly this writer who tries so desperately to be truthful, who aims to make a film about the purity of life, finds himself in a moral dilemma that could make or break his career.

And in the meantime he's also managed to fall in love with a bright-eyed shopkeeper named Ann (Rebecca Pidgeon). When Ann breaks off her engagement to a local politician, Doug MacKenzie (Clark Gregg), the bitter State Senate-hopeful sets out to get the most money from the filmmakers as possible — and the statutory rape scandal is just the melee he was hoping to make his case known.

All of the characters lives intertwine, showing Mamet's knack for establishing cause-and-effect situations in this absurd setting. He also has a stunning sense of comic timing — using minor details like a well-placed road pot hole and fishing hook to evoke laughter even in the most serious of situations.

But the amazing cast plays every eccentricity to the extreme. Sarah Jessica Parker is wonderful as a stylish, money-hungry actress Claire Wellesley. Patty Lupone makes a great impact in her small role as the mayor's wife, Sherry, who thinks throwing a dinner party for the "movie people" will be the biggest social event ever to hit Waterford. But Hoffman really impacts the movie, giving a performance filled with heart and soul. Even the smallest expres-



State and Main: (Top, Left to Right) Rebecca Pidgeon and Philip Seymour Hoffman play Ann and Joseph, a book store owner and screenwriter who fall in love while trying to film the fictitious movie, "The Old Mill," in a small Vermont town. Julia Stiles (left) is a curious teenager and fleeting muse for the movie's lead actor, played by Alec Baldwin. Together the characters weave in and out of a relentlessly funny plot about Hollywood and small town America.

sion can convey his character, and in turn the conscience of the story.

In simplest terms, *State and Main* proves that life isn't always as it seems, not even in a predictable New England town. We all face the crossroads from time to time.

The film is rated R and in theaters now. For more information, see www.stateandmain.com.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

<p>National Amusements Showcase Cinemas</p> <p>Showcase Ansonia Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opatka Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd 248-373-2660 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. NP DENOTES NO PASS</p> <p>NP ALL THE PRETTY HORSES (PG13) NP DRACULA 2000 (R) NP FAMILY MAN (PG13) NP MISS CONGENIALITY (PG13) NP WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13) NP EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE (G) NP DUDE, WHERE'S MY CAR (PG13) PROOF OF LIFE (R) VERTICAL LIMIT (PG13) DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (PG13) 102 DALMATIANS (G) UNBREAKABLE (PG13) RUGRATS IN PARIS (G) BOUNCE (PG13) DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (PG) CHARLIE'S ANGELS (PG13) MEET THE PARENTS (PG13)</p> <p>CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES</p> <p>Showcase Dearborn 1-8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily *Late Shows Fri. & Sat. & Sun. 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G. Love and Special Sauce on the holiday menu



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

While you might know that Philly's own G. Love is a master at mixing blues, funk and rock genres, you might not know he's also something of a multi-tasker.

When I called G. Love — whose given name is Garret Dutton — he answered his cell phone on the first ring, and managed to walk his dog and later drive around the greater Philadelphia streets in search of a parking spot all while rambling out heart-felt response to any questions I dared ask.

Starting guitar lessons at age 8, Dutton wasn't convinced early on that music was his calling. "I really had a tough time with guitar from the beginning," he recalled. "It's a hard instrument to learn as a young kid. I wasn't a natural."

That's hard to tell if you've heard songs like the funky sing-along favorite *Cold Beverage* from G. Love's 1994 debut, or the fluid guitarwork of *Relax*, off of his most recent release, *Philadelphonic*.

"My mom kept me in it," he continued. "I had really bad rhythm. My guitar teacher used to put my foot on top of his foot."

So what kept little young Garret going?

"I just liked it, ya know. I never was like, a quitter. I felt like I didn't want to give it up. It was challenging. By the time I was like 13, it actually started sounding good to me. I got a little girlfriend. I thought 'this is pretty cool.' I started writing songs at 15."

G. Love's tendency to string together genres that don't — on the surface — seem to get along, like hip hop, and blues or reggae

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G. Love and Special Sauce

and rock have made him a sort of Kid Rock east coast style. With sounds as divergent as can be, both artists are masters at blending styles in new and intriguing ways. For G. Love, it started early on.

"It was really a part of me. At that point it was something I loved. At that point, there was no turning back."

Taking his cues from the very essence and onset of rock and roll, he names influences like The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Grateful Dead and of course, the original rock guitar god, Chuck Berry.

Seemingly never shy, G. Love's first audience became the bustling streets of his hometown. "I used to play out on the street in Philadelphia in high school. I would play sing-a-long hits."

These popular acoustic sing-alongs were his ride into the musical underground of the city, his introduction to the scene.

By 1992, G. Love moved to Boston to attend Skidmore College and to pursue a career in music. "I was always playing out in the street. You see people, people see you."

He was right about that, his open air performances, between jobs at Boston coffeehouses and non-profits, essentially brought him together with fellow musicians Jeffrey "Houseman" Clemens (drums) and Jimi "Jazz" Prescott (string bass).

"It's a dream to find someone to play drums to have good sensibilities on how to arrange

songs," he said of Clemens, who is 9 years his senior. "Early on it helped to refine what I was doing."

That wasn't an easy thing to do. Not many musicians in Boston in the early '90s knew what to make of this self-proclaimed acoustic streetside blues player. "I was just stoked to have good musicians into what I was doing."

Coming up with a stage name inspired by some of his favorite players, Muddy Waters and KRS-1, G. Love and Special Sauce was born. The band released its self-titled debut in 1994, *Coast To Coast Motel* in 1995, *Yeah, It's That Easy* in 1997, and *Philadelphonic* in 1999.

At work on a new record, tentatively titled *Electric Mile*, G. Love promised it will be his "strangest record yet." Tracks are recorded completely live for this one, giving it "a more organic feel," he said. The musical landscape will roam from Dylan-inspired tracks to the reggae-like stylings of Bob Marley — but it will all be dished out and blended with Special Sauce.

John Medeski of Medeski Martin and Wood contributes piano and organ on several tracks. The record is due out around April.

For now, G. Love and Special Sauce will return to Detroit for one special show before its release. And they can't wait to get back to the Motor City. "I've had some really good shows at the Majestic," said G. Love. "I like playing Detroit. There's a



Philly's pride: G. Love and Special Sauce's own Garret Dutton returns to the city that's been good to him before for a special performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, St. Andrews Hall, 431 Congress, in Detroit. Tickets are \$20 in advance for this all ages show. Call (313) 961-8961.

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SUSHI, STEAKS AND SIMPLICITY

Area experts predict major restaurant trends for 2001

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Global influences and east-west coast innovations are shaping trends that metro-Detroit diners will experience while eating out next year, according to area restaurant visionaries.

Jerry McVety of McVety & Associates, Farmington Hills, founded a food service and hospitality consulting company that advises top-end restaurants, offering third-party input geared to success. According to McVety, the Midwest isn't setting any trends but will experience international or coastal trends that have traveled inward from the west or east.

"Trends expanded beyond their original venues strengthen and stabilize the trend," McVety said. "Establishment of sushi bars in strip malls across the country and in metro Detroit is an example. While many are not authentic and traditional, they've Americanized a complicated ethnicity in a food-friendly way. People like sushi bars and their popularity will continue to grow."

Maitre d' Mickey Bakst of Tribute, Farmington Hills, agrees. He sees an expansion of Asian and Asian-influenced restaurants. "In Chicago, sushi bars are extremely popular," he said. "The food is perceived as lighter, yet packed with exotic flavors. Americans who eat out frequently want a lot of flavor in their food."

McVety had the same idea. "The P.F. Chang's concept of simplifying Chinese food for Americans will be copied," he said. "But P.F. Chang's (Somerset Collection South, Troy) is the ultimate model. It will be hard to beat."

The food in a bowl concept that went beyond Mongolian Barbecue wasn't successful in metro Detroit. Within the last year or two, eateries that tried it either went out of business or changed the concept. McVety thinks it will return.

"Not as the theme of an entire restaurant," he said. "It will start small and build, as part of an existing menu or an option within a restaurant. Rice and noodles are in. People like them topped with beef stew or sauteed vegetables as a vegetarian choice."

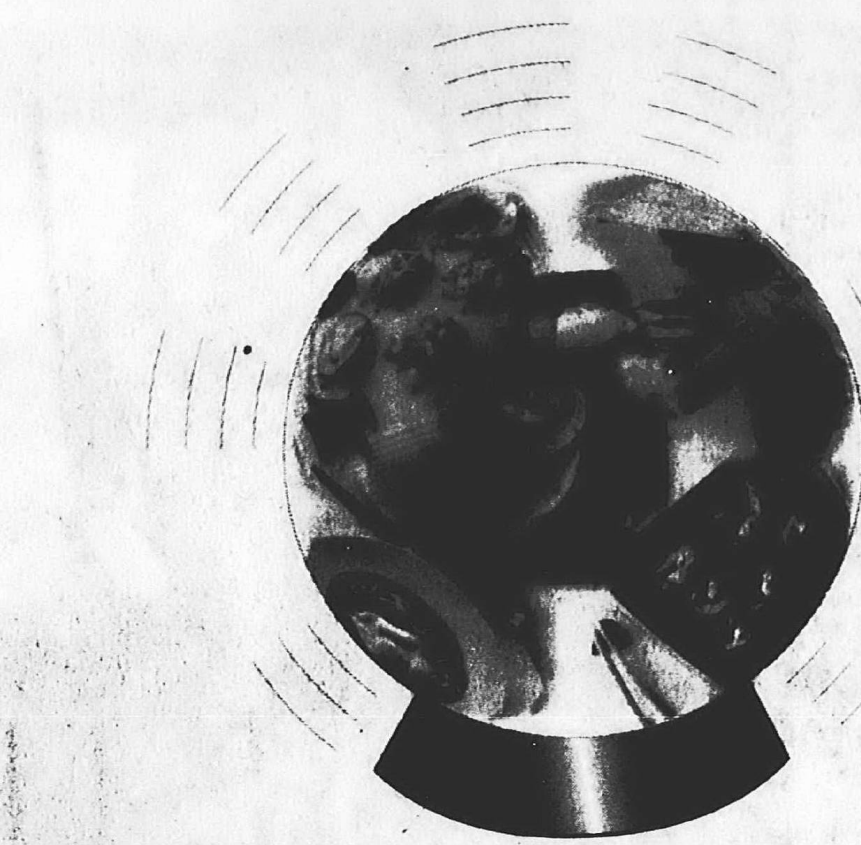
Comfort is important

"More steakhouse chains like Outback will come into this area," McVety predicted. "The menu will satisfy both a light eater with a small filet and Hungry Harry, with larger cuts of beef. To be successful, options are required and people will demand comfort."

Bakst noted that "exotic and unexpected bursts of flavor" drive the Asian concept, but "basic and simple" are preference contrasts favoring a steakhouse.

Considering that Bakst works at one of the area's most celebrated restaurants, he was honest in stating, "High-end is not the way diners are headed. People are prone to be more critical of a restaurant purporting to be high end, especially when the diner is paying top dollar. Price, food, and feel must be in the comfort range."

Diners are notching down to bistro-style, not in quality of food, but in approach, Bakst



believes. Chefs will be less artistic in plate presentations, opting for "homey" and comfortable, less art and with more heart put

into simplicity. Yet, the best chefs will stretch their imagination to offer dishes packed with flavors. That's been

the food success at Birmingham's Forte and Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill in Milford. Bakst, however, offers a criti-

cism. "I don't want to sound negative," he said, "but metro Detroit diners are accepting mediocrity in food. In 2001 they should resolve not to."

Always operating from a comfort base, Unique Restaurant Corp.'s (URC) chef/proprietor Matt Prentice also predicts the increased popularity of steak or chop houses because people are getting back to protein.

To capitalize on this, a "New Year's Resolution Menu" will be offered beginning next week at Morels in Bingham Farms, Duet in Detroit, Northern Lakes Seafood in Bloomfield Hills, and No. VI Chophouse in Novi.

"The steak and back to meat preferences stem from people's view that high protein and low-carbohydrate diets are healthier," Prentice said. "People understand the concept, but they don't know how to make it work in a restaurant. The New Year's Resolution Menu will make it easier for them."

Other developments

McVety predicts you'll see more restaurants with lounges and entertainment, particularly jazz pianists and trios. Diners will relax in a lounge before entering the dining room and

will linger there after dinner.

More mid-range restaurants and chefs with established restaurants will offer carry-out, McVety said.

"It will evolve to about one-third of their business. Many more will expand to catering in homes and actually going to a home to cook for a special occasion."

What's out? McVety believes the Detroit suburbs are saturated with Italian neighborhood restaurants. And theme restaurants are in trouble.

"They're cute one time," he said. "But a restaurant lives or dies on loyal, return diners. Theme restaurants can't sustain the regulars."

And the predicted economy downturn?

"An economic slow-down will not necessarily impact eating out," McVety maintained. "People will cut back in other areas but with two income families or single parents, eating out will continue as a way of life."

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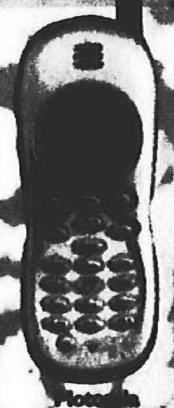


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2001: A Space Odyssey

Make it your mission to clean up clutter

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It messes up your life. Drives you to distraction. Makes you waste valuable time when you're in a rush. It's called clutter. Vowing to finally get organized and find hiding places for all that stuff tops many a New Year's resolution list. But where to start? And how? That's the question. Five local experts - two interior designers and three clutter control specialists - came up with some answers and enlightening thoughts on the subject.

Helpful hints

Greg Parsons' hints for closet organization:

- Don't take up valuable closet space with stuff you don't wear - old high school jackets, college prom or bridesmaid dresses.
- Follow the 80-20 rule - you wear 20 percent of your clothes 80 percent of the time.
- Get rid of anything with a stain on it that will never come out.
- If you haven't worn something in over a year, get rid of it.
- Everytime you buy something new, get rid of something old.
- Don't save out-of-style clothes. Styles never come back quite the same.

"We often find things that have never been worn, that still have price tags on them," Lefton said.

Lefton uses every inch of closet space and favors lots of shelves with everything adjustable to meet changing lifestyles. With adjustables, a closet for little children can be rearranged as they grow into teenagers. A stay-at-home mother with a basic jeans wardrobe later may get a job and need a place for suits and career clothes.

There has to be a place for everything, Lefton said, but she also keeps human nature in mind. "People always say they're gonna get rid of half their stuff. They may have 40 pairs of shoes. And they'll throw some out, but when I come back three months later, they've replaced the ones they threw out and they still have 40 pairs of shoes. I plan for that."

When de-cluttering mud rooms and back hallways, Lefton says, "I use a lot of baskets. Everything has to be easily accessible, they're not gonna bother if it isn't. It has to be user-friendly."

Jermaine Wells of Organized Living of West Bloomfield, who works with clients customizing closets, pantries, kitchens, closets and offices, has similar observations. Well said many customers want to get things off the floor, especially in home offices.

"But, they won't get rid of stuff, they'll hide it," Wells said. Wells' challenge is to design solutions to meet each individual's needs by asking a lot of questions about lifestyle and using move-

able and/or stationary installations.

Greg Parsons of Clever Closets, Inc. of Rochester, who left corporate America to go into business for himself, conveys the high-energy associated with the corporate world.

When he calls on clients, he too, assesses the situation, then uses a laptop computer to show in 3-D exactly how his designs will look in the area available. He shows slides of similar installations he has completed.

"Each job is personalized. There's 20 thousand ways to do the same space." Parsons says that while closets are his biggest business, he now gets more calls for garages.

Parsons rattled off a list of six ways to lighten up closet clutter, admitting that while they are clichés, they work. (See related chart.)

Since interior designers are generally intent on making homes more attractive as well as more efficient, their approach tends to be a bit more forgiving. However, Margaret Skinner, owner of Margeaux Interiors, Inc. of Canton, is firm about one aspect of clutter control.

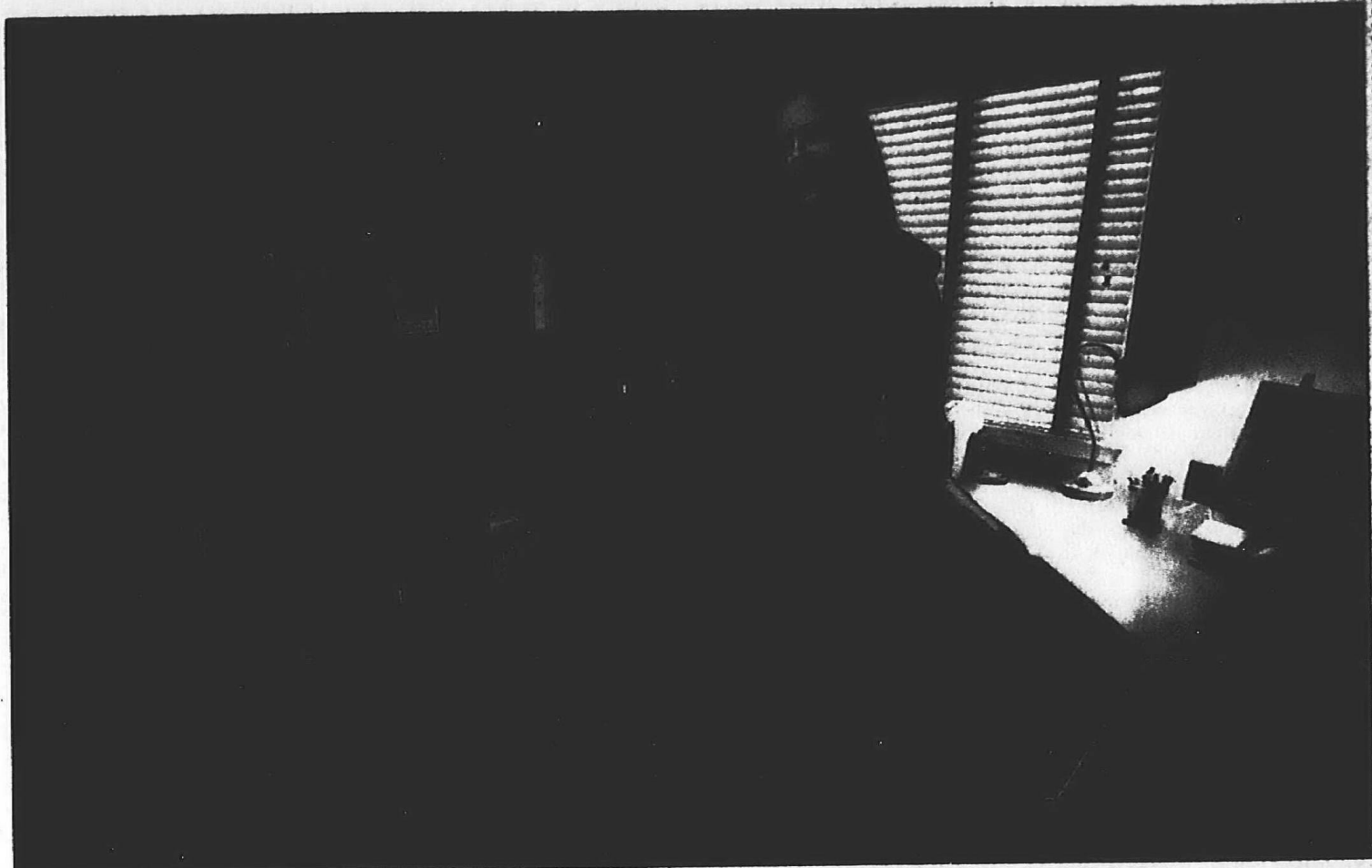
"Most people are afraid to throw things out - get a paper shredder," Skinner said. With a smile in her voice, she mentions that a paper shredder was at the top of her own holiday gift list.

The amount of unneeded paper hit home when she began redoing her home office.

One of the most important changes in both look and efficiency in this project was replacing the carpeting with a cherry wood laminate floor, Skinner said. All of her new office furniture, a custom cherry desk group, new shelving and new chairs can be easily moved around, plus it gives her office a more business-like appearance in keeping with the high tech look. New individual cube shelving in a laminate system with aluminum finish proved to be ideal for her particular filing and storing needs. The cherry wood blends with her more traditional home atmosphere.

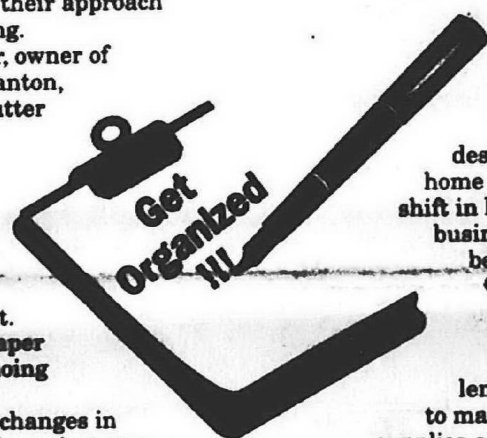
While much of her work with clients is accessorizing, Skinner says this often leads to better organization. She notes that many new homes have a large kitchen with a small office area in one corner. "Everybody, including the kids, drops their stuff there."

Skinner designs attractive fabric-covered boxes and small trunks to hold everything from bills and writing materials to coupons, notes and clippings.



PHOTOS BY PAUL BURCHMAN

Clean that clutter: Margaret Skinner, owner of Margeaux Interiors, Inc. of Canton, organizes her home office with a custom cherry desk, new shelving and new chairs, all of which can be easily moved around. The cherry wood blends with her more traditional home



"Stacking them attractively makes them more accessible than the old junk drawers." Plymouth interior designer P.K. Fields says the home office has been the biggest shift in her field. "More and more business and commerce are being done from the home" Consequently, people's needs have changed dramatically.

She sums up the problems of the home office - how to manage "all that wire and supplies and not let the home office take over the rest of the house."

"The problem is keeping it contained," Fields said. Directly related to that is the problem of maintaining a business environment in the office and still having a nice home. "That means no metal desks," Fields said.

"The first mistake people make is to go out and buy stuff to put things in. Start first by eliminating, organizing and seeing what you have."

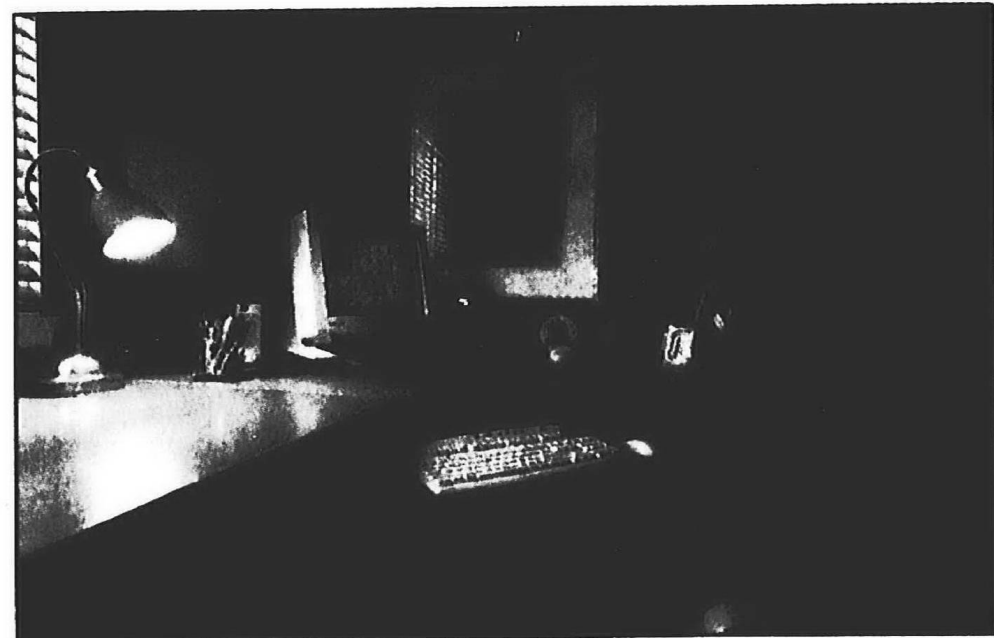
She lists three priorities for a more efficient and well organized home office.

- Add a lot more electrical outlets. "There are never enough."
- Improve the lighting.
- Consider sound proofing. "No one wants to hear Barney singing in the background while on the phone."

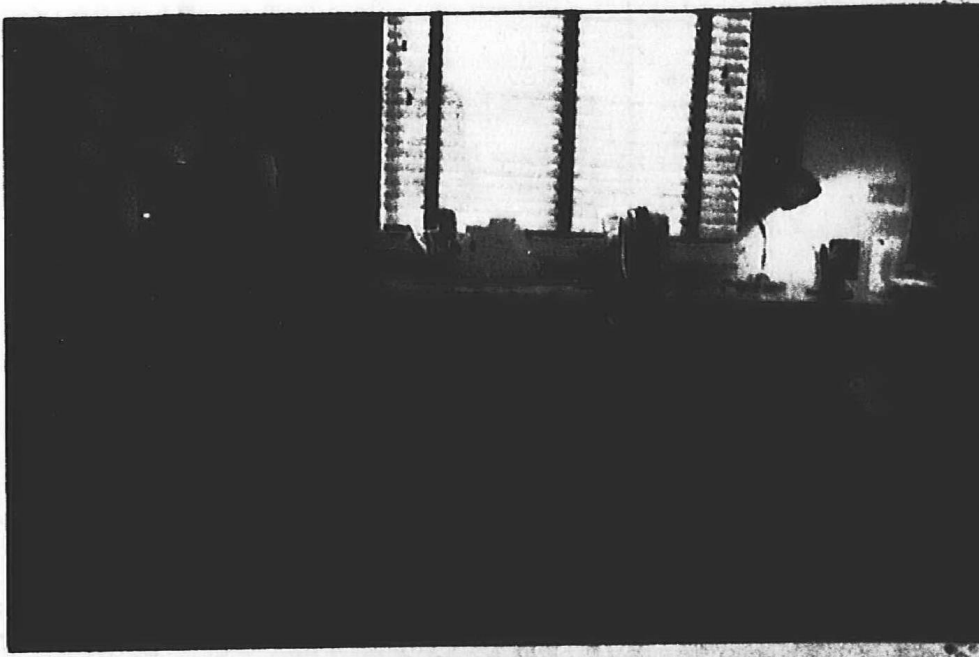
To a person, these five experts love their work. Greg Parsons spoke for all of them when he said, "It's a win-win situation. I solve problems and I make people happy."



Nice and neat: New individual cube shelving in a laminate system with aluminum finish proved to be ideal for her particular filing and storing needs.



Easy on the eyes: Skinner's office breathes with space and wall art for a relaxing working atmosphere, left, while the printer, scanner and computer unit hide away in a cabinet beneath the desktop, right.



MARTY FIGLEY

Read up
Now that the holidays are winding down, take some time to enjoy a new gardening book, says Figley in Garden Spot
See Gardening, Page 2



JOE GAGNON

Remote starts
Can you see yourself turning on the kitchen range from the office? The Appliance Doctor doesn't think it's such a good idea.



SPECIAL DELIVERY:
For Livonia's Albert and Donna Mughannem, 2001 begins with a special family addition, Elisa Tian Yi Mughannem. They adopted the 1-year-old from China. Read the heart-warming story in HomeTown Life, page 6.

GARDENING

Gardening books offer facts, recipes to savor

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Now that the holidays are winding down, take some time to wind down yourself and enjoy a new gardening book.

Passionate Gardening: The Ultimate Guide for Gardeners in Challenging Climates, by Lauren Springer and Rob Proctor (Fulcrum, \$34.95), can be read a chapter at a time so that the information may be savored and enjoyed.

Both writers share their experiences of gardening in Colorado, the "ups and downs" and the successes while making us nod our heads in agreement or laughing at the humor.

Subjects run the gamut of soil preparation, watering and other nitty-gritty chores to getting the most out of using the correct plants for every season.

In addition, Springer shares a winter garden memory and Proctor shares his experiences with bulbs. This treasure is perfect for our climate here in Michigan.

User friendly

Timber Press has just released *The Color Encyclopedia of Orna-*

mental Grasses, by Rick Darke, on CD-ROM (\$62.95).

This very comprehensive tool is user friendly. You can choose a zone and learn all the pertinent information with 721 color photographs and descriptions of the cultivars of the grasses.

The versatility of grasses in the landscape is a feature, and the cassette emphasizes that grasses grow best in climates similar to their native origins.

Indexes of both botanical and common names are a great help. Nursery sources are included. This is a perfect companion to the celebrated book version, published in 1999.

Also from Timber Press, *Lewisia*, by B. LeRoy Davidson (\$34.95), will especially appeal to rock garden enthusiasts.

The flowers were named for the explorer, Meriwether Lewis, who first encountered them in the West. They have been studied by the author, who shares detailed descriptions and historical, geographical, botanical and horticultural facts.

This is in parts field guide, memoir, history and art book, with photographs that show the plants in their native habitat as well as gardens. Twenty lovely botanical paintings and 13 line drawings by artist Michael Moshier are the icing on the cake.

Food for thought

Two books for the cook, just in time for New Year's Eve parties, contain recipes that will have guests asking for more. Both are published by DK (\$19.95 each).

Hors D'oeuvres, by Eric Treuille and Victoria Blashford-Snell, presents more than 250 recipes that can be made ahead and will suit the most discriminate palate.

If you want a wonderful array of yummy appetizers, you can't go wrong with this. Instructions are very clear, and full-size photos illustrate how beautiful the presentations can be. Lists of the equipment and all the supplies the cook could possibly need, as well as helpful hints, are featured. Both authors are cooking school teachers.

The second book, *Sauces & Salsas*, by Oded Schwartz, proves that these foods needn't be calorie-laden to be delicious.

The recipes run the gamut from sweet to savory. Expert advice about preparing (and time), serving and shelf life is included. This is a treasure of many, many ways to enhance plain cooking to make it more flavorful and appetizing. Wonderful advice.

Sanctuaries

Wildlife Sanctuaries & The Audubon Society: Places to Hide and Seek, by John "Frosty" Anderson (University of Texas



MARTY FIGLEY

Press, \$22.95 paper, \$45 cloth), contains success stories of natural habitats that have been preserved to protect existing conditions to allow endangered birds and other animals to survive.

The author shares his "diary" of 15 Audubon Society sanctuaries throughout the United States and how each was achieved. The stories about the plants and animals are fascinating and worth the telling.

Did you recently receive a gift certificate from a book store? Consider Jim Wilson's most informative and attractive *Container Gardening* (Taylor Trade

Publishing, \$17.95, paper), which is hot off the press.

Suitable for any area of the United States, Wilson's advice comes from years of experience and covers the subject with authority.

From discussions of containers, soils, plant combinations, plant and container compatibility, and placement in the landscape to correct plant care, it's all here. And instructions for making, curing and planting lightweight concrete "hypertufa" containers are included!

Wilson also consulted horticulturists at botanical gardens and

With a passion: A page from "Passionate Gardening."

public gardens such as theme parks throughout the United States, who shared their lists of plants that were successful in their areas. The color photos and right-on descriptions add dimension to the book.

If your book store needs to order it, the ISBN number is 0-87833-190-5 (paperback).

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.

LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

"Feng Shui in the Garden" will be presented at the next Livonia Garden Club meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road.

The presentation will be made by Debra Christy-Merriman, teacher of the art of Chinese placement at Schoolcraft College. Visitors are welcome.

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. Here is a list of some of the classes: Common Problems and Critter

Control, Mondays, Jan. 8, 15 and 22 at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Another section is offered those Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and that Saturday at 1 p.m.

Garden Design, five Tuesdays, starting Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. How to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape. The class requires a Focus on Design course or equivalent experience as a pre-requisite. Lawn Pest Management, Jan. 29, at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information.xz

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HOME WORK

Control condensation with these helpful hints

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HARRY JACHYM

Talking about summer weather, we so often say, "it's not the heat, it's the humidity."

Warm air holds more moisture than cooler air. Humid air doesn't allow perspiration to evaporate quickly, making us feel warmer. This is just one reason we add humidity to heated air during the heating season. Most people are comfortable at 68° to 72° F with humidity in the 25 to 50 percent range.

Humidity also helps prevent squeaking floors, loose furniture, static shocks and dry throats. On the down side, too much humidity can set us up for condensation problems.

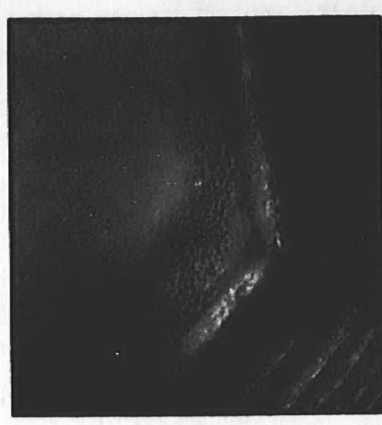
Creating condensation

Condensation forms when warm moist air touches a cool surface and the water vapor in the air turns to liquid before it has a chance to evaporate. It causes eyeglasses to fog when people walk in from the cold. Though occasional dampness isn't usually a problem, it can cause mold, mildew, odors, wood and insulation damage and other kinds of problems if the area stays damp for any length of time.

Older homes seldom had the condensation problems we see today. There were so many air leaks the moisture was flushed away. Today, because of higher energy costs and new technologies, our homes are built much tighter. There's nowhere for the moisture to go.

Moisture in the home comes from many sources. The obvious source is furnace or room humidifiers.

There are occasional sources such as cooking, baths and



All wet: Condensation forms when water vapor in the air turns to liquid before it has a chance to evaporate.

showers and laundry, and those occurring continually like moisture from perspiration, breathing and ground moisture.

What to do about it:

Obviously, the best thing is to avoid adding too much humidity. Set the furnace humidifier as low as comfortably possible. Use ventilators in kitchens, baths and even laundry rooms to remove excess water vapor.

Keep as much precipitation runoff away from basements and crawl spaces as possible. If your home is built on a crawl space, keep the vents open except during extremely cold weather.

Closing these vents during the winter actually holds moisture in this area. The moisture will condense on the floor joists and insulation, making the floor feel colder and can damage the joists and insulation. This moisture also contributes to the amount of humidity in the home. Keeping banked snow away from windows and doors will also help keep moisture out of the home.

Moving air helps moisture evaporate. Using room fans or the furnace fan, to keep air moving and keeping doors open, help circulate air.

Many condensation problems show up on windows. Adding

another layer of glazing, either storm windows (outside or inside) or heat-shrink film (temporary storms), will help keep windows warmer, reducing condensation on them.

Bring air in

Bring fresh air in from the outside using several make-up air devices on the market. Most attach to the furnace.

Skuttle Mfg. (<http://www.skuttle.com/>) manufactures one such unit. These devices add the cold air to the return plenum on the furnace. Cold air, because it is dryer than warm air, tends to absorb moisture in warm air; this in turn tends to keep condensation problems down.

There are added benefits to adding make-up air to your home. Cooking, furnace, water heaters, dryers and other combustion devices consume oxygen, which reduces the air pressure in your house. Since air pressure tends to move from high pressure to low, outside air infiltrates through any nook and cranny it can find, creating cold drafts in your home. These devices also introduce fresh air into the home.

Keep warm, keep comfortable, keep dry (but not too dry).

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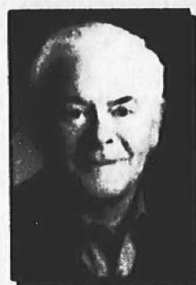
I enjoy writing the Ask Dad column for the Observer Newspapers. It not only gives me a place to "talk" about various home topics but also makes me research at times, increasing my personal knowledge.

I really would like to know what you want to know. Please feel free to send questions, topic ideas, or comments to me in care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students in a school district in western Wayne County.

Internet activation may be dangerous if appliances are unattended at home

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

Engineers write and talk about major home appliances and what the future brings. Lately we've read about the futuristic appliances and already some homes have been built with this new technology. That includes wiring through the Internet, including buttons and switches, that only requires a call by phone to activate kitchen ranges or other appliances.

I think this is all a big bunch of bunk. What makes me such a skeptic and why do I express negative overtones on these new advanced systems? I base my comments on the way we live and the habits of human beings.

If I had lived thousands of years ago and my mate suggested we place the cooking fire into a square box, I would have

thought it possible. Had I watched an eagle soar through the air, I would have believed in the invention of the airplane. When the microwave oven was invented, I believed that invention would work and be successful, but I maintained some reservations. A microwave was ideal for defrosting food, warming things up, and cooking fast vegetables.

I remember when the first Amana Radarange models sold for \$900 and 22 home economists worked for me, trying to teach America how to cook steaks, turkey and the like. Countless microwave cookbooks were printed, many television shows gave us expertise, but every time a homeowner cooked a steak, it came out gray. When the browning look disappeared, the homemaker decided to use it for what would be its eventual primary usage - to warm things up. The microwave eventually grew in popularity, and most American homes have one in their kitchens today. The reason - it is quicker than fire or the electric burner on your stove. After 30 years in existence, the microwave still does

not take the place of the kitchen range.

Can you see yourself turning on your kitchen range from the office? There are already many thousands of house fires caused by the kitchen range and the majority of these occurred while someone was there. What about the clothes dryer that now causes more 15,000 house fires a year? What will happen once you can turn it on from your car?

We are dealing with fire. We react to fire with pain, a built-in fear of putting ourselves at risk of being burned and usually a cautious habit when dealing with such products. It would be a smart move on behalf of manufacturers if they built a safer product and one that keeps a more even oven temperature.

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

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Atwood-Porter

David and Norma Atwood of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Karla Dee, to Eric James Porter of New York.

The couple wed Aug. 19 at the Wychmere Harbor Club in Harwich Port, Mass., before the Rev. Paul N. Ray.

The bride, a 1994 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate and 1999 graduate of Texas A.M. in Galveston. She is a professional figure skating coach at the Texas Ice Stadium in Houston.

The groom, son of James and Doris Porter of New York, is a 2000 graduate of Texas A.M. in Galveston. He is employed at the San Luis Resort in Galveston.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Allysen Meissner, matrons of honor Kim Anderson and Karen Whisler, bridesmaids Heidi Hancock, Monica Schmitz, Lisa Novak and Jen and Stevie Poyer.

The groom was attended by best man Brian Porter, groomsmen Brad Vandermeeden, Mark Kiecker, Chad Schaber, Yuri Swain, Nate Gauthier, Chris Holloway and Clint Johnson.

Hensley-Stern

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hensley of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Karin Aileen, to Jacob Robert Stern of Fairfax, Virginia.

The couple wed May 27 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The bride is a 1991 Livonia Stevenson graduate and a 1995 graduate of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing. She works for Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children where she is a neonatal intensive care unit nurse.

Her husband, son of Carl and Jacqueline Stern of Solana Beach, Calif., is a 1991 graduate of Porey Pines High School in Delmar, Calif. and a 1995 graduate of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. He works for American Management Systems in Fairfax, V.A. as a computer management consultant.

The couple wed before J. Walter Roth. The bride was attended



Ushers were Aaron Davis and Andy Szopa. Kaitlyn Whisler was the ring-bearer and Amanda Whisler was the flower girl. Norma Atwood, mother of the bride, was a soloist.

The couple received guests at the Wychmere Harbor Club following the outdoor ceremony, overlooking the ocean. They took a honeymoon to the Figi Islands and will make their home in LaMarque, Texas.

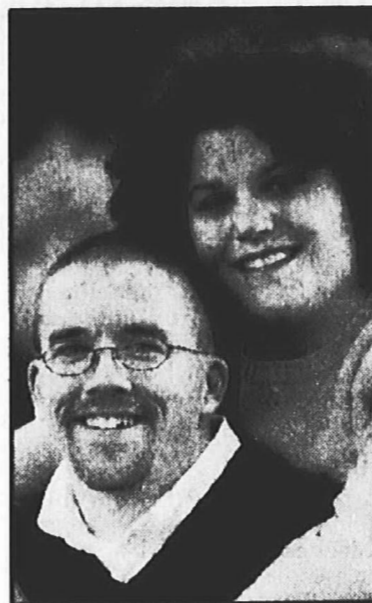
Anglin-Bakewell

Jack Anglin and Doreen Anglin of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Rose, to Shawn Christopher Bakewell of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 Western Michigan University graduate and a 1994 Novi High School graduate. She works at EDS.

Her fiancé, son of Ralph and Gene Bakewell of Livonia and Harold and Elaine Moss of Plymouth, is a 1998 Western Michigan University graduate and a 1991 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. He works at CDI.

A May wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church.



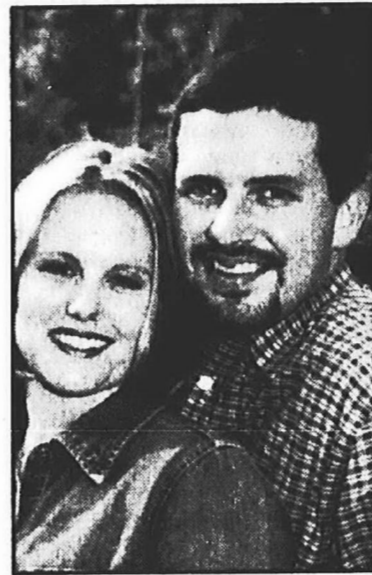
Hodkin-Harrison

Michael and Joyce Broyles of Canton, Georgia, announce the engagement of Alicia J. Hodkin to Jeffrey M. Harrison of Atlanta.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Sequoyah High School in Canton, G.A. and a 2000 graduate of Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. She is currently in active duty as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Her fiancé, son of Michael and Joan Harrison of Farmington, is a 1988 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He works as general manager of Sodexo Marriott Services.

A January wedding is planned at Transfiguration Catholic



Church in Marietta, Georgia.

ANNIVERSARY



Mininni

Sam and Mary (Gallucci) Mininni of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. The couple wed Nov. 16, 1940 at St. Clement Church in Dearborn. They have lived in Livonia for the past 4 years.

The Mininni's have four children: Laura (Jim) Adkins and Joanne TyLutki of Dearborn Heights and Eugene (Mary Ann) Mininni and Rosemary (Adam) Mitchell of Livonia. They also have 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Sam Mininni drove an 18-wheeler for Branch Motor Express for 33 years and his wife, Mary, worked in food service for Dearborn schools. He has been retired for 18 years and she retired 20 years ago.

Sam Mininni is a member of VFW Post 1494 and enjoys golfing, gardening and bike riding. He's known as the family's Mr. Fix-it. Mary Mininni enjoys walking, knitting, crocheting, having coffee hours with her children and spending time with her grandchildren.

To celebrate their anniversary, the couple attended mass and a blessing at the church where they were married. On Nov. 19, they attended a dinner reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia which included guests from Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, Fort Wayne, Ind. and the Bahamas.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Stacy and Lisa McNaughton** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Heather Marie** born Dec. 12 at Garden City Hospital. Heather joins siblings Stacy Jr. 12; Tiffany, 10; and Jonathan, 17 months. Grandparents are Sherie and Robert Green of Tennessee.

■ **Robert J. and Kathy G. Love** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Chandler James** born Dec. 6 at Garden City Hospital. Chandler joins brother Ryan P. Murphy, 13. Grandparents are William and Frances Love of Livonia, and

Charles and Patricia Prater of West Bloomfield.

■ **Thor and Jacquelyn Christianson** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Torin Ronald** born Dec. 5 at Garden City Hospital. Torin joins siblings Katarina, 3; and Connor, 1. Grandparents are Ronald and Frances Johnson of Perham, Minn. and Barbara Erickson of Moorhead, Minn.

■ **Nicole Kitzinger and Jason Schirmer** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Devon Christopher** born Nov. 30 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia

Kitzinger of Wayne; Lawrence Kitzinger of Libertyville, Ill.; Donald Schirmer of Romeo; and Carol Pickard of Clinton Township.

■ **Shannon Pongraz** and **Sean Clor** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son **Jordan Wesley** Clor born Nov. 29 at Garden City Hospital. Jordan joins siblings Ryan, 2; Kally, 2; and Sean, 3. Grandparents are Barb and Randy Manley of Ecorse; Dave and Joanne Clor of Plymouth and Mary Lee McIntyre of Farmington Hills.

■ **Maria and Michael Petty** of Detroit announce the birth of

their daughter **Hailey Marie** born Nov. 28 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Phylis Seeley of Detroit, Dave Seeley Sr. of Detroit, Geri Petty of Garden City and Larry Petty Sr. of Garden City.

■ **Danielle M. Hull and Corey J. Harman** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Taylor James Harman** born Nov. 24 at Garden City Hospital. Taylor joins brother Bryan Louis Harman, 16 months. Grandparents are June Hull of West Bloomfield and Adrienne Harman of Livonia.

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It's never too late to connect with your kids

"I don't have a lot to say to my parents because whenever I do, they jump on my case." This statement came from Dean, a 14-year-old who was being interviewed for a radio show titled, "Why Today's Kids are Disconnected from their Parents."

What is missing in this parent-child relationship? Nothing more than what is missing from many adult-child relationships. The relationship. But when the anger and loneliness build to a point of explosion, look out. That's when violence or depression (anger turned inward) sets in.

Author Josh McDowell talks to teens and parents about this up-and-coming disconnected generation. He says that the scariest part of the disconnection is that the young people realize it is happening, but the parents do not. Whenever people feel disconnected, the rules increase. McDowell says "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion."

It's never too late to start connecting with children and teens. Here are six simple steps from McDowell that will bring a parent more closeness and subsequently more cooperation with from their children.

1) Affirmation. Affirm the emotions of your child. Don't begin by "solving" the problem or dictate what the child should have done. Say something simple like "That must have felt horrible." "You seem really upset by it."

2) Acceptance. When we accept our children for who they are, it gives a sense of security. Russell Barkley, ADD expert and author, writes that "command-free special time" is a must with kids. Twenty minutes a day is all it takes. Unconditional acceptance of the child only comes when we spend time with them and tell them we accept them as they are.

3) Appreciation. When a person feels appreciated, they feel significant. When people don't feel significant, they spiral downhill into addictions, bitterness, depression or violence. Catching your kids doing something right will lead to more successes. Our tendency is to only catch them doing things wrong.

4) Affection. When we are affectionate, kids feel lovable. You have to build it up when the children are little. Otherwise, your teen will see your actions as phony if you begin hugging them later in life.

5) Availability. A child feels important and loved when we spend time with them. It used to be said that quality time is more important than quantity, but now we know that kids correlate the amount of time spent with them to love. This tells the children that they are a priority...over our computer, our television, our newspaper, our hobbies. Our world is very cluttered and our children perceive our "other stuff" as a higher priority. Is it possible to sit down and play a game with the kids before watching T.V.?

6) Accountability. We owe our children limits and boundaries and then follow through by holding them accountable. Everyone's innate nature is to do-what-you-want-to-do-when-you-want-to-do-it and yet we know our world would be chaotic if we all lived off of that premise. When we teach our children how to be responsible, we give them the ability to become self-disciplined. Children who don't learn self-discipline begin to feel a sense of entitlement to life and see every situation as someone else's fault. Setting consequences for wrong choices must begin with little children. Disciplining a teen without relationship leads to rebellion and eventually to revenge which may take the form of teen pregnancy or addictions.

Something serendipitous happens when we concentrate on improving relationships with our family members - every other relationship in our lives improves. As William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." We as parents have that opportunity on a daily basis.

A GIFT FROM HEAVEN

Couple blessed with a child from China

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • PHOTOS BY MATT TAPLINGER



The Adoptive Mother's Poem
 Not flesh of my flesh, Not bone of my bone,
 But still miraculously my own, Never forget for a single minute,
 You did not grown under my heart ... but in it.
author unknown

Elissa Tian Yi Mughannem is a gift from heaven — literally. The 1-year-old, whose name means "heaven's will," was recently adopted from China by Donna and Albert Mughannem of Livonia.

The couple traveled in November to Changsha, the capital of southeast China's Hunan Province, to meet Elissa for the first time and bring her home two weeks later.

Although the trip to China only took a couple of days worth of travel, the journey for the Mughannems was a long one.

Married in November 1994 the pair currently live and work in Livonia. Albert, is employed as a travel agent with Business & Pleasure Travel, and Donna, a senior underwriter with American Community Mutual.

"We did try to conceive very early in our marriage," said Donna.

Over the next five years the Mughannem's persisted through countless fertility procedures including two surgeries (one to remove an endometrial polyp and another diagnostic procedure which resulted in negative findings).

Patience

Determined to conceive Donna and Albert both took medications in an effort to improve their chances of conception. Donna was on a medication called Clomid for approximately 18 months and injectable medications which Albert had to administer.

"We went through nine artificial insemination procedures," said Donna before they chose to stop the treatments.

Adoption then became a natural decision for the Mughannems who said they discussed the option with their families and also their priest, Father George Shalhoub of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church of Livonia.

"Everyone that we have come in contact with; family, friends, and co-workers have been very supportive of our decision to adopt," said the Mughannems.

Albert and Donna said ironically as they were considering adoption, a couple they befriended while bowling, introduced them to their adoptive daughter Sam, from China. They decided to research the same agency the couple used and heard only good things with regard to their reputation. Chinese Children

Adoption International in Colorado, has been uniting Chinese children with American families since 1994 — approximately 2,000 adoptions have taken place to date. Donna and Albert made contact with CCAI in June of 1999 and took the first step toward adoption the following month.

"We were approved for adoption from them [CCAI] on July 13, 1999, on Aug. 28, 1999, our home study was sent to INS and we received a letter of approval from them on Nov. 11, 1999," stated Donna.

Paperwork and prayers kept the pair busy for the next several months including background checks and fingerprinting through the Livonia Police Department, Michigan State Police Department and the FBI.

Much to their relief all of the Mughannems authenticated paperwork was received in China the last week of 1999. Another nine months would pass before they received information about the baby they would adopt — Elissa — as well as some much anticipated photographs of her.

"I believe we have been truly blessed to have had the opportunity to travel half way around the world and adopt this precious baby girl, a true gift from heaven. She is everything we could have every wanted or prayed for in a daughter. She does not come from my womb and there is no blood that flows between us, but with all of the unconditional love I have for her, she is mine," said Donna.

In mid-November the Mughannem's visas were processed and they anxiously left for China Nov. 23. They traveled to Tokyo and Hong Kong before arriving in Changsha.

Less than a week after her first birthday and in the "eyes of the Chinese government," Elissa legally became Donna and Albert's daughter.

The two weeks following their union was spent in Hong Kong as well as Changsha where the adoption took place. Although they were not able to travel to the town in which Elissa resided (Changde) they say they took many hours of video tape hoping that one day they will be able to show Elissa where she was from.

Forgotten

"Elissa was abandoned like most children who are up for adoption in China. She was found at the opening of a road by a stranger and taken to the Changde Social Welfare Institute," said the Mughannem's. "Elissa was in an orphanage, Changde Social Welfare



Angelic: Chuck Mughannem (above) of Livonia smiles as he holds his granddaughter Elissa for the first time. Ayda Mughannem (top photograph) finds it hard to believe her first granddaughter has finally arrived from China. Donna and Albert Mughannem stand on each side of Ayda and she holds Elissa.

Institute, for 12 months of her life." The arrival of Elissa from China was an exciting moment for all of Albert and Donna's family and friends. A baby shower was held in Donna's honor in August at their Livonia home.

"She is my first granddaughter," said grandmother Ayda Mughannem. "Albert and Donna have been very patient and they are being blessed with a beautiful baby. I can't wait to hold her."

The Mughannems and their daughter, dressed in pink from head to toe, arrived at Detroit's international airport, Dec. 8. Nearly one dozen family and friends waited impatiently outside of customs with several other families from the area who were also adopting children. Stuffed animals, balloons, signs, smiling faces and tears of joy greeted the trio when they arrived.

"She's so precious," said Albert's sister, Masada (Ann) Webber of Plymouth, at the first sight of her niece. "I can't believe she's finally here."

Since their homecoming the Mughannems have relished in the reality that Elissa is here. "She has made herself at home and is very much at ease with her new surroundings. She loves being around people, but doesn't allow mommy or daddy out of her sight for very long," say the Mughannems.

Thankfully, Elissa received a clean bill of health from her pediatrician. By American standards she's

Please see CPT 7



Announcements: Above left, a co-worker of Donna's, Tammie Ayers of Plymouth, administers a welcome home sign Donna's nephew Adam Ayers holds with his mother Diane Ayers (Donna's sister). Other friends and family at the airport included Donna's parents, Nadene and Joseph Duke of Westland; Donna's brother-in-law Marshall Ayers and close friends Steve Chapman and Jan Macleochlan.



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NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN 455-3196

God's Love Is Everywhere

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small but has made many significant strides within the last three weeks. According to the Mughannems her personality is very positive.

They report she's a happy and good baby who loves to play, smile, be tickled, giggle and is already mimicking her parents and many visitors.

With the New Year around the corner the Mughannems and their extended family have much to be thankful for. The frustration and challenge of infertility was trying but they say the joy Elissa has brought into their lives is fulfilling.

"I think adoption is a personal choice. Our experience has been a positive one because we have really tried to be positive, patient, and keep as busy as possible. People who wish to adopt should be flexible enough to handle any time delays, procedural changes, and limited notice to travel. Also, they should be very organized throughout the whole adoption process," said Donna.

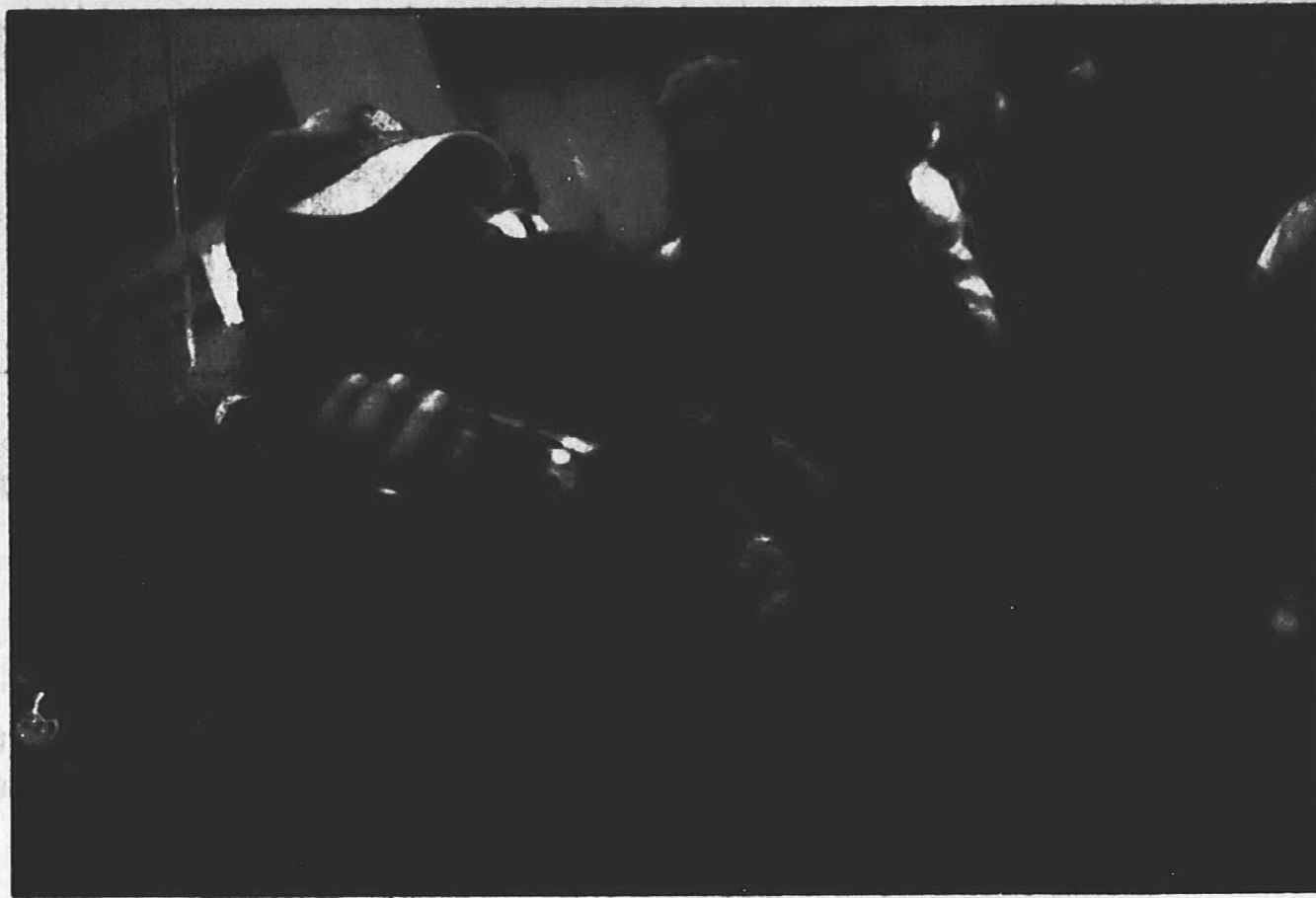
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Donna Mughannem
new mother

discussed by the Livonia couple but they say for the time being they're treasuring every new moment they share with Elissa.

"I honestly believe in my heart of hearts that Elissa was meant to be our child. She could no more be our child if she were born to us. God's divine wisdom was going to bless our lives with this precious gift one way or another," said Albert.



Family: Ayda Mughannem embraces her son Albert as he steps off the plane from China. Chuck Mughannem, Albert's father, smiles in the background.

SINGLES MINGLE

Letters for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

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Year's Eve Party, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford. \$22 per person. Make checks payable to Jeannette Dinverno, 8166 Rene Drive, Whitmore Lake, MI 48386. Indicate how many tickets you need. Call (248) 347-1062 for more information.

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Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances are: Dec. 29 at Burton Manor (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road). Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A DJ will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
A group of singles will celebrate "2001: A Spiritual Odyssey" with a DJ and comedian on New Year's Eve in the Tanglewood Country Club in South Lyon. Entertainment, music, a full buffet dinner and more will be offered in an alcohol/drug/tobac-

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WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and concludes at 1 a.m. Cost

is \$5 or \$6 before 8:30 p.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 438-6258 or (734) 422-4550.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell

Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443.

Jan. 9, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
SINGLE ADULT MEETINGS
Annual Convivial Convergence, Dec. 29 at Joy Manor in Westland, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Evening includes dinner and musical entertainment by Dale Hicks. Tickets are \$35.

New Year's Day Open House ... football, food from noon to 4 p.m. Call (248) 374-5920.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, Dec. 31 Timothy Lutheran of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) will offer a service titled "Lessons and Carols" at 10 a.m. Although Christmas decorations will soon be gone, our celebration of Jesus' birth goes on.

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LET'S TALK WORKSHOPS

A workshop, 'Let's Talk' will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in January. It is designed for pre-marital or married couples or adults in interfaith relationships where one of the partners is Jewish. The five-part workshop includes individual-religions; personal identity; helpful communication skills; resolving interfaith issues; and a panel discussion with individual interfaith couples at different stages in life. Dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18; and Feb. 1 and 8. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills hosted by the Interfaith Connection. Call (800) 397-4876 or e-mail connection@ajedetroit.org

CHRISTIAN KEN MEDEMA

Ken Medema, Christian singer/songwriter, a Michigan native, will perform Saturday, Jan. 13 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church (27475 Five Mile). Blind since birth, Ken Medema has been writing songs and performing for 30 years around the world. Tickets are \$10, adults; and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Call (734) 422-1470.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile, Plymouth). There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2612 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/wme

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Shelton. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-3131 or e-mail the church at wifec@yahoo.com

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School for children ages 3-13 is offered by Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) every week. Pastor Carla Thompson Powell teaches this class which helps children to learn more about the Bible and grow in faith toward God. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." Call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers uptempo music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. Call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, is located at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Call the store at (734) 459-1250.

RITE OF PASSAGE

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church may "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. Call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 426-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day-care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available

full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. Call (734) 513-8413.

LIFE CARE MINISTRIES

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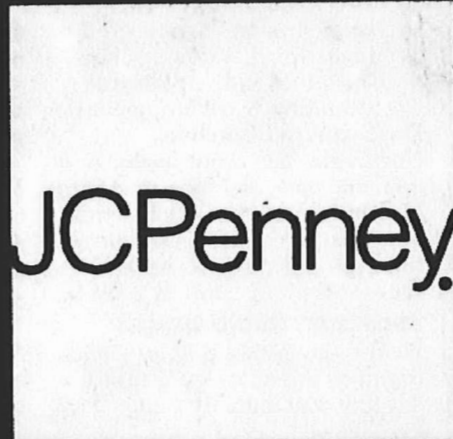
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Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Saturday, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

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Kuratko All-Academic

Livonia Churchill wide receiver Dan Kuratko was recently named first-team Academic All-State by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Kuratko was nominated by his coach John Filiatraut.

Special Mention honors also went to Joe Meier (Livonia Franklin), Brian Hull (Plymouth Salem) and Oliver Wolcott (Plymouth Canton).

Redford Catholic Central's football team made first-team Academic All-State in Division 1 by the MHSFCA. Livonia Stevenson made honorable mention.

Livonia Clarenceville's Greg Hudkins and Plymouth Canton's Tim Baechler were both named Region 2 Coaches of the Year.

Westland John Glenn's Kal DeLuca, who has coached 18 seasons, as MHSFCA Assistant Coach of the Year.

Collegiate notes

•Oakland University junior forward Brad Buddenborg (Garden City) scored a season-high 25 points in a 92-85 men's basketball loss Friday at home against Ohio University.

Teammate Jason Rozycki had a game-high 36 as the Pioneers dropped to 3-8 overall. Ohio is 4-4.

•Four area players earned letters for the Adrian College football team, which finished 2-8 this fall, 1-4 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Kevin Biga (Livonia Franklin) started eight games at free safety, including 66 tackles (45 solo) and four pass break-ups. For his career, Biga had 135 tackles (86 solo), seven pass break-ups and five interceptions. He was named Adrian's Defensive Player of the Week against Thomas More (Ky.).

Walter Ragland (Livonia Clarenceville) rushed for 124 yards in 31 carries and caught for passes for 16 yards before sustaining a concussion vs. Albion. He has six career TDs.

Brett Burseson (Plymouth Salem), a linebacker, made seven tackles as a backup and member of the special teams, while Joe Saah (Plymouth/Redford Catholic Central) competed on special teams and made 10 tackles.

Gold Wings take flight

Tournament MVP Martin Gruse (Taylor) had a pair of goals as the Garden City Mite A Gold Wings defeated Dearborn Heights, 3-2, in overtime to win the Garden City Christmas hockey tourney.

Steven Klisz (Garden City) added the other goal in the final.

The Gold Wings finished 3-1 in tournament play, including a 5-3 win over the same Dearborn Heights team.

Other members of the Gold Wings include: Chris Waczanski, Cole Rachowiak, Curtis Ford, Jimmy Stevenson, Paul Scott, Steven Ervans, Robby Rech and Billy Garbinski, all of Garden City; Michael Grodus, Canton; Brent Darnell, Livonia; and Alex Frere, Novi.

The coaching staff includes Charlie and Jim Waczanski, along with Martin Gruse.

Indoor soccer champs

The Livonia Renegades finished 7-1-1 to capture first place recently during the first session at the Soccer-Zone.

Members of the Renegades include: Nick Ahwal, Adam and Kyle Bogenschutz, Patrick Brockway, Stephen Franklin, Danny Garber, Brandon Grieve, Andy Guzik, Nick Kevnick, Todd Krone, Chris Lantto, Alex Meakin, Dan and Patrick Reckling, Andy Smith and Shawn Wrathell.

The coaching staff includes Laura, Don and Lesley McDougall, along with Art Reckling.

Suburban Hockey clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold a power skating and puck handling clinic for mites (9-10:20 a.m.) and squirts (10:30-11:50 a.m.) Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 2-5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The cost is \$135 per player. Class size is limited and preregistration is required. For more information, call (248) 478-1600.

To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



Canton's Jay Sofen (22) drives the ball downcourt against Detroit Rogers on Wednesday.

Rebounding hurts Canton twice

If a basketball team has problems rebounding, it's going to have problems winning the game.

Plymouth Canton found that out twice within the last week, losing 44-40 to Detroit Rogers on Wednesday night in the Motor City Roundball Classic at University of Detroit-Jesuit High, and 67-41 to Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday.

"(Rogers) outrebounded us in the third quarter and that was the key," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault, whose team was outscored 17-5 in the period and lost the battle on the boards in the game, 32-26. "We're working on it and getting better. But Rogers would jump and tip the ball and tip it again and we couldn't contain them."

Nick Cabauatan led the Chiefs (1-4) with 11 points, while Billy Gazsi had nine and Oliver Wolcott had six. Ricardo

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BEAUDRY

PREP HOOPS

Billings led Rogers with 19 points and Myles Remson added 10.

It was the same on Friday night against the Pioneers as , Canton lost a 34-18 battle on the boards and a 67-41 fight on the scoreboard.

"We got outrebounded and that was the key," said Rheault. "They had 21 offensive rebounds and that sums up the story. We defended well in the first half (with Pioneer holding a 27-21 lead) but they were too powerful in the sec-

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Samantha McComb
North Farmington



Joel Clyburn
Bishop Borgess



Michelle Haraska
Ladywood



Kelly Taylor
Farmington Hills



Janine Granovella
Plymouth Salem

All-Area Girls Basketball Rookie year proves big for Borgess coach

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER
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No one would have blamed Monique Johnson if she had quit before she started at Bishop Borgess.

She inherited a girls basketball program that was in shambles after her predecessor, Dave Mann, was fired for allegedly providing illegal tuition influence to his players.

Some players transferred out of the school, some of them to Inkster to play for Mann. At the team's first meeting, players and parents didn't necessarily welcome Johnson with open arms. Only eight players stuck around for the season.

But they learned what their new

coach was all about. And their new coach learned what



Monique Johnson
Coach - Borgess

earned Johnson a spot as the Observer's coach of the year.

"I didn't know what to expect when we started," said Johnson. "It was an emotional meeting. I think they began to accept what was going on and they realized that I was the coach and it wasn't going to change. And I think that once they got to know me and my staff, they warmed up."

They also had to learn what they get in terms of playing time, too.

"Even though we had just eight players, they all had to earn their time," said Johnson. "I know some of them appeared to play together, but everyone had to earn their time."

One of her players, Jalea O'Connell,

was the first team this year. So did Kelly Taylor of Farmington Hills. Three players on the first team last season — North Farmington's Samantha McComb, Janine Granovella of Plymouth Canton and Michelle Haraska of Ladywood — return this year.

Here's who we feel are the best in the area.

POINT GUARD
Samantha McComb, North Farmington
McComb was the first team last season and she is back to leading the team with 1,200 career points.

The 6-foot-2 center guard, who signed the first team with Farmington Hills, also led the team last season.

And it also

S'Craft men win own tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
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There was plenty of holiday good cheer — on the court and in the classroom — to spread around for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

On Saturday, the Ocelots captured their own Christmas Tournament Saturday with a 108-88 victory over Cuyahoga (Ohio).

Schoolcraft enters conference play with an impressive 10-1 record.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Coach Carlos Briggs was also pleased with his team's academic performance during the first semester. The Ocelots posted a cumulative grade-point average of 2.6. Eleven of the 12 players met the 2.0 minimum requirement.

"That's a credit to our administration and the support they've given us," Briggs said.

Against Cuyahoga, Schoolcraft jumped out to a 16-0 lead. Cuyahoga did not score a basket until the 13:47 mark of the first half.

"As far as defensive intensity and pushing the ball up the floor that's the best we've played coming out of the blocks all season," Briggs said. "Our kids were really focused because they wanted to win their own Christmas tourney."

The Ocelots led 53-35 at the break.

"They're big, and right along with that, they're athletic at the guard spot and they're well coached," Cuyahoga coach Joe Walker said. "We were just outmanned. They shoot the ball real well and their size will wear you down."

Cuyahoga kept it from being a total blowout by hitting 13 three-pointers on the afternoon. The Cleveland school cut the deficit to 12 early in the second half, but the Ocelots had just too much firepower.

Sam Hoskin, the tournament MVP, scored a team-high 24 points. The 6-foot-6, 260-pound center from Redford Bishop Borgess had plenty of help.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 15 points, while Derrick Bird and Colin

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Shamrocks stop Salem

Catholic Central came on to win seven of the last nine matches on Friday night and wind up with a 48-27 win over host Plymouth Salem.

Four of the seven matches were decided by a pin as the Shamrocks improved to 3-4 overall.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 48, PLYMOUTH SALEM 27
Dec. 23 at Salem

103 pounds: Matt Steintrager (CC) maj. dec. Mike Dendinos, 13-2; 112: Pete Bobee (PS) pin Shane Randell, 5-0; 118: Mike Goethe (PS) dec. Tim Mulroy, 9-5; 128: Pat Droste (PS) p.

WRESTLING

Nick Moniodia, 3-17; 130: Nate Dillard (PS) p. Kian O'Donahue, 1-50; 135: Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Ian Eichel, 1-47; 140: Tony Kennard (PS) p. Mike Swickl, 2-20; 145: Mike Werner (CC) maj. dec. Adam Schaefer, 14-4; 152: Jay Abshire (CC) p. James March, 1-52; 160: Chris Cracchiolo p. Brian Schultz, 1-50; 171: Jason Hilliker (CC) d. Craig Blair, 12-5; 189: Ryan Rogowski (CC) p. Quentin Arndy, 3-17; 218: Blake Naimith (CC) won by void; **WVY: Ricardo Smith (PS) won by void.**

OBSERVERLAND SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL CAMPS

Avery's All-Star Baseball Camps, for ages 11-18, will run five consecutive weeks starting Jan. 13 or Jan. 14 at Oakland University. Cost is \$215 for each five-session camp.

Camper may choose to attend the Saturday or Sunday camp. There will be a hitting camp (75 minutes in length), a catching camp (100 minutes in length) and a pitching camp (90 minutes in length).

Staff includes OU head coach Mark Avery, assistant coaches Andy Fairman and Chuck Van Robays, and Erick Swanson, Aaron Shrewsbury and Mario Borrocci.

For further information, call (810) 362-3583.

HOCKEY DOUBLE-HEADER

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem hockey boosters have something special planned for the first Friday of the new year: a Student Night, with all Plymouth-Canton school district elementary and middle school students admitted for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

The games, scheduled for Jan. 5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, feature Salem against Livonia Stevenson at 6 p.m. and Canton vs. Walled Lake Central at 8 p.m. Also, the first 100 students will receive a free hockey puck.

More fun is planned, so anyone interested in high school hockey should plan on attending.

CRUISERS REGISTRATION

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Team's winter season will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Salem HS pool. Limited enrollment is available.

For more information, leave a message at (734) 332-9378 or visit the team's web site at www.cruiserswimming.com.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Redford American Little League has set dates to register for the 2001 season. The league is for boys and girls 6-12.

Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. 20, and Feb. 3, at the Redford Ice Arena. Birth certificates are required.

Fees are \$60 for the first child in either major or minor division and \$35 for the second child.

T-ball fee is \$50 for the first child and \$35 for the second. Oldest child is used for the initial charge.

For more information call Tim Smith at (313) 255-9408 or Christine Morris at (313) 592-6039.

Persons wishing to umpire in the leagues should call Amy Osborn at (313) 937-0621.

GIRLS HOOP LEAGUES

The Michigan office of Youth Basketball of America is accepting teams for its three girls' leagues, which begin in January and run through March.

The divisions are high school, 12 and under and 14 and under.

The league fee is \$65 and each team is guaranteed eight games. The fee is \$10 per player and \$30 for coach. The deadline is Dec. 29. For more information, call (517) 484-0333.

NOVICE WRESTLING

Garden City high school is hosting its 35th annual Novice Wrestling Tournament at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 of next year.

Entry fee is \$130 for ninth- or 10th-grade teams or a combination of both.

Coaches need to fax lineups to (734) 762-8531, indicating freshmen and sophomores, by 7 p.m. Jan. 12 with their phone numbers on the lineup sheet. Seeding will be done Jan. 12.

Coaches need to show up an hour before start time for a meeting.

Admission is \$4 for all day.

There will be a concession stand and tournament T-shirts for sale.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in both divisions and medals given to the top five finishers in each class. Each division will have an Outstanding Wrestler Award.

For more information call Garden City athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363.

HOCKEY CLINIC

StickMaster Hockey is staging its clinics at the Garden City Ice Arena March 19-21 and July 17-19.

The March sessions are split from 5:40-7:20 p.m. and 7:20-9 p.m. at a cost of \$150 while the July camp costs \$140 for sessions at similar times.

The clinics will also be held at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena twice in 2001.

The Farmington clinics, featuring the StickMaster stick-handling training device developed by John Murphy, will take place April 10-12 and July 30-Aug. 3.

The April camps run from 6:50-8:30 p.m. and cost \$150 while the July-Aug. camp goes from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and costs \$395.

The clinics will also take place in East Lansing, Brighton and Ann Arbor's Ice Cube.

More details can be obtained by calling toll-free 877-442-9006 or visiting the website www.stickmasterhockey.com.

TOWNSHIP SKATING LESSONS

Redford Township Ice Arena will be the site of a basic skating skills and figure skating class beginning Jan. 9, 2001. The classes are 30 minutes long and will be held once a week for seven weeks.

Lessons, for ages three and older, cost \$45 and skate rental is available. Registration begins today and runs through Jan. 9.

daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 887-2660.

MERCY SOFTBALL CAMP

The Farmington Hills Mercy softball program will have its Fifth Annual Winter Softball Camp on the following Saturdays: Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, as well as Feb. 3 and 10.

The camp is open to all players in fifth through 12th grades. The cost is \$5 per session. The camp will cover throwing, hitting and fielding.

For more information, call Mercy varsity softball coach Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take spring youth soccer registrations for the entire month of January from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

Cost for 6-and-under, 7-and-under and 8-and-under players is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and above players the cost is \$50 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For further information, call (734) 455-6620.

SKATING CLASSES

The Suburban Training Center will hold Learn to Skate classes Tuesdays from Jan. 16 to March 13 next year. Each class is 30 minutes long once a week.

There will be Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters ages six and under as well as Adult Beginner classes. Skate rental in all sizes is available.

For registration information, call the center at (248) 888-1400. Enrollment is limited.

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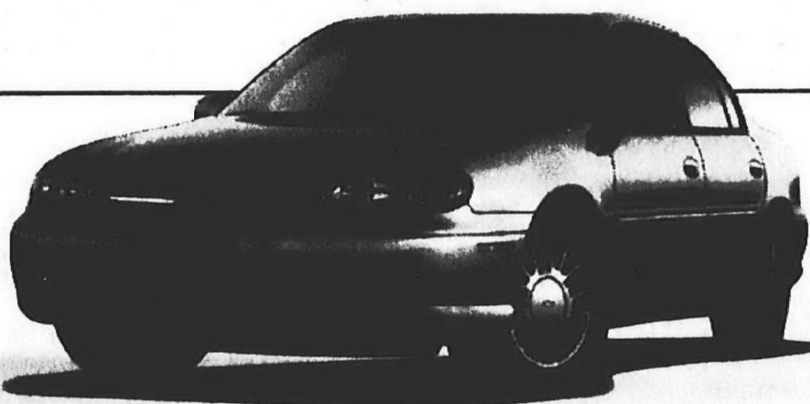


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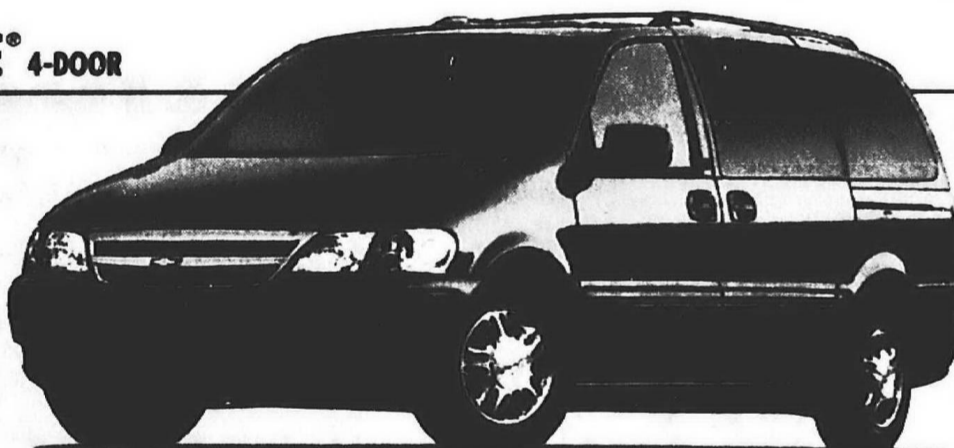
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 Lenawee Chatel vs. Summerfield, 6 p.m.
 (Roundball Classic at U-O Jesuit)
 Madison vs. Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 (Roundball Classic at U-O Jesuit)
 Farmdale vs. Pershing, noon.
 Boggs vs. Kettering, 1:45 p.m.
 Cooley vs. Pocock (Ont.) Catholic, 3:30 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Country Day, 5:30 p.m.
 Henry Ford vs. Marquette (Wis.), 7:15 p.m.
 King vs. Cincinnati Withrow, 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29
 Riv. Richard Tourney, 5 & 7 p.m.
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 G.R. Press Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
 (Roundball Classic at U-O Jesuit)
 Losers bracket, noon & 1:45 p.m.
 Winners bracket, 3:30 & 5:30 p.m.
 A.A. Pioneer vs. Henry Ford, 7:15 p.m.
 Flint Northern vs. Central, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
 (Roundball Classic at U-O Jesuit)
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 Consolation final, 3:30 p.m.
 Championship game, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
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 W. Bloomfield Invitational, 8 a.m.
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 U-M Dearborn Tournament, 8 a.m.
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Thursday, Dec. 28
 Trenton Dual Meet Tourney, 9 a.m.
 Clarenceville at Oxford, 9:30 a.m.
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 Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Dec. 29
 (Alma-St. Louis Rotary Classic)
 Taylor vs. Thomas More, 6 p.m.
 Alma vs. Madonna, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
 Alma College Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Dec. 28
 (Madonna Hoops Tournament)
 Madonna vs. Marion (Ind.), 6 p.m.
 Cedarville vs. IU-South Bend, 8 p.m.
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 MU Hoops Tourney, 1 & 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Columbia State at Panama City Beach (Fla.), 4 p.m.
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 Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Friday, Dec. 29
 Rockers at Kansas City, 8:35 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
 Rockers at Wichita, 8:35 p.m.

Stevenson grounds Flyers, 4-0

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
 STAFF WRITER
 Hard feelings? No, just hard playing.

A lot of watchful eyes were on the Livonia Stevenson and Farmington hockey teams Wednesday night. Mike Harris was behind the bench of his new team, the Flyers, against his old, the Spartans.

The only thing that happened was Livonia Stevenson scored four goals, three in the final period, to defeat Farmington, 4-0.

Aside from that, the Western Lakes Activities Association contest was as peaceful as the two Zambonis resurfacing the ice before the game.

"(The game) started out ugly," Stevenson coach Ed Shepler said. "Those were probably the worst two periods we've played this year. Mike had his team ready to play. They've done a good job with that team in a short period of time."

"Then in the third period, we picked it up a little. And Kevin Marlowe saved our butts."

Mark Blazek scored twice for the Spartans (8-0-1, 3-0-1) with

HOCKEY

David Bonello and a stunned Brian Shakell netting the others.

Blazek, assisted by Bonello, caught Farmington (3-3-3, 2-2-2) a little disorganized with 10:38 left in the first period and jabbed in a goal from the right side of Flyers' goaltender Greg Diven and it looked for the better part of the next 23 minutes as though Marlowe was going to make that the difference in the game.

"Kevin Marlowe is definitely an All-State goalie," said Harris, who made it a post-game point to give the Spartan netminder a smile, a pat on the back and some kind words as they went off the ice. "I'm going to do everything that I can to make sure that he is one."

Blazek, Jon O'Neill and Bonello finished off a nice rush with 12:45 to play in the game to give Stevenson a 2-0 lead. Blazek carried the puck up the right side, bored to the left and passed across ice to O'Neill for a shot.

Diven stopped that one but couldn't do anything about the

rebound Bonello fired into the net.

Stevenson, though, put the game out of reach with a short-handed goal.

Blazek won a faceoff to the right. Shakell took the puck and skated haltingly in alone on the goaltender while every other player stood around as though a penguin had suddenly appeared on the ice. Shakell fired a shot into the empty corner of the net and it was 3-0 with 5:58 to play.

Blazek blasted in his second goal of the game from the left faceoff circle at 3:58 to make it 4-0. Bonello drew the assist.

"This team still has a lot to learn from me," Shepler said. "But we've come a long way in a short time. Every game I learn something about them, too."

The game got a little chippy at the end, after a penalty-free first period and a second period where each team had a power play.

But in the final 4:43 there were offsetting roughing penalties, a roughing call on Stevenson, a 10-minute misconduct on Farmington and a game miscon-

duct on a Livonia player with 1.7 seconds to play.

The Flyers missed a ton of golden opportunities, most of them in the second period. Matt Lee and Devin Baker missed consecutive chances with 2:50 left in the first.

It was a cleanly played game for the most part. The circumstances surrounding Harris' departure from Stevenson last spring and his pop-up arrival to take over for Glenn Breuhan at Farmington with this season already underway could have made for some ugliness. But players and coaches on both sides handled the situation well.

"I'm very happy for Livonia Stevenson," Harris said. "I resigned (from Stevenson) because it was time for a change. I'd been there 11 years and it was time to move on."

"I never in my wildest dreams though I would be a head coach in high school again. But because of the unfortunate situation that came up (at Farmington), I am. Their coach resigned on a Monday and they had a game on Tuesday. They needed a coach."

Shamrocks tame Cubs, 9-0

Redford Catholic Central broke open Saturday's game with three goals in the second period to take a 4-0 lead en route to a 9-1 non-league hockey triumph over the University of Detroit-Jesuit at the Redford Ice Arena.

CC, two-time defending state champion and ranked No. 1, is now 8-0-1 overall.

Brett John led the scoring with three goals and a pair of assists, while Ryan Lasecki had three goals, Sean Genrich had two and John Perkovich one. Jeff Davis, Mike Ratigan and Jared Ross all had three assists.

"We had a bad case of flu going around in the locker room and we had finals, so it was a tough week at stay focused," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson.

Andrew McCoy and Darryl Bridges combined to make 15 saves for CC, which shutout the Cubs, 38-16.

STEVENSON 4, MILFORD 0: On Friday, state-ranked Livonia Stevenson ran

its overall record to 9-0-1 by limiting the visiting Redskins to just 12 shots in a non-leaguer at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, who had a total of 25 shots, jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening period as Tommy Zagata scored a pair of goals, just eight seconds apart, at 2:01 and 2:09. Both Mike Peraino and Bobby Zagata assisted on each of the goals.

Dave Bonello made it 3-0 at 13:15 of the same period from John O'Neill and Mark Blazek. Jamey Messer added Stevenson's fourth goal at 14:01 of the second period from Brian Shekell and Bret Veasey.

Stevenson goaltender Kevin Marlowe notched his third shutout of the year.

CHURCHILL 2, A.A. PIONEER 2: The Chargers played well for most of the game, but two goals in the first 1:15 for the Pioneers (2-6-2) had Churchill playing catch-up.

"After that, we shut them down and I feel we outplayed them," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni. "We outshot them, 33-10, and both teams had five shots in the first period. We're struggling to put the puck in the net. You can't fault our effort or the way we're playing."

FRANKLIN 5, LINCOLN PARK 0: Livonia Franklin (4-0-3 overall) unloaded for a total of 48 shots last Thursday in a non-league victory against the host Raisin-splitters (5-2 overall).

Franklin netminder Chris Garbutt stopped 19 shots en route to the shutout.

Franklin led 1-0 after one period when Corey Clearman scored from Tony Peraino and Joe Ceci.

The Patriots added two more goals in the second period — Peraino (from Ross Robert and Paul Statham) and Sam Disimuke (from Andy Garbutt and Adam Bierley). Franklin scored a power-play goal in the third period when Ceci scored from Scott Sparks and Jim Walla. Peraino capped the scoring from Ceci and Sparks.

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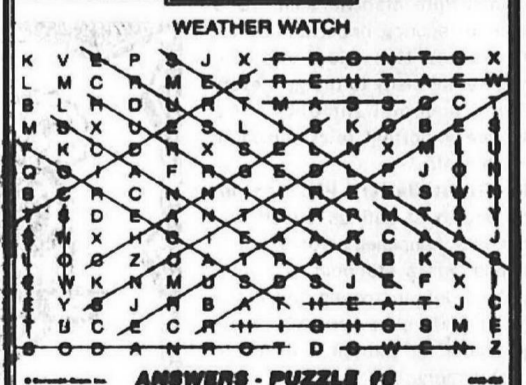
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She averaged 24 points per game this year (510 total) and 21 per game during her career. She averaged nine rebounds, 2.8 assists and 3.8 steals, and she had 32 blocks in 21 games this year.

McComb is the first player in North Farmington history to be a Miss Basketball candidate — she finished ninth in the voting — and the first to sign with a Big Ten school. She also is a WAAA scholar-athlete with a 3.9 grade point.

The second-leading scorer in Oakland County the last three years, McComb shot 50 percent from two-point range this year (127-of-255), 78 percent at the free throw line (139-of-179) and 28 percent from three-point distance (39-of-141).

"She's the most talented basketball player that ever played at North Farmington," coach Linda Perkins said. "She has been the catalyst for everything we've done with the Lady Raiders. She was clearly the team leader."

"Her on-court leadership and ability to score and get things done will be sorely missed. She was a true team player in every sense, although she was all-world. She helped everybody around her to become better players."

"She had the respect of her teammates. I don't think you can receive a higher compliment than that."

Joel Cytburn, Jr., Bishop Bergoes: Cytburn had a fine season as the Spartans' leader on the court. The 6-1 junior averaged 16.2 points per game, nine rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game, while making All-Catholic and All-State honors.

"She goes all out each game," said Johnson. "A lot of her teammates follow her play and if they see her hustling, it makes a difference. She doesn't play a power game, it's more finesse. But a lot of our offense ran through her."

Michelle Harakas, sr., Ladywood: The 6-foot forward, who scored 936 career points, is headed to Illinois State.

The Ladywood team captain finished her senior year averaging 14 points and eight rebounds per game, while shooting 42 percent from the floor and 63 percent from the free throw line.

Harakas made All-Catholic two straight seasons and carries a 3.46 grade-point average.

"She was a four-year varsity performer, playing 10 games as a freshman before going down with a stress fracture."

"Melissa was our go-to player," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "She improved her game facing the basket and shot very well from outside. She was a real versatile player, who was hard to defend in the post."

Kelly Jaskot, sr., Plymouth Salem: The 5-6 senior guard was the top player on one of the area's best teams, leading the Hawks to runner-up finishes in the Western Lakes regular season and tournament.

She was twice selected to the All-Observer and all-WAAA teams. She averaged 15.3 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 3.7 assists this year. She set a single-game scoring record with 33 points against Walled Lake Western.

Taylor made 20 percent of her three-point attempts, 60 percent of her free throws and 33 percent overall from the floor.

A 3 1/2-year varsity player, Taylor set the Harrison career steal record with 185. She is fourth in career scoring with 784 points. She averaged 11.7 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.7 steals in her varsity career.

"I thought she played the second line of our press better than anyone we've had," coach Pete Mantyla said. "She created more scoring opportunities for her teammates this year, and she brought great intensity to the gym every day. Team accomplishments were always more important than individual accomplishments."

Janice Gusetella, sr., Ply. Canton: Perhaps what best defines Gusetella's season is what happened beforehand.

Gusetella was a standout last year, leading the Chiefs in scoring. But in the spring she suffered a torn ACL while playing soccer for Canton and had to have knee surgery.

The rehabilitation process took months, but Gusetella stuck with it. She returned early, missing just the first four games of the season, and — despite playing with a knee brace — she was as productive as ever.

The 5-8 Gusetella led Canton in scoring, averaging 13.5 points per game; in rebounding, averaging 7.2; and in assists, averaging 3.0.

"The story on Janice was after going through rehab, then getting back into the lineup and being effective," said her coach, Bob Blahm. "She wasn't tentative at all."

"She's a very versatile player who can do a lot of things for you. She's a great transition player, good in the open court, and very unselfish."

In addition to being an accomplished player, Gusetella was a Free Press All-West second team selection.

Melissa Gorkas, sr., Ladywood: The 5-6 guard, a defensive force, normally guarded the opposition's top offensive player.

"Because of her defensive skills, she was a great asset to our team. She averaged 11.7 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals per game. She shot 70 percent from the free throw line (139 of 200)."

The All-Catholic Division selection

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL SECOND TEAM



Melissa Harakas
Ladywood



Amber Taylor
Bishop Bergoes



Kelly Jaskot
Plymouth Salem



Lindsay Guskik
Livonia Stevenson



Becky Zak
Farmington Harrison

scored a season-high 21 points in a regional final loss to state runner-up Detroit King.

"Melissa was our best all-around player as far as contributing steals and assists," Gorski said. "She's a tough girl. She not only applied a lot of defensive pressure, but she also came up with numerous deflections, which don't show up on the stat sheet."

Amber Taylor, sr., Bishop Bergoes: Taylor, the lone senior on the Bergoes squad, averaged 13.2 points per game, four steals and five rebounds in earning All-Catholic honors.

While he stats are good, her emotional value was worth even more.

"She's a real hustle style player," said Johnson. "She likes to go out and win every game. She loves to win and it showed in her play. She anticipates well and got us going defensively. And she

ran the fast break well. She was emotional."

Kelly Jaskot, Jr., Plymouth Salem: There were many parts that made Plymouth Salem a WAAA Tournament champion and a title contender, and none were more essential than Jaskot.

The 5-7 point guard was counted on to do a bit of everything for the Rocks, and she did. A solid three-point shooter, she could drive to the basket as well, which is why she was Salem's leading scorer, averaging just under 10 points a game.

She also led the team in assists (5.0 per game) and steals (3.0), and grabbed four rebounds a contest.

Beyond the numbers, she developed in other ways — such as leadership.

"She has become more and more involved in that way," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "It's been a nice evolu-

tion for her. She came into the program primarily as a scorer.

"She's become a very complete player."

An all-conference selection, Jaskot was named to Free Press all-west second team.

Lindsay Guskik, sr., G. Stevenson: Headed for the University of Virginia on a soccer scholarship, Guskik also proved she could excel on the basketball court.

During her senior year she averaged 16.1 points per game with a total of 82 assists and 82 steals. She set school records for most three-pointers in a season (49), eclipsing her own mark the previous year by 20, and most three-pointers in a game (six), doing it three

different times.

Guskik also scored a career-high 34 points in a game this season, just missing the school record by one held by current Stevenson athletic director Lori Hyman.

"Lindsay led the team in all but three categories," Stevenson coach Amy Rozman said. "She created a lot of opportunities and improved her three-point shooting."

"She's not only a great athlete, she's also a great competitor. She was a four-year starter for us."

Becky Zak, sr., C. Harrison: The 5-11 senior center was a complement to Harrison's many perimeter players and gave the Hawks a credible presence in the post.

Zak averaged 12.3 points and 8.2 rebounds. She shot 55 percent from the floor and made 52 percent of her free throws.


The three-year varsity player is Harrison's career field-goal shooter at .526. She is third in career rebounds (456) for an average of 6.7 and sixth in career points (514) for average of 7.6. Zak also had 50 career blocks.

"I thought she had a very good senior season," Mantyla said. "Her biggest area of improvement was her ability to score and rebound consistently against quality teams."

"She ran the middle lane real hard and got a lot of baskets in transition. Her continued development was a big part of our success this year."

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM	THIRD TEAM
<p>Michelle Harakas, sr., Ladywood Melissa Gorkas, sr., Ladywood Amber Taylor, sr., Bishop Bergoes Kelly Jaskot, sr., Plymouth Salem Lindsay Guskik, sr., G. Stevenson Becky Zak, sr., C. Harrison</p>	<p>Joel Cytburn, Jr., Bishop Bergoes Janice Gusetella, sr., Ply. Canton Kelly Jaskot, Jr., Plymouth Salem Melissa Gorkas, sr., Ladywood Amber Taylor, sr., Bishop Bergoes Lindsay Guskik, sr., G. Stevenson Becky Zak, sr., C. Harrison</p>	<p>Rebecca Harrison, sr., F. Bishop Bergoes Leah Clark, sr., G. Plymouth Christian Amy Stewart, sr., F. Ply. Canton Erica Allen, sr., C. Plymouth Salem Liz Daniels, Jr., G. Livonia Stevenson Michelle Taylor, sr., G. Livonia Stevenson Karen Johnson, sr., G. Walled Lake Western Michelle Taylor, sr., G. Livonia Stevenson Michelle Taylor, sr., G. Livonia Stevenson Michelle Taylor, sr., G. Livonia Stevenson</p>



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**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
3:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2000**

Regular meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Mark Abbo, Steve Mann
Agenda - adopted as amended, removing item VII (c) - 2000 Year in Review.
Minutes of the regular meeting of November 20, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$2,180,894.33 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for November 2000 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for December 2000 - received and filed.
Official Intent To Reimburse Project Expenditures - approved.
Authorized Representative's Certificate - approved.
Notice of Right To Petition For Referendum - approved.
Design Account Trustee - approval to accept the proposal from National City Bank of Troy, Michigan.
Capital Improvement Program; Cost Sharing Allocations - approval to adopt option No. 1 - Segmental Approach.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WUTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Chairman,
THOMAS J. YACK

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

PINE TREE PLAZA FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LOCAL SHOPPING TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING FOR PARCEL NO. 001 99 0001 704. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Hannan Road Right-of-Way (Westland boundary).



**ZONING MAP
SECTION 1**

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, January 4, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

HOLIDAY CLASSES

Howell Nature Center. All activities are free with Museum admission. Call Museum for detailed information (734) 995-5439.

■ Dr. Snowflake - 1-4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 29. Snowflake paper cutting demonstration and hands-on activities for all ages.

■ The Big Freeze - 11 a.m., Tues-Friday, Dec. 26-29. Take the chilly challenge as we use liquid nitrogen to freeze flowers, rubber balls, and even ice cream in this exciting demonstration.

■ Awesome Australia - 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 30. The Living Science Foundation will bring cockatoos, bearded dragons, and pythons-even a kangaroo to help you discover the world down under.

TEENS USING DRUGS

■ "How to Know and What to Do" will be presented 7:30 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti. It will provide information on how to recognize a teen substance abuse problem,

understand the progression of substance abuse, and know when to take action. The presentation is free and open to the public. Call (734) 973-7892 for information.

TOY & HOBBY EXPO 2000

■ This expo returns Dec. 29 - 31 to the Novi Expo Center located at I-96 at Novi Rd. The Toy & Hobby Expo features operating model train displays as well as vendors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys, trains, models, racing & sports collectibles, dolly and plush animals. Show hours are 9-9 p.m. Dec. 29; 9-7 p.m. Dec. 30; and 10-3 p.m. Dec. 31. Admission is \$6 for over 13 and \$3 for 4-12 years old; parking \$5. For information call (734) 455-2110.

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

■ The tournament, which begins Thursday, Jan. 4, is being held at the Finnish Association Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Separate sections for all levels of players. The cost is \$9 for experienced players; \$7 for intermediates and newcomers; and \$5 for students. Reservations not necessary. Most sessions begin at 1 or 7 p.m. For information please call (734) 439-3617.

HOSPICE'S 13TH TREE OF LIFE

■ The Angela Hospice annual "Tree of Life" will be on display at Laurel Park Place in Livonia through Dec. 31. The 13th annual tree extends its branches to those who wish to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an "angel wing" ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased. Call (734) 464-7810.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

■ Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center staff invites you to join them for a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, Dec. 31. The party begins at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe bar, a midnight snack and music by Silver Sounds DJ. At midnight there will be a champagne toast with the party continuing until 2 a.m. Tickets are on sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets cost \$95 per person. There are no refunds and you must be 21 years of age to attend. You can purchase tickets in person at Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, or

call (734) 397-6000 to charge by phone.

■ West Side Singles will hold their annual New Year's Eve Party 7:30 p.m.-2:00 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 31 at Burton Manor in Livonia. The event is open to the public. You must be 21 or older to attend. Advance tickets purchased by Dec. 30 are \$30 per person, \$40 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased at any Friday night West Side Singles Dance or at the Burton Manor office. Call (734)981-0909 for further information.

AROUND TOWN

CAREER WOMEN

■ The west suburban chapter of The National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 9 at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth. The cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. Guest speaker will be Bonnie Fishman, owner of Bonnie's Pastisserie in Southfield, a French style bakery and catering service. RSVP to Brenda Durling (734) 462-4670.

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
2001 MEETING SCHEDULE**

At the Meeting of October 16, 2000, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2001:

January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 10, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, December 3, and December 17, 2001. The second meeting of each month will be scheduled as necessary.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., January 11, 2001 for the following:

**PURCHASE OF THREE (3) TREADMILLS FOR
SUMMIT ON THE PARK**

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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CALENDAR

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer Registration the entire month of January at the Recreation office 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA.

OPEN HOUSE
New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families to

at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

REGISTRATION CLASSES
Registrations are now being taken for the winter/spring semester of Kindermusik for children from birth through 5 years of age.

EVOLA MUSIC
Registrations are now being taken for Kindermusik Village Classes at Evola Music in Canton for children from birth to 18 months and their parents.

Madonna University's registration for the winter 2001 term is taking place now through Friday, Jan. 5, for new and returning students.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout

Southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glehn at (734) 453-9253.

Village Music, a professional music facility in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are prorated.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
New Morning School in Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: Half-

day kindergarten (afternoons); the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative.

THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome.

Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 408-8489.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833.

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, January 22, 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: TRINTEL COMMUNICATIONS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (01-1)

STATE OF MICHIGAN BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT 734 AREA CODE RELIEF CASE NO. U-12743
The Michigan Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposal to implement an all-services distributed overlay for the 734 code. You may obtain a copy of the proposal by contacting the Michigan Public Service Commission at the address below, or by calling 800-292-9555 or 517-241-6170.

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 166 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan: ROBERTSON FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ROBERTSON BROTHERS TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (up to 3 dwelling units/acre) TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (up to 8 dwelling units/acre) FOR PARCEL NOS. 088 99 0004 000, 088 99 0005 001, 088 99 0007 001, 088 99 0008 001, 088 99 0009 001, 088 99 0010 001, 088 99 0011 001, 088 99 0012 001, 088 99 0013 001, 088 99 0014 000, 088 99 0015 000, 088 99 0016 000, 088 99 0017 000, 088 99 0018 000, 088 99 0019 702, 088 99 0019 703, 088 99 0021 003 AND 088 99 0021 005; AND ALSO TO CONSIDER TOWNSHIP-INITIATED AMENDMENT FROM MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM-HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 088 99 0001 000 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY IN THE AREA.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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, January 8, 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance: ARCTIC EDGE ICE ARENA OF CANTON SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PRIVATE INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.4 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 131 99 0016 002. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Belleville Roads.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 168 of the Public Acts of 1959 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 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 Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan: LEWISTON SUMMER/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SUMMER PARK ASSOCIATES TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM AGRICULTURAL (1 dwelling unit/40 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (2 dwelling units/acre) FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0011 000, 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0014 000, 075 99 0006 000, 075 99 0007 001, 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; AND FROM RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 dwelling unit/2 acres) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0001 000, AND 117 99 0002 702; AND ALSO TO CONSIDER TOWNSHIP-INITIATED AMENDMENT FROM AGRICULTURAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO. 075 99 0007 002 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY IN THE AREA. Property is located north and south of Proctor Road between Denton Road and the Superior Township boundary.

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Wilkinson chipped in with 14 and 13, respectively. Nick Evola added nine.

Wilkinson, a 6-2 guard from Dearborn, played outstanding defense in the first half, shutting down Cuyahoga guard Bryan Kortavich, who scored 25 points the night before in an 87-83 victory over Mercyhurst (Pa.).

"The first-half we told Colin to face-guard him (Kortavich) and make him put the ball on the floor because we knew he didn't shoot well off the dribble," Briggs said.

Cuyahoga made the second-half respectable, being outscored by only two, 56-53.

"We have 10 freshmen and sometimes you'll run into those periods of droughts," said Walker, whose team is 8-4 overall. "We dug a big hole and it was tough to come out of it. We stroked the three-point ball better in the second half, but they (Schoolcraft) would just pound it inside when they got in trouble.

"Their coach does good job of recognizing when it's time to do that."

Ironically, Cuyahoga had five players score in double figures led by Marvin Rashad's 31. Kamil Wilson added 19, while Greg McClenton and Kortavich added 17 and 15, respectively. Daryl Dotson added 10.

Schoolcraft made 22 of 33 free throws (66.6 percent), while Cuyahoga was 15 of 27 (55.5 percent).

The Ocelots had a total of 40 field goals, including six from three-point range.

Schoolcraft opens Eastern Conference play in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Wednesday, Jan. 3 at home against Alpena.

"We can run up and down the floor, but can we stop people?" Briggs said. "We still need to play better defense and we need to be tougher."

•**CEO. BROWN 80, MERCYHURST** 73: George Brown, a two-year school

from Toronto, Ontario, received a game-high 24 points from 6-4 forward Roger Nurse to win Saturday's consolation final against Mercyhurst.

George Brown, 15-6 overall, led 38-32 at halftime. The Canadians hit 19 of 36 free throws.

Three others scored in double figures for George Brown — Raymond Morgan (17), Shawn Wyse (15) and Bojan Catil (10).

Rodney Umstead and Terrelle Lewis tallied 19 and 17, respectively, for Mercyhurst (8-7).

•**SCHOOLCRAFT 117, CEO. BROWN 88**: Schoolcraft jumped out to a 60-31 halftime lead Friday in the opening-round victory.

Bird and DePaul-bound Hoskin scored 23 and 21, respectively, for

the Ocelots. Freshman forward Emir Medurjanin (North Farmington) added 16, while guard Mike Peek contributed 14.

"Emir is being more aggressive offensively and he's playing pretty good defense," Briggs said. "He's playing pretty well for us right now and I hope it continues because we'll need him in the conference."

Nurse scored 24 to pace George Brown.

•**CUYAHOGA 87, MERCYHURST 83**: Marc Sturdivant's game-high 31 points were not enough Friday as Cuyahoga held off Mercyhurst.

Sturdivant, who prepped at Detroit DePorres, also got help from Lewis (22 points) and Terry Hubbard (13).

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ond half. Jay Sofen led the Chiefs with 14 points, while Jerry Gaines had 10 points and six rebounds, and Cabautan had nine. Robert

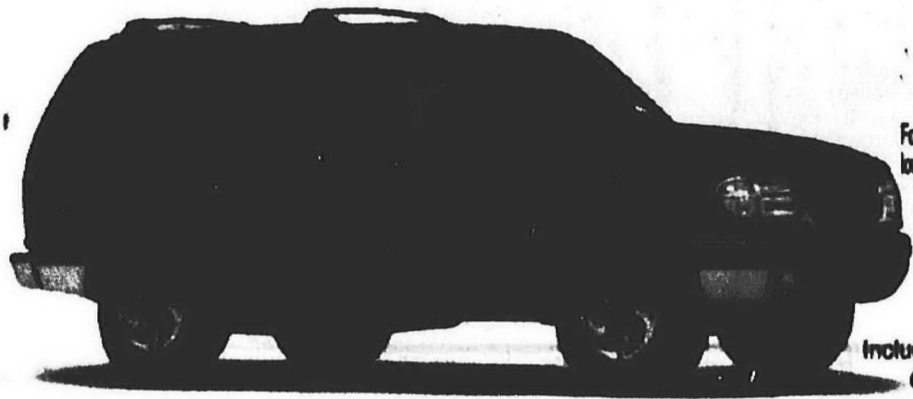
Harris led the Pioneers (5-0) with 14 points, while James Bridgewater had 12 and Akeem Thompson had 10.

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ROBERT M. MEISNER

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You are best advised to consult with an experienced condominium lawyer in connection with your situation.

I've heard that in New York a law requires all carports in condominium to have lights. Does Michigan have the same law?

Other than what might be required by a local code requirement, I am not aware of any condominium statute that requires that carports be lighted.

Of course, the condominium association has some amount of responsibility in regard to security and, to the extent that the carports are not well lit, there may be some potential liability for the association.

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Regulation challenges Detroit-area builders

BY DOUG FUNKE
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The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan ranks as the fourth largest nationally with 2,125 member firms.

Stephen J. Taglione, president of Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms, becomes the association's 66th president early next month.

Taglione, 45, got into the business 14 years ago after a stint in commercial banking.

He's married to Donna and dad to Lisa and Steve.

He enjoys tennis, supporting his kids in their academic and sports pursuits and spending time up North when not working.

"Supplying the house that fits the lifestyle people choose to live is my biggest kick," Taglione said.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

What are key issues facing your industry?

Taglione: "I think the amount of regulation is an important item. We all want a house that's safe. I think the public would be surprised at how much regulation adds to the cost of a house - things like certain insulation requirements.

"There's a point of diminishing returns for regulations. We would hope a proper balance would be achieved as to what's best for the consumer and what the consumer can afford.

"Connected with with this is the matter of smart growth."

Speaking of growth, is there what some people might call a sprawl problem here?

Taglione: "I think what we have is a traffic problem, no question. I don't think we really have a sprawl problem.

"We have county executives and mayors who vigorously pursue new jobs, new plants, new offices. They (workers) don't just parachute in. Where do you think these people go home at night? You can't be pro jobs and anti pro homes.

"There's two other factors here. The type of zoning (land use plans) municipalities engage in. We'd like to see a broad range of housing types ... 4-5-6, maybe even 8 units to an acre.

"That's not to say we have to give up green space. By clustering density in corner of a property we can commit large expanses of the parcel to open space.

"Third is redevelopment. This will take a number of creative programs like brownfield (contaminated site remediation) programs ... and tax incentives ... and minds coming together."

Are new homes becoming prohibitively expensive?

Taglione: "There's little evidence of that at this time. There's been fabulous productivity gains in American industry that has allowed industry to pay these productive people. Housing prices may be going up, but so are people's incomes.

"Sixty-seven percent of people in this country who want to own a home do own a home. That percentage is the highest in the world."

What are your goals this year as president of the association?

Taglione: "I'd like to see the professionalism of the builder members be as high as possible.



Working changes: Residential builders here can construct large homes or smaller homes. Stephen J. Taglione is president of their professional association.

"This is still a car town. Over the years, companies have done a lot to innovate, make cars more useful. I think all of that work by car companies has to do with customer satisfaction.

"Builders now have to get on board and have to develop technology products and services that will also go a long way toward pleasing customers.

"I think there's some professional programming and ideas the association can produce - some training, seminars from technology leaders."

What do people want in new home today?

Taglione: "The first thing they want a home to be is a statement or reflection of their personality - open or grand or cozy - depending on what their personality reflects.

"The home today for many people is not so much shelter as it's their personal command center where they may do business, may entertain or may pursue their passion.

"A hobby room may be as important as anything. It can be in the basement, an extra bedroom or more room in the garage."

What are your biggest challenges?

Taglione: "I'd have to go back to zoning issues and growth issues as the biggest challenge. So many municipalities have determined it's superior to have a community that's homogeneous in that it only goes for large lots.

"This country's most vibrant cities have a diverse population so we all learn to live with each other.

"It's not just an economic thing, but a function of young living with old. It's not just moms and dads but generations able to live near each other."

Why is it important that builders belong to the association?

Taglione: "Number one, because there are standards set by the association for integrity, professionalism that all business people should adhere to in dealings with the public.

"We can do things to work for a positive end on legislative matters. Last year, the building association was supportive of state legislation when the legislature passed a single state building code.

"In addition, the association has a number of member benefits - insurance, purchase of cars, gas, mobile phone minutes.

"Education would be the final thing. You can find out what's new, attend seminars to help make you a better builder, a better business person."

Future is bright for saving 'big'

MORTGAGE NEWS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

By all indications, 2001 may be lining up to be a very favorable market for home buyers.

Though Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan did not touch rates last Tuesday, he hinted that he may make an adjustment soon. Many financial geeks on Wall Street and in Washington, D.C., have interpreted Greenspan's cryptic monologue to mean we can expect a rate drop in January.

At the wholesale level, we loan originators are already seeing a slight improvement in interest rates as wholesalers vie to gain our favor and our business. The combination of steadily improving rates and a broad increase in loan limits could be very sweet for the entire real estate industry.

Last year, the FHA increased its loan limits in southeastern Michigan while keeping the minimum borrower investment to just 3 percent. The FHA will now loan \$156,750 for single-family dwellings in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. In Washtenaw and Livingston counties, the new max is \$169,197. Best of all, we may see yet another FHA mortgage limit increase early next year.

The rules on the upper end of the lending spectrum are changing, too. Beginning next week, many top-end borrowers will get a break on their mortgages, thanks to a modification of the definition of what constitutes a "jumbo" loan. Home buyers may now borrow up to \$275,000 for their home purchase or refinance - versus the previous limit of \$252,700 - without taking a hit in interest rate.

Wholesale lenders impose this increased rate to compensate for a perceived or actual higher risk associated with these larger mortgages.

Regardless of their justification for the higher interest rates, this limit increase is a very welcome gift during this holiday season.

When these loan limits and interest rate changes come to pass, it is possible that homeowners who had previously financed between \$252,700 and \$275,000 could save up to \$200 per month on their mortgage payments when they refinance under the new rules. Incredibly, many of these jumbo borrowers will be able to make "cash-out" refinances - to pay off holiday spending debts or to go value shopping in a deflated stock market - and still lower their monthly mortgage payments.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tir.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbo@listbot.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Pulte Homes launches new logo

Pulte Homes of Bloomfield Hills unveiled a national brand development program, including a redesigned logo to support the company's strategic direction and strengthen its market visibility.

According to a recent homeowner survey, 60 percent of homeowners do not know the builder of their own home while 35 percent of homeowners who live in a newly constructed home were unable to identify the builder from which they bought.

"On a national scale, there is limited brand identity associated with Pulte Homes or with any homebuilder," said Jim Lesinski, vice president of marketing for Pulte. "As companies in other

industries and product categories have done, Pulte Homes can distinguish itself by establishing a solid brand identity that resonates strongly with the consumer. The payback will accrue through increased consumer acceptance, lowered marketing production costs and the energy coming from a unified corporate culture."

As a first step in brand building, the word "Homes" was added to the Pulte name. This provides a clear signal of who Pulte is and what it does. The next step was for the design team to take the Pulte Homes brand platform and create a new logo to appear on everything the company puts before the public. The resulting logo - a combination of lettering and graphics - is a visual portrayal of the key values of the brand. The elegant scripted "Homes" reflects the foundation of quality. The integration of the script with the strong architectural font for "Pulte" depicts involvement. Navy blue is the dominant color. The rising sun icon was added to suggest the limitless possibilities of a new day.

"The new logo was designed as a symbol of the new brand platform, providing a visual cue of the change that's happening at Pulte Homes," said Lesinski. "The new logo will be integrated into all marketing materials nationally and locally."

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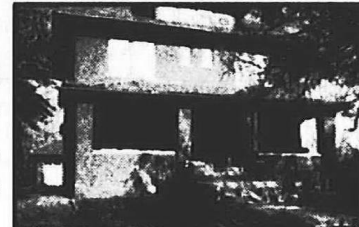
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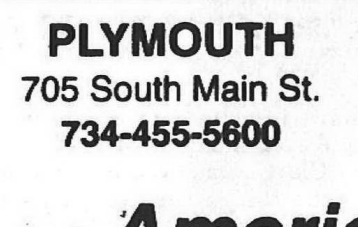
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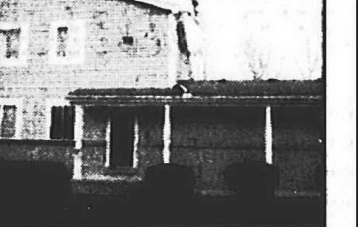
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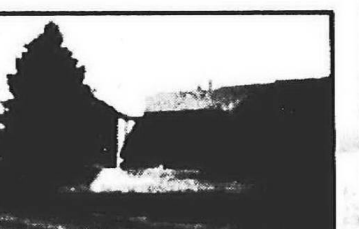
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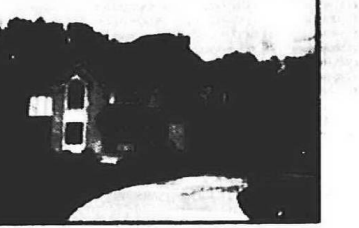
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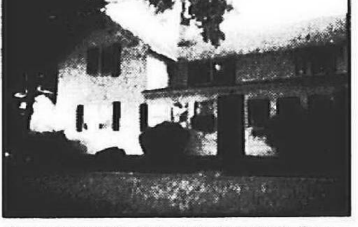
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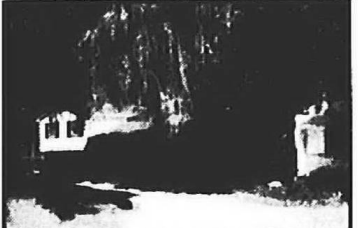
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These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded Oct. 9 - 14, 2000, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

43857 Antietam Ct \$168,000	1978 E Franklin Dr \$130,000	1601 Stoneridge Ct \$425,000	33011 Marquette St \$131,000	9987 Eastford Dr \$220,000	22549 Washington St \$120,000	1400 W Ann Arbor Trl \$71,000	12884 Leone Dr \$71,000	0610 Swanton St \$129,000
39737 Bart St \$153,000	8941 Forest Dr \$170,000	47634 Sunland Dr \$490,000	284 N Leona Ave \$107,000	19020 Fairway St \$240,000	16200 Westbrook St \$970,000		12023 Madon \$152,000	7939 Swanton Dr \$91,000
42432 Beechwood Dr \$143,000	7314 Whitcomb Ct \$199,000	562 Terrace Ct \$390,000	29989 Rush St \$59,000	31704 Greenwood St \$182,000			24834 Midland \$180,000	6800 Central City Pkwy \$139,000
1771 Chetapher Dr \$143,000	42028 Human Plg \$253,000	49087 Trent Dr \$390,000	29509 Rush St \$123,000	20478 Griffin Ct \$245,000			1847 Delaney Ave \$130,000	6870 Swanton St \$147,000
44389 Darvouth St \$223,000	45418 Indian Creek Dr \$202,000	49088 W Acorn Way \$125,000	29509 Rush St \$123,000	18056 Hubbard St \$61,000			9335 Dale \$135,000	6185 Dana St \$139,000
	7381 Langate Rd \$191,000	7817 Whetson Dr \$108,000	27082 Swanton St \$74,000	18405 Inlander Rd \$142,000			18061 Dale \$124,000	6859 Swanton St \$129,000
	3791 Parkman Dr \$210,000	1541 Willard Dr \$165,000		30653 Meeting House \$228,000			6953 Penton \$119,000	29749 Ross Dr \$129,000
	3380 Riverside Dr \$217,000	122 Woodward Rd \$877,000		31500 Jay Rd \$148,000			20483 Pine Pointe St \$90,000	14094 Sun Ace \$95,000
	2011 S Cassler Dr \$182,000			9238 Montana St \$139,000			16798 Garfield \$88,000	14010 Sunnyside \$119,000
	2144 S Cassler Dr \$180,000			35453 Parkdale St \$170,000			11809 Vaght \$115,000	24224 W Chicago \$129,000
	44403 Severy Dr \$88,000			39486 Rayburn St \$206,000			19235 Waterloop \$88,000	19235 Waterloop \$88,000
	44409 Severy Dr \$93,000			16000 Riverside St \$285,000			6815 Whetson \$140,000	24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	44425 Severy Dr \$90,000			31302 Roycroft St \$176,000			9273 Jerome \$119,000	24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	44479 Severy Dr \$93,000			18941 Shadydale St \$185,000			20005 Lennox \$112,000	24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	44497 Severy Dr \$128,000			18314 University Pkwy \$141,000			19986 Lenox \$100,000	24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	44599 Severy Dr \$125,000			35238 Varga St \$225,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	44875 Severy Dr \$127,000			32810 Vermont St \$143,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
	45213 Seebrook Dr \$313,000			29115 W Chicago St \$79,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
				38841 Donald St \$194,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
				30022 Dover St \$174,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000
				35447 W Chicago St \$155,000				24871 Poplar Ln \$180,000

'Prosperity' at home

Homeowner can get help from his house

With the economy remaining hot and consumer spending on the rise, homeowners are in position to reduce interest rates on high financial debt or acquire additional capital for large purchases by using the equity built up in their home, according to Don Mather, senior vice president of Champion Mortgage.

By drawing on the equity built up in a home, owners can lower monthly payments and reduce interest rates significantly, says Mather.

"Many people are unaware of just how much interest they are paying," he said. "But at the same time homeowners could be missing out on the benefits of using their own home to help relieve the situation."

Home equity's can benefit and help in these common areas:

- Debt Consolidation - According to the

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Americans have too much debt if they are spending more than 15 percent of their net income to repay unsecured credit (credit cards, student loans, etc.).

- Home Improvement - Using the home can help cover the cost of new roofing or siding, heating or cooling system upgrades or a remodeling job.
- Higher education - The home can help with covering some of or all the costs of an education, especially if the homeowner is ineligible for financial aid.
- Medical costs - Instead of draining savings accounts to pay high deductible costs or for procedures not covered by health insurance, use the home to receive the appropriate treatment and to cover any extra costs.

But although a home equity loan can benefit most homeowners, Mather warns that

they are not a quick fix to debt or poor financial situations.

"Slowing the spending is the first step to putting the financial house in order. Home equity can help people begin to repay debt on credit cards or other personal loans, but financial responsibility is the ultimate key when recovering from debt."

Due to the recent increase in interest rates, Americans have accumulated an average per household debt of \$10,000. The sudden rise in debt situations is partly attributed to interest rate charges alone.

"With the average interest rate on a standard credit card reaching the highest ever at 17.08 percent, homeowners are in position to explore the opportunities of home equity loans to help relieve debt, consolidate bills, lower interest rates and provide for tax deductions."

Save for down payment

The arithmetic of home buying starts off easy. Just take the sale price on your dream home, and divide 10.

Now compare that figure with your savings. Not so easy anymore, is it?

"The problem is that most of us don't know where the money goes," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association. "Keep track of what you're spending and maximize your savings to generate a down payment in the shortest time possible."

Just eating out for lunch or \$3 for a morning cappuccino can cost you \$2,500 a year.

Take a whole month and record everything you bought, especially with cash. Then figure out how much you can save and still pay your bills, after cutting the frivolous eating, entertainment or vacation expenses. Consider your age. If you are relatively young, you can afford to take reasonable risks with some of your money. Pull it out of the traditional savings accounts and money markets and plunge into stocks or mutual funds.

Try to make saving automatic. Take advantage of savings plans that automatically deduct money from your paycheck.

Apart from your home, think of your retirement while you're saving. As many as 82 percent of companies with 401(k) benefits offer some kind of matching contribution, often as much as 50 cents on the dollar. Where else are you going to get a 50-percent return on your money?

With enough restraint and planning, the sticker shock you felt after calculating your down payment will turn into glee after socking away enough money for your dream home.

Headquarters building recognized in national competition

The Budco World Headquarters in Highland Park took first place honors in the New Construction Awards Competition 2000 sponsored by Commercial Building magazine. The general contractor for the project was Clayco Construction. Clayco has an office in Livonia. Budco is a marketing services company.

The project was selected because it exemplifies excellence in aesthetics, functionality and originality and sensitivity to site. The architect was Gray Design of St. Louis.

"Budco needed to combine warehousing, production and office space under one roof. We also wanted to ensure that the size of the building didn't negatively impact our corporate culture," said Bud Brian, chairman of Budco. "We accomplished this through the Dialogue Corridor, a 468-foot expanse that runs the length of the facility, creating a 'streetscape' environment for employee and customer interaction. The corridor has a comfortable feel with streetlights,

park benches, green plants, and even manhole covers."

"Clayco employed tilt-up construction, a technique used most often for warehouses," said Randy DeRuiter, senior regional vice president for Clayco. "Since Budco's headquarters was one of the first buildings in the area to apply this technique, the project was


watched very closely by architects and other members of the construction industry who wondered if it was possible to create an aesthetically pleasing building with this material."

"The design and construction of this building is innovative and exciting and sets a new standard for future development in Highland Park," said

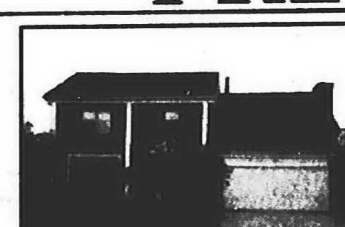
Allen Rawls, director of community development for Highland Park. "The presence of Budco and its obvious financial investment in the City makes a significant statement to the Detroit-area business community, reinforcing the fact that Highland Park is once again a viable and attractive place to do business."

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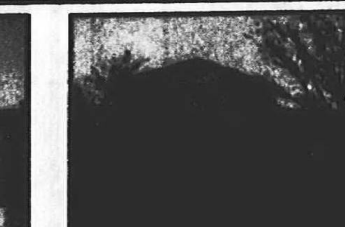
HOME WITH A HEART!
Visions of slipping older by the fire? This fantastic four bedroom Pulte colonial offers all the warm fuzzies you're looking for! Spacious master suite, traditional living room and dining room with bay, island kitchen and nook, family room with fireplace, oak cabinetry, hardwood entry, central air, sprinklers, deck and lovely yard!
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PICTURE PERFECT & PRICED RIGHT!
Walk right in - sit right down! Spaciousness abounds, family room with volume ceiling, two story foyer, formal dining and living rooms, private master suite, oak kitchen, first floor laundry, full basement, 2 1/2 baths, meticulously maintained and landscaped!
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LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU!
Spacious North Canton colonial is perfect for family gatherings! Beautiful cherry kitchen and nook open to family room and warm fireplace. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor study, living room, formal dining room, fabulous master suite, finished basement. What a value!
(6009D) \$234,900




CUSTOM COLOSSAL
Great family house in great area. Large private yard on this very nice colonial with 2 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, living room, formal dining room, first floor laundry, 2x20 Florida room with eight person hot tub. Mary east!
(6006A) \$221,900



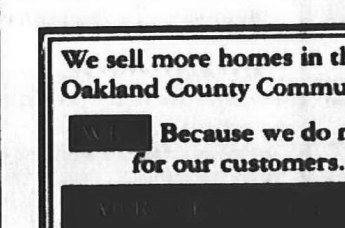
1991 - ROMA REDE ORIGINAL
Nice home, large open kitchen with nook, formal dining - formal living or den, family room with gas fireplace. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, nicely landscaped yard with deck.
(7819P) \$229,900



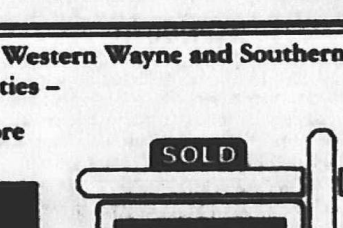
FAMILY FRIENDLY HOME
Spacious Canton colonial! Quiet court setting for this four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offering a traditional floor plan - living room, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, full basement, attached garage. Updates galore!
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SUNFLOWER TREASURES
Desirable four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Sunflower colonial features a traditional floor plan with formal dining room, family room, natural fireplace, oak kitchen with island, extraordinary master suite, finished basement. Walk to the pool and clubhouse!
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POETRY IN MOTION!
Quality built with a multitude of upgraded Shunning Hillwood floor plan offers four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, two story family room and foyer, luxurious master suite with glamour bath, library with French doors, professionally finished basement, extensive landscape. Must see!
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CHERRY GLEN COLONIAL
This four bedroom colonial will steal your heart away! New family room, new windows, carpeting, dishwasher and furnace. Ideal location. Ask what you want!
(6006A) \$229,900



BRITAIN VILLAGE
Beautiful extra setting. Move in and enjoy new oak kitchen, formal living and dining rooms. Family room with fireplace, spacious bedrooms, new carpet, windows, garage door and opener plus more!
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Commercial Real Estate Women-Detroit, a professional association, has selected board members for 2001.

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Claire Roberts, associate broker, Signature Associates-Oncor International, Southfield, sponsorship chairwoman.

Jill Ferrari, project development manager,

Dana Simons has been appointed leasing representative at Independence Village of White Lake, a deluxe retirement community of 149 apartments.

Simons is a graduate of Madonna University, a Sunday school teacher at Central United Methodist Church and an active volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Take precautions before you have to holler 'Fire'

By JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP NEWSFEATURES

Fire has been a No. 1 household danger ever since our prehistoric ancestors got the idea of bringing fire indoors for cave heating and woolly mammoth cooking. Since then, accidents resulting in the destruction of households have occurred because of misunderstandings, miscalculations and misuse of the powerful force of nature.

Today, fire is, without doubt, the single most immediate threat to people and residential property. If there is any doubt about this is the case, look at the following statistics compiled by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for 1999.

3,570 Americans lost their homes and another 21,876 were

injured as the result of fire.

■ Fire killed more Americans than all natural disasters combined.

■ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occurred in residences.

■ Direct property loss due to fires was estimated at \$10 billion. As effective as statistics are in helping drive home a point, they can also tend to be callous. Society tends to regard statistics as something that happens to someone else. Make no mistake about it, every one of the 3,570 Americans who lost their lives to fire were anything but a statistic. They were people just like us — part of someone's family.

While the \$10 billion figure is staggering, buildings and personal property can be replaced; people can't.

Are you and your family prepared for a house fire? How would you get out of your burning house? To have working smoke detectors and properly charged fire extinguishers isn't enough. You and your family must have an escape plan.

Start by drawing an emergency escape plan that clearly outlines all the rooms in your home — including hallways, stairs, windows and doors. Be sure to include significant exterior landmarks such as trees, shrubs, paths, patios and driveway. These will be extremely useful when predetermining a central meeting place outside.

The plan should clearly outline at least two ways out of each room — a door and a window, for example. This is especially

important for bedrooms, since most residential fires occur while the family is asleep. The easier the door should be the primary route (usually the door). The window should be used if fire prevents the door from being used. Rollout or fold-up fire escape ladders consisting of chain or other approved material should be kept at bedrooms above ground level. Make certain that windows and window screens can be easily opened, especially by the young and old. Small or arthritic hands can make a seemingly simple task impossible.

A well-thought-out escape plan is a good start. Practice makes the plan a real lifesaver. Hold organized family fire drills at least twice annually, and more

often if there are elderly people or children in your home. When performing practice drills, vary the location of the "fire" since an escape route can change according to fire location.

Once everyone knows what to do, perform run-throughs with closed eyes — simulating darkness or smoke filled passages — counting and memorizing the number of steps to each and every turn, and ultimately to safety.

An integral element of an escape plan is a preset meeting place where everyone should gather once safely outside. And once everyone is out, stay out until help arrives, and never re-enter the house for any reason.

Children are particularly vulnerable to home fires. Many chil-

dren believe that they can hide from fire. Teach them that they can't hide and that smoke is equally dangerous. Many children are familiar with the "stop, drop and roll" technique used to extinguish burning clothing. Not so well known is the technique used to avoid smoke inhalation. Instruct children — and all family members — to crawl on their knees (staying low to the ground) and, if possible, to keep their mouths covered with a towel or cloth as a means of avoiding smoke inhalation.

Finally, designate someone to call the fire department using a cell phone or a neighbor's telephone.

For more information, contact your local fire prevention agency or the state fire marshal.

Lord & Taylor to anchor Taubman mall

Lord & Taylor will anchor the Taubman Centers' mall planned for a 39-acre site in Syosset, N.Y. Lord & Taylor, a division of The May Department Stores Co., joins previously announced Neiman Marcus, completing the anchor-store line-up.

The new Lord & Taylor will be a 140,000 square foot, two-level store, reflecting Lord & Taylor's new design prototype, and is scheduled to open in fall 2003. The store will feature updated fashions for men, women and children, cosmetics and fragrances, and gift collectibles.

Taubman Centers Inc., a real estate investment trust, owns, develops, acquires and operates regional shopping centers nationally. Taubman Centers is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

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Oakland presents Brian Weiland and a dinner program on taxes Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Knights of Columbus, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The program, at 7:30 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

To register, call (800) 747-6742.

COMMERCIAL FORECAST
The 10th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar runs noon through 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Marriott Hotel in Auburn Hills.

Speakers include Peter Linneman, professor of real estate, finance and public policy, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Doug Etkin, president of Etkin Equities; David Andrea, chief economist, CSM Worldwide; and Sean McCourt, president, Ford Motor Land Development.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

For reservations, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

HAZARD REPORT
VISTAinfo, a publicly-owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions — contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills — by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www.NearMyHome.com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne hosts Robert B. Wilber and a presentation on financial planning and income tax tips 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline east of I-75, Southgate.

Cost is \$20 for nonmembers. Beginning landlords interested in a free newsletter and more information should call (313) 386-7228.

RESIDENTIAL FORECAST

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual national/local economic forecast meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

Reception and display of building products and services, 11 a.m., lunch and program, noon.

Speakers: Stephen Taglione, BIA president, and David F. Seiders, chief economist and senior staff vice president, National Association of Home Builders.

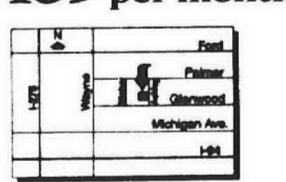
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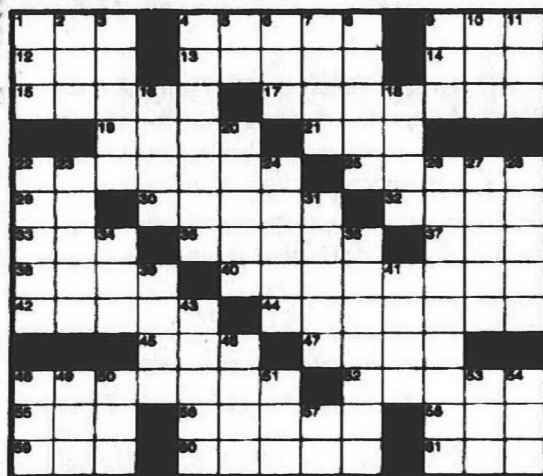
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329 Novi
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334 Plymouth
PLYMOUTH RANCH, 1700 sq ft., wooded lot, walk to town. Must see 11732 Priscilla Lane. \$224,500. (734) 453-9701.

335 Redford
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336 Rochester/Ann Arbor
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LATHRUP VILLAGE! brick 4 bedroom basement. \$299,900. 810-718-0070. Pictures at www.greatlakesrealtors.com

340 South Lyon
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to clean homes in apt. complexes. Day work, no weekends. Health insurance available. Located in Livonia. Starting pay \$2.25/hr. full & part-time positions. Call Marlene at 734-487-6245

Collector

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Coaching

DOOR-KNOCKER Operator, OCA/AA or CDL license. Must have exp. Duties include snow plowing, good pay & benefits. Fax resume - 734-921-9778

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Electronic Technician

3-5 years experience in repair of electronic equipment. Full-time, excellent benefits. Westland. (734) 252-9995 or fax 734-252-9996 email edee@necore.com

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Worship firm has immediate openings for field service technicians. Electronic/electrical experience required and computer skills. Full-time. Fax resume: (248)925-6888 Email: jobs@necore.com

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Fulltime Case Manager Needed

for Livonia vocational program. Must have experience working with people with disabilities, be flexible, and have a passion for teaching change in this field. Salary negotiable. Call 734-422-8222 for an appointment

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General helper needed to handle light maintenance, apartment prep & grounds. No weekends. Benefits. Call Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. 519-578-0180

General Office

Full or part-time entry-level positions available. Flexible hours between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mon-Fri. Duties will include filing, light shipping, etc. Will train. 248-349-8089 ext. 2133

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To work on concrete, repair & service. Good starting wage. (313) 923-9105

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To do creative graphics and catalog design for automotive retail stores. Must have 1-2 years of experience in MAC based Quark, Adobe and other products. Full time position with benefits. Apply at 2525 Maple Dr., Novi. Call Scott Haleseth at 734-581-9948 or scott@rpdlink.com

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Excellent income at home. Assembly work. Call 1-888-887-8838. Fax 98888

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Receptionist

Full & part-time. Downtown Northville high school building. Duties include answering phones, mail, etc. Only apply in person: 338 N. Center St.

Hair Salon - Bloomfield

Maple & Lahser, needs Receptionist, 2 Hair Dressers, 2 Hair Techs. Part independent or payroll. (248) 695-7659

Home Inspector

Like being in the field? No boss over your head. Share your construction knowledge. National Home Inspection Company now hiring inspectors. Send resume to 3825 West 12 Mile Rd., Ste 114, Farmington Hills, 48334

Housekeeper

For religious org. Housekeeping in Northville. Call Amy at 248-423-1220

Housekeeping/Daycare

Looking for dependable caring individuals to work with seniors. Various positions available. Apply in person at American Home Care, 3478 Carpenter Rd., Ypsilanti.

Human Resource Manager

Building services contractor is seeking a Manager for Human Resources to coordinate personnel functions at multiple locations. Responsibilities will include: recruiting, training and supervising staff members, recruiting, disciplining, and terminating hourly employees for a company of 400.

Human Resource Manager

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Leasing Consultant

60K-80K earning growth. 248-349-8089. For more information call 248-349-8089. Position available for office location. Customer Service skills a must. Post-train time 97.50 hr. full-time position. Contact Pamela at: (734)481-8213.

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Cashier Locksmith expands to Metro Detroit area serving automotive industry. Seeking outgoing person for ground floor position in a drug store. No experience necessary. Salary commensurate with skills. Call Larry at 313-989-8885

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Maintenance

Needed for WayneWood Apartments. Must have experience in general maintenance. 401k & paid holiday offered. No faxed resumes please. Apply in person 6737 N. Wayne Rd., Westland 734-358-6270

Maintenance

Perfect for retiree. Knowledge of heating and cooling helpful. Part-time full-time hours. Apply with 20000 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 14 W. of Newburgh.

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needed for maintenance work in Southfield. Need own tools. Some experience helpful. Will train. Benefits available. Call 248-349-8089. Or fax resume 248-352-5761

Maintenance Supervisor

for West Bloomfield community. Great opportunity for right person with experience. Please call 248-476-8500 or fax resume to 248-473-5480.

Maintenance Tech

for Farmington Hills apartment complex. Experienced only. A/C certification a plus. Own tools & experience in electrical, plumbing & benefits. (248) 478-8000

Maintenance Tech

Southfield Property Management company is seeking a maintenance tech for central division & various other divisions in Oakland County. Must have 2 yrs. experience in electrical, plumbing, heating & be A/C certified. Benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm (248)352-8284 or fax resume to (248)352-3184. EOE

Maintenance Technician

Luxury rental property located in Southfield seeks an experienced maintenance technician. Must possess electrical, plumbing, heating, minor electrical, plumbing and general maintenance. On-call position. Upon hiring, we offer a great benefit package & salary. Please apply in person at Sutton Place Apt. 25275 Riverside Dr., Menard, MI. Between the hours of 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. or fax resume to 248-352-6502

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Client Service Manager

Are you an outgoing customer service expert? Position is seeking an outgoing, highly motivated individual to drive the placement of temporary employees in our METRO DETROIT office. Responsibilities include: Interviewing, placing employees on job assignments, scheduling, and providing support to clients. You must enjoy working with the public, in a fast paced environment, have strong problem solving, customer service, and organizational skills. 2 Yr. degree, inside sales & retail customer service experience helpful. Send resume & salary history to: Human Resources Manager 2520 Southfield Road, Livonia, MI 48150 Fax: (734) 487-4888 Email: spherianos@yahoo.com

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\$15,445*
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A PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$176**	FAVORS TO FAVORABLE RENEWAL	10% Down	\$146**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$228**		Zero Down	\$198**
	Per Month			Per Month	

2001 FOCUS SE SEDAN
 Automatic, air conditioning, power windows, power mirrors, AM/FM CD, power locks, rear defrost.
 Was \$15,345 **4 at this price**
\$12,981*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

A PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$173**	FAVORS TO FAVORABLE RENEWAL	10% Down	\$158**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$218**		Zero Down	\$202**
	Per Month			Per Month	

2001 WINDSTAR LX
 4 door, air, power locks/windows/mirrors, AM/FM cassette/CD, remote keyless entry, floor mats, electric rear defrost.
 Was \$25,570 **5 at this price**
\$20,263*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

A PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$206**	FAVORS TO FAVORABLE RENEWAL	10% Down	\$192**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$269**		Zero Down	\$255**
	Per Month			Per Month	

2001 RANGER XLT 4X4 Flareside Supercab
 Auto, speed control, tilt wheel, off-road group, limited slip axle, AM/FM stereo with cass/CD.
 Was \$24,480 **15 at this price**
\$18,660*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

A PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$140**	FAVORS TO FAVORABLE RENEWAL	10% Down	\$118**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$227**		Zero Down	\$206**
	Per Month			Per Month	

2001 EXPLORER 4 DR XLS SPORT 4X4
 Air, auto., XLS, sport group, privacy glass, speed control, keyless entry, AM/FM CD & cassette, power windows & locks & more.
 Was \$30,305 **10 at this price**
\$23,908*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

A PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$217**	SIX TO SIX RENEWAL	10% Down	\$175**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$326**		Zero Down	\$284**
	Per Month			Per Month	

2001 F150 SUPER CAB XLT
 Auto, captain chairs, sliding rear window, air, power windows & locks, AM/FM CD, speed control, keyless entry, P255/70R-116 OWL tires & more.
 Was \$26,005 **5 at this price**
\$19,569*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

A PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down	\$184**	FAVORS TO FAVORABLE RENEWAL	10% Down	\$160**
	Per Month			Per Month	
	Zero Down	\$258**		Zero Down	\$236**
	Per Month			Per Month	

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2000 TAURUS SES
 Loaded! Automatic, air, dual air bags, power windows, locks, mirrors & driver's seat, ABS brakes, keyless entry, speed control, mach sound system, 6 disc CD, all speed traction control.
2 AT THIS PRICE • WAS \$22,230
\$16,584*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

2000 TAURUS SE WAGON
 Six passenger, mach sound w/CD, adj. pedals, power wind. & locks, power seat, ABS brakes. Leather, all speed traction control. Stock #3446
— Was \$24,380 —
\$18,453*
 Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

2000 RANGER XLT SUPERCAB
 Four cylinder, five speed, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt wheel, CD & cassette.
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GM LEASE \$224⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$488.05 due at signing

- air conditioning
- auto. transmission
- rear defogger
- rear spoiler
- sunroof
- CD
- chrome covers
- stock #1-1000

NEW 2001 BONNEVILLE SE



RED'S LEASE \$385⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$833.42 due at signing
GM LEASE \$333⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$773.36 due at signing

- 3800 V6
- 4 speed automatic
- power windows
- power locks
- cruise control & tilt wheel
- stock #1-4049

NEW 2001 GRAND AM 2 DR. COUPE



RED'S LEASE \$258⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$579.41 due at signing
GM LEASE \$238⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$557.63 due at signing

- 2.4 engine
- power steering
- power brakes
- 4 speed automatic
- air conditioning
- spoiler
- CD
- dual air bags
- ABS
- rear defog.
- Stk. #1-2071

ALL NEW 2001 GRAND PRIX SEDAN



RED'S LEASE \$316⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$715.65 due at signing
GM LEASE \$290⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$663.23 due at signing

- 4 speed auto
- 3100 V-6
- tilt & cruise
- power locks
- power windows
- power seat
- keyless entry
- theft deterrent
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- remote trunk
- stock #1-4102


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- cruise control
- keyless entry
- roof rack
- deep tinted windows
- cargo net system
- stock #1-3082

2001 JIMMY 4-DOOR



WAS \$28,690

SLE decor, V-6, bucket seats, automatic, power seat overhead console, stereo, steering wheel, audio control. Stock #1-5039

SALE PRICE \$25,256⁰⁰
LEASE FOR \$304⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,092.17 due at signing

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GM'S LEASE \$270⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,056.92 due at signing

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SALE PRICE \$24,803⁰⁰
LEASE FOR \$335⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,440.35 due at signing

GM'S PRICE \$23,711⁰⁰
GM'S LEASE \$300⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,353.63 due at signing

2001 SONOMA EXTENDED CAB




WAS \$19,650

Deep tint glass, 60/40 split bench seat, 4 cylinder automatic, power windows & locks, keyless entry, HD suspension, air, third door, aluminum wheels, stereo/CD, tilt, cruise, tachometer. Stock #1-5234

SALE PRICE \$16,420⁰⁰
LEASE FOR \$202⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,149.01 due at signing

GM'S PRICE \$15,655⁰⁰
GM'S LEASE \$180⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$2,100.88 due at signing

2001 YUKON DENALI




WAS \$47,534

Sunroof, V-8 automatic, leather, onstar power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, buckets, defogger, liftgate, locking differential, foglamps, autoride, HD trailering pkg. Stock #1-6180.

SALE PRICE \$42,155⁰⁰
GM'S PRICE \$40,283⁰⁰

2001 YUKON XL

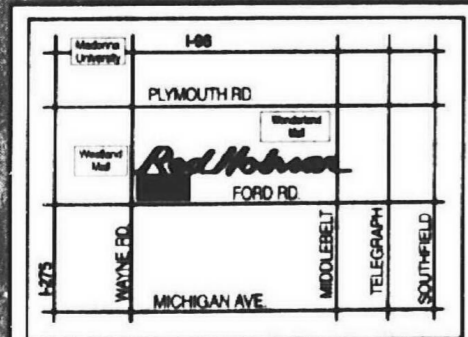


WAS \$40,115

High back buckets, running boards, air w/auto climate control, liftgate, locking differential, V-8, auto, stereo cass./CD, HD trailering pkg., SLE decor. Stock #1-6170

SALE PRICE \$35,595⁰⁰
LEASE FOR \$520⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$3,896.40 due at signing

GM'S PRICE \$34,006⁰⁰
GM'S LEASE \$470⁰⁰ 36 mos. \$3,767.00 due at signing



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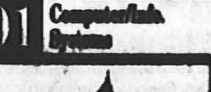
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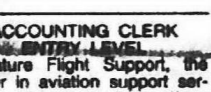
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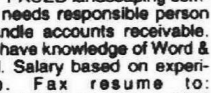
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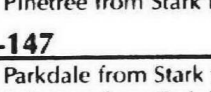
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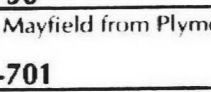
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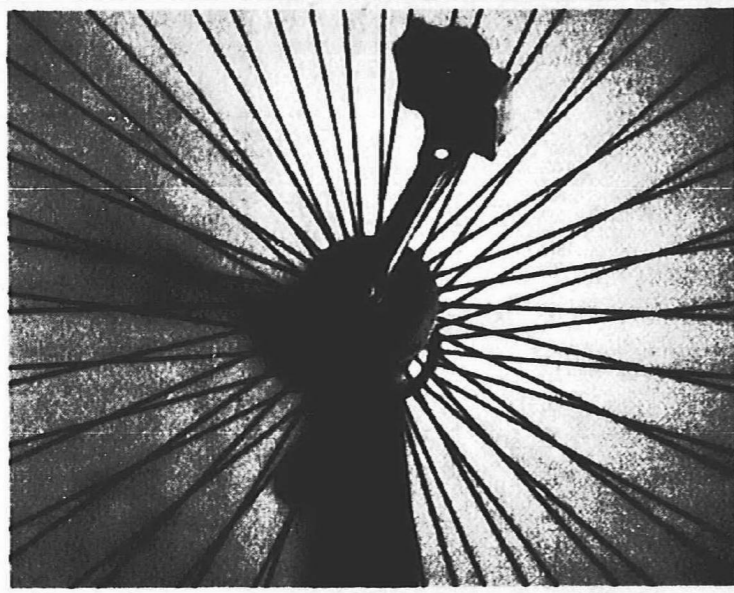
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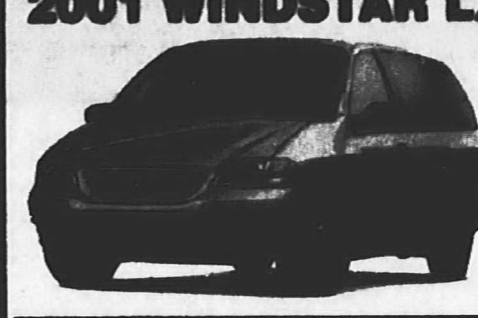
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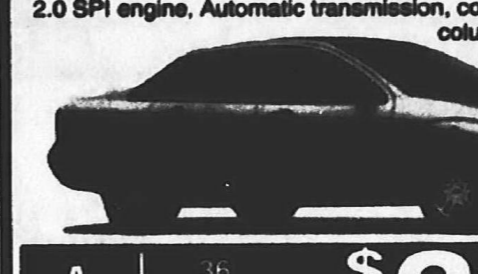
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WAS \$28,845 NOW \$23,482^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$338, \$1500 DOWN \$271

2001 TAURUS SE



4-DOOR SEDAN
Torredor Red clear coat metallic, dark charcoal cloth bucket, 3.0L 2V 6 cylinder engine, auto. O.D. trans., P215/60R16 all season tire, floor mats-front & rear, 6-pass. seating w/tilt-fold console, power driver seat.

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2001 RANGER 4X4 XLT



SUPER CAB
Deep Wedgwood Blue clear coat metallic, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, power equip. group, etc. AM/FM stereo/clock/radio ME, wheels, cast alum 5-spoke 16", A.D.L. radio limited slip axle, step bar, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry, air conditioning.

WAS \$25,870 NOW \$19,162^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. RANGER TO RANGER LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$205, \$1500 DOWN \$141

2001 EXPLORER XLT



4 DOOR 4x4
Harvest gold clear coat, dark graphite cloth sport bucket, XLT series, reversible cargo mat, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed automatic overdrive transmission, 4.10 LS axle/trailer tow, XLT sport group, P255/70R16 A/T O.M.L. tires, step bar, aluminum wheels 16x7, trailer towing package, cassette CD, electrochromic mirror.

WAS \$32,995 NOW \$25,359^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. EXPLORER TO EXPLORER LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$299, \$1500 DOWN \$256

2001 WINDSTAR LX



WAGON
Light Sapphire Blue medium graphite cloth, 3.8L D1V EFI engine, 4 speed automatic overdrive transmission comfort group, aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, 6.5x15" aluminum wheels, enhance seating group.

WAS \$27,045 NOW \$21,472^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. WAGON TO WAGON LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$269, \$1500 DOWN \$227

2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4x2



LIMITED SERIES 4x2
Chestnut metallic, medium parchment leather, trip computer, illuminated running boards, premium aluminum wheels, aux. heater/air conditioning (rear), third row seat, rear radio controls, reverse sensing system, paint stripe, comfort/convenience group, power driver's seat, power rear quarter vent windows, AM/FM with-dash 6 CD, heated front seats.

WAS \$39,250 NOW \$32,033^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. EXCURSION TO EXCURSION LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$417, \$1500 DOWN \$351

2001 F-150 4x2



SUPER CAB
Silver clear coat metallic, dark graphite cloth, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/radio CD, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, 5-spd manual O.D., all-season 3.55 ratio reg. axle, rust. XLT equip. grp. ID, 6000# GVWR pkg, cast alum wheels (4), Torneau cover-soft cloth ops chairs, air.

WAS \$24,960 NOW \$17,196^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. F-150 TO F-150 LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$188, \$1500 DOWN \$122

2001 EXPEDITION



XLT 4x4
Medium Wedgwood Blue clear coat metallic, medium graphite cloth capt. chairs, XLT series, tow hooks, prem. elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, privacy glass, 4.8L EFI V8 eng., 4-speed automatic transmission, cast aluminum wheels, power heated mirrors, aux. heater/air conditioning (rear), illuminated running boards, trailer towing package, third row seat.


WAS \$36,480 NOW \$28,683^{30*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. EXPEDITION TO EXPEDITION LEASE WITH RENEWAL: ZERO DOWN \$406, \$1500 DOWN \$341

MODEL	Down Payment	Monthly Payment
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4 DOOR	\$1000	\$2911
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4 DOOR SPORT	\$1000	\$3295
2001 RANGER 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$2533
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	\$1000	\$2419
2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC	\$1000	\$2818
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	\$1000	\$2438
2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4x2	\$1000	\$3448
2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4	\$1000	\$3534



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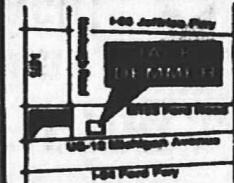


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SALE PRICE \$18,395 **GM SALE PRICE \$18,101**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$236^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$1779^{**}

2001 AZTEK
3.4 V6 engine, four speed automatic, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo with CD, remote keyless entry. Stock #010367.

SALE PRICE \$20,795 **GM SALE PRICE \$19,939**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$249^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$1749^{**}

2001 LA SABRE
Power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, 2000 V6, auto, air, AM/FM stereo, leather driver's seat, vanity mirror & more. Stock #010368.

SALE PRICE \$22,199 **GM SALE PRICE \$21,230**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$305^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$2079^{**}

2001 CENTURY CUSTOM
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SALE PRICE \$18,166 **GM SALE PRICE \$17,363**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$269^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$1800^{**}

2001 SONOMA REG. CAB PICKUP
Vortec 2.2L 4 cylinder, speed manual trans, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD player, alum wheels and much more. Stock #013095

SALE PRICE \$12,995 **GM SALE PRICE \$12,462**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$175^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$1875^{**}

2001 JIMMY 4 DOOR
Vortec 4300, auto trans, air, power windows, cruise control, AM/FM CD player and much more. Stock #013157

SALE PRICE \$25,495 **GM SALE PRICE \$24,266**

36 Mo. Smart Lease \$290^{**} mo. Due at Lease Signing \$1729^{**}

2001 SIERRA PICKUP
Vortec 4300 V6, auto trans, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette stereo & much more. Stock #013157

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0458	Park Avenue	\$35,543	\$27,855*
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6525	Sierra	\$25,589	\$20,750*
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6247	Sierra Ext. Cab	\$32,575	\$25,594*
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6444	SOLD Jimmy 2-dr.	\$25,948	\$21,192*
6667	Sonoma	\$15,998	\$12,013*
6497	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6593	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6595	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6657	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6658	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6660	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,893*
6672	Safari	\$24,359	\$20,318*
6680	Safari	\$24,219	\$20,293*
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