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# Township partners with schools



**Dusting off plans in the works since 1986, Plymouth Township and Plymouth-Canton school officials have worked out an agreement to become partners in a recreation program, starting at Isbister Elementary.**

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Isbister Elementary will become the pilot site for a joint recreation project

between Plymouth Township and the Plymouth-Canton school district. And, if the initial blueprint works, Supervisor Steve Mann said he's ready to spend a total of \$350,000 to improve

recreational facilities at all seven Plymouth-Canton schools within the township. It's part of a plan that has been on the township drawing board since 1986 to help bolster recreation opportunities for township residents by improving existing playgrounds.

"Without a doubt, it's long overdue," said Mann. "This will be a good partnership between us and the school district, and it will be a big part of our recreation program."

Mann said the cooperative effort with the school district erases a main obstacle for the township - high real estate prices - that prevent the township from purchasing available land for recreation.

Isbister was chosen as the initial development site because it offers easy access to neighboring residences, has a high demand for use during classes and after school, and has a highly

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**Sing along:** Casey Orr of Plymouth, 10, and Devon Cameron of Canton, 3, participate with their friends singing the "Teddy Bear Song" during the "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent and fashion show Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. The presentation allowed several area children with special needs to show off some of their talents and to receive recognition from parents and friends. (Below) Devon Cameron of Canton, 3, shows off his skill on the balance beam.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

## Taking center stage

### Children get their moment to shine

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"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" was the theme for the talent/fashion show sponsored by Speech & Language Systems of Plymouth, specifically chosen to give special needs children a chance to shine.

And shine they did as approximately 20 children took to the stage at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for the second-annual show giving special needs children a forum they normally wouldn't have to showcase their own unique talents.

And, if the reaction of at least one grandparent was any indication, the show was a complete success.

"A grandmother came up to me with tears in her eyes and said she thoroughly enjoyed it," said Don Zaksek of Speech & Language Systems. "We got a lot of positive feedback from the parents. They were very, very happy."

The children are among the clients at Speech & Language Systems, a pediatric rehabilitation clinic providing speech therapy, occupational therapy and academic services to children from throughout the metro Detroit area. Volunteers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth, including owner/artistic director Joanne Zavisia, spent weeks

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## District turns down brain-based academy

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Citing liability and expected revenue losses, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has decided not to pursue chartering an elementary school that emphasizes a brain-based learning environment.

In telling the administration to drop the idea, board members eliminated any thoughts of chartering Mendon Park Academy, and instead considered incorporating the same type of learning environment in a magnet school within the district.

Superintendent Kathleen Booher, in her recommendation to the school board Tuesday night, said, "My staff and I have reached the conclusion that the liabilities of this plan, particularly financial and legal, significantly exceed any assurances the district might enjoy. Specifically, anticipate definite revenue reduction without

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## 2nd location chosen as brownfield

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LOC Performance Products, which is moving from the City of Plymouth to an old Unisys site in Plymouth Township, which was once a parking lot, is expected to be the second site considered for a brownfield cleanup.

The company is purchasing 41 acres at Plymouth and Haggerty and expects to develop about 26 acres, including a wooded area. About 7-10 acres will require some kind of environmental cleanup.

"The company is very excited about this," said attorney Richard Barr at a Jan. 23 board meeting.

A public hearing for the brownfield cleanup plan is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Plymouth Township Hall located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

Approval would make LOC Performance Products, a defense contractor, the second Plymouth Township business scheduled for cleanup. Plymouth Commerce Park, located at Plymouth and Eckles, which has some polychlorinated biphenyls contamination, usually called PCB contamination, was the first approved for cleanup.

"Groundwater contamination moves

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## Local club donations help purchase trigger locks

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An overwhelming response to the Plymouth Township Police Department's new gun lock program brought in donations from two local groups.

The Plymouth Rotary Foundation donated \$900 to continue the program and asked that the City of Plymouth also be included, according to Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

"A request was made by the Rotary to provide the service to the city, so once the Plymouth Township Police have purchased the locks they will supply 100

locks to Plymouth," she said. Plymouth Police Commander Wayne Carroll said the city welcomes the program developed by the township and will operate it in the same manner.

"The more locks out there the better," Carroll said. The Noon Plymouth Kiwanis Club donated \$200 per the community service subcommittee, which oversees projects and donations.

"This was all Jamie Senkbeil," said Lee Harrison, vice president of the Noon Plymouth Kiwanis Club. "She appealed to service groups. This is a benefit to everyone in the community."

Gerald Ostoin, president of the Plymouth Rotary, agrees.

"It's pretty straightforward," Ostoin said. "It's a safety issue. We want to respond directly to our local community. The more guns locked up, the safer the community."

The Plymouth Rotary Foundation board voted to support the donation, Ostoin said. Donations are derived from the group's annual chicken barbecue (a signature Fall Festival event), a golf outing and other contributions, Ostoin said.

Future donations will be evaluated according to need, he added.

The township police department took a leadership

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## Observers capture honors in newspaper contest

The Suburban Newspapers of America has announced the winners in its annual newspaper contest, and the Plymouth Observer fared well, winning a pair of individual awards and five awards overall.

Photographer Paul Hurschmann won third-place honors in the category of "Best Sports Photojournalism," while editor Brad Kadrich was recognized with a second-place award in the category of "Best Column Writing."

Hurschmann has been with the Plymouth paper since August 1998. Kadrich assumed his editor's duties in November 1999.

In addition, the Observer earned second-place honors in the "Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section" category, a second place award for business coverage for the Real Estate section, and a third-place award for the HomeTown Life section earned for "Best Young People's Coverage."

"We are proud to receive this recognition from the Suburban Newspapers of America," said

Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. "We work hard to produce what we believe are the best community newspapers in the country. The SNA awards encourage us to continue to improve what we do to serve our readers. The respect of our readers is always our highest reward."

The Observer's Real Estate section, which appears every Thursday, was honored for the second-best coverage of local business and economic news in the nation. The honor is unusual because our section, devoted to real estate, competed against full business sections.

All told, the Observer Group — which also includes papers in Farmington, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Canton and Redford — took home 16 awards, including four first-place honors. The Observer group is part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a subsidiary of the parent company, Hometown Communications Network.

Other winners:

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN  
Award winner: This photo, showing Canton goalkeeper Amy Dorogi's reaction after a goal by Troy Athens in the state soccer final, earned a third-place award in the Suburban Newspapers of America's annual newspaper contest.

## Icy rain keeps Plymouth cops, firefighters busy

BY SUE BUCK  
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Freezing rain and slippery road conditions Monday kept the Plymouth Township Police and the Plymouth Community Fire Department hopping.

"There were numerous property damage accidents and spinouts Monday morning," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

Police logged 25 property damage accidents and five incidents in private parking lots when cars slid, she said. There were no injuries.

"Plymouth Township Police went from accident to accident from 8-10 a.m.," she said. "The majority of accidents occurred when the vehicle was approaching the intersection and the

brakes locked up due to the slippery conditions. Other accidents were single-vehicle spinouts striking the snow bank."

Senkbeil said dispatchers Kitty Parrilla and Stefanie Smith complimented the Wayne County Roads Commission and the City of Plymouth Department of Public Works for their timely distribution of salt throughout the communities. "They also stated Gardner and Mayflower towing companies accommodated by responding to police requests in a prompt manner that alleviated the possibility of other accidents," Senkbeil said.

Firefighters were also busy. "We had eight slip and fall runs before noon Monday on both commercial and private property," said Fire Chief Larry Groth. "That's not normal. It was very busy."

## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Rotary awards grant

The Rotary Club of Plymouth has awarded a \$2,000 recreation grant that will fund a new digital scoreboard at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

Both the city's recreation department and the school district's athletic program, as well as other community groups, use the scoreboard on a regular basis.

A joint application was filed on behalf of the city and the school district. City athletics supervisor Steve Anderson made a presentation before the Rotary Foundation Board.

"The contribution from the Rotary Club shows their commitment of service and dedication to the enhancement of recreation programs in our community," Anderson said. A plaque will be attached to the new scoreboard indicating the Rotary contribution.

According to Anderson, the partnership between the city and the school district was developed as a result of the city's Recreation Master Plan, adopted by the City Commission in July.

### Stewart on committee

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, has been named the vice chair of the judiciary subcommittee and a member of the transportation, corrections and higher education subcommittees of the House Appropriations committee.

"I am truly honored to be chosen as the vice chair of the judiciary subcommittee," said Stewart, a practicing attorney for 24 years. "Working on both judiciary and corrections will allow me to use the knowledge I have gathered from my years in the courtroom to create sound and effective policy."

"Public education has always been a very important issue to me so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be a member of the higher education subcommittee. With one daughter in college and another soon to follow, I am aware of the importance of a quality education."

### Historic district meets

The City of Plymouth's Historic District Commission conducts a public hearing Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. on adding two properties to the existing Kellogg Park Historic District.

The properties include the central park property at Church and Main, and the former Daisy Manufacturing property.

The meeting takes place in the commission chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main.

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Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.  
Present: Thomas Yack, Mark Abbo, Steve Mann  
Agenda - adopted as presented.  
Minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2000 - approved.  
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,632,635.87 - approved.  
Operations & Maintenance Report for December 2000 - received and filed.  
Operations Manager's Report for January 2001 - received and filed.  
Audit, Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2000 - approved.  
2000 Year in Review - received and filed.  
2001 Goals - approved.  
Lower Rouge Pump Station Setting - received and filed.  
Request To Advertise For Bids - Contract 5, Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection - approved.  
Middle Rouge Lift Station; Leaking Block Walls - approval to award a purchase order contract to Grunwell-Cashiers Co., of Detroit, Michigan.  
Design Account Trust Agreement - received and filed.  
SSOM Work Plan Update - received and filed.  
Bond Counsel Services Proposal - proposal accepted from Dickinson Wright, Inc., of West Bloomfield, Michigan for extension of bond counsel services.  
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.  
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Chairman,  
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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## Expansion closes museum

The facelift of the Plymouth Historical Museum has begun, and construction of the expansion has put a halt to visiting hours.

The museum will be closed to visitors through approximately April 15. It will maintain business hours for phone calls only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

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Ms. Sandy Forrest  
Western Townships Utilities Authority  
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187  
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by March 5, 2001 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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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., Thursday, February 15, 2001 for the following:

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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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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA February 8, 2001

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, February 08, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern  
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Carl Munir 40101 Koppernick Rd. Canton MI 48187 appealing Fence Ordinance # 103, Sec 8 D 1, requesting a variance to fence height and location requirements.  
Parcel # 004-99-0012-009  
(Building)
2. Metro Detroit Signs (Heather) 23544 Hoover Warren MI 48089 representing Logan's Roadhouse 39605 Ford Rd. Canton MI 48188, are requesting a variance to the Building Ordinance # 120 Section 2.6 Roof Signs.  
Parcel # 049-99-0001-709  
(Building)

(Approval of December 14, 2000 minutes)  
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### SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET

Veterinary Notes

by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

### DENTAL HEALTH FOR CATS

Most feline health problems involve the teeth and gums. These can include gum disease, broken teeth, tooth lesions, plaque-related inflammation and oral cancer. When healthy, a cat will have white and pink or coral-colored gums with no bleeding or swelling. Cat owners can protect their pets from dental disease and tartar build-up by starting preventative care during the kitten stage. Massage the teeth and gums regularly with gauze-wrapped finger at first, then upgrade to a cat-specific toothbrush and toothpaste. Check your cat's mouth regularly and keep up with vet visits. The vet will perform a thorough cleaning each year. Signs of dental disease can include appetite loss, drooling, bloody saliva, blood around the mouth, and bad breath.

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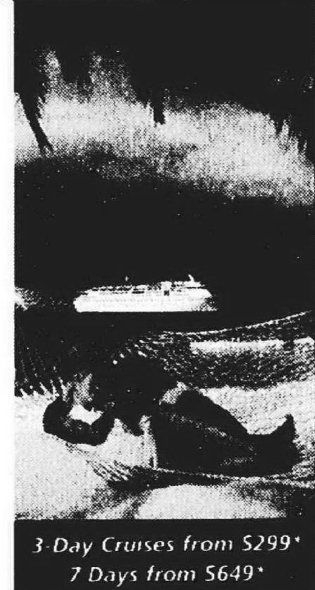
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**Honored:** Dave Grevemeyer, operations director at Arthur's Place, and fitness associate Beth Sarotte pose with the Nova7 award the arthritis specialists recently received by Fitness Management Magazine.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD

## Let the healing begin

### Local center helps arthritis patients work out the kinks of painful condition

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"Who's Arthur?" is one of the first asked questions about Arthur's Place, "Where Arthritis Healing Begins," a fitness center in Plymouth Township devoted to helping the arthritic.

"Arthur is a code word for the frustrations people living with this type of disease have," said David Grevemeyer, operations director for the year-old fitness facility.

People with arthritis can wake up feeling a flare of arthritis. "They will say, 'My old buddy Arthur is here,' or 'My 'arthritis' is back," Grevemeyer said. "It's a play on words. It's something your grandmother would say."

While levity relieves the tension, Grevemeyer and his fitness associates consider the myriad types of arthritis and fibromyalgia seriously. About 47 million Americans have arthritis; half are under 50, he said.

The facility is located in the Medhealth Wellness Center at 47659 Halyard, west of Beck and north of M14.

"Programs are individually designed for each person and their personal goals," Grevemeyer said. "Our biggest and best advocates are the people who utilize them. There's better compliance."

Vera Robert of Westland has arthritis in her back and ankles. "Dave has a whole program for me," Robert said. "I come to the water aerobics class and I do pool exercises on my own. I like to do the water exercises because nothing hurts me."

Robert also does a range of other machine exercises.

"She does a combination of land and water," Grevemeyer said. Treadmills, bikes, cross country skiers, row machines, etc. are available for different

needs.

Robert, who has osteoarthritis, said she exercised at the Westland senior center two years ago, but said she wasn't supervised. "I was lifting weights," Robert said. "I went at it like a bat out of hell. I severely injured a muscle in my back. I was happy to come here and get stuff to do that won't hurt me."

At her three-month evaluation, Robert improved in every area. "I even showed the chart to my doctor and he was very pleased," she said.

Grevemeyer has direct experience with arthritis. His aunt has arthritis and his sister has lupus. Osteoarthritis is joint damage from injury or degeneration. Arthritis can occur after an injury, like those suffered in a car or sports accident. Rheumatoid arthritis is where the body's own immune system attacks the joints, he said.

"There's a genetic predisposition to arthritis," Grevemeyer said.

Chris Allen, president and CEO of Arthur's Place, was inspired to develop the Arthro-aquatic Fitness System after seeing the relief warm water exercise gave his wife, Virginia, a vice-chancellor at the University of Michigan-Flint. She developed arthritis 15 years ago when he was a COO of Hutzler Hospital.

These are tubs which help the upper and lower body. "It can go up to shoulder height," Grevemeyer said. "The depth and temperature can be controlled."

The assessment evaluation takes 90 minutes.

Generally, medical insurance can't be used for the membership program, which is viewed as recreational. But insurance is possible to be used for physical therapy, Grevemeyer said. A yearlong membership costs \$65 a month.

## Fitness magazine honors Arthur's Place

BY SUE BUCK  
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David Grevemeyer was so impressed with the progress he's seen with arthritic patients, he nominated Arthur's Place, "Where Arthritis Healing Begins," for the 2000 Nova7 Award.

The award was given by Fitness Management Magazine. Arthur's Place was one of seven centers nationally which earned the Nova7 Award. The word "Nova" is derived from the word innovative.

"The award was perfectly written for Arthur's Place," said Grevemeyer, the operations director. The center helps people with arthritis and connective tissue diseases experience the benefits of exercise.

"Arthur's Place made its winning impression on the judges by being the first facility of its kind in the nation that provides a unique environment that enhances the quality of life of individuals with arthritis and other rheumatic diseases through a program which addresses the physical, psychological and social needs of its patients," Grevemeyer said.

Besides the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System, which provides warm water relief, Arthur's Place also utilizes a computerized system to evaluate balance with an initial baseline testing. It evaluates a person's center of gravity.

"This system has a whole protocol which deals with elderly fallers," Grevemeyer said. "Dizziness and unsteadiness is one of the main complaints physicians see with this population."

"We aren't associated with any physician, group or hospital but we hope in the future to partner with health systems," he said.

Berkley resident Kathy Conley teaches fourth grade in Dearborn Heights. She has fibromyalgia, a condition that leaves her muscles tight and her body fatigued.

"Coming here has made such a difference," Conley said. "The water part is my favorite. What's nice is that I can have options. Some days all I want to do is swim each length. Other days I want to do the water exercises. The tub is wonderful. It is so relaxing."

"Brain-based learning is the opportunity of a lifetime," said Roland Thomas, school board member. "This is an opportunity to get away from what has been a traditional approach in education. Then, we can take it to all our other schools."

"I think a magnet school is where we really want to be," added Trustee Elizabeth Givens. "If we're going to get credit in this district for something really outstanding ... I would really prefer the credit be given to our own staff and administration than someone from the outside."

Booher said many of the concerns of a charter school, including board oversight, financial obligations and use of district staff would disappear with a magnet school.

"With a magnet school we do the business support side the way we do it right now, and focus on the education of students," said Booher. "We need to analyze the magnet school and come back to the board with more information."

## Friends, family remember 'Jim the Barber' for stories

BY TONY BRUCATO  
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For nearly 40 years, there wasn't a day in Plymouth you wouldn't hear the sound of honking horns as cars drove past Jim's Barber Shop on Main Street.

"There was a good chance that if you drove by and blew your horn, dad would be standing in the window, cutting hair, and wave back," said Jeff Powers of Plymouth, who in the mid-1970's, at age 12, shined shoes in the barber shop.

It wasn't any different last Monday morning. After the funeral service for Jim Powers Sr. at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton, the procession of cars to Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery drove down Main Street, past the barber shop, honking their horns.

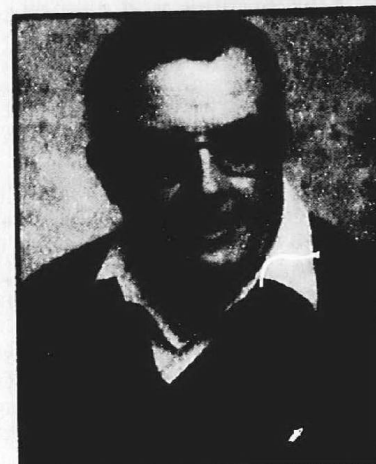
"He had so many friends, and was loved by everybody," said Sheila Carriere of Dearborn Heights, the oldest of seven children. "And you can't be a barber without having lots of stories."

"Everybody in Plymouth would come to sit and talk with him, just to kill the time," added Powers. "He told so many stories that there was a good chance you could grow your hair back by the time you got out of the chair. It was like Mayberry RFD ... he knew just about everybody in town."

Jim Powers died of a heart attack Jan. 26, eight days after finding out his leukemia was in remission.

"We just came back from a trip to Hawaii, and on that same day he found out the good news from his doctor," said Carriere. "He was fortunate to spend a lot of time with his friends, family and grandchildren before he died."

Jim the Barber, as he was known to most, was a great story teller who enjoyed playing euchre at the Knights of Columbus, golfing, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He was recognized as being non-judgmental and enjoyed helping



James Powers

people. "If a customer was ill, or homebound, he would pack up his 'tool box' and go cut their hair," said Carriere.

"He was a great guy with lots of stories, though I'm not sure how many of them were true," said 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, who had his hair cut at Jim's for nearly 15 years. "He always used to tell me he would correct his mistakes the next time I came in."

Jim Powers retired in 1995, after cutting hair for 40 years. However, he still owned the shop at 550 S. Main.

For Powers, Carriere and their siblings, visiting dad at the barber shop was a big part of their lives.

"Nothing was better than walking to his shop after school, putting a dime in the pop machine and sitting in the air conditioning talking to him," remembers Carriere. "The best was when he would give us the key to the pop machine and we wouldn't have to pay."

"I learned, from him, about the art of finding common ground with people," added Powers.

Jim the Barber was buried with a pair of sheers and a comb tucked neatly inside his jacket pocket.

And, of course, the funeral was held on a Monday, traditionally a day barber shops are closed for business.

## Awards from page A2

■ Farmington — First place, best entertainment/lifestyle section; and second place, best breaking news story (staff writer Joni Hubred).

■ Livonia — First place, best editorial writing; first place, best special section ("Livonia at 50"); first place, best sports photojournalism (photographer Tom Hawley); second place, best local election coverage; and third place,

best front page.

■ Westland — Third place, best breaking news story (staff writer Darrel Clem); and second place, best in-depth reporting (also Clem).

■ Redford — Third place, best sports writing (staff writer Paul Beaudry); and third place, best environmental coverage.

## Menlo Park from page A1

adequate assurance of revenue or 'in kind' (i.e., staff development) replacement or gains.

"Second, after thorough review with legal counsel, we concur that potential liabilities could exist for P-CCS because of the unique 'entanglements' inherent in this plan. As the P-CCS Board would not be the governing body for the charter, we cannot recommend that the P-CCS Board assume this potential liability."

In December, program developer Samuel Flam proposed a K-5 charter school to be located within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton school district. The plan called for P-CCS teachers to become part of the charter school, with the district to gain from using the information garnered from brain-based learning and teaching techniques.

However, a four-year projection by the district indicates the charter school would cost the district more than \$3.8 million in lost state foundation grants and other expenses.

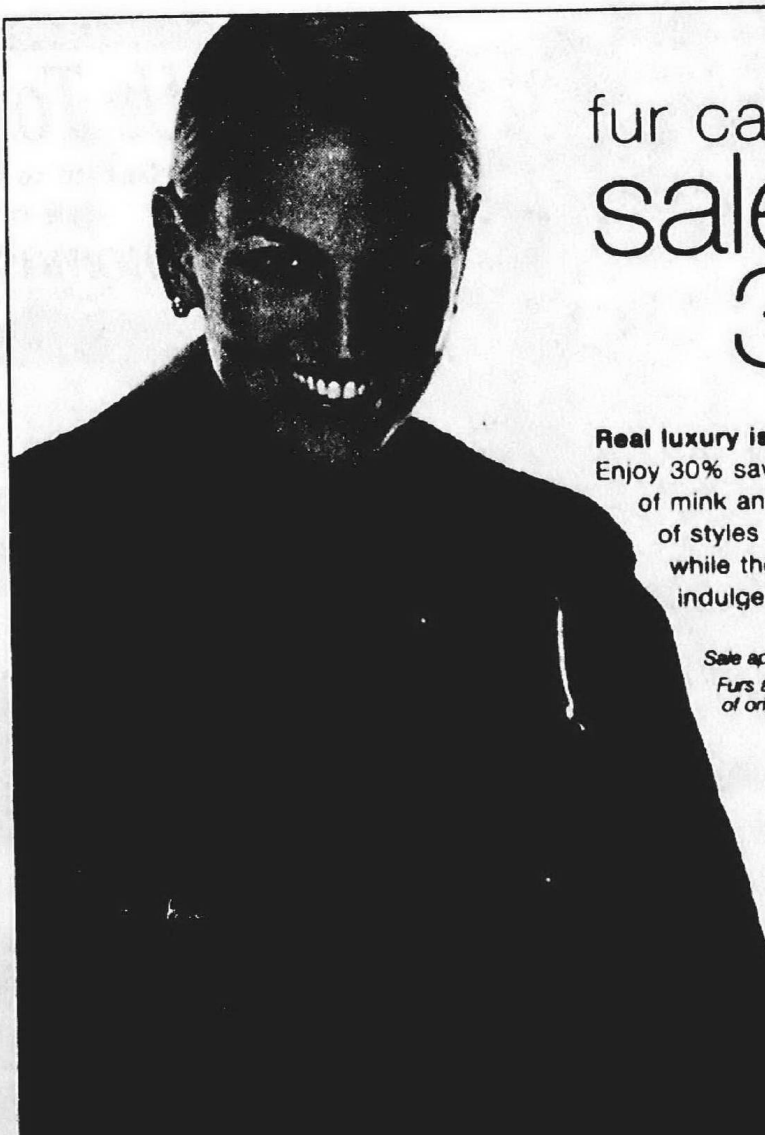
"The numbers just don't work," said Trustee Judy Mardigian. "The revenue loss could even be greater."

"Looking at the numbers we lose money, and that made up my mind right then," added Trustee Steve Guile.

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association executive board urged the school board to hold off on approving a charter school.

"We believe brain-based education and learning is an excellent idea, but we believe all Plymouth-Canton children should benefit from any new teaching methods," PCEA president Chuck Portelli told the board. "We believe there are many unanswered questions."

School board members have given Booher and her staff the go-ahead to investigate the possibility of teaching brain-based learning techniques at a magnet school within the district, where P-CCS administrators would have total control and the district wouldn't lose state revenue.



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## Talent from page A1

working with the children on choreographing the show. Zaksek couldn't find enough platitudes to bestow on Zavisa.

"One of the most amazing people there was Joanne Zavisa," Zaksek said. "She has been so unselfish and so giving in this."

For Zavisa, it's more of the studio's philosophy of reaching out. In addition to volunteering for things like the talent show, her students also perform at various medical fundraisers and similar events, all in an attempt to broaden her students' horizons.

"It's important for our students, who don't have the same obstacles to overcome, to see what other children go through, and to be able to offer something to help," Zavisa said. "It's important for our students to give something back."

But the key to the show's success was the reaction of the parents and grandparents, more than 100 of whom filled the audience at Geneva Presbyterian.

Dealing with special needs children 24 hours a day can be taxing at times, Zaksek said, and to see the parents get a chance to witness their children in this kind of environment made everything worthwhile.

"The satisfaction they got out of seeing their children perform in that setting was amazing," Zaksek said. "They were very happy to see their children able to perform with their peers."

"The parents are a special group of people," he added. "They're so loving, so dedicated. There's unconditional love there."

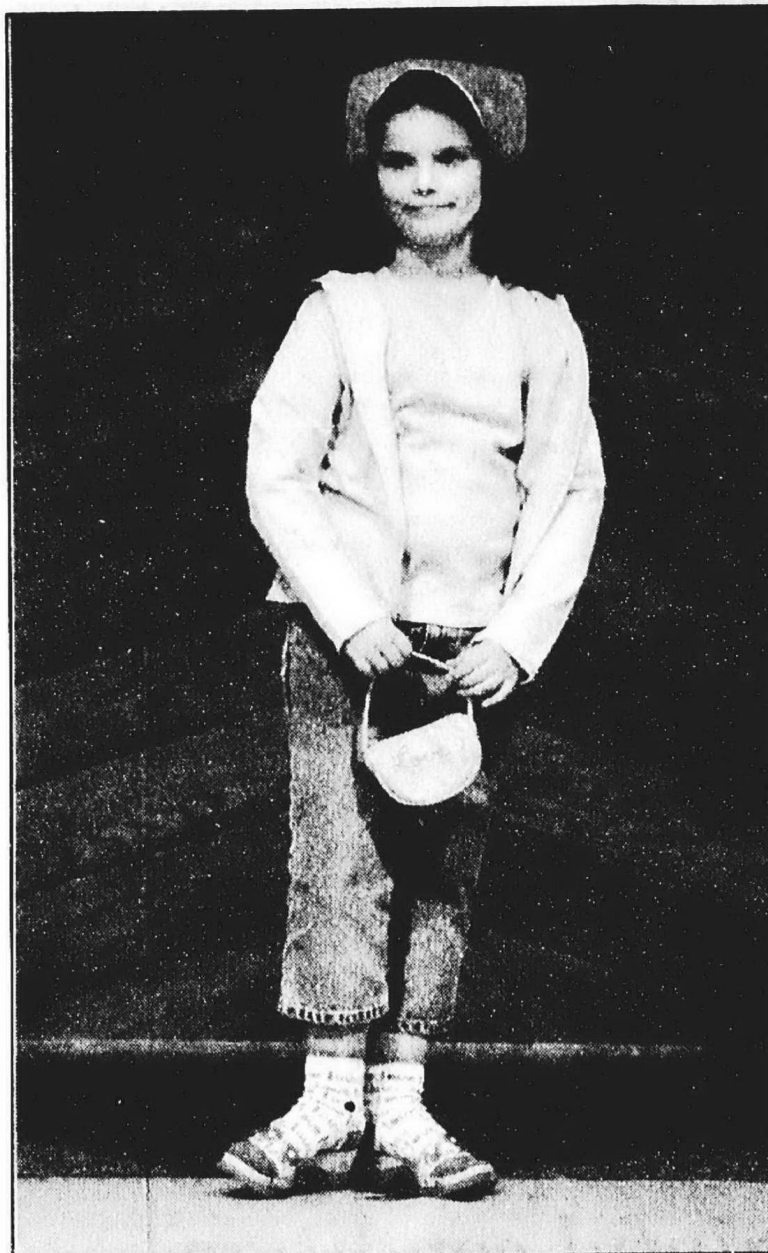
### A story to tell

The following story was delivered at the talent show by Rosemary Riley-Mondro, whose 7-year-old son Jimmy is autistic. Jimmy took part in the talent show. The story parallels the philosophy behind the group.

"A woman was walking the beach after a terrible storm. She noticed a young man ahead of her picking up starfish and throwing them into the surf. When she reached the man, she asked him why he was returning the starfish to the ocean."

"She asked, 'With millions of starfish on the beach, what difference can you make?'"

The young man smiled at the woman, reached down and picked up a starfish. Throwing it into the sea, he said, "It makes a difference to this one."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Corey Dragon of Livonia, 8, shows off the latest in kids fashion from the Gap during the "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent and fashion show Saturday.

## Locks from page A1

role toward gun safety about three months ago by providing gun safety locks to the community.

Township police purchased the first number of gun locks to start the program. However, they hoped a business or civic group would help defray future costs.

Though accidental shootings haven't occurred in Plymouth Township as in other communities, police say misuse of firearms and gun violence results in injury and death annually.

Gun locks are available free of charge with proof of residency. They are limited to two per household.

They are also available free of

charge when the person completes his new gun inspection. The Plymouth Township staff records the issuance of the gun lock for record-keeping purposes only.

Properly stored firearms kept in the home should be unloaded, locked in a gun safe, a strong box or other secured container, Senkbeil said. Secured firearms should have either a trigger lock, barrel lock or cylinder lock.

Ammunition should be stored separately from the guns, she said. Plymouth Township residents should call (734) 453-3869. The number for City of Plymouth residents is (734) 453-1234 Ext. 219.

## Brownfield from page A1

with the groundwater," said LOC attorney Richard Barr. "It moves in a trail. It started out with some soil problems, then migrated to the groundwater."

Barr also represents the owner of Plymouth Commerce Park.

He estimated about 7 to 10 of LOC's acres are contaminated. When the property was owned by Burroughs, there was some land disposal of drum materials on the north portion, Barr said.

Cleanup could cost as much as \$800,000.

"This is a little bit different problem than at Plymouth Commerce Park," Barr said. "It is more difficult to solve because it is groundwater. If you follow the groundwater back, you can find where the dumping occurred. A groundwater plume was created."

Many firms were brought in to clean up the site in the last 10 years, Barr said. Wells were placed to try to airstrip the groundwater to try to get the volatile chemicals out.

"They were at best mildly successful and the company a lot poorer," Barr said. "They have been very frustrated because of the nature of the soils. Groundwater

contaminants just don't want to be released from the soils. Five or 10 years ago people would have run for the hills. They would say, 'I'm not walking into this mess.'"

The soil contamination isn't as severe, Barr said.

The contamination issue must be dealt with when building footings and utility trenches are put in, he added.

Also at the meeting, Trustee Kay Arnold asked Plymouth Township Attorney Tim Cronin if it's possible for a company to receive both a tax abatement and brownfield authority consideration. There are tax advantages to both.

"Yes," Cronin responded. "They serve different purposes. They are different decisions by this board. They can usually qualify for both."

The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act allows municipalities to collect tax increment revenues at brownfield sites. Brownfields are abandoned, idle, or under-used industrial or commercial property where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination.

Cleanup standards are based upon property use and the actual potential for exposure to contaminants. The advantages to the township is capturing taxes so sites can be marketed and negative physical elements removed from the environment. Developers benefit because it places liability on those who caused the contamination and gives assistance to recoup cleanup costs. The end result is tax advantages for business owners so they can invest in contaminated area. That dominoes into an increase of jobs, revival of abandoned sites and a cleaner environment.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., February 15, 2001 for the following:

#### VOICE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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**THE LIBRARY'S CARD**

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following events are scheduled for February:

■ **Plymouth Writer's Club, Thursdays, Feb. 8 & 22, 7 p.m.** — Writers of all ages are invited to join others to share their work in a friendly group setting. Contact Brian Anderson, (734) 416-0418.

■ **Your Poetry Group, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1:30 p.m.** — Bring your own or others' poetry to read aloud; very short stories are also welcome. Reader's discretion is asked in the language of the works read. Contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com.

■ **Great Books, Mondays, Feb. 12 & 26, 7:15 p.m.** — Great Books is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. Meetings will continue on alternate Mondays through May. Contact Karen Berrie, (734) 453-2454.

■ **Astronomy Discussion Group, Monday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.** — Intended for ages 6 and older, participants in this group share ideas and questions on space. Contact Mike Best, (734) 459-2378, or mbest12345@aol.com.

■ **Contemporary Books Discussion Group, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.** — Copies of this month's selected title, *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, are available at the checkout desk. Contact Darlene Ursel at the library, (734) 453-0750.

■ **Brown Bag Books, Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon** — Copies of this month's selected title, *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve, are available at the checkout desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided.

**Teen events**

■ **Create your own 'Zine, Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.** — Learn from Chip Rowe, a 'zine author. Open to teens in grades 6 and higher. Register at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **After-school activity, Monday, Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.** — Create Valentine's Day gifts, with all supplies provided. Register at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Teen Advisory Board, Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.** — Teens 12 to 18 years old are invited to share ideas for future teen activities at the library. Refreshments will be provided. No registration is necessary.

Teen volunteers are needed to provide one-on-one computer tutoring in Windows 95/98, the library's electronic catalog and the Internet to adults desiring additional training. Contact Eva Davis, (734) 453-0750, ext. 230, or eva@plymouth.lib.mi.us for an application.

**Youth events**

■ **Lap-sit storytime, Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.** — A 15-minute song and rhyme time for babies 6 to 24 months old and their caregivers only. Lap-sit storytime is limited to 15 children per session. Register beginning Monday, Feb. 5 at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **Off the Page story tellers, Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.** — Stories and other activities help third- through eighth-graders explore the fun of storytelling and improve individual techniques. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or at the meeting.

■ **Midwest Wild Weather Week, Feb. 17-22** — Ten museum-quality interactive exhibits will be available for use during regular library hours. Demonstrations and hands-on activities for children aged 6 to 12 years are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, press 4, beginning Monday, Feb. 5.

■ **Home Daycare Storytime, Monday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.** — This drop-in storytime is for children aged 2 to 5 years attending home daycare. No registration is necessary.

■ **Winter Break Movies,**

**Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.** — Two great movies intended for children aged 6 to 12 years will be screened: *Tops and Bottoms*, the tale of a very clever critter, and the feature film *Davy Crockett*. No registration required.

**Library Board**

■ **Board meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.** — The Plymouth District Library Board holds its regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the library. The meeting is open to the public. Individuals with special needs who plan to attend should contact the library, (734) 453-0750, if auxiliary aids or services are needed.

**Partners** from page A1

involved Parent Teacher Organization to help with site planning and construction.

"It's an excellent opportunity for the district and township to enhance recreation opportunities for the community," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. Iabister Principal Lee Harrison was ecstatic at hearing his school was chosen for the pilot program.

"It's great news," said Harrison. "Our playground has great potential, and we look forward to developing it so it can be used after school and on weekends."

Harrison has been working on

a recreation master plan of his own. In recent years, Iabister parents have raised \$60,000 for new playground equipment and \$7,000 for drainage work behind the school.

Jim Anulewicz, township director of public services, will coordinate the pilot project with a committee consisting of Harrison, a teacher, parents and Ken Jacobs, the district's executive director of support services. Approval of the master plan will be followed by design and construction layouts, as well as recruitment of community and parent volunteers. Construction

is slated to begin sometime this summer.

Upon successful completion of the Iabister site, three additional schools located in the township will be chosen for development in 2002, with the remaining three in 2003. The other schools include Pioneer and West middle schools, as well as Allen, Bird, Farrand and Fiegel elementary schools. Anulewicz said the total project could encompass as many as 90 acres at all seven sites.

While the township has committed at least \$50,000 to each school, it has yet to be deter-

mined how much money the school district will pledge.

Mann said he is hoping Plymouth-Canton Schools will put in a like amount. Booher said it has yet to be discussed if the district will put in money, and how much, or if it will contribute in-kind services such as maintenance of the fields and lining them for games.

In previous meetings, Booher and school board members have indicated the district doesn't have money to develop the properties. That has not thwarted township officials from moving forward with the project.

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OBITUARIES

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 23, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 23, 2001. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Members Present:** Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, Yack  
**Members Absent:** McLaughlin

**Staff Present:** Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Director Santomuro, Ken Arble, Dennis Draplin, Nancy Fogarty, Laura Golles, John Hunter, Keith Lazar, Ed Olson, Rick Pomorski, Fred Pytell, Bob Sidor, Marianne Stewart, Debbie Zevalkink, Mark Schultz

Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to move Consent Calendar Item No. 9 Request for Blanket Purchase Orders for 2001 to the General Calendar Item No. 11. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Tuesday, January 9, 2001. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the minutes of the study session held Tuesday, January 16, 2001. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

General Fund	101	\$ 536,311.25	Auto Theft Grant	289	75,000.11
Fire Fund	206	60,998.15	Downtown Dev		
Police Fund	207	150,157.12	Authority	294	442.08
Summit Operating	208	139,346.48	Post Employment	296	11,522.75
Golf Fund	211	46,789.89	Benefits		
Street Lighting	219	16,608.06	Cap Proj - Road	403	25,906.91
Cable TV Fund	230	720.22	Paving		
Twp (Community)			Building Auth		
Improvement	246	61,980.91	Construction	469	53,223.34
E-911 Utility	261	18,347.99	Water & Sewer		
Auto Forfeiture			Fund	592	1,085,620.55
(WWATEE)	267	4,225.07	<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>\$ 2,287,378.67</b>
Federal Grants Fund	274	216.69			

Supervisor Yack explained that Mark Schultz has been employed with the township for ten years and is a graduate from Ferris State. He has worked in various capacities within the township including with the Evidence Technician Unit, Field Training Officer where he assisting and evaluated new hires and worked with them for sixteen weeks. He achieved Detective in 1999 and now is Sargent and takes a leadership role within the department. Some of his new duties include scheduling, briefings and training. Supervisor Yack Congratulates Sargent Schultz in his most recent promotion.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize Ken Arble, Dennis Draplin and Nancy Fogarty for twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service to the Canton and Laura Golles, John Hunter, Keith Lazar, Ed Olson, Rick Pomorski, Fred Pytell, Bob Sidor and Marianne Stewart for twenty (20) years of dedicated service to the Canton Community. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that Randy Blaylock be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term, expiring August 31, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that Gregory Demopoulos be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term, expiring August 31, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy that Catherine Johnson be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term, expiring December 31, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for Plymouth Christian Academy and permission to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution approving the preliminary site plan for Oxford Park Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to re-appropriate 2000 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

**Increase Revenues:**  
Fund Balance Appropriation #206-000-699-0000 \$232,506.00

**Increase Appropriations:**  
Capital Outlay - Equipment #206-336-977-0000 \$232,506.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to re-appropriate 2000 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2000. Motion carried by all members present.

**FLORENCE A. KELTZ**

Services for Florence A. Keltz, 84, of Plymouth were held Jan. 27 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Port Huron.

Mrs. Keltz was born April 15, 1916 in Wisconsin, and died Jan. 24 in Wayne. She was a homemaker who loved to cook and bake, especially pies and cakes. She also was a great seamstress and enjoyed playing Bingo. She formerly owned a restaurant in Port Huron and was a cook at the St. Clair County Jail in Port Huron. She was married for 40 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1990 from Port Huron.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph E. Keltz and sons Bernard, Richard and Pete.

Survivors include daughters Nancy (Ben) Bolt of Dearborn and Sue (Randy) Tubbs of Hamilton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers Jim Longrie of Washington, Roger Longrie of Milford and Terry Longrie of Sheboygan, Wisc.; and sisters Ruth Cervay of Pewaukee, Wisc., and Genevieve Opitz of Tampa, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchins.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**JAMES EDWARD POWERS, SR.**

Services for James Edward Powers, Sr., 66, of Plymouth were held Jan. 29 at The Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Richard A. Peretto officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Powers was born Feb. 9, 1934 in Plymouth and died Jan. 26 in Plymouth. He was the owner of Jim's Barber Shop on Main Street in Plymouth for 40 years before retiring in 1995. He was born and lived in Plymouth all of his life. He was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton. He loved to golf, hunt, fish, travel, play cards and liked to visit with his friends. He went to Florida for the winter, returning in the summer.

Mr. Powers was preceded in death by his son, Tommy Powers.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Powers; sons James (Trace) Jr. of Dearborn, John

(Sharon) Powers of Dexter and Jeff (Kathy) Powers of Plymouth; daughters Sheila (Rudy) Carriere of Dearborn Heights, Susan (Richard) Carlson of Niwot, Colo., and Sandra (Ryan Bass) Powers of Plymouth; 16 grandchildren; a sister, Ilene (Pat) Herriman of Plymouth; and a niece, Janet (Bud) Lamphear of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jim The Barber - Tree Planting In Parks of Plymouth.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**JAMES BENNIE GHYSELS**

Services for James Bennie Ghysels, 70, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Shinn officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mr. Ghysels was born Dec. 19, 1930 in Grand Rapids, and died Jan. 25 in Plymouth. He was a long-term care supervisor and inspected nursing homes for the State of Michigan for 11 years. He was a pharmacist at the VA hospital in Allen Park and also Northville State Hospital. He came to Plymouth in 1986 from Madison Heights. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He served in the Korean War for 16 months. He loved to travel and was a history buff. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 1954. He was a fan of University of Michigan football, loved his grandchildren and enjoyed family gatherings.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen of Plymouth; a son, Timothy (Deborah) Ghysels of Springboro, Ohio; daughters Teresa (Jeff) Sowers of Las Vegas, Nev., Beverly Johnson of Troy and Vivian (John) Brock of Troy; nine grandchildren; brothers Thomas (Marilyn) Ghysels of Whittier, Calif., and Robert (Shirley) Ghysels of Grandville; and a sister, Mary Pat Ghysels of Hastings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**MARIANNE MAJEWSKI**

Services for Marianne Majewski, 72, of Canton were held Jan. 31 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Majewski was born Feb. 2, 1928 in France and died Jan. 27 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley; a daughter, Danielle (Donald) Mogielski; sons Christian, Richard (Sandra Lee) and Robert; grandchildren Linda, Susan, Brian, Elizabeth and Melissa; great-grandchild

dren Kayla and Elexis; and brothers Joe (Martine) and Leon Niewiadomski.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

**CHARLIE D. MORROW**

Services for Charlie D. Morrow, 62, of Canton, were held Jan. 30 at the McCabe Funeral Home-Canton Chapel with the Rev. Pete Cornell officiating.

Mr. Morrow was born Jan. 4, 1939 in Grand, Ala., and died January 27 in Canton. He worked for General Motors.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Morrow; sons, Ricky (Kathleen) Morrow, and Ronald (Denise) Morrow; daughters, Kathy (Mike) Capelli, Rita Morrow and Roxanne (Robert) Lalain; 10 grandchildren; five brothers; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Homes, Inc.

**DOREEN ADELE VIVYAN**

Services for Doreen Adele Vivyan, 59, of Livonia, were held Jan. 1 at St. Edith Church in Livonia with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Vivyan was born Dec. 18, 1941 in Pennsylvania and died Jan. 27 in Farmington Hills. She was a coordinator of volunteers and administrator of various hospices for 15 years.

Survivors include her father, Adolph Dascenzo; sons Mark (Jane) and Rick; daughter, Kelly (Michael); brother, Dennis (Kathy) Dascenzo; nieces and nephews Brian, Angela and Christine; and grandchildren Erika and Terri.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Education Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements made by Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc.

**JOYCE A. LATKA**

Services for Joyce A. Latka, 73, of Canton were held Jan. 31 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mrs. Latka was born Nov. 26, 1927 in Detroit and died Jan. 27 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Chet Latka of Canton; son, William G. (Renee) Latka of Los Angeles; daughters Karen A. (Alan) Feiger of Harrison Twp., and Mary H. (Robert Heffernan) Latka of New York; son, David S. (Debbie) Latka of Milford; granddaughters Candace and Kristina Feiger; and grandson, Chase Latka.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 17117 W. 9 Mile, Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075 or by Mass offerings.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**HAROLD F. PIERCE**

Services for Harold F. Pierce, 87, of Canton were held Jan. 31 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Pierce was born March 19, 1913 in Detroit and died Jan. 27 in Southfield. He was a retired business owner in rubber products.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Pierce; son, Bud (Nancy) Pierce; daughters Andrea (Ron) Vogt and Michele (Jeff) Raykovich; sister, Angela Springer; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**MARY LOUISE PALMER**

Services for Mary Louise Palmer, 79, of Northville were held Jan. 31 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Palmer was born Oct. 30, 1921 in Coshocton, Ohio and died Jan. 29 in Northville. She lived in Northville for 45 years.

She was a member of the Nursing Association, Rotary Anna, P.T.A., United Methodist Andrews and was a church camp nurse. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking and friendship.

Mrs. Palmer was valedictorian of her high school in Coshocton and was a graduate of St. Luke Hospital of Nursing in Cleveland. She worked as a nurse at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and was a Red Cross nurse. She also worked with her husband as a secretary in the family business.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J. Palmer.

Survivors include daughters Judy Allen of Duluth, Minn., and Marie L. Short of London, Ontario; sons, Charles A. (Lynn) Palmer of Canton and Paul V. (Marie) Palmer of South Lyon; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; 47 Special Asian Sons; and 25 Special Asian Grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army-Plymouth, P.O. Box 6296, Plymouth, MI 48170 or the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on February 27, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on the adoption of a brownfield plan for property located west of Haggerty Road, north of Plymouth Road and immediately south of the C & O Railroad line (containing approximately 26 acres) in the Charter Township of Plymouth Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. Maps, plats and a description of the brownfield plan are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. All aspects of the brownfield plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTICE**  
**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

A regular meeting of the HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

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# Senate threatens subpoenas in airport investigation

BY MIKE MALOTT  
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The state Senate upped the ante in its review of the business practices of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, announced in a Capitol press conference Tuesday the appointment of members of a new committee to investigate contracts and the competitive bidding process at the airport.

And this time, he is willing to give the committee subpoena power.

DeGrow said he has not yet introduced a resolution granting subpoena power to the committee, but will if auditors and investigators do not receive more cooperation from Wayne County administrators and airport officials than they have in the past.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has argued previously that officials there are being cooperative, but that auditors often ask for large amounts of documentation, often from several years back, requiring airport officials to dig through large



Investigating: Senate Majority Leader Dan. L. DeGrow announces formation of a committee to investigate Wayne County's Metro Airport. With him are committee members, left to right, Sens. Leon Stille and Glenn Steil.

amounts of paperwork to uncover the information. And the auditors ask for it immediately, he has said.

"You know cooperation when

you see it," DeGrow countered. "The Auditor General knows when it is getting cooperation. We are not talking about a one-time occurrence. We are talking

about deliberate delays over a period of time. There is no doubt we are not getting cooperation. That is indisputable."

DeGrow said airport officials have responded to document requests with delays or providing partial documents, incomplete documents or no documents at all. But he said they would get another chance.

"I believe in redemption ... but the threat of subpoena power needs to be there," he said.

### Criminal violation

If subpoena power is eventually granted to the committee, a failure to turn over documents would become a criminal violation.

Lester Robinson, Wayne County airports director, said that, because the airport "would welcome an impartial and professional investigator and an opportunity to work with him in a fair and open forum," subpoena power "would obviously not be necessary. Our books and records are open.

"The preliminary reviews conducted thus far have created much innuendo and left too many loose ends dangling," Robinson continued. "After all, none of these reports have been professional audits according to government auditing standards.

"We would view an impartial investigator as an opportunity to tell our side of the story ... hopefully, in an environment free of politics," he said.

The new Senate committee will be authorized to review airport business practices through the end of the year, but DeGrow

did not say what possible action might result then. "I don't want to prejudice our review," he said. But he left open the possibility of a call then for regionalization of the airport or a takeover by the state government.

Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, was named the new committee's chair. Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, round out the GOP side of the panel. Minority Leader John Cherry, D-Clio, is expected to name two Democrats to the panel as well, DeGrow said.

### 'First impression'

"I want to respond to what you've read in the papers," Steil said. "Metro Airport has been compared to the worst airport in the nation. It has been compared to Bangladesh," Steil said. "This airport is the first impression that people have of the state when they come here."

McNamara has said the airport review was politically motivated.

DeGrow said his goal was to "depoliticize the airport and make sure it is competently operated."

The Senate majority leader also said an outside investigator has been hired by the Senate to assist in the review: Brian Moeller, a former captain with the Port Huron police department.

"I chose him because I know him and I trust him," DeGrow said.

Moeller is qualified because he

has experience sifting through large amounts of documentation to review information. "That is what police do in fraud investigations," DeGrow said. "I'm not saying there is anything criminal here, just mismanagement and incompetence."

Among the problems uncovered by auditors so far is a lack of "requests for proposals" in the letting of contracts for airport services. One-sixth of all contracts, auditors have found, were let without RFPs and more than half of all files contain "no evidence" that RFPs were actually ever published. "Thirteen of 15 concession and service contracts were routinely renewed without being re-bid.

DeGrow also said that in some contracts, businesses were given incentives for early completion of the projects, but paid extra when the work took longer than expected.

Contracts at the airport often were found to be as much as 30 percent over budget. In some cases, contractors were 100 percent over budget, auditors told the Senate.

When it comes to construction at the airport, earlier review found that almost 90 percent of contractors varied from the budgeted amount. While some came in as much as 20 percent under budget, others were 178 percent over budget.

McNamara has accused the state of conducting a witch-hunt, and said the investigation into airport finances is politically motivated.

## 2 area residents will serve on Friends of Rouge board

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Two western Wayne County residents have been elected to leadership positions within the Friends of the Rouge environmental group.

Chester R. Marvin of Redford Township is the new treasurer while Paul Daniel of Livonia has joined the board of directors.

Marvin serves with the Friends' new president, former treasurer Michael G. Darga of Northville. Other officers are Don A. Griffin of Dearborn and Karen Lawrence Shaw of Ann Arbor, who were re-elected vice president and secretary, respectively.

Daniel, a reliability engineer with Ford Motor Co. in Dear-

born, joins Larry Fitch of Trenton and Jeffrey Holler of Ortonville as board members. Fitch is Wayne County's deputy director of parks while Holler is an environmental planner for the Oakland County drain commission.

Marvin, a technician at General Motors Powertrain in Romulus, has been a Friends board member since 1988, two years after the group was formed. In 1999, he became the first Friends member to receive the United Auto Workers' Bernie Firestone Labor Volunteer Award for his efforts in behalf of the Friends.

Darga, a design engineer for the Wayne County public services department, has been a Friends board member since

1991 and its treasurer since 1993.

Griffin, a retired math and science consultant, was instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Rouge Education Project, which gives elementary, middle and high school students in metropolitan Detroit hands-on experience in testing Rouge River water quality.

Lawrence, who joined the board a year ago, is a resource planner with Tilton & Associates, an Ann Arbor environmental consulting firm.

Friends of the Rouge annually conducts the volunteer Rouge Rescue river cleanup.

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### Debate on high school healthy for community

Since the day it was first publicly talked about more than four years ago, Plymouth High School has generated as much heat as light. From the controversial ballot issue - passed by 96 votes and then contested via lawsuit - to its placement at the P-CEP campus to its new name, controversy has swirled around a building that won't even see a student until fall 2002.

So it really isn't a surprise that actual building construction is generating yet another battle - this time between school district officials, adjacent residents and members of the Canton Township Planning Commission.

Residents in Canton's North Pointe subdivision have been vocal for months about what they see as design flaws in the school property, mainly the placement of a lighted junior varsity football field. "If you stand in the second story of my home, it will be like looking down at Wrigley Field, we'll be able to watch the game," Terry Chen, a spokeswoman for the homeowners, said last December.

The criticisms have prompted school officials to move the field 60 feet eastward and make other proposed changes including a fence to prevent neighboring yards from being trampled. The district says the changes will cost it \$340,000.

Neighbors have taken their complaints to the planning commission and will undoubtedly voice their opinions when the plans go before the Canton Township Board of Trustees next month. But under state law, the local boards have little say in school construction and municipal approval isn't required.

Canton planners have been publicly critical of the school district, rejecting the site plan on Jan. 8 and blasting schools officials as "arrogant" for not working more closely with residents.

Chen's comparison to Wrigleyville is

apt. It took years of negotiations before Major League Baseball was allowed to install lights and play night games at the famed Chicago ballpark. Some residents in the established, surrounding neighborhood still chafe at the change. In the Canton community, construction of a high school is pretty much the largest use with the most impact on

neighbors outside a factory or a high-rise. And factories don't usually abut land that is zoned for residential use.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Kathleen Booher last week

pledged to continue to work with residents and Canton officials and said the district would attempt to be more forthcoming with neighbors when school construction projects are in the early planning stages. But Booher insisted that township officials were aware all along of plans for the high school site and that sniping between all parties has done little to move the project forward in a constructive way. "I believe there's a way to bring this together if we can get away from the misstatements and misconceptions, and keep communicating with the township," she said.

While the talks surrounding the school site have at times been heated, the Observer believes they served a valid purpose. Construction of the school and athletic field was never in doubt. But it's unlikely any significant changes would have been considered without such staunch opposition by neighbors to the original plan. The new plan may not make everyone happy. Compromises never do.

The end result is a project where all sides had input and learned some valuable lessons. That's not as insignificant as some would have us believe.

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### There's plenty of time to debate CCW petition issue, but only if it's on the ballot

The Michigan Legislature passed last year legislation requiring local gun boards to issue permits to carry concealed weapons to everybody who applies, is age 21 or older, free of mental illness, has a clean criminal record and is willing to go through the necessary training.

The measure has been very controversial. Some people think it will dramatically increase the number of folks wandering around with permits to carry concealed weapons and, thus, the number of innocent people who are going to get shot.

Others contend that "an armed society is a polite society" and that an evil-doer will be deterred by worry that lots of folks will be carrying concealed weapons.

Now a group called People Who Care About Kids Committee, headed by Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, is circulating petitions to put the law to a referendum vote of the people. They need to submit more than 151,000 valid signatures of registered voters by March 27 to put the measure to a statewide vote, although they're aiming for far more.

There are good reasons to put this legislation to a vote. In fact, we urge interested readers to sign the petitions.

When the "shall issue" CCW legislation to take discretion to issue permits out of the hands of local gun boards was originally proposed, it provoked great public outcry, in large part from the shooting incident at Columbine High School in Colorado. So our legislative leaders pulled the legislation back, hoping public interest would wane.

It did, and so supporters waited until the lame-duck session of the legislature last year to bring the legislation back. While the public was more interested in seeing what happened in the presidential election recounts and Christmas shopping, legislators rushed the bill to passage.

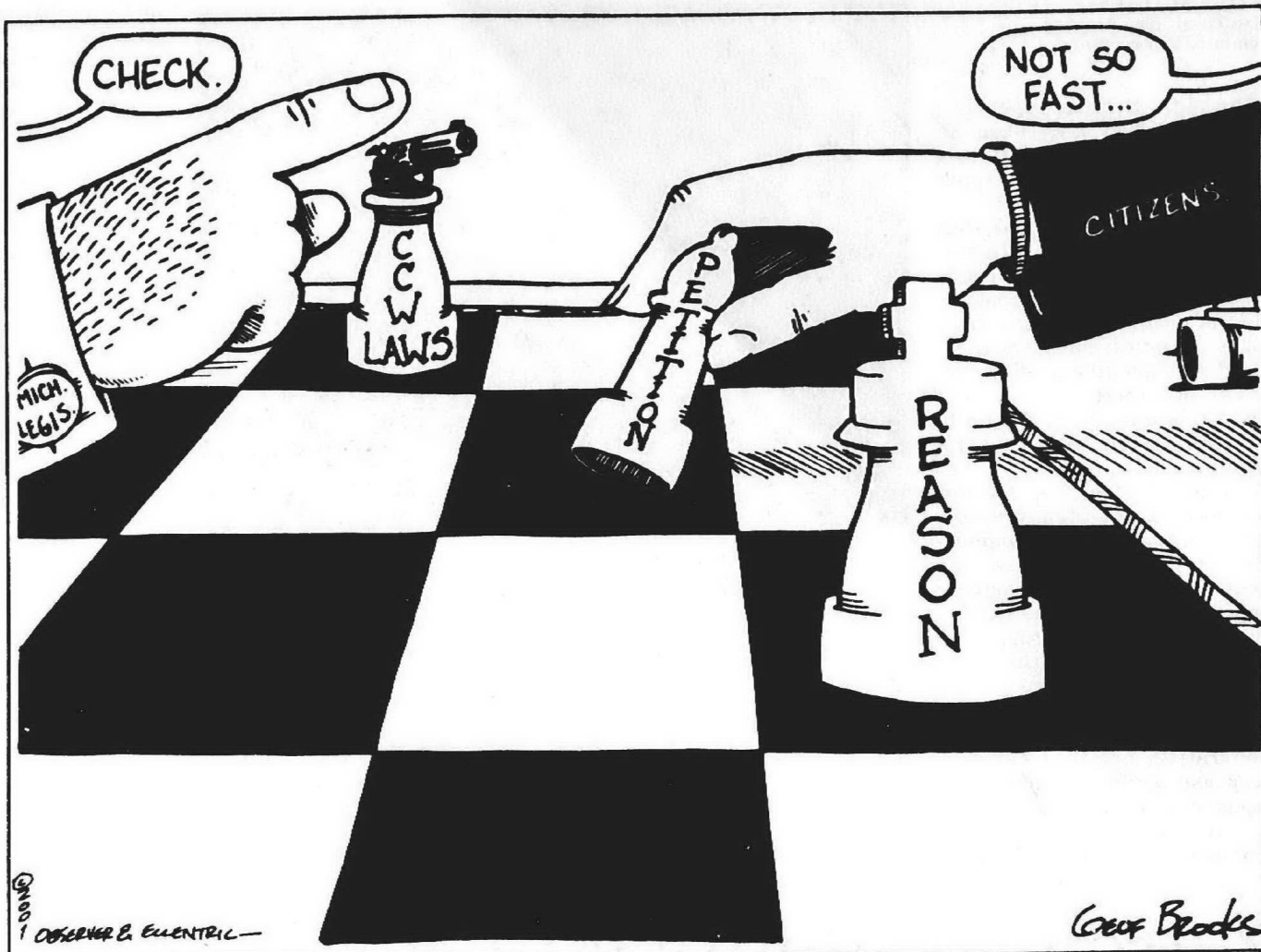
If this wasn't enough, legislators dreamed up a little trick to try to make the legislation immune to referendum.

Because the Constitution says appropriation bills are not subject to referendum, lawmakers tacked on \$1 million in spending in an attempt to block any petition drive. Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, and former Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, admitted that was the purpose of the allocation.

Sneaking important legislation through a lame-duck session of the legislature is bad enough. Lame-duck sessions are intended to clean up legislative business that has been overtaken by an election, not to hide controversial legislation from public notice. But dreaming up a fancy gimmick designed to prevent the public from considering the merits of legislation at referendum shows scant regard for the democratic process.

There will be plenty of time to debate whether the CCW legislation that lawmakers have passed is good or bad, but only if the drive to put the measure to statewide referendum succeeds. We urge readers to sign.

Those who wish to sign the petition can contact the committee by phone at (313) 224-KIDS or over the Internet at <http://www.peoplewhocareaboutkids.com>.



## LETTERS

### Take issue on CCW

In Mike Malott's Jan. 4 column and Ron McCaffery's letter to the editor statements are made concerning the case of CCW laws not having benefit. I would direct you to John Lott's book, *More Guns, Less Crime*, which in a county-by-county breakdown lays out the effects of CCW laws in the over 30 states that have gone to "shall issue."

Lott stated in a 1998 interview that "For each additional year that a concealed handgun law is in effect the murder rate declines by 3 percent, rape by 2 percent, and robberies by over 2 percent." ([www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/493636.html](http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/493636.html))

In a debate with Douglas Weil, director of research for Handgun Control Inc., Lott stated that: "First, there is a very close relationship between the number of permits issued in a state and the decline in violent crime rates. Those states that issue the most permits have had the largest drops in violent crime, and over time as more permits are issued there is a continued drop in violent crime." ([www.time.com/time/community/transcripts/chatt070198.html](http://www.time.com/time/community/transcripts/chatt070198.html))

We have seen this here in Michigan, in Macomb county. When Macomb went to a "shall issue" format several years ago, their violent crime rate began dropping faster than the rest of the state's.

As far as Mr. McCaffery's suggestion that there will be "additional gun-related violence and death," has he seen any references in the other shall issue states to support this? Though I have found references to CCW holders coming to the aid of police officers, I have not found references to CCW holders being a major risk. In fact, if one looks at a report from the National Center for Policy Analysis, concerning Texans with CCW permits, as discussed in their news release of Aug. 9, 2000, found at [www.ncpa.org/press/nr080900a.html](http://www.ncpa.org/press/nr080900a.html)

Texans who exercise their right to carry firearms are 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for a violent offense. They are 14 times less likely to be arrested for a non-violent offense. They are 1.4 times less likely to be arrested for murder.

Hardly sounds like CCW holders are a threat to the general population, indeed they are more law abiding. What would you expect from someone who would have to undergo a background check, a medical records check, a training program, and a personal appearance before the gun board.

**Dennis Kabaczy**  
Canton

### Gun figures wrong

Response to Ron McCaffery on statements by Mike Malott, Jan. 18, 2001.

You say that in 1999, 1,097 Michigan residents were killed by guns. That count is not correct and not verifiable (in the words of Mike Malott). How many are gang-related or drug-related or justifiable police shootings? Don't lump all killings in a category they were committed by law-abiding citizens with CCW's.

Mr. Malott doesn't have his facts straight. If he was an investigative reporter, he would have all the information he would need on the 31 states with "shall issue" permits. It's all on the Internet. Crime has decreased 15-25 percent in the "shall issue" states, but the liberal press will not print the truth about lawful CCW permit hold-

### Use headlights more

Why do drivers operate their vehicles with no headlights on before day light/sun rise? My investigation reveals that the booklet of "What Every Driver Must Know" covers in Chapter 5 - Emergencies and Special Situations "Using the Headlights" copy on Page 2.

Headlights must be turned on one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise, and at other times when visibility is reduced. Also, use low beam headlights when it is foggy, raining or snowing during the day.

Headlights must be turned on any time there is not enough daylight to see people and vehicles clearly at 500 feet. It is illegal to drive a vehicle with only parking lights on at times when the law says to use headlights.

The first paragraph seems to loose the importance of headlight operation especially during the winter months when we have gray skies, snow, rain and fog.

The second paragraph is not being adhered to by many drivers who do not put their low beam headlights during low-visibility daytime hours.

Suggestion:  
It is obvious for safety reasons "Headlights must be turned on one half hour BEFORE sunset until one half hour AFTER sunrise, and at other times when visibility is reduced. Also, use low beam headlights when it is foggy, raining or snowing during the day."

I also suggest that the headlights must be on whenever the windshield wipers are operating. New cars are built with this feature whenever the state requests it, such as in Florida.

All of these conditions could be fixed with a law specifying that all new vehicles built and sold and registered in the State of Michigan after Jan. 1, 2001, must have approved daytime running lights.

**John E. Sterling**  
Livonia

### Change the law

In this day and age of big business mergers, consolidations and high finance, there should be a concern about preventing big business conglomerates from operating outside of what is fair and just.

Insurance companies providing medical coverage for your family and mine do not have standard regulations controlling their payment of physician bills. In other words, when you or I receive a bill from a credit card debt or for our mortgage payment, we are expected to pay in a timely fashion or a surcharge, interest rate or penalty is added to the amount due. Generally speaking in a world where ideally we should be treated equally in the arena of responsible bill payment, our responsibilities are met on time. The fact that insurance companies can

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### Hosed on gas

On Jan. 25 I traveled to Lansing, where I found the majority of gas stations selling unleaded 87 octane fuel for \$1.29.9 per gallon throughout the city.

At the time of my departure from Plymouth and subsequent return on the same day, I found the same gas price to be on the average \$1.62.9 per gallon.

What's wrong with this picture? I now have a small sense of understanding why state government's elected officials have a problem identifying with high gasoline prices!

**Roger L. Kehrier**  
Plymouth

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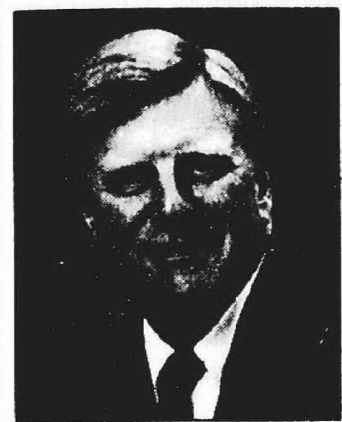


## Engler's hybrid U boards deserve consideration

After 11 years in office, Gov. John Engler certainly isn't afraid to reshuffle the political deck. In this week's State of the State speech, the governor makes two far-reaching proposals. He thinks Michigan Supreme Court Justices should be appointed, not elected as they are now. And he wants to change the structure of the boards of the Big Three universities - University of Michigan,

Michigan State and Wayne State - by adding to the currently elected eight-member boards seven bipartisan appointees.

Engler's views on appointing Supreme Court Justices are likely to draw the most media and political interest. But his suggestions for statewide education posts are equally important



Phil Power

and should not be overlooked. (Readers should know that I served as a Regent of the U-M for 11 years, so I'm either biased or well informed - or both! - on this subject.)

Plainly, Michigan's great research universities are among our crown jewels, dead center in any effort to diversify our economy by transferring discoveries from laboratories into the rapidly growing high tech sector. But universities are subtle and complex places, institutions where poor board governance can wreak havoc in a short time, as anybody who has followed the history of MSU knows full well.

Michigan's current method of picking board members leaves a lot to be desired.

First, they're elected statewide in November elections in even numbered years, which virtually guarantees no voter has any idea who is running or what the candidates' qualifications or views might be. Result: The election outcome is not much more than a crap shoot. Candidates win if their party does well in that particular election or if they're female (women tend to run at least 100,000 votes ahead of men).

Second, candidates get on the ballot by nomination at the Republican and Democratic state conventions. But as a practical matter, potential candidates from both parties are subject to litmus tests at convention time. Republicans have to be anti-abortion enough to satisfy Right to Life, while Democrats have to favor organized labor and affirmative action for both minorities and women.

Third, as a result of both these problems, increasingly few able and experienced candidates

are willing to undergo litmus-like scrutiny during the nomination process only to emerge into an election with an entirely random outcome. I've personally spent hundreds of hours trying to recruit candidates; believe me, it's a tough job.

Engler's proposal gets at this problem in an imaginative way. He retains the existing eight elected board slots - a good idea that maintains universities' independent Constitutional status and subjects board members to the scrutiny of the people during elections. But he adds seven bipartisan appointed members - no more than four of

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any one party - to create a kind of hybrid board of 15. The idea is to use the appointment method to recruit men and women of unusual experience and talent who otherwise could not be persuaded to undergo the thrash of running for a university board.

Of course, there are objections to an idea as far-reaching as this. But upon scrutiny, each fails.

A 15-member board is too large, some will claim. Nonsense. Most corporate boards run from 10-20 members, which allows boards to develop a committee system that helps members develop specialized knowledge of important subject.

Those who resent Gov. Engler's fierce partisanship will object on principle to gubernatorial appointments. However, Engler's proposal is specifically designed to take effect only after he leaves office. Moreover, the four-three party balance required of appointees immunizes against concerns that adding appointed board members might result in an excessively partisan board.

The most common objection will be "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." In my view, this fails because it accepts the present flawed system as the best we can do. I know of no university board that would not benefit enormously from the addition of serious, committed, responsible and experienced members - precisely the kinds of people who would be attracted to serve higher education and the people of Michigan through an appointment process.

Engler's proposal deserves serious consideration, not knee-jerk rejection.

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## Ethics have to be part of the mission in covering news

Newspapers serve some specific purposes, especially in a town like Plymouth, where a community newspaper is frequently the only source of detailed information for residents.

Newspapers are the watchdogs of government, letting readers know how tax dollars are being spent, what ordinances are being enacted, what government officials stand for. They record for posterity the happenings of high school sports teams, of school boards and the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

What newspapers are not supposed to do is become part of the news. There are notable exceptions. When reporters for both of Detroit's daily newspapers went out on strike, they became part of the news. Locally, when the Community Crier was going through a change in ownership, that became news, mostly because of the reputation and standing in the community of the man who owned it.

Naturally, employees of the newspaper are part of the community; for instance, the publisher of the Plymouth Observer is a longtime resident of Plymouth Township. And they frequently serve on committees, belong to Rotary or Kiwanis, or perform at Chamber of Commerce functions.

But from a news-gathering perspective, for the most part, newspapers report the news, they don't make it. We cover the readers' world.

Yet here were several television stations and a radio station, coming to town to report on a story they'd read in a daily newspaper about the Crier offering a ridiculous amount of money for information on illicit activities having anything to do with city hall.

Talk about your slow news days. The TV stations reported the "story" in differing degrees. One attempted to be balanced, talking to the editor of the newspaper in question, then getting the city's side of it. Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur appropriately pointed out in one report that the publisher has a lawsuit potentially worth \$100 million pending against the very city about which he is trying to obtain information.

Another reporter could scarcely contain his skepticism and didn't even bother mentioning the lawsuit. That report included interviews on the street with two women, neither of whom appeared to know anything about the cash offer.

At least one station managed to talk to an expert in the field about the ethics of the idea of offering cash for information. And that's what this

story should really be about. The publisher claims paying for information is done all the time, and it's a handy way to go about getting information.

"This is an effective technique for getting information," the publisher said.

He might have trouble finding support for his point, except from the publishers of *National Enquirer* and similar sensationalistic tabloids.

"It's the perfect example of tabloid checkbook journalism," said Fred Brown, the national chairman of the ethics committee for the Society of Professional Journalists. "If it's news, you shouldn't have to pay for it. To me, when a paper does that, it puts itself on a lower plane than the people it's trying to attack. It's kind of a lazy way to get news."

The SPJ's Code of Ethics actually warns newspapers to "be wary of sources offering information in exchange for money or favors" and to "avoid bidding for news." It goes on to urge other journalists to "expose unethical practices of journalists and the news media."

The offer itself isn't the only troubling aspect of this sordid situation. Just as grave a cause for concern is the type of information being sought, including dirt about questionable or inappropriate conduct and violations of constitutional rights.

There's no \$10,000 offer for "feel good" stories such as businesses helping the homeless, or average everyday heroes trying to live the good life in their hometowns. That only serves to perpetuate an all-too-frequent image of journalists as a whole.

"We always assume it's not news unless it's negative, and that's an attitude that gets us in a lot of trouble, not just with officials, but with the people we're supposed to be informing," SPJ's Brown said. "It's always about what's wrong, and not what could possibly be done to fix the situation."

Paying for questionable details is a suspect practice. Newspapers use a variety of generally accepted means to get information for stories.

Opening up a checkbook isn't among them, no matter what a businessman with deep pockets and an axe to grind tells you.

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## Granholt for governor just one of McNamara's tricks

Hardy, har-har. Ed McNamara must have been laughing in his pint of Guinness after playing jokes on the media twice in one week.

First, McNamara, now 74, floated the notion he would run in 2002 for a fifth term as Wayne County executive. He'd be 80 by the time he completed that term. Guess he wants to give that ol' Strom Thurmond a run for the antiquarian title.

As county executive,

McNamara has had an air of cronyism about him in the letting of contracts. But he has vision and, on balance, has been a credit to public service. Where others saw county government as an employment agency for minor

UAW officials, McNamara saw it as a tool for economic growth (airport), a provider of day recreation (the park system) and an engine in the war on poverty (public buses into the suburbs).

But how long does the guy need to stay in office?

And isn't an executive supposed to groom his successor? McNamara has had several potential successors who somehow have stepped out - Mike Duggan, Dave Kats, Cameron Priebe, among others. In a county of 2.5 million, isn't one person capable of succeeding him?

Second, McNamara encouraged state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to run for governor.

If you want to control casting for an actress who can play an attorney, Granholm would be your choice. No wonder. She studied acting in college (just like Geoffrey Fieger) and wears makeup so skillfully that you're never conscious of it.

But her credentials are slender.

As an assistant U.S. prosecutor, Granholm says she handled 150 or so convictions. But how many went to trial? Five or six? Most criminal cases are settled by plea bargains, so we have no idea how good a trial lawyer she is.

Her 1998 opponent had experience as a trial lawyer and in the state and federal appeals courts and supreme courts. Granholm never mentioned her appellate experience - if any.

Ed McNamara, county exec until he's 80? Ha, ha, ha. Jennifer Granholm, governor? Ho, ho, ho.

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As corporation counsel (chief civil counsel) for Wayne County, her office lost a case in the State Supreme Court to a homeowners group called TACT that challenged the county's real estate transfer tax. When I reported the county had lost, Granholm wrote a letter to this newspaper saying she did not choose to view the high court's unanimous decision as a loss. Wrong. She lost, and the county had to pay back to home sellers a bunch of tax money.

Granholm hired a private law firm to handle a McNamara suit against Gov. John Engler. The Court of Appeals bounced it back, saying the suit was filed in the wrong trial court.

Granholm ran for attorney general promising consumers, "I'll take your case." It was a good talk. But when the State Police hid pistol records from Fred Mager despite his Freedom of Information Act request, Granholm was on the police state's side before the Supreme Court.

When Midwestern Audit Services requested certain types of traffic reports, the State Police blacked out key facts, Granholm was on the police state's side.

In contrast, consider U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. When the FBI lost a criminal case at the appellate level and wanted to go the U.S. Supreme Court, Reno had the guts to refuse. The FBI hired a law professor from Utah for its bad case and lost.

When reporters sought comment on McNamara's gubernatorial ploy, Granholm was unavailable, and her PR guy handled the questions. Could it be because she has a 3-year-old toddler?

There's one Wayne County political trick McNamara hasn't played: An office holder files early for a new term to discourage competitors. His deputy files. A day after the filing deadline, the officeholder withdraws, leaving his deputy a clear field.

Consider this 2002 scenario: McNamara files for exec, Granholm also files, McNamara withdraws, and Granholm gets some hard-ball governmental experience. That makes better sense than the jokes McNamara is playing on the media.

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# Senate avoids vote on pay raises

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State lawmakers will receive their pay raises, 36 percent this year, due to a lack of action by the state Senate.

Senators adjourned after only 20 minutes in session Tuesday without taking a vote on the raises. It was the last practical chance to reject the wage hikes, and under rules outlined in the state Constitution, increases recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission automatically go into effect unless two-thirds of both chambers of the legislature vote to reject them.

Despite the introduction of a resolution by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, and an overwhelming vote in the House of

Representatives last week to reject the raises, senators did not call for a vote.

In December, the SOCC voted to hand pay hikes to state officials ranging from 13 to 36 percent. Representative, senators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and justices of the state Supreme Court are all in line for wage boosts.

According to the staff aide Aaron Keesler, Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, has gone on record saying he believes that legislators are underpaid and deserved an increase.

"In fact, he appeared before the SOCC in December to testify that they should get the increase," Keesler said.

But DeGrow has not yet taken a position on proposals made to change the SOCC or the pay-setting process. Resolutions that

have been introduced in both of the Senate and House to require an affirmative vote from lawmakers to take increases before they can take effect.

Peters, for instance, has offered an amendment that would require a vote for any pay hike over the cost of living. State representative have proposed requiring a vote, and therefore putting legislators on record, for any increase in salary.

Any such change to the SOCC would require a constitutional amendment and therefore a vote on the election ballot. Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has scheduled hearings before the senate Government Operations Committee on proposed changes to the SOCC system for later this week in Lansing. Such a ballot question could not be

placed before voters until November of 2002.

Salaries for senators and representatives will jump from \$56,981 to \$77,400 this year. The governor will get an extra 14 percent, taking him to \$172,000. The lieutenant governor gets 19 percent, moving him to \$120,400. Justices of the Supreme Court get 13 percent more, boosting them to \$159,960.

Because other judges' salaries, in the lower courts, are based on a percentage of the justices' income, the pay hike will change their income as well. Retirement accounts for senators and representatives are based on their final salary figure.

Twenty seven senators are currently in their final term under term limits and cannot run for their seats again in 2002.

## Magazine gives Michigan government a high A-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 /PRNewswire/ -- In a report released today by The Maxwell School at Syracuse University and Governing magazine, Michigan received an overall grade of A- (up from the state's grade of B+ two years ago) on how well it manages the government systems that deliver public services. Published in Governing's February 2001 issue and funded by

The Pew Charitable Trusts, the landmark report is based on a comprehensive survey of government management in all 50 states. Governing published a similar report in February 1999.

Dale Jones, director of the Government Performance Project at The Maxwell School, commented, "With this report, state officials and citizens can identify the management systems that

are working well and areas that need improvement. States can also use the report to learn from each other, adapting good ideas that result in higher performance to their own systems."

Michigan is one of only three states to achieve an average of A- in the five categories covered by the GPP. The other two are Utah and Washington. "While we wish that there wasn't so

much attention paid to the grades generated by the GPP, there's little question that Michigan has earned its high average," says Katherine Barrett, special projects editor for Governing. "While there's room for improvement in all five categories we covered, there's no question that the state is at or near the top of the pack in all of them."

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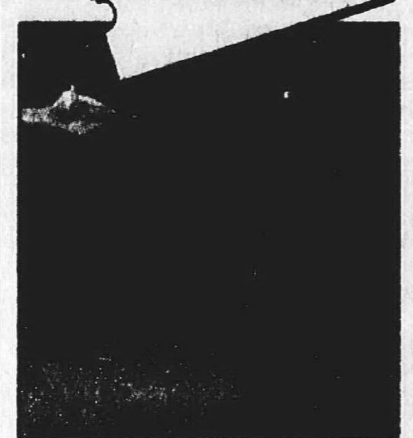
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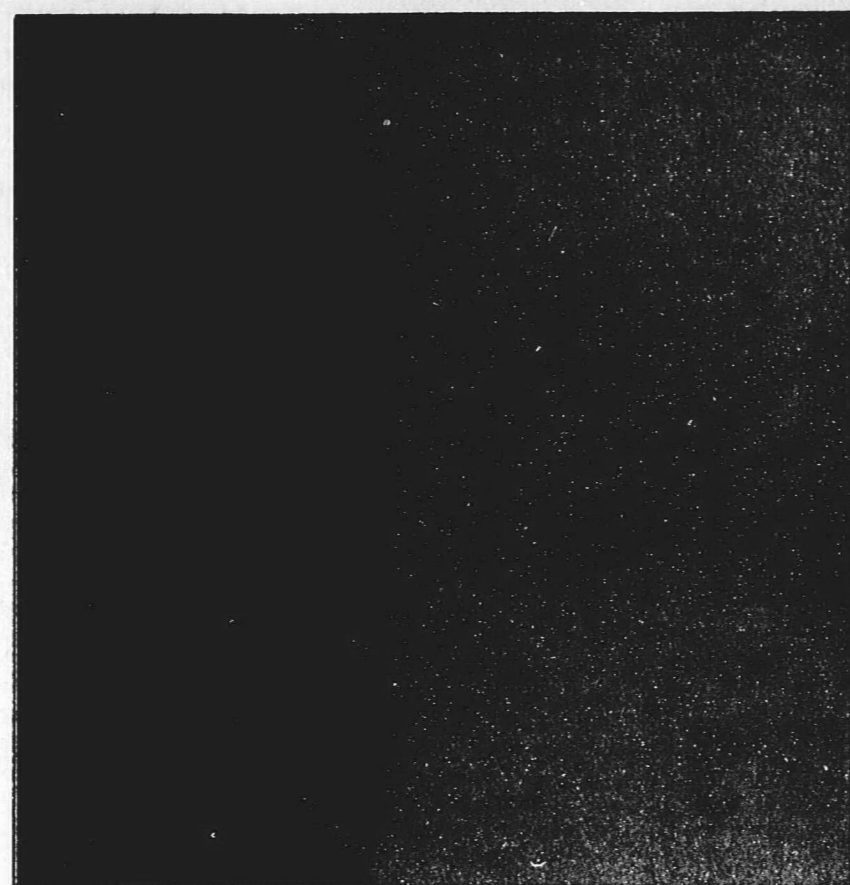


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**HOT**



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre with the Rudy Hawkins Singers gives four full-length performances and one hour-long family show featuring pieces by Ailey, including "Revelations," Judith Jamison and other choreographers at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit through Sunday, Feb. 4. Call the University Musical Society box office, (734) 764-2538; the Detroit Opera House, (313) 237-7464; or Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666 for performance times ticket information.



In the blue: Neil Olliviera will present his collection, titled *Black Buildings*, for the first time Saturday, Feb. 3 at CPOP Gallery in Detroit.

## CPOP mixes music and art with latest exhibit

Electronic revisited: Photographer Joe Vaughn will show his work from the Detroit Electronic Music Festival.

## FUSING SIGHT AND SOUND

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Some of the best ideas arise purely from coincidence. When Carrie Hazel noticed her neighbor wandering out of his downtown Detroit apartment with "large vats of blue paint," she couldn't help but wonder what he was up to. The assistant director at CPOP Gallery in Detroit, Hazel knew this particular neighbor - Neil Olliviera - as a pioneering force in the Detroit electronic music scene. He worked as label manager for Derrick May's Transmat and in 1996 began the Detroit Escalator Co., releasing his critically acclaimed concept album *soundtrack (313)* on Ferox Records. The *Braille EP* and a compilation titled *Excerpts* followed. While Hazel, a West Bloomfield native, had heard such works in progress wafting from a window below, she never expected to find, alongside the keyboards, monitors and audio equipment, a collection of original paintings.

"They're huge, 5 by 7 feet," exclaimed Hazel of his art - all set in shades of blue. "One piece is 12 feet long. It's actually like you're looking up at a building, a skyscraper."

**Music melds canvas, film**  
Olliviera's *Black Buildings* - both a recording project due on Lon-

don-based Peacfrog Records this spring and a series of recently completed paintings - sparked a new exhibit for the gallery. Fusing visual renditions inspired by techno with paintings and photographs that examine and celebrate the city, a brand new exhibit features the collected works of Olliviera, Ron Zakrin and Joe Vaughn. The exhibit begins 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and runs through Sunday, Feb. 25.

For Olliviera, the opening begins the first exhibition of his paintings, which show a dimensional view of urbanism through solid blocks of color, overlapping in both depth and form. He's excited, to say the least. "It's a blessing to be able to work around the clock doing something you love to do," he said. "When I finished, it was as if I was released from a year-long hypnotic state." Without much experience in the art industry, Olliviera had been offered other opportunities to show his work, but he declined until now. "They're very down-to-earth, straightforward people and they'd shown a genuine interest in what I was doing," he said of the gallery. "They get tons of submissions all the time from many other reputable

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What: The art of Neil Olliviera, Ron Zakrin and photographs of the Detroit Electronic Music Festival by Joe Vaughn. When: 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Where: CPOP Gallery, 4180 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For information: Call (313) 833-9901.

### Flashback Touches

Neil Olliviera shares his impressions on showing his paintings for the first time... "I'm overwhelmed, to say the least. I remember putting the last strokes to the last piece in the exhibition. I stepped back from the painting in my overalls and stood there listening to it in the silence of the room, testing its effect on my mood. Only then, when I acknowledged that it was finished and that there was no more work in front of me, only then did I pull out of my trance to look around my studio and realize that I had completely destroyed the joint over the last year. The refrigerator, the stove, the television set, my audio recording gear, the computer, the keyboards, the mixing board, the monitors - everything has a film of blue paint dust coating it like a second skin... To tell you the truth, I haven't had time to digest the situation and examine my feelings about the opening, other than to say I'm definitely excited. I'm looking forward to the party, and I'm looking forward to thanking my friends and family and associates for their support."

## Clap, Bang! STOMP bursts back into Detroit

BY LANA MINI  
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Boom! flick, swish, crash, clap, tap, clap... Tromping to the beat of Zippo's, brooms and plungers STOMP has swept into Detroit again.

And as always, expect each show at the Fisher Theatre to be sold-out or darn close to it.

"It's one of our biggest hits," Fisher Theatre spokeswoman Shirl Harris said. "It ranks up there in patron requests along with *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miz*. So, we made sure STOMP came back."

The show at the Fisher, running through Sunday, Feb. 4, is the same percussion creation, with the exception of a few changed members, as its last Detroit appearance two years ago.

### A hit

"There are so many people who will see STOMP for a second time and many who still haven't seen this particular performance," Harris said. "It will be a hit."

For those who have yet to be STOMP-ed, the cast of young performers creates music from everyday items. "We make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on that makes a sound," Luke Creswell, STOMP co-founder and director said. "Stiff-bristle brooms become a sweeping orchestra, Zippo lighters flip open and close to create a fiery fugue."

STOMP uses everything they can imagine except regular instruments. That's what makes STOMP, well, stomp. Boots, trash cans, plastic bags and hubcaps make the music.

STOMP's success hasn't seemed to

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Feel the beat: Lively and fun, STOMP makes the ordinary sound extraordinary.

## MUSIC

# Outstanding musicians bring Dixieland to Livonia

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Feb. 11 is a little too early to begin celebrating Mardi Gras, but as Bill Knowles of Farmington will tell you, anytime is a good time to enjoy Dixieland Jazz.

"It's fun music, that's unique to America," said Knowles who is bringing Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Society to Livonia for a concert at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Feb. 11.

Dixieland, a sound that originated in New Orleans, is music often associated with Mardi Gras celebrations. It's happy music, the kind that makes you want to tap your toes and smile. Dixieland was the popular music of the day in the 1930s and 1940s and a lot of people grew up listening to it.

"This is the best representation of a Dixieland performance that you'll find in the area, and that includes Detroit, Muskegon, Toledo and Windsor," said Knowles. "We're very proud of these people."

Knowles met trombonist Chuck Moss of Rochester about six years ago and asked him to put together a group of musicians for the concert.

"He's one of the top 20 trombonists in the country, without question," said Knowles. "He works well with sidemen and has a great sense of humor and personality. They never need a rehearsal because they know each other so well."

### Freedom

Moss has been going over some music for the program, but admits that "we don't know what we'll play until we're on stage. Everything we do is different, that's the nature of jazz, it's exciting. I like the musical freedom. There's a format and structure with songs that we all follow, but we improvise on our own while listening to other musicians. Each tune is a work in progress that happens right there."



Chuck Moss

The concert will include a mixture of the most often requested Dixieland tunes. Moss also plans to feature each person in the band on a tune they would like to play. There could be some

that folks are unfamiliar with.

Retired from the Rochester School District, Moss began his career teaching music in the Farmington School District. The Rochester resident enjoys Dixieland music because it's happy music that's energetic and fun to play.

### Group

For this concert Moss assembled a group that includes Paul Keller on bass, Pete Syers, drums; Kerry Price, vocalist; Jim Wyse of Livonia, clarinet, Dave Tatros, trumpet; Jim Dapogni, piano; and Hugh Leal, banjo and guitar.

"These are all first-class musicians," said Moss. "They play all over the country. Jim Wyse is a recently retired Wayne County prosecutor. His job kept him close to home, but he could have been out on the world stage. "Kerry Price is a fine singer. Paul Keller has become recognized as one of the world's really great bass players. Jim Dapogni is a professor at the University of Michigan and a nationally known jazz historian."

Moss promises that it will be an outstanding concert. "There aren't often

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chances to hear a group of musicians of this caliber playing together at one time," he said. "Hearing live music is something special, it's different from hearing a song the same way it was recorded."

"We've found a home at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall and would like to make it a center for Dixieland jazz in southeast Michigan," said Knowles. "Once people hear about our concerts they'll be back."

Concert seating is in tables of eight. Patrons can purchase sandwiches and other snacks, and there will be a cash bar. Knowles expects the concert to draw Dixieland fans from throughout the metro Detroit area and Windsor. Canadian money will be accepted at par for tickets.



**Musician: Jim Wyse of Livonia will perform with Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Society on Feb. 11.**

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artists around the world who've been working longer than me; I was touched and honored."

## Seeing blue

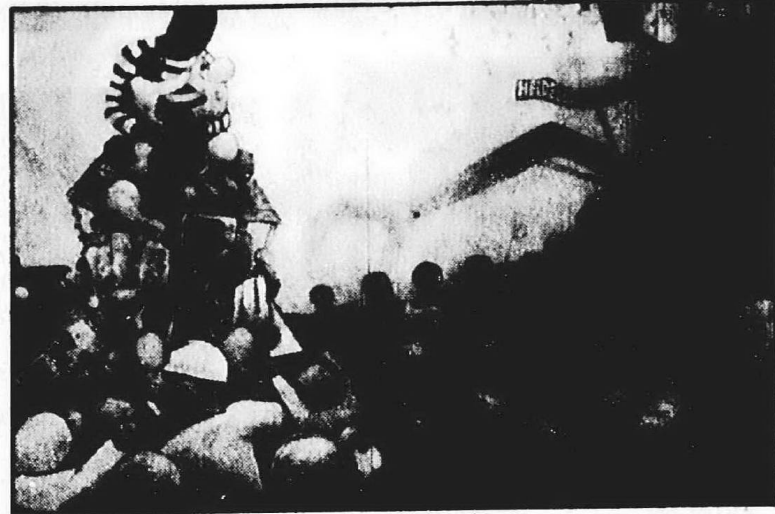
Olliviera's work began three years ago as mechanical pencil drafts on vellum paper. He sought out colors that would both enhance the depth of his work and produce a calming effect to counter the furious pace of urban life. He found both in shades of cobalt and phthalo blue. "The images themselves are geometric abstract landscapes. The monochromatic three-dimensional canyons and grottos and portals are based on clean, non-complex, minimalist lines so as not to agitate or grope for too much attention."

"I'm attracted to attractive people, places and things: at the same time, I naturally resist anything or anyone who goes over the top to make an impression."

The same might be said of his music, too. "The paintings series shares the same title as the forthcoming album - *Black Buildings*," said Olliviera. "They are both studies in clean lines, orchestrated space, and architectural and spiritual metaphors."

Appropriately enough, Neil's brother, Planet E DJ Tony Olliviera, can be spotted behind the turntables at the exhibition's opening.

Another artist new to the gallery, Ron Zakrin, will present *Manuel Override* - a collection that moves between social commentary and self-examination and is decidedly Detroit-centric. For those who experienced the



**Solgo: Painter Ron Zakrin will exhibit "The Siege of Heidelberg" and other works from "Manuel Override" at CPOP Gallery in Detroit.**

first Detroit Electronic Music Festival last May, CPOP also offers a collection of photographs by Joe Vaughn sure to bring the experience spinning back.

## Eye of the stage

Vaughn, a Royal Oak resident, said he aimed to capture the feeling of the artists who graced the stages. He was, in essence, the "eye of the stage."

"I wanted to bring the average person a little closer to the artist - to show them that they are just one of us, that they love what they do," said Vaughn. Deciding what photographs to present became a daunting task. "It was very tough. There were so many images that I wanted to show - and will someday try to - but I

had to narrow it down."

With more than 5,000 square feet of space, the gallery changes its exhibitions monthly. What started out as an underground rock poster art gallery nestled in Royal Oak has come into its own as a cutting-edge, contemporary art authority, supporting local artists and constantly introducing the work of new ones.

And CPOP is no stranger to the electronic music scene. Collaborating with the festival's producer, Plymouth resident Carol Marvin of Pop Culture Media, and Planet E founder Carl Craig, who secured the DEMF line-up, CPOP sponsored a stage at the festival.

"This music is very much a part of the city," said Hazel.

# Stomp from page B1

wane over the last six years. Awards continue to pour in like the Olivier Award for Best Choreography, a Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatre Experience and even an Academy nomination.

## Beginnings

STOMP began, appropriately, on the streets in the UK and has stayed true to its raw origin despite international accolades. It has five international touring companies covering 200 cities worldwide including performances at London's Royal Festival Hall and the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. For seven years

and still-running, it performs continuously to sold-out audiences in New York.

Here in the Motor City, STOMP skipped a year in 2000. Harris said the reason was purely a scheduling conflict, not from lack of demand.

"People expect STOMP to visit Detroit and when they didn't come last year we received so many, many phone calls."

## Awards

STOMP has also earned awards nationally for its work in Coca-Cola and Target stores commercials and received a Grammy nomination for music

on Quincy Jones' *Q Jook Joint* album. It produced a short live action film, *Brooms*, that earned an Academy Award nomination and received an Emmy for the creation of the HBO special *STOMP Out Loud*.

STOMP has appeared on the *68th Annual Academy Awards*, *The Late Show* with Dave Letterman, *Oprah*, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, soap show *General Hospital*, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, *Dateline NBC*, the sitcom *Mad About You* and others.

Tickets are still available for select Fisher performances.

## MOVIES

# Film offers a sugary love story

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Got a craving for some eye candy? Then grab your partner and head out to see *The Wedding Planner*.

Almost everything about this picture directed by Adam Shankman and written by Pamela Falk and Michael Ellis is as pretty as a box of Valentine fondant - from its players, to the clothes they wear, to its storybook San Francisco settings.

But if you hanker for something more substantial, look elsewhere.

Slick, superficial prettiness and game attempts by most of its actors can't lift this movie past some lame writing. Are we really supposed to laugh at lines like "When I dance, I look like a retarded string bean"? The story is about as credible as a day-dream cooked up by the bubble gum set.

Jennifer Lopez is Mary Fiore, the unmarried wedding planner of the title. She oversees weddings as if they were D-Day with flowers.

Got a nervous bride? Talk her down. Got a tipsy father-of-the-bride? Get him on his wobbly feet any way you can. Got a best

man who forgets the wedding toast? Feed him his lines via a tiny microphone, installed in his ear for just such emergencies. In the meantime, don't allow a single slouch, or a solitary wrinkle to find its way into your own dress for the day, nor a stray hair to wander from your oh-so-elegant coiffure.

Let's face it: Mary is a control freak. Even the suppers she eats in the evenings (all alone) look neat and beautiful. And yes, her credit cards are alphabetized.

One day, the messy hand of fate steps in and Mary nearly gets herself killed. At the last minute, she's saved from a sloppy taxi driver and a runaway garbage Dumpster by a handsome pediatrician named Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey). This is not the last time the good doctor/Superman-type will save her from disaster. They spend a romantic evening in Golden Gate Park, dancing under the stars, an event which causes Mary to lose control - of her smiling muscles the next day.

Yes, it looks like our wedding planner might be smitten.

But suddenly, in one of this movie's few surprises, she dis-

covers that the pediatrician is really the groom-to-be of her most treasured client - the one whose wedding she's planning so that her career can take a giant leap forward.

Already, we can see where this is going. Mary is about to learn that some highly important things in her pretty life are way beyond her control.

This film's co-stars not only turn in engaging performances as individuals, but better yet for a romance, they generate no small amount of sparking chemistry on the screen as a couple. With some luck, maybe they'll be paired again, in a production more deserving of what they have to offer.

The animated supporting cast includes Alex Rocco as Mary's match-making father from the old country, and Justin Chambers as Massimo, a handsome Sicilian who would like to sweep Mary off her feet, but can only stumble over his own intentions. Bridgette Wilson Sampras as the rich bride-to-be and Judy Greer as Mary's giddy assistant add a bit of spice to the cinematic confection, and Kathy Najimy has some fun as the wedding planner's sassy boss.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 2

**VALENTINE**  
A thriller about four women who find themselves being stalked by a killer over Valentine's Day weekend and find reason to believe that the killer is someone from their childhood past. Stars David Boreanaz, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 9

**HEAD OVER HEELS**  
Amelia Pierce is an art restorer living the high life in New York City. She shares a luxurious East side apartment with four supermodels. The only thing missing in her life is a man who will be

true to her. When she finally meets the perfect guy, there's only one problem - he may be a lady killer. Literally. Stars Monica Potter, Freddie Prinze Jr., China Chow and Shalom Harlow. Directed by Mark Waters.

**INVISIBLE CIRCUS**  
The story of a headstrong teen (Jordan Brewster) who sets out on a journey of discovery as she attempts to unravel the mysterious death of her sister Faith (Cameron Diaz). Too young to feel the '60s for herself, Phoebe discovers its influence as she retraces the steps of her sister and her sister's boyfriend (Christopher Eccleston) across a politically charged continent. The film is directed by Adam Brooks.

**BEFORE NIGHT FALLS**  
An emblematic portrait of the world below the equator. A strong, poetic and imaginative piece of work, the film offers a beautiful parable that begins in extreme poverty and ends in extreme wealth. Stars Javier Bardem, Olivier Martinez, Andrea Di Stefano, Johnny Depp and Sean Penn.

**HANNIBAL**  
Finn continues the story of *The Silence of the Lambs*. Seven years have passed since Dr. Hannibal (Anthony Hopkins) escaped from custody. He's now at large in Europe. Also stars Gary Oldman and Julianne Moore.

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# Get the 'Low'-down on Minnesota's meekest trio



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

It's just hours before she has to head out on tour and Mimi Parker is ... doing laundry, of course. As one-third of Duluth, Minnesota's Low, Parker doesn't lead a flashy, rock star existence. And

## Listen like Low

Here are a few artists Low's Alan Sparhawk is bound to pop into the CD player:  
 Otis Redding  
 Neil Young  
 The Dirty Three  
 Neutral Milk Hotel  
 Pedro The Lion  
 Moby

that's OK. Along with her husband - guitarist and singer Alan Sparhawk - and Low's bassist Zak Sally, the band has been a well-kept secret in the world of minimal melodic music. Low ventures into the quieter side, slowing it down with hushed melodies and intense performances.

"This is kind of my dream band," said Parker, who was raised on country, not pop radio. "This band is natural." It wasn't always so. Parker claims she didn't want to join at first. "Alan and I had been talking about it for years, getting a band together. It never happened. Finally things just kind of came together."

They came together in the form of a self-titled EP and a full-length album, *I Could Live In Hope*, both released in 1994. But Sparhawk never predicted a career in music. Despite growing up on a musical diet of Van Halen and '80s punk, the guitarist claims "it never really made any sense. Even with Low, I don't think we ever really intended it to be something until we realized 'Wow, someone wants to put out our record.'"

"When we started out, even before I convinced Mim to join the band, we were playing slow, quiet music," said Sparhawk. The experiment began with one question: How low can they get

away with and still make music? Seven years later, the band prepares for the Feb. 5 release of its eighth full-length album, *Things We Lost In The Fire*. Like 1999's *Secret Name*, *Things We Lost...* was recorded with producer Steve Albini (Nirvana).

"I'd say this is the pure exploration of who we are," said Sparhawk. "It's still kind of has one foot in the punk rock ethic. It's more in the approach."

You might not hear anything remotely resembling *Anarchy in the U.K.* on *Things We Lost...*, but songs like *Dinosaur Act* boast plenty of fuzzy rock distortion.

"We kind of see it as a progression of sorts," said Mimi. "The songs are a little more orchestrated. It's definitely our most pop record - if Low were to do a pop record."

Low brought in some friends to work on the album - friends such as violinist Ida Pearl from *Ida* and samples by Mark de gli Antoni, formerly of *Soul Coughing*.

"It felt like the songs were bigger than us," said Sparhawk. "We were trying to catch up with these songs - to let them do what they wanted to do."

Along with new album, Parker and Sparhawk welcomed the birth of their first child, a baby girl named Hollis. She's become quite an inspiration, Parker said.



(Left to right) Alan Sparhawk, Mimi Parker and Zak Sally are Low

"One (song) in particular, *Embrace*, is about the childbirth process," she said. "We got a remarkable (response) playing that live. *In Metal* is kind of about her, too."

"We're definitely in baby mode. All the time. I guess it's made us think about touring and the band in a different way."

No fear for Low fans - at 6 months, Hollis had already

secured a passport and seen the Eiffel Tower. "She ends up kind of taking my mind off of other things," said Parker. "We all kind of help out. Zak loves babies, too."

Sparhawk said the experience has made him "want to be a better person."

Baby and all, the band is headed for Detroit. "It's one of our favorite places to play," said

Sparhawk. "I think it's a great town. So bombed out, but it's got so much character. I compare it to Texas. There's no pretension. You just come out and enjoy the music."

He did share some concerns about the venue, St. Andrews Hall. "It's kinda big."

Come out for Low and fill the place, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E.

Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for this all ages show. Call (313) 961-8961.

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## CD REVIEW

the brothers groove  
 clamp it down

**Clamp It Down**  
*The Brothers Groove*  
 Little Fortissimo Music  
 Anyone who frequented Detroit's Music Menu on Mondays in 2000 did so for one reason - The Brothers Groove. This Detroit-based trio and former BEAM grant winner released its flawless debut *Clamp It Down*, just before the turn of the millennium. But chances are, fans of blues, jazz and rock will be grooving with them well into the new year.  
 A fine work beginning with

the relentless sing-along *Pressure Cooker*, the high energy *My Girlfriend Too* and the always infectious *You Got That Thing*, the CD explodes with the energy that could only come from vocalist Chris Codish - who explores the very depths of his own voice and truly wails on the keys. Add in equal parts of soulful bass

guitar by Clarkston native Jim Simonson and an unparalleled backbeat by drummer Michael Caskey, and The Brothers Groove dive in and out of raucous rhythm and evasive style.  
 From *Space Invader* to the engaging *She's a Dancer*, *Clamp It Down* defines The Brothers Groove as an innovative and

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## THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** *Late Nite Catechism* through Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:** *Moms Mabley. The Naked Truth* continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FISHER THEATRE:** *Stomp* 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:** *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** *Lion in Winter* continues to Sunday, Feb. 4 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary, tickets \$21-\$37.50 call for information. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

**PERFORMANCE NETWORK:** The comedy *Maggie Rose* opens Feb. 2 and continues to March 4, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

**PLOWSHARES THEATRE:** *Mule Bone* by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes continues through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$20-\$18, all preview seats \$10. (313) 872-0279

**POWER CENTER:** *Dairakudakan* performs the theatrical production *Kai In No Um (Sea Dappled Horse)*, a visionary spectacle beginning with the creation of the world and ending with hell and the spirit figures central to Japanese ghost stories, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$36. (734) 764-2538

**SECOND CITY THEATRE:** *The Vagina Monologues* 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

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:** *Communicating Doors* Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. (313) 881-4004

**STAGECRAFTERS:** *A Little Night Music* (music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler) 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430. Intended for mature audiences.

**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:** *The Shadow Box* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Upstage Theater, Detroit. \$10 (senior and group rates available) 25 percent of tickets sales for Feb. 9 performance will be donated to Hospice of Southeast Michigan. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

**ZEITGEIST:** *The Last Church of the Twentieth Century* Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the performance venue, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

## COLLEGE THEATER

**BONSTELLE THEATRE:** *Dancing at Lughnasa* Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

**HILBERRY THEATRE:** *Antigone* by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29; 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

**STUDIO THEATRE:** Wayne State University's Black Theatre Program presents *Long Time Since Yesterday*, a story of five successful African-American women who come together after the funeral of their friend 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 15-17, at the theater downstairs at the Hilberry Theater on campus, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

**THEATRE COMPANY:** *Brutality of Fact* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, McAuley Auditorium. \$10-\$12. (313) 993-1130



**Dance:** *Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre with the Rudy Hawkins Singers* gives four full-length performances and one hour-long family show featuring pieces by Ailey, including *Revelations*, *Judith Jamison* and other choreographers at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit through Sunday, Feb. 4. Full-length performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Family performance 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Tickets for full-length performances, \$15-\$50; family performance, \$5 for children and \$15 for adults. Call the University Musical Society box office at (734) 764-2538, the Detroit Opera House at (313) 237-7464 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

**U-M THEATRE:** *The Heiress* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK:** *Faces in the Crowd* 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the Little Theatre in Plymouth Canton High School, Canton. \$5. (734) 416-7514

**PUPPETART:** *The Crane Maiden*, based on a Japanese folk tale 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

**RISING STARS:** Present *Spoon River Anthology*, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 6-7, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** *Wizard of Oz* 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and 10, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission. (313) 535-8962

**WILD SWAN THEATRE:** *Along the Tracks* based on incidents related to the Underground Railroad in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Windsor (recommended for students in grades 3-12) 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 12-16, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, at the Towsley Theater, Morris Lawrence Building Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, and 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 20-23, in the Community Arts Auditorium at Wayne State University, Detroit. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-8587/(734) 995-0530 group sales

**YOUTH THEATRE:** Celebrates Black History month with Harold McKinney and his *Jazz for a New Generation*, a lively introduction to jazz for families with children age 5 and up. 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 3-4 and 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 557-7529 or on-line at www.youththeatre.org

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BLACK HISTORY EVENT:** 2:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, African American Marketplace, hands on art for kids, exhibits, food, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free.

**COIN SHOW/EXHIBIT:** Hosted by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-8818

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

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

**DETROIT BOAT SHOW:** Kicks off with Charity Launch Feb. 9, runs Feb. 10-18, noon to 9 p.m., daily except Sunday until 6 p.m., at Cobo Center, Detroit. (734) 261-0123

**GREAT CHEFS DINNER:** 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$225. (734) 462-4423

**HARPBEAT:** Performs music for kids 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Mall. (248) 476-1160

**HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW:** 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, until 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Novi Expo Center. \$7. \$5 seniors. \$4 ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019

**ORIGINAL TOUGHMAN CONTEST:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$12-20. (248) 645-6666

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

**REDFORD THEATRE:** *Bringing Up Baby* starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

**STARS ON ICE:** Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi and Ilia Kulik skate 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$35-\$60. (248) 645-6666

**VALENTINE'S DANCE:** The 20th annual 50's Valentine's Dance, presents Reflections, with Deuce Coupe Band, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Stiletto's, at the PRCU Civic Center, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. Tickets \$22. 21 and older welcome. Includes food, bar, door prizes. Call Chooch at (734) 229-0678 or Chuck at (734) 425-2363 for details.

**WE LOVE BARBIE SHOW:** Features Barbe and friends fashion dolls 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, ages under 10 free. (734) 455-2110

**WINTER SPARKLE:** Mentor recruitment for the Hosts program 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Community Educational Resource Center, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436, ext. 6520

**WINTER PSYCHIC FAIR:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, astrologers, card readers and palmistry, at the Troy Holiday Inn. (248) 528-2610/(810) 264-0100

**X-TRAVA CON:** Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

## BENEFITS

**ONE ACTS FESTIVAL:** Featuring selections from *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, *Schoolhouse Rock*, *Don't Drink the Water*, and *Rent* 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 1-2, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$5-\$15. Proceeds go to the scholarship funds in memory of Julie Anna Wirthlin and Kristin Oswald. (248) 645-4679

**CRANBROOK GARDENS:** Shake off the Winter Blues Green House Sale, orchids, ferns, succulents, blooming bulbs and more, noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Cranbrook Gardens Greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds from sale will be used to maintain and improve the 40 acres of gardens surrounding Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3147

**ROMANTIC MUSIC:** Featuring pianist Elizabeth Lesesne Dixon and mezzo soprano Rose Mullins 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students, \$5 age 13 and under, \$25 family (advance); \$12, \$9 students, \$6 age 13 and under. \$30 family (at the door). (734) 930-2823. Proceeds go the King School Space Camp Program.

**HEART & MUSIC...TOO!** A celebration of Broadway's best in song to benefit the St. Dunstan Theatre Guild Building Renovation Fund, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, 400 Lone Pine Road (between Cranbrook and Lahser Roads) Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, for a suggested donation of \$30 or more, guests receive preferential seating and a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 p.m. before 8 p.m. performances, or 12:30 p.m. before 2 p.m. Sunday performance. (248) 584-0696/(248) 356-7562. www.StDunstanstheatre.com

## VALENTINE'S DAY

**ARETHA FRANKLIN:** Performs with a 14-piece orchestra 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$25-\$100. (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 963-2366

**SONGS FOR MAD LOVERS:** Cabaret concert featuring singers Julia Broxholm and Deanna Relyea with pianist Jerry DePuit 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$30, proceeds to benefit Kerrytown Concert House. (734) 769-2999

## CLASSICAL

**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** The Ballet Goes Pops with excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*, also music by Copland, Saint Saens and Bernstein 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Temple Beth El. \$20, free for students with photo I.D. (248) 645-2276

**BRENTANO STRING QUARTET:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT:** Brentano String Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$18-\$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** *Berlioz's Symphony fantastique* 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

**DRESDEN STAATSKAPPELLE:** Conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts an all-Strauss program featuring three popular orchestral works 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (734) 764-2538

**LIVONIA VALMUSIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Presents a Valentine Bouquet chamber concert with soloists Barbara Pierce (vocals) and Jim Poe (bassoon) 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. \$14. (734) 425-4855

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Presents a chamber concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$12 seniors/college students, no charge for children in grades K-12. (734) 451-2112

**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE:** Celebrating American Music. 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, features works of Michigan composers and performers of the Birmingham Musicale, at the Community House, 380 Bates St., (248) 641-1705.

**THREE GENERATIONS OF COMPOSERS:** With Lettie Alston and Friends 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

**DUBRAVKA TOMSIC:** Artur Rubinstein's prize pupil performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538

## CHORAL

**CHORISTERS GUILD FESTIVAL:** Features singing by more than 320 metro Detroit children, ages 7-10, representing 19 different churches and many faith expressions 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, the new Our Lady of Good Counsel, North Territorial and Beck roads, Plymouth. Free-will offering. (734) 453-0326

## GOSPEL

**MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY:** Share the stage with the Campbell Brothers with Kate Jackson 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$50. (313) 576-5111

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

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

**BEL CANTON CHORAL GROUP:** Auditions for women who read music and love to sing Monday, Feb. 5, at Southfield High School. (313) 640-0123

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** Auditions for *Little Shop of Horrors* 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 15-16, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, if necessary call backs will be Saturday afternoon, members of Actors' Equity may make appointments for Friday, union and non-union actors/singers make appointments for Thursday or Sunday, in the rehearsal room 125 at the theater, Rochester. For performances April 25 to May 20. Call (248) 370-3310 to schedule an audition.

**MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL:** Auditions 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, call back auditions 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, variety of roles available for adults of all ages, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson. Rehearsals begin June 12. Call (517) 788-5032 to schedule an audition time.

**VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN:** Is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language. Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audiotape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

## POPS/SWING

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

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

## COMMUNITY BAND/CHOIR

**VALENTINE DINNER DANCE:** Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 9 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Event features the Farmington Community Band Dance Band playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Cash bar cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner 7:30 p.m. Dancing until midnight. Tickets \$42 per person for dinner and dancing. Tables of eight may also be reserved. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or visit www.fcbmusic.org

## JAZZ

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND:** 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Kansas City Grill, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

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

**RAMONA COLLINS:** Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

**DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE BUTT BAND:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION:** 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

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**DALE GRISA TRIO:** 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480  
**PHIL GRAM ALL STARS:** The evolution of jazz introduces listeners to the history of jazz 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Borders Books, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110  
**HARMONICA SHAH BLUES BAND:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150  
**JEFF HASS TRIO:** 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (248) 424-9041  
**ROBERT JONES:** In recognition of Black History Month, the University of Michigan Museum of Art is presenting a performance by Detroit blues artist Robert Jones 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the museum 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-UMMA; Celebrates the blues and Black History Month 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Borders Books, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110  
**LOS GATOS:** CD Recording session Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27 (7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310  
**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With Tom Saunders, cornet, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756  
**MR. B'S BIRTHDAY BOUNCE:** The blues and boogie woogie pianist performs 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999  
**ROBERT PENN:** 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150  
**RANDY SABIE/MIKE DOWLING:** Jazz fiddle and guitar, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**WORLD MUSIC**  
**SLACK KEY GUITAR FESTIVAL:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Hawaiian music)  
**FOLK/ACOUSTIC**  
**MUSTARD'S RETREAT:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS  
**STEPHEN FEARING:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS  
**ROSIE LEDET:** The Zydeco Sweetheart performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS  
**RFD BOYS:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS  
**SON SEALS:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS  
**DANCE**  
**ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE:** With the Rudy Hawkins Singers 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (family performance), at the Detroit Opera House. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538  
**CONTRA DANCE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (also free open jam 3-4 p.m.), also open band practice 4-6 p.m.), at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 769-1052/(734) 332-9024  
**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Chapel Hill Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158  
**HUBBARD STREET DANCE CHICAGO:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$38. (734) 764-2538  
**IMMEDIATE/ADVANCED JAZZ MASTER CLASS:** Offered by the Marygrove College dance department, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3. Linda-Denise Evans, of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre instructs, room 228, Liberal Arts Building. Open to immediate level dance students, ages 10 and older. \$15. (313) 927-1308  
**MEADOWS DANCE:** Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428  
**PETER SPARLING DANCE COMPANY:** Perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, the evening begins with a 7 p.m. talk, at

**Summit on the Park, 48000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center Road. \$5. (734) 394-5193**  
**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  
**WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING:** 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764  
**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS:** 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 774-9148 or e-mail dij@homecomm.net

**POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD**  
**OPEN MIC POETRY:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Belle's Beanery, Belleville. (734) 697-3200

**COMEDY**  
**JOE'S KEY CLUB:** Jef Brannan, Brett Alan, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337  
**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Kevin Naughton Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the club above Kicker's 261 American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555  
**ROBERT POST:** The comedian and mime performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Athens High School, 4333 John R, Troy. \$15. (248) 335-5307/(248) 435-5307  
**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Rocky LaPorte Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900  
**SECOND CITY:** Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 1001 Improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com  
**7TH HOUSE:** Bingol 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

**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  
**CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN ARTS/CULTURE:** Lecture series 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 opens a month long tribute to C.L.R. James and his fight for social revolution, other lectures 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 10-11, and Fri, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the center, Detroit. (313) 871-4594; film series 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 and 28, at the Museum of African American History.  
**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** African American Family Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, includes one-woman play *The Spirit of Harriet Tubman* at 12:15 p.m., at the museum. Free. (313) 833-1262  
**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:** First Friday featuring music from Japan, a tour of the Italian galleries and a demonstration by a Peruvian artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the museum. Free with suggested admission of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org  
**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit featuring 14 reproduction inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**A PERFECT CIRCLE:** With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)  
**BRYAN BABU:** With Soulchild, Tallib Kweh, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1516  
**BLUE HAWAIIANS:** 7 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Feb. 16-17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**BODEGA:** With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 313.jac. upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067  
**AL CARMICHAEL:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**CHERIE:** Valentine's Weekend Party, including dinner, performance, and a DJ, Saturday, Feb. 10, LaRoy's Hall, LaSalle. \$25. (734) 777-2445  
**CHRIS CODISH TRIO:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800  
**MARSHALL CRENSHAW:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$5. Rescheduled from Dec. 17. (248) 544-3030  
**CROP CIRCLE:** Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477  
**DEAD HEROES:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (punk)  
**DELL AND THE ROUGH CUTS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

**CLUB CIRCUIT**  
**ALVIN'S:** 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com  
**ARBOR BREWING COMPANY:** 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com  
**THE ARENA:** 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880  
**THE ARK:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587  
**ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST:** 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300  
**BEALE STREET BLUES:** 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.  
**BIRD OF PARADISE:** 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 682-8310  
**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  
**CARBON:** Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278  
**CAVERN CLUB:** 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900  
**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET:** 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961met.com  
**COBO ARENA:** 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616  
**CONOR O'NEILL'S:** 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com  
**COWLEY'S:** 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941  
**THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE:** 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 985-9500  
**DETROIT SCIENCE:** 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.detroitsscience.com  
**EDISON'S:** 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150  
**ELIE'S:** 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420  
**FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS:** 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922  
**FLYING FISH TAVERN:** 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747  
**FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL:** 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609  
**FOX THEATRE:** 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611  
**FOX AND HOUNDS:** 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800  
**GOLD DOLLAR:** 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com  
**GROOVE ROOM:** 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com  
**HILL AUDITORIUM:** 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538  
**JOE LOUIS ARENA:** 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606  
**JOE'S KEY CLUB:** 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.  
**KARL'S CUBIN:** 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450  
**LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB:** Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960  
**LOVELY HEARTS CLUB:** 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5906  
**LOWERTOWN GRILL:** 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213  
**MAGIC BAG:** 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.  
**MAIN STREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY:** Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441  
**MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK:** (313) 833-9700  
**MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL:** On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com.  
**MEMPHIS SMOKE:** 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300  
**NICHOLAN THEATRE:** 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397  
**MOTOR LOUNGE:** 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorlo-troit.com  
**MR. B'S FARM:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038  
**MUSIC MENU:** 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU  
**THE PALACE:** 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com  
**PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE:** 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac  
**PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE:** I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com  
**PURE BAR ROOM:** 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE  
**ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY:** 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5000  
**THE ROCKIE SPORTS CAFE:** 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337  
**ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE:** 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610  
**THE SCARAB CLUB:** 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250  
**ST. ANDREW'S/ THE SHELTER:** 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961met.com  
**7TH HOUSE:** 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540  
**STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR:** 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com  
**24 KARAT CLUB:** 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030  
**S&S JAC:** Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067  
**THE TOWN PUMP TAVERN:** 100 W. Montclair, Detroit. (313) 961-1929  
**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.  
**U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY:** 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639  
**VELVET LOUNGE:** 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411  
**VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW:** 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360  
**WAGON WHEEL TAVERN:** 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789  
**WINTERGARDEN TAVERN:** 33320 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. (248) 474-7189  
**WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB:** 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519  
**ZEBBIE GAPE:** Sixt Otis performs 8:10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946  
**ZIN'S WASH TAVERN:** 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

**DELTA 88:** With Kevin Meisel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302  
**JASON DENNIE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302  
**DETROIT BLUES GUITAR:** Featuring Robert Penn, Bobby Murray, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (248) 262-6890  
**DETROIT COBRAS:** Friday, Feb. 16, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**DOMESTIC PROBLEMS:** With 19 Wheels, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030. (pop rock)  
**STEVE EARLE:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397 (country)  
**EKOOSTIK HOOKAH:** Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band)  
**MARK ELF TRIO:** 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. \$15. 18 and older. (734) 665-9090  
**ENGLISH BEAT:** Featuring Dave

Wakeling, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030  
**14TH ANNUAL EROTIC POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Featuring performances by N2 Submission, Braillehouse, Audra Kubat, Greebo and Deadly Mistress Donna, and poetry by Cindi St. Germain, Jimmy Doom, Liberty Ro Daniels, Ann Holdreith and Jim Perkinson. Hosting is Queen Bee and The Impaler. Jeff Hocking's art will be for sale, all at the festival. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. 21 and older. \$6-\$7. (313) 875-6555 or http://members.tripod.com/eroticpoetry.  
**ESION:** With Greebo, IsoKinEtic, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 313.jac. upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067  
**EVERLAST:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961  
**EYE 6:** With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)  
**TERRY FARMER:** 8:30 p.m. Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Cafe, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757  
**SOC HEADRUSH:** Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477  
**MICHAEL FRANKS:** With Najee, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$75. (313) 983-6611  
**ANDY G. & THE ROLLERKINGS:** With The Buzzards, Clone Defects. Friday, Feb. 2, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**GYPSY DOG:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159  
**HEMIGOD:** With Give, Brailehouse, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030  
**AL HILL:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; With the Love Butlers, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; Al Hill Trio performs Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 6-8, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636  
**IMMUNITY:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, J.W.'s, Novi. (248) (349) 7038; charge. (734) 332-9900. (reggae)  
**ALAN JACKSON:** With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. (country)  
**JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (funk-alternative)  
**ROBERT JONES AND MATT WATROBA:** *Blues and Folk: Two Rivers, One Stream*, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Waterford Historical Church, Waterford. \$7-\$10. (248) 623-9389  
**KNEE DEEP SHAG:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030 (rock with a funk edge)  
**KOMPOSIT:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 21 and over \$7, under 21 \$9. (734) 996-8555  
**BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND:** Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, March 1-3, 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680  
**LOW:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-8961. (minimalist rock)  
**MAGGIE'S FARM:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL  
**J. MASCIS & THE FOG:** With Elf Power and The Teen Beaters, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (734) 996-8555  
**MATCHBOX TWENTY:** With Everclear, Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$24.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. (pop rock)  
**STONE MAZAR & THE WESTSIDERS:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**KENNY MEEKS:** 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302  
**MEW:** 10 p.m. Friday, 313.JAC. upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067  
**MHZ:** With The Hammicks, Saturday, Feb. 10, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**MOJAVE 3:** With Sid Hellman Group, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. 18 and

**Solar 3rd Anniversary**



**Blind Pig: Catch Intuit-Solar's DJ Assault (above) with DJ Godfather, The Detroit Grand Pubahs and Ectomorph 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$15. Call (734) 996-8555 for details.**

older. (313) 833-9700 (folk rock)  
**MONK:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302  
**STEVE NARDELLA:** 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**19.5 COLLECTIVE:** 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, The Shelter, Detroit. This is the first of an ongoing event, on the first Friday of every month. Don't miss it. (313) 961-MELT  
**1964 THE TRIBUTE:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030. (Beatles covers)  
**NOBODY'S BUSINESS:** Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.  
**OCTOPUS:** With The Librarians, Saturday, Feb. 3, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**ORIGINAL HITS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**ORGY:** With Cold, Spineshank, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$16.75 advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (death pop)  
**PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE:** Featuring members of Blackberry Brandy, Monday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477  
**PRHYME #2:** With Invincible, S.U.N., Athletic Mic League & Black Bottom Collective, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 21 and over \$6, under 21 \$8. (734) 996-8555  
**PIERCE PELLIS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302  
**QUEERS:** With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961  
**MICHAEL QUEST:** 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL  
**RACHEL AND KAPP:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**RAY STREET PARK:** Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477  
**SEVENTEEN:** With Showshane, Baby Ambassador, Thursday, Feb. 1, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**SNOCORE ICICLE BALL:** With Galactic, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade, Lake Trout, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, State Theatre, Detroit. \$26. All ages. (313) 961-8451  
**RJ SPANGLER GROUP:** 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 14-15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800  
**TWISTIN' TARANTULAS:** Sunday, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477  
**U2:** With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666  
**VIOLET SKIN:** With N2 Submission, Radium, Friday, Feb. 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**THE WILDBUNCH:** With French Kicks, The Dishes, Saturday, Feb. 17, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873  
**ZEN TRICKSTERS:** 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030. (jam)

# The Blue Nile offers an adventure in dining

By RENEE SKOGLUND  
Staff Writer

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"Good food and wine, Music and love, 3,000 years of history and culture, My Ethiopia isn't everything, She is the only thing." - unknown Ethiopian patriot.

For Habte Wold Dadi, owner and chef of The Blue Nile in Ann Arbor, the above quote, prominently displayed above the restaurant's bar, is quite apt, and he proudly declares, "I'm the best restaurant in town."

Although such a proclamation is subjective, one fact isn't: The Blue Nile is a unique dining experience. It gives new meaning to the words "finger food." All the food eaten at this Ethiopian restaurant is done so with the fingers. Imagine that, no utensils.

"Eat with your fingers. It's the natural way. It's fun," says Dadi. "He loves to talk about food and is very willing to educate his customers about the delights of Ethiopian fare, which includes lots of greens, pureed peas and lentils, and chicken, lamb and beef.

"If we don't talk about food, what are we going to talk about. Is there anything else?" he says.

### Honey wine

Ask how The Blue Nile's famous light and delicate honey wine is made, and Dadi will tell you there are no grapes, just a fermentation of honey, water and hops. He'll even add a bit of romance. "It came from honey-mooners, from feeding the bride and groom fresh honey. It represents a fresh beginning."

Dining at The Blue Nile can be romantic, especially on weekends when there's a small jazz combo, but it's always intimate. Diners gather around small, basket-topped tables, and wonderfully hot, wet washcloths are passed around for cleansing the hands. The cloths are comforting, especially on cold winter days, and their warmth builds anticipation for the meal. (Hot cloths are once again distributed after the meal.)

Smaller tables are placed next to the diners for beverages and

**The Blue Nile Ethiopian Restaurant**  
Where: 221 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, (734) 998-4746.  
Detroit location: 508 Monroe Street, Trappers Alley Mall, Greektown, (313) 964-6699.  
Open: 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 4-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.  
Menu: Fixed price all-you-can-eat "feasts": Ethiopian \$16.90 and vegetarian \$13.90. Salad and beverages extra.



**Healthy:** This sampling of Ethiopian fare includes pureed split yellow peas, red lentils, mixed vegetables and a lightly dressed salad.

**Atmosphere:** Uncluttered, cool, a perfect setting for Ethiopian cuisine and American jazz. (The Ann Arbor location features a jazz combo on Friday and Saturday nights.)

**Credit cards:** All majors accepted

**Reservations:** Accepted for parties of six or more.

**Extras:** Non-smoking, caters to large groups, nice bar area, superb coffee.

plates of soft, foamy flat bread made from self-rising flour and hot water. The feast, either Ethiopian (with meat) or vegetarian, arrives on a large, flat tray, with each selection individually mounded.

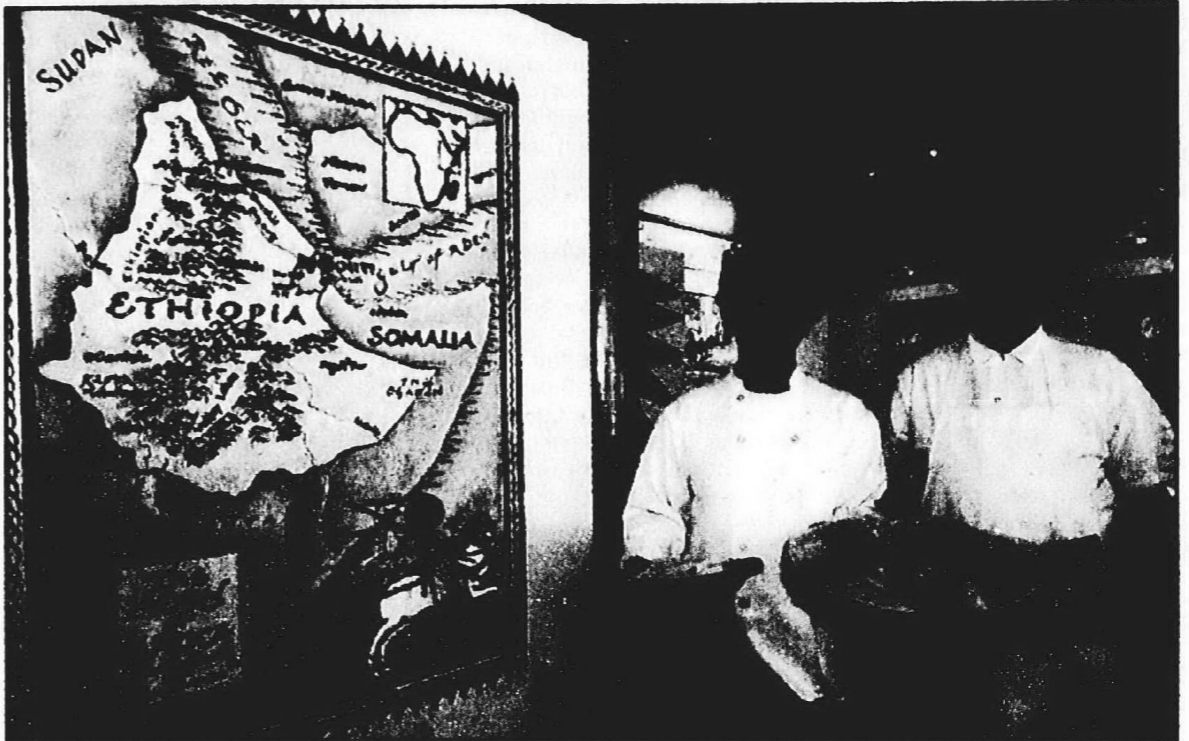
Next comes the ritual that makes dining at The Blue Nile so much fun: Break off a piece of bread, scoop up a luscious tidbit, then, transport the food to your mouth, ignoring what falls into your lap or on the floor. Accompany this with sips of spicy Ethiopian ice tea or light and

delicate honey wine. The result? "Tasty," said Dadi.

### Healthy

The Blue Nile is the perfect dining spot for the health conscious. The meat is simmered, never fried, and the vegetables are flavored with onions, garlic and herbs. "The food is very healthy," said Dadi. "We skin the chicken, trim off all the fat from the meat, use no preservatives and make everything from scratch. It's very balanced."

Some selections are cooked in



**Welcome:** Habte Wold Dadi (right), owner of The Blue Nile, and his wife Almaz Lessanework, offer gracious hospitality and Ethiopian feasts to their guests.

"berbere" sauce, a blend of roasted jalapeno peppers and over 14 herbs. Berberi resembles paprika, but its taste is much spicier and more complicated. It's delicious; all of character.

Dadi and his wife, Almaz Lessanework, make sure no one leaves hungry. The set-price feasts are all-you-can-eat, and your tray and bread supply are constantly replenished. "They

sample a little of everything. The more they eat, the more we bring out," said Lessanework.

Lessanework, whose brother, Seifu, owns The Blue Nile in Greektown, was born in Kaffa, Ethiopia, the land of the coffee bean. Obviously brewing an excellent cup of coffee is in her genes. She roasts and grinds her coffee beans every day. The result is nothing short of coffee

perfection. Both Dadi and Lessanework agree the most rewarding aspect of owning The Blue Nile is serving the customers.

"I don't care what they look like when they come in. Our major concern is what they look like on the way out," says Dadi. "If they have a smiling face, we're happy."

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## IT'S AN OPEN & SHUT CASE FOR STYLE



### Garage doors drive home looks, safety

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER  
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The garage door can do more than enclose vehicles and equipment and serve as a backdrop for driveway basketball games. It doesn't have to be a plain, lumbering metal sheet that a homeowner puts off repairing.

These days, a garage door can make a stylish statement and have its own state-of-the-art features.

"You can virtually make anything you want," said Henry Tarnow of Tarnow Doors, 23701 Halsted, in Farmington Hills.

Tarnow Doors is one of more than 300 exhibitors participating in the ninth annual Home Improvement Show™, which starts today and continues through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

A garage door can be customized to match a house and take on its own stylish appearance.

"Carriage house doors are becoming popular," Tarnow said.

Among other styles are raised panel or flush designs, wood, woodgrain or smooth ribbed surfaces. Windows can be plain glass or clear acrylic, or have a leaded, beveled or stained glass look.

Tarnow Doors features a design center that enables the staff to take a picture of a customer's garage and show how it would look with different styles.

Garage doors are made of polystyrene insulation sandwiched between two layers of steel. Insulation helps contain noise if a resident is working in the garage and rooms of the house are above or adjacent to the garage.

A safety eye feature prevents the door from closing on children and pets. Rolling codes that change every time the door is used help maintain security.

#### Here are some tips

Tarnow offered these tips for maintaining garage doors and garage door openers:

- Use a light lubricant (such as 3-in-One oil, or a good silicone or Teflon spray). WD-40 is a better cleaning agent than lubricant.

- On a one-piece door, make sure the spots where the arms connect to the pivot points on the wall are lubricated. There shouldn't be any broken corners at the roller at the top corner of the door. The roller, the part where the arm connects to the door, and the part where the spring connects to the arm, should be lubricated.

- On sectional doors, lubricate the overhead torsion springs, all rollers and the hinges.

- For garage door openers, perform safety checks. Every month or two, put a 2-by-4 under the door and hit the opener; the door should reverse automatically when it hits the 2-by-4. Also, discon-

nect the opener and work the door by hand. You should be able to stop a properly balanced door midway.

The cost for a 16-by-7-foot door is usually between \$750 and \$1,300. The work should take half a day ("three or four hours in most cases"), Tarnow said.

When hiring a professional, look for one that is with the International Door Association, he said.

"A good door is like a roof or furnace," Tarnow said. "You replace them once."

Exhibitors at the show have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

The event also features demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes. (See related story for program schedule.)

"The median American home is 30 years old and smaller than today's new homes," said Stephen Tagliore, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Westminster & Abbey Homes in Birmingham Farms.

"Remodeling, especially to enlarge a home, is popular now and our show is tailored to all kinds of home improvements from large to small."

BIA is the non-profit sponsor of the show.

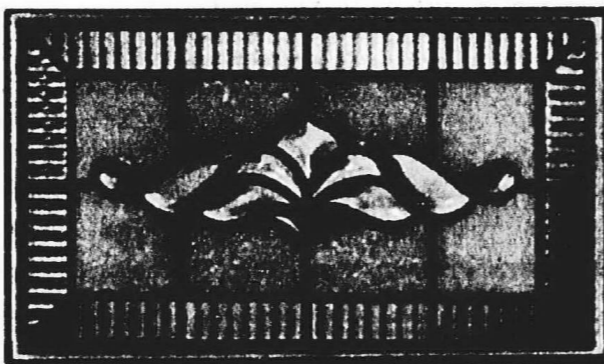
Face value: This raised panel design, with ivy decorative window, shows how garage doors can take on any style. Tarnow Doors of Farmington Hills, which offers garage doors and garage door openers, is in the Home Improvement Show™ in Novi. The show starts today.



Carriage house: The carriage house style is popular today for garage doors.



Great panes: Windows in garage doors can have a variety of looks, including stained glass (left) and leaded glass (below).



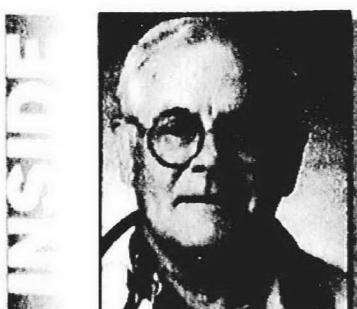
### Special events set

The program for guest appearances and home demonstrations at the ninth annual Home Improvement Show™ is below. The show is sponsored by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan at the Novi Expo Center, 196 and Novi Road. Show hours: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for under age 6. Ample parking is available at the center for a fee. For more information visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
3, 5, 7 p.m. — Chef Raymond Wong, one of metro Detroit's best known chefs and most prolific restaurateurs, combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to demonstrate low-fat, healthy Chinese cooking. He will feature creative ways to use leftovers, cut down on salt and make the most of interesting spices.  
2-3 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon

**Friday, Feb. 2**  
3, 5, 7 p.m. — Wong combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to dispel the mysteries of Chinese cooking.  
2-3 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon  
**Saturday, Feb. 3**  
Noon to 2 p.m. — Wong combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to dispel the mysteries of Chinese cooking.  
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. — WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. live broadcast)  
10 a.m. to noon — WXYT Radio "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haage (live broadcast)  
Noon to 2 p.m. — WXYT Radio "Money Talk" Rick Bloom (live broadcast)  
4-6 p.m. — WXYT Radio "PC Mike's High Tech Weekend" Mike Wendland (live broadcast)  
**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
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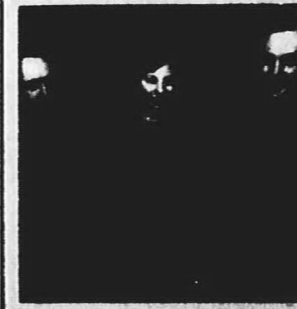
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Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Original Lightest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Matheson Supply, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio. The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new bathtub, sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed, all of which will be on display at the show.



**JOE GAGNON**  
**Getting agitated**  
The Appliance Doctor again reminds readers that cold temperatures of oil in washers can cause agitation problems.  
See Home Work, Page 2



**MARTY FIGLEY**  
**Sow seeds**  
Gardeners can follow these tips to grow plants from seeds indoors to help chase away the winter blues.  
See Garden Spot, Page 3



**HOMETOWN LIFE:**  
**New direction:**  
The Park Players of Plymouth Canton High School welcome two new directors.  
See HomeTown Life, page 7

HOME WORK

# Let freezer stand for two hours before plugging it in

**APPLIANCE DOCTOR**



JOE GAGNON

Many readers of this column save a lot of money over the years from advice they read here. That is the column's true purpose. To give you an idea of how it helps consumers, let me review a few of the thousands of responses I've received.

The owner of Bill & Rod's Appliance called me the other day to inform me that I had cost his business \$40 because he had to give a customer a refund. He pointed out that he was happy to give the lady her money back, because it resulted in a valuable lesson for his service technicians

and the owner himself.

**Cold oil creates problem**

The owner explained that his service technician went on a call during the first few days of January. The temperature had dropped to the 0° mark.

The technician diagnosed that a transmission was "bad" on a washing machine, because it was agitating so slowly. A few days later, the washing machine was agitating at a normal speed, only to slow down again when the temperature dropped.

The homeowner read a recent column on this very subject, then called Bill & Rod's and reported about what she had read. I wrote that if the wall behind the washer is an outside wall and the temperature of the oil in the transmission is real cold, the washer will not agitate at normal speed because the oil is too thick.

Now this owner named Kim

who has been in this service business for many years was so honest, he called me to tell me that he didn't know this fact, which the consumer had read. He sent the woman a total refund and thanked me for teaching him something.

That's what I call "class" and a good money-saving piece of information.

**Freezer advice**

Let's take the case of Joe W., who called me to tell me a service technician had been to his home and checked out his Gibson chest freezer. The technician told Joe he had a defective compressor. Joe paid for the service call, only to be told that the compressor replacement would cost more than the freezer was worth.

While talking with his mother, he tells her that he doesn't believe the service technician and is about to call someone else

to come out and check it. His mother tells him about this column and suggests to him to call me, which he does.

Apparently Joe tipped the freezer on its side for six hours, and then sat it upright and immediately plugged it in. As I've written before, you should always let a refrigeration product sit in its normal position for at least two hours before plugging it in to let the oil migrate back to the bottom of the compressor. I informed Joe that the service technician was correct.

I reminded Joe that if he was a regular reader of this column like his mother, he could have saved the cost of a service call, or most importantly, the cost of a new freezer.

**Closing affects consumers**

It is with a sad note that Montgomery Ward has filed for bankruptcy after 128 years in the retail business. This is

another of those closings which will affect consumers who need warranty service on appliances.

Go back just a few years to when other appliance store chains went bankrupt, leaving thousands of customers holding the bag. Let's hope it doesn't turn out that way with this recent closing of one of America's giants.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson recently revealed a new recycling effort geared to prevent environmental damage by dismantling electronic equipment. This idea may not be as new as he thinks, as officials are doing it in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Florida and Japan.

I've written about this need in the past and the severe need for such action. Patterson is showing his leadership capability and should be commended. (Now, if he can manage to get major appliances thrown into the mix

with electronics and get those recycled as well, he has really done the job.)

Thanks to all of you who attended the Auto Show and stopped by the broadcast booth. It was nice to see you all. Stay tuned.

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

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, *Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@e.homecomm.net. Look for Gagnon's suggestions in a future Appliance Doctor column.*

# Ducting a clothes dryer can eliminate mildew problems

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP NEWSFEATURES

Remember the time you painted the bathroom and about a month after it was finished, the mildew started to show up again on your freshly painted ceiling? Have you ever had to scrape out the caulking from your shower because the mildew was so deeply imbedded in the joint you couldn't bleach it away? Are the bedroom closets beginning to smell a bit musty? Is mildew growing somewhere in your home? If the answer to any of these

questions is yes, read on.

Mildew is everywhere. It's in the air - all around us. And the minute it comes into contact with any kind of moisture, it begins to multiply exponentially after only about two hours of exposure. As it multiplies, it becomes visible as a soft blanket of black or green fir that begins to cover everything in its path.

Mildew gets the liquid refreshment it needs in the most interesting ways: steam in a shower hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and condenses; steam from cooking hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and con-

denses; steam from the clothes washer hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and condenses.

Starting to get the picture? Believe it or not, this same kind of condensation can occur when the clothes dryer is not ducted to the exterior.

The damp air that a dryer usually exhausts can immediately inundate an area with moist air, which then condenses upon contact with any cold surface such as walls and ceilings.

Is there a chance that your dryer is creating another mildew feeding ground? If it isn't ducted

to the exterior, chances are you've got a hidden mildew-maker in your midst. This problem isn't difficult to solve. All you need to do is duct your dryer to the exterior, which will also solve a lint-in-the-home problem.

If your dryer already is ducted, make sure that the ducting is clean and clear. According to the National Fire Protection Agency, clothes dryers cause an estimated 14,000 home fires each year. And the leading cause of dryer fires was clogged ducting. So, if you are installing ducting do it properly, and keep it clean.

Here are the rules on how to install an efficient and safe dryer duct:

- Dryer ducting must be a minimum of 4 inches in diameter.
- The ducting can be flexible

in locations where it can be accessed (attic, basement, crawl space, etc.) and should be the foil or aluminum type - not the plastic kind.

■ Ducting must be rigid in inaccessible areas (as when built into a wall or between floors).

■ The male joint of each section should connect in the direction of the flow.

■ The duct must be dampered at the exterior.

■ All joints should be secured with metal tape (the shiny silver kind) - not duct tape.

■ No length of concealed rigid duct should exceed 25 feet in length.

Deduct 5 feet for each 90-degree turn and half that amount for each 45-degree fitting (example: a concealed rigid duct with one 90-degree fitting

should not exceed 20 feet; 25 feet minus 5 feet is 20 feet). Lengths may vary depending on local codes and manufacturer's specifications.

■ Keep in mind that dryer vents must not be combined with any other vent system or chimney of any kind.

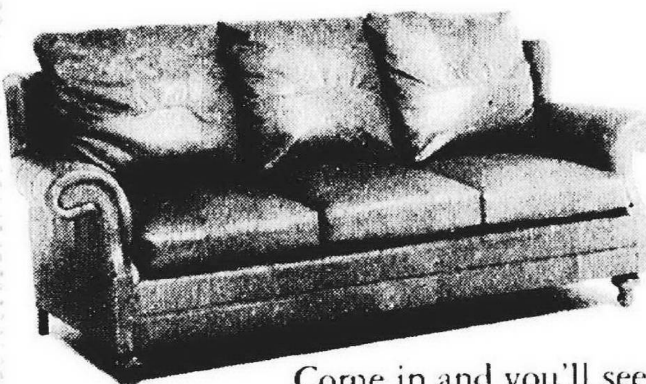
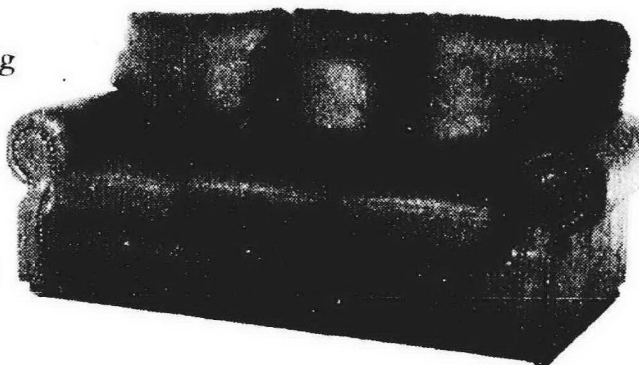
Whatever you do, don't duct your dryer into the attic, garage, basement or crawl space. You will create a fire hazard and a stinky, hard-to-access, mildewed mess.

As to the actual installation, all you have to do is secure enough pipe and fittings to do the job, and cut to length as necessary. Tin snips (metal scissors) make light work of the task. And don't forget heavy leather gloves. Freshly cut tin can be sharper than a jagged piece of glass. Use 1-inch-wide strips of tin to secure the pipe in place off the ground. Simply make a full wrap around the duct with the tin strap and nail the two loose ends to the framing.

Finally, don't forget to test your ducting on a regular basis. It's easy. While the dryer is running, go outside and get up close to the exhaust damper. Is it open and is air gushing out or does the flow seem restricted? If the latter is the case, a cleaning is in order. You can do it yourself or hire it done, but don't use your dryer when the duct is partially clogged.

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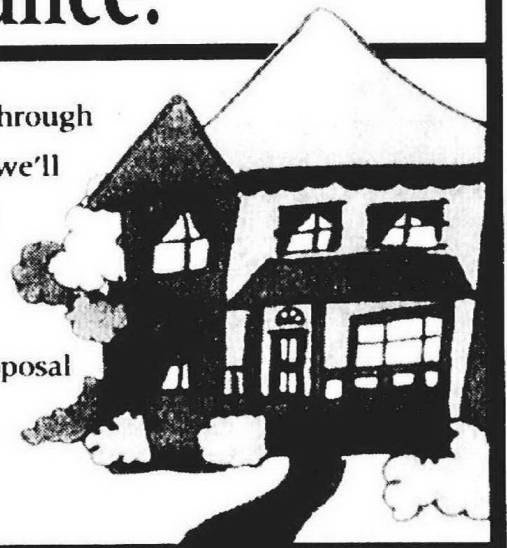
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GARDENING

# Follow these tips to grow plants from seeds

**GARDEN SPOT**



MARTY FIGLEY

Her grandmother, who grew flowers, and her grandfather, who grew vegetables, greatly influenced Karen Sansone of Clarkston in her love of gardening. "As a child I couldn't wait to sow seeds!" she

said. That love and interest is still deep within her. It's very easy to grow plants from seeds, according to Karen. She grows those not available from nurseries as plants or if she wants a particular color.

Although seeds can be grown on a windowsill, it isn't recommended as the windows get cold. Karen uses a heat mat and a two-bulb, regular fluorescent light. An old heating pad also works.

"There is no one exact way," Karen said. "Some seeds require no more than six to eight weeks; others more, especially perennials. Some need light to germinate; others darkness. Some need to be scarified (nicked) with a nail file, knife, sandpaper or a jeweler's triangular file. Others may need to be soaked in water overnight."

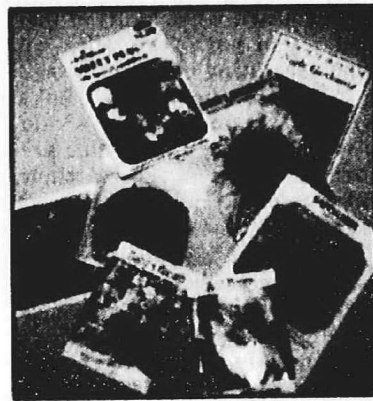
The backs of the seed packets contain a wealth of information. But it's necessary to know the last frost date (here, around May 15-20) in order to know when to start the seeds, Karen said. The number of days to harvest means after the plants are set out in the garden.

**Planting**  
Using a waterproof marker, label each pot with the date the seeds are planted, the common name and the botanical name. Plant the seeds thickly in a soilless mix, equal parts peat, vermiculite and perlite — this supports the roots and lets in oxygen. It contains no nutrients. Press the seeds that need light to germinate firmly into the growing mix with your hand. For those that need darkness, just sprinkle a bit of soil on the top or set the seeds deeper in the potting medium.

Don't let the medium dry out. Watch carefully so it isn't soaking wet — too much water reduces the amount of oxygen. Always water from the bottom, which prevents damping off. Set pots in pans of lukewarm water and remove them after the soil surface is wet to the touch. This takes a few minutes. Then drain the excess water off before putting the pots back on the mat or under the lights.

Set the pots or seeding tray on the heat mat. The temperature needs to be 70 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit for germination. Cover the trays with a transparent lid or plastic wrap.

**After germination**  
After germination, the first set of leaves, cotyledons (food storage organs), appear. When the second set of leaves appear (the true leaves), remove pots or trays from the heat pad and transplant the seedlings to larger pots, keeping only the best. Use a commercial potting mix and moisten it well. When transplanting into individual pots, hold each seedling carefully by a leaf stem and plant it in a hole made with a pencil, deeper than



MARTY FIGLEY

**Packet line: Seeds, seeds, seeds! Time to start them indoors.**

the depth at which it first grew. Be careful not to crowd or twist the roots.

Set the pots on a shelf and adjust the lights so they are two inches above the foliage of the plants. The lights need to be on chains so they can be adjusted as the plants grow. Fertilize once a week with a weak solution of all-purpose fertilizer.

Here are some additional tips. Karen finds that when she gen-

erally brushes the seedlings with her hand, it makes them stronger. Keep everything clean — wash pots in a 10-percent solution of bleach and water. Keep seeds in Ziplock bags in a cool place, not necessarily the refrigerator.

When it's about time to set the plants in the garden, they will need to become adjusted to their new surroundings. This is called hardening off.

Take the seedlings outdoors on a cloudy day for one to two hours. Take them in at night. Continue this for several days; leave them outdoors all night the last few days. Before planting into the garden, check (using your hand) that the soil temperature is warm.

Karen recommends The Cook's Garden (call 802 824-5526, fax 802 824-9556) and Johnny's Seeds (call 207 437-9294, fax 207 437-2165). Both are organic.

Also, Le Jardin du Gourmet (visit [www.kingcon.com/agljdg](http://www.kingcon.com/agljdg) or write P.O. Box 75, St. Johnsbury Ctr., VT 05863) offers 25-cent seed packets.

**GOOD GARDEN TIPS**  
Visit the "Shake Off the Winter Blues" greenhouse sale

noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Find orchids, ferns, succulents, blooming bulbs and more. Questions? Call (248) 645-3147.

If a plant is damaged by ice, snow or wind, don't be in a hurry to prune it. It may straighten up on its own. Prune broken limbs only.

Use the dishwasher to clean old pots and trays. Rinse pots first to remove salts and dirt. Scrub with baking soda if they're really caked on. Put clay pots on the bottom rack, plastic ones on top.

After cleaning clay pots, rub them with linseed oil.

Win rose bushes in the All-America Rose Selection Valentines Sweepstakes. To enter, visit [www.roseorg](http://www.roseorg) or send a postcard to AARS Sweepstakes, 221 N. LaSalle, Chicago IL 60601. The deadline is Feb. 28, 2001.

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](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net). To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

**GARDEN CLUBS**

**NOVI**  
Nancy Lindley, master gardener, will discuss winter hardy roses as a guest of the West Rose Society of Novi at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The event is free to the public and offers a social hour.

**FARMINGTON**  
Caroline Dana Lewis, founder of

the Ann Arbor chapter of the Great Lakes Rhododendron Society, has more than 300 specimens in her yard. She will give a slide presentation and lecture at noon Monday, Feb. 5, at the Longacre House, located on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For information, call 476-3017.

**LIVONIA**  
Flower arranging, with an emphasis on petite designs, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Andrew's Church. The speaker is Gretchen Pugsley, a flower show judge, who is also a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills.

**ORCHID SALE**

**DETROIT GARDEN CENTER**  
The Detroit Garden Center's 15th Annual Orchid Display, Lecture and Sale is scheduled for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick house, 1460 E. Jefferson, between Rivard and Riopelle, 1/2 mile from I-375. Visitors can listen to lectures at noon Saturday or 1 p.m. Sunday. Donations are \$2. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids, the Detroit area's largest orchid grower, will bring rare orchids from his private collection, blooming plants for sale and give growing tips in his slide talk, "Growing Prize-Winning Orchids," with

slides of his awarded plants and a repotting demonstration. Orchid raffles are scheduled both days. For information call (313) 259-6363.

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**MORE GARDENING**  
The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience:  
Shade gardens, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. sessions, Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 15; Landscape Design, six morning sessions starting

Tuesday, Feb. 20, and includes one Saturday, or seven evening sessions; Growing Vegetables, scheduled for three Wednesdays in mornings or evenings, starting Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall and winter classes, times and costs or click on [www.michigan.gardening.com](http://www.michigan.gardening.com)

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN**  
Learn how to choose the best trees and shrubs to enhance the year-round color and interest in your landscape. Learn the pros and cons of various plant materials available to landscape the yard. Class is scheduled 7-9:40 p.m. for three Thursdays starting Feb. 8, or 9-11:40 a.m. Saturdays, starting March 10.

The class is offered through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education program. Call (734) 462-4448.

**MATTHAEI GARDENS**

**HERBS AND HEALTH**  
"Herbs and Women's Reproductive Health" is scheduled 7-9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, in Room 125 at the Matthaei Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The program will be presented by Cindy Klement, a well-known local herbalist. The public is welcome. For further information, please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or e-mail [sburek@provide.net](mailto:sburek@provide.net).

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INTERIOR DESIGN

# Many couples buy furniture together before marriage

/PRNewswire/ - Newlyweds are getting a head start on their new lives together by furnishing their first homes early.

Some 28 percent of married couples say they bought their first piece of furniture together before they stepped over the threshold, and 32 percent bought furniture within the first six months of marriage, according to a recent survey conducted by the American Furniture Manufacturers Association (AFMA).

And, it's not only when they buy their furniture that helps couples create their beginning, it's also how they shop.

**Furniture is exciting**

"Furniture shopping is a very exciting experience for couples who are decorating their new home," says interior designer

Catherine Bailly Dunne, author of Interior Designing for All Five Senses. "They can follow a few basic guidelines to ensure the process is as easy and fun as it should be."

Dunne suggests crafting a master plan based on your dreams and demands.

"Every couple has a list of furnishings they need and a longer list of pieces they want. Begin in the room that needs the most furniture or where you spend the most time, and build from there," Dunne said.

"And, don't forget to treat yourselves every once in a while to a piece of furniture you've been dreaming about."

Finding the ideal starting point is easier than saying, "I do."

**Learn likes**

First, learn what kinds of furniture you both like. Pick up some decorating books or browse at a local retailer to see what's available. "And, don't be afraid to replace furnishings that are worn out, have outgrown their welcome or no longer suit your lifestyle," Dunne said.

Dunne also emphasizes the power of accessories. Items such as lamps, picture frames, vases and area rugs are simple ways to add detail and style to a room. And, because most honeymooners' homes are filled with wedding gifts, pieces such as bookshelves, curio cabinets and coffee tables are perfect for displaying new treasures.

Newlyweds who don't know where to start greatly appreciate

Dunne's practical advice. In fact, 45 percent of those couples surveyed say they wish they had had a better understanding of their own taste and style before they began furnishing their home. And 44 percent of couples wanted more information about the varieties of furniture styles available.

Indeed, furniture manufacturers today are creating an even wider variety of furniture styles that appeal to both bride and groom.

"The industry is responding to the needs of consumers with home furnishings that are both stylish and comfortable," said AFMA Vice President Jackie Hirschhaut. "It's easier and more fun than ever to decorate rooms the way that you've always dreamed."

**Most decide together**

The AFMA survey found that 67 percent of the newly married make their furniture decisions together. And, Dunne says that in furniture shopping - like relationships - togetherness is the key to success. "This is one of the first opportunities newlyweds have to express who they are as a couple," Dunne said. "They should discuss the styles they prefer, and what would be the best additions to their new life together. Above all, they should have fun designing a home that reflects their personality as a couple."

While most newlyweds usually don't furnish their new home all at once, Dunne advises they shouldn't underestimate what they can do. "I recommend couples

select furniture and accessories they both love, keeping in mind that their furnishings will eventually be replaced as their family needs and style preferences change," said Dunne. "Nothing can replace the satisfaction they'll get from a home they are happy spending time in together."

Finally, newlyweds should be relieved to know the possibilities are endless. "From choosing colors to selecting styles, the most important thing to remember is that there are no mistakes," says Dunne.

The American Furniture Manufacturers Association (AFMA) is headquartered in High Point, N.C. -- the home furnishings capital of the world -- and has more than 350 U.S. furniture members.

**DESIGN CALENDAR**

■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, featuring property belonging to the estate of Marshall Fredericks and other estates and private collections. Call (248) 332-1500.

■ Decorating consultant Jeanine Matlow is teaching classes in Oakland County: "Entertaining with Style" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1), "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3) and "Conversation Pieces" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8) through Farmington Community Education; "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6) and "Entertaining with Style" (5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13) through The Longacre House in Farmington; and "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27) through West Bloomfield Community Education. Learn innovative and affordable ways to decorate and entertain using items you have in your home. For costs and other information on the classes, call Farmington Community Education at (248) 489-3333, The Longacre House at (248) 477-8404 or West Bloomfield Community Education at (248) 539-2290.

■ The Do It Yourself Center in Rochester Hills offers home decorating classes for the "talent impaired." None of the window treatment classes requires sewing, and none of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or even a saw. Scheduled sessions include "Make Custom Swags and Jabots," Tuesday, Feb. 6 (cost is

\$35). Class size is limited due to hands-on training. To register, for a current class list or for more information, call (248) 652-4818.

■ Crafting, decorating and cooking guru Katie Brown will demonstrate creative party decorating at a free event 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at JoAnn etc in the Auburn Mile Shopping Center, 600 Brown Road at Baldwin in Auburn Hills. Brown, soon to host programs on HGTV and the Food Network, will share her knack for mixing homey appeal with a hip sense of style and a touch of romance. She will offer homespun tips on decorating and entertaining, including some from her new book, *Katie Brown Entertains*, while demonstrating affordable how-tos that take the stress out of decorating and entertaining.

■ Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decorating classes. They include the three-session "Advanced Designer Pillows," Mondays, Feb. 5-19 (\$45). Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit [www.habermanfabrics.com](http://www.habermanfabrics.com)

■ Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, will present "Designs for Living," four decorating seminars with Maurdeen Klein, Feb. 17-18. The store will donate \$5 of each seminar fee to Habitat for Humanity. Klein is a decorator, columnist, TV personality, author and educator. The Feb. 17 seminars are: "Window Wonders," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and "Tablescapes," 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Feb. 18 seminars are: "Off the Wall... And On," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and "Ruffles and

Flourishes," 2:30-5:30 p.m. Before Saturday, Feb. 3, you may submit "design challenge" photos for Klein's review; contact Haberman Fabrics for more information. Costs are \$45 for each seminar; \$80 for one day's morning and afternoon seminars (which includes lunch); \$115 for three seminars (which includes lunch on your full day of sessions); or \$150 for all four seminars (which includes lunch both days). Advance registration is required by phone, (248) 541-0010; by mail; in person; or by [visiting www.habermanfabrics.com](http://www.habermanfabrics.com)

■ Public tours at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester are given year-round 1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The hall is closed most holidays, and tour hours may change during special events. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for ages 62 and over, \$4 for ages 5-12, free for ages 4 and under. Reservations aren't required. Tours for groups of 20 or more may be scheduled for other times. Advance reservations are required for group tours. Group admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children. Call (248) 370-3140 for more information about touring the hall and the Knole Cottage playhouse, or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org)

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**CRAFTS**

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: *Crafts Calendar*, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail [kmortson@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net) 477-8942.

**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
Livonia Mall will be hosting a craft show by Bill Johnson March 16-18. Crafters come join us that weekend. Table available. Call Livonia Mall (248) 476-1160. Livonia Mall is located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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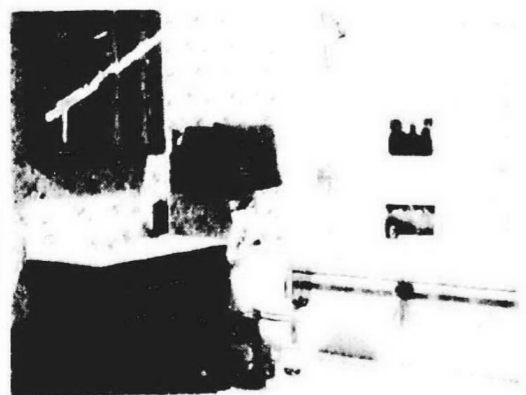
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- Quarantine the patient in a separate room from other family members. Fill this room with fun things so they don't feel ostracized. Include items like a helium balloon that says "Get well," a bouquet of flowers, a single rose, or a decorated poster that says, "We love you! Feel better real soon!"

- Put your patient in a room where they can watch movies. This will help pass the time quickly. Have magazines, books

and favorite foods available when they start feeling a little better.

- If you are willing to go to any extreme to eliminate the spread of germs, you could have the "well" members of the family wear a mask around the person who is ill. This wouldn't be a good idea with younger children who could be frightened by the mask.

- Change your clothes often if you are taking care of the patient. Wash your clothes immediately and use bleach or an anti-bacterial detergent.

- Wash linens and towels in hot water.

- Change bathroom hand towels often. Give the patient his

own special hand towel.

- Make sure you separate toothbrushes. Pour boiling water on the bristles and make sure they are stored without touching each other.

- Use a disinfectant cleaner to frequently wipe areas such as doorknobs, light switches, faucets, cabinet handles and toys.

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- Routinely remove wastebasket contents to the outside trash cans. Used tissues are breeding grounds for germs.

- Designate one bathroom for the sick person to use. It should be off limits to the rest of the household. If you have only one bathroom, you will need to clean it frequently.

- Everyone should wash hands frequently and keep hands out of their mouth. Washing is more effective when you lather at least 15 seconds with a good anti-bacterial hand soap.

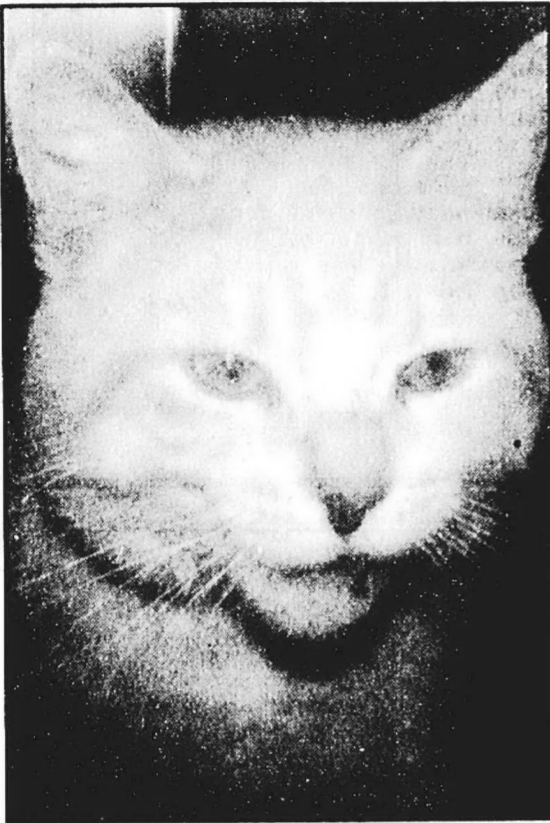
- Encourage everyone to cover their mouth when they cough and wash their hands immediately after coughing.

- Run an air filter system close to the person who is sick.

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "A healthy home is a happy home!"

Diana Koenig is a writer, educator, speaker and consultant. Her book, "Domestic Planner Systems," can be bought through her Web site, [www.domesticplanner.com](http://www.domesticplanner.com) or requested from book stores. Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, Mo. 63011, e-mail [dianakoeng@hotmail.com](mailto:dianakoeng@hotmail.com)

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**Szpakowski-Dunn**

Tom Szpakowski of Plymouth and Joyce Drwiega of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Szpakowski, to Eric Dunn, son of James and Eileen Dunn of Essexville.

A June wedding is planned at St. Brigid Church in Midland.



**Marson-Overaitis**

John and Pat Marson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer, to Peter Overaitis of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Peter and Margaret Overaitis of Garden City, is a Garden City High School graduate and works for R.L. Schmidt.

A May 2002 wedding is planned.



**Zarb-Gal**

Edward and Linda Zarb of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Alisha Marie Constance to Alexander Zsolti Gal of Mississauga, Ontario.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School and in her third year of bachelor of arts studies at Eastern Michigan University. She works as a cashier at Westborn Market in Livonia.

Her fiancé, the son of Sandor and Anna Gal of Mississauga, Ontario. He is a 1991 graduate of Mount Carmel SS High School and a 1994 graduate of Sheridan College in Oakville, Ontario. He currently is employed at Arvin Meritor as a lead hand in



Mississauga, Ontario.

A wedding is planned for September 2003 in Livonia.

**Bierig-Walk**

Robert and Margaret Schoenfeld of Plymouth and Harry Bierig of White Lake announce the engagement of Amanda Louise Bierig to Andrew Allan Walk of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan graduate, where she earned a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering. She works as a project engineer at Etkin Skanska Construction Co. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Al and Gerry Walk of Pinckney, is a University of Michigan graduate. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering. He works as a project engineer at Granger Construction Co. in Lansing.



A May wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

**Wilson-Tatman**

Eldon and Diana Wilson of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Ann, to Matthew Tatman of Saline.

The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works at University of Michigan's M-Care division.

Her fiancé, son of Pamela Tatman of Jackson, is a Brooklyn High School graduate and works at Briarwood Ford.

A September wedding is planned at Whitmore Lake Church.



**Rau-Freeman**

Larry and Cheryl Rau of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Aurilla, to Randall Paul Freeman of Flint.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Stevenson High School and attended Schoolcraft Community College. She will transfer to University of Michigan-Flint in the fall. She works at Beaumont Hospital in West Bloomfield for Yale Halpern, M.D.

Her fiancé, son of Rick and Terri Freeman of Flint, is a 1993 graduate of Carmen-An High School and a 1998 Michigan State University graduate. He works at Flushing's Springview Elementary School as a third grade teacher.



A July wedding is planned for Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint.

**Heppner-Dummer**

Ed and Roseann Heppner of South Lyon and Brenda Heppner of Clinton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Leann of Livonia, to Eric Thomas Dummer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate with a degree in marketing. She is working toward earning a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Jerry and Janet Dummer of Canadian Lakes, is a Michigan Tech graduate with a degree in engineering. He works for Ford Motor Company.



An April wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

**WEDDING**

**Zumberg-Hess**

Dennis and Brenda Urick of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lynne Zumberg of Farmington Hills, to Michael Hess of Canton. The couple wed Sept. 9, 2000 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and works as a relocation specialist at Weir, Manual, Snyder and Reanke.

Her husband, son of George and Patti Hess of Canton, is a Warren Local High School graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a service consultant for Office Depot.

The couple wed before the Rev. Debra Natt. The bride was attended by maid of honor and sister Kristin O'Brien, and her daughter and flower girl Marisa Zumberg.

The groom was attended by



best man, Ben Hess and groomsmen Raymond N. Kreucher and Corey Kreucher.

They received guests at Fox Hills Country Club and took a trip to Cozumel, Mexico. The couple have made their home in Dearborn.

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## Mending a broken heart is tough business

My friend Doreen and I sat in a restaurant recently, talking about Valentine's Day and all the hoopla that accompanies it. Hallmark and FTD florists do very well, as do See's and Whitman Candy companies. But when a person has lost a relationship to death or a break up, Valentine's Day takes on a whole different slant. We, who are in a close, committed relationship almost take the day for granted. Others look in on it, longingly.

Mending a broken heart is a tough business. Life seems to lose its meaning. But grief work is not meant to be a passive experience of waiting it out and suffering. Bob Deits, in his book "Life After Loss" says, "Grief recovery [from death or a break up] is more like recovering your balance after being knocked off your feet." What makes doing grief work even harder is that no one wants to talk about it. And yet, none of us is immune to loss; it is a natural part of life.

A Livonia friend of mine lamented one day that the irony of her losing her husband was that her friends applaud her for "doing so well" with it.

"They don't really want to see me cry, snivel or reminisce about him. They want me to look good and act like I've gotten on with life. It's almost as if they were seeking their own comfort with the situation, not mine."

**Bottled up**

But sadness needs to be expressed for as long as it takes to release it. Yogi Berra, the major-league baseball player said that a game "isn't over until it's over." So feeling guilty because you are not responding to loss "correctly" doesn't allow you the freedom to grieve in a way that best helps you. Grief is the last act of love you can give the person you lost. And sometimes we store up our feelings until the "garbage can" in our soul is full-to-the-brim. It's at these times that we suddenly begin crying over a seemingly minor thing. The trigger is the minor event (seeing a familiar site, watching a movie, thinking about a favorite shared activity). Then the floodgates open and our grief overwhelms us.

Recovering from loss takes several steps. But remember, you might backslide a step to one you have already experienced. The first stage (step) we feel is shock. Just don't make any rash decisions during this time.

Stage two is denial and withdrawal. It drains our energy and can cause us to feel all of our own aches and pains and may even bring out anger. But again, as with shock, know that you will not always feel this way.

Stage three is acknowledgment. It is not even necessary to accept the situation ... just acknowledge it. Support groups or professional counseling can be of great value during this time.

The fourth stage is adapting to your new circumstances. A day will arrive (sometimes between one and three years later) when you will realize you are not asking yourself everyday, "Why did this happen to me?"

"Why" questions never have good answers. Why did she have to die? Why did my spouse leave me for another? At this step, the questions begin to focus on "how." How will I fill the void? How do I make new friends? How can I learn from the break up of this relationship?

For those who lose out on Valentine's Day because they no longer have a "honey," it's definitely no fun, but making your child, sister, mother, grandparents feel loved can at least ease some of that bleakness because of your altruism ... know that they feel appreciated by your efforts.

**Resources:**

- Ward Evangelical Church - Divorce Recovery Groups (children/adults) (248) 374-5920.
- New Life Ministries (grief groups for children/adults) (248) 348-0115.
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- Family Resource Center (734) 886-5576.

## Dramatic changes

### The Park Players take cues from new directors

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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Geoffrey Kopp and Shannon McNutt said the stage was set for both of them to make changes in their careers. Last fall, the pair accepted positions at Plymouth Canton High School as the new director and associate director of The Park Players.

"I had been wanting to move back to Michigan for some time," said McNutt, associate director of The Park Players and drama teacher at Canton High School. "I was ready to move out of Florida."

McNutt and Kopp stepped into their roles the first week of August and hit the ground running. Kopp said he learned of the directorship while online. "I came across the position on the Internet and figured I didn't have anything to lose if I applied. I started two theater programs from scratch, so I was looking for a new challenge. Taking over this program is a massive challenge. It's like a college theater program not only because of its size but because it is so well respected."

Kopp attended Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth and graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1991. He received his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College and a bachelor's degree with a double major in English and theater education from Western Michigan University. A teacher for five years, he previously taught at Mt. Clemens High School and North Branch High School.

#### Changing of the guard

At the end of the 1999-2000 school year, Plymouth Canton High School said farewell to longtime performing arts teacher Gloria Logan. In honor of the three decades of dedication she gave to the students, the department and the program, the board of education renamed the Canton High School theater the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts.

"There wasn't a day this past semester that wasn't terrifying. It was a huge relief to get the fall production 'The Miser' behind us. Everyone was waiting to see what the new guy could do," said Kopp.

"It's very exciting to be here. It will take a few years for Jeff and I to make our vision happen. We hope to expand on the traditions Gloria Logan established as well as bringing the curriculum up to state and national theater education standards," added McNutt.

Amid preparing for the fall and spring performances at the Gloria



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**Talented:** Shannon McNutt (center) and Geoffrey Kopp (right) are the new directors of The Park Players at Plymouth Canton High School. The pair are grateful for the support and assistance they receive from Paul Bird (left), the technical director/auditorium manager.

Logan Auditorium and Dubois Little Theater, the teachers have been laying the foundation for their "vision for the future."

They foresee many changes, not only in the curriculum, but also increasing the number of productions at both theaters from two to six. They're planning more outreach into the community through workshops and programming and the initiation of a Theater Booster Organization.

"I think it's serendipity that Jeff and I came in on the same page and that we have a good working relationship and friendship. We're very hopeful for the future," said McNutt. "We have different styles of management, but as far as our philosophies and our visions, we're on the same page. We relate to the kids differently, but I think we provide a harmonious balance."

A graduate of Garden City West High School, McNutt was a professional actress before becoming a teacher for the past 10 years. "I trained at the Juilliard and Carnegie-Mellon and with the Royal Shakespearean Company. My friends thought I was crazy when I told them I wanted to teach. I don't have any children of my own, so all the students are my babies," said McNutt.

The Canton resident received her undergraduate degree in theater and her master's degree from Wayne State University. Before moving back to Michigan she taught performing arts at Apopka High School in Apopka, Fla., outside of Orlando.

#### Balancing act

Kopp and McNutt share responsibilities at both the high schools. Kopp teaches Drama II (soon to be called

World Drama) and public speaking. McNutt teaches advanced drama classes and ensemble performance. Together they supervise the theater programs at each of their high school, will direct and supervise two productions each, and teach classes.

Currently the theater department is selling tickets for the Feb. 1-3 Ensemble Performance production "Faces in the Crowd." Students will be dramatizing an evening of scenes and monologues thematically collected in full-length play format.

"Many of them were written by the students themselves. The first component of the program is dark and the second hopeful and inspiring. Subjects include dating, incest, violence, suicide and drug abuse - many issues that

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## Volunteers make an impact at Starfish

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Jill Natalini said in the past she usually found an excuse not to volunteer her time to a worthy cause. The Plymouth woman said while there have always been countless opportunities to lend a helping hand, she'd find a reason not to - until now.

"You know that old saying that you get more out of volunteering than the people you're helping. That's true," said Natalini. "I should have been doing more long ago."

The Plymouth resident spent Saturday, Jan. 20, as a member of a Volunteer Impact team painting the 3,000 square foot gymnasium of Starfish Family Services in Inkster, which is utilized by approximately 4,000 children each year.

Starfish Family Services (SFS) is a private, nonprofit agency serving children, youth, adults and families throughout Southeastern Michigan. They provide counseling, residential programs and community-based programs for children from birth through 21 years of age as well as support, education, crisis programs and counseling for parents and other community members.

#### Troops

Twenty-nine volunteers including journalist and radio personality Mitch Albom painted the gym, restriped the floors for basketball, washed windows and removed and replaced floor molding.

Natalini said she heard about Volunteer Impact on Albom's show on WJR - AM 760 which proved to be the catalyst for her to put her desire to help into action.

"My mom always told me to give something back but I always found an

excuse," said Natalini. "Every time I do it now I feel really good."

Natalini first participated in a Volunteer Impact opportunity in December and has since started delivering food in the Plymouth area through Meals on Wheels. This month she enlisted the help of her son Ryan Natalini, a student at Michigan State University and his girlfriend, Kelly Brown of Canton.

Volunteer Impact is a non-profit volunteer service organization that allows volunteers to participate in a variety of projects and to schedule their volunteer time in a convenient and flexible manner. Each volunteer receives a monthly newsletter with a calendar listing volunteer opportunities. Volunteers then sign up for projects according to their interest and availability. Volunteer Impact offers a choice of special one-time projects, regular monthly projects and ongoing individual assignments.

#### Giving thanks

"We are very thankful for the hours that were donated by Volunteer Impact members," said Lin Fox, director of Community Relations at Starfish. "Their success on Saturday has provided a clean, exciting new environment for our children to play and a place where they can feel good about themselves. Our new partnership with Volunteer Impact will certainly touch our clients and the community."

The gym and stage were painted as well as the hall outside the gym. New taping for basketball games was done on the floor with a Starfish design in the center court. The volunteers also removed the baseboard molding in the gym and replaced it. A crew washed all of the dirty windows in the Head Start wing of the building.

"We had 29 volunteers as well as



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**Helping hand:** Jill Natalini of Plymouth washes windows at a recent Volunteer Impact initiative at Starfish Family Services.

Mitch and his two sidekicks, Ken and Rachel. The crew worked very hard for 3 1/2 hours and did a wonderful job," said Fox.

According to the community relations director, Starfish provided all of the work supplies, paint, brushes, molding, and tape. "Volunteers provided the muscle, talent and a wonderful sense of spirit," added Fox.

Volunteer Impact contacted Starfish Family Services in December and received their name through the Love-Light Foundation.

"We were chosen by Volunteer Impact to have their volunteers provide a holiday party for our youngest clients in December and they will be hosting a Dr. Seuss birthday party for our Head Starters on March 2," said Fox.

As a way of remembering the work the volunteers provided, each individual made a handprint and signature on a piece of canvas that will be framed and displayed in the Inkster facility.

"The volunteers certainly made a difference on Saturday, one child, one family at a time," said Fox.

If you are interested in learning more about Volunteer Impact opportunities visit [www.volunteerimpact.org](http://www.volunteerimpact.org)



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**COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
Rehearsals for the Ypsilanti Community Choir's spring concert will begin on Thursday, Feb. 1. Rehearsals are held from 7:45-9:15 p.m. each Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church (201 N. River St.) Ypsilanti. The choir will begin preparing for the annual May concert, which will feature a variety of vocal music from classical to contemporary. Call (734) 483-7192.

**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 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

**INT'L STUDENT DAY**  
First United Methodist Church of Farmington (33112 Grand River) will be the host site of an International Student Day Program at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 2. Inter-

national students will speak about their homelands. Sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. One casserole is needed for every three persons attending and paper products needed for the First Step program.

**LIFEBOAT**  
What is most important to save in our lives? If you needed to get into a life boat, what people and things would you bring with you? The Rev. Bob Renjilian of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington presents the "kick off" for the social action focus of our Unitarian Universalist Association study on responsible consumption Sunday, Feb. 4. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

**MUSIC SERIES**  
The Nardin Park United Methodist Church (29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills) "Music and Fine Arts Series" presents the Classical Bells in a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. A pre-concert reception will be held at 3 p.m. Call (248) 476-8860.

**BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 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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**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) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/www

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS**  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring an evening of genealogy workshops at 7 p.m. Feb. 18. The workshops will be held at 33900 13-Mile (one-quarter mile west of Farmington), to help the community become aware of and learn to use many of the genealogical resources available through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All workshops are free of charge and open to the public. Topics include "Getting Started," "Using the Internet," and "LDS Resources."

**WORKSHOPS**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will host Stages of Grief, a workshop presentation by Ann Marie Jackson of Arbor Hospice. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF**

Newburg United Methodist church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will be the host site of a "Journey Through Grief" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21. Jacky Gatloff, director of Grief Support Services at Arbor Hospice will speak. The workshop is free. Call to pre-register (734) 422-0149.

**SPIRITUAL WEEKEND**  
A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled "Living and Growing Spiritually and Emotionally," is planned for March 23-25 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. The weekend will focus on the "Six Basic Needs and How to Get Them Met." Cost is \$100 and \$115 all private rooms (standard bed with bath or sofa bed with bath; all meals included). Hosted by Bethany Support Group Chapters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

**HEALING SERVICES**  
The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

**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.timothyLivonia.com

**NEW LIFE LUTHERAN**  
New Life Lutheran Church worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Shel-

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concern teens today," said McNutt. Auditions are also taking place for the spring musical "The Sound of Music." Three hundred students have signed up to audition for a production that can accommodate 60-70 performers, the drama teachers.

"We want to provide a more extended and expansive co-curricular program so more kids can get involved. Kids have been crying out for this. That's why we have plans to increase the number of productions so that more students have the opportunity to be involved," said Kopp. "Our goal is to put on more large-cast productions with 15 actors in them. But on the technical end there's kids involved with publicity, props, costumes, carpentry, etc. If there's 15 kids in the production, there's at least double that behind the scenes. Many people don't think about all that's involved in a production. Theater is a collaborative art."

Kopp and McNutt credit the fluency of the productions both on and off stage to Paul Bird, the Plymouth Canton High School technical director/auditorium manager. "It's rare for a high school to have someone in a full-time position of that nature. He's responsible for set design, lighting, sound, carpentry and more. You name it, he's great."

**New and improved**  
A recent addition to the co-curricular programming was the establishment of an improvisation troupe called "The Improv Club" started by teacher Jordan Brun.

"He had some performance experience in college and wanted to start the club. The group meets every Monday after school, and they've had about 60 students show an interest," said Kopp.

Also, every Saturday in February students from The Park Players will a theater camp at Borders Books in Novi for children ages 6-12. Students will offer improvisation techniques, acting workshops, make up, storytelling, etc.

"Our students are incredibly dedicated and know what it takes to work and perform in a professional manner. They want to put out a quality final production, and they're willing to do that because they care so much," said Kopp.

If you are interested in attending "Face in the Crowd" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1-3 call Shannon McNutt (734) 416-7614. Call Shannon or Geoffrey if you would like to volunteer with The Park Players Theater Booster Organization.

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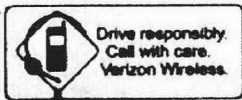
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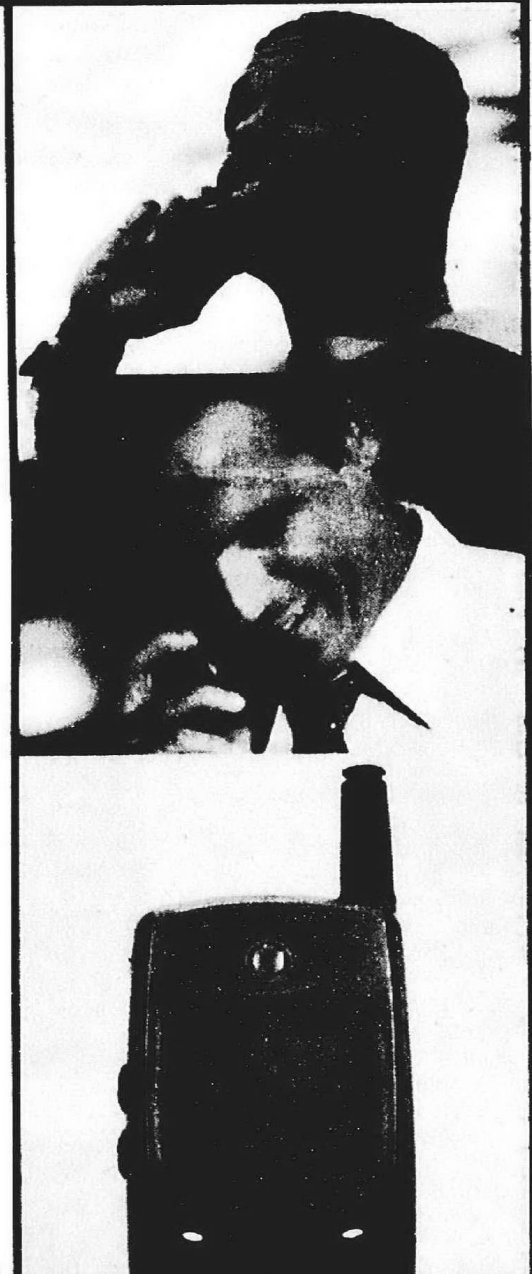
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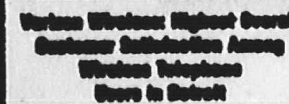
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**CHERRY HILL**

**Class of 1980**  
A 21-year reunion is planned for the class of 1980 at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Dinner served at 8 p.m. at the Karas House (23632 Plymouth Road, Redford). Tickets are \$100 a couple; \$50 per individual. Prices includes buffet-style dinner, bar, DJ music and dancing. Send a check or money order to: CHHS Class of 1980, 15 Hickory Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118-9417 no later than .

**SACRED HEART/DEARBORN**

**Class of 1961**  
A reunion is planned for June 23 at the Marriott Hotel near Metropolitan Airport. Call Bob Fredericks at (248) 426-8373 or e-mail MOM@Mich.com

**FORDSON - DEARBORN**

**Class of 1971**  
A reunion is planned for Saturday, June 23 at the Park Place in Dearborn. Graduates who have not received mailings should call Frank D'Amore (313) 278-3928 or Kevin Brazell at (313) 562-5033. Sponsors, advertisers and prize donors are also being sought.

**Class of 1981**

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com

**GARDEN CITY EAST**

**Class of 1971**  
A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a dee jay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

**JOHN GLENN**

**Class of 1971**  
A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723.

**LAKE ORION**

**Class of 1976**  
Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walzer) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tina-classof76@aol.com

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**Class of 1976**  
A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**NATIVITY HIGH**

**Class of 1951**  
Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Contact Doris Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Carangi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

**NORTH FARMINGTON**

**Class of 1970**  
A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**Class of 1981**

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**Class of 1991**

A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. We are looking for classmates. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**OAK PARK**

**Class of 1961**  
The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons — classmates who have scattered through the years — and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972.

**Class of 1975**

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. To get on the mailing list call: Marcie Ziskind Aguas, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukel (248) 661-5587 or e-mail Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net

**PLYMOUTH CANTON**

**Class of 1981**  
A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Northville Manor in Northville. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**SEAHOLM**

**Class of 1961**  
A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-9933.

**SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP**

**Class of 1991**  
A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy. (248) 592-9565.

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A reunion is planned for July 28 at the Holiday Inn - North Campus in Ann Arbor. Contact Annunciata (Nowak) Porterfield (734) 663-5214 or e-mail nunce@umich.edu

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**NEW ARRIVALS**

**Patrick and Sandy Mulcahy** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Keaton James** born Jan. 17 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Keaton joins siblings Meaghan, 6; Sean, 4; and Shannon, 2. Grandparents are Helen Arasin of Westland and Bill and Cindy Mulcahy of Fort Myers, Florida.

**Maria and Mark Wine** of Plymouth announce the birth of their son **Jonathan Bruce** born Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Jonathan joins siblings Ross, 8; Grace, 6 1/2; and Jacqueline, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Herb and Ruth Munzel of South Lyon, Bruce and Dori Wine of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Jane Wine and Jerry Hinrichs of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Great-grandparents are Irene Munzel of Harrison Township and Aleen Wine of Wheaton, Ill.

**Jeff and Lisa Hill** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter **Margaret Rose** born Jan. 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Margaret joins siblings C.J. and Terrett. Grandparents are Mark and Carolyn Boyak of Garden City and Dave and Rose Sword of Brooklyn.

**Lawrence and Renee Cheaney** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Lawrence Patrick Cheaney Jr.** born Jan. 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Lawrence joins sister Kelsey. Grandparents are James and Shirley Cheaney of Northville and William and Patrick Bellman of Taylor.

**Jenny and Ed Hunter** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **LeLand Michael** — a gift from God. LeLand was born Dec. 9, 2000 and joins brother Corey.

**Steven and Bonnie Chapinski** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Claire Jean** born Jan. 11 at Huron Valley-Sinai of Commerce. Claire joins sister Emily, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Mary Asdourian of Livonia, the late Jan and Karen Chapinski of Livonia and John and Yoka Clark of Capetown, South Africa. Great-grandparents are the late Anna Asdourian of Westland and Clara Chapinski of Novi.

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## Late goal allows Canton to tie Salem



These teams have now met four times in their brief histories, and Tuesday's game marked the first time Canton didn't emerge with a win over Salem. A last-minute goal did salvage a tie for the Chiefs, however.

BY C.J. RISAK  
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A game like this — Plymouth Canton vs. Plymouth Salem — presents coaches with a different type of problem.

Not the kind a hockey coach would have when his team went against a Northville or a Farmington, games that would be tough but would likely require a coach to find a way to pump some emotion into his team.

When Canton plays Salem, however,

the emotion factor is difficult to control. A natural element in this cross-creek rivalry, too much can cause a team to self-destruct. Too little may leave a team too listless to respond.

When the two teams clashed Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Salem rose to the occasion. Canton did not — at least until the final couple of minutes, with the Chiefs' Sean Depp poking in a goal with 36.2 seconds left to play for a 3-3 draw.

"I'm happy with the way we played,"

said Salem coach Fred Feiler after his team, for the first time in the two years these teams have been in existence, avoided losing to Canton. "I'm not happy with the tie, especially when we had the lead."

"It was a good game. I'd like to see all of our games played with that kind of intensity. In a game like this, you try to keep 'em focused, take some of the emotion out of the game as best you

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### OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

#### Rocko stages invite

When the Detroit Rockers host the Kansas City Attack at 7:35 p.m. Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the competition promises to be fierce — and not just between the Rockers and Attack, who are vying for the final playoff berth in the NPSL's National Conference.

At halftime of this game, Rocko — the Rockers' mascot — will host the first-ever Rocko Invitational. His team of Jungle Jocks will battle the Corporate Raiders in a five-minute soccer duel.

The players are an all-star assemblage of mascots, including the Detroit Tigers' Paws, the Detroit Lions' Roary, the Attack's Fuzzy the Attack Cat, the Plymouth Whalers' Shooter, Garden City HS's Cougar, University of Detroit Mercy's Tommy Titan, Eastern Michigan's Swoop, Michigan State's Sparty, Central Michigan's Kooky, Florida Bobcats Arena Football's Blitz the Bobcat, the Windsor Spitfires' Duke the Ice Dragon, the Flint Generals' General Rally, Big Boy Restaurant's Big Boy, Old Country Buffet's Old Country Buffet Bee, Mongolian Barbecue's Mongo Man, Dolly's Pizza's Dolly, and Blimpie Subs' Blimpie the Bear.

Following the halftime duel, fans will have a chance to mingle with the mascots during the second half of the Rockers' game.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Rockers at (877) 480-KICK. For more information, call special events coordinator Jennifer Walker at (248) 366-2114.

#### Gymnasts take 3rd

Sports Club of Novi's Level 7 gymnasts took third-place honors at the fifth-annual Twisters USA Invitational gymnastics meet Jan. 12-14 in Lansing.

Erica Schick of Livonia led Sports Club with a first-place in the all-around, a first in balance beam and seconds in both uneven parallel bars and floor exercise.

Nicole Roach of Canton finished first in both vault and floor, was second on bars and was second in the all-around.

Sports Club of Novi's Level 6 gymnast Jessica Oddi of Farmington Hills took top honors in her division, finishing first in the all-around, bars and beam, and second in the vault. Marisa Karcz, also of Farmington Hills, placed eighth in the all-around.

#### Top runner

Among the leaders for Western Michigan's men's indoor track team are Plymouth Canton graduate Andy Briggs and Livonia Churchill grad Ryan Kearney.

Briggs has the Broncos' second-fastest time this season in the 500-meter dash, 1:07.15 at the Notre Dame Triangular Jan. 19. He has his third-fastest clocking in the 600-meter run, 1:24.14 at the Spartan Invitational Jan. 12.

Kearney ranks fourth for WMU in the 400-meters, a 51.18 at Notre Dame; he's also fifth in the 60-meter hurdles, an 8.66 at Notre Dame.

#### S'craft volleyball invite

Defending champion East Kentwood and top-ranked Temperance Bedford (45-0) will be among 25 teams vying Saturday in the 28th annual Schoolcraft College High School Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Pool play is scheduled on five courts beginning at 9 a.m.

The top two teams in each of the following pools will advance to championship round later in the day:

■ Court No. 1 (A) — Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem (Blue), Temperance Bedford (last year's state Class A champion), Dearborn, Grand Rapids Northview;

■ Court No. 2 (B) — Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington Hills Mercy, Walled Lake Western, Farmington, Grand Blanc;

■ Court No. 3 (C) — Fenton, Northville, Dearborn Divine Child, Livonia Churchill, Midland;

■ Court No. 4 (D) — Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, East Kentwood, Farmington Hills Harrison, Birmingham Marian;

■ Court No. 5 (F) — Walled Lake Central, Holly, Garden City, Novi and Salem.

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### Erie shuts out Plymouth in battle of OHL's best

BY C.J. RISAK  
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The end result — not that surprising.

The final score — that was a shock.

For the first time this season, the Plymouth Whalers failed to put the puck in the net, and it couldn't have come at a worse time. In a battle between the two top teams in the Ontario Hockey League, the Erie Otters came out the winner Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena by a 1-0 margin.

The game's only goal was scored in the opening period. A Whaler turnover at center ice put the puck on Brad Yeo's stick; he slid a pass to Joe Guenther as the Otters broke in with a 2-on-1 on Whaler goalie Rob Zepp.

Guenther's slap shot from the top of the circle on the left wing got past Zepp and into the far corner, making it 1-0 with 2:16 left in the period.

Ironically, Plymouth had been dominating the action. The goal was Erie's fifth shot on net in the period; at that juncture, the Whalers had 10. The period ended with Plymouth holding a 12-6 advantage in shots on goal.

"These were two pretty evenly-matched teams," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer. "We just didn't do enough to score goals."

"I thought Stephen Weiss' line was dominant for the first 10 minutes. Then we played down to their level a bit . . . We made it easy on their goaltender."

The defeat left Plymouth with a 30-8-4-5 record and 69 points in 47 games. Erie is 31-8-9-0, with 71 points in 48 games. Plymouth still leads the OHL's West Division. Erie is first in the Midwest Division. The next closest team in the league is 10 points behind.

More importantly is the overall race for the top seed — and home-ice advantage that goes with it — in the OHL. At present the Otters lead, but they have played one more game than the Whalers. Should Plymouth and Erie finish the season tied, head-to-head results would be brought into



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARDMAN

Closely checked: The Whalers' Stephen Weiss (left) couldn't find much room to maneuver Wednesday against Erie's Sean Dixon. Weiss, second in the OHL in scoring, was held scoreless.

play. After last night, the season series couldn't be any closer. Each team has won twice, with one tie. One game remains, at Erie Feb. 16.

Indeed, since Plymouth's 4-0 win over the Otters in the season-opener, none of the game's has been decided by more than a goal.

So the closeness of last night's match was to be anticipated. However, getting blanked was something

that had been foreign to the Whalers this season.

It wasn't that they didn't have their chances. They ended up with a 30-19 advantage in shots on goal. Problem was, none of them got past Otters' goalie J.F. Ferras, who raised his record to 13-4-4 while earning his third shutout.

The loss was also the Whalers' fourth in the last five games. The previous three had come in overtime.

which meant they at least got a point out of it.

"I'm shocked we didn't score any goals," said DeBoer. "But we've been having trouble lately putting the puck in the net. And you've got to pay the price in this league."

Against the Otters, the cost wasn't all that high — just one goal — but it proved too lofty for the Whalers.

Windsor beats Plymouth in overtime — D6.

## Chiefs are Observerland's best!

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Complacency can be a terrible problem for a team used to winning.

At last Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Tournament, hosted by Livonia Churchill, that wasn't an issue for Plymouth Canton. The Chiefs had finished in the top three at this tourney just twice before, and they'd never won it.

It was a question Redford Catholic Central's team had to deal with. The Shamrocks had won the last two Observerlands and four of the previous nine; only twice had they finished lower than second.

By day's end, Canton's desire proved greater than CC's ability to overcome its over-confidence. The

Chiefs became the fifth team to win the Observerland in its 10 years, placing seven wrestlers in the finals and winning four weight divisions.

Canton finished with 222 points; CC was second with 203.5 and the host Chargers were third with 168 (see results).

Although his team didn't necessarily wrestle poorly, Shamrock coach Mike Rodriguez wasn't happy. "How can you be happy when you're defending your title, you have a shot at it and you let it slip through your fingers?" he asked rhetorically.

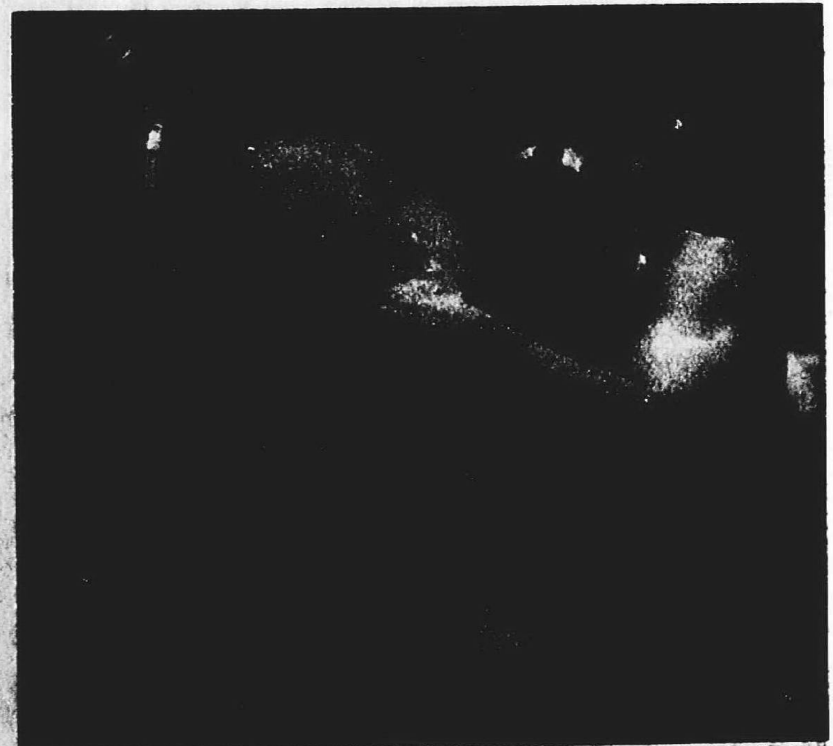
"We weren't good enough to win it. The boys from Canton were. They were ready. They were on a mission."

Chiefs' coach John Demasick had to agree. "It did feel really good, having accomplished something that special."

"We expected to win, but always knew there was a possibility of messing up. CC has such a strong tradition. When you don't have the tradition of doing it every year, that's when you mess up."

What allowed Canton to evade that problem was a confidence Demasick and his staff — assistants Jay Helm, John-Peter Demasick, Jeff French and Dave London — have worked at instilling all season.

These efforts paid off. If ever there was a time when the youngsters' "messing up" had been laid,



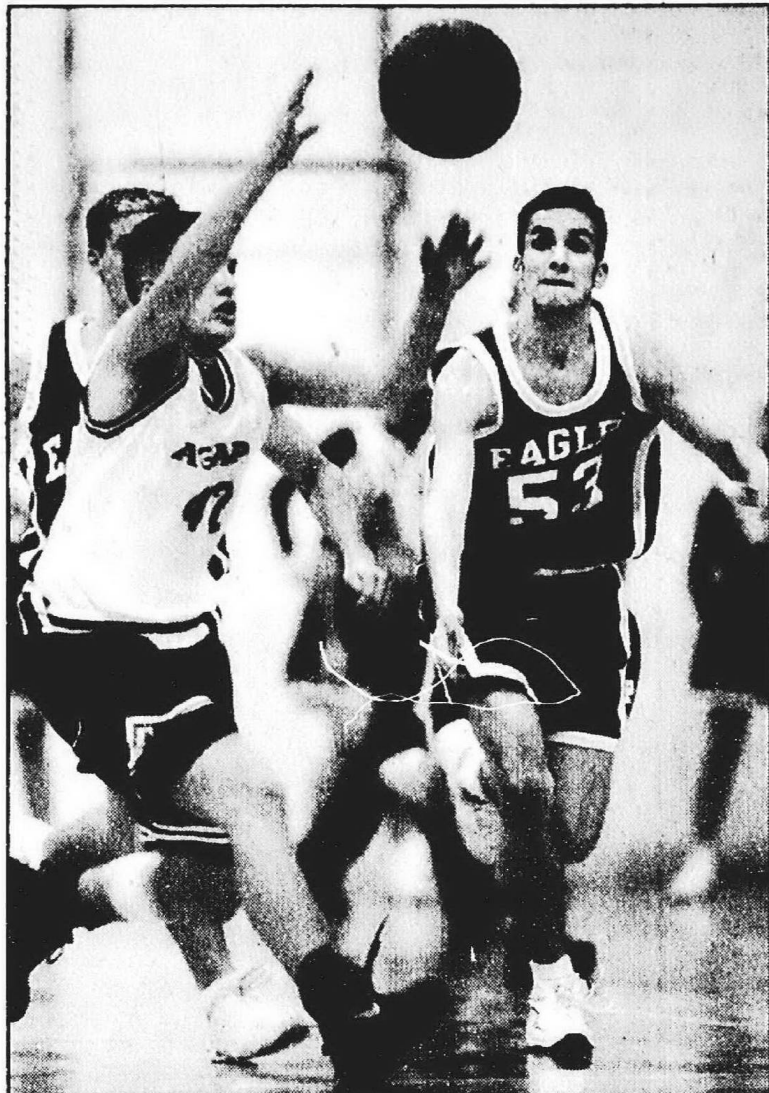
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Making a successful move: Canton's Phil Rothwell (right) moved up to the 215 division — and finished first.

it was the week prior to the Observerland. The Chiefs were lethargic in the opening round of the Jackson Northwest Tournament on Jan. 20 and, despite a strong finish, placed fourth.

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# PCA hands Agape its 1st defeat



**Big shot:** Paul Anleitner (left) hit a late three-pointer to give Agape a lead, but the Wolverines couldn't hold it. Anleitner scored 12 points; P.J. Woodman (right) had 14 for PCA.

Big shot — that was Paul Anleitner's three-pointer with 14 seconds left, taking his Canton Agape Christian team from two points down to a point up.

Bigger shot — that was provided by Plymouth Christian Academy's James Bauslaugh, a drive down the right side of the lane capped by a running one-hander at the buzzer that gave the Eagles a 47-46 victory Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

"That shot at the end was a money shot," said PCA coach Doug Taylor, his team now 3-7 overall. "They doubled Clay Welton at the high post, so (Bauslaugh) took it down the lane and his running jumper fell."

The loss was Agape's first of the season after eight wins, but it wasn't a shocking defeat for Wolverine coach Chuck Henry. "There's a thin margin between winning and losing," he said. "They've lost a lot of close games. And their schedule is much more difficult than ours."

PCA won the game with defense, a better performance at the free-throw line (11-of-21 to Agape's 1-of-3), and an absence of mistakes (only seven turnovers).

"We played really well defensively," said Taylor. "We just couldn't shoot. We pressed them the whole game. We didn't get a lot of steals off of it, but I think we took them out of their offense."

Agape led the Eagles 12-6 after one quarter but PCA trimmed that deficit to 22-21 at the half. A 15-8 third-period surge by the Eagles gave them a 36-30 lead going into the fourth.

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Agape's defensive effort against PCA sophomore and leading scorer Clay Welton wasn't as effective as PCA's efforts against Agape's Anleitner. Welton finished with 21 points and nine rebounds; Anleitner, who averages nearly 20 points a game, was limited to 12.

"I think they geared their defense for him," said Henry.

PCA also got 14 points from P.J. Woodman and eight from Bauslaugh.

Paul Chrenko's 14 points topped Agape. Josh Anthony contributed 11.

**Salem 66, Franklin 52:** No wonder the snow was melting outside the Livonia Franklin gym — Plymouth Salem was scorching things up inside the building.

Salem made 27 of its 38 shots Tuesday night. And when the Rocks missed, they got the rebound and did something with it.

The Rocks held a 20-17 lead after one period of the Western Lakes Activities Association game and stretched it to 41-30 by halftime. Salem helped itself by making 12-of-14 free throws, too.

Sophomore Dave Hoskins led the Rocks, who won their third-straight to improve to 4-8 overall, 4-2 in the WLAA, with 21 points. Nick Tochman added 14.

Joe Ruggiero scored 29 points to lead the Patriots (4-8 overall, 2-4 in the conference). Franklin went 14-for-19 from the free throw line.

**John Glenn 54, Canton 44:** Disappointing.

No other way to describe Plymouth Canton's homecourt loss to Westland John Glenn Tuesday.

day. The Chiefs led 14-12 after one quarter but, after the Rockets outscored them 17-7 in the second period, they never led again.

The loss left Canton at 5-7 overall, 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn is 3-9 overall, 2-4 in the WLAA.

"They played hard," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "It was a big win for them. They hit shots and we didn't."

"We couldn't hit anything. We were getting great looks, we just couldn't knock them down. And we got outrebounded, too."

Jerry Gaines led Canton with 16 points. Jason Priebe added eight.

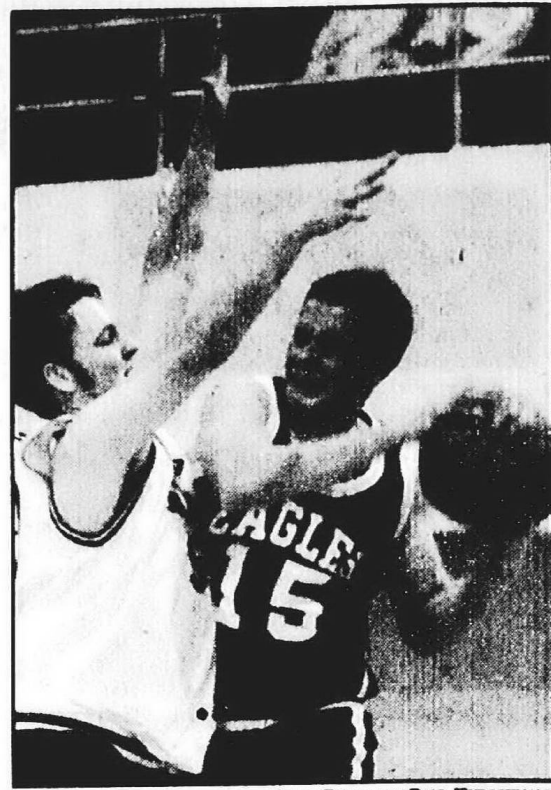
Glenn got 17 points from Brent Bogle and nine from Anthony Harrell.

The Rockets led 29-21 at the half and 40-30 after three quarters. Canton narrowed the gap to five in the fourth quarter, but could draw no closer.

In the end, as Rheault put it, "They wanted that game more than us."

**CC 78, U-D Jesuit 60:** Redford Catholic Central only had six players score against University of Detroit-Jesuit on Tuesday night.

But all six scored in double figures as the Shamrocks stopped



**Top scorer:** PCA's Clay Welton (15) led all scorers with 21 points; Josh Anthony (left) had 11 points for Agape.

the Cubs at CC.

"We got good balance from our inside-outside game," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "To get our two post-players (Ryan Clark and Ryan Murphy) in double figures for us is huge. We didn't hit any 3-pointers in the first quarter, but hit three in the second and it got us going. We kept stretching and stretching the lead."

Ryan Celeskey led the Shamrocks (10-3, 5-1 Catholic League Central Division) with 23 points, while Clark and Mark Willoughby had 12 each, Anthony Coratti had 11 and Tom Jakacki and Murphy had 10 each.

Joel Woods paced U-D (7-6, 2-4 Central) with 14 points and Chris Page added 11.

**Stevenson 48, Harrison 38:** Nothing wrong with turnovers — as long as they're somebody else's.

Coach Bill Dyer preached that lesson to his Livonia Stevenson team after it made a whopping 37 Friday night in a one-sided loss.

Stevenson took the turnover lesson to heart Tuesday night, playing strong defense in a victory over host Farmington Harrison in a WLAA game.

"We played better defense," Dyer said. "When they pressed and trapped — we made 37 turnovers Friday night and this game we made just 10. That was the biggest difference."

Stevenson had a 20-17 lead at halftime and withstood a Harrison charge just after halftime.

The Spartans (5-7, 3-3) were led by Chris Severson with 14 points and Bob Zapalski with 12.

The Hawks (2-10, 0-6) got nine points each from Marvin Hicks and Ladaruis Brown.

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# Rockers get a weekend split

It's difficult to tell what the Detroit Rockers are going to do, from game to game.

On Friday, they rebounded from a four-point loss to the NPSL's National Conference-leading Toronto Thunder Hawks to beat them 12-9 at Plymouth's Compware Arena.

Big win against a first-place team.

But then on Sunday, the Rockers hosted the Buffalo Blizzard, last in the NPSL's American Conference, with former Rocker standout Brian "Goose" Finnerty in goal for the Blizzard. The result: an 11-8 loss at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The split left Detroit still in last in the National Conference with a 5-18 record. Toronto was 12-9 through the weekend; Buf-

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falo was 9-13.

Against the Blizzard Sunday, the Rockers trailed 7-2 at the half but narrowed that to 11-8 after three quarters. However, they were scoreless in the fourth.

Marciano Boumann led Detroit with two two-point goals. Martin Nash and Shawn Boney scored one two-pointer apiece.

Matt Little led Buffalo with three twos and one assist for seven points. Andrew Crawford and Chris Handsor added one two-pointer apiece.

Finnerty turned away 19 shots to earn the

win in goal for Buffalo. Placek had 14 saves for Detroit.

In the win over Toronto Friday, the Rockers bounced back from a 7-5 deficit after three quarters to outscore the Thunder Hawks 7-2 in the fourth. Five different players scored goals for Detroit, with Neil Gilbert and Matt Knowles each getting a three-pointer.

Boney, Paul Daily and Dennis Brose added a two-pointer apiece, and Joel Shanker got two assists.

Toronto was led by Mauro Biello with a three-point goal and two two-pointers. Jocelyn Roy also had a two-pointer.

Placek made 11 saves to pick up his third win. Theo Zagar had 12 saves for Toronto.

Following are the best Observerland boys swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax (734-591-7279), phone (734-953-2141) or email (domeara@oe.homecomm.net).

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Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:50.22  
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:53.15  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.19  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:55.43  
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Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76  
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Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04  
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Greg Kubitski (Salem) 224.05  
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 216.95  
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 214.05  
Blake Brunner (Canton) 212.30  
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 203.00  
Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40  
Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 176.70  
Chris Derrig (Redford CC) 175.70  
Ron Hoppe (Redford Union) 164.80

### 100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cuts: A — 55.89, B — 58.99)  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.35  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 53.62  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.86  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 55.24  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 55.30

Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 56.40  
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.99  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

### 100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 49.49, B — 51.99)  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.47  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 48.74  
Ed Lesneu (Redford CC) 48.85  
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.22  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 50.35  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 50.35  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.97  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 51.03  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 51.21

### 500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A — 4:37.99, B — 5:16.99)  
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.46  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.44  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 5:06.94  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03  
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:11.19  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:12.54  
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:13.13  
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:14.81  
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:15.05

### 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts: A — 1:33.99, B — 1:38.49)  
Redford Catholic Central 1:30.87  
Plymouth Salem 1:31.08  
Plymouth Canton 1:32.49  
Wayne Memorial 1:38.06  
Livonia Stevenson 1:38.98

### 100-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cuts: A — 56.89, B — 59.89)  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.32  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.56  
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31  
Brad Nilson (Canton) 58.04  
Brian Clayson (N. Farmington) 59.50  
Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 59.51  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.51  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34

### 100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cuts: A — 1:02.99, B — 1:07.99)  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:00.25  
Dan Dzekan (Redford CC) 1:05.44  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:05.48  
Eddie Lindow (Canton) 1:06.63  
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.77  
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:06.80  
Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:07.75  
Matt Newman (N. Farmington) 1:08.30  
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:08.70  
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:08.79

### 400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts: A — 3:23.39, B — 3:28.99)  
Plymouth Salem 3:20.32  
Redford Catholic Central 3:20.86  
North Farmington 3:31.12  
Livonia Stevenson 3:31.74  
Plymouth Canton 3:37.15

## Everyone's in the act as Salem stops N'ville

Four players had five or more kills and Plymouth Salem totaled 11 service aces as it disposed of Farmington 15-5, 15-11 Monday at Salem.

The win boosted the Rockers record to 14-5 overall; they are 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Jill Dombrowski led Salem with seven kills (a .500 kill percentage), but she had plenty of help. Katie Good and Kelly Jaskot each had six kills — Good had a .556 kill percentage, Jaskot a .308 — and Mary Lou Liebau had five kills

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(.556).

Dombrowski also had 13 set assists and an ace, while Good had three aces and three digs. Jaskot contributed two aces, Liebau had four digs and an ace, Jordan Falcusan got eight set assists, three digs and four aces.

On Saturday, Salem will be at the Schoolcraft Invitational, which starts at 9 a.m.

## Canton wins 2nd

Led by Amy Driscoll, Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team earned its second dual-meet win of the season and first in the Western Lakes Activities Association when it defeated Westland John Glenn 133.6-127.7 Monday at Canton.

Driscoll was first in the all-around with a 34.7. She had top scores in the balance beam (8.75) and uneven parallel bars (8.85), was second on floor exercise (8.75) and fourth in vault (8.35).

Kristen Schilk and Audra Ahern tied for third in the all-around at 32.9. Schilk was second in bars (8.2), third in floor (8.7) and fifth in beam (8.15); Ahern placed first in floor (8.8) and second in beam (8.55).

Other notable scores for Can-

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ton came from J.Q. Williams, tying for fifth in the all-around with a 32.1 and tying for second in vault (8.55), tying for fifth in floor (8.5) and placing sixth in bars (7.15); and Jill Rakovitis, who was fourth in bars (7.85) and sixth in vault (8.2).

"Truthfully, I thought our scores would be higher because the girls performed so well," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "The routines are looking better and better."

Canton is 2-4 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA. The Chiefs host the Plymouth Canton Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.

## SWIM RESULTS

### DOUBLE-DUAL MEET

Saturday at Ann Arbor Pioneer

Team scores: Pioneer 137, Livonia Stevenson 49; Pioneer 115, Plymouth Salem 71; Salem 112, Stevenson 74.

Event results (top two relay, top three individuals)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Will Wakefield, John Stover, Jay Fantone, Andrew Callam), 1:42.54 (state cut); 2. Stevenson (Robert Cambridge, Brandon Truscott, Michael Nemer, Joe Bublitz), 1:46.55.

200-yard freestyle: Steven Hill (AAP),

1:47.74 (state cut); 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 1:50.22; 3. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 1:50.58.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:57.41 (state cut); 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:00.91 (state cut); 3. Will Wakefield (AAP), 2:01.30 (state cut).

50-yard freestyle: 1. John Stover (AAP), 22.71; 2. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.83; 3. Aaron Shelton (PS), 23.15.

Diving: 1. Chad Zillich (AAP), 256.60 points; 2. Greg Kubitski (PS), 206.80; 3. John Wright (AAP), 196.70.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Eric Lynn (PS),

53.57 (state cut); 2. Andrew Callam (AAP), 55.65; 3. Kyle Spenser (AAP), 57.76.

100-yard freestyle: 1. John Stover (AAP), 49.56; 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 50.35; 3. Mike Johnson (PS), 50.70.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Steven Hill (AAP), 4:48.80 (state cut); 2. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 5:00.26; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:00.44.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Josh Williams, John Stover, Will Wakefield, Andrew Callam), 1:31.29 (state cut); 2. Salem (Eric Lynn, Ben Dzialo,

Mike Johnson, Dave Carson), 1:32.52.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 54.32 (state cut); 2. Aaron Shelton (PS), 58.28; 3. Robert Cambridge (LS), 1:01.07.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Jay Fantone (AAP), 1:03.41; 2. Will Wakefield (AAP), 1:04.27; 3. Michael Nemer (LS), 1:05.48.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Mike Johnson, Ben Dzialo), 3:22.81 (state cut); 2. Pioneer (Steven Hill, Morgan Drake, Joe Waller, Brad Gregorka), 3:24.79.

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# SC rolls past St. Clair

A fast start allowed Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team with little more to do than pad their individual statistics Saturday in a game against St. Clair CCC, a game the Lady Ocelots eventually won 89-60 at St. Clair.

The win improved SC's overall record to 15-2; they remain atop the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference with an 8-0 record. The Skippers fell to 11-7 overall, 5-3 in the conference.

By the time there was 7:40 left in the first half, the Ocelots had already built a 20-point lead at 27-7. St. Clair was unable to challenge after that.

Angelica Blakely led SC with 17 points; she also grabbed 11 rebounds. Devin Francois added 15 points, 10 boards, six assists

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and four steals, while Ra'Sheida Edwards contributed 11 points and 11 rebounds.

**Cornerstone 80, Madonna 73:** It was a pretty good performance for Madonna University Saturday at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids.

But the Golden Eagles, who moved into a tie for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with Madonna (both are 6-2), were just a bit better.

They shot better (28-of-61, 45.9 percent from the floor to Madonna's 24-of-59, 40.7 percent); they rebounded better (41-35, including a 17-13 advantage in offensive boards); they shot the three-pointer better (9-of-20,

45 percent to 6-of-21, 28.6 percent). And most importantly, they scored better, especially in the second half.

Cornerstone had five players reach double figures in scoring, led by Amy Polielarz with 16 points. Julie Bozek had 15, Allison Schneider 12 and Laura Yonkers and Julie Vogelzang netted 10 apiece.

Leading Madonna was Kathy Paganis with 23 points and six rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) totaled 22 points, seven boards, three assists and two steals, and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) collected 11 points and four steals.

Cornerstone led by just one, 39-38, at the half. The Eagles improved to 19-5 overall; the Lady Crusaders slipped to 11-10.

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Women's Standings			
Eastern Conf.	League	Overall	
Schoolcraft College	8-0	15-2	
Delta College	7-1	16-2	
Flint Mott CC	5-3	12-6	
St. Clair CCC	5-3	11-7	
Henry Ford CC	5-3	12-6	
Oakland CC	4-5	8-10	
Macomb CC	2-7	3-15	
Alpena CC	2-6	3-16	
Wayne CCCD	0-8	1-10	
*Kirtland CC	0-0	6-14	

Men's Standings			
Eastern Conf.	League	Overall	
Flint Mott CC	7-1	18-1	
Schoolcraft College	7-1	17-2	
Henry Ford CC	5-3	12-6	
Alpena CC	6-4	10-9	
St. Clair CCC	4-4	8-10	
Oakland CC	3-6	7-13	
Delta College	2-6	3-15	
Wayne CCCD	2-6	7-9	
Macomb CC	2-7	5-12	
*Kirtland CC	0-0	11-9	

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# 2nd-half surge lifts Ocelots

Trailing 40-35 at halftime, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team roared back Saturday to earn a 92-76 victory at St. Clair.

Schoolcraft is 17-2 overall and 7-1 in the Eastern Conference (tied with Flint Mott) in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

St. Clair, getting a game-high 37 points from 6-foot-6 center Jeremy Denha, slipped to 8-10 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

"We didn't defend well inside, but our second-half defense kept us in it," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "The second half we played hard. And to make 27 turnovers on the road and still win says something."

Schoolcraft, which outscored St. Clair 57-36 in the second half, got 25 points and 11 rebounds from 6-8 center Sam Hoskin (Redford Bishop Borgess).

Nick Evola added 17 points and six rebounds, while Derrick Bird had 16 points and eight rebounds. Point-guard Dave McGlown scored 14 and dished out nine assists, while Javon Clark came off the bench to score nine points, including two big

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three-pointers in the second half.

Schoolcraft was 19 of 30 from the free throw line (63.3 percent) and 34 of 77 from the field (44.2 percent). The Ocelots outrebounded St. Clair, 43-39.

St. Clair was 17 of 30 from the line (58.6 percent) and 27 of 56 from the floor (35.5 percent).

**Cornerstone 99, Madonna 82:** Madonna University made a game of it for a half against visiting Cornerstone University Saturday.

But with leading-scorer Mike Massey sidelined with an ankle injury, the Crusaders could not keep pace.

Madonna trailed 40-39 at the half, taking advantage of 14-of-27 floor shooting (51.9 percent) compared to the Golden Eagles' 11-of-27 (40.7 percent). However, Cornerstone found the range in the second half, making

24-of-41 (58.5 percent) from the field.

Madonna was consistent, converting 14-of-27 in the second half as well (51.9 percent). But the Crusaders were badly outrebounded, 44-26, with Concordia holding a 17-5 advantage on the offensive boards. Madonna also had four more turnovers.

John Bennett, a freshman forward from Livonia Churchill, got his first start for Madonna and responded with 21 points on 7-of-11 floor shooting. Dan Kurtinaitis added 15 points and five assists, Aaron Cox totaled 12 points and two steals, and both Narvin Russaw and Chad Nadolni scored 10 points, Nadolni adding six boards and two steals.

Thirteen players scored for Cornerstone, led by Mark Zichterman's 17 points and 10 rebounds. Brian Robinson collected 14 points and four steals, and Andrew Swadling netted 10 points.

Madonna fell to 6-17 overall, 2-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Cornerstone is 20-6 overall, 6-2 in the WHAC.

Massey was probable for the Crusaders' game yesterday at Concordia.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.  
 Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 2  
 W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
 Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.  
 Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m.  
 Brennan (Ont.) at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.  
 St. Anne (Ont.) at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley vs. World Outreach at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Borgess at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.  
 Luth. North at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Luth. East at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.  
 Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Agatha at DePorres, 7 p.m.  
 St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m.  
 Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Schoolcraft Invitational, 8 a.m.  
 Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Greenhills Tourney, TBA

**PREP HOCKEY**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Red. Unified vs. Woodhaven at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 2  
 Franklin vs. Novi, Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.  
 Salem vs. W.L. Central, Canton vs. W.L. Western at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.  
 Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
 (Alpena Tournament)  
 Cranbrook vs. Marquette, 4 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs. Alpena, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3

**Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western** at Lakeland Ice Arena, 11:20 a.m.  
**Alpena Tourney, noon & 3 p.m.**  
**Ladywood at Liggett, 4 p.m.**  
**Red. Unified vs. Grosse Ile** at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.  
**PREP SKIING**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Redford CC vs. Seaholm at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Redford CC vs. Stevenson at Redford Union, 2 p.m.  
**GIRLS GYMNASIICS**  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Canton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Roch. Adams, Novi at Redford CC, 5 p.m.  
 Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Canton at Dexter Invit., 9 a.m.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 1  
 Madonna at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.  
 Schoolcraft at Wayne Co., 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
 Friday, Feb. 2  
 Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 3  
 Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 4  
 Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6 p.m.  
**NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE**  
 Friday, Feb. 2  
 Det. Rovers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.  
 TBA — time to be announced.

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Then last Thursday, their quest for a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title was ambushed by Northville, which beat Canton by 14 points.

Those events could have cracked a more fragile team's confidence. "I don't think they hurt our confidence," said Dem-sick. "I think they actually strengthened our resolve."

That was evident from the outset. In all but two weight divisions, Canton wrestlers won their opening match; their would be no repeat of the Jackson Northwest Tournament.

Of the four champions for the Chiefs, the two most notable came in the upper weight divisions. At 275, Derek McWatt earned the title — and the tournament MVP for upper-weight divisions — by pinning all three of his opponents.

Just as impressive, Phil Rothwell, normally a standout for Canton at 189, moved up to 215 to fill a void created by injuries to a pair of Chiefs who normally fill that spot. Dem-sick was certain Rothwell could win the title at 189, but he would be pushed far more at 215.

He was — but he still won. Rothwell pinned his first two opponents, then decisively Redford Union's Ollie Muscarella 9-4 in the semifinals and Churchill's Thom Vandembosche 10-4 in the final.

Other Chief winners were

Greg Musser, the top seed at 140, and Joe Faraoni at 152, who survived an overtime match against Westland John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang in the semis, then beat Churchill's Brian Jones 3-1 in the final.

The lower weight division MVP was the Charger sophomore Brian Clement, who had a tough road indeed to the final at 119, beating North Farmington's Harry Leipsitz 5-3, then edging Plymouth Salem's Mike Goethe 4-3 in the semis. In the final, Clement and Canton's Kyle Pitt went double-overtime before Clement emerged with a 3-2 win.

The third-place finish was the best ever for the Chargers. "I didn't think we'd be in the top three," said Churchill coach Marty Altounian. "We placed 10 of our 14 wrestlers."

CC ended with three champions: Jay Abshire at 145, Ryan Rogowski on two technical falls and a pin at 171, and Blaic Naysmith at 189.

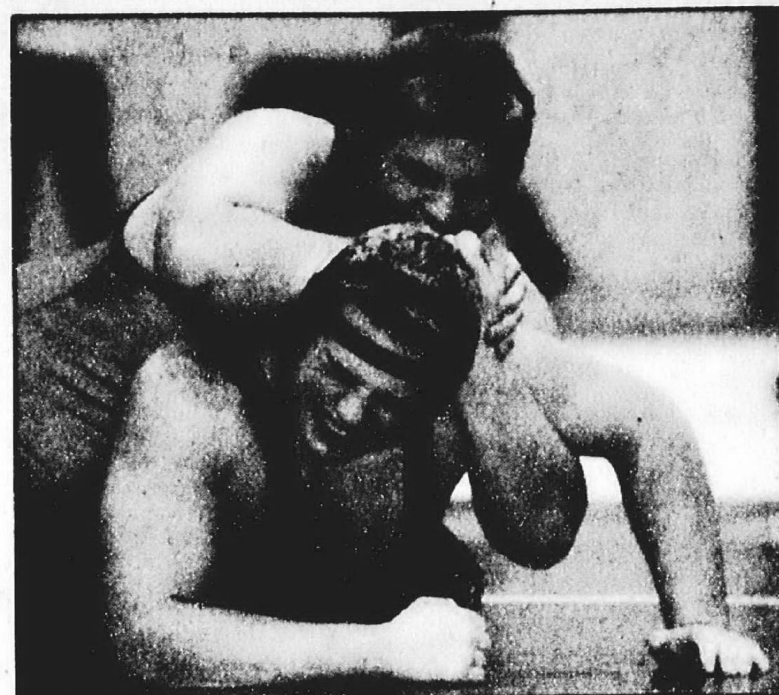
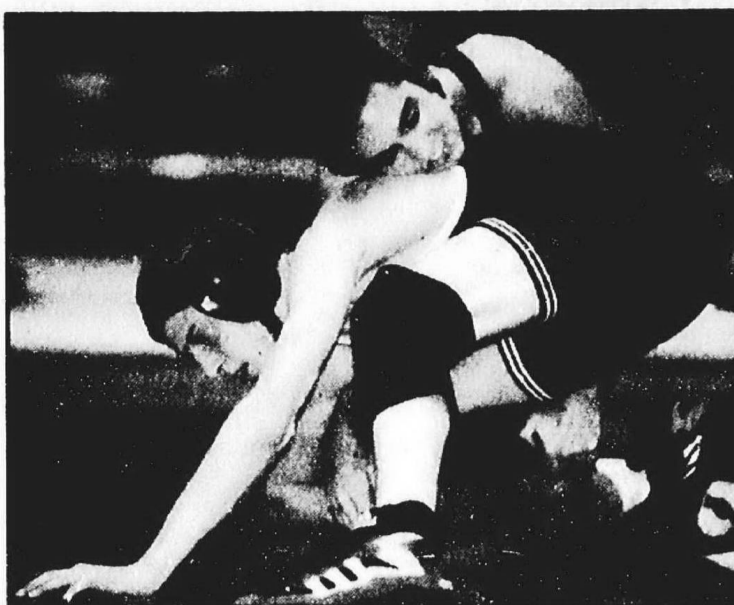
No other team had more than one champion. Livonia Stevenson, which finished fourth in the standings, got a title from Imad Kharbush at 160; Salem, which was fifth, got a win from Tony Kennard at 135; John Glenn, which was sixth, had Chris Smith win a title at 112; Livonia Franklin, eighth in the standings, had Lee Warren win at 130; Garden City, ninth overall, got a title from Jacob Davis at 103; and Redford Union, 13th in

the standings, got a victory from Jesse Stevens at 125.

As satisfied as Dem-sick and his team were with winning a title that had eluded them for so long, he knew his season was far from over. "The truth is, every-

thing is just a stepping stone to build these boys for the end of the season," he said.

That's every coach's goal. At present, the Chiefs seem to be the team with the sturdiest foundation.



Top grades: Canton heavyweight Derek McWatt (top photo above) was the upper division MVP at Observerland, while Salem's Brandon Sammut (left photo, on top) reached the finals at 130 pounds.

## OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

### 10th annual OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Jan. 27 at Livonia Churchill

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth Canton, 222 points; 2. Redford Catholic Central, 203.5; 3. Livonia Churchill, 168; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 151.5; 5. Plymouth Salem, 136.5; 6. Westland John Glenn, 123.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 91.5; 8. Livonia Franklin, 86; 9. Garden City, 56; 10. (tie) North Farmington and Farmington, 54 each; 12. Lutheran Westland, 53; 13. Redford Union, 47.5; 14. Redford Thurston, 26; 15. Livonia Clarenceville, 14.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Heavyweight:** Derek McWatt (PC) pinned Aaron Parr (RCC), 5:55; **consolation final:** Kevin Packard (LW) p. Tony Martinez (LF), 2:06; **fifth place:** Mike Robinson (LS) dec. Carl Lalonde (RT), 6-4.

**103 pounds:** Jacob Davis (GC) dec. Nick Naber (WJG), 7-5 (OT); **consolation:** Danny Clement (LC) dec. Brian Mervyn (PS), 7-5; **fifth:** Dan Canvasser (NF) p. Kayle McCart (LF), 0-32.

**112:** Chris Smith (WJG) dec. Charlie Rabaut (LS), 12-7; **consolation:** Ramis Bajrami (NF) dec. Gent Abdullai (LC), 5-3; **fifth:** Pete Bobee (PS) p. Tim Hammer (WM), 4:35.

**119:** Brian Clement (LC) dec. Kyle Pitt (PC), 3-2 (2 OTs); **consolation:** Mike Goethe (PS) dec. Kefentse Mandisa (WJG), 4-3; **fifth:** Tim Mulroy (CC) p. Harry Leipsitz (NF), 4:18.

**128:** Jesse Stevens (RU) dec. Doy Dem-sick (PC), 11-6; **consolation:** Paul Goyt (WM) dec. Nate Dillard (PS), 6-2; **fifth:** Steve Lenhardt (LC) dec. Shawn Parker (WJG), 5-4.

**130:** Lee Warren (LF) dec. Brandon Sammut (PS), 11-0; **consolation:** Phil Perry (WJG) dec. Nick Smith (LC), 5-1; **fifth:** Sean O'Halloran (LS) dec. Derek Robinson (PC), 9-6.

**138:** Tony Kennard (PS) dec. Mike Werner (RCC), 5-0; **consolation:** Lev Mergian (LC) won by injury default over Aaron Turk (F); **fifth:** Chris Hoseny (PC) p. Doug Novack (LS), 1:40.

**140:** Greg Musser (PC) dec. Bryan Marsh (WM), 9-2; **consolation:** Brandon Templeton (GC) dec. Matt Radley (LS), 6-4; **fifth:** Chris Petersen (RCC) won by injury default over Ben Schepis (LC).

**145:** Jay Abshire (RCC) dec. Chris Coopder (LS), 5-2; **consolation:** Adam Schaeffer (PS) dec. Mike Siegrist (PC), 5-3; **fifth:** Brandon Noble (LW) dec. James Azzopardi (LF), 10-4.

**152:** Joe Faraoni (PC) dec. Brian Jones (LC), 3-1; **consolation:** Chris Cracchio (RCC) dec. Chris Wolfgang (WJG), 5-3; **fifth:** Joe Jamieson (LS) dec. Mike Zittak (NF), 5-3.

**160:** Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Steve Wallace (WM), 14-8; **consolation:** Mike Murtland (F) p. Shahein Rajee (PC), 4:17; **fifth:** Casey Hilliker (RCC) p. Nick Wroblewski (WJG), 2:23.

**171:** Ryan Rogowski (RCC) won by tech. fall over Scott McKee (PC), 5:09; **consolation:** Matt Navarro (LF) dec. Jack Seres (WJG), 13-0; **fifth:** Phil Portellos (PS) p. Brett Brown (F), 3:55.

**189:** Blaic Naysmith (RCC) dec. Alex Murray (LC), 10-5; **consolation:** Steve Rotenheber (C'ville) dec. Tim McCarthy (LS), 7-3; **fifth:** Ron Guron (GC) dec. Matt Rae (LW), 7-4.

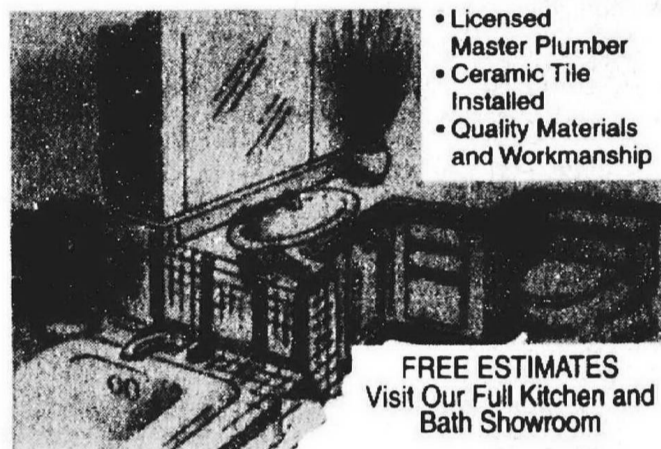
**215:** Phil Rothwell (PC) dec. Thom Vandembosche (LC), 10-4; **consolation:** Matt Markowicz (RCC) p. Ollie Muscarella (RU), 1:10; **fifth:** Zack Jensen (PS) dec. Mick Renton (WM), 12-8.

**Upper weights MVP:** McWatt, heavyweight, Canton.

**Lower weights MVP:** Clement, 119, Churchill.

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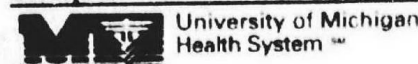
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# Whalers lose 3rd-straight in overtime

A weakness has been found in the Plymouth Whalers' game. Just get them to overtime.

On Sunday at Windsor Arena against the second-place team in the West Division, the Spitfires, the first-place Whalers went into OT for the third time in four games — and lost for the third time, 4-3.

Jason Spezza's second goal of the game and 24th of the season gave Windsor the win at 1:05 of the extra period. Spezza took possession of the puck behind the Whaler net; he shot it in front, but it hit Plymouth goalie

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Rob Zepp's leg and went into the net for the game-winner.

Plymouth still got a point, and it still has a 15-point advantage in the standings over the Spits. Indeed, the Whalers were tied for first overall in the Ontario Hockey League with the Erie Otters going into last night's game between the two.

And the Whalers got two points the night before, romping past the Kitchener Rangers 6-1 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Against Windsor, the Whalers let an early 3-1 lead escape. The Spitfires' Sal Peralta scored the game's first goal, on the power play at 9:12 of the opening period.

Plymouth responded with first-period goals by Stacey Britstone, on the power play, from

Stephen Weiss and Damian Surma, and from Stephen Weiss, from Britstone and Surma. The latter came with 42 seconds left in the period.

The Whalers increased their lead to 3-1 when Weiss found the net again, scoring his 30th of the season from Chad Larose and Ryan O'Keefe at 4:39 of the second period. The rest of the game, however, belonged to Windsor.

Spezza's first goal, on the power play at 12:01 of the sec-

ond, narrowed the gap to 3-2; Robin Boucher tied it at 3-all with 4:06 left in the second. The third period was scoreless.

Rob Zepp stopped 25 shots in goal for Plymouth. Windsor's Mike Leighton made 29 saves.

In the win over Kitchener Saturday, the Whalers scored the game's first three goals and coasted to the triumph.

Larose accounted for two of the goals as Plymouth pelted Kitchener goalie Jeff Johnston

with 43 shots. Whaler goalie Paul Drew faced just 18 shots, making 17 saves.

Surma had a goal and an assist for Plymouth, with Chad Wiseman, Britstone and O'Keefe also getting goals.

Tomas Kurka had three assists, with Cole Jarrett, Bryan Thompson and Weiss getting two apiece.

The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.

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can." While intensity wasn't a problem for the Rocks, it was for Canton. "We didn't play with the emotion or the heart we needed to be successful," said Chiefs' coach Dan Abraham, his team now 10-7-3. "I give Salem a lot of credit — they kept coming at us.

"We didn't do the things we needed to do to win. We were playing a style of hockey we do not practice."

The score was tied at 2-all after two periods and remained that way until, with 3:23 remaining in the third, Salem's Drew Styles took a breakaway pass from Mark Nagel at mid-ice, skated in alone on Canton goalie Brad Arsznov and deposited the puck behind him, putting the Rocks up 3-2.

Salem had dominated play throughout the third period, missing on a couple of ideal scoring situations (thanks to some brilliant saves by Arsznov) earlier in the period — until that go-ahead goal. Then Canton came alive.

The Chiefs nearly knotted it with 2:20 left when several of them kept poking at the puck in front of Salem goalie Scott Stukel. It didn't work then, but 90 seconds later Canton was in a similar position, this time with Arsznov on the bench for the extra attacker.

And this time it did work, Mike Carson and Brandon Collop slapping at the puck before Depp finally knocked it in.

So was the emotion of the rivalry a factor for Canton? "I think so," answered Abraham, "but we have no excuses. I'm glad we got a tie, but if we'd lost we'd have no excuses."

Neither team had more than a one-goal lead at any time. Canton got the only score of the opening period, Collop getting the goal from John Bockstanz with 3:55 left.

The Rocks tied it on a goal by Mike Crowley (assisted by Mark Nagel and Bryan Young) 1:14 into the second period. The Chiefs regained the lead seven minutes later, Brad Wolfe putting the puck past Stukel (assisted by Depp and Bockstanz).

With 3:20 to go in the second, Steve Nagel knotted it for Salem at 2-all, with assists from Crowley and Chadd Schlamb.

Which set up the emotional third period, something the Rocks may have handled better than the Chiefs but in the end decided nothing.

**CC 6, G.P. North 2:** Brett John's three-goal burst helped keep Redford Catholic Central ahead of another one of the state's best teams as the Shamrocks stopped Grosse Pointe North at Redford Arena on Saturday.

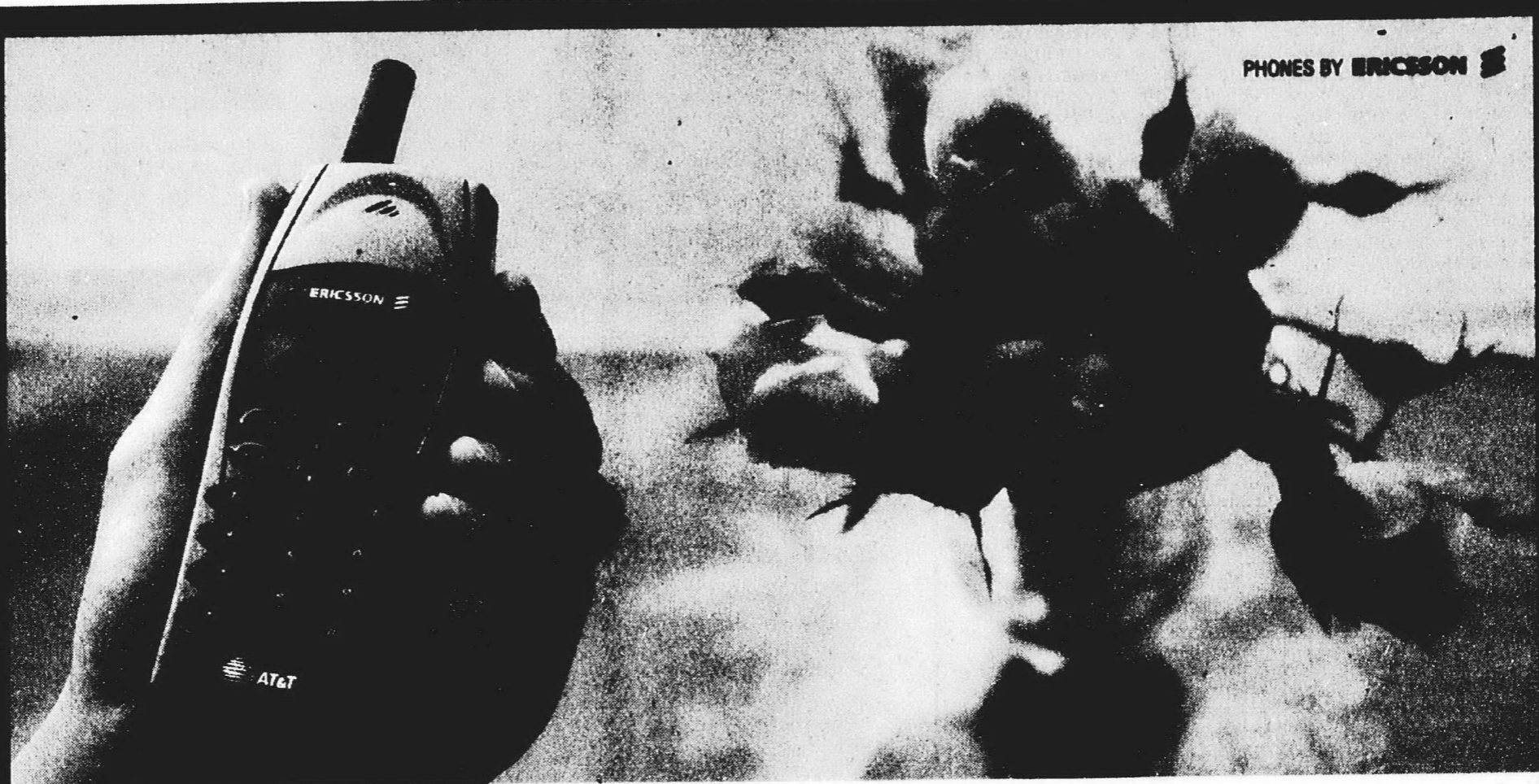
"We were tied at 2-2 in the second and we had a good third period," said CC coach Gordy St. John. "We kept playing four lines. When we finally got our fourth goal, it took the wind out of them."

CC, which has tied Cranbrook (No. 1 in Division 3) and beaten Trenton (No. 2 in Division 1) in the last two weeks, stopped the Norsemen (No. 1 in Division 2) in no small part thanks to John.

After Jim Spiewak gave CC a 1-0 lead, North countered with a goal from Mike Barger. John scored an unassisted goal for a 2-1 lead, then Roger Horrie tied it for North in the second period.

John made it 3-2 with a goal from Spiewak and Eric Giosa, then 4-2 in the third when he scored from Brian Genrich and Jared Ross. Genrich (from John) and Ross (from Eggert and Genrich) capped the scoring for CC, now 14-0-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Andrew McCoy made 20 saves in goal for CC, while Collin Chase had 25 saves for the Norsemen.



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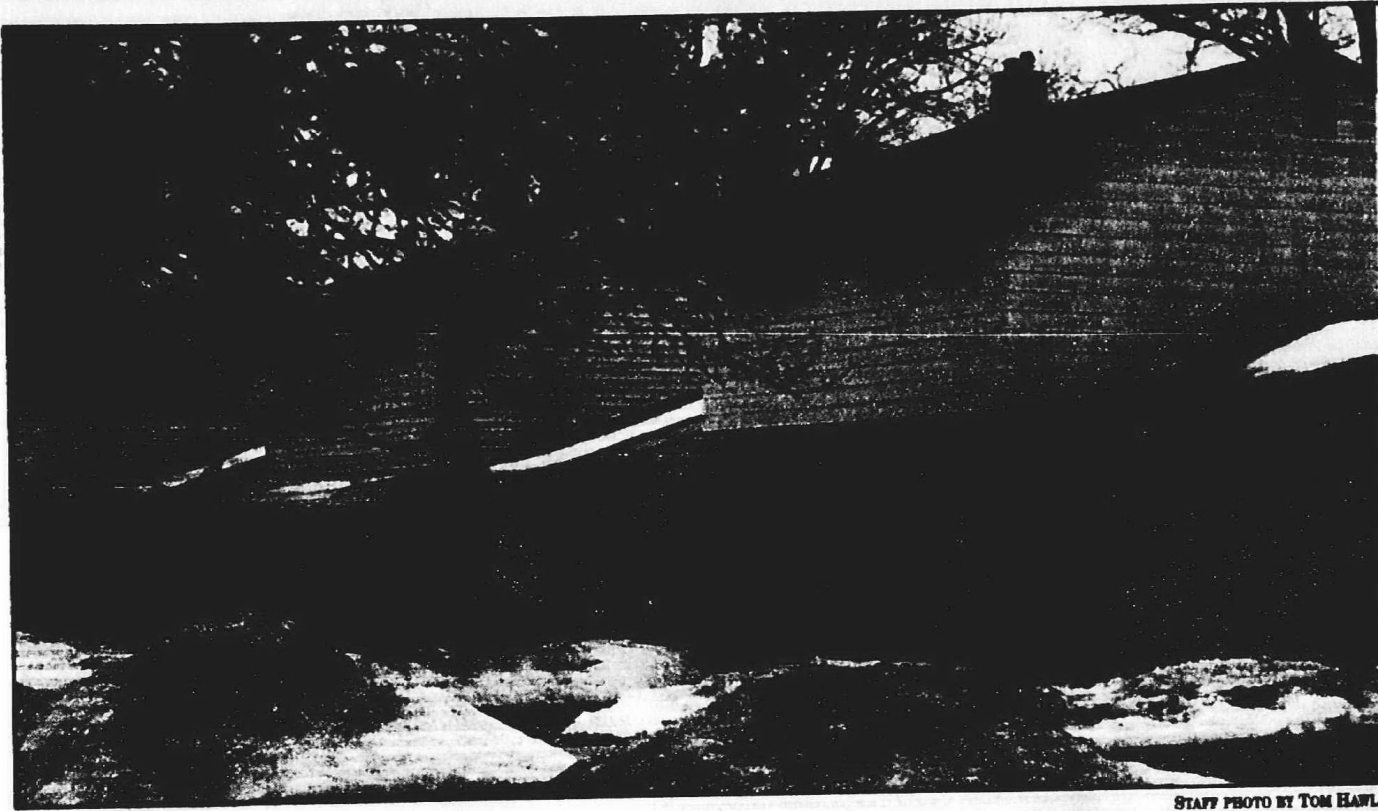
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You can't just assume that the master deed rules without looking at your documents. It also may be that there is not an inconsistency in your documents, but rather you are not reading them with legal understanding.

You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer concerning the interpretation of your condominium documents. He could also advise you on whether it would be better - or even feasible - to change from a condominium to a "planned development".

I am not sure what you mean by a "planned development," but perhaps you mean a subdivision. In any event, legal advice is advised.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARLEY

Good investment: Home sales prices here continue to rise markedly.

## Homes worth more this year

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Home sales prices here continue to rise on a steady, if not remarkable, pace.

In some Observer & Eccentric communities, sales prices - fueled primarily by new residential construction, Realtors say - soared over the past 12 months.

For example, the median sales price (half above, half below) for a home in Rochester at year end 2000 stood at \$225,900 compared to \$168,000 the previous year, a leap of 34 percent.

Median sales prices jumped 17 percent in the township and city of Oxford combined (\$199,950 from \$170,240); 13 percent in the township and city of Plymouth together (\$204,000 from \$180,000); and nearly 13 percent in Redford (\$114,000 from \$101,000.)

Other municipalities experiencing a double-digit increase in median sales price last year included West Bloomfield and Troy, both up 11 percent, and Canton, 10 percent.

All of those communities except Redford are still in growth mode. Redford, essentially built out, remains one of the most affordable starter municipalities in the region.

Bill Clark, manager of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, attributes much of the median sales

price increases here to the residential building boom.

"A lot of it has to do with new construction, more expensive homes," Clark said.

Chris Knight, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth, believes that the rising tide of new residential construction raises all boats including existing.

"To reproduce affordable ... costs are higher now," he said. "If affordable (existing) housing in Canton goes up, then affordable housing in Garden City goes up because they're not that far apart."

"Remote communities with not much growth, those prices don't go up."

Even municipalities with comparatively less residential development last year showed a healthy rise in median sales prices - Garden City, nearly 10 percent, Birmingham and Livonia, 8 percent.

"It's still supply and demand, and in entry-level communities, demand still exceeds supply," said Teri Spiro, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield.

Figures in the chart below were compiled by Realcomp II, a multilisting giant that serves several real estate boards in southeast Michigan including Western Wayne/ Oakland County, Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland, and North Oakland County.

The numbers include sales of houses and condominiums, new and existing. Refinancings aren't included.

Factors such as location within a community, condition of the home, the number of sellers and buyers in the market at any time and motivation to consummate a deal determine actual selling price.

Care must be taken when looking at median sales prices, said Karen Kage, CEO at Realcomp II.

"Some unpublished sales prices may affect the median price," she said, alluding to wide price fluctuations in Bloomfield Hills over the years.

Spiro suggests another factor affecting the fluctuating numbers in Bloomfield Hills.

"They buy the worst house they can on a nice piece of property and knock them down. They're really buying for the land. I had a client who bought a house that hadn't been updated in 30 years. They really got a bargain."

It's difficult to determine exactly how much new construction affects the median price where residential construction is booming, Kage said. "We don't distinguish between new and existing."

Median figures in Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield were averages of three different submarkets, Kage added.

### Median home sales prices as of December 31

	sales last year	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Canton (1,244)		\$206,500	\$187,500	\$171,000	\$163,000	\$149,900
Garden City (419)		\$123,100	\$112,100	\$ 99,900	\$ 93,000	\$ 86,000
Livonia (1,335)		\$164,000	\$151,900	\$140,000	\$134,000	\$126,000
Plymouth/Twp (577)		\$204,000	\$180,000	\$164,500	\$161,000	\$147,200
Redford (1,088)		\$114,000	\$101,000	\$ 91,500	\$ 85,000	\$ 74,900
Auburn Hills (185)		\$141,500	\$130,000	\$116,500	\$110,000	\$107,600
Birmingham (546)		\$245,000	\$227,000	\$225,000	\$192,000	\$177,000
Bloomfield Hills (101)		\$340,000	\$347,500	\$300,000	\$419,000	\$430,000
Bloomfield Twp (722)		\$236,900	\$235,800	\$220,300	\$204,000	\$184,200
Clrkstn/Indp Twp (501)		\$227,500	\$219,000	\$190,000	\$169,000	\$169,900
Ftn/Ftn Hills (1,336)		\$208,500	\$192,000	\$186,000	\$172,500	\$165,000
Orion Twp/city (550)		\$194,000	\$183,000	\$169,000	\$155,000	\$148,000
Oakland Twp (202)		\$355,500	\$328,000	\$330,000	\$280,700	\$284,500
Oxford/Oxf Twp (241)		\$199,900	\$170,200	\$170,000	\$161,000	\$151,700
Rochester (222)		\$225,900	\$168,000	\$149,900	\$140,500	\$128,900
Rochester Hills (996)		\$240,000	\$226,000	\$211,900	\$198,500	\$187,900
Southfield (910)		\$147,500	\$140,700	\$132,000	\$124,900	\$112,000
Troy (901)		\$221,500	\$199,500	\$190,000	\$183,500	\$171,000
Waterford (1,237)		\$148,400	\$139,900	\$128,000	\$120,300	\$109,900
W Bloomfield (1,008)		\$226,000	\$203,000	\$219,000	\$205,500	\$191,000
Westland (1,095)		\$128,000	\$118,900	\$110,000	\$ 96,500	\$ 89,900

## Smart buyer is prepared

### MORTGAGE BITS



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A major part of being a well-prepared buyer is getting a quality mortgage pre-approval. A pre-approval is simply a signed letter from a licensed mortgage broker or lender giving their assessment as to how much home a buyer may purchase.

Unfortunately, there is no real industry standard for quality and accuracy for a mortgage pre-

approval. Some lenders do a great job of assessing borrowers' worthiness by reviewing their income and asset information, their debt obligations, and their credit history. Others do not. Frankly, some pre-approvals are worthless.

The quality of a mortgage pre-approval directly affects the quality of your real estate purchase. Any seasoned Realtor will tell you the most common reason for failed real estate transactions is buyer financing.

As a buyer, you can avoid most financing surprises by getting an early start on your mortgage approval process. Contact a mortgage broker or your banker a couple months before you intend to borrow so he can check your credit and do a full evaluation.

Some lenders can give you a mortgage credit approval, which is an actual approval subject to few conditions. This type of pre-approval qualifies the borrower but does not address the conditions of the new property. Buyers with this level of pre-qualification are about the strongest you will find.

As a seller, you would be wise to insist that all purchase offers be accompanied by meaningful pre-approval letters. If the letter has the contact information for the approving loan officer, call to determine how thorough he was in issuing his pre-approval. Realtors know that many of us loan officers provide our contact information on our letters for that very purpose.

Bottom line: Whether you are the buying or selling a home, making sure the buyer is solidly pre-approved can save headaches and heartbreaks for everybody involved.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@yahoo.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

### TRACKING UP

Total non-farm employment growth September 1999 to September 2000 by region.



REGION	2000	% CHG
WEST	+783,500	+2.9%
SOUTH	+881,300	+2.2%
NORTHEAST	+552,700	+1.4%
MIDWEST	+228,000	+1%
U.S.	2.4 MILLION	+1.9%

Source: U.S. HOUSING MARKETS  
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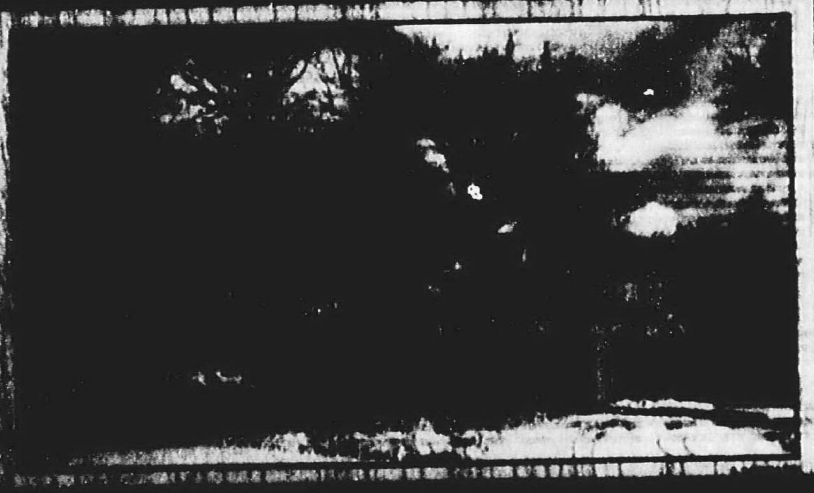
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<b>Canton</b>	47261 Ashley Ct. \$335,000	41569 Bedford Dr. \$115,000	41614 Bedford Dr. \$124,000	254 Cherry Hill Point Dr. \$203,000	1788 Crowndale Ln. \$305,000	6570 Edgewood Rd. \$210,000	6618 Edgewood Rd. \$369,000	6081 Fairborn Dr. \$326,000	47583 Fox Ct. \$326,000	42509 Lilley Pointe Dr. \$114,000	39843 Lynn St. \$155,000	44517 N Umbertland Cir. \$60,000	45182 Prestbury Rd. \$180,000	43836 Proctor Rd. \$158,000	390 Savannah Dr. \$284,000	45293 Seabrook Dr. \$330,000	43918 Southampton Dr. \$200,000	1696 Thistle \$280,000	5963 Valley View Dr. \$314,000	6008 Valley View Dr. \$332,000	2183 W Roundtable Dr. \$199,000	48742 Wildrose Dr. \$335,000	7506 Willow Crk. \$199,000	43722 Yorktown St. \$162,000	<b>Garden City</b>	32214 Chester St. \$127,000	30104 Dawson St. \$139,000	150 Farmington Rd. \$129,000	30857 Florence St. \$120,000	5643 Gilman St. \$92,000	6648 Helen St. \$115,000	8234 Lathers St. \$96,000	32381 Lespedeza Ave. \$229,000	930 Middlebelt Rd. \$87,000	32368 Pierce St. \$136,000	<b>Livonia</b>	14175 Blackburn St. \$234,000	20327 Fremont St. \$110,000	9911 Garden St. \$145,000	9025 Gilman St. \$157,000	28290 Gira Ct. \$188,000	38812 Grandon St. \$203,000	35621 Rees St. \$135,000	29835 Hill Bk. \$180,000	9630 Inkster Rd. \$109,000	33328 Kentucky St. \$146,000	29735 Lamar Ln. \$163,000	18231 Lathers St. \$110,000	29545 McIntyre St. \$151,000	35185 Orangelawn St. \$175,000	31567 Summers St. \$147,000	32601 W Chicago St. \$160,000	<b>Plymouth</b>	39627 Birchwood Dr. \$193,000	8880 Brookline Ave. \$131,000	40643 Firwood Dr. \$196,000	325 Liberty \$105,000	777 N Harvey St. \$183,000	40235 Newport Dr. \$117,000	1490 Penniman Ave. \$240,000	14996 Robinwood Dr. \$255,000	11386 Centralia \$133,000	9528 Columbia \$109,000	19524 Dalby \$150,000	18618 Delaware Ave. \$115,000	18691 Delaware Ave. \$116,000	19757 Denby \$85,000	19997 Norborne \$88,000	8825 Riverview \$194,000	8886 Robinsdale \$120,000	13551 Royal Grand \$125,000	25136 Schoolcraft \$158,000	8914 Sioux \$122,000	26309 W Seven Mile Rd. \$48,000	14364 Lenora \$149,000	9631 Lucerne \$150,000	9618 Mercedes \$95,000	19769 Naguana \$50,000	9528 Norborne \$154,000	9912 Norborne \$132,000	19997 Norborne \$109,000	8825 Riverview \$194,000	8886 Robinsdale \$120,000	13551 Royal Grand \$125,000	25136 Schoolcraft \$158,000	8914 Sioux \$122,000	15471 Winston \$178,000	15581 Winston \$82,000	<b>Westland</b>	39197 Hayward Dr. \$246,000	8616 Hugh St. \$98,000	32524 Mackenzie Dr. \$156,000	5716 N Walton St. \$128,000	7795 Rivergate Dr. \$136,000	1160 Shoemaker Dr. \$108,000	1621 Shoemaker Dr. \$112,000	1638 Shoemaker Dr. \$103,000
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# Commercial real estate markets healthy but slowing

All sectors of the commercial market experienced strong activity during the third quarter of 2000, and all but one are expecting a modest slowdown in 2001, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Apartment vacancy rates are expected to stay about the same, but apartment dwellers can expect to see rate increases.

The outlook for multifamily

housing remains favorable given the continued discipline in supply as tight credit is expected to stabilize construction activity. Demographic trends and strong household formation are expected to increase demand. As a result, the national vacancy rate is expected to be fairly stable at 7.1 percent in 2001. Inflation-adjusted rent is projected to rise 1.0 percent this year. Based on

rent growth, the hottest multifamily markets are expected to be in Boston, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minneapolis and San Francisco.

**Detroit is hot market**

The slowing economy is expected to cut corporate and leisure travel, and NAR expects room occupancy to contract throughout 2001. Room starts are expected to decline, and hotels are expected to hold their room rates but raise other fees. Based on rent growth, the hottest lodging markets are expected to be in San Diego, New York City, Boston, Detroit and New Orleans.

There is a parallel with the residential market in coming off of record sales levels. David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said, "What this report is telling us is that 2000 was a solid year for the entire commercial marketplace. However, with the slowing economy, we expect a slight slowdown in all of the sectors except for multifamily housing, which will remain fairly stable." Lereah noted collection of commercial statistics lags behind the residential market because

comparable databases are not yet available.

For the office market, NAR reported resilience to the slowing economy as the national vacancy rate tightened to 9.7 percent in the third quarter. Demand for office space rose 4.0 percent from a year earlier, while supply increased by only 2.6 percent.

The association expects slowing economic activity to result in only modest employment gains in 2001, slowing office demand throughout the year. Although retrenching will continue in some sectors of the services industry such as "new economy" companies, other sectors will create new jobs. Office inventory is expected to grow with new construction becoming available, and vacancy rates should edge higher to 10.6 percent this year in comparison with a projected 9.8 percent for all of 2000.

Landlords will be more likely to negotiate leases, causing rent growth to slide. NAR estimates asking rent will be \$29.35 per square foot in 2001, compared to \$27.87 last year.

In the warehouse market, NAR reports 24 million square feet were absorbed in the third

quarter, lagging net new space completions of 32 million square feet. The space availability rate was 8.1 percent in the third quarter, compared with 7.9 percent in the second quarter.

The association projects warehouse net absorption to be slower but healthy in 2001, declining to 110 million square feet in comparison with an estimated 130 million square feet in 2000. With an increase in supply, the national vacancy rate should rise from 8.1 percent in 2000 to 8.5 percent this year. Warehouse rents, adjusted for inflation, are projected to rise 2.2 percent in 2001.

**Vacancy rate stable**

In the retail market, NAR reports 33 million square feet was absorbed in the third quarter, while net new space completions totaled 39 million square feet. At the same time, the national vacancy rate was fairly stable at 7.7 percent.

The association projects that with the combination of a slowdown in consumer spending, higher fuel prices and a volatile stock market - partially offset by lower interest rates and modest

rises in disposable income - slower retail sales and closures of marginal stores are possible. Net absorption is expected to fall from 110 million square feet in 2000 to 92 million square feet this year. The national vacancy rate is expected to rise from 7.8 percent in 2000 to 8.3 percent this year, while rents are expected to rise 2.6 percent in 2001.

In the lodging market, the association reports revenue per available room grew by 5.6 percent from January through September 2000, and daily room rates rose 4.8 percent in the third quarter in comparison with a year earlier.

In the multifamily sector, the association reports that solid demand for labor fueled new household formation in the third quarter, resulting in a net absorption of 36,200 units. At the same time, net completions of new rental units were 52,000 units. This translated into a demand and supply growth of 0.8 percent in comparison with a year earlier, and inflation-adjusted rents increased 0.9 percent in the same time frame.

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Cherry Hill Village, Michigan's first neo-traditional community under construction in Canton Township, took deposits for nearly 100 homes totaling \$28 million in sales, during a two-day lottery event at Plymouth Manor Ballroom.

The Cherry Hill Village sales center will be open to the public on Tuesday, Jan. 30. It is on Cherry Hill and Ridge roads, in Canton, with nearly 200 homes in the first phase.

The lottery was established as a pre-opening sales event for the people who were interested in buying a home in the development.

"We had hundreds of people expressing interest in purchasing a home in Cherry Hill Village as soon they were available. We created the lottery to ensure that everyone who wanted to attend the preview event, had an equal opportunity to select from our initial offering of 300 homes," said Lorne Zalesin, vice president of Biltmore, the project developer and one of the village builders.

When the development is complete, 1,291 homes will be built in the 338-acre village, as well as a town square with anchoring commercial and civic areas.

Three residential builders for Cherry Hill Village - Biltmore-Homes, Curtis Building Co. and Ivanhoe-Huntley - have developed historically inspired designs. Homes in the first phase include single-family homes, townhomes and manor homes. They are priced from the mid-\$100,000s to the mid-\$500,000s.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents its ninth annual Home Improvement Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, at Novi Expo Center, 1-96 at Novi Road. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

More than 300 exhibitors are expected.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for children 6-12 and free for kids younger than 6. Ample parking is available for a fee.

Contact the BIA at (248) 862-1019 or at www.builders.org with questions.

WORKSHOPS PREVIEW

Home Building Workshops presents a series of free previews of paid seminars it provides on a variety of topics.

Free introductory sessions are offered 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Holiday Inn Select, 16000 Opdyke, Auburn Hills, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Place Drive, Livonia.

For information or reservations, call (800) 462-0899.

LICENSE EXAM CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class to help participants pass the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 5-14, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$199, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

To register, call (734) 523-9277.

CONSTRUCTION EXPO

Design & Construction Expo 2001 runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 7-8, at the Pontiac Silverdome. Three hundred companies are expected to exhibit.

The show is sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan, the American Institute of Architects Michigan and the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifica-

tions Institute. Admission is free. Call CAM to register at (248) 972-1000.

BUY HOME CLASS

Juliette Bowman of RE/MAX Classic and Mark Bowers of Colonial Mortgage host a free class for home buyers 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

To register, call Bowman at (734) 779-9977.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a panel of experts on how to buy foreclosed houses from banks and mortgage companies Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 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. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

APARTMENT LEASING

The Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council presents a class, "The ABCs of Leasing," 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Building Industry Association of Southeast Michigan Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$69 for PMC

members, \$79 for AAM and BIA members and \$99 for others. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

REMODELING CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour seminar, "Buying and Remodeling a Home for Profit," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include public sales, estimating repairs, working with contractors and common problems.

Cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$10.

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SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, a CPA and associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty in Farmington Hills, offers a home seller's class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Orchard Lake Middle School, Bloomfield Hills.

Topics include setting price, target marketing and purchase documents.

Fee of \$30 goes to community education. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

BUILDERS LICENSE

Builder's Licensing Exam Preparation class offered 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7 - 28 in

Livonia. This course is also offered as a self-study. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated 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.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Chil-

dren" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just dial up www.homeval-uemap.com

Bank forms division to handle mortgages

Michigan Heritage Bank joined forces with Enterprise Financial, 33312 Grand River, Farmington, to create a new full-service mortgage division. MHB, Mortgage will offer customers a complete array of mortgage products including Fanny Mae (FNMA) and Freddie MAC (FHLMC) for "A Type" borrowers as well as FHA and various loan types for those who are credit challenged.

Other services offered by MHB, Mortgage will include refinancing, home purchasing assistance, new construction financing, equity lines of credit and second mortgages.

Heading up Michigan Heritage Bank's mortgage division will be Managing Director Charles Salyer. Salyer has more than 30-years experience in the mortgage industry. Most recently, Salyer was president and CEO of Enterprise Financial Services Inc. Prior to that, he was senior vice president and national production manager for Independence One Mortgage Corp. He also served in an executive management capacity for Merrill Lynch Mortgage, FCA Mortgage and American Savings and Advance Mortgage Corp.

Salyer said he expects the new division to

be in full operation within 90 days. Currently, there are seven employees. MHB, Mortgage expects to bring on four more loan officers within the next three months.

According to Michigan Heritage Bank President and COO Anthony Albanese, "We are proud and excited about this new venture. The combining of Michigan Heritage Bank and Enterprise Financial Services will allow MHB, Mortgage to offer complete mortgage products that will benefit Michigan Heritage Bank customers as well as all individuals in the metro Detroit area."

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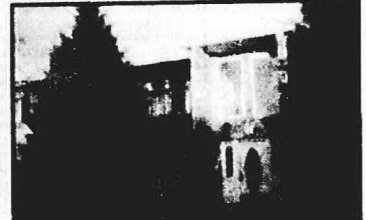
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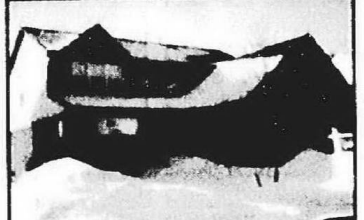
ALL SPORTS LAKE Immaculate, freshly painted and totally updated 3 bedroom ranch including remodeled kitchen, newer furnace, central air, remodeled bath with jetted tub. Beautifully finished basement, 2 1/2 car attached garage. Short stroll to lake. (79888E) \$179,900



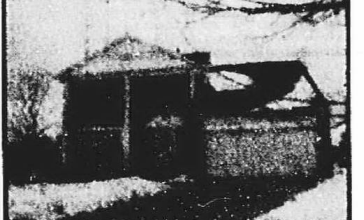
IMPECCABLY SHARP! Open and airy best describes this almost new Canton colonial! 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, master suite w/soaking tub, fabulous kitchen w/make cabinetry, 2 story foyer and family room, hardwood flooring, T/O, formal living and dining rooms. Backs to commonal. (44498E) \$349,900



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY Close to shopping and expressways. This unit is well cared for and clean. Immediate occupancy on this 2 bedroom condo. All appliances stay, washer and dryer in unit. (22068H) \$99,000



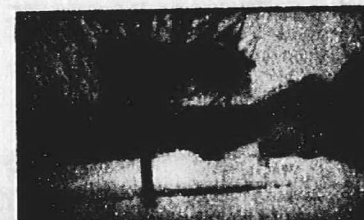
JUST ONE LOOK! Spectacular Canton colonial! Neutrally decorated, gorgeous hardwood flooring, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, formal living and dining rooms, oak kitchen, spacious family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, grand master suite! Unpack and enjoy! (46367) \$399,900



OVERSIZED LOT Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial on quiet court. Upgrades throughout. Maintenance free, just move in and enjoy! Double deck, large room, spacious closets (3796L) \$347,000



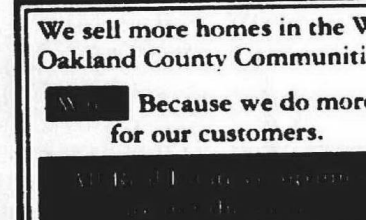
LARGER TREED LOT! Newer windows T/O, newer tear off roof, large front porch w/decorative railing. This home sits on 1.5 lots w/large trees (very nice), large living room and large dining room, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, basement and more. Walking distance to schools. (4668R) \$119,900



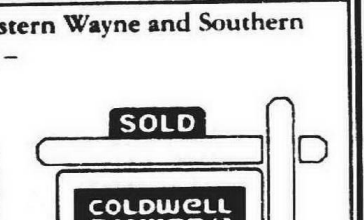
CANTON - LOCATION! Within walking distance of "Summit Recreation Center", golf course, library & parks. This move-in condition 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial has it all! 80's built, neutral toned decor, hardwood floored kitchen - Hurry! (4668R) \$284,900



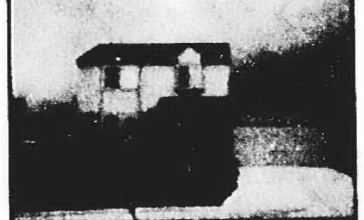
PREMIUM BURTON HOLLOW Immediate occupancy on this spectacular Burton Hollow 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, backing to Bell Creek & with wonderful wooded views, fresh paint & carpet throughout, central air, natural fireplace, truly move in condition! (3688L) \$299,900



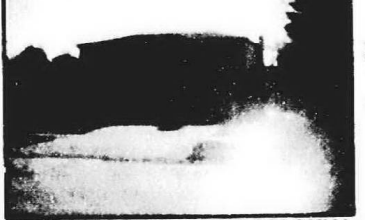
BUYER FRIENDLY! Move right into this 3 bedroom, w/finished basement rec room, oversized 2 1/2 car garage w/220 electric, a new garage door and opener, newer furnace/AC, roof. One year home warranty. (36887) \$197,990



IDEAL OPPORTUNITY Immediate occupancy on this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial, interior recently freshly painted, vinyl windows in '97, carpet and vinyl flooring in 1998. Beautiful 12x10 sunroom with deck overlooking this beautifully landscaped 1/3 acre lot. Great location, hurry! (8798A) \$309,900



LARGER TREED LOT! Two year old Canton colonial 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths and a full basement! Oak kitchen w/island & pantry, family room w/gas fireplace and formal living room & dining room. Nicely landscaped w/wood decking & sprinklers. Immediate occupancy! (8807H) \$214,900



DESIRABLE SUNFLOWER COLONIAL This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick home is waiting for your finishing touch. Features you want like a formal dining room w/fireplace, study, 1st floor laundry and finished basement. (4498A) \$237,900



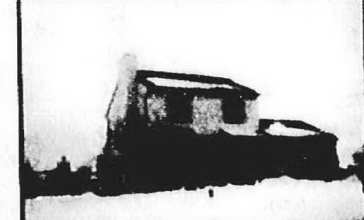
BUYER FRIENDLY! 3 bedroom, upgraded kitchen, central air, 2 car garage, 2 full baths, partially finished basement, new living room carpet. (46188E) \$197,990



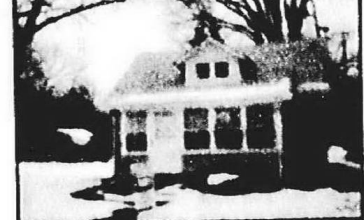
MOVE RIGHT IN! Beautifully maintained south Piedmont ranch awaits its new owner! New carpeting, freshly painted, newer roof, newer windows, updated kitchen and a finished basement. (8807H) \$157,990



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TOTALLY UPDATED Turn key, everything has been done in the last two years. New drywall throughout, kitchen with upgraded cabinets, ceramic floor, recessed lights. Complete bath remodel. This is ready for your touches. (82388E) \$119,900



FANTASTIC CUSTOM COLONIAL Circular drive, prof landscaped on 90x286 lot across from park, all wood windows, crown molding of dining room, living room & kitchen w/oak cab, nook w/doorwall to custom brick walled porch w/custom patio. Family room w/cathedral ceiling & FP. All BR have hardwood floors, ceramic floors in baths. Quality throughout. (8478E) \$374,900

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**MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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**David Acquisti** is the 2000 Mortgage Broker of the Year for the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association.



Acquisti

Acquisti opened American Residential Mortgage Corp. in 1998 after beginning his career in 1990 as a loan originator.

He's a graduate of Northern Michigan University and serves on several MMBA committees and its board of directors.

**Darton Case**, president of dartappraisal.com and a licensed appraiser, was selected Affiliate of the Year.

**Allan Daniels**, president of AA Mortgage Corp., won the Distinguished Leadership Award.

**Audrey Acquisti**, a certified national trainer, won the Faculty Award.

**Tiseo**, AIA, of Tiseo Architects Inc., Livonia. Elected chapter directors are **Robert L. Veresan**, AIA, of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Detroit; and **Cynthia K. Pozolo**, AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit. **Blake Elderkin**, Associate AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates was elected associate director.

**Steve Cole**, a Realtor with RE/ MAX Showcase Homes in Birmingham, earned E-PRO certification for Internet professionalism by the national Association of Realtors.

**Fam Sawyer**, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award for 2000 by the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding real estate productivity and congeniality.

The following staff members have been elected to the status of senior associate/stockholder at **Albert Kahn Associates**, an architecture, engineering and planning firm in Detroit.

**David Barczys**, senior architectural designer - commercial, financial, interior design group.

**Rory Clark**, field representative - field services group.

**Jeff Kidorf**, project architect - automotive/industrial group.

**John Lemmer**, project architect - automotive/industrial group.

**John Linenberg**, group leader, project management services - automotive/industrial group.

**Joan Mende**, group leader, mechanical services - health care group.

**Henry Montague**, group leader, mechanical services, industrial special projects group.

**Kerry Nielan**, manager - computer services.

**Sean Pic-Kell**, group leader, electrical services - research and development technology group.

**Michael Strother**, assistant director - urban design and planning group.

**Al Woody**, technical adviser - mechanical engineering.

**Kevin Zael**, structural engineer - automotive/industrial group.

**Rainy Hamilton Jr.**, AIA, was elected president of the AIA Detroit 2001 board of directors. Hamilton is president of Hamilton Anderson Associates Inc., Detroit architects, landscape architects, urban designers/planners and interior designers.



Hamilton

Other newly elected AIA Detroit board members are: vice president/elect **Jeffrey J. Hausman**, AIA, of SmithGroup Inc., Detroit; secretary **Stephen Smith**, AIA, of TMP Associates Inc., Bloomfield Hills; treasurer **Alan H. Cobb**, AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates Inc., Detroit; past president, AIA Michigan director **D. Brooke Smith**, AIA, of Barton Malow Design, Southfield.

Elected Michigan directors are **Anne Bernardini**, AIA, of HarleyEllis, Southfield; **Eric J. Hill**, FAIA, of Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit; **Herbert P. Jensen**, AIA, of HarleyEllis, Southfield; and **Benedetto**

*New product leaves your hands clean*

When you head toward the restroom door of most restaurants, you're going to put your just-washed hands on an often-used door handle. This does little to keep your hands clean for eating sandwiches or sushi.

A new product, Health Handles, provides a door handle that can be opened with the wrist, thereby eliminating recontamination of the hand.

"This product will be an important tool in the battle against infection for schools, restaurants and public buildings. Our product can play a significant role in reducing contamination," said Jean Zeuner, president of Health Handles.

Poor hygiene - generally unwashed or poorly washed hands - contributes to many food-related illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Hands can transfer germs from contaminated raw meat, eggs and poultry to other foods, or from an infected person to the food.

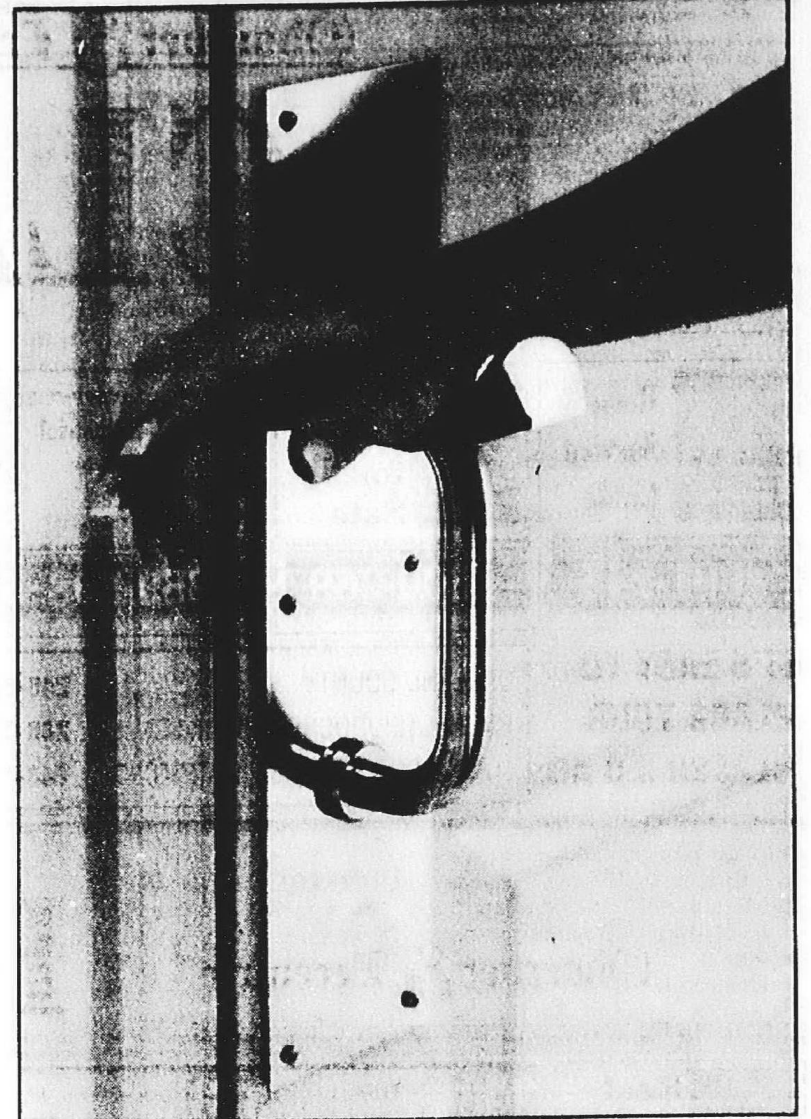
Studies have shown that freshly washed hands can become recontaminated when exposed to restroom handles, according to Georgia P. Dash, director of epidemiology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital.

The primary reason for recontamination of hands after washing is a result of others not washing their hands. One-third of people using a public restroom do not wash their hands before leaving, according to research conducted by the American Society for Microbiology. The CDC also reports that hand washing is one of the most important means of preventing the spread of infection and is the first line of defense against infectious diseases.

Health Handles provides the solution to this problem with a "no-touch" door handle that replaces the existing door handle and is inexpensive and easy to use. The product can be bought as an entire unit with a doorplate or as a handle that can be retrofitted over an existing installation.

Health Handles will be available in a variety of finishes including plated satin brass, chrome, aluminum, colored plastic models.

For more information, visit [www.health-handles.com](http://www.health-handles.com)



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**Sanitary restroom door: Health Handles provides a hands-free way to open commercial bathroom doors thereby eliminating re-contamination of freshly washed hands.**

*Building completed*

A Farmington Hill firm has finished work on a building in southwestern Macomb County. The architect for the project was Kevin D. Hart Associates of Birmingham.

Construction has been completed on the new office and truck service facility for Kinzie Enterprises. The new building, 32097 Hollingsworth in Warren, will serve as the company's corporate headquarters. The Garrison Co. was the general contractor for the two-story office and garage facility. The facility will house several drive-through service bays, truck driver training, fleet vehicle fueling stations and a truck wash.

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 <p><b>SUTTONS BAY \$565,000</b> Stunning 2 BR, 2 bath, 3 car garage walkout home located on 2.5 acre bluff lot fronting and overlooking Grand Traverse Bay. Peaceful and full of nature's best offerings. (BG-L-33LEE), 734-462-1811</p>	 <p><b>CANTON \$279,900</b> Incredibly sharp Cape Cod... 3 br, 2.5 ba. Features lux mstr ste w/glam ba, vaulted ceil in great &amp; family rms, 2-way gas fplc, lrg kit &amp; nook w/top of the line appis, 2-car gar, move-in cond. (BGP-93Wen), 734-453-6800</p>	 <p><b>DETROIT \$124,900</b> Mint condition... Best describes this beautiful 1340 sq ft 3 bedroom brick bungalow. Kitchen w/inewer counter &amp; sink, lrg family room, finished basement, 1 yr home warranty (BG-L-90BRA), 734-462-1811</p>	 <p><b>DETROIT \$79,900</b> Why rent when you can own? 3 bedrooms, finished basement, 2.5 car garage. Nice fenced yard, plus a one year home warranty. (BGN16WES), 248-347-3050</p>	 <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS \$249,900</b> Over 3/4 acre &amp; Available now! Great opportunity to own an open floor plan Ranch over 2000 square feet. Partially finished basement. Gorgeous private fenced yard. updates+. (BGN56TEN), 248-347-3050</p>	 <p><b>LIVONIA \$270,000</b> Super Location is yours in this 2 BR, 2.5 bath condo, cathedral ceiling, great rm, formal dining, eat in kitchen, master BR w/soaking tub, separate shower. Warranty. (BG-L-20LAU), 734-462-1811</p>	 <p><b>PLYMOUTH \$248,900</b> Updated Cape Cod... on over an acre. New addition &amp; completely updated. 2 outbuildings including new 3-car gar. Brick paver patio &amp; vegetable garden &amp; fruit trees. Wow. (BGP-44Ter), 734-453-6800</p>



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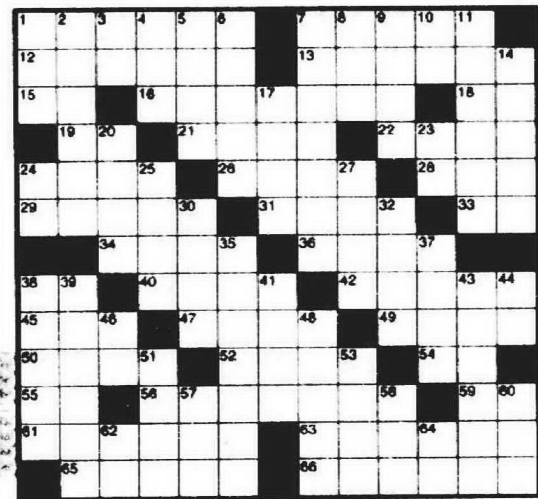
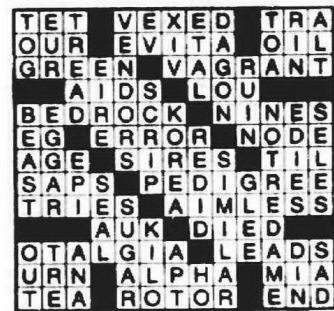
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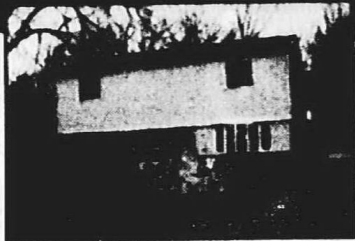
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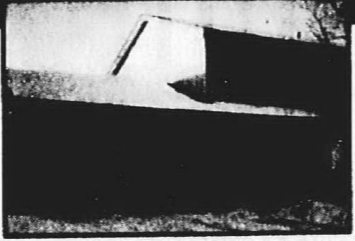
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**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** Updated kitchen with oak cabinets. Newer vinyl windows with bay window. This brick home is very well kept. Newer garage door & also newer vinyl siding on garage. Natural fireplace in living room with beautiful mantel. \$79,900 (36SUS) 734-455-5600



**ONE ACRE CONTEMPORARY HOME.** Dramatic 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offering beautiful custom floor plan, spacious room, vaulted ceilings with lake view. \$289,900 (44QPE) 248-349-5600



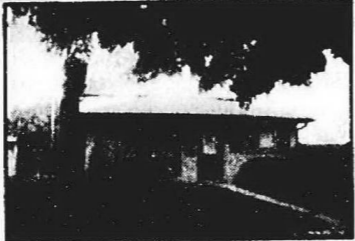
**BEAUTIFUL STONEHENGE** carriage Ranch. Spacious well-maintained & decorated. Enjoyable balcony on west side. Attached garage with private entrance. Plenty of storage too. All you need to do is move-in and enjoy its beauty. \$115,000 (76STO) 248-349-5600



**GREAT HOME** in Dearborn. Three bedroom Cape Cod with 3 full baths, 3 fireplaces, finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, first floor laundry & a very open floor plan. Kitchenette in basement. \$248,900 (50ORC) 248-349-5600



**LOCATION-STYLE-CHARM!** Classic Plymouth Colonial in Woodbrook sub. Four bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen with Pergo floor, formal dining room, family room with fireplace. Hardwood floors in 3 bedrooms, full basement, patio, oversized 2 car garage. Home protection plan. \$339,500 (16CHA) 734-455-5600



**COMFORTABLE & SPACIOUS!** Three bedroom, 2 bath in private serene setting. Newer neutral carpet throughout. Updated: baths, vinyl doorwall off breakfast nook, patio & privacy fenced, large family room, wet bar. 2 car garage with work bench. \$134,900 (02LIN) 734-455-5600



**BREATHTAKING INTERIOR & LAYOUT!** Four bedroom, 4 bath Colonial with South Lyon schools. Beautiful curved staircase, oak banister, high ceilings, recessed lights, hardwood foyer, kitchen oak cabinets, master suite with 2 walk-in closets & Jacuzzi, cedar deck, outstanding landscaping. \$695,000 (68TUS) 734-455-5600



**1994 CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY** on a dead-end street with no thru traffic. Cathedral ceilings, central air, hardwood floors, white bay kitchen, formal dining room and lower level prepped for even more bathrooms. \$189,900 (21JAC) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE CAPE COD.** Nestled on approximately 3.36 wooded setting with lovely pond. Three horses allowed. Impressive looking with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor master, dining room, oak kitchen, family room with fireplace, central air, basement, 2 car garage & first floor laundry. \$389,000 (30RID) 248-349-5600



**PACK YOUR BAGS.** Move right in and enjoy the peaceful setting of this stunning Colonial on large wooded lot. All hardwoods on main level. Beautiful kitchen with large windows, huge master suite. \$304,900 (89PEM) 248-349-5600



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**CHARM, LOCATION & CONVENIENCE!** All in this 2-3 bedroom, 2 bath new Condo! Vaulted ceilings, sky lights in great room, formal dining room, fireplace, close to golf course and park. Perfect area for garden spot. Ceramic tile. \$229,900 (74GLE) 734-455-5600



**BEAUTIFUL RANCH/ LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** Three large bedrooms. Large living room, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen updated & offers eating space. Full basement with fireplace & glass block windows. Newer central air. Doorwall to deck. \$149,900 (28MER) 734-455-5600

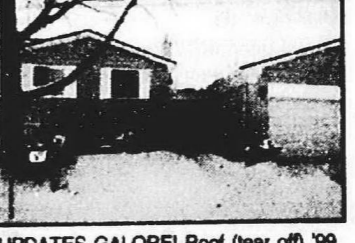


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**RANCH CONDO.** Fresh paint, carpet and more in end-unit with attached garage and Florida room. Enjoy club house and beach on Crooked Lake. \$114,500 (44ARL) 248-349-5600



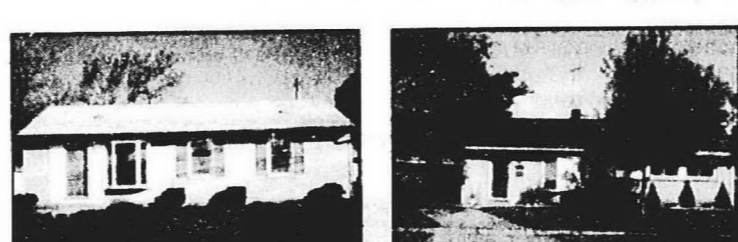
**UPDATES GALORE!** Roof (tear off) '99, newer windows (upper level), vinyl siding, furnace & duct work, refaced kitchen cupboards in '96, hot water heater '98 & deck in '94 overlooking stream. Family room with natural fireplace. Attached garage. \$195,000 (35POC) 248-349-5600



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH.** Near 2+ acre park! Sun room welcomes you! Newer entry door, windows & roof. Updated kitchen with Maple cabinets. Family room with sky lights. Formal dining room, third bedroom. Mechanics dream garage 30x22! Perennial garden, newer landscape. \$195,000 (48HAR) 734-455-5600



**HUGE FAMILY SIZED PORCH!** Replaced windows include basement glass block, circuit breakers, light oak kitchen cabinets, stainless steel, Parquet floor, huge attic - would make fantastic master bedroom, loft in garage. \$65,701 (34MIN) 734-455-5600



**ALMOST LIKE NEW - MOVE-IN CONDITION!** Newer vinyl Thermo windows with marble sills. Family room has new door wall and gas corner fireplace. Kitchen remodeled with new cupboards. Master bedroom has his and hers closets. Land contract available. \$114,900 (16WES) 734-455-5600



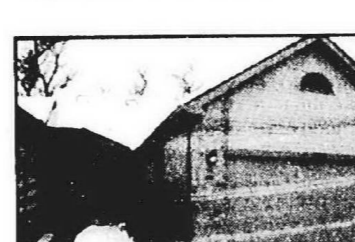
**BEAUTIFUL** four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Cape Cod home in impressive Beacon Meadows. Finished walk-out, in-law quarters, great room with wet bar, first floor master bedroom & car garage. \$549,900 (24CAN) 248-349-5600



**COUNTRY LIVING ON EDGE OF TOWN.** Sharp 3 bedroom brick Ranch with loads of updates! Three full baths, 2 1/2 attached garage plus an additional garage. Great buy! \$224,900 (62RUS) 248-349-5600



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER!** Three bedroom, hardwood floors, French doors, spacious living & dining room, gorgeous remodeled bath with heated marble floor, claw foot tub, partial finished basement, deep fenced yard with mature trees & perennials. Home protection plan. \$178,900 (09HAR) 734-455-5600



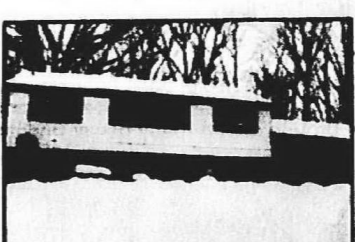
**PRISTINE BRIGHTON CONDO!** Many upgrades: Merit cabinets, kitchen cabinets, oak floors in foyer, master bath with ceramic tile and Jacuzzi. Cathedral ceilings in great room, open loft with sky lights, extra deep basement, deck overlooking wooded lot. \$229,000 (06PIN) 734-455-5600



**AFFORDABLE ELEGANCE.** Warm & inviting brick Ranch is ready for its new family. Newer roof, furnace, central air, windows, large bow windows, beautifully landscaped, remodeled bath & kitchen with oak cupboards, new carpeting throughout, 2 1/2 car garage & large family room. \$128,900 (12MIR) 248-349-5600



**BROOKLAND FARMS RANCH.** Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room with fireplace, family room with bow window, dining room, first floor laundry, large kitchen, great room with wet bar, first floor master bedroom & car garage. Northville schools. \$229,000 (64CHE) 248-349-5600



**COUNTRY IN THE CITY.** Beautiful Ederly area in Northville. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths with newer windows and updated kitchen. Quality built home with hardwood floors & wet plaster walls. Huge master suite. \$379,900 (68BHA) 248-349-5600



**TONS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE!** A lot of storage space in this 5 bedroom Colonial. Two bath, huge kitchen, all appliances stay, circuit breakers, newer entry door and roof, lovely yard, covered patio. \$117,000 (60HAZ) 734-455-5600



**OVER 1/2 ACRE!** Great place to live, one of a kind! Well kept 3 bedroom brick Ranch, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, attached garage. Many updates: oak kitchen, hot water heater, furnace, air conditioning, home protection plan. Quick occupancy. \$224,999 (28RID) 734-455-5600



**BUILT AHEAD OF ITS TIME!** True Cape Cod on splendid acre lot near Meadowbrook Country Club. Four bedrooms, all with walk-in closets, 2+ 2 baths & 2 fireplaces. Spacious rooms & some updates. Huge garage and circular drive. Wonderful area & setting. Northville schools. \$359,900 (76HAR) 248-349-5600



**LIFESTYLE BEYOND COMPARE.** Privacy in a wooded lake home just a few minutes from Plymouth or Northville. It is hard to find anything to compare to the warmth, beauty & the magnificence of the views. Frank Lloyd Wright influence. \$1,500,000 (35LAK) 248-349-5600



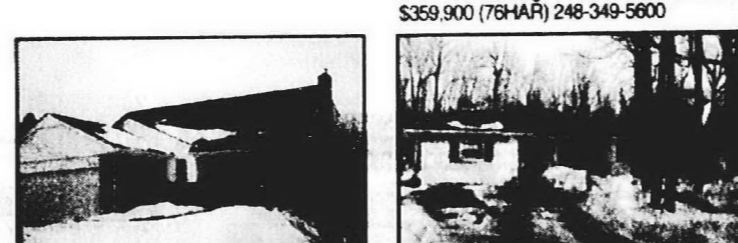
**SUPER RANCH IN HOWELL.** Three bedroom, two bath home with finished basement with possible fourth bedroom, full bath, also wet bar. Built on 1 1/2 lots with big fenced yard. Full lake privileges on all sports lake. \$159,900 (03SCU) 248-349-5600



**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT BUY!** Three bedroom, full basement, 1 1/2 car garage, cozy knotty pine family room leads out to fenced yard. Ceramic tile bath, wet plaster, hardwood floors. \$95,599 (07HEY) 734-455-5600



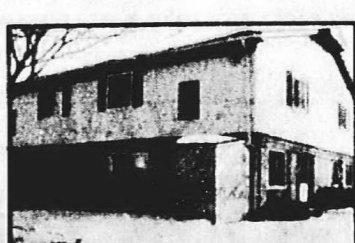
**LOCATION! LOCATION!** Two blocks from downtown Plymouth! Treed deep lot! Living room & dining room with bay window. Remodeled kitchen with newer cabinets, counter & pantry. Master with walk-in closet, updated 1/2 bath. Family room opens to paver brick patio. Perennials & garden house! \$259,000 (22SHE) 734-455-5600



**BEAUTIFUL, IMMACULATE & UPDATED!** Three bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod, newer roof, deck. Updated spacious country kitchen with oak Parquet floor. Six-panel interior doors, remote control family room fireplace, front porch, full basement. \$209,900 (10WOO) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA RANCH.** Beautiful spacious & meticulously maintained brick home in Livonia. Stevenson schools area. All the bells & whistles here. Open floor plan. Family room with fireplace. Two baths updated. Kitchen with hickory cabinets. Finished basement, oversized garage. \$219,900 (26LCV) 248-349-5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS.** All brick Ranch featuring first floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, 2 baths, wet bar in huge family room and 3 fireplaces. Updates include newer furnace & roof. \$229,900 (73DRA) 248-349-5600



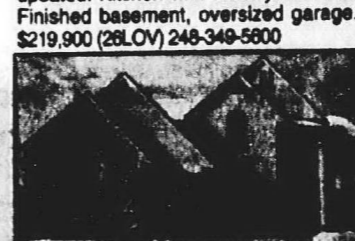
**SEASON GREETINGS! ALL FOUR!** New listing. Enjoy this home in winter while having a fireside chat, spring enjoy wild flowers, summer barbecue as if up North, fall enjoy the spectacular color. Home protection plan. Four bedroom Colonial. Livonia schools. \$246,900 (83UER) 734-455-5600



**CHOICE COLONIAL IN WONDERFUL AREA!** Four bed, 2 1/2 bath with updates: windows, oak kitchen. Entertainment-sized family room, natural fireplace, wet bar & doorwall to deck. Main bath with ceramic floor & jetted tub. Master with private bath. \$224,900 (10YOR) 734-455-5600



**WAYNE - 3 BEDROOM UNDER 90,000.** Three bedroom Bungalow with full basement, newer windows, steel doors, enclosed porch, hot water heater, plaster walls with cove ceilings, quiet street. Wayne-Westland schools. \$89,900 (80WIN) 248-349-5600

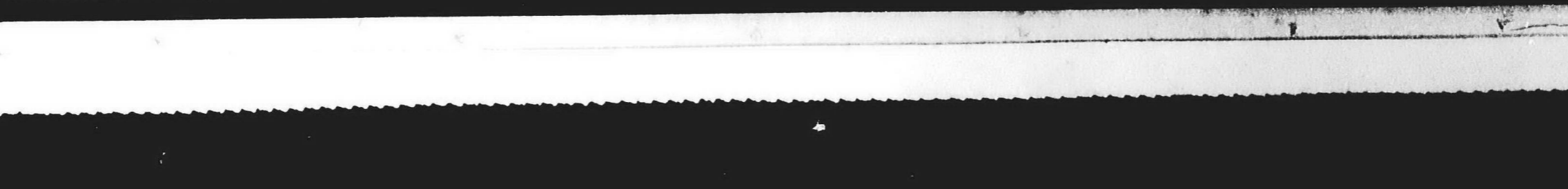


**FAIRWAY PINES BEAUTY.** Extraordinary care and exquisite taste have made this home the find of the century. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and the absolute best of all worlds on the 11th fairway of Pleasant Run Golf Course. \$419,900 (78MEP) 248-349-5600



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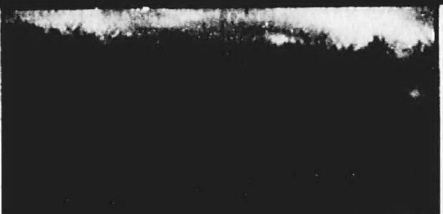
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**MAGNIFICENT HOME** to be built in Fox Hollow! Every amenity expected, including an interior decorator. Lush master suite. Entertainment/bar area off GR. Dual staircases.

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**OUTSTANDING STONEWATER COURT LOCATION** 1st fl master and 3 BR, 3.5 baths, numerous upgrades, landscaped and irrigated, new const., ready in Nov. Open 12-6 daily

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**NORTHVILLE** \$599,999  
**BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD IN PHEASANT HILLS** 1st fl mstr, 5 BR, 3.5 baths, finished walkout bsmt w/full kitchen, 2 fireplaces, private wooded lot.

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**PLYMOUTH** \$499,990  
**\$125,000 IN UPDATES!** Prestigious Eaton Estates. Lower level walk-out has 2nd kitchen leading to brick paver patio overlooking gorgeous private wooded yard!

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**NORTHVILLE** \$379,900  
**NEWER COLONIAL DEEP IN SUB** Beautiful tree setting w/privacy. 1st fl master suite w/double wide bay window and vault ceiling. Loft w/skylight overlooks GR.

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**HARTLAND** \$316,900  
**GATED COMMUNITY Premier Cape Cod** in upper scale community with baseball diamond and tennis court. Choose this one by Feb or build to fit your needs. Walk-out lot!

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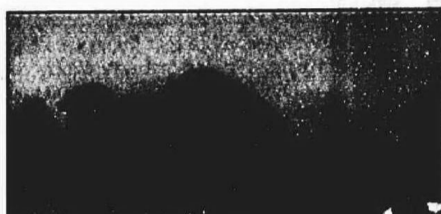
**LIVONIA** \$314,900  
**SPACIOUS 4 BR COLONIAL** Remodeled kitchen, huge family rm w/FP, mstr suite w/screened in balcony and double jacuzzi tub, newer windows, alarm system, and home warranty.

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**CANTON** \$284,900  
**LOVE THAT HOUSE!** Better than new. Formal LR & DR. Bay window, 3 bdms plus a loft. Master w/oversized jet tub. Kit w/oak cabinets. Full bsmt, a/c, sprinklers.

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**CANTON** \$260,900  
**CANTON SUPER VALUE!** Enjoy hot tub overlooking park next door. Updtd kit & foyer flr/kit counters. Room to grow in fin'd L/L, oversized garage, updtd mstr bath. Move-in condition.

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**LIVONIA** \$259,900  
**NEW CONSTRUCTION** Traditional colonial in Livonia! Fireplace with great open fl plan, 4 BR, 2.5 baths, living rm, family rm, completely full bsmt.

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**NORTHVILLE** \$248,900  
**BUY A HOUSE** or buy a custom bit 4 BR, 2.5 bth beauty right in the city on 48 acre lot. Updtd kit, hwd flrs, FP bsmt, drive-thru garage, all the amenities. Must see!

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**HARTLAND** \$244,900  
**Beautiful 1997 built cape cod** on 2 acres in Hartland. 3 BR, 2.5 baths, 1st fl master, large front porch, spacious kitchen and eat area. This one will go fast!

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**NORTHVILLE** \$225,000  
**SHARP 4 BR, 2 BATH, NORTHVILLE HOME!** Walk downtown! 1,728 SF, immediate occupancy. Northville schools, open floor plan, beautiful in-ground pool & many newer updates!

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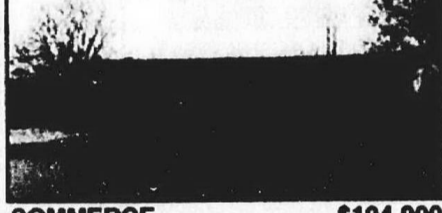
**CANTON** \$204,000  
**LOCATION, LOCATION!** Windsor Park ranch backs to 13 acre park! Updates galore. All appliances stay, finished bsmt, fenced yard.

(23P44064) 734-455-7000



**WAYNE** \$196,000  
**INVESTOR ALERT** 4 rental units each has 1 bdrm, updated kitchen, baths, windows, A/C. Washer & dryer in basement, on a corner, private parking, in Downtown Wayne.

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**COMMERCE** \$194,900  
**STUNNING** Desirable Golf Manor, 3 bdrm Ranch remodeled in 2000. Hardwood floors, windows, roof, paint, kitchen. Family Rm w/fireplace.

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**LIVONIA** \$185,000  
**WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL IN LIVONIA!** 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, recent updates: Anderson windows, carpet, kitchen floor & landscaping. Finished lower level w/natural flrpl.

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$184,900  
**COUNTRY IN THIS CITY** This 3 BR brick ranch sits on almost an acre, has 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, and an extra garage in back.

(R21100) 734-591-9200



**FARMINGTON** \$181,400  
**FABULOUS FARMINGTON HOME!** 3 bdrm, 2.5 car att gar in beautiful Farmington Meadows sub. Within walking distance of Farmington schools & downtown. New roof & carpeting. Hurry!!

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**WESTLAND** \$164,900  
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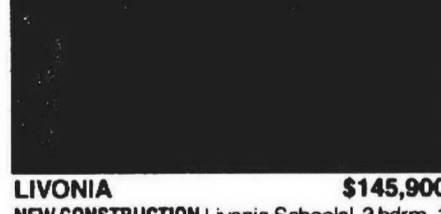
**LIVONIA** \$151,900  
**JUST WONDERFUL!** 3 BR brick ranch in great Livonia neighborhood! 2 car garage, part fin bsmt w/rec rm, C/A, new windows, furnace, HWH, and newer roof.

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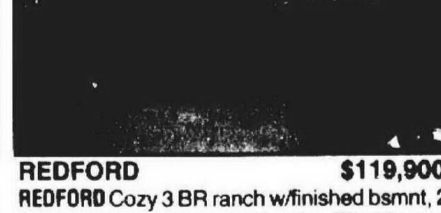
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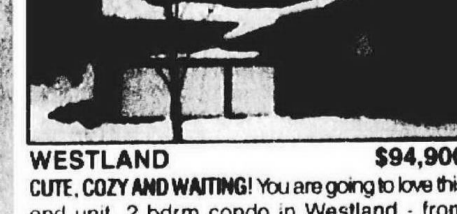
**WESTLAND** \$114,900  
**MUST SEE!** 3 bdrm brick Ranch w/fin bsmt. Updates; windows & bay in LR, newer exterior doors, C/A-furnace, roof, white kit. all appliances stay. 2.5 car garage.

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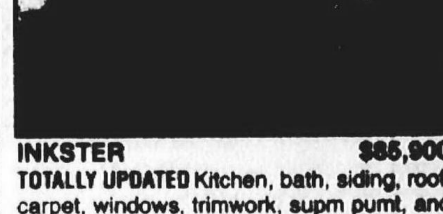
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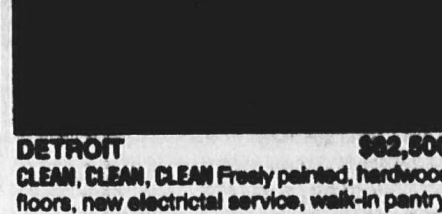
**WAYNE** \$92,900  
**DESIREABLE CORNER LOT** 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, 12 x 14 deck, covered front porch, newer windows, vinyl siding, furnace and roof. Clean and ready to show.

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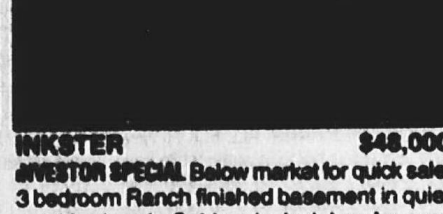
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**TOTALLY UPDATED** Kitchen, bath, siding, roof, carpet, windows, trimwork, supm punit, and more. 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage, park-like yard, large front porch w/hanging swing.

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