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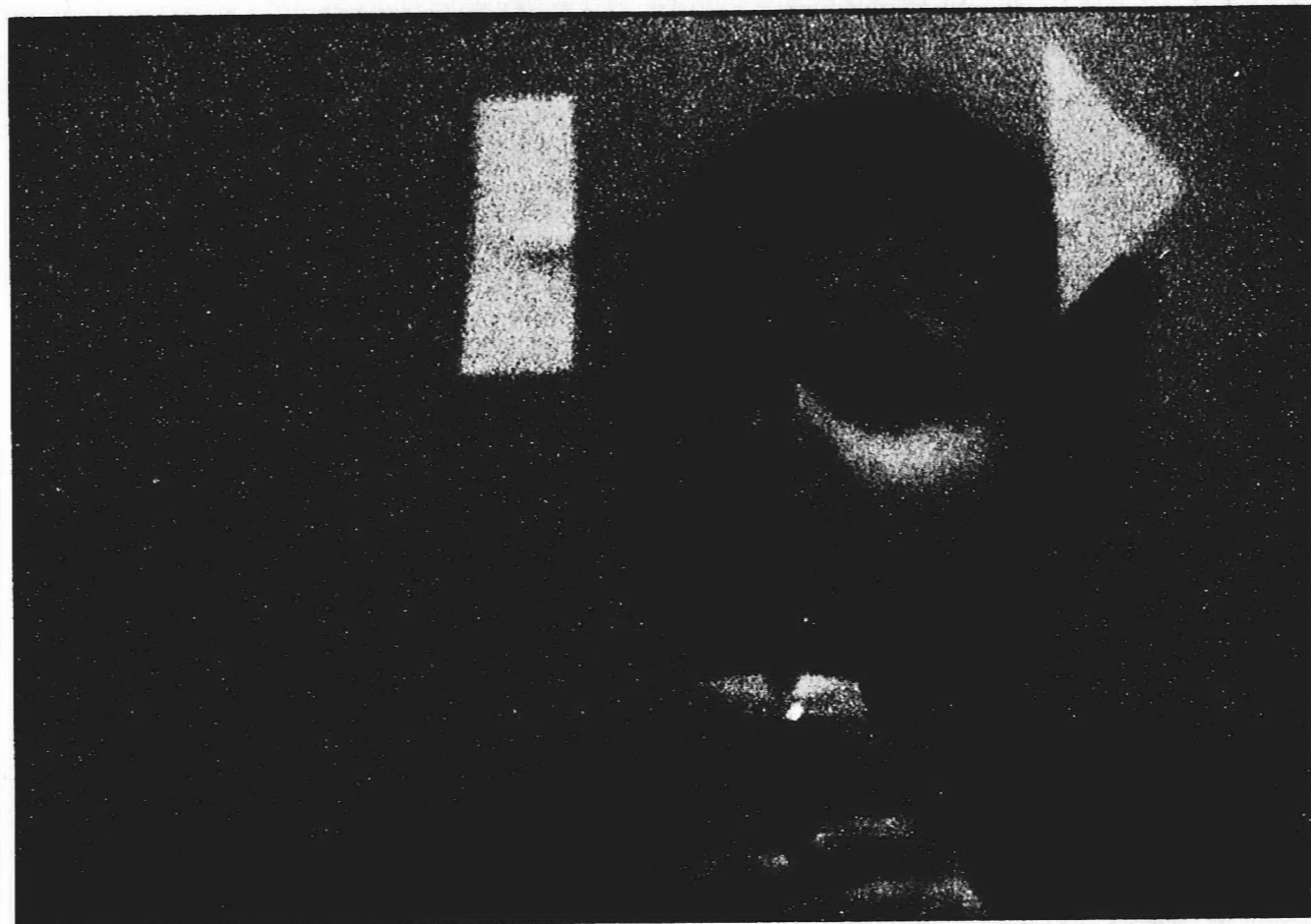
"I sold the car on the first day. The phone wouldn't stop ringing."

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Weather wonders: Andrew Schwank of Plymouth, 5, blows on the weather vane he made from a plastic cup, straw, a pencil, a straight pin and paper cutouts during a demonstration on weather presented by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Monday at the Plymouth District Library.

Weather permitting

Youngsters get hands-on experience

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Lauren Fletcher stood there, the blond hair pulled back by a barrette standing on end as electricity pumped into her 10-year-old body.

The technician near her urged her not to let go of the metal sphere, and warned nearby friends they'd be shocked if they touched her.

An episode of *Survivor*? Nope. The sequel to *Silence of the Lambs*? Nuh-uh. The *Mr. Wizard Show*? Now you're getting closer.

Lauren was among the youngsters who pored through the Plymouth District Library Monday for an interactive Wild Weather Week exhibition that features several hands-on activities designed to teach children about everything from tornadoes to radar tracking.

The Midwest Wild Weather Week display was on hand from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum as children kicked off their midwinter break by

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Catching static: Nicki Kiriazis of Canton, 10, transfers some static electricity into her hair using a Van de Graff generator.

Seminar shows how to avoid robbery

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If you're going to rob a bank, don't tell an old flame about it.

That's the best advice of the FBI. Former girlfriends are the best tipsters in turning in bank robbers, according to Agent Terry Booth.

"A woman scorned does not forget," Booth said. "Criminals like to brag about their exploits and they usually tell somebody, like a girlfriend."

Booth spoke to about 25 bank and credit union employees who attended the Financial Institution Crime Awareness course held at a half-day seminar Tuesday at the Quality Inn in Plymouth Township.

Alert financial institution employees who are on the front lines reduce the chance of being the victim in bank robberies. They are the backbone of police investigations, and help to ensure that once robbers leave the bank they don't jeopardize the community-at-large, police said.

The seminar included speakers from the Plymouth Township, Novi and West Bloomfield police departments. Organized by Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township's community resource officer, the seminar received input from both the Farmington Hills and Southfield police departments.

"Just because you are out here in

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Property values on the rise

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Property owners in Plymouth are finding assessment notices in their mailboxes this week that show residential, commercial and industrial market values climbing.

Assessor Mark Christiansen said residential assessments are up an average 8.27 percent from last year. Commercial property is up 18.22 percent, while industrial is up slightly at 2.41 percent.

"Residential has remained somewhat steady in the 7-9 percent range for a number of years," said Christiansen. Last year residential property increased an average 7.64 percent.

"Commercial property is up a lot as downtown continues to drive the overall class up," said Christiansen. "After the commercial reappraisal in 1990, there was a big increase. Then, for a number of years it remained low. So, the last couple of years we've been catching up."

Last year commercial property was up 13.05 percent, while industrial assessments were up 14.94 percent.

"The increases certainly speak to the public's perceived health of the real estate market in Plymouth," he added.

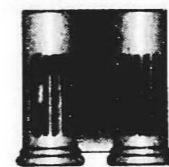
Residential assessments are adjusted annually, based on sales only in those neighborhoods. As a result, although the total residential class is increasing this year by an average 8.27 percent, individual neighborhoods range from a decrease of .215 percent to an increase of 19.93 percent. The wide variations relate to sales in a given neighborhood during a two-year period, according to Christiansen.

For the second consecutive year, the highest neighborhood assessment increase occurred in Lower Town/Old Village. This year, the increase is 19.93 percent, compared to 17.46 percent last year. The second highest assessment increase, also for the second straight year, was Arbor Croft Subdivision with an increase of 17.62 percent, compared to 17.07 percent last year.

"Sales prices in those areas indicate the assessments are too low," said Christiansen.

Other areas with double-digit assessment increases include older homes near downtown at 16.59 percent; Yorktown/Old Village condos, 15.56 percent; central business district residential at 12.21 percent; Plymouth Park

County snubs recall petitions



Wayne County elections officials Monday threw out petitions seeking the recall of two Plymouth City commissioners, saying the language lacks clarity.

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Three Wayne County elections commissioners took less than five minutes Tuesday to read and reject proposed petition language to recall Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald and Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

Plymouth resident Daniel Taylor filed petition language earlier this month alleging McDonald:

■ knowingly violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act by calling and participating in an illegal public meeting in connection with the termination of City Manager Steve Walters.

■ failed to direct the city police department to investigate a police officer who threatened an individual with murder.

■ exerted improper influence on a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve a variance on the lot owned by the mayor pro-tem.

Pobur, according to the petitions, is charged with the first two violations.

Taylor, who did not attend the hearing, was unavailable for comment on the ruling, and there was no immediate indication whether he will attempt to rephrase the petitions.

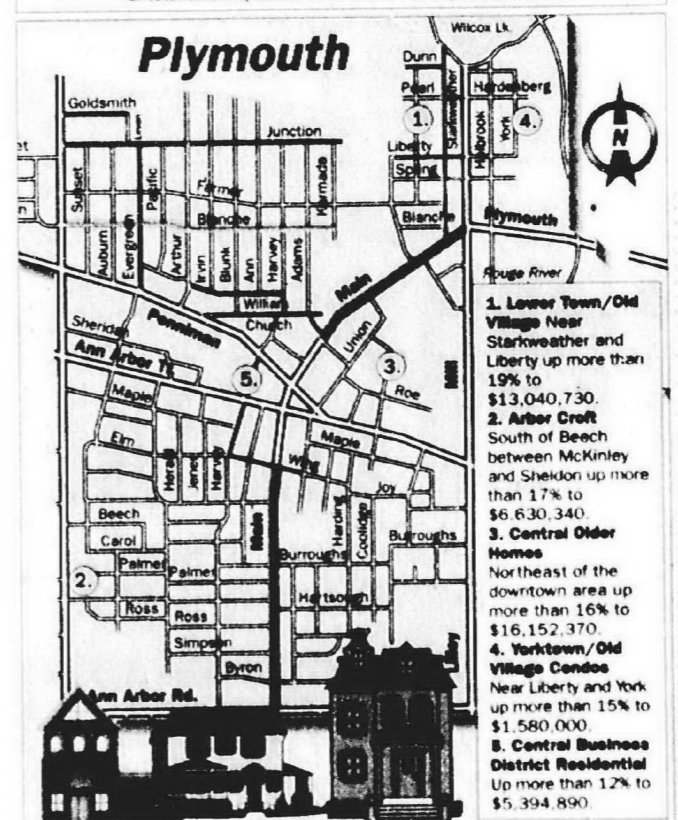
However, city commissioners at their Tuesday night meeting had plenty to say about the issue, including Pobur, who attended the hearing.

"I think it's important to realize that if a recall election were to be held, the clerk's office estimated it would cost the citizens of Plymouth \$10,000-\$15,000," she said. "What's a better use of taxpayers dollars, a recall election in a year in which the mayor and I will be required to run for re-election."

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TOP VALUE

Here's where the neighborhoods that are the fastest rising in terms of total state equalized value within the City of Plymouth.



1. Lower Town/Old Village Near Starweather and Liberty up more than 19% to \$13,040,730.
2. Arbor Croft South of Beech between McKinley and Shekora up more than 17% to \$6,630,340.
3. Central Older Homes North of the downtown area up more than 16% to \$16,152,370.
4. Yorktown/Old Village Condos Near Liberty and York up more than 15% to \$1,580,000.
5. Central Business District Residential Up more than 12% to \$5,394,890.

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learning about the weather at the library. It was the first time the Ann Arbor museum brought its display to a library; generally, they stick to elementary schools.

But youth services librarian Donna Boudreau put in a call to the museum, asking if the display could be set up in Plymouth.

"We decided (the library) was a fabulous idea, because it opens it to a lot wider range of people," said outreach specialist Linda Helm. "It's going great."

At various stations, kids learned about condensation, about thunder and lightning, about wind speed and how to make a weather vane.

The kids seemed to get a lot out of it. Lauren Fletcher, the Plymouth girl who was being

filled with electricity at the lightning display, enjoyed the experience.

"I liked it," she said. "I learned a lot. It was cool."

Eight-year-old Cole Firth of Plymouth didn't know the exhibit was going to be there when he entered the library. But he was happy it was.

"I came in and thought it would be interesting," Cole said. "I learned how lightning and thunder were made."

The idea was to combine learning with giving the youngsters something to do as their break began.

"It's winter break, so it's a good time to do it," Boudreau said. "Kids learn by doing, and when they can actually do something and see the results, they're more likely to remember it."

Seminar from page A1

Plymouth and Canton doesn't make you safe," Booth said. "You are not safe anywhere."

Trust your instincts, advised Novi Detective Pat Fanning.

"Observe and report," Fanning said. "The money is not worth it. There are no guarantees, but we want to tip the scales in our favor."

Apprehension of the robbers should be left to the police, employees were told.

Plymouth Township Officer Eric Anderson-Smith passed around an assortment of unloaded revolver and semi-automatic weapons to the employees to better acquaint them with the variety available to criminals.

Sue Bellaire of Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth found the weapons discussion useful and of potential benefit. "This will help us help police identify what was used," Bellaire said.

She found the seminar an enhancement to the safety instruction offered by her financial institution.

Some employees drove from Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. "We're from audit and security so we look at this a little differently," said Linda Garfield of Michigan National Bank in Kalamazoo.

One employee of a Plymouth

credit union who asked not to be identified still remembers the bank robbery at another institution which she witnessed. "It was traumatizing," she said.

People attending heard the tape of a Dearborn bank robbery which highlighted the roles of the police, police dispatcher, customers and nearby residents in helping to solve the case.

They were also asked to describe the physical features of Plymouth Township Detective John Drake who took the surprise, mock role of a bank robber who happened into the conference room.

Physical features are more important than noting clothing which can be changed or discarded, police said.

Pooling memories among bank employees of the robbery corrupts other people's memories, Fanning said.

Serial bank robbers are creatures of habit, said Booth, a former Plymouth resident, who has investigated hundreds of bank robberies. "They tend to do things the same way and allow us to keep them apart," he said. "We can have four or five serial bank robberies going at the same time."

Consequently agents give serial robbers nicknames like the Time Bandit, Bigfoot, the Lipstick Bandit and the Zombie.

Last year there were 137 bank robberies in Detroit, 48 in Wayne County, 44 in Oakland County and 23 in Macomb County. There was a 67 percent solution rate in Michigan last year.

"When I first came here in 1985 we had 88 robberies throughout the whole state," Booth said. "The record year was 356 in 1996."

He attributed the increase to drugs, specifically crack cocaine which has made its way into the Detroit area. "Eighty-percent of our bank robberies are drug-related," Booth said.

Booth estimates he investigated 300-400 bank robberies in his career.

"Bank robbers are like serial rapists," he said. "When they start out robbing they rob close to where they live, where they know the territory."

Michigan ranked fifth in the country last year with 328 bank robberies. California had 1,217, Florida 486, Ohio 378 and Pennsylvania 331, he said.

Thursdays between 9-11 a.m. were the most popular time for Michigan bank robberies in 2000, Booth said. Thieves took about \$1.8 million from financial institutions last year, he said.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Breakfast honors Franks

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is set to honor one of its top members, Jerry Franks, for years of dedicated service.

The club will honor Franks, who has been an optician in Plymouth for 20 years, at a continental breakfast at Plymouth Manor from 8-10 a.m. March 24.

Franks has contributed time and skill to helping those less fortunate with free eyeglass repairs for nursing home residents and by donating glasses to families in need. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Breakfast Club and is currently the vice chair of the Downtown Development Authority.

Proceeds from the breakfast go to First Step, the Western Wayne County project on domestic violence and sexual assault. Cost is \$10 per person. Checks may be made payable to Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation. Tickets are available at Forest Place Optical, 449 S. Harvey; sideways, 505 Forest Avenue; and Management and Tax Services, 1176 S. Main Street.

For information, call Char Briggs, (810) 406-8489.

Literary series expands

The Crossroads Literary Series continues every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and is hosted by Kathy Mulavey, Lauren Chiasson, Liberty R. O. Daniels, Rod Reinhart and Van Baldwin.

Featured readers on March 1, hosted by Lauren Chiasson, include are a capella singing group BackBeat and Bluppets, a black-light puppet show.

The Crossroads Literary Series is a continuation of the very successful Plymouth Poets program, which includes the 2nd Thursday Evening Poetry Series, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 884 Penniman in Plymouth.

If you would like to be considered for a featured performance call (313) 864-4011 or e-mail libertydaniels@prodigy.net.

Business hosts first-time exhibit

Though this April marks the 21st celebration of Michigan Glass Month, Native of West of Plymouth is for the first time getting involved.

Native West features two Southwest artists. Maryann Wagner of Tucson, Ariz., creates hand-drawn native symbols and figures on her crystal, and hand-cuts her original artwork and traditional Native American designs into mouth-blown and hand-blown lead-free crystal with a sandblasting technique.

Sara Creekmore of Magdalena, N.M., works with the finest, fused blown and lampworked dichroic glass available. Colorful paperweights and glass jewelry are what she is best known for creating.

Opening reception is from noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 1. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call 455-8838.

Plymouth man hosts Disney show
Michael Ward, an Edward Jones investment representative in Plymouth, hosts a broadcast for individual investors Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m.

The broadcast, titled "Investment Perspective: Discover the Magic of Disney," will be a live, interactive program to Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

The program will look at Disney as an investment opportunity, featuring experts on marketing, and on "putting the magic" into your portfolio. There will be a live, interactive interview with Disney's chief financial officer and senior executive vice president Tom Staggs.

For more information on the Feb. 27 broadcast or to reserve a seat for the free program, call Ward at (734) 454-4653. Edward Jones' interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

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Physical Therapy UPDATE
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HAMSTRUNG

A hamstring strain involves excessive stretching or tearing of muscle fibers at the back of the upper leg. An acute strain can occur during an isolated athletic activity as a result of a chronic condition that has rendered the muscle weak and vulnerable. For example, a softball player may endure a hamstring sprain while sprinting to first base. A chronic strain is often associated with persistent repetitive stress. Runners are especially susceptible to chronic hamstring strains. After initially treating the injury with rest, ice, compression, and elevation (RICE), the physical therapist will introduce a program of gentle stretching and muscle strengthening. This may involve resistance training.

PS: As a general rule of thumb, any activities that elicit pain near the injured site may be causing further injury and will only hamper the recovery effort.

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SWEET NOVEMBER (PG-13)
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WEDDING PLANNER (PG-13)
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CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (PG-13)
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Veterinary Notes
by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

YOUR CAT'S TUMMY TROUBLES

While people tend to vomit only when they are ill, vomiting is more common in cats. Even a cat showing no signs of illness may vomit. Two common causes of feline vomiting are stomach upset from overeating and hairballs. If the vomiting occurs after eating, the cat may be throwing up undigested food. This problem is more common in cats whose owners feed them only at certain times of the day, which may condition a cat to overeat. Owners can alleviate the problem by serving smaller portions of food throughout the day. A different brand of food may also help. To prevent hairballs, give the cat a hairball lubricant on an empty stomach and comb and brush it frequently.

For more advice about feeding and caring for your cat, please contact PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC, Dr. Neault or myself, or one of our other doctors can describe routine animal care. When your pet is ill, we will carefully examine the animal and thoroughly explain any recommended treatments. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-961-4400. We're open six days a week for your convenience.

PS: Seek medical attention for a cat that vomits green or orange liquid (bile) or that is also experiencing weight loss, diarrhea, and lethargy.

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A classic: Ken Adkins stands next to his Catalina Super Duty in the back yard of his Plymouth home. Adkins will show the car at the 49th-annual Murray's Discount Auto Stores Detroit Autorama, scheduled for the Cobo Center Feb. 23-25.

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Car enthusiasts rev up for Autorama

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The cars are the stars at Autorama.

The 49th-annual Murray's Discount Auto Stores Detroit Autorama is Feb. 23-25 at Cobo Center in Detroit. It has been billed "the granddaddy of the hot rod craze."

As one of the oldest and biggest custom car shows in the country, it draws car enthusiasts like Ken Adkins of Plymouth who will display his 1962 Pontiac Catalina.

Backyard car jockeys from across the country who flock to the Motor City to show off for the first time bring their sizzling striped and souped-up masterpieces.

They will compete in the GM Performance Parts Show Car Series and for the prestigious Ridler Award for the best vehicle, first-time shown.

Other exhibits include the A&W Rockin' Roadster Display featuring more than 20 original roadsters displayed as they might be at a drive-in from years ago.

Plymouth man displays car he 'couldn't wait' to own

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Plymouth resident Ken Adkins couldn't wait to purchase his blue 1962 Pontiac Catalina recently.

He sold a white car just like it two years ago and immediately missed it.

Those attending the 49th-annual Murray's Discount Auto Stores Detroit Autorama this weekend at Cobo Center can see the car Adkins is so excited to own. The car will be delivered to Autorama via trailer rather than driven to the show.

"I've known about this car for a long time," said Adkins, a design engineer. "It was in a couple of magazines 10 years ago. It's a premiere

car. It has an all-aluminum front end. It's a factory-built race car. These cars were built for NASCAR and drag car racing. It's something I always wanted."

There is no race history connected to this Catalina, however. "It's been hard to find history on this car," Adkins said.

When the car was restored 10 years ago, it was featured in magazines like Muscle Car and High Performance, he said.

"This car was restored for the governor of North Dakota," he added.

Though the car required some cleaning up when Adkins acquired it, he said it's just like it came out of the factory.

custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present will be on display.

Sports and TV stars, past and present, head the line up.

There's TV stars from The Dukes of Hazzard TV show. John Schneider will sign autographs from 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Co-star Catherine Bach (Daisy Duke) will do the same 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

For wrestling fans, Mike Foley, the World Wrestling Federation commissioner, will sign autographs from 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

Detroit Lion Stephen Boyd meets fans 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors seeking thrills and action will find it in the arena.

Creative Sports BMX Extreme Shows, Lowrider Hydraulics Showdowns and Team Extreme Motorcycle Trials will provide additional excitement.

Autorama hours are 4-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.

General admission is \$12.50. Children under 12 years are \$5.

The Cavalcade of Kustoms, presented by Eagle One, features 20 vehicles that exemplify the cars of the 1950s. More than 1,000 exhibits of the hottest hot rods and wildest

District could make taping meetings priority

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Lights, camera, action.

For the first time, cable television cameras have begun showing up at Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meetings, taping them for re-broadcast on local cable access channels.

However, unless you're a Canton resident with cable television, replays of the meeting are still unavailable.

For the last three board meetings, Canton Community Television sent its cameras into the board room, taping the meetings and rebroadcasting the sessions. Supervisor Tom Yack said he'd been in discussion with school district officials for more than a year, trying to find out when the district would begin broadcasting meetings to the public. However, after getting nowhere, he decided to begin broadcasting the meetings in Canton.

"We believe it's a priority for our residents to see the issues and topics presented at the school board meetings," said Yack. "We want the meetings broadcast because it allows our residents to become more knowledgeable, and may encourage more Canton residents to run for the school board."

"The school district is the second largest employer in Canton, and we were encouraging the school district to make it a priority to broadcast the meetings," added Yack. "The school board doesn't see it as a high priority."

The issue for Plymouth-Canton Schools has been to find the money for equipment and personnel. Communities such as Canton and Plymouth received tens of thousands of dollars for studios and equipment from local cable companies as part of franchise agreements.

However, board president Darwin Watts said if the meetings are being shown in Canton, it's probably time the issue was made a priority.

"It's a great idea to televise the meetings. It opens up communication to those who want to stay in touch," said Watts.

"We're currently in our mid-year budget review, and I think the board would see it as a priority. If Canton residents are able to watch the meetings, it should be made available to all the residents in our district."

Yack said he doesn't feel an obligation to show the broadcasts to other communities, such as Plymouth and Plymouth Township, although CCTV has the capability to play the tapes through the local access channels of those communities.

"Why would we?" asked Yack. "It's really the school district's responsibility to communicate with their constituents. We are taping the meetings because the school district isn't, and we feel it important for our constituents to know what is occurring."

"Money isn't the issue. Making it a priority to communicate with the public is," said Yack.

Judy Evola, director of communications for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said she's meeting with CCTV representatives to determine cost issues.

"I'm brainstorming ideas with Mike Ager and Dave Harris (of CCTV) on how we can work together to get the meetings televised for everyone in the district," said Evola. "After Dave calculates cost estimates for labor and equipment, I will contact other municipalities to see how we can work together."

The district includes the communities of Canton Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Salem Township, Northville Township and Superior.

Evola said the district has been communicating with its residents via newsletters, the district's cable television channel and Web site.

"Communicating with the community is a top priority," said Evola. "We've looked into taping the meetings, but the equipment and labor costs have been prohibitive. The Plymouth-Canton School District is appreciative of Canton Township for taping the Board of Education meetings."

Values from page A1

The Penniman-Ann Arbor Trail corridor at zero percent, Plymouth Square and Tonquish Condos at .75 percent, and Trail End Condos at 1.76 percent, were the smallest increases.

Christiansen is quick to point out that because of Proposal A, which was enacted in 1994, the increase in taxes for any property owner in the state will be 3.2 percent, no matter how high the assessments increase.

"As long as someone hasn't put on an addition to their home, or bought a house this year, they'll have a taxable increase of 3.2 percent," said Christiansen. "If you bought a house last year, the

taxable value will escalate to this year's assessed value, and that can be very substantial. After that, the cap starts all over again."

Christiansen said the 3.2 percent property tax hike is the highest since Proposal A went into effect, and compares to last year's 1.9 percent.

Property owners can challenge assessments by scheduling a hearing with the Board of Review on March 6-7. Appointments must be made by calling City Hall at (734) 453-1234.

What goes up ...

Double digits	% hike	Value
Lower Town/OV	19.93	\$13,040,730
Arbor Croft	17.62	\$6,630,340
Central Older Homes	16.59	\$16,152,370
Yorktowne/OV condos	15.56	\$1,580,000
CBD residential	12.21	\$5,394,890
Going down	% drop	Value
Park Entrance Estates	-3.15	\$1,364,840
Willow Creek Condos	-.79	\$1,112,990
The totals	% hike	Value
Total residential	8.27	\$266,247,710
Total commercial	18.23	\$79,245,810
Total industrial	2.41	\$23,701,990
The total	% hike	Value
City total	9.85	\$371,196,510

Recall from page A1

tion, or take the initiative put forward by our recreation department and spend money on parks in our community?"

"It's probably telling that Mr. Taylor couldn't be bothered to show enough respect for the petition, a process he started, to show up for the hearing," said Commissioner Sean FitzGerald. "I think it raises a question of whether his petition was even sincere, or if it was further effort by some to agitate this community even more."

"What's so ludicrous about this is that anybody who can contrive the appropriate language can make an allegation to initiate a recall ... and then the

individual who the recall is directed at has to defend himself against allegations that may have absolutely no merit whatsoever," said Commissioner Bill Graham.

Mayor Dave McDonald said he didn't feel the election language would pass scrutiny by county officials.

"I think the Wayne County elections commissioners voted the right way," he said. "I feel the citizens of Plymouth are being unjustly attacked."

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Deadline nears for scholarship program

The deadline is approaching for students wishing to apply for a Woman's Club of Plymouth scholarship. Awards ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 will be presented at the annual awards dinner set for May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Plymouth Manor.

In an effort to open the awards to a wider field, the club has now included as eligible any student from the Plymouth-Canton school district who has either worked for a Plymouth business or is involved in a Plymouth youth group or organization outside of school. Previously, only students living in Plymouth were eligible.

In addition to being a stu-

dent in the district, applicants are eligible if their parents have a place of business in Plymouth or the student has been a carrier for the Observer and lives in either Plymouth or Canton.

Other required criteria include:

- A 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Must be attending college or university in the Fall.
- Must complete the application form.
- Must have two written letters of recommendation from adults other than relatives.
- Must supply a copy of the official high school transcript including the first quarter of 2000.
- Must supply two required

essays, one previously written and the other on a topic provided.

■ Must supply a senior class photo for publication in the program. Students must notify the Plymouth Observer if one will not be available by May 1. Call (734) 459-2700.

Application forms can be picked up in high school offices or at the Plymouth Observer, 794 S. Main St. Applications must be postmarked by March 2, or they can be dropped off by March 6 at 4 p.m. at the Observer office.

For more information, call chairperson K.C. Mueller, (734) 455-0075.

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Canton moving on water, sewer

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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The impending threat of work stoppage at the new high school site hanging over their heads, Canton Township trustees indicated Tuesday they would make concessions on issuance of a water and sewer permit.

Canton Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik suggested the board could vote next Tuesday to approve only those parts of the site's plans which are not in dispute, such as the educational facility, the existing football fields and new baseball fields.

"You could approve these so the school district can get its sewer and water permits and proceed with construction activities, and not put in jeopardy the public's trust in the school district, and quite frankly, the township," Machnik said.

Canton's planning commission last month denied approval of the school's site plan, criticizing the school district's placement of a junior varsity stadium which butts up to residential property. The stadium plans included 70-foot lights and 15-row bleachers, and would be the site for junior varsity and freshman soccer, football and track.

The planning commission asked the school district's project architect, Dan Jerome, to consider moving the stadium and place a less intrusive activity, such as tennis courts, near the North Pointe subdivision property lines.

So far the district has not budged the stadium. Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said North Pointe residents have never disputed that a school should be built at that site, they have simply taken issue with the stadium's placement.

Further, she said, anytime a school or municipality builds a recreational facility, it's everyone's hope that it will be used extensively by the entire

community, and that's what she hopes for the junior varsity stadium as well.

"It seems we're at this impasse of stubbornness, and it seems to me if we could move (the stadium), and then wear this thing out from using it...everybody would be happy that it was tax money well spent," she said.

Jerome presented for the first time Tuesday a plan he said addresses North Pointe residents' concerns.

He said the bleachers were shortened to 10 rows high, and the stadium lights would be 60-feet high instead of 70.

Further, he increased the height of the berm between school and residential property to 21 feet.

"That's taller than the bleachers," said Jerome. "That's taller than a 6-foot man standing on the bleachers. That's taller than the press box on top of the bleachers."

Machnik said progress on the school project has been slow for several reasons. First, he said the planning process deviated from the norm. Typically, a project would start with a site plan process, move to site development, and proceed to construction.

However, at the new high school, the process began with site development, and site plan and construction followed simultaneously.

Further, miscommunications and misunderstandings helped pit the township against the school district.

"There is an emotional component to this, and lack of information from early on," Machnik said. "Add to that some of the facts have changed."

Machnik said in light of the site plan changes, a meeting with Township Supervisor Tom Yack and North Pointe subdivision residents could alleviate some of the tension, and give the board direction before it votes on the site plan Tuesday night.

The meeting is 7 p.m. Monday at Township Hall.

'It seems we're at this impasse of stubbornness, and it seems to me if we could move (the stadium), and then wear this thing out from using it...everybody would be happy.'

Melissa McLaughlin
—Canton Township trustee

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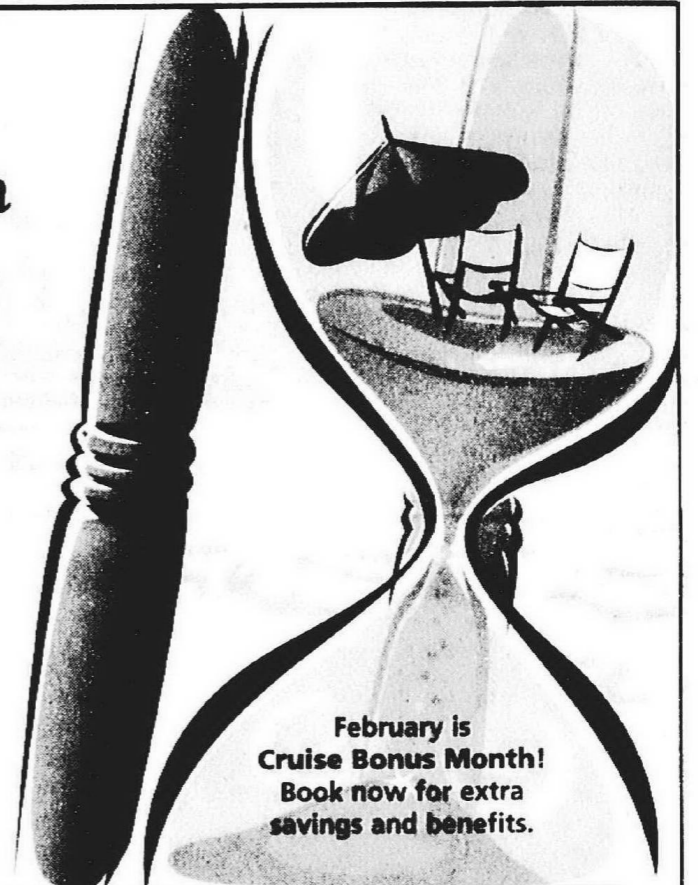
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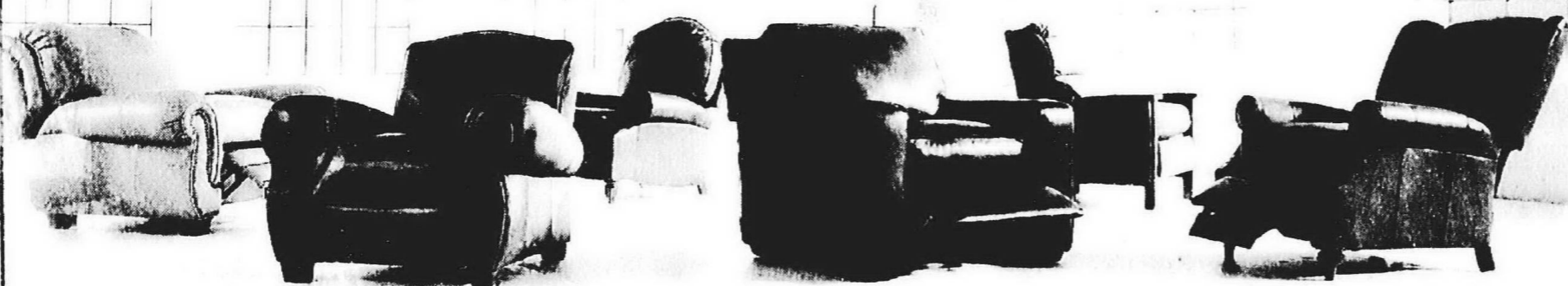
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OBITUARIES

ARLENE M. REEDER

Services for Arlene M. Reeder, 78, of Plymouth were held Feb. 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas E. Hart officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Reeder was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Detroit and died Feb. 16 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker, a lifelong Plymouth resident and a member of the South Lyon Methodist Church. She loved classic movies and was an avid bird watcher. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Reeder of Plymouth; daughter, Shari (John) Gritenas of Plymouth; grandchildren, Lisa (David) Ringer of Tecumseh, Mich., and Michael Boyles of Plymouth; great-grandchildren, Mitchell, Jacob and Alyssa Ringer; sister-in-law, June Hesse of Plymouth; and nephew, Ron Hesse of Plymouth.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

SARAH L. (BROWN) SWEET

Services for Sarah L. (Brown) Sweet, 89, of Plymouth were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Sweet was born Nov. 9, 1911, in Hymara, Ind., and died Feb. 16 in Howell. Mrs. Sweet worked as a machine operator for a packaging company for 20 years. She came to Plymouth from Detroit in 1951. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Senior Club of Plymouth.

Survivors include daughters, Marjorie Ann Wheeler; Judy (Douglas) Metcalfe of Westland; and Nancy Krueger of Washington; sons, George (Ann) Brown of Webberville, Texas; Donald Sweet; and Bernard (Joyce) Sweet of Fowlerville; brother, John McIntosh of Indiana; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Hospice of Southfield.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

WILLIAM E. HEATH

Services for William E. Heath, 67, of Novi were privately held at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor with the Rev. David Bevington from Angela Hospice officiating. The family will announce the time and place for a public memorial service at a later date.

Mr. Heath was born Feb. 23, 1933, in Willis, Mich., and died Feb. 15 in Novi. He was a 23 year resident of Northville prior to moving to Novi. He was an educator with the Plymouth-Canton School District for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1995. He was a life member of the National Education Association and the Michigan Education Association.

Survivors include his wife, Marion L. Heath of Novi; son, Clark E. Heath of Royal Oak; sister, Monica J. Hovatter of Willis; brother, Ronald C. Heath of Byron; and sister, Mary M. Schutz of Imlay City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

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MATHEW GARRETT WILFINGER

Services for Mathew Garrett Wilfinger, 17, of Naperville, Ill., were held Feb. 20 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Highland Cemetery in Highland.

Mathew was born Sept. 17, 1983 in Livonia and died Feb. 14 in Michigan. He had been a resident of Naperville for 4 1/2 years, previously of Livonia. He was a Senior at Plainfield High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Club and previously had played varsity football. He was employed as a clerk at JC Penney and enjoyed computers and music.

Survivors include father and mother, Erich and Denise Wilfinger of Naperville, Ill.; sisters, Jennifer Wilfinger of Lansing, and Liesel Wilfinger of Naperville; grandfather, Richard

Wilfinger of Barryton, Mich.; grandmother, Barbara Wilfinger of Barryton; grandfather, George Rowe of Plymouth; grandmother, Shirley Rowe of Plymouth; many uncles, cousins and aunts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plainfield High School Memorial Scholarship Fund, ATTN: George Schlott, 611 W. Fort Beggs Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

WALTER H. NADOROZNY

Services for Walter H. Nadorozny, 86, of Westland, were held Feb. 19 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Keith Jackson officiating. Burial

was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mr. Nadorozny was born May 3, 1914 in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and died Feb. 16 in Canton. He was a graduate of Fordson High School and Henry Ford Trade School, president of his class. He was a resident of Westland and Dearborn for 42 years. He enjoyed playing the accordion and enjoyed his Shriner activities.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olga Nadorozny.

Survivors include daughter, Norma Waara of Flag Beach, Fla.; son, Donald W. (Patricia) Nadorozny of Canton; son, Thomas (Joyce) Nadorozny of

Waterford; son, David (Carol) Nadorozny of Brighton; sister, Josephine Coopersmith of Naples, Fla.; sister, Mary (Wendelyn) Hughes of Dearborn Heights; sister, Frances (Donald) Kenyon of Lansing; sister, Jeannie (Earl) Ludington of Livonia; sister, Martha Owens of Northville; sister, Veronica Simpson of Naples, Fla.; eight grandsons; six granddaughters; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg, Livonia 48154-5010.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Teacher named 'Extra Miler'

Rick Plecha, Field Elementary School classroom teacher, was awarded the Extra Miler Award at the school board meeting Feb. 13.

Plecha was cited for his science expertise. According to school officials, he "tirelessly helps teachers by being a guest lecturer in their room, setting up computers and fixing glitches, supporting and carrying out responsibilities of the Truesdell Creek Grant Project." He is active with the Rouge River clean-up and attends meetings for this purpose.

Retired Field teacher Maggie Huston states, "Rick sees, hears,

and acts when he knows something is good for Field Elementary and the district. He reads many journals and seeks clarification by contacting scientists and writers. Rick continuously updates his credentials by attending every possible in-service that helps Field. He surfs the 'Net for grants that can be obtained to further help the Truesdell Creek Project."

Plecha received a certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning, and a dinner gift certificate presented by board Trustee Mark Slavens.

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Squabble unseemly for schools, Canton

Give Dar Watts, president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, credit for his command of the obvious.

Watts was talking about the issue of whether the school board should be taping its meetings for broadcast over local cable access channels. It seems Canton Township officials recently started taping them to be broadcast to Canton residents only, and Watts allowed as how such broadcasts would "open up communication to those who want to stay in touch."

"It's a great idea to televise the meetings," said Watts. "We're currently in our mid-year budget review, and I think the board would see it as a priority. If Canton residents are able to watch the meetings, it should be made available to all the residents in our district."

To which we say: Duh. The school district has never broadcast its meetings and, after years of prodding, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack decided to do something about it. Now, Canton Community Television tapes the meetings for broadcast in Canton. Yack says he feels no compulsion to provide the feed to any of the district's other residents, despite the fact CCTV has that capability.

"We believe it's a priority for our residents to see the issues and topics presented at the school board meetings," said Yack. "We want the meetings broadcast because it allows our residents to become more knowledgeable, and may encourage more Canton residents to run for the school board."

"The school district is the second largest employer in Canton, and we were encouraging the school district to make it a priority to broadcast the meetings," added Yack. "The school board doesn't see it as a high priority."

We agree with him. We just think it's a little silly to deny information to others in the district just to prove a point. Yack is trying to force the issue, and it appears to be working given Watts' comments, but it seems a little unseemly to do it this way.

On the other hand, when you add it to the ongoing squabble between the school district and Canton Township over construction of the district's \$50-million third high school, you wonder about deteriorating relations between the groups. North Pointe residents have been screaming for months about the district's plans to have a football field about their property.

'If Canton residents are able to watch the meetings, it should be made available to all the residents in our district.'

Dar Watts
—School board president

Although the district doesn't need site plan approval from Canton for its building, Yack believes the district should have worked more closely with them before North Pointe's issues became problems. Suddenly, the district is having trouble getting a meeting for its water and sewer permit, something Canton Township does control.

According to Bill McCarthy, senior project manager of McSEV Consultants and Construction Managers, a pre-construction meeting with the township "has been moved around on us. There've been some issues surrounding this meeting."

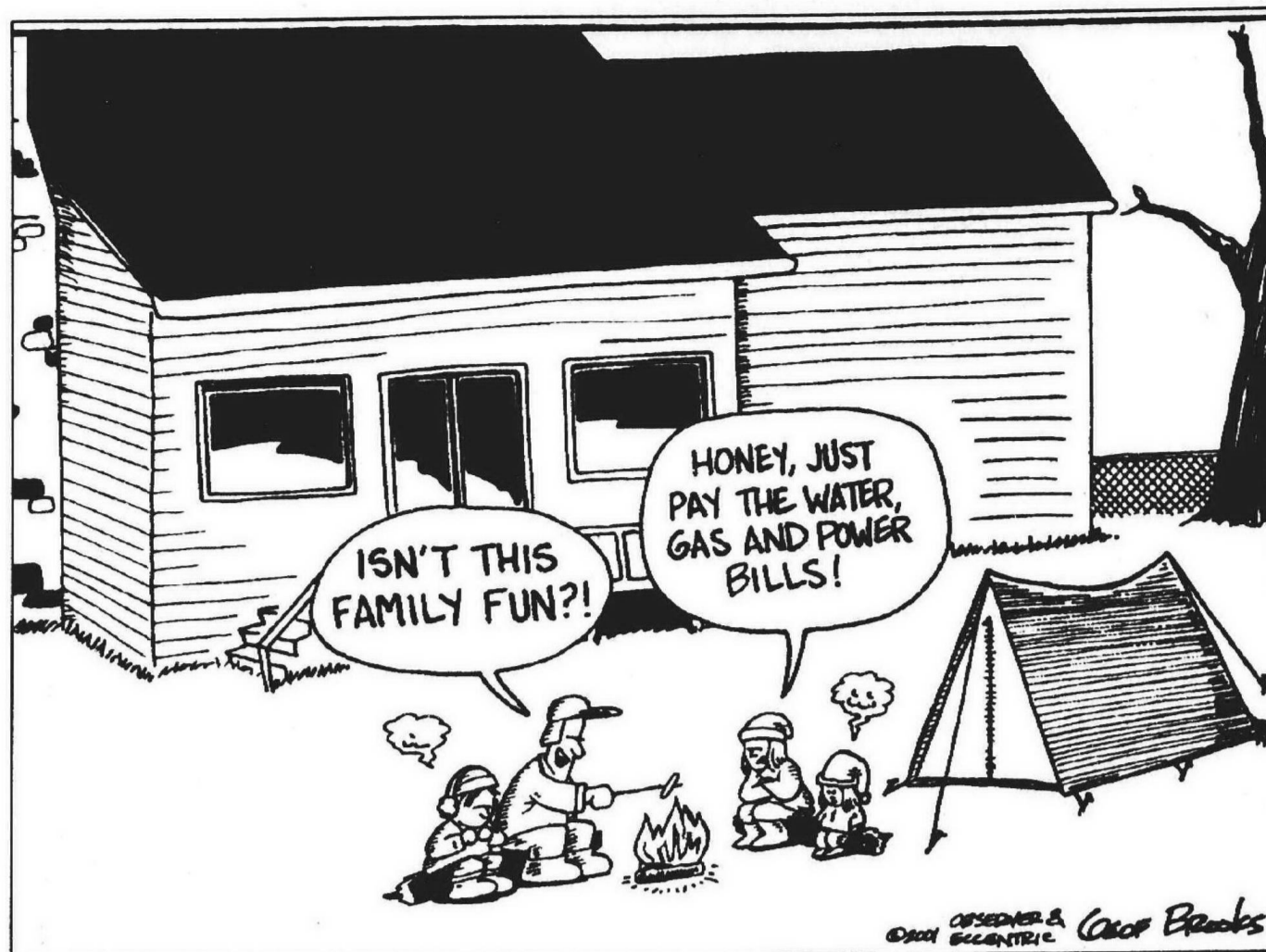
Yack is unapologetic. "When you want to deal with us after construction begins ... expect delays," he says.

Hmmm. The township's planning commission has been critical of the school district's handling of North Pointe residents' concerns. Yack is similarly critical. And suddenly, the project is having trouble getting a necessary permit.

No one is quite sure why the district and Canton Township are suddenly acting like the Hatfields and McCoy's.

The school district needs to quit crying poverty and broadcast its meetings. The township needs to quit whining about the district ignoring it and get the work done for the necessary permits so construction isn't delayed.

Enough is enough.



LETTERS

Political delay

Construction has begun on Plymouth High School. It is scheduled to be opened August of 2002. One year after the opening of George Dodson Elementary School, and two years after Discovery Middle School.

Despite all the arguments over the bond and the placement of the high school, there are many people who are eager to celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new high school.

Despite the lawsuit and disagreements about the placement of athletic fields, there are people who believe that opening three schools in three years is something Plymouth-Canton communities should be proud of.

We understand the residents in the North Pointe subdivision are concerned about placement of fields, but these houses were purchased after the bond issue was developed. What did they think would happen when a high school was built? We believe the changes that have been suggested to put barriers between the houses and fields have been done in good faith. The residents now have higher berms, more footage between their property and the fields, in addition to hundreds of trees. Do they have the right to delay the opening of the new school?

But the newest problem is that the Canton Township board is not issuing water and sewer permits to the district. There must be water hook-up, or construction cannot continue.

We are concerned Canton Township officials are refusing to issue these permits because they don't believe there should be a third school on that piece of property. They think there are too many students at the high schools. While they have a right to their opinion, this issue has been decided by a vote of people in Plymouth-Canton communities.

It is the responsibility of the Canton Township board, as public servants, to find a solution to this current problem and approve the water and sewer permits. Our question to the Canton Township board is: What is your plan? Perhaps the next time the Canton Township Planning Commission is asked to approve plans for a subdivision that has 500 or 900 homes, it should ask this question, "Where will the children who live in the new homes go to school?"

We understand the concerns of those who think that the high schools are too big. But consider this: while it is true there are many more educational experiences at the high schools because they can pool all their services, there are also other opportunities afforded to students because we can pool the resources available to serve more children. Today, public schools admit all students — children who have special physical and emotional needs, those who do excel in academics and those who need extra help. The high schools house the music and athletic department, and many after-school clubs. The high school orchestra teachers provide a home to high school students, middle school and elementary students. There is an awesome competitive Robotics team. And the list of opportunities goes on and on.

We are parents, like many, many parents in this district who spend time in the schools. We have been reading helpers, art volunteers, playground monitors, lunchroom helpers, math tutors, computer helpers, field trip chaperones, prepare staff appreciation breakfasts, send in Kleenex and other supplies for classrooms, serve on hiring committees,

make phone calls when school has been canceled, type, file, put labels on newsletters, English as Second Language helpers, dance chaperones, Media Center helpers, book sale helpers, Textlink helpers, send in notes for book orders, field trips, and run to the school when our children forget homework, lunch money, or a signed permission slip. We attend teacher conferences, Santa dinners, open houses, and Silent Auctions. The amount of time that parents spend in the schools vary, but support is strong from parents in all of our schools.

Our number one priority is that all children in Plymouth-Canton receive a quality education. We want kids to go to school, graduate, perhaps go to college, acquire skills that will help them find meaningful work, become good citizens. We want our children to be nice to other people, help their neighbors, and contribute to the world. We want them prepared to care for and solve the problems of the world they will live in. Maybe a Plymouth-Canton student will find a cure for cancer or find a way to build a road that never has potholes.

We are writing this because we think community leaders should be thinking of offering better service to its citizens. Strong schools are the foundations to strong communities. Babies born in a community and educated in its schools are likely to remain consumers, find jobs, and purchase homes in these cities.

We are writing this letter to let Canton Township officials know that in addition to all our other skills, that we will put on our old clothes and boots, and hook up the water and sewer ourselves if that is what we have to do to get this school built and open on time. There was a time in Plymouth-Canton where everyone worked together to build schools and churches.

And we are writing this letter to invite anyone, including any government official from the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton Township to go on a tour of the high schools and find out what the schools and students are really like. We think they could learn a lot about cooperation, service, and community from student, staff and parents in Plymouth-Canton schools.

Marci Staley, Colleen Brown, Nancy Vermeulen, Rich Ham-Kucharski, Judy Mersch, Sharon Eggenberger, Toni Shepherd, Patti McCain, Jan Wilbur, Jane Fry, Linda Bedard, Laurie Trapp, Sally Straits Welch, Vicki Wasylshyn, Debra Madonna, Dawn Christenson, Molly Wildman, Carol Carpinelli, parents, PIC School Council representatives

City relied on law

A recent Detroit News article contains several errors about the City of Plymouth's oversight of the Mayflower Centre. The story wrongly suggests that Plymouth could have taken the same actions as Royal Oak did to ensure completion of a Tri-Mount development by requiring Tri-Mount to post a performance bond.

Plymouth did not have the authority under state law to require that.

The Mayflower Centre is a private development being built on private property. There is no legal authority in the State of Michigan for a municipal

government to require a private property owner to supply bonds to ensure the timely completion of a project being built on private property.

Unlike Royal Oak, Plymouth was not the property seller. As the seller of the property, Royal Oak was able to include a number of development requirements — including performance bond posting — because it had a sale agreement with Tri-Mount.

Plymouth does not have any authority to track a private construction project for compliance with a construction schedule set by the private property owner. Plymouth could only require Tri-Mount to comply with Planning Commission approved site plans and state and local building codes and ordinances. Plymouth has done this. The building official has inspected the project to ensure compliance with the City Building Code and other ordinances.

The city of Plymouth is not, as the Detroit News reported, "relying on hope." It is relying on the law.

Sean FitzGerald
City Commissioner

Stewart is generous

Some people just like to complain. I was totally disgusted to read the letter from Mr. Gordon Chesterfield of Livonia in Thursday's issue of the Observer regarding Rep. John Stewart's donation of his pay increase to charity.

He actually had the nerve to complain about Rep. Stewart's choice of charities. I think the writer has missed the point here: Instead of spending his raise on, say, a trip to Hawaii, our representative chose to give it to charity.

It does not matter which charities he chose — the point is he followed his conscience (a rare thing in politicians these days) and donated. Perhaps Mr. Chesterfield should be directing his complaints to the other legislators who chose to keep their raises.

In this day when greed and power seem to rule our elected officials, Rep. Stewart should be applauded for his generosity, not criticized because he chose to give. Shame on you, Mr. Chesterfield.

Yvonne Lorenz
Plymouth

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Hopefully, Michigan can avoid California-style crisis

They say it probably won't happen here. We hope they're right.

The "it" in the above statement is the recent California power crisis with its rolling blackouts, darkened homes and businesses ... and a governor bogging megawatts from surrounding states. What a specter: The most populous state in the most powerful nation on Earth, and they can't even keep the lights on.

"Here" is the state of Michigan. "They" are the state's lawmakers, utility officials, state Public Service Commissioners and consumer advocates.

A California-style energy crunch is unlikely (some even said "impossible") in Michigan, according to articles appearing in most editions of *The Observer* Sunday.

The most frequently cited cause of the California calamity is "deregulation" — government attempts to create a competitive marketplace for power. California is a case study in how not to deregulate public utilities, state energy experts say. Michigan, on the other hand, seems to be doing it right ... or at least better than California.

The differences between deregulation in California and Michigan are many and are detailed in reporter Mike Malott's Sunday stories. Suffice it to say in this missive that our lawmakers and utility officials seem to be paying close attention and learning from California and taking steps to see that "it" can't happen here.

Our leaders had better be paying attention. An uninterrupted stream of affordable electricity is so obviously crucial to Michigan in the best of economic times. The two-headed monster of a

recession and an energy crunch is something we'd rather not think about.

So, for now, we'll put our trust in people like state Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) who said recently: "I want to assure Michigan residents that we will not face the electric energy crisis seen in California. Michigan's industry is poised to provide residents with both reliable and affordable electricity."

If that statement sounds wildly optimistic, well, Dunaskiss should know; he's the primary architect of Michigan's utilities deregulation plan.

Of course, there are dissenters to this enthusiasm — Barry Cargill of the Small Business Association of Michigan, for one — and they should be recognized and their concerns examined.

For one thing, Cargill says, Michigan power producers are increasingly relying on natural gas to fire their generators at a time when prices for natural gas are on the rise. That could lead to electric rate hikes. And, realistically, he points out, it will take years for deregulation to create a truly competitive marketplace for energy — that's if deregulation works as politicians and consumers hope it will.

We're happy to see that our leaders in Lansing seem to be up to speed on this energy issue. "Now and then the Legislature does something right," said Dunaskiss, who is confident enough to be jocular.

OK, OK, they're saying it can't happen here. We just hope they're still saying that next July when it's 98 degrees (with humidity to match) and the air conditioners are humming away. We'll be watching.

'I want to assure Michigan residents that we will not face the electric energy crisis seen in California.'

Mat Dunaskiss
—State senator

Lawmakers should heed Ben Franklin's wisdom

Remember how our legislative masters in Lansing finagled themselves a 36-percent salary increase?

First, the State Officers Compensation Commission recommended raising salaries for both representatives and senators from \$56,981 to \$77,400 per year. That caused a storm of protest.

Next, the House (wink, wink, nod, nod) voted 100-6 to turn down the SOCC recommendation,

knowing full well the law requires both houses of the legislature to reject any increase and figuring the Senate would take the heat. Boastful press releases from public-spirited – and wholly disingenuous – representatives promptly filled the fax machines of newspapers statewide.

Finally, the Senate – wanting the pay hike but put fully in the bag by the House vote – managed to convene for at least 20 minutes on the last day it could vote to reject, but somehow never managed to hold a vote. Result: The gigantic pay increase went into effect.

Now it turns out that the bill is going to have to be paid. It comes to \$2.8 million just for everybody's \$20,400 salary increases this budget year, not counting increases in future legislative pensions that run on and on and on. The question is how?

There are two options. Either the legislature can find \$2.8 million in savings by cutting other areas of legislative spending or it can pass a supplemental appropriation bill that amounts to taking the money directly out of the pockets of taxpayers. Guess which they'll do.

Legislative leaders are putting up a brave front. Dan DeGrow, the Senate Majority leader, is quoted in newspaper reports as saying he's confident the money can be found without legislative staffers being laid off. (The 38-member Senate's share of the bill is around \$750,000.) House Speaker Rick Johnson is also quoted as saying there's enough in the House budget to cover the expense. (The 110-member House faces a \$2.1 million bill for the pay increase.)

Don't expect members of the Senate to be wildly enthusiastic about bailing out the House. The

nicest word I heard from senators about the House vote was "grandstanding."

On top of this, Gov. Engler's budget for this year calls for all state departments to trim expenses, not increase them. (Observant readers should note, before Engler starts thumping his chest on this one, that his budget for the next fiscal year that starts on Oct. 1 calls for a 6.6-percent increase for the Legislature, a jump of nearly \$12 million that easily will cover the legislative pay increases.)

While all of this has been going on, I've been reading a wonderful new biography of Benjamin

But I certainly wish members of the State Officers Compensation Commission and our legislative masters had come across Franklin's wisdom before the House voted and the Senate did not.

Franklin by H.W. Brands, "The First American." In addition to telling the rich and admirable story of Franklin's life and times, the book includes telling excerpts from Franklin's own writing. In the context of big legislative salary increases, I was particularly struck by this passage in which Franklin argues that government leaders should receive no compensation other than expenses:

"There are two passions which have a powerful influence on the affairs of men. These are ambition and avarice: the love of power and the love of money. Separately, each of these has great force in prompting men to action; but when united in view of the same object, they have in many minds the most violent effects. Place before the eyes of such men a post of honour that shall at the same time be a place of profit, and they will move heaven and earth to obtain it."

Sure, I realize Franklin was wealthy and could afford to argue such. And I am also aware that paying salaries to all who serve in government makes possible contributions from able people, both rich and poor.

But I certainly wish members of the State Officers Compensation Commission and our legislative masters had come across Franklin's wisdom before the House voted and the Senate did not.

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Hugh Gallagher

Drug war being fought on all the wrong fronts

In the Oscar-nominated movie "Traffic" Michael Douglas plays an Ohio Supreme Court justice who's appointed the new drug czar.

The smug, self-satisfied jurist is fully prepared to "wage war" on the drug pushers not realizing that his own teenage daughter is spiraling rapidly into major drug dependency. In a moment of rare political epiphany the new czar declares, "I don't know how you wage war against your own family."

This is one of the problems with the war on drugs. The bad guys are your children, your brother, your sister, your brilliant friend who needs a "rush," your doctor who has easy access – in addition to all those "scary" people from the inner city and "Mafia" thugs. The buyers and the sellers are more often than not the same people. The big suppliers are shadows masquerading as philanthropic suburbanites.

The problem isn't out there. It's right here. It's in Farmington Hills where they had two major drug busts in a single week. It's on high school campuses where it's impossible to keep constant watch on a couple thousand students and several young drifters. It's in Canton where, according to police, four people were trying to find cash for their habits by stealing from a construction site (leading to a fatal police chase). It's in your house, when your nice, clean-cut kid goes out for the night with his friends and takes up a joint or snorts a line of cocaine or free bases some crack or takes Ecstasy at a rave.

We try. We try to send them to jail for life with a ludicrous law. For all the attention given to Bill Clinton's pardon of financier Marc Rich, the real story is Clinton's pardon of numerous young people convicted under the drug lifer laws. The only result of these laws has been to burden an ever lower level of user-sellers with more drugs while the real dealers keep themselves clean in our more prosperous suburbs and give nice donations to law-and-order candidates.

We have campaigns. "Just Say No." "This is your brain on drugs." "D.A.R.E."

But to a lot of kids it seems as "blah, blah, blah" as that old 1940s "Reefer Madness" movie. They listen to their friends, to their music. They watch the "hip" movies and the hip movie stars. They know a marijuana cigarette won't kill them or lead them on the road to perdition. They know people who snort cocaine and burst with mental energy. They know people who've had visions on

drugs. They know. You don't. After all alcohol is legal and "more" destructive. And you tell them, yes, you've seen the evil alcohol can do. You've been there, you've suffered its consequences.

But when you tell them that you have known people who have died from drugs, wasted their lives from drugs, wasted other people's lives from their devotion to drugs – they don't hear you, until their own lives start to spin out of control and even then your voice is a weak nagging drone compared to the lure of "hip."

"Traffic" is a powerful bit of film making from a place where glorification of the "hip" has exacerbated the drug problem, where movie stars get a pass until they go so far over the line they "have to pay" like Robert Downey Jr.

"Traffic" was written by one of those "hip" young Hollywood people who saw his highlife turn into a mission to feed a 24-hour addiction. But the movie's real story isn't primarily about the damage drugs do, but about the hypocrisy of the "war on drugs" that wastes millions of dollars lining the pockets of corrupt government officials all around the world, that jails the victims instead of the victimizers, that tries to fight drug dependency with sham pieties to users not ready to listen or care.

It's a losing battle. There are no easy answers. Legalization would seem to take the game away from the criminals and their government operatives but it also gives official sanction to dangerous activity. What effect would that have on our society? Would the effect be any worse than what we have now?

Clearly we have reached a point in time when we have to face the reality of drugs and their appeal, especially to the young. We have to ignore the politicians and the law-and-order hypocrites and begin to deal with the causes and results of drug dependency. We have to stop participating in a corrupt system that is only maintained to steal our tax money to support a fraud.

Drugs can be devastating, but we're waging the wrong war, in the wrong place, against the wrong people. (I think I wrote that once about Vietnam).

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Violence in the workplace creeping closer to home

I thought the workplace violence hit close to home when the news vans stopped for lunch on my street. At a company a few miles away a woman lie dead, her work day ended by a jealous, enraged lover.

I thought the workplace violence hit close to home when an automotive plant three miles away shut down operations in the aftermath of an angry employee's shooting spree. Randomly killing people in a blind rage. Killing people just trying to do a decent day's work. People in the

workplace, under siege, with nowhere to turn, caught without weapons or warning.

The automotive plant, a business I pass every day on my way to work, or shopping, or soccer, now seems covered in a strange hazy fog, unregulated energy, exempt from government controls.



Cathy Standish

Life goes on. Citizens of my community remember these tragedies at odd times. Now when sirens scream down the road, occasional memories awaken to those tragic days. So close to home. Scorned, enraged human beings taking lives, leaving a trail of anguish and misery in their madness.

I did not know anyone involved in these neighborhood shootings, I did not know any of the dead, or anyone that survived. I only heard the

sirens, saw the news vans, read the news stories.

The violence is creeping ever closer to home. Five dead in Chicago. Caught in the backlash of one man's insanity, a dear friend, a colleague, a husband and a father of three.

What a lucky man he was. Sorrow envelopes him, as he grieves for the lost

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lives, the waste of potential. Families torn and shattered.

The workplace violence, creeping closer to home. How can we stop it? What can we do?

Do we, a community of Americans have any answers, any clues?

I thought the workplace violence hit close to home when I saw the news crew eating lunch on my street. Now the violence seems to be creeping ever closer as I am struck with the realization that my friend could have been one shot away from being a victim.

Maybe an answer for these so frustrated with life lies in a simple coping technique mothers are encouraged to use each day.

Counting to 10.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Make a difference

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

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

An 8-year-old boy lost his life over stolen goods. His family will never see him graduate, play sports or have a family. If this makes you angry, sad or maybe just your children a little closer,

then please take the time to e-mail, write or phone your elected officials.

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

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

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

Christina Taylor

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Dingell proposes bill to reduce rail crossing delays

BY RICHARD PEARL
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U. S. Rep. John Dingell, D-16th District, told the Conference of Western Wayne at last week's monthly meeting that he has introduced legislation to reduce delays at railroad crossings.

Dingell's bill, H.R. 432, which emphasizes safety concerns, would if passed give regulatory authority over blocked crossings back to the states and local governments.

Known as the Railroad Crossing Delay Safety Assurance Act, it is the latest salvo in an ongoing battle between communities in southeast Michigan and railroads over freight trains stopping at crossings and holding up vehicular traffic - including emergency units - and pedestrians.

Dingell, addressing the Feb. 9 CWW meeting, said congressional action became necessary recently when a federal district court in Detroit struck down as unconstitutional a Michigan state statute limiting such delays.

■ 'This is not a simple matter of inconvenienced motorists; it's a matter of public safety.'

Rep. John Dingell
D-16th District

"Emergency services in our communities are held hostage when trains block traffic," the 16th District congressman declared.

"We've all experienced the excessive delays," he said. "Traffic flow can back up for three-quarters of a mile and fire engines and ambulances experience life-threatening delays."

"This is not a simple matter of inconvenienced motorists; it's a matter of public safety," Dingell stated.

He noted the problem is long-standing and nationwide, but that it is "acutely problematic in southeast Michigan."

"For too long, motorists have been tormented by the scourge of long trains blocking traffic and communities (that then become) at risk," Dingell said.

"Local governments should

have the authority to protect the health, safety and well-being of their citizens," he stated.

After the CWW meeting in Dearborn, Dingell met with police and fire chiefs, mayors, township supervisors and state officials from both the 18-community CWW and the Downriver Community Conference to discuss dangers associated with the delays.

Among the facts:

■ Recent mega-mergers in the railroad industry and the booming economy have resulted in more and more trains blocking traffic.

■ Some accidents occur because drivers speed through intersections ahead of oncoming trains because they fear lengthy delays if they don't.

■ Both children on their way to and from school and adults have been seen crawling under or climbing between stopped train cars.

■ Emergency crews frequently spend extra time responding to accident and heart-attack calls because trains block traffic at crossings.

■ In Delta Charter Township west of Lansing, fire and EMS units were blocked by a train while a boy burned to death on the other side of the crossing.

Helen Foster, CWW deputy director, said one official told Dingell that even the General Motors Powertrain plant in Romulus couldn't get freight trains moved from crossings.

Historically, the Federal Railroad Administration's policy has been to let states and local jurisdictions regulate the issue, Dingell explained. As of last year, 16 states, including Michigan, had laws limiting how long a train can block a crossing.


However, he noted, on April 12, 2000, the U.S. District Court

for Eastern Michigan, Southern Division, struck down Michigan's regulating statute, citing the commerce clause of the U. S. Constitution in its decision.

Dingell responded Oct. 6 with H.R. 5413, a bill requiring the U. S. secretary of transportation to issue regulations to address safety concerns and minimize such delays.

On Feb. 6, Dingell introduced H.R. 432 and reintroduced H.R. 5413, now known as H.R. 433.


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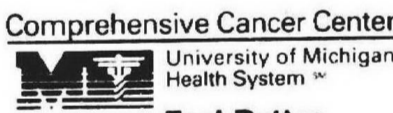
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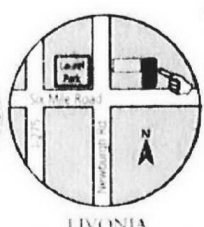
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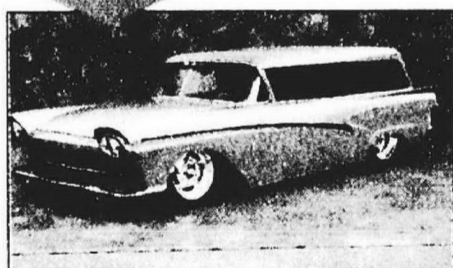
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SATURDAY



Jerzy Semkow conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a concert featuring Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3, "Eroica,"* 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$52, available at the box office, or call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



The "Intruder" will be among the fabulous custom cars on display at the 2001 Detroit Autorama at the Cobo Center in Detroit. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission \$12.50 adults, \$5 children under age 12. For information, call (248) 650-5560.

HOT TICKET



Danyelle Bossardet (Belle) and Grant Norman (Beast) in a scene from the Third National Touring Company of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," playing through Sunday, March 4 at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$62, performance times vary, call (248) 645-6666.



Bell ringers: Kay French (bottom, left to right), Darcie West, Becky Rowan, Julie Sigler, Sue Trisch, Penny Kindraka, Corrine Kert, Donna Calhoun, Darlene Ebersole (director), Margie Moore, Barbara Erickson, Millie Everson, and Judi Rachwitz, enjoy playing handbells with Classical Bells.

The Belles Are Ringing

Top handbell choirs ring joyfully together

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Heavenly, in a word, describes the music created by Classical Bells. Add four of the top handbell choirs in the country, and the resulting sound is five times as joyful.

On Saturday, Classical Bells is hosting the Tenth Annual Tri-State Bronze Invitational Handbell Concert at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. The event will feature Classical Bells and four other handbell choirs from Michigan and Ohio, performing as a massed ensemble under the direction of Margaret Tucker of Houston. The combined group will be ringing more than 300 handbells. Each of the four choirs will present one selection of its own choosing.

"It's a scream, just an action-packed day," said Darlene Ebersole of Canton, who directs the 15-member ensemble of bell ringers. "They're the cream of the crop. We call it the 'Bronze' level, because the bells are made of bronze."

The groups will meet 12:45 p.m. Saturday for an intense rehearsal that ends with a dinner break at 5:45 p.m. Then they will regroup for the concert at 7 p.m.

Guest conductor

Tucker, who composes handbell music and directs choirs all over

the world, was booked two years in advance for this concert. Two of her original works — *Barcarolle*, a Venetian boat song, and *Northern Lights*, a Native American melody — are on the program.

Northern Lights, from the Indian word "Lacquiparle," was a melody sung by natives to mourn the loss of their fallen warriors in battle. "Many and great, O God, are thy things — maker of earth and sky."

You'll hear the beat of tom-toms and other percussion instruments as the work unfolds. Tucker is from South Dakota, and some of her music is influenced by the Native Americans who live there.

"We love Margaret's music, it will be great to work with her, to see her shape and mold together the music," said Ebersole. "Everyone's got their own idea of how the music should sound, a slightly different slant. But we've got to be flexible and do what she says ... and be prepared to spin on a dime."

Each group will come prepared, having practiced the music on the program, which also includes *America the Beautiful*, *Capriccio*, *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*, *Osse Shalom* and

Uncommon Adoration.

Several of the works feature solo instruments. Ebersole describes *Osse Shalom* as being a "wonderful Hebrew number, with a clarinet solo."

"Every piece has something special." Classical Bells will perform *Chattanooga Choo-Choo*, complete with train whistle and choreography.

The Tri-State Bronze Invitational was inspired by Vic Kootenko, director of the Ohio Kettering Advent Ringers, who thought it would be a fun idea. For the past

What: The Tri State Bronze Invitational concert, an annual event showcasing five advanced level handbell choirs en masse, and separately
When: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24
Where: Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser, (north of I-696, south of 12 Mile Road), Southfield.
Admission: \$5 suggested donation, for more information, call (734) 425-7861, or visit www.classicalbells.com

10 years, the invitational has brought together some of the best handbell ensembles from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. Participation is by invitation only. Classical Bells was invited to audition for the Invitational four years ago, and has participated ever since.

First appearance

This is the Tri-State Bronze Invitational's first appearance in Michigan after nine years in Indiana and Ohio. The groups performing on Saturday — Kettering Advent Ringers, Carillon Choir, The Kalamazoo Ringers,

and Renaissance Ringers — gathered in July at the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers National Director's Seminar in Dayton. They received a standing ovation after performing together.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this event and are thrilled to bring it to Michigan for the first time," said Ebersole. "We get to share secrets and tips. It's a chance to get together and catch up on what other groups are doing."

Ebersole has been a member of Classical Bells since 1984. "We're like a family. We've played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and at the Detroit Opera House. You don't get those opportunities as a soloist. I think it's a chance to express myself as a musician. Most of the group members are singers, and play another instrument. It's a talented group of people to make music with."

Group president, Millie Everson of Livonia, a retired voice teacher, agrees.

"It's very challenging musically. It's a dedicated group that works very hard. It's fun to be performing with such a quality group. The Bronze level is the highest level." She's also looking forward to Saturday's concert.

"It's not often that you get to see groups of this caliber playing together at the same time. And it's fun to see what the other groups are doing."

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Join your favorite Disney characters for a swinging jungle adventure

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It takes nature roughly a million years to build a jungle, but Calum Pearson, company manager for Disney's *Jungle Adventures on Ice*, gives his guys about 10 hours.

The multi-media, ice skating extravaganza, opening Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, invites audiences into the jungle with their Disney friends from *The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan* and *The Lion King*.

From the moment you walk into the arena, until the grand finale, you'll be in a world of lush foliage and leafy green jungle vines. A 38-foot, 15,000-pound "tree of life" sets the stage for adventure.

"A mist rolls across the seats and into the seats," said Pearson. "It's a nice, warm atmosphere. Jungle

guides welcome you to the show. We really make the jungle come to life. Every object comes to life, it's quite amazing, everything is three dimensional. Lighting is an integral part."

Amazing feats

The cast of award-winning skaters perform some amazing feats including an acrobatic Spanish web routine.

Tarzan, (Jamie Loper), and Jane, (Natasha Kuchiki) climb a rope 35-foot rope suspended from atop the arena with no safety equipment. Tarzan invites Jane to join him in exploring his world high above the jungle floor.

"It's never been done before," said Pearson. The routine premiered as part of the Moscow Circus in the 1960s with one acrobat performing stunts individually above the crowd. Alla

Youkina, a veteran aerialist and choreographer, who began skating at the age of 4, worked with Loper and Kuchiki to master the routine.

"The skaters must learn to breathe together," she said. "Decisions must be made in a split-second without a moment to spare."

Linking the three Disney stories are the jungle, and simple universal themes — we have to grow and learn from our friends and family.

"We joined a talent pool that stretches across the entertainment field," said Pearson.

You'll hear some of your favorite tunes during the show, including Academy Award-winning songs like *You'll Be in My Heart*, *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*, and a re-mastered *Jungle Book* score that inspires numbers like *I Wanna Be Like You* and *The Bare Necessities*.

Creative team

The show's creative team includes choreography by Barry Lather. Please see insert, p.



Adventure: Join Tarzan and Jane as they swing through the jungle in "Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice."

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known for his work with Janet Jackson and Sting, and Olympic medalists Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Katarina Witt, and Nancy Kerrigan.

Disney's *Jungle Adventures on Ice* marks the first time a Disney on Ice production has premiered on both sides of the ocean. The two independent world-class casts left Lakeland, Fla., where the show was developed, for the open road on road on Sept. 1. They will tour 45 different countries, and the show will be presented in the home country's language.

How does that translate? "Human nature is ultimately the same across all borders," said Pearson. "We hold the same ideals, respecting, having a warm family to protect you. Family is a good thing, growing

up is a happy thing. "The story is about how you grow and develop your role within your family. There's a story for each generation."

Jungle Book, he believes, appeals to grandparents, *Tarzan* to parents, and *The Lion King* to kids.

"Our job is to make it a three-hour experience that makes you feel like you've been to another part of the world, and remind you that the most important people are the ones next to you," said Pearson.

"This is a happy experience, sometimes we scare you, and there's a lot of romance involved. You walk into the jungle, and that's a scary place. The costumes are amazing. It's one of the most spectacular shows you'll ever see."

Chamber series features string trio

The Chamber Music at the Scarab Club will present the Borsarello String Trio, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 in a program of works by Bach, Borodin and Schubert in the main gallery of the Scarab Club in Detroit.

Tickets are \$15, available at the door, or call (248) 474-8930 for more information. The Scarab Club is at 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Founded in 1998 by violinist Velda Kelly of Farmington, and cellist Nadine Deleury of Birmingham, the Chamber Music at the Scarab Club series focuses on audience-friendly musical presentations and programs.

Sunday's concert, features the Parisian-based Borsarello String Trio, three brothers — violinist, Jean-Luc, violist, Jacques, and cellist, Frederic.

They are dedicated to promoting the string repertoire, and also enjoy collaborating with guest artists. The Schubert C Major quintet to be performed at the Scarab Club is an excellent example of this. Kelly and Deleury will join them for the performance of this beautiful work.

"String trios have their own unique challenges that make intonation and the blending of tone colors particularly difficult," said Kelly. "Unlike a string quartet, a trio lacks a second vio-

lin to link the range of the (first) violin to that of the viola. Each voice in a string trio is that of a soloist and is always very exposed. The warm sonority of the Borsarello's three Italian instruments made during the same period, helps them meet these challenges."

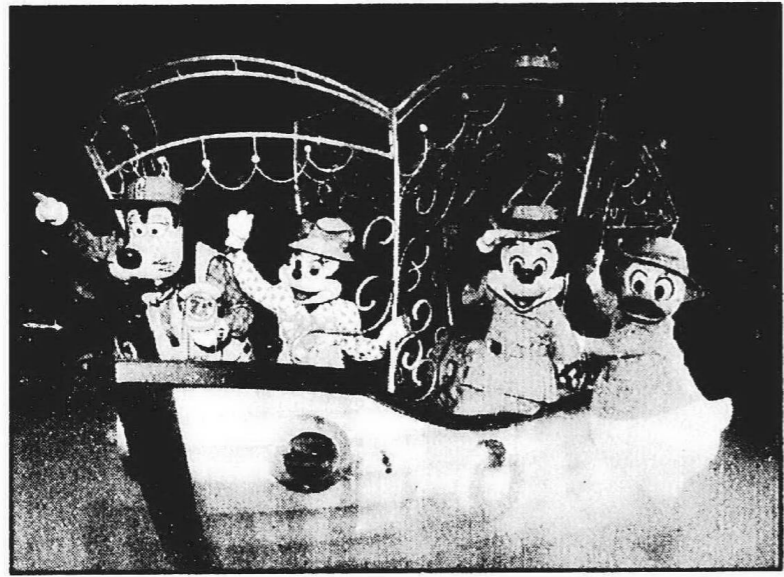
The group's latest recording is a beautiful example of their sense of homogeneity in sound, style and intonation. "The CD of six Bach Preludes and a Fugue, arranged for string trio by Mozart, is pure delight," said Kelly.

In addition to their busy schedule as a trio, the brothers all hold teaching positions at highly reputable conservatories.

Jean-Luc is a successful artist who has won many competitions and has had many exhibits. He gets his inspiration from Provence landscapes. Frederic is also a composer of music for the cello. Jacques has written and published several novels.

The trio tours extensively and has performed in Europe, New Caledonia and Asia.

Kelly has been teaching and performing in metropolitan Detroit since 1983. She is a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, performs as an extra with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and is co-artistic director of Chamber Music at the Scarab Club.



Adventure: Goofy, Minnie, Mickey and Donald explore the jungle in "Disney's Jungle Adventures on Ice."

Plymouth Theatre Guild shines in 'South Pacific'

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, March 2-3; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. Tickets, \$12, \$8 ages 18 and under. Call (248) 349-7110.

BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

There ain't nothin' like the talents of the Plymouth Theatre Guild cast and crew — a talent that can be witnessed in their current production, *South Pacific*.

The popular Rodgers and Hammerstein musical is, for the most part, two separate love stories. The first is a love between a young nurse named Nellie Forbush (Susan Merenda) and a middle-aged Frenchman named Emile de Becque (Kerry Plague).

They meet after she is stationed on the island on which he has found refuge for a crime he committed in France. The relationship is soon ambushed by the fact that he was previously

married to a Polynesian woman, and her conservative, prejudice upbringing pushes her to *Wash That Man Right Outta Her Hair*. She later realizes the error of her ways when she is forced to wait for him to return from a dangerous military mission.

A youthful Lt. Joseph Cable (Anthony J. Provenzola) discovers true love on a visit to Bali Ha', a neighboring island. The object of his affection is a very young native girl, Liat (Sarah Curle). She is the daughter of Bloody Mary (Kristin Curle) who sells overpriced grass skirts and shrunken heads to the military men — she seems to disregard the women — on the island. Once again, the stigma of interracial relationships comes between lovers and is not overcome until it may be too late.

The strong social issues regarding race and war are greatly softened by the music and humor in this production. The comedic lead is definitely Toby Booker playing Luther Billis. Booker's *There is Nothin'*

Like a Dame performed with the assistance of several handsome and talented sailors, Seabees and Marines, and his Thanksgiving Follies finale scenes, are absolute show-stealers. And how he survives that amazing tumble out of the women's dressing tent with coconut shells strapped to his chest is a mystery itself.

Leads

The leads played by Plymouth-Salem High School sophomore Susan Merenda, Canton resident Kerry Plague, and Anthony J. Provenzola of Farmington Hills, are strong in both genres: acting and singing. With the assistance of a fine orchestra conducted by Steve Woznicki, each voice and song contributes to the story in a positive way.

Unfortunately, Sarah Curle's character has no speaking parts and is forced to rely on the "sign language" of "Happy Talk" and the language of love.

Other notable performances include Bruce White as Captain Brackett, and Dennis Day as Commander William Harbison. Their interactions with each other never miss a mark. Eric Decker does a great job as Stew-

pot, joining Booker's quest for laughs, and getting them. Decker, Booker and the other Sailors, Seabees and Marines really shine in the tender moment of "Bali Ha'" when they all become entranced by the sight and sounds of the nearby island. And their dancing isn't bad either.

The biggest scene-stealer would have to be Jim McNiff as the Shore Patrolman. Though his character is onstage barely a few minutes, the audience cannot miss his charged humor and stage presence.

Sets are well done, and the sound and lighting of this fairly complex production, appear quite flawless. Director Kathleen Booker and Assistant Director Dennis Hubel, and their crew, have done an excellent job bringing a World War II South Pacific Island experience to the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

Pamela Joy McGowan is a Livonia resident and reviews community theater productions for the Observer Newspapers.

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Genesis Troupe awakens talent with 'Our Town'

The Genesis Troupe presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in the social hall at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth. Tickets, \$5 at the door. A portion of proceeds benefits the American Cancer Society, call (734) 981-3163 for information.

BY CARL BOOKSTEIN
SPECIAL WRITER

The sun is coming up. The people of the town are awakening. The year is 1901. The place is Grover's Corners, N. H. It is a small town, apparently like any other American small town. The difference is the people.

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Our Town* states — "something is eternal. Everybody knows this in their bones, and that something is human beings." It is the way the best of the newly formed Genesis Troupe captures these people that makes the performance work. Keep in mind that the Genesis Troupe is made up of novice actors. Nevertheless, under the capable direction of Marlene Landry of Livonia, they make these small town people, these eternal human beings, come alive.

There are a few primary factors that make this production work. First off, is the play itself,

Allison Long, a freshman at Churchill High School in Livonia, as Emily, gets better and better as the play goes on.

written so eloquently by Wilder, with true insight about making the most of life. A production of this play almost can't go wrong. The state setting is spare, and the cast acts without props, allowing the writing, and the acting, to come to the foreground.

Regarding the acting, the three strongest performers of the play help elevate this novice troupe to a credible level.

The first is Lane Ritter as the stage manager. As *Our Town* commences, Ritter walks up from the audience wearing a blue suit, brown hat, with a pipe in his mouth, setting the stage himself.

The stage manager breaks through normal theatrical conventions, and develops a rapport with the audience. Ritter, despite not being on stage for 47 years, is right for the role. He embodies a certain small town class and respectability. The audience naturally likes him, and through him, favors the

other characters of Grover's Corners.

Jackie Rush, a junior at Northville High School, does a first-rate job as Mrs. Gibbs. Allison Long, a freshman at Churchill High School in Livonia, as Emily, gets better and better as the play goes on. She practically steals the show in the third act.

Aside from these three fine performances, the viewer is definitely aware that this is a novice theater group, but the cast nevertheless, does capture the small town charm of Grover's Corners.

Act 3, which takes place in the town cemetery is profound with lines such as "Earth is too beautiful to be full realized but by saints, poets and the dead."

According to Delores Pearson of Canton who is the play's assistant director, the Genesis Troupe seeks to add some new dimensions to the local community theater scene, namely, to provide affordable, quality, family entertainment.

With *Our Town*, the Genesis Troupe does that by selling tickets at the bargain rate of \$5 each, and by having apparently found the right vehicle for nurturing beginning talent.

Carl Bookstein is a Farmington Hills resident who reviews community theater for the *Observer Newspapers*.



On stage: Joseph Xuereb as George Gibbs, and Allison Long, (Emily Webb Gibbs), in a scene from *The Genesis Troupe's* presentation of "Our Town."

Stage set for 'All My Sons'

Players Guild of Dearborn will present the drama *All My Sons* as its fourth production of the season, Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, and Friday-Saturday, March 16-17. Tickets are \$11, and all seats are reserved. Senior and student discounts available. The theater is at 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Call (313) 561-TRKS.

Written by Arthur Miller, the production promises audiences an intense plot that will touch the soul.

Set just after World War II, *All My Sons* tells the story of two families — the Kellers and the Deeveres. Joe Keller and Herbert Deever were partners making airplane parts during the war. Later on, it was discovered that

the parts were defective, and responsible for many casualties. Deever was sent to prison, but Keller went free and continued a successful business career.

The shadow of this catastrophe follows both families through Miller's powerful drama.

The cast includes Ron Williams, Jr. of Redford Township as George Deever.

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

FISHER THEATRE: *Tallulah* continues to Sunday, March 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666

Ragtime, the musical opens March 27 and continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman* April 18-29 (\$35-\$45).

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

GEM THEATRE: *The Tropical Pickle* continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE: Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25; *The Civil War* starring Larry Gatlin Wednesday-Sunday, March 7-11 (\$19-\$55), at the theater, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *Killing Time* continues to Sunday, March 11, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary. \$21-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666; discussions: "Death and Life: A Religious Perspective" with Professor Charles Mabee the universities' postulant chaplain and professor of religious studies noon Tuesday, March 6 in 112 Vandenberg Hall at Oakland University, Rochester. Free.

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

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Perform a cycle of Shakespeare's history plays *Henry VI, Parts I, II and III* and *Richard III* Saturday-Sunday March 10-11 and 17-18 and Tuesday-Thursday, March 13-15, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$30 to \$80 (stage seats), 4 play cycle seats \$108 to \$250 (stage seats). (734) 764-2538

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GENESIS TROUPE: *Our Town* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 981-3163

NOVI THEATRES: *The Music Man* 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-4 and 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 and 11, at the Novi Civic Center Stage. \$15. (248) 347-0400

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Presents the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, Feb. 23-24 and March 2-3; 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. \$12, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

RIDGEVILLE PLAYERS: *Carousel* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25, at the playhouse, Troy. \$13 \$12 on Sundays for seniors/students; coffee and sandwich afterward included. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS: *Songs for a New World, A New Musical Revue!* continues to Sunday, March 4, Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9, reserved. (248) 541-6430

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BONSTELLE THEATRE: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* March 2-4 and 9-11, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

EMU THEATRE: *Arms and the Man* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 and March 2-3 and Thursday, March 1, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in Quirk Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday, and \$8 Thursday. (734) 487-1221



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HILBERRY THEATRE: Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* through April 5; *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

THEATRE COMPANY: *Brutality of Fact* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at McAuley Auditorium on the University of Detroit-Mercy campus. \$12, \$10 seniors/students at local universities. (313) 993-1130

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GALA BALL: Hosted by the United Irish Society, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 3, at the Dearborn Inn. Entertainment by two bands. Tickets \$75 per person, advance sales only. call (313) 561-8930 or (734) 243-3592

MARCEL MARCEAU: To perform briefly during the Ford Honors Program paying tribute to him 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows. (734) 764-2538

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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. \$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)

REDFORD THEATRE: *Thunderball* starring Sean Connery 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 for adults (\$15), and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 (\$7) for children, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

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ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60. (734) 416-4278

The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with musician Matt Watroba as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction will tempt revelers with a huge array of art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, and travel getaways. Following a sumptuous meal and the live auction, guests can dance the night away to the music of the Couriers. In addition, a putting tournament has been included with a specialty putter as the prize. A preview of auction items will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

HEART & MUSIC...TOO! A celebration of Broadway's best in song to benefit the St. Dunstan Theatre Guild Building Renovation Fund 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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: David Wagner will perform a recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia. Free will offering will go to the purchase of a two-manual mechanical action organ. (734) 432-5708

MASKORAIDE FOR COTS: The Maniscalco Gallery presents a reception, showcasing masks that will be auctioned off to benefit COTS, 7:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at the gallery, Detroit. (313) 886-2993. COTS third annual MASKORAIDE auction will be 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 10 at the Detroit Yacht Club. This is COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) major fund-raiser. For more information, call Beth McKeown at (313) 576-0219. The masks have been painted by local artists and celebrities such as hockey player Wayne Gretzky

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

CLASSICAL

BORSARELLO STRING TRIO: Performs the music of Bach, Borodin and Schubert, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in the intimate setting of the main gallery at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Tickets \$15. (248) 474-8930

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: An evening featuring a getting to know you dinner and music by the Motor City Brass Band 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, followed by 7 p.m. concert by the BBSO, at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$65, dinner reservations deadline is March 1. (248) 645-2276/(313) 846-8888

BORSARELLO STRING TRIO: Performs the music of Bach, Borodin and Schubert 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Scarab Club behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$15. (248) 474-8930

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3 Eroica* 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111 or via the Web site at www.detroit-symphony.com

FAIRLANE MUSIC GUILD: Great Lakes Wind Quintet, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, Henry Ford Estate, University of Michigan-DeDearborn. \$15/\$14 seniors/\$9 students. (313) 593-5330

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: The faculty will hold a music recital 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, the recital includes solo and ensemble pieces for flute, clarinet, guitar and piano by Beethoven, Chopin and other composers, and vocal Broadway and operatic selections by Donna Kallie, Helene Rottenberg, Will Horwath, Barbara Wiltsie, and Linette Popoff-Parks. Guest artists are Cathy and Irving Feldman, in Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft Road at Levan in Livonia. \$5 and benefits the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5709

PRAGUE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With the Beaux Arts Trio 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538

PRO MUSICA SOCIETY: Features Kristjan Jarvi and Absolute Ensemble offering a range of music from Bach and Beethoven to Jimi Hendrix 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$30. (313) 866-5639

SPHINX COMPETITION FINALS CONCERT: Competition promotes the development of young black and Latino string instrument musicians, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10. (313) 576-5111

TINY TOTS SERIES: For ages 3-6 "Fun Dances from Faraway Lands" 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$11. (313) 576-5111

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

WSU CONCERTO COMPETITION CONCERT: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-1795

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

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

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

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Young Artist Competition for middle and high school instrumental and piano students March 12-14, cash prizes. For an application, call (248) 645-2276 or visit the Web site at www.bbsocompetition.org

CALL FOR DANCERS: Auditions for an intensive summer program, directed by Jillana, former principal dancer with the New York City Ballet, will be held 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance, Livonia. Registration is 30 minutes before audition. \$15 audition fee and photo in first arabesque required. (734) 464-7440. The workshop, held in New Mexico, is designed for pre-professional dancers ages 11-17. Guest teachers include former prima ballerina, Maria Tallchief and New York City Ballet principal dancer Kyra Nichols. The school will also offer a six-week session of ballet classes with Jacob Lascu for intermediate and advanced dancers 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday beginning March 7. Teachers are welcome.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for males ages 17-45 for *Stalag 17* 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 5-6, at Barnes & Noble Bookstore, West Bloomfield. For performances April 27-May 19. (248) 553-2955

NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN ANNEX: Ragedy Ann & Andy auditions, 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15, (ages 10-14), at the Novi Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Performances Friday-Sunday, May 18-20. Actors must pay \$125 participation once cast. (248) 347-0400

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

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Begins a 6 week winter workshop Saturday, Feb. 24, student in K-12 may choose classes or take the full program. (313) 535-8962

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

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

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)

CANTATA ACADEMY: Perform a cabaret concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$15, \$12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

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

HANDBELLS

TRI STATE BRONZE INVITATIONAL: An annual concert featuring five advanced handbell choirs performing in mass, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, features Classical Bells of Metropolitan Detroit based in Livonia, Kalamazoo Ringers, Carillon Choir of Midland, and the Kettering Advent Ringers and Renaissance Ringers of Ohio playing a variety of music from patriotic to spirituals and original compositions, at Highland Park Baptist Church, Southfield. \$5 donation for admission. (734) 425-7861

COMMUNITY BAND

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: A Little Bit of Irish cabaret concert, featuring the Straw Hat Band with Dave Falvey, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Birmingham Groves High School cafeteria, 13 Mile Road at Evergreen, Beverly Hills. Refreshments served, no charge, but donations to the band's Interlochen scholarship fund, welcomed and appreciated.

JAZZ

MARK ARSHAK: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at Beale Street Bies, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

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

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

TIM FLAHERTY TRIO: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sundays beginning Feb. 25, at Rosie O'Grady's, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6:8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

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

BETTY JOPLIN: Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Chris Collins, saxophone/clarinet, and the Wayne State University Vocal Jazz Group with April Tini, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

RJ'S RHYTHM ROCKERS: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

VANGUARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA: A tribute to the music of Thad Jones featuring Charles McPherson 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17-\$47. (313) 576-5111

WSU JAZZ FACULTY: Perform 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the Schaver Music Recital Hall adjacent to the Old Main Building on campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-1795

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8, includes opportunity to meet artists following performance. (248) 424-9041 (Celtic)

INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION NIGHT: Featuring accordionists from Ireland, England and France 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

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

PATRICK STREET: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Celtic)

DANCE

GALA BALL: Presented by United Irish Society, dinner and dancing 6:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 3, at the Dearborn Inn. \$75, advance sales only. (313) 561-8930/(734) 243-3592

GINA GIBNEY DANCE: A sneak preview of the company's new work *Several Truths* 8 p.m. Friday, March 2 before its New York City premiere, in the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio in the Old Main building on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. \$10, \$5 students. (313) 577-4273

M OON-USTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428

TAMBUZITANS OF DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Warren Woods Community Theater, Warren. \$18. (248) 887-4677

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, March 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

EDDIE GRIFFIN: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$60. (248) 433-1515 or www.ticketmaster.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Dan Grueter Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday through March 11; *1001 Improv Jammers* 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 and March 6; *Truth, Justice or the American Way - The Best of Second City* 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29 and March 7, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.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: Opens a month long tribute to C.L.R. James and his fight for social revolution, at the center, Detroit. (313) 871-4594; film series 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Museum of African American History.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Go behind the scenes to visit the Michigan Design Center and have dinner 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 1 (734) (313) 833-1405; Wiggle Giggle Workshop series continues 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 with a Culture of India Workshop for children ages 5-12. \$3 per child, pre-registration recommended. (313) 833-1262. Museum admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 seniors/children ages 12-18, no charge for children 11 and younger.

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

LIVE MUSIC

ACDC: With Slash's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock)

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)

ATTENTION BENEFIT DISORDER: Hosted by The Ghoul, with The Witches, Bantam Rooster, Cinecye, Bump N Uglies, Edith Head, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

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

ERYKAH BADU: With Soulchild, Talib Kweli, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1515

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Friday, March 2, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

JEFF BECK: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$50. (248) 433-1515 (guitar rock)

BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

BRIDGE: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, March 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

SARAH BRIGHTMAN: La Luna World Tour, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10:30 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; Wednesday, Feb. 28, Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560

BUCKCHERRY: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-8961 (garage punk rock)

AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

AARON CARTER: 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. All ages. (313) 961-5451

MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. www.beatdownsounds.com (house)

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.tcom.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) 662-8310

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

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

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/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILLS: 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 MOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

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

DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.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

MIKE CLARK'S PRESCRIPTION RENEWAL: Featuring Charlie Hunter, DJ Logic and Robert Walter, with special guest Sugarman 3, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 advance. (248) 544-3030

THE DANIELSON FAMILIE: With Scientific Flashpaper, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 4, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7. (313) 833-9700

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 645-6666

THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

DEAD HEROES: With Easy Action, Throttlebody, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

DEATHCAB FOR CUTIE: With The Jealous Sound, The And/Ors, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700

DELL AND THE ROUGH CUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 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

AL DI MEOLA'S NEW WORLD SINFONIA: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$32.50. (248) 645-6666

THE DONNAS: With Bratmobile, The Mooney Suzuki, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

DOVES: 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030

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

EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)

TERRY FARMER: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Jumpin' Java Cafe, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4424; 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Tea Room, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

FAMOUS RAY: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3 for over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555

GODSMACK: With Staind, Cold & Systematic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666

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

AL HILL: With The Love Butlers, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Firefly Lounge, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-9090; Al Hill Trio, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 28-March 3, Zydeco S, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. (734) 332-9900. (reggae)

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

JETTISON RED: With The Muggs, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 313.Jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

KNEE DEEP SHAG: With The Brothers Groove, Metaphysical Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030 (rock with a funk edge)

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, March 1-3, 8 10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1680

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE: Featuring music by Straight Ahead, 8 p.m. Fat Tuesday, Feb. 27, Fishbones, Detroit. \$10 or free with costume. (313) 965-4600 (jazz)

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)

KENNY MEEKS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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ROOMFUL OF BLUES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March

'Saving Silverman' delivers few laughs despite cast

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Moments into the latest film by *Big Daddy* director Dennis Dugan, "Silverman" wasn't the only one who needed saving.

When a film starts with close-up footage of Neil Diamond during a 1972 performance, you know you're in trouble. But *Saving Silverman* needed more than a surprise cameo role by Diamond himself to keep it going. It started out harmless enough, a tale of three childhood friends bound by memories of growing

up on the football field (one as a third string quarterback, another as the mascot and finally, the male cheerleader) and later forming a Neil Diamond cover band called Diamonds in the Rough. But this "outrageous comedy" needed a little more plot and at least a hint of originality to keep the seats filled.

Perhaps only the dynamic cast of up-and-coming talent prevented the audience from leaving the theater. Jason Biggs (*American Pie*) is Darren Silverman, the sweetly naive protagonist who falls for Judith (Amanda Peet), a

'Those expecting another American Pie should look elsewhere for laughs.'

gorgeous, cold and demanding psychologist who means to control the rest of his life.

He's agreed to marry her, you see, much to the dismay of his best buddies, the bumbling-but good-natured idiot J.D. (Jack Black last seen crooning soul in *High Fidelity*) and his fearless counterpart Wayne (Steve Zahn) who battles rodents and pests for

a living.

As far as these two are concerned, Judith is a giant pest and she must be destroyed. Enter the former love of Darren's life, a bubbly, blonde, bright trapeze artist named Sandy (Amanda Detmer) and you've got a tired formula for relationship disaster.

The plan? It's simple. Kidnap Judith, fake her death and let Darren fall back in love with the angelic Sandy — that is before she takes her vows to become a nun. It must be destined; after all, Sandy shares Darren's love for Neil Diamond. She would never have made him burn his records.

But Judith is smarter, stronger and more relentless than the fools can imagine. Will J.D. and Wayne succeed in their plans for *Saving Silverman*? No one really cares.

The movie is peppered with

mild violence used for humor, which includes the repeated use of a stun gun and the loss of a few teeth.

Judith seems prone to cleavage-bearing outfits which might even make Jennifer Lopez blush. If *Saving Silverman* has a saving grace, it's the soundtrack, which besides a few versions of *Cherry Cherry*, strikes a chord with music by Moby and Everclear. But that's just wafting in the background.

Those expecting another *American Pie* should look elsewhere for laughs.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 23

3000 MILES TO GRACELAND
Suspenseful action-adventure about a gang of ex-cons who heist millions from a Las Vegas casino during Elvis Convention Week, posing as Elvis impersonators. The plan leads to betrayal, chaos and murder. Stars Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner, Courtney Cox, Christian Slater, David Arquette, Jon Lovitz and Ice T.

MONKEYBONE
Cartoonist Stu Smiley slips into a coma and the beginning of an outrageous fantasy world takes place. Trapped in a bizarre world called Downton, nestled somewhere between life and death, he must find the means to return to reality. Mayhem ensues when his cartoon creation, Monkeybone, takes over his body and mind. Stars Bridget Fonda, Brendan Fraser and Whoopi Goldberg.

ORIGINAL SIN
Based on Cornwall Woolrich's novel, *Waltz Into Darkness*, this film follows a wealthy Cuban coffee grower who marries a young woman only to find she is a deceptive seductress. Stars Antonio Banderas and Angelina Jolie.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 2

THE MEXICAN
The story tells of the ill-fated travels of Jerry Welbach, a reluctant bagman who has a score to settle with a crime kingpin and, even more dangerous, his girlfriend. When he is sent to Mexico to retrieve an allegedly cursed priceless antique pistol, known as *The Mexican*, his plans and his life begin to unravel. Stars Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 9

GET OVER IT
When Berke Landers gets unexpectedly dumped by his high school sweetheart, Allison, only to discover she's started dating the new kid on the block. Berke will do anything to win her back. Including trying out for the school musical. That's where he meets Kelly — the girl who will help him get over it. Stars Ben Foster, Kirstin Dunst.

COMPANY MAN
A nerdy 1960's Connecticut high school grammar teacher Allen Quip stumbles into being a legendary international spy hero in an effort to avoid his nagging wife. His misadventures contribute to his meteoric rise in the CIA, which ultimately sends him to Cuba where he's involved in a plot to overthrow Fidel Castro. Stars Douglas McGrath, Sigourney Weaver, John Turturro and Anthony LaPaglia.



Fantasy land: Cartoonist Stu Smiley, played by Brendan Fraser, falls into a bizarre world called Downton in "Monkeybone," in metro area theaters this weekend.

15 MINUTES

Superstar New York homicide detective Eddie Flemming allows a young, talented New York Fire Department arson investigator to team up with him to track down a pair of Eastern European killers on a rampage through the city. Stars Robert DeNiro, Edward Burns and Kelsey Grammer.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 30

SPY KIDS
The two greatest secret agents are sent to eliminate their most dangerous enemy — each other. When they finally come face-to-face, they fall in love and start to raise a family. Nine years later, the couple are called into action and disappear. It's up to their children to rescue them. Stars Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alan Cumming, Tony Shalhoub.

Coming soon

SEE SPOT RUN

Gordon is a mailman who never met a dog he couldn't handle. He offers to babysit the son of his beautiful neighbor but finds himself with a new animal in his life — an FBI agent's drug-sniffing dog which has escaped from a witness protection program with local mobsters in hot pursuit. Stars David Arquette, Michael Clarke Duncan, Leslie Bibb and Paul Sorvino.

THE DASH

True story about a group of eccentric Australian scientists manning a remote satellite dish who, much to NASA's alarm, are the only hope for receiving historic images of man's first step on the moon. With help from a colorful cast of characters, the crew struggles to overcome mishaps and play a part in one of mankind's greatest achievements. Stars Sam Neil, Kevin Harrington, Tom Long and Patrick Warburton.

ABOUT ADAM

Lucy Owen is a torch singer in a hip Dublin cafe whose had countless love affairs, none of which have ever come close to grand passion. Enter Adam, her seemingly perfect man. Lucy's world begins to change. But is there more about Adam than the Owens family knows? Stars Kate Hudson, Stuart Townsend and Francis O'Connor.

Finding fresh sights and sounds in the arts, it's easy to stay in touch

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It seems that I keep having the same conversation with different people.

"Well, it has finally happened."

Which leads me to ask, "What has finally happened?"

"I'd like some new music to listen to, but I have no idea where to turn."

The inference is that we all inevitably reach an age in which we lose touch with current tastes in popular music. Many who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s thought that new music would always be a big part of their lives. The admission that they have lost touch with current styles is difficult, and usually delivered in the tone that suggests the end of a relationship.

Because I've made the pursuit of new sounds my livelihood, they approach me for a bit of counseling. So, here it goes.

Friends, you're not getting older, you're getting busier. The time you have to explore an artist you may like has seemingly vanished. What you are exposed to are boy bands and rap performers who may not

appeal to you. I assure you that fresh sounds are being produced that, with a little bit of effort, will be as meaningful to you as ever.

And, because you asked, I'm proud to steer you to the music of Stewart Francke, who just assembled the largest band we've seen for an edition of Detroit Public Television's *Backstage Pass*, which airs at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, and Friday night at 1 a.m.

The search for something fresh also extends to the theater. Ideally, the theater companies and their audiences will be united in their desire to occasionally stray from the familiar. When the playwright is William Shakespeare, you tend to be more adventurous.

Even seasoned theater-goers may have responded with a "Huh?" when the Hilberry Theatre announced it would present *Cymbeline* during its current season.

"We wanted to offer a new Shakespeare experience. We have a long tradition of presenting his plays and realize that many who enjoy our productions have seen *Julius Caesar* and other popular works," says Blair Anderson, head of the theater department at Wayne State University, home of the Hilberry.

Should you be skeptical about a Shakespeare play that is so unheralded? Anderson believes *Cymbeline* is worthy of greater attention.

"It is a compelling love story, full of adventure and villainy. Although a complex tale involving many characters, the plot is very clear the way it is presented."

Performances of *Cymbeline* are scheduled through April 5.

Looking for a change in scenery in the visual arts? The Art Gallery of Windsor has a beautiful new home on Riverside Drive, having moved from a lengthy occupancy at the Devonshire Mall. Best of all, the gallery was ready with a noteworthy exhibition after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Impressionist Masterworks showcases the paintings of Monet, Cezanne, Renoir, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Degas and other masters.

It is human nature to seek something new when we get restless with the familiar. As we expand our appetite in music, theater and the visual arts, we often discover what we're looking for in an artist who makes that hunger a fundamental part of his or her creative process. Therein lies the excitement for all of us to share.

STREET SCENE

It's a mad, mad season for Florida's Matchbox Twenty



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Adam Gaynor just got caught. As I was waiting patiently to be connected to Matchbox Twenty's rhythm guitarist for my interview, I overheard him ask the Atlantic Records publicist, "What's her name?"

I wouldn't expect of course that Gaynor would know or even be able to differentiate me from the countless other voices he encounters on a daily basis. "I like a good briefing," he joked as I caught the inquiry. "I need to know your name, where your from and your favorite color."

I laughed and replied: "Stephanie. Near Detroit. Orange."

Then it was my turn to ask the questions.

Recording their first album, the now 11-times platinum *Yourself or Someone Like You* (1996), only three months after forming its line-up, Matchbox Twenty quickly settled into the role of radio darlings with hits like *Push*, *Real World* and *3 a.m.* Defying any idea of a sophomore slump, the band's follow-up *mad season* by matchbox twenty debuted at a stunning Number 3 on the Billboard 200 last Spring. Its first single, *Bent*, gained relentless radio airplay long before the record found its way to store shelves. And Matchbox Twenty's current single, a somber, pleading pop tune called *If You're Gone* continues to climb

up Billboard's Hot 100 Chart. *Mad season* has already reached triple platinum, so Gaynor has just cause for his gleeful, care-free attitude.

Calling from his home in South Florida, the guitarist was still reveling in four weeks of vacation before hitting the road in support of *mad season*.

The album itself uses much more instrumentation and reflects the band's progression after years of touring and performing. "Rob gave us a sneak preview of (the songs)," said Gaynor. "The first week (in the studio) was a little spooky. We thought 'That isn't going to work.' Then it really started to come together."

Rob, of course, is the voice of Matchbox Twenty - the boyishly charming Rob Thomas who rose to the spotlight after lending his pipes for the success of Carlos Santana's Grammy-winning *Supernatural*.

"Rob, that kid can sit and write a lot of songs pretty fast," said Gaynor. "He sent us a tape of 15 songs on piano or acoustic guitar, beautifully-crafted songs. We listen to it for perspective and think, 'What do I want to add?'"

Gaynor got his first taste of guitar when his sister started taking lessons. About 12 years old, he remembers stealing her acoustic and taking it to school with ease. He would take it to school and show the other kids what they were doing wrong. Gaynor remembers the first song he ever figured out on guitar - *Outlaw Man* by the Eagles. That was the

very moment he discovered music could be a career.

"I'm very blessed with my job." His job involves playing with fellow Matchbox Twenty bandmembers Thomas, Brian Yale, Kyle Cook and Paul Douchette. The musicians were brought together by producer Matt Serletic, who worked on both albums and is often referred to as the sixth member of the Matchbox Twenty.

Despite the success Thomas achieved winning a Grammy for Santana's song *Smooth*, and the media attention given to his wedding to new bride, Marisol Maldonado Thomas, the songs that define *mad season* share a melancholy mood. From the ache of *Bent* to songs like *Last Beautiful Girl*, hardly a glimmer of the songwriter's sunny public demeanor shines through them.

Gaynor said he never really noticed that. "I think the word to use is midtempo," he added. "The first album was more angst-ridden."

Whatever the tone, the album is taking Matchbox Twenty back on tour, this time with openers Everclear and Lifehouse.

If you want to stump the quick-witted guitarist just inquire about Thomas' success with Carlos Santana. Ask what effect the Grammy and the song have had on Matchbox Twenty. "I don't know what it did for the band. I know what it did for him, for his career. It was monumental. Three Grammys. A huge ordeal. It made him pretty...famous."



Changing seasons: Matchbox Twenty is (clockwise from left) Brian Yale, Rob Thomas, (behind) Kyle Cook, Adam Gaynor and Paul Douchette. The band is on tour supporting "mad season by matchbox twenty," its sophomore release. At press time, the band has been nominated for two Grammy Awards, in the categories of Best Rock Song and Best Rock Album and producer, Matt Serletic, was nominated for Producer of the Year.

The fame didn't seem to hurt Matchbox Twenty. That's for sure.

Catch Matchbox Twenty with Everclear, Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. Tickets cost \$24.50-\$34.50. Call (248) 645-6666

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CD REVIEW

Lyndon
Small Craft Sighting

Small Craft Sighting would like to introduce you to Lyndon. He's not a "he" at all, but rather a shiny-new 4 song E.P. released by the Detroit area trio. For a group of musicians who practically grew up together, Joe Kirkland (vocals/bass), Chris Nagarah (guitar) and Courtney Cahill (drums) have managed to redefine the power chord this time around, coupling relentless drums with crashing guitarwork. All of this is crafted beside lyrics that read like broken-hearted poetry but sound more like a primal rock scream.

On *Lyndon*, recorded with producer Tim Pak at Ferndale's Woodshed Studios, SCS reinvents itself, combining elements of punk with melodies that unmistakably pop. Kirkland's wakening vocals on *Punchdrunk* takes you up and down, feeling beaten like the lyrics imply: "Everyone knew everything but me."

The opener *Getting Dark*



Again ventures into loneliness and grasps for something, someone out of reach. "I never wrote a happy song, even when you begged to sing along," sings Kirkland on *Lip-sync King*. But something tells you fans of this band will be singing along anyway soon enough.

Catch the *Small Craft Sighting* CD release party for "Lyndon" with openers *Mock Heroics*, *Bedford Drive*, 8 p.m. Friday, March 2, at *Magic Stick*, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 for this all ages show. Call (313) 833-9700. Check out www.smallcraftsighting.com.

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DINING

Upscale Compari's is a neighborhood favorite

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If you judge an Italian restaurant's success by the amount of basil they use, then Compari's is doing just fine. This small, upscale Italian restaurant in downtown Plymouth goes through 12 pounds a week.

Fresh basil goes into house favorites like the Capellini Amore, a delightful toss of angel hair pasta, olive oil, artichokes, diced tomatoes and pine nuts. And it goes into Compari's trade secret spaghetti sauce.

We all know it's the sauce that defines an authentic Italian kitchen.

"I'd say the sauce is the heart of it because that's what goes into the lasagna and all the pasta dishes," said owner Frank Yaquinto, who also owns Paisano's in Dearborn. "All my life my mom cooked at home. Absolutely, I use her recipes. It's all in the sauce."

Located on busy Main Street, Compari's opening was much anticipated by both the residential and business community. Since they opened their doors last summer, they've been busy for lunch and dinner.

"This place is rocking," said Yaquinto. "Plymouth is definitely an upcoming place. We have the best spot in town."

Menu

Sure, location helps, but it's a restaurant's menu that keeps customers coming back. Compari's has a nice one. The appetizer selection is very appealing, offering anything from calamari, shrimp scampi, and mussels sautéed in a red wine marinara sauce, to a simple plate of marinated eggplant and

Mouth-watering:

Frank Yaquinto and Chef Tony Yaquinto add the family touch to best-selling dishes like Veal Marsala and Capellini Amore.



Compari's
Where: 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday; noon to midnight Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.
Atmosphere: Close and comfortable. Smoking restricted to bar area.
Menu: Definitely Italian. Enough choices for variety but not confusion.
Prices: Moderate
Reservations: For parties of eight or more.
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roasted red peppers. The appetizers also are reasonably priced, from \$5.95 to \$6.95 on average.

As expected, there are several pasta choices, ranging from creamy Fettuccine Alfredo to Linguini Pescatore with lots of mussels, scallops and shrimp, to the very simple Pasta Fagioli, an Italian favorite of spaghetti with a thin tomato sauce, butter beans and black pepper.

Entrées include several veal dishes, ribs and sausage, beef, chicken and fish. The Veal Marsala is a top seller, along with the Capellini Amore.

Chef Tony Yaquinto, Frank's nephew, has a reputation for making delicious soups. "Our best soup is our chicken pastina. We make it every day with fresh chicken and carrots," he said.

The cream of mushroom soup I ordered with my grilled eggplant sandwich for lunch one day did nothing to tarnish Yaquinto's reputation. It was chock full of porcini and portabellas and tasted as good or better than any cream of mushroom soup I've ever had. The porcini and portabellas "suck up the juice nice," said Chef Yaquinto.

It's impossible to talk about Compari's menu without noting their specialty pizzas, like the

one with fresh spinach, ranch dressing, tomatoes and mushrooms or the Calabrese, which comes with roasted red peppers, seasoned chicken and a light mozzarella. The excellent crust is due to the restaurant's brick oven, said Frank Yaquinto.

"It's like a throwback to the 1960s. We also hand-toss the dough."

Lunch menu

Compari's lunch menu accommodates appetites of every size. It focuses on soups, salads and sandwiches and offers several entrees, such as lasagna, Shrimp Scampi and Veal Parmesan. You can also "pick your pasta and pick your sauce" for \$7.95.

On Fridays, try the salmon patties topped with seafood sauce and peas. (Not many restaurants serve old-fashioned salmon patties. For many of us, it's true comfort food.)

Occasionally, Compari's features live music. On Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, they'll welcome back the Marty Montgomery jazz ensemble.

Plymouth resident Steve Richards is a very satisfied customer. "Compari's food is superb," he said in a recent e-mail. "The bathrooms are so clean, you could see your reflection in the tiles. I think people should know what we have in Plymouth."

Yaquinto attributes Compari's success to the hard work of his management and service team. They intend to keep customers like Steve Richards very happy.

"We enjoy it. It's like a labor of love," he said.



Compari's crew: (Left to right) General manager Ed Bielaska, manager Robin Lane, owner Frank Yaquinto, Maureen Yaquinto, and Chef Tony Yaquinto show off two popular menu items: Veal Marsala and Capellini Amore.

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Eye Music

Gardeners jazz up arrangements at Michigan Home & Garden Show

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Spring doesn't officially arrive until March 20, but thousands of flowers will be blooming at the Home & Garden Show through Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Members of the Livonia Garden Club and other garden clubs, including Farmington, expect to help create a springlike mood through their floral arrangements on display at the show.

The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will "jazz up" cut-flower arrangements by focusing on the songs of great jazz musicians such as Miles Davis and Hoagy Carmichael.

Members of the Detroit district of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan are participating in the Standard Flower Show to help educate and stimulate public interest in horticulture.

'Tweaking' talent

These floral fantasies range from the traditional to the bizarre. Entries will be judged for special awards. "It tweaks our talents and creativity," said Angie Wilkie, a Livonia club member and master gardener. Wilkie placed first and second last year for her arrangements.

Livonia club members expect to enter arrangements in the petite, designer's choice, and award of distinction categories. One category includes a fresh flower design.

"It's pretty contemporary," Wilkie said. One of her entries, "Tea for Two," is a tea tray with a flower arrangement and fresh flowers. Since the decorations are made with fresh cut flowers, many won't be completed until today, the first day of the show. Club member Nancy Sannar hoped to develop a "Stormy Weather" theme.

"You try to think up new ideas and be creative," she said. "It's like an art. It's composing in an artistic way."

All for show

Show visitors can see the arrangements along with magnificent blooming gardens. Twenty gardens will be planted with thousands of blooming annuals and perennials, flowering shrubs, mature trees, waterfalls, reflecting pools and fountains.

Show organizers say 1,000 cubic yards of soil will be brought into the Silverdome for the gardens; That's the equivalent of 48 semi-truck loads full.

"The Michigan Home and Garden Show is a whole life show that hits you where you live," said Mike Wilbrahem, show manager. "You can lose yourself in the gardens and enjoy a bit of summer."

Growing trends

Nationally renowned gardeners and landscapers will be on hand to answer questions. Homeowners who want to learn how to create similar gardens within their own landscapes can learn how - for free - during seminars on the show's Garden Stage.

For example, Tom Huggler, a writer, conservationist, former educator, author of 18 books and videotape producer, will present his seminar "Wild-flower Gardening" at 2 p.m. Sunday. Joyce Wardwell, herbalist, author

and founder of The Plant People, discusses "Herbs Anyone Can Grow" at 7 p.m. Thursday and 2 p.m. Friday.

Jeff Ball, who appeared as NBC's *The Today Show* gardening expert for eight years, will talk about lawn-maintenance problems during his presentations on "Beautiful, Green & Easy Lawns," 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Christa Suggs, a local water gardening guru, will present "Water Gardening - Secrets to Getting Started," at 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Scott Day introduces show patrons to Hydroponic Growing, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday.

Master gardeners from Michigan State University will take the garden stage Saturday at 4 p.m.; and noon Sunday.

What: Michigan Home & Garden Show
Where: Pontiac Silverdome
Show hours: 3-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22; noon-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.
Tickets: \$7 adults, \$3 children, ages 6-14, no charge for children 5 and younger.
Seminars for Homeowners
 ■ Glenn Heege - "The Only Way to Stop Ice Dams," 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday; and "When is the Job Done Right? Making Sure Your Builder Conforms to Accepted Trade Standards," 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.
 ■ Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor - "Consumer Investigations that Affect Your Daily Lives," 5 p.m. Saturday; and - "Tips on Do-It-Yourself Repairs," 4 p.m. Sunday.
 ■ Murray Gale, president of the Michigan Construction Protection Agency - "Lien-Free Projects, Making Sure Your Renovation Doesn't Put You in the Poor House," 8 p.m. Thursday; 3 and 7 p.m. Friday.
 ■ Michigan Concrete Homes Council - "Concrete Home Construction," 6 p.m. Thursday, noon Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.



Tea for two: Angie Wilkie, a member of the Livonia Garden Club and master gardener, hopes to create a springlike mood with her "Tea for Two" arrangement of daisy chrysanthemums on display at the Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome. Wilkie said the Livonia Garden Club created six displays for this year's show.



ANGIE WILKIE

Winners: Wilkie's arrangement won a first-place award last year which featured records and a ginger flower. She also received a second-place award for another display. Members of local garden clubs in the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan create arrangements each year for the show.

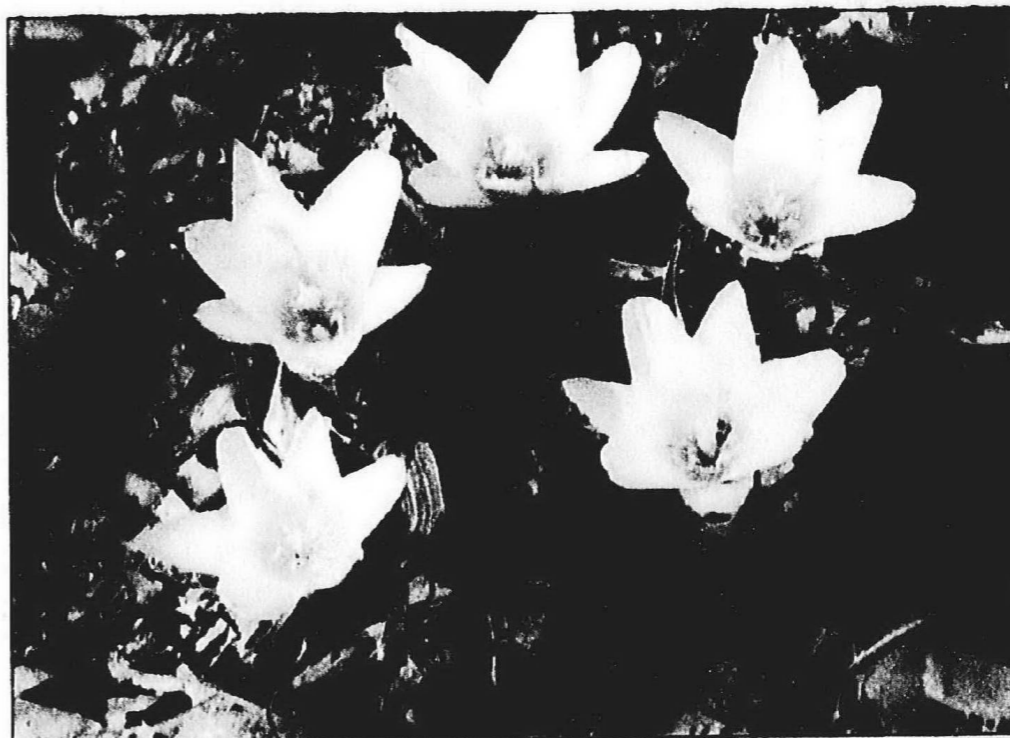
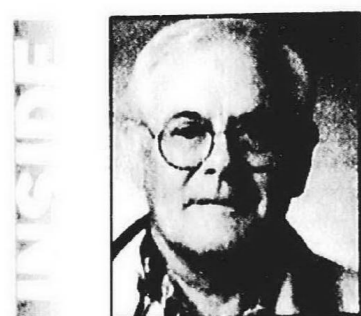


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Tulip time: Visitors will see thousands of flowers in 20 gardens displayed at the show, which runs through Sunday.



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Clean up crumbs
 Keep your toaster and garbage disposal clean to stop bacterial growth, says the Appliance Doctor.
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HOME WORK

Keep it clean, folks, and that goes for toasters and disposers

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

Last year I received the honor of an appointment to a joint committee based in Ann Arbor with the National Sanitation Foundation. This organization is responsible for testing commercial products from manufacturers across this country. Before its stamp of approval is placed on any given product, the product must meet a rigorous set of test standards.

Through the meetings I have attended I have learned of some great things planned for American consumers. Sometime this year I will be given clearance to write about them. In today's column, I thought I might touch on some sanitation subjects around our houses and how we can be smarter homeowners.

Crumbling down
Pick up your toaster and hold it under a light. Look inside and tell me if you see all the little crumbs lying in the bottom. Take this appliance over the sink, tip it upside down and shake it a little. Open any doors on the bottom and using an old toothbrush, clean out the crumbs. Any cleaning method that does not include water can

be used to clean the inside of the toaster.

Cleaning it is beneficial to your health because an accumulation of bread crumbs can turn moldy and give life to certain bacteria. If you do not clean your toaster frequently, you're making toast in a germ-infested appliance. (Did you ever see ants on your counter, running back home with little things clamped in their jaws? Maybe it's toast without butter.)

The refrigerator door gasket is another area which should be examined, especially the bottom section of both the freezer and the refrigerator doors.

Flip the rubber seal over with your fingers and take a look inside there. If you're wondering where all that gooky stuff came

from, it is usually created by spillage of items placed on the door shelves. Making things worse is the fact that most refrigerators have a fan motor underneath which blows air across this area and directly into the kitchen.

Cleaning these areas occasionally can prevent bacteria growth.

Stop germ growth

The dishwasher in the kitchen is always ignored unless it breaks down. What about germ growth on dishes which many times sit in there for a day or two before it is turned on? Many homeowners give little thought to the importance of hot water and how critical it is to sanitizing your dishes. You can wash them in cold water if you want,

but unless you have 140°F water in there, those dishes are not germ-free. Unless the temperature in a commercial dishwasher is close to boiling, you will not see an NSF stamp of approval on that product or you might see that business cited by the health department for a violation.

The average person suffers some form of food poisoning about seven times a year and they think they have the flu. Don't you think it could have come from the dinner plate served last night?

Germs can jump on another avenue of food preparation through the garbage disposer. Many people just stuff garbage in there for years and never do anything at all to clean it. Fill the disposer with ice cubes every

few weeks and let them sit for an hour or so. Throw in some orange peelings and then turn it on with the water running, then add a half cup peroxide. I'll come over and fix a sandwich on your kitchen counter anytime.

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. 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@oe.homecomm.net*

Control house noises by following these simple suggestions

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

to college. I'd like to relay a few

tips on how to reduce everyday home noises that aren't as costly as two kids in college.

Quick fixes
Maybe it's too obvious but simply relocating the offending source, such as radios or TVs that are placed near walls or heat registers, will reduce transmitted sound.

Speakers on the floor, especially if it's a hard surface floor, will send unwanted music and vibrations to the rooms below. Try placing these on pieces of dense

carpet or Vibrapods (vibration dampening pads designed to isolate speakers from surfaces. Visit the Web site at www.vibrapod.com).

Forced air furnace systems create a "double whammy" — they make noise and provide a transmission route for it. You can reduce noise from the furnace by lubricating the blower motor, keep filters clean and check for worn or loose belts. You can also set the blower on resilient bushings, if possible, and add a resilient boot to the plenum, if there isn't already one

there. Another option could be replacing metal ducts (or at least a section of them) with insulated flex-duct.

Appliances are some of the most offensive noisemakers, namely the dishwasher. You can place the feet on anti-vibration pads made of neoprene and cork. Small, dense carpet pads help. (I should note here that I've been unable to locate the neoprene and cork pads locally. I have found heavy industrial versions on the Internet that will be too thick for under-the-counter dishwashers. If you can find the anti-vibration pads, please let me know where.)

expensive. Placing weather stripping around the jam and a sweep on the bottom of existing doors will be helpful.

Placing a second layer of drywall over the existing one will help block noises or isolate that second layer with resilient "C" channels (available at most home improvement stores). This will also work on ceilings. The obvious drawback here is the drywall and trim work and extending electric boxes.

Keep outside noise out

Much of the noise in homes comes from outside. Fences do little good, unless tall and heavy, like those seen along freeways. Many experts feel that trees only block minimal noise but do provide aesthetic relief.

Most outside noise enters around windows and doors. Thicker glass or an extra layer of glazing will help hold back outside noises as will proper weather stripping, which reduces air infiltration as well.

Lastly, look for and seal openings like those where utility wires and cables enter the building. This work, too, reduces air infiltration.

One last item, happy 21st birthday to my son Dave.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students. Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym, care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

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FLORAL STUFF

ARRANGEMENTS
Several workshops are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person, and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes include a silk spring flower arrangement workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24, and herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17. Call (734) 397-0800.

GARDEN CLUBS

FARMINGTON
Sue Grubba, owner of Creativescapes Systems, landscape consultant and instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, will discuss night lighting in landscape at

noon, Monday, March 5, at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (248) 476-3017 or (248) 615-3616.

LIVONIA

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

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience: Propagation: Secrets for Making More Plants, scheduled for three Thursdays in morning or evenings, starting Thursday, Feb. 22.

Pruning Trees and Shrubs will be taught on two Mondays, starting March 19. Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines presented on two Wednesdays, March 14 and 21 and one Saturday, March 17. Garden Maintenance Workshop taught for four Wednesdays starting on March 28. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening.com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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

GARDEN SHOWS

ANTIQUES MARKET

The fourth annual Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market displays antiques and accessories for the home, garden and personal adornment in an antique garden setting. Selections include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, birdbaths and benches, ornamental iron and garden gates, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses and perfumes. Show hours are 2-9 p.m., Friday, March 16; noon-8 p.m., Saturday, March 17, and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, March 18, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen (located at 10 1/2 Mile Road). Admission is \$6 with ads or listings or \$7. One paid admission is good for all days of the show. Children under 12 admitted free. For information, click on www.antiquenet.com/M&M

GMC BUILDERS

The GMC Builders Home & Garden Show, the 83rd annual home show presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, features products and services for home and garden at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition

Center in Detroit. Show hours are 2-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, March 24 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, March 25. Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, and \$4 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Visit www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019.

HERBS AND PLANTS

EVENING STUDY

Cindy Klement will present "Herbal Remedies from the Garden" 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 5 at a meeting of an evening herb study group at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Monday March 5. The public and new members are welcome. Meetings are held in Room 125. Enter @ west end of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, in Ann Arbor. For information, please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or e-mail sburek@provide.net.

NEW PERSPECTIVES

Bodil Drescher Anaya, a horticultural therapist master, will discuss "Starting a Program in Horticultural Therapy" at the 23rd annual conference of the Michigan Horticultural Therapy

Association Friday, March 9, at the Plant and Soil Sciences Building at Michigan State University. Anaya has 22 years experience in establishing such programs. Sessions include Adaptive Gardening, HT with Seniors, HT with the severely physically disabled, hands-on craft workshops and other topics. Also featured are the annual Seedy Character contest, displays, exhibits and an optional tour of the Michigan State University Butterfly House. Registration is \$30 for MHTA members and \$40 for nonmembers if received before March 1. After that date, fees are \$45 for members and \$55 for others. Annual membership is \$15. A box lunch is available for \$6. For information, call Patrick Lewis at (616) 337-3300 or Cathy Leavy at (517) 655-4969.

HERB-A-MANIA

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

Mimosa: It's homely, but fun

By LEE REICH
AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Mimosa is both inedible and homely, but you might want to grow it anyway for entertainment purposes. Touch the leaves on this tropical shrub and they suddenly collapse.

The response to touch is the result of an electrical stimulus and a chemical stimulus which travel through the plant at about an inch per second. You can watch the leaves of a large plant collapse in a wave of motion after one leaf is touched.

Response to touch is common in the plant kingdom. This spring, watch how your peas' tendrils grab onto a trellis, or whatever else is nearby, to pull

up the vines. Your bean vines will close in tight spirals around any poles you have set out for them. And how about the Venus' flytrap, which closes its hinged leaf around any unwitting fly?

Plants are discriminating about what they will move for. Venus' flytrap distinguishes between living and dead prey by closing only if two different sensing hairs within its "jaws" are touched in succession, or if one hair is touched twice. Pea tendrils respond more quickly to rough or textured surfaces than to smooth or soft surfaces.

All this moving around serves a purpose. Tendrils and twining stems help get plants off the ground. Leaves that close

around a fly help nourish the Venus' flytrap. "Fainting" of sensitive plants might be useful for helping the plant conserve water in drying winds, or for making the plant less appetizing to a hungry animal or insect.

All plants, some more than others, are smaller and stockier when repeatedly touched (or shaken or bruised). This is one reason why indoor and greenhouse plants, which are not exposed to wind, grow more leggy than outdoor plants. It's also why a pine tree growing on the wind-swept edge of a craggy cliff is so small and tough-looking compared with its svelte counterparts that are sheltered in the forest.

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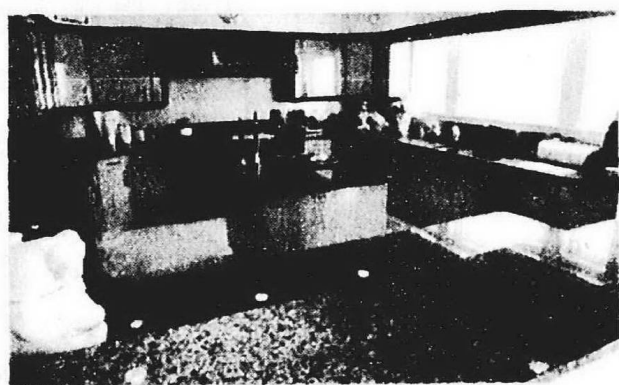
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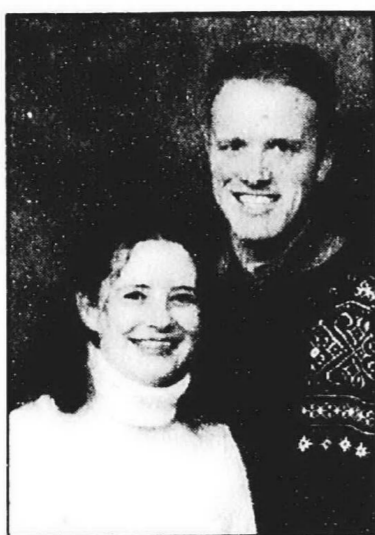
Timte-Faw

Frank and Jackie Timte of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Marie, to Stephen Faw of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a friction material engineer at TRW in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Wade and Edna Faw of Cookeville, Tenn., is a Texas A&M graduate and works as a process/production specialist for GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati.

A November wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket in Canton.



Lessig-Cook

Nelson and Cherie Lessig of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Anne, to Steven Joseph Cook of Roseville.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Oakland University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She works for Lear Corporation's Ford Division in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Barbara J. Major of Flint, is a 1989 graduate of Waukegan West High School in Waukegan, Ill. He works for QuickenLoans.com in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian



Church in Livonia. The couple will receive guests at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn.

Pace-Churan

The Rev. David and Betty Pace of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacleen AnnMarie, to Todd Stephen Churan of Livonia.

The bride-to-be attended University of Michigan-Dearborn and is property manager for Woodbury Management.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Mary Anne Churan of Livonia, is a 1990 Stevenson High School graduate and works as a Local 58 electrician for Centerline Electric.

A June wedding is planned at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Walled Lake.

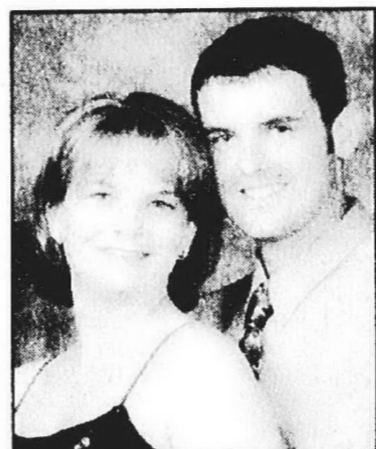


Gray-Selensky

Jim and Kathy Gray of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie, to Trampus Reed Selensky of Shawnee, Kansas.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of the National Institute of Technology in Southfield, where she earned a degree in medical assisting. She works in the lab of Radiant Research in Overland Park, Kansas.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Sheila Selensky of Grainfield, Kansas, is a 1997 graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland, Kansas where he received a degree in telecommunications. He works for Sprint PCS in Kansas City.



A June wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Marita-McDonald

Teofil and Maria Marita of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruxandra Maria, to James Paul McDonald of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan student who will graduate in December with a teaching degree in bilingual studies.

Her fiancé, son of Larry and Donna McDonald of Canton, is a University of Michigan student who will graduate in May with a mathematics degree.

A May wedding is planned, with a reception at Holy Trinity Romanian Orthodox Church in Troy.



Burr-Denney

John and Debi Burr of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lyn of Grand Rapids, to Matthew Michael Denney of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union High School graduate.

Her fiancé, son of Dick and Joy Denney of Grand Rapids, is a Grandville High School graduate and manages a car wash.

A May wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.



NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Marlene and Chris Riffenburg** of Redford announce the birth of their daughter **Lauren Michele** born Feb. 6 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Lauren joins siblings Kathryn, 11; and Michael, 10. Grandparents are Chuck and Mona Tonna of Livonia, and Lorraine and Frank DeBenedictis of West Bloomfield. Great-grandparents are Eliza-

beth Tonna of Dearborn, and Francis and Mary Camilleri of Westland.

■ **Jason and Kristine Hunt** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Nathan Dwight** born Feb. 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Nathan joins siblings Andrew, 4; and Bren-

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REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Northville Manor in Northville. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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■ Class of 1971
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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

SEAHOLM

■ Class of 1961
A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-9933.

■ Class of 1971

A 30th reunion is planned for July 21 at the Northfield Hilton. Call Laura (248) 371-0476 or e-mail lpm2353@aol.com

SOUTHFIELD LATHROP

■ Class of 1991
A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

SOUTH LYON

■ Class of 1981
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McDonald-Walsh

Larry and Donna McDonald of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, April, to Jason Walsh of Novi.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate who earned a finance degree. She works for Comerica Bank.

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A June wedding is planned at



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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

The Quarterlife Crisis: Welcome to my neurosis

So here goes, I'm 24 years old and on the verge of a crisis — a quarterlife crisis. Have you ever heard of such a thing? Too young to make frivolous purchases — there is no convertible in my future — and yet just the right age to start pondering the path my life is taking.

The quarterlife crisis is defined as "a point at which a person questions the direction of every aspect of life, but unlike the midlife crisis, it is completely unexpected." (*Mademoiselle*, February 2001). I'll turn a quarter-of-a-century old this year and yes, the anxiety is slowly creeping in. Welcome to my neurosis.

Red flags

As I read the signs of a quarterlife crisis, I couldn't stop nodding along:

1. You're asking "Is that all there is?"

So this isn't my top concern, but I definitely harbor feelings of wanting and expecting more from myself, in my career and among friends and family. It's hard to accept I've grown up when I don't feel any different than I did in high school or college.

2. You don't know whether to stay in a relationship.

Everything in life seems to affect everything else. I can't help but wonder how my relationships will evolve. I've often thought of romantic relationships as having the ability to hold me back. From what ... I haven't figured that out yet. Maybe it's a fear-of-commitment issue. Maybe it's something more.

3. You waffle over major decisions

I think this is self-explanatory, especially if you read No. 2. I even waffle over minor decisions, like what video to rent or shirt to wear. I'm the most indecisive person I've ever known.

4. You lack motivation and wonder if this is what adulthood feels like

Sometimes I have to remind myself of where I am: I have a wonderful job, a reliable car and a great apartment. My family is supportive, and my friends seem to make anything we do into an adventure. I know how lucky I am. I just don't know where to go from here. And what does the word "adult" really mean? There's got to be more to life than paying bills on time and the right to vote.

5. You feel that your life isn't as good as your friends' lives

Honestly, I'd say this hasn't crossed my mind. It's strangers — the sort that live in some fabulous flat in New York and work at some high-profile job — that I worry about. It's all I can't grasp that keeps me brooding.

6. You are completely bored with your job but are afraid to get a new one

I do have goals and dreams that extend beyond the place where I live and work today. Fear keeps me from pursuing them.

7. You're an adult but don't think you're ready to be one

I still live like a college kid, and I like it. I don't want to be a homeowner yet — though I know renting is hardly an investment in my future. I don't like the idea of having something so permanent and being responsible for it. A rented apartment and lovable cat named Nikki — that's all I need to be happy.

8. You feel like you will never find your true passions in life.

If I could only define them. ...

9. You keep hoping that something exciting will come looking for you rather than vice versa.

What lies ahead?

Doesn't everyone ponder the remote possibility that the perfect job/love interest/opportunity will fall into her lap? While I know it's up to me to make things happen, it's awfully cozy to leave it all in the generous hands of fate.

At least I'm not alone. The idea of a quarterlife crisis may sound new, but the issues have been around forever. Indecision and anxiety are not issues I alone must deal with. And I hardly think it's a crisis. Why can't we just call it what it is? Growing up.

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Internet creates unique opportunity for filmmakers

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We last visited Gordon Castelnero and Dave Sanford while the filmmakers were still giddy from winning a Michigan Emmy for their WDIV documentary, *Titanic: The Final Chapter*. Only one year later, the team is trying something completely different — a bizarre dark comedy called *Stiffed* which takes viewers somewhere they've never been — the embalming room of a funeral home. The corpse is the only person who doesn't realize he's dead.

The idea of the film, came when Dave and I were in (vice president of production) Henry Maldonado's office at Channel 4, seeking advice about how to go into filmmaking," explained Castelnero, owner of Westland-based Cambiare Entertainment. "The one thing he said was 'Make a quirky little film.' He kept telling us about *Clerks*."

Taking a cue from his past, an idea clicked. "My dad was a mortician," he said. "I'd been around funeral homes all my life." And there he had it, the premise for a film that combines the comedy of *Look Who's Talking* with the raw wit of *Clerks*, all set in a mortuary.

"It's almost disturbing," said Sanford, a Southfield resident and producer of the film. "This kind of gives you a different perception of death."

Filmmaking 101

Castelnero wrote the script in 12 days during February 1999. While he intended it to be a full-length feature, raising money proved difficult. Castelnero even secured the perfect actor to play Morty, the stern mortician — Paul Gleason, who portrayed Principal Richard Vernon in the brat pack 80s comedy *The Breakfast Club*.

But the reality of raising over \$800,000 for the independent film seemed unattainable and the filmmaker chose to cut his script and produce it as a 26-minute short, using local actors from Troy-based Affiliated Talent Agency. Losing actors like Gleason was just one of the sacrifices. Castelnero was prompted to action after reading an article in *Entertainment Weekly* about a possible television series which centered on a family-owned funeral home and would be written by Alan Ball (*American Beauty*).

"I called Dave in a panic," said Castelnero. "I said 'We need to make this short film now.' We were able to raise \$30,000."

When it came time for a re-write, Castelnero discovered much of the story took place in the embalming room. "That's where the audience has never gone," he said. "That would have shock value."

Stiffed opens with a somber funeral home scene, introducing the audience to Arnold Mortimer (Peter Griffith), a corpse who isn't quite convinced he's made it to the after-life. Castelnero lent his own over-the-top voice to Arnold. Despite his death, he's never at a loss for words.

"You don't realize it when you're watching it, but you're actually learning something," said Sanford.

Going with Gordy

The one character the filmmakers agreed "stole the show," was that of Gordy, Morty's animated side-kick, played by Plymouth resident Justin LaBond. LaBond teaches at Birmingham's Seaholm High School. Castelnero's father spotted LaBond's improv performance at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville six years ago and suggested him for the role.

"Two days before they called me, I saw a picture of him



Movie makers: (Left to right) Producer Dave Sanford of Southfield oversees a scene in "Stiffed," as actor Peter Griffith lies in the casket and Director Gordon Castelnero of Westland speaks with his cast members Lee Stille and Plymouth's Justin LaBond. The dark comedy can be seen in completion on film.com or clicklick.tv.

[Castelnero] in the paper," said LaBond. He read an article in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* which noted the Oscar-winning Cambiare Entertainment team was working on a project that took place in a funeral home. For someone who previously worked at a casket company, the film piqued his interest.

"He really played that character well," said Castelnero.

LaBond not only got the part, he brought his former EMU Forensics coach Lee Stille in for the part of Morty. LaBond's experience includes both theatrical training at the Purple Rose Theatre and roles in six independent films — including his most intense lead in *Memories of Daniel*, released in 1996.

Stiffed was not the first time LaBond would portray a flamboyant, ambiguously gay character. Though apprehensive, he turned in an entertaining performance and kept the cast laughing, regardless of the nature of Gordy's sexuality.

"It was a real stretch for me," said LaBond. "It was a good time, keeping everyone's spirits high." LaBond considers *Stiffed* to be "another world," one that, like it or not, the audience won't soon forget.

Documenting fiction

Both Sanford and Castelnero agreed it was more of a challenge to make this film, compared to the documentaries they've done. "The whole aspect of raising the money, trying to convince people of your dream, is a task in itself," said Sanford. "It was an exciting challenge. It was exciting working with actors."

Instead of interviewing sources, splicing in sound bites and still photographs with narration, the project required actors, directing and cinematography. *Stiffed* was shot over seven nights, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., at a Dearborn funeral home — hardly normal hours for most people. "At 4 o'clock in the morning, you have to still be awake, coherent and on top of things," recalled Sanford. "In some instances, my day wouldn't end till noon. Eight hours later you're going back and doing it all over again. When you love something like this so much, it doesn't

phase you."

Griffith, though, found it especially hard to stay awake lying still as a stiff.

"He fell asleep in the casket a couple of times," said Castelnero with a laugh.

Stiffed was presented for a three-day run at Laemmle's Monica 4-Plex in Santa Monica, Calif. where it qualified for an Academy Award nomination. It did not receive the nomination, but the filmmakers still cherish the opportunity. "That was an interesting thing, to see it on the big screen," said Sanford.

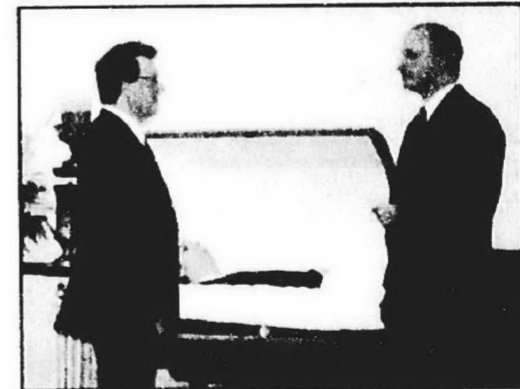
Movie to I-movie

The film has since found a home on the Internet. Sanford researched a number of Web sites devoted to short films, while seeking an outlet for *Stiffed*. "If you make a movie and it's just gonna sit on a shelf, it isn't going to do you a lot of good," he said. "The Internet is really the wave of the future."

"It's a great way to get your work shown," agreed Castelnero. "Now, there's a whole market for shorts."

Stiffed will likely make its way around film

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The scene: (Left to right) Lee Stille, Peter Griffith and Justin LaBond, who teaches in the Birmingham school district, get in character for the opening sequence in "Stiffed," an original short written and directed by Gordon Castelnero of Westland's Cambiare Entertainment.

Dinner dance, auction benefit hospice patients

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Organizers of the Community Hospice & Home Care Services St. Patrick's fund-raiser are hoping to exceed the \$30,000 raised in 2000 at their ninth consecutive dinner dance and auction, March 3 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

According to Heather Murray, CHHCS development director, proceeds for the event will benefit home care of hospice patients.

"Last year was our biggest year ever and we're hoping to go over our fund-raising goal this year," said Murray, who served as a volunteer with hospice for three years before accepting the full-time position as director of development earlier this year.

'...one of the more popular items is a hot air balloon ride for two.'

Heather Murray
—CHHCS development director

Participants will have the opportunity to bid on auction items such as restaurant gift certificates, overnight stays at area hotels including the Troy Marriott, Thomas Edison Inn (dinner and brunch), Renaissance Center Marriott and the Novi Hilton, theme baskets, a Detroit Red Wings stained glass logo, flowers for a year, his/her day at the spa and more.

"New this year and sure to be one of the more popular items is a hot air balloon ride for two," said Murray. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and live

entertainment by bagpipers will greet guests. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. with an open bar. Murray said the traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage will be served family style as well as baked chicken and roast beef.

The Tim O'Hare Irish step dancers will perform during dinner and the band "Midnight" will take the stage from 8:30-11 p.m.

A silent auction will continue throughout the evening as well as raffle tickets drawn for prizes. The live auction, conducted by a local auctioneer, will begin after dinner.

"We also have three sponsorship levels available. Corporate sponsorship is \$1,000 and includes 10 dinner tickets, a champagne toast and a full page ad in our program booklet," said Murray. Two other sponsorship opportunities

are Benefactor, \$125 (recognition in the program booklet), and Sponsor, \$75 (recognition in the program booklet).

Tickets are on sale now for the March 3 fund-raiser.

Honorary chairs for the 2001 CHHCS St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Auction are Gov. John and Michelle Engler, Jeffrey Gilbert, Dr. Cheryl Kovalski (CHHCS medical director), Congressman Joseph Knollenberg, State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter and Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"This is our ninth annual event and it's a great way to get out and have some fun while making a contribution to a good cause," said Murray.

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Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. N.I.V. Ephesians 5:2

RELIGION CALENDAR

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile) in Livonia. The group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month, and group support will be offered the third Thursday of the month. Call (734) 422-6038. Upcoming speakers include:

March 1, Self-Care quiz for grief, Sue Ann Daniel

CHORAL WORKSHOP

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile, Northville) will host a choral workshop conducted by Jerry Blackstone free of charge from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24. Call (248) 374-5928. Blackstone is co-director of choirs and coordinator of the Conducting Department at the University of Michigan. There he is involved with the Chamber and University choirs and the Men's Glee Club, which, under his direction, has received invitations to perform at both ACDA national and divisional conventions. Besides teaching conducting at both undergraduate and graduate levels, he jointly administers a choral program to nine choirs. Blackstone has performed coast-to-coast and internationally in 14 foreign countries on four continents. Blackstone spends his summers conducting the U of M All-State High School Choir and Chamber Singers at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in northern Michigan. The academic year finds him directing the Michigan Youth Chamber Singers, an ensemble of talented singers from all over the state.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church is holding a Mardi Gras fund-raiser, "Getting to Know You," on Saturday, Feb. 24, at

6:30 p.m., immediately after 5 p.m. liturgy, at Our Lady of Providence Center (11615 Beck, Northville). For an adult donation of \$20 (children, \$1), revelers will enjoy a catered dinner, entertainment, raffle and fabulous door prizes. To buy advance tickets, call Mary Christie at (734) 453-4079. Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church is a newly formed parish currently holding weekly services at 6:30 p.m. at OLP. Our Lady of Providence is a residential and vocational program for adults with developmental disabilities. Visit www.holyascension.intranet.com (access code: family), or pastor Wayne Ruchy at (313) 582-1424 or Myron Zolkewsky at (248) 366-1769.

MISSION

What is the purpose of this church, its mission? The Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington congregation has been collecting written responses to this question. The Rev. Bob Renjilian will explore the possibilities Sunday, Feb. 25. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uunfarmington.org

RADIO PROGRAM

Hear Dale Meyer's Lutheran Hour message "God Sits High but Looks Low" Sunday, Feb. 25, on the radio at WOMC (104.3) at 6:05 a.m. or WMUZ (560) at 10 a.m.

ON MAIN STREET

Do you often feel that after the bills are paid you just don't seem to end up with enough at the end of each month? In this program we will offer financial potential. Join "On Main Street" host Dale Meyer and guest Scott Kays. "Woman Find Balance in Life: Balancing Your Budget" is set for broadcast on the following cable stations: Livonia Cable,

Bobby Michaels to perform at Calvary



Bobby Michaels

Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will welcome veteran Christian music musician Bobby Michaels in concert Sunday, March 4.

Michaels has released five solo projects featuring songs such as "Anything That Costs Me Nothing," "My Redeemer Is Faithful and True," and "Time." His latest project "Healing Under Your Wings," "Glorious," and "Take My Healing to the Nations" emphasizes his passion for the hurting people of all nations beginning with ministry to leprosy patients in Africa and the Philippines.

These projects led him to form Musicianaries International, Inc. A non-profit missionary organization, Musicianaries International trains Christian musicians all over the world through seminars for evangelistic outreach concerts. MI, Inc. has pioneered musical presentations of the gospel in a number of nations.

Michaels became the first Christian recording artist in 40 years to be invited by the Chinese Ministry of Culture to tour the Peoples Republic of China. While there he sang and taught at many universities and theaters.

Along with his wife Lee, they

tour extensively in South Africa, Malaysia, Cambodia and Singapore taking the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. He also brings a missions-oriented biblical worldview to his concerts. This has enabled pastors to inspire their congregations to embrace the commission of Jesus.

The public is invited to attend the Bobby Michaels ministry concert at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road, Canton) at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 4.

For information call (734) 455-0022.

DIABETES PRESENTATION

The Christ the King Lutheran (9300 Farmington Road) Men's Group is sponsoring an event in cooperation with St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 to dis-

cuss diabetes, what it is, the life threatening side effects and what you can do about your diabetes. Presentation will take place in the King's Gathering Room. Call (734) 421-0749.

INFORMED PRAYER

Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action will be the topic of an observance that spans more than 170 countries. In this year's service, written by the Christian Women of Western Samoa, we have an opportunity to learn of their strong faith, with glimpses into their fascinating culture. Above all, we reflect on the motto "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action." Reservations for baby-sitting only. Call Edith Warson by Feb. 27. Redford United Methodist Church (22400 Grand River) Detroit. Take hygiene products for First Step.

ASH WEDNESDAY

An Ash Wednesday service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (west side of Farmington Road, Livonia). The service will focus on "The Grace of God Revealed" and will begin a six-week Lenten service series called "Cross Examinations." Call (734) 522-6830 or visit www.christsaviors.org

LENTEN SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with a worship service on Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m. Feb. 28. The celebration will continue with potluck suppers and worship each Sunday of Lent at 5:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, March 4. Visitors are welcome. The church is on the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington roads. Call (248) 474-6170.

CINDERELLA

Rosedale Garden Presbyterian

Church will host Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" at 8 p.m. March 2; 8 p.m. March 3; and 4 p.m. March 4. Adults \$6, students through 12th grade, \$3. For tickets see cast members or call (734) 422-0494.

WONDERS OF WONDERS

Have you ever wondered what it was like to see Jesus? To travel with him? Have you ever wondered what Peter thought about this man Jesus? You can meet Simon Peter, talk with him and get some idea of the magnitude of Jesus' love for everyone, of his compassion and of his obedience to God's will. At 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4 John Dzwonkowski will present his interpretation of what it was like to be a follower of Jesus. How it felt to be a part of something new and inspiring. This Lenten program will prepare us for the coming resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning. Join us at Church of the Divine Savior (39375 Joy, Westland). Call (734) 455-3620.

AIDS MASS OF HEALING

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community is hosting an AIDS Healing/Anointing and remembrance Mass for people diagnosed or affected by HIV/AIDS. The Mass is at 3 p.m. March 4 at St. Rene Goupil of Sterling Heights. Take I-696 to the Ryan exit, and go north past 15 Mile to the church.

SENIOR HEALTH/FITNESS

The Christ the King Lutheran (9300 Farmington Road) Men's Group is sponsoring an event in cooperation with St. Mary Mercy Hospital at 7 p.m. March 6 to discuss senior fitness and health. Enhance the quality of your life and find your level of physical activity. Presentation will take place in the King's Gathering Room. Call (734) 421-0749.

New arrivals from page C4

den. 2. Grandparents are Richard and Linda Ford of Canton. Great-grandparents are Dwight and Ingrid Hunt of Dallas, Texas.

Michael and Leighanne Denja of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter Carmen Alicia born Feb. 7 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Carmen joins sister Maria Christina. 2. Grandparents are Paula and Raul Denja of Birmingham and Rose and Robert Redmond of Coldwater. Great-grandparents are Alice and Bruce Redmond of Sturgis and Gladys and Andrew Losinski of Bronson.

James and Immaculate

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

Kimberly Norton of Livonia

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

Sarah and Greg Prosser of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter Sydney Marie born Feb. 11 at Oakwood Hospi-

tal Annapolis Center Wayne. Grandparents are Nancy and Donald Duffy of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mary and Clarence Prosser of Merritt Island, Florida.

Jill and Michael Greener of Livonia announce the birth of their son Shayden Blaise born Jan. 22 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Shayden joins brother

Dakota Colton, 20 months old. Grandparents are Arlene Clark of Livonia, James Clark of Detroit and Jerry Greener of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Olga Clark of Westland and Helen Greener of Livonia. Godparents are Karen Solnikowski of Livonia and David Hall of Livonia.

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crack," said Sanford. But that won't stop this team. "I'd do it all over again in a

heartbeat," said Castelnero. "Stiffed" can be seen at ifilm.com and a Web-based film

fest site called clicklick.tv. It does contain nudity and is intended for adults.

Athena award nominees sought

The search is officially underway for nominees for the Athena Award that honors someone who has attained professional excellence, donated time to the community and assist women in attaining their full potential personally and professionally.

Garden City Business & Professional Women co-sponsors the award along with Garden City Hospital and makes the presen-

tation at the GCBPW Annual Spring Fashion Show March 25 at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

In order to be eligible nominees must:

- live or work in Garden City
- demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business/profession
- provide service to the quality of life in the community

assist women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The Garden City Business & Professional Women President Beth Csicsila is coordinating the award program and has nomination forms available. Completed forms must be received by noon Friday, March 2.

To obtain a form call Beth Csicsila (734) 458-4331.

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AUCTION BENEFITS DIABETES

A celebration of merriment and jest will be held Feb. 24 at the Dearborn Inn. The ninth annual "Stars At Your Service Gala" is a fun and profitable event named after the stars of the evening ... the waiters. The waiters are community and civic leaders who will serve family, friends and colleagues to earn "tips" for the American Diabetes Association. Other highlights are a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased until Feb. 24. Just 500 tickets will be sold. Call (888) DIABETES (342-2383).

ST. MATTHEW AUCTION

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Ministries of Westland is hosting its second annual dinner and benefit auction Saturday, Feb. 24, at Burton Manor (27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia). Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and a family style dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A

cash bar will be open throughout the night. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., the live auction at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25 per person. Visa/ MasterCard accepted for reservations as well as items won. For information, call (734) 425-0260.

MARDI GRAS

St. Sabina Mardi Gras celebration runs from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at St. Sabina Activities Hall (south side of Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Beech Daly). Musical entertainment by Duane Malinowski. \$10 per person. Includes beer and set-ups. Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own snacks and munchies. Call the parish office (313) 561-1977 or Rich Toporowski (313) 277-5073.

CORNISH PASTIES

Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling

Cornish pasties as a fund-raiser. This will be the last chance to buy them until November. Pasties are \$2.50 each and can be ordered by calling (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 6 and 7. Call-in orders only. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine. Any orders faxed, e-mailed or left on the answering machine will be ignored. Pick-up times are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 16. The church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Just 1,000 pasties will be made.

MESSAGE-A-THON

Irene's Myomassology Institute will host its third annual Massage-A-Thon March 2-4 at 18911 W. Ten Mile in Southfield. The 48-hour event will offer free one-hour massages by appointment.

All donations received will benefit Lighthouse PATH, a shelter that provides homeless women/children with transitional housing, education and job training. The event begins at 7 p.m. March 2 and concludes at 7 p.m. March 4. Call (248) 569-9298.

BOWLING BONANZA

The 12th annual Bowling Bonanza will be held Saturday, March 3, at Cloverlanes Bowl in Livonia to benefit the Alzheimer's Association (Detroit Area Chapter). There will be door and incentive prizes for top league collectors. Call (248) 557-8277 to register.

RACING COLLECTIBLES

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 will be the host site of a racing collectibles show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 (1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland). Proceeds will benefit the Veteran Relief Fund.

Admission is \$2. Under 12 free. Call (517) 467-2376.

RED WING ALUMNI GAME

Staffers from United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit will lace up their skates to challenge a team of Detroit Red Wing alumni in a charity hockey game at 4:30 p.m. March 11 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center (formerly Adray Arena). The charity hockey game will benefit UCP/Detroit. The Red Wing team will feature alumni such as Alex Delvecchio, Nick Libbet and Dennis Hextall. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Children ages 4 and under will be admitted for free. All proceeds from this event will be used for programs and services that assist people with disabilities and their families. The Dearborn Ice Skating Center is on Ford between Greenfield and Schaefer in Dearborn.

FRIENDS' BALL

Providence Health Foundation "Friends' Ball" will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds will benefit the Providence Cancer Institute and the emergency department. Texttron Inc. is the sponsor. Call Sherry Licata for reservations (248) 424-3087.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. A clown will be on-hand to provide free face painting and balloon animals. Maternity through infant and pre-teen clothes, toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch/child care. Bake sale. Hot dogs, chips, Kool-Aid and coffee. Call (734) 422-0149.

Concert supports purchase of Wilhem organ for Madonna

Organist Dave Wagner will perform a program of Johann Sebastian Bach, Cesar Franck and Felix Mendelssohn at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The concert will be at Livonia's Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Wagner's performance will support the purchase of an organ constructed by Karl Wilhem of Mont-St. Hilaire, Quebec. The organ will be used for teaching, performance in studio classes and recitals and practice by students in the organ and music division at Madonna University.

Anyone may attend the performance by Wagner on the church's 34-rank French tonal design Casavant organ. A versatile performer and musician, Wagner worked for years as a musician with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Bach Festival and flutist Alexander Zonjic.

He may be best known as a 30-year radio personality on WQRS (formerly Detroit's classical music station) during which time he also served as program director and wrote/hosted nationally syndicated GM/ Detroit Sympho-

ny broadcasts in the 1980s.

Wagner has been a full-time member of the Madonna University music department faculty and director of the Madonna University Chorale since 1998. He serves as director of music at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and musical commentator for Detroit Public Television.

A freewill offering will be accepted at the door for the 3 p.m. concert and the public is encouraged to attend.

An afterglow reception for concert attendees and Wagner will be in the lobby after the concert.

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College standouts

■ Madonna University was well-represented on the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference basketball teams.

Madonna's women's team, which finished first in the regular season with an 11-3 record, certainly deserved the honors — and they began with coach Marylou Jansen being named coach of the year after guiding the Lady Crusaders' to an 11-3 conference record.

In addition, junior Kathy Panganis was named all-WHAC player of the year. The 5-foot-11 forward averaged 15.2 points and 6.5 rebounds per game this season.

Also named to the first team was 5-10 senior forward Kristi Fiorenzi (see story, this page), who averaged 15.2 points and 6.5 rebounds a game. Carissa Gizicki, a 5-6 junior point guard who averaged 6.5 points, 4.3 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 2.8 steals per game, was a second team choice.

In addition, a pair of Madonna seniors were named to the all-WHAC academic team: Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS), who has a 3.27 grade-point average with a major in marketing, and Melissa Poma (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood), with a 3.26 grade-point and a major in computer information.

Madonna's men's team had a pair of players selected to the all-WHAC third team: senior Narvin Russaw, a 6-5 forward who averaged 11.8 points and 7.9 rebounds, and junior Mike Massey, a 6-2 guard who averaged 22.0 points per game.

■ The Central Michigan University men's track team warmed up for this weekend's Mid-American Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, which CMU will host Friday and Saturday, by competing in its own Jack Skoog Open last Friday.

Ian Searcy, a junior at CMU from Plymouth Salem HS, finished first in the 400-meter run in 49.81, the best time by a Chippewa this season. Searcy also has the best 600-meter time (1:21.00) for CMU this season.

Baseball/softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association (CCJBSA) will have its spring registration from 6-9 p.m. Monday in the Ash Room of The Summit in the Park. Registration is for boys and girls 4-18 years old who are residents of Plymouth or Canton or attend school in the Plymouth/Canton school district.

All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration. Fees are: \$65 for tee-ball; \$75-\$95 for baseball and softball ages 7-18; \$350 for travel baseball ages 10-18; \$175-\$250 for travel softball ages under-10 to under-18.

For more information, call Chris Angel (tee-ball 4-6) at (734) 981-3007; Mark Caples (baseball 7-12) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (baseball 13-18) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (softball 7-18) at (734) 454-7328; and, for travel baseball/softball (10-18), call (734) 453-2040.

Junior AAU volleyball

Registration and selection for the Crusader AAU Junior Volleyball Club will be Sunday, March 11 at Madonna University.

Tryout times will be for the following age groups: 12s and 14s, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; 16s, 4-6 p.m.; 18s, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Crusader Junior AAU Volleyball Club program begins in March and continues through the end of June. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays and designated Sundays. Tournaments will be predominantly Sundays.

The program fee is \$400. Included in the cost is AAU registration, uniform expenses, facility rental, equipment fees, travel, coaches salary and tournament entry cost. Additional fees are required for the state AAU and USA Nationals tournaments.

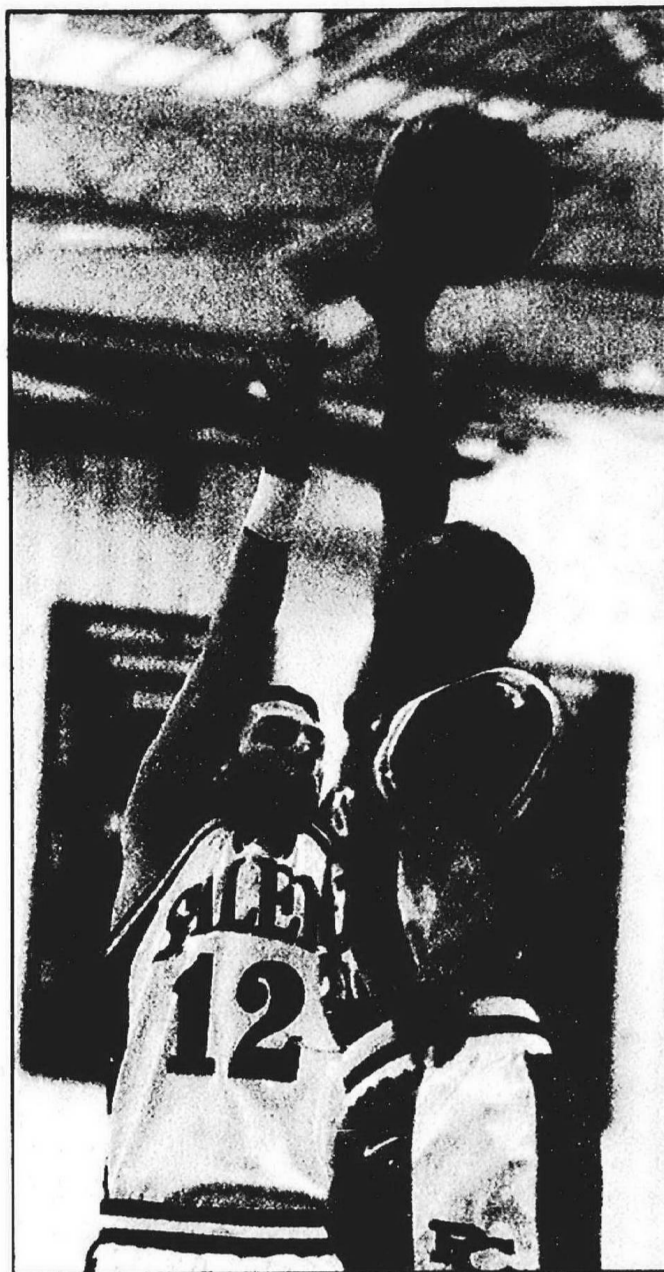
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Coaches clinic

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association will hold the nationally-recognized Doyle Coaches School from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18 at the Garden City Junior High School gym.

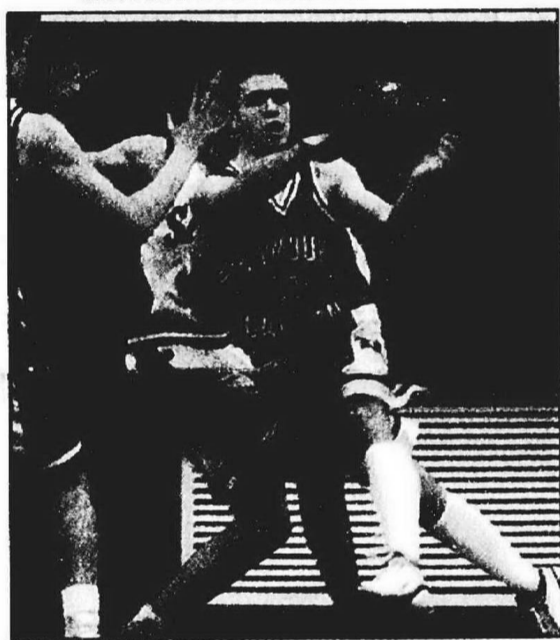
Coaches from all levels of t-ball, baseball and softball are welcome to attend the school, but youth coaches are especially encouraged.

The fee for the school is \$25. For more information, call Ken Kibit at (734) 513-8603.



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Clutch performers: Salem's Jeff Haar (above, shooting over Canton's Rian Barker) came up big in the fourth quarter, scoring all 10 of his points. Canton's Oliver Wolcott (left) tied for top-scoring honors on the Chiefs with 10 points, including a three-pointer in the closing seconds.



Turnaround Salem hot, Canton cold in decisive 4th

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As classics go — and in the Canton vs. Salem basketball series, there's been a bundle of them — this one might not rate on the list.

But Tuesday's game in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, played at Plymouth Salem, did share a lot of the elements all those aforementioned classics had: high energy, relentless defense, and a fourth-quarter, game-winning rally.

That rally belonged to the Rocks, who slipped past Plymouth Canton 47-39 to advance to the WLAA semifinals. They'll play at regular-season champ Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. Friday.

Canton goes to the consolation bracket and will host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Friday.

Both Canton and Salem are 8-10 for the season. "What do you mean?" Salem coach Bob Brodie asked with a hint of sarcasm when asked to compare this game with its predecessors. "The outcome was in doubt right to the end, just like the others. There was good defense played by both teams."

What Brodie purposely left out was the poor shooting exhibited by both teams. At least the Rocks, who were a miserable 6-for-26 from the floor in the first half (23.1 percent), rebounded in the second and made 10-of-19 for a 16-of-45 total (35.6 percent).

Canton didn't. The Chiefs followed a 6-for-16 first half (37.5 percent) with a 7-for-28 second for a 13-for-44 total (29.5 percent).

"It was very ugly," admitted Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "Salem missed a lot of shots in the first half and we made a lot of turnovers and missed a lot of opportunities."

"We cleaned that up in the second half — I think we had three turnovers — and we played very well defensively. We were getting closer to the rim but we weren't getting (the ball) in."

There was an immense amount of effort displayed by both teams. But Canton couldn't pull away from Salem in the first half, when the Rocks were struggling offensively. And when the Chiefs struggled, Salem took control.

The catalyst for the Rocks' fourth-quarter rally was senior guard Jeff Haar. For nearly 30 minutes, Haar had been invisible; he hadn't scored a single point.

Indeed, until the fourth quarter the Rocks had never led. They missed their first seven shots in the game, four of those layups that simply spun out. They trailed 11-6 after one quarter and 20-18 at the half.

A three-pointer by Kevin Savitskie with :30 left in the third quarter pulled Salem to within one, but Oliver Wolcott drilled two free throws with less than a second remain-

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Churchill topples Canton

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VOLLEYBALL

A balanced hitting attack carried host Livonia Churchill to the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title with a 15-13, 15-7 victory over Plymouth Canton Monday at Churchill.

The Chargers are now 26-9-5 and 9-2 in the WLAA, along with a 5-0 division mark.

Canton, plagued by service errors, fell to 20-12-3 and 7-4.

"We didn't play to our full potential," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "Some of our key players didn't follow the game plan we set up."

Canton led 13-11 in the first game, but "we made some very simple, basic errors that turned the game around,"

said Anderson. "And we made the same mistakes in Game Two."

"It wasn't our normal game in Game Two. We went into a panic mode. We went back to the way they played last year."

There weren't too many things that Anderson liked about his team's play. Indeed, there weren't any.

"I'm very upset with the outcome of that match," he added. "I feel we gave

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Crusaders win, get top seed in WHAC; SC earns a title-tie

Nothing left to chance. Madonna University's women's basketball team was in the driver's seat going into Saturday's final regular-season game in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, and the Lady Crusaders wanted to stay there.

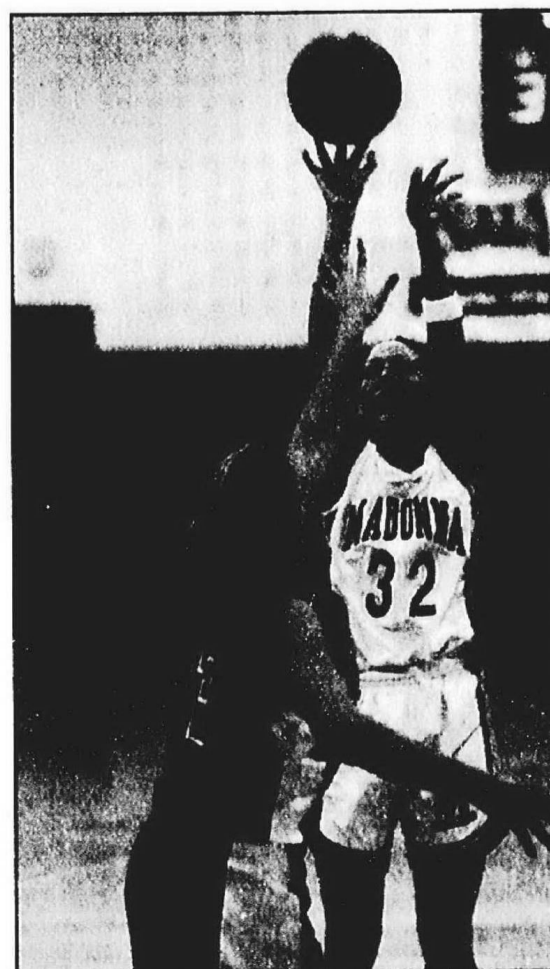
They did. Hosting Aquinas College, a team battling five others for WHAC playoff position, Madonna got out fast and stayed there. Once Kathy Panganis hit a layup, off a Carissa Gizicki assist, with 19:05 left in the first half to give the Crusaders a 4-3 lead, they never again trailed as they rolled to a 63-52 win.

Madonna will take a 16-11 overall record and an 11-3 mark into the WHAC Tournament as the No. 1 seed, which guarantees it home-court advantage throughout. Aquinas is 13-15 overall, 6-8 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders beat Siena Heights 79-76 Wednesday in the WHAC's opening round. They'll host Spring Arbor at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The win gives Madonna something unique: Three conference titles in the three women's

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FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Team leader: Madonna's Kristi Fiorenzi is the team's top rebounder and second-leading scorer.

1st-period goals enough for Whalers

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Last night's game against the Guelph Storm was very much like the game the Plymouth Whalers played last Friday at Erie, when they edged the Ontario Hockey League leaders 3-1.

Two first-period goals got the Whalers off to a good start against Guelph, but after that they couldn't put the puck past Storm netminder Craig Anderson.

Fortunately, they didn't have to. The Whalers held the Storm at bay to collect a 2-1 win, pushing them to within two points of Erie and the top position in the OHL. Plymouth is 36-11-4-5 (81 points).

Guelph, which stands second in the OHL's Midwest Division to the league-leading Otters, slipped to 29-18-8-1 (67 points) — which is still the third-best overall record in the league.

Certainly the two first-period goals were instrumental in the Whaler win. Thing is, it wouldn't be wrong to say they did all the scoring.

In fact, Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp has a rare distinction: He could have been credited with an assist on the goal that ruined his shutout.

In the third period, with Plymouth clinging to a 2-0 lead and on the power play, Zepp went into the corner for a puck the Storm had cleared the length of the ice.

Zepp centered it to teammate Stephen Weiss, but somehow the puck bounced off Weiss and into the Plymouth goal. There wasn't a Storm player in the Whaler zone at the time.

"We couldn't score in their goal, so we had to score in our own," joked Whaler coach Pete DeBoer.

It was easier to jest after the game had been safely tucked away in the win column. It would have been a whole lot easier if Plymouth had scored more than twice.

But Guelph isn't an easy team to score on. The Whalers rank No. 1 in the OHL in goals-against average; the Storm are sixth. Anderson is first in save percentage (.919), while Zepp is first in goals-against average (2.20) and wins (31), and is tied for first in shutouts (four).

"It seems like it's feast or famine with us," said DeBoer, referring to the Whalers' goal-scoring binges/droughts. "But Guelph is a good team, and I think Anderson and Zepp are two of the best goalies in the league."

The Whalers got on the board with 6:35 left in the first period when Damian Surma knocked in a rebound of his own shot, making it 1-0. Ryan O'Keefe assisted.

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A season that's been too good to be true, and Fiorenzi loves it

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Go ahead — pinch her. Really. Do it. Kristi Fiorenzi needs to know this is no dream. What has happened to her Madonna University women's basketball team has happened, in large part, because of her. And she needs to realize that.

"I'm on top of the world right now," said Fiorenzi, the Madonna senior and Plymouth Canton graduate as practice came to an end Tuesday. "I couldn't be better."

Why not? Her Lady Crusader team had clinched the regular-season championship in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference three days earlier, with the home-court advantage throughout the WHAC Tournament that goes with it.

On Monday, Fiorenzi found out that she and teammate Kathy Panganis had been named to the all-WHAC first team (Panganis was named the league's MVP). Fiorenzi was also named to the all-WHAC academic team.

"The honors are great," said Fiorenzi. "But they don't mean anything if the season ends early."

Which can be interpreted just one way. As Fiorenzi put it, "I'm not satisfied yet."

Since she first began playing basketball back in grade school, under the tutelage of current Plymouth Salem coach Fred Thomann, Fiorenzi learned just one way to play the game — "the right way" is how she describes it, which means playing as a team.

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Still in the hunt
Whalers close gap with Erie



Face it — the weekend couldn't have gone much better for the Plymouth Whalers.

In fact, the only thing that could have worked out better for them was a loss Saturday by the Ontario Hockey League-leading Erie Otters.

But that would have required the upset of the season, considering the Otters were playing the Mississauga Ice Dogs — winners of three games this season.

Still, the Whalers narrowed the gap between themselves and the Otters to four points (and the Whalers have played one fewer game) with a 3-1 win over Erie Friday in Erie.

That victory did more than narrow the deficit: It also gave Plymouth the season series, which could come in handy in a tiebreaker situation when it comes time to determine who has home-ice advantage in the playoffs.

The Whalers started quickly against the Otters, getting a goal from Rob McBride (his 14th) at 2:33 of the first period. Preston

Mizzi assisted. Bryan Thompson made it 2-0 with his ninth goal of the season at 15:16 of the first; George Nistas, who had a strong offensive weekend, and Greg Campbell assisted.

Erie narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a power-play goal :46 into the third period by Carlo Colaiacovo, but Chad LaRose's score at 4:21 of the period regained Plymouth's two-goal advantage. Damian Surma assisted.

Rob Zepp stopped 25 shots in goal to get the win. J.F. Ferras made 20 saves for Erie. Saturday's game was much easier for Plymouth, but no less important — particularly since the Whalers did something they've had trouble doing the last few weeks. And that's score goals.

They got nine of them against Kitchener, routing the Rangers 9-2. Kris Vernarsky scored two goals for Plymouth and assisted on two others. LaRose also scored twice, with Surma getting three assists. Mizzi adding a goal and two assists, McBride, Tomas Kurka, Nistas and Stewart each contributing a goal and an assist, and James Wisniewski (from Canton) getting two

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, O/L, Pts. Rows include East Division (Belleville Bulls, Ottawa 67's, Kingston Frontenacs, Peterborough Petes, Oshawa Generals), Central Division (Toronto St. M. Majors, Sudbury Wolves, Barrie Colts, North Bay Centennials, Miss. Ice Dogs), West Division (Plymouth Whalers, Windsor Spitfires, Sarnia Sting, London Knights, S.S. Marie Greyhounds), and Midwest Division (Erie Otters, Guelph Storm, Brampton Battalion, Owen Sound Attack, Kitchener Rangers).

Zepp had 20 stops in goal for Plymouth. Scott Dickie and Jeff Johnston combined to stop 31 Plymouth shots, Dickie allowing six goals and Johnston three.

2nd-period boosts Rocks; unbeaten CC wins a pair

Plymouth Salem scored four-straight goals in the second period and then repelled an Ann Arbor Huron rally to claim an 8-4 non-conference hockey victory Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Steve Nagel scored three goals and assisted on another to lead the Rocks. Brian Young contributed a goal and an assist and Brad Proodian, Mike Crowley, Eric Culp and Mike Thackabery each scored goals. Mark Nagel had three assists and John Schultz had two.

Proodian's goal with just 16 seconds left in the first period gave Salem a 2-1 lead. The Rocks dominated the opening 11 minutes of the second period, with Steve Nagel, Young, Crowley and Culp scoring goals to make it a 6-1 game.

The River Rats narrowed the gap to 6-4 with two goals to close out the second and another midway through the third, but the Rocks pulled away on goals by Nagel and Thackabery.

Scott Stukel was in goal for Salem.

CC wins pair

A game after playing one of its better games of the year, Redford Catholic Central played one of its sloppiest.

Oh, the Shamrocks still won as Jared Ross notched the game-winner with 14 seconds to play as CC came back to beat host Grosse Pointe North on Tuesday night, 6-4.

But having to rally in the first place didn't make CC co-coach Todd Johnson happy.

"Our guys need to remember to play a full 45-minute game," said Johnson as the top-ranked

Shamrocks improved to 20-0-3. "We only played 25 minutes tonight."

The Norsemen took a 3-1 lead into the second period, with Mike Ratigan scoring CC's only goal as Ryan Lasecki assisted.

North scored for a 4-1 lead, but Brett John (from Jared Ross and Brandon Naurato) and John Perkovich (from Andrew Eggert and Jake Norwood) cut that to 4-3 after two periods.

Three minutes into the third, Ryan O'Dea tied the score from Norwood and Mike Ryan.

Then Ross got the game-winner from Derek Genrich and Jimmy Blanchard with 14 seconds left for the win. Eggert closed out the scoring with seven seconds left with an empty-net goal from Lasecki.

Blanchard made 17 saves for CC and Colin Chase had 18 for North.

On Saturday, the Genrich family gave CC the only goal it would need as the Shamrocks blanked Cranbrook, 5-0.

Brian Genrich scored the opening goal with assists to his brother, Sean, and cousin Derek. CC made it 3-0 in the second as Ross scored from Ryan and John, then John scored 12 seconds later assisted by Ryan and Ross.

Ross added another goal in the third, from John and Naurato, then Jim Spiewak closed out the scoring with assists going to Jeff Davis and Ratigan.

Andrew McCoy made 15 saves in goal for CC, while David Goodley stopped 29 shots for Cranbrook.

Shamrocks finish MISCA meet strongly; 7 surpass state cuts

After coming off a 26-point loss at top-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday, Catholic Central swimming coach Jeff Baker wasn't sure how the Shamrocks would do on Saturday at the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Turns out, pretty well, actually. The Shamrocks bounced back with seven-state cut performances and several personal bests at the meet, generally

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regarded as a tune-up for the state meet next month.

"We swam really well, especially when I had no idea what we'd do coming off of Friday's meet," said Baker. "We used it as a dry run for the state meet with back-to-back days and did pretty well."

Kevin Ryan gave the Sham-

rocks an additional state cut time in the 50 freestyle, where he finished 11th in 22.44, while Ed Lesnau was third in the event in 21.64, breaking a six-year-old school record.

CC also qualified its 200 medley relay team of Zach Fellrath, Dan Dziekan, Bryant Steele and Ryan, with a third-place time of 1:41.75.

Brett Meconis was sixth in the 100 butterfly (53.20) and Bryant Steele was 12th (54.90), Lesnau

was sixth in the 100 freestyle (48.96), while Steele, Ryan, Meconis and Lesnau were third in the 200 freestyle relay (1:29.46) and Ryan, Nick Markou, Meconis and Lesnau were second in the 400 relay (3:18.30).

"The kids showed they can swim well on Friday and come back and swim faster on Saturday," said Baker. "Every 50 freestyler in the event and relays had lifetime bests. We had great swims all the way around the board."

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A big step onward

Canton qualifies 8 for regionals; Salem has 5

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It's been a season in which Plymouth Canton's wrestlers have stressed the "team" aspect of the sport. That made what happened at last Wednesday's state team district tournament — the Chiefs lost to Northville — a disappointment.

A bit of the luster from their season was recaptured at last Saturday's state individual districts, hosted by Novi. That's where Canton's wrestlers proved best.

Eight out of a possible 12 Chiefs will advance to the state regionals. Two came away with district championships; another four were runners-up, and two others were consolation finalists. The top four in each weight division advance to the regional.

No other school matched Canton in wrestlers reaching the finals; Northville, which beat Canton in the team districts, had five in the finals and Redford Catholic Central had four.

Plymouth Salem will have five wrestlers advance to the regionals, including a district champ.

WRESTLING

Team regionals are Saturday at Temperance Bedford.

"We've typically have been placing 10 or 11 wrestlers at tournaments (this season), so we were hoping to (match) that here, too," said Canton coach John Demick. "Districts are always a dogfight, though."

"We grieve for the fine wrestlers (who) didn't make it, because they have worked so hard and are a part of us. However, we were happy to have six in the finals and two in the consolation finals."

"We have a very tough district so it's a big accomplishment for this team."

Winning district championships for the Chiefs were heavyweight Derek McWatt, who pinned Livonia Franklin's Tony Martinez in 2:34 of the final, and 125-pounder Doy Demick, who edged South Lyon's Jake Williamson 12-9 in the title match.

Of the four Canton wrestlers who reached the district finals before losing, the closest decision was recorded by Phil Rothwell at 189. Rothwell was edged by Joe Rumbley of

Northville, 5-4, in the title match.

Other finalists for the Chiefs were Kyle Pitt at 119, who lost 4-1 to Rob Sulaver of Dearborn; Greg Musser at 140, who lost 8-2 to Mike Werner of Catholic Central; and Ozzie Wagner at 215, who was pinned in 5:47 by Thom Vandenbosche of Livonia Churchill.

Others advancing to the regionals are Mike Siegrist at 145, who placed third with a 17-2 triumph over Westland John Glenn's Brad Gregory in the consolation final, and Scott McKee at 171, who took fourth after losing 8-0 to Novi's Scott Kortlandt in the consolation finals.

For Salem, Brandon Sammut was their divisional champion. Sammut won the 130-pound division by default over Franklin's Lee Warren.

Four other Rocks reached the divisional final: Tony Kennard beat Dearborn Fordson's Ahmad Jouma 7-0 to place third at 135; Zach Jensen beat Novi's Tim Stefanson 8-4 to take third at 215; Mike Goethe lost to Northville's Jason D'Anna 3-1 to take fourth at 119; and Nate Dillard fell to the Mustangs' Matt Doyle 5-3 to place fourth at 125.

WEIGHT	CHAMPIONSHIP	CONSOLATION
100 pounds	Champion: Kyle Pitt (Canton) def. Rob Sulaver (Dearborn), 4-1; Consolation: Jason D'Anna (Novi) def. Mike Goethe (Salem), 3-1.	Champion: Rob Sulaver (Dearborn) def. Kyle Pitt (Canton), 4-1; Consolation: Jason D'Anna (Novi) def. Mike Goethe (Salem), 3-1.
119 pounds	Champion: Kyle Pitt (Canton) def. Rob Sulaver (Dearborn), 4-1; Consolation: Jason D'Anna (Novi) def. Mike Goethe (Salem), 3-1.	Champion: Rob Sulaver (Dearborn) def. Kyle Pitt (Canton), 4-1; Consolation: Jason D'Anna (Novi) def. Mike Goethe (Salem), 3-1.
125 pounds	Champion: Doy Demick (Canton) def. Jake Williamson (South Lyon), 12-9; Consolation: Scott McKee (Canton) def. Scott Kortlandt (Novi), 8-0.	Champion: Doy Demick (Canton) def. Jake Williamson (South Lyon), 12-9; Consolation: Scott McKee (Canton) def. Scott Kortlandt (Novi), 8-0.
135 pounds	Champion: Tony Kennard (Salem) def. Ahmad Jouma (Fordson), 7-0.	Champion: Tony Kennard (Salem) def. Ahmad Jouma (Fordson), 7-0.
145 pounds	Champion: Mike Siegrist (Canton) def. Brad Gregory (Westland John Glenn), 17-2.	Champion: Mike Siegrist (Canton) def. Brad Gregory (Westland John Glenn), 17-2.
171 pounds	Champion: Scott McKee (Canton) def. Scott Kortlandt (Novi), 8-0.	Champion: Scott McKee (Canton) def. Scott Kortlandt (Novi), 8-0.

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Vault: 1. Jenn Dion (B), 9.2; 2. Abbey Korchnak (H), 9.15; 3. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.1; 4. Ashley Dobbs (B), 9.075; 5. Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.05; 6. Chelsea Keesling (F), 8.975; 7. Clara Seymour (F), 8.875; 8. Sara Houchins (F), 8.85; 9. Katie Braine (N-N), 8.7; 10. Erin Quigley (WL), 8.675.	Floor exercise: 1. Abbey Korchnak (H), 9.7; 2. Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.55; 3. Sara Houchins (F), 9.5; 4. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 9.45; 5. Kelly Ostrosky (LU), 9.4; 6. Clara Seymour (F), 9.35; 7. Ashley Dobbs (B), 9.2; 8. (tie) Andie Wilson (B), Bethany Bartlett (PS), 9.15; 10. Michelle Wimberly (LU), 9.1.	Vault: 1. Genna Borg (WL), 9.15; 2. Monica Fink (N-N), 9.0; 3. Mary Moreau (LU), 8.9; 4. Colleen Johnson (H), 8.85; 5. (tie) Jacquie Bennington (PC), Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.75; 7. Colleen Balagna (H), 8.725; 8. Melissa Drake (PS), 8.65; 9. Kristin Ulewicz (F), 8.575; 10. (tie) Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), Kristen Costantino (JG), 8.5.
Uneven parallel bars: 1. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 9.75; 2. Sara Houchins (F), 9.5; 3. Megan Samhat (N-N), 9.45; 4. Abbey Korchnak (H), 9.4; 5. Ashley	All-around: 1. Abbey Korchnak (H), 37.8; 2. Jennifer Sturgis (N-N), 37.2; 3. Megan Samhat (N-N), 37.125; 4. Sara	Uneven parallel bars: 1. Allison Gillette (N-N), 9.1; 2. (tie) Jeanne O'Brien (H), Melissa Drake (PS), 9.0; 4. (tie) Colleen Balagna (H), Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.75; 6. Monica Fink (N-N), 8.7; 7. Gina Maceri (LU), 8.6; 8. (tie) Mary Moreau (LU), Kristen Costantino (JG), 8.5; 10. (tie) Nicole White (F), Genna Borg (WL), 8.45.

Rocks set varsity marks

The Michigan Swim Coaches Association annual swim meet, held prior to league finals and before the state meets, has one main goal: To provide a fast forum to allow swimmers to make state qualifying standards.

Last Saturday, several did just that, including a few from both Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem.

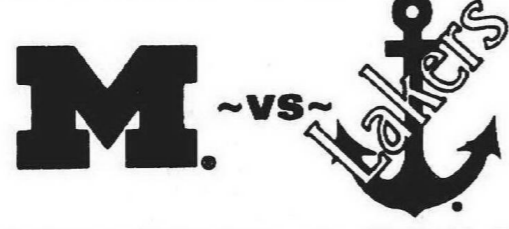
Of course, quite a few of these swimmers had already reached the qualifying standards, which gave another meaning to Saturday's meet, held at Eastern Michigan University — to see how they stack up against some of the state's best competition.

Salem looked pretty good. The Rocks finished first overall in both the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays. Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo and Eric Lynn were teammates on both, winning the 200 in 1:26.13 and the 400 in 3:12.76.


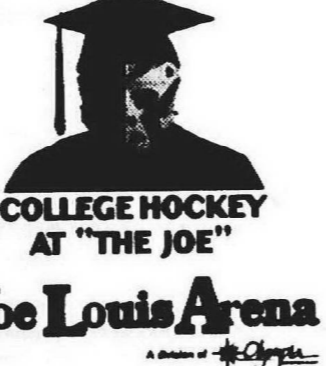
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Both established new Salem varsity records. A couple of other Rocks finished second in individual events. Johnson was runner-up in the 50 free (21.59) and Dzialo took second in the 100 butterfly (52.76). Eric Lynn was fourth in the 100 fly as well (52.95). Lynn also placed third in the 200 free (1:44.86), while Dzialo was sixth in the 500 free (4:51.09). Shelton also surpassed qualifying times in the 50 (22.20, seventh) and 100 free (49.25, ninth). Canton's Brad Nilson made it in the 100 backstroke (56.15), finishing ninth. But for Matt Wisniewski, it was frustration. Wisniewski finished 14th in the 200 free in 1:49.41. The qualifying standard is 1:49.39.

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Win lets CC advance in Catholic playoffs

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BASKETBALL

At various points, during their Saturday games at University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall, both Redford Catholic Central and Redford Bishop Borgess were helpless to watch an oppo-

nent's charge. The Shamrocks were able to overcome their problem. The Spartans weren't as fortunate. CC beat back a second-half slumber and 11 3-pointers by unheralded Pontiac Notre Dame Prep to win its Catholic League quarterfinal, 77-72.

Borgess wasn't as lucky as Warren De La Salle hit 15-for-21 from the free-throw line in the game and 9-for-10 in the second quarter to help the Pilots to a 61-48 win.

"I don't think we've ever given up that many three's before," said CC coach Rick Coratti as his team moved to 14-3 overall heading into tonight's 7:30 semifinal at Schoolcraft College against Detroit DePorres. "Everything they threw up at the end went in. It was just one of those games."

CC took a 44-35 halftime lead over the Fighting Irish (6-10) thanks to a 19-for-36 — 9-for-26 advantage from the floor. But ND Prep chipped back in the third quarter to cut the lead to 60-54 with Greg Kurtz hitting

two of the four 3's in the quarter for the Irish.

The lead hung around six, before Kurtz hit another 3 to cut it to 64-61. And after CC's Mark Willoughby converted a drive with 2:45 left to give the Shamrocks a 70-66 lead, the Irish took a 72-70 lead on a 3-point play by Mike Knesek and (stop if you've heard this before) a 3-pointer by Kurtz.

"I tried to tell the kids they're a good team," said Coratti. "They had DePorres down to the wire a couple of weeks ago. They've fought everyone all year."

But the Shamrocks had some fight in them, too. After badly missing a 3-point try the possession before, Pat Clark came right back, muscled in, got a bucket, drew the foul and hit a free throw that put CC back in the lead for good. Ryan Celeskey hit a pair of free throws for two of his team-high 26 points that gave the Shamrocks a 75-72 lead with 19.4 seconds left.

And after Knesek missed a 3-point try that would have tied

the score, Steve Larkin got the rebound, was fouled and hit his free throws for the final margin.

Willoughby came through with 13 points for CC, while Tom Jakacki and Larkin had 12 points each. Knesek led all scorers with 28 points, while Kurtz had 19 and Matt Geyer had nine.

As for Borgess, the Spartans one more field goal than De La Salle, but took 20 more shots than the Pilots.

The Pilots (13-4) took a 17-7 lead in the first quarter, but the Spartans tried to mount a comeback in the second. Borgess (6-9) outscored the Pilots 19-16, thanks to an 8-3 field-goal advantage and six points each by George Toles and Kincannon. But the Pilots stayed in the lead by hitting 9-of-10 free throws.

Borgess scored just 22 points in the second half and never got within 11 points the rest of the way.

Kincannon led Borgess with 15 points, while Toles had 14. Anthony Wichmann led the Pilots with 19 points; Jeff Grauzer had 15 and Blaker 10.

PCA 74, Westside Christian 71: Senior guard Mike Atkinson buried a triple from deep in the corner with three seconds left to give Plymouth Christian Academy a win over visiting Detroit Westside Christian Tuesday.

The Warriors started out with a 17-10 lead after the first quarter but the Eagles had tied it by halftime and took a three point lead, 51-48, after three periods.

The score was tied when Westside Christian (7-11) turned the ball over as it was setting up for the tie-breaking shot.

The Eagles (6-11) hustled down the court and found Atkinson in the corner and he took the winning shot. Atkinson reached career highs in points, as well as rebounds (7) and assists (6).

Sophomore forward Clay Welton scored 19 points for PCA while junior center Tyler Williams had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Junior forward Gerald Binford paced the Warriors with 37 points. Joe Lopez added 15.



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ing to give the Chiefs a 32-29 advantage heading into the final quarter.

That's when Canton's offense disintegrated, in part due to Salem's defense. "That's the most blocked shots I've seen (this year)," said Rheault.

Said Brodie: "We changed a lot of their (shot) trajectories. We were making them rush their shots."

The Chiefs converted only 2-of-15 from the floor in that last quarter. They weren't any better at the free-throw line; they made just 2-of-6 in the fourth quarter and were 10-of-20 (50 percent) for the game.

A three-point play by Nick Tochman with 4:48 left in the fourth allowed Salem to knot it at 34-all. Pat Abraham's basket gave the

Rocks their first lead of the game, 36-34, with 3:39 remaining.

Enter Haar. With Canton missing opportunities, both from the field and at the line, it appeared Salem would try to run the clock and protect its slim lead.

Instead, Haar found a lane and drove to the basket, scoring and getting fouled. He hit the accompanying free throw to put the Rocks up, 39-34, with 2:06 left.

After a rushed Canton shot missed, Haar again went to the basket and scored to push Salem's lead to seven. After that it was all free throws, with Wolcott's insignificant three-pointer with 22.1 seconds to go the only basket scored.

Haar hit 5-of-6 from the line in the last 40 seconds to help Salem ice it. He finished with 10 points and four assists.

"The difference was, they made shots when they needed them, they made plays when they needed them," summarized Rheault.

Tochman led all scorers with 11 points; he also had five rebounds and four assists. David Hoskins scored nine points and made two steals, and Abraham netted eight points.

Canton got 10 points from both Wolcott and Jerry Gaines. Andrew Holmes and Jason Priebe each scored eight.

No, it wasn't a classic. But it was typical Canton-vs.-Salem, with the outcome in doubt until the final minute.

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Ocelots rout Macomb, secure share of title

With a co-share of the Eastern Conference championship in its grasp, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team set its sights on an outright title Wednesday night at home against St. Clair.

On Saturday, the host Ocelots were hitting on all cylinders en route to a 117-45 win over Macomb.

Schoolcraft, 24-2 overall and 14-1 in the conference, bolted out to a 51-17 halftime lead.

All ten players scored in the rout with leading scorer Sam Hoskin sitting out for the second straight game.

Nick Evola, a 6-foot-8 center headed to Western Michigan University, led SC with 22 points on seven of nine shooting from the floor. Guard Derrick Bird added 21 points, while Mike Peek and Dwight Windom added

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17 apiece. Point-guard David McGlown had a team-high 12 assists and no turnovers. He finished with 14 points.

Keanan Weir added 11 points. Windom grabbed nine rebounds, while Bird, Peek and Emir Medunjanin (North Farmington) had six each.

Schoolcraft made 44 of 75 shots from the floor (58.7 percent) and 27 of 30 free throws (90 percent). They made just 13 turnovers and outrebounded Macomb 47-25.

Macomb (6-18, 2-13) got 13 points from David Meyers.

Aquinas 86, Madonna 75: There wasn't too much that was

different between Madonna University and Aquinas College Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Madonna shot better from the floor (45.1 percent to Aquinas' 41.4 percent; 36.8 percent on three-pointers to 10 percent for the Saints), the Saints shot better from the line (26-of-33, 78.8 percent; Madonna 22-of-33, 66.7 percent). The Fighting Crusaders had a few more turnovers (20 to Aquinas' 17).

So what was the major factor in the Saints' triumph?

Rebounding. Aquinas had 55 of them, including 26 on the offensive boards; Madonna had 29, with just nine offensive.

The loss left the Crusaders with an 8-22 record overall, 3-11 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Aquinas is 4-10 in the WHAC, 10-20 overall.

Madonna travels to top-seeded

Siena Heights, ranked No. 2 in the NAIA, in the opening round of the WHAC playoffs at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Aquinas plays at second-seeded Cornerstone at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

A basket by Mike Massey with 13:20 left in the first half gave the Crusaders their largest lead Saturday at Aquinas, 13-10. Over the next 9:40, the Saints outscored Madonna 26-13 to take a 10-point lead (36-26). Aquinas led 40-32 at the half.

The closest the Crusaders came in the second half was four, on a three-pointer by John Bennett (from Livonia Churchill) that made it 47-43 with 12:56 left. However, once Aquinas pushed its lead back into double figures midway through the half, Madonna was never closer than eight.

Massey, who missed several

games with an ankle injury, showed no ill effects in this game: He scored 34 points, making 6-of-11 three-pointers, and had two steals while playing nearly 38 of the 40 minutes.

Narvin Russaw added 12 points and eight rebounds. Bennett finished with 11 points, and Dan Kurtinaitis finished with

nine points, six assists and three steals.

Andy Steketee topped Aquinas with 19 points and nine boards. Derek Weaver added 15 points and seven rebounds, Chris Cassleman chipped in with 11 points and six boards, and Tom Kuslikis had 10 points and eight rebounds.

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Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
(Mega Blue/Gold Playoffs)
Garden City at Trenton, 7 p.m.
(CHSL A-B Semifinals at S'craft)
Redford CC vs DePores, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Inkster, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.
PCA at Lenawee Christian, 7 p.m.
Agape at World Outreach, 7:30 p.m.
(Metro Conf. Semifinals)
Luth. North at Luth. W'sld, 7 p.m.
(Western Lakes Semifinals)
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Metro Conference Tourney at Macomb CC, 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 22
Ladywood at G.P. Liggett, 7 p.m.
Red. Unified vs. N.D. Prep at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
Franklin vs. W.L. Central, Stevenson vs. R.O. Unified at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Canton vs. Gib. Carlson, at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Waterford Mott at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina

at Great Lakes Center, 6:50 p.m.
Red. Unified at Carlson, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 22
Agape at A.P. Inter City, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
W.L.A. at W.L. Central, 9 a.m.
Metro Conference Tourney at Lutheran North, TBA
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 22
W.L.A. prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
W.L.A. diving at Salem, 2:30 p.m.
Mega Blue at Truman, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24
W.L.A. finals at Salem, noon
PREP WRESTLING
INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL
Saturday, Feb. 24
Division I at Bedford, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
(WHAC Playoffs-1st Round)
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 22
Whalers at Sarria, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Whalers vs. London
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Saturday, Feb. 24
Rockers at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
TBA — time to be determined.

Agape stalls; Central rips Stevenson

Senior Tom Compian scored 27 points Tuesday night to help Taylor Light & Life hand visiting Canton Agape Christian its second loss of the season, 66-46.

Paul Anleitner paced the Wolverines (14-2) with 19 points.

The Crusaders (11-8) also got 15 points from Joe Witz.

Light & Life edged ahead, 14-10, after the first quarter but a 19-7 second period decided the non-league contest.

W.L. Central 62, Stevenson 40: Seniors Steve Horn and Mark Bortz combined for 32 points Tuesday night to lead the Vikings into the second round of the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs.

Forward Horn had 17 and center Bortz 15 to advance host Walled Lake Central at 17-1.

The Vikings led, 16-9, after one quarter and were ahead, 37-19, at the half.

Junior Lindon Ivezaj was the only Spartan to reach double figures. He had 15 points.

"We shot really poorly," Livonia Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said after his team dropped to 6-12.

Stevenson made just 14-of-48 field goal attempts.

Stevenson is at Canton on Friday night.

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

CHARLES ALLAN FRIETTE, Administrator of the Estate of RUTH FREER DECORDEZ, Deceased.
Petitioner.

UNKNOWN HEIRS of Ruth Freer Decordez, Deceased.
Respondents.

NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS:

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

You are required to make answer to such petition not later than the 3rd day of April, 2001, said date being at least 40 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief being sought. Any answer filed by you should be forwarded to the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, P.O. Box 18, Columbia, North Carolina 28222, and also served upon the attorney listed below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on petitioner's petition will be held in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Polk County, at the Polk County Courthouse, Columbia, North Carolina on the 30th day of April, 2001, beginning at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

This the 22nd day of February, 2001.

PHIL LEE DEGAN, Attorney
for Petitioner
Ferguson Foster
60 Walker Street, Suite F
P.O. Box 109
Columbia, NC 28222
(803) 684-3541

Published: February 22, March 1, March 8, 2001.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 13, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, February 13, 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, Burdzyk, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Machnik, Director Minghine, Mike Sheppard, Chief Rorabacher, Captain Alex Wilson, Debbie Zevalkink

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the regular meeting minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the study session minutes of the meeting held January 30, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the study session minutes of the meeting held February 6, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdzyk to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial statement table with columns for Fund, Amount, and Total. Includes categories like General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, and various sub-funds.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyk to authorize the Treasurer's Department to enter into an agreement for collecting 2001 school taxes in July 2001, as follows: 100 percent of Plymouth/Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland at a charge of \$3.55 per tax bill. Schoolcraft College is \$1.00 per tax bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyk to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide additional funding for the FY 2001 Employee Recognition Program: Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from fund balance #101-000-699-0000 \$9,921

Increase Appropriations: Employee Recognition Program #101-220-724-0000 \$9,921

This budget amendment increases the Personnel Services Division budget from \$363,545.00 to \$373,466.00, and the General Fund budget from \$19,574,053.00 to \$19,583,974.00.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution to deny the Zoning Ordinance Amendments #01-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution to approve the Rezoning request of Kime/Osborne/Archdiocese of Detroit. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt a resolution approving the Ravines Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Central Park South Temporary Sales Trailer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning request of Mark Segal (Pinetree Plaza). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyk to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning request of Robertson Brothers Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award a contract to Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. for topographic survey of the property located at 500 Ridge North Road. The survey costs are not to exceed \$8,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award a contract to Boss Engineering for engineering design services for the Canton Center Softball Complex. The costs are not to exceed \$13,100.00 from account #246-750-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 tuition for Captain Davison, Captain Grady and Captain Adams to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt a resolution approving the Canton Department of Public Safety to participate in a County Wide Computer based Live-Scan Fingerprint System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize a blanket purchase order for Tommy Hilfinger in the amount of \$26,000.00 charging \$16,000.00 to account number 211-756-722-0000, Uniforms and \$10,000.00 to account number 211-756-726-0000, Resale for Pro Shop apparel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the quote for office counter renovations for the Canton Softball Center to Accent Industries in the amount of \$5,580.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a budget transfer of \$1,580.00 from account #101-755-931-0000, Maintenance and Repair of Building to account #101-755-975-0000, Capital Outlay/Building and Improvement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid to Grand Blanc Printing for the printing of three editions of the Discover Canton Leisure Services Program guide in an amount not to exceed \$21,612.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve a 24 month lease agreement with National Equipment Leasing for three Precor C956 treadmills provided by All-Pro Exercise with two annual payments of \$6,042.20 for a total lease price of \$12,084.40 and to authorize the township clerk to sign the lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the increase of the current contract with Cityscape Architect for design of the Independence and Canton Softball Center restroom facility buildings in the amount of \$13,225.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the amendments to the Inspectors Ordinance No. 14(A). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INSPECTORS ORDINANCE NO. 14(A)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ORDINANCE INSPECTOR; TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF SAID POSITION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING LITIGATION OR PROSECUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR

The position of Ordinance Inspector is hereby established in the Charter Township of Canton.

Section 2. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF ORDINANCE INSPECTOR

1. The Ordinance Inspector is hereby authorized to enforce all ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, with the exception of Ordinances Nos. 81 and 86. The authority herein granted to the Ordinance Inspector to enforce the aforesaid ordinances shall not be exclusive, but shall be supplemental to the enforcement authority granted to any other specific office, officer or individual by any particular ordinance or statute.

2. The duties of the Ordinance Inspector shall include, but shall not be limited to the following: the investigation of violations of the aforesaid ordinances; the serving of notices of violation of the aforesaid ordinances; the issuance and service of appearance tickets in accordance with P.A. 1999 No. 76, MCL 764.9c; appearances in court or other judicial proceedings to assist in the prosecution of any ordinance violators; preparation of cases for the prosecution of violators of the aforesaid ordinances; and such other ordinance enforcement duties as may be delegated by the Township Board.

Section 3. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ORDINANCE INSPECTORS

The Township Board of Trustees is hereby authorized by resolution, at any regular meeting of said Board, to appoint any person or persons to the position of ordinance Inspector for such term or terms as may be designated in said resolution. By resolution, the township Board may without cause remove any person from said position whenever the board deems said approval is fitting and proper.

Section 4. REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

The enactment of this ordinance shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 7. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take immediate effect upon publication. All ordinances of the township heretofore adopted shall hereafter be supplemented by the terms of this ordinance.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce, table and publish for first reading the State Construction Code Administration and Enforcement Ordinance No. 149. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF STATE OF CONSTRUCTION CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 149

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR ASSUMPTION BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE (PUBLIC ACT 230 OF 1973, AS AMENDED) WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BEING DESIGNATED AS THE ENFORCING AGENCY TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON UNDER THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE; PROVIDING THAT THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, AS CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MAY ISSUE COMPLAINTS AND WARRANTS AND PROSECUTE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE WITH THE SAME POWER AND AUTHORITY AS FOR PROSECUTING LOCAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OFFICIALS AND INSPECTORS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SERVE NOTICES OF VIOLATION, APPEARANCE TICKETS AND UNIFORM LAW CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVING OF ANY PENDING LITIGATION OR CAUSES OF ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Name; State Construction Code.

This section provides that this ordinance shall be known as the Canton Township State Construction Code Administration and Enforcement ordinance.

Section 2. Administration and Enforcement; State Construction Code

This section provides that the Charter Township of Canton shall administer and enforce the State Construction Code in Canton Township.

Section 3. Enforcing Agency Designation; State Construction Code

This section provides that the building official is the enforcing agency.

Section 4. Township Attorney; State Construction Code

This section provides that the township attorney can prosecute for State Construction Code violations.

Section 5. Code Enforcement Officer; State Construction Code

This section provides that the code enforcement officials and inspectors are authorized to issue and serve tickets for State Construction Code violations.

Section 6. Retention of Fines; State Construction Code

This section provides for the retention of fines imposed for violation(s) of this ordinance and/or the State Construction Code.

Section 7. Violation and Penalty

This section provides for penalties for violations of the ordinance.

Section 8. Repeal

This section provides that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. Severability

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the ordinance.

Section 10. Savings Clause

This section provides that adoption of this ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 11. Publication

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 12. Effective Date

This section provides that this ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the repeal of the Electrical Ordinance No. 77. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE NO. 77(D)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 77; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance

The Electrical ordinance, ordinance no. 77(D), be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the ordinance is severable, and the ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading of the repeal of the Electrical Ordinance/Administrative Rules No. 2.350 - 12.354. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE NO. 77(D)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 77; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance

The Electrical ordinance, ordinance no. 77(D), be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability

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Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the repeal of the Building Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 96(A). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF BUILDING CODE ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 96(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the repeal of the Electrical Service Conductors; Placement Ordinance No. 78(C). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS; PLACEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 78(C)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONDUCTORS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 78; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance

The Electrical Servicing Conductors ordinance, ordinance no. 78(c), be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the ordinance is severable, and the ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading of the repeal of the Plumbing Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 97(A). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF PLUMBING CODE ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 97(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE PLUMBING CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, ORDINANCE NO. 97; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance

The Plumbing Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 97 be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the ordinance is severable, and the ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the repeal of the Mechanical Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 98(A). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF MECHANICAL ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 98(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE MECHANICAL ENFORCING AGENCY, ORDINANCE NO. 98; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance

The Mechanical Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 98 be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty

Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the ordinance is severable, and the ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause

the repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to introduce, table and publish for first reading the repeal of the Building Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 96(A). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF REPEAL OF BUILDING CODE ENFORCING AGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 96(A)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DETROIT BOAT SHOW

The 43rd annual Detroit Boat Show concludes today at Cobo Center, featuring more than 6,000 square feet of boating excitement. Show hours today are 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults and child under the age of 12 get in free if accompanied by an adult.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

STAYIN' ALIVE

Learn to be prepared for a wilderness emergency at this class scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. Several aspects of outdoor survival will be covered to make you unexpected stay in the woods more comfortable. For more information or to register, call 1-800-477-3178.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2001 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are now

on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 and through April 30, 2001. After May 1, 2001, the permit cost will be \$25. All senior citizens (ages 62 and older) can purchase the permit for \$15 at all times. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

grams at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.)

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the pro-

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

Publish: February 22, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept bids until 10:00 a.m., March 15, 2001, at the Office of the Clerk, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan for the following:

Housing Rehabilitation: Two (2) single-family detached homes

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

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 22, 2001

2001 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2001 @ 12:15 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, 2001 @ 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. Completed 2001 Board of Review Petitions are Necessary and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made.

The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 7, 2001 by 9:00 p.m. A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 19, 2001.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act"

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234, ext. 223.

City of Plymouth
MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN
City Assessor

Publish: February 22, 2001 and March 1 and 4, 2001

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Salem High School Auditorium Air Handler Repair. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6th, 2001 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Laura Hagan, Facilities Construction Manager at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15th, 2001. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Publish: February 22 and March 1, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton, that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessors's office by March 13, 2001. The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

Tuesday, March 6, 2001 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Organizational Meeting)
Saturday, March 10, 2001 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Walk-in Schedule)
Monday, March 12, 2001 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 13, 2001 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

For answers to questions call Star Harvat, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

Publish: February 18, 22, and 25, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE BUILDING CODE ENFORCING AGENCY, ORDINANCE NO. 96; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
Section 1. Repeal of the Ordinance
The Building Code Enforcing Agency Ordinance No. 96 be and hereby repealed.

Section 2. Violation and Penalty
Any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. Severability
If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the ordinance is severable, and the ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this ordinance.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances
All Ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause
The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance, as amended.

Section 6. Publication
The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date
This ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Adjourn
Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 9:25 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held Tuesday, February 13, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of Tuesday, February 27, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Publish: February 22, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 6	9 a.m.-Noon 2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Organizational Meeting Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 12	2 p.m.-5 p.m. 6 p.m.-9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 13	9 a.m.-Noon 2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 17, 2001.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Fire Chief up to 4:00 p.m., March 19, 2001 for the following:

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER UPGRADES FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP

Specifications are available at the Canton Fire Department and questions may be directed to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher at 734 394-5454. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: February 22 and 25, 2001

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO PURCHASE LAND

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools solicits all interested and qualified persons to submit bids for the Board's sale of approximately 27 acres of land located on the south side of Joy Road west of Beck Road.

The land description is described as: A parcel of land being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, further described as: North 1,485 feet of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, except the East 528 feet, also except the North 445 feet of the West 131 feet of the East 659 feet thereof, subject to the rights of the public over and across the North 33 feet (being the South 1/2 of Joy Road).

Any interested persons may contact Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, Director of Support Services, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at (734) 416-2960 for additional information. Offers to Purchase are due to the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2001. Offers must be in a sealed envelope marked "Offer to Purchase Land" and attention to Daniel Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Publish: February 22 and March 1, 2001

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY (Serving the Charter Townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville) LEGAL NOTICE

During a recent severe storm event, about 1.6 million gallons of highly diluted sanitary sewer was discharged from WTUA's underground equalization/storage basin to the Lower Rouge River.

- Several factors contributed to the cause of the SSO discharge, namely:
- The Lower Rouge River flooded, overtopping its banks, and storm water entered the sewer manholes through the older style manhole covers.
 - Over one (1) inch of rain fell on top of already saturated and frozen ground throughout the service area.
 - Snowmelt and rainwater inflow entered the WTUA system from houses that have the footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer system within the WTUA member communities' local sewer systems, and
 - Groundwater infiltrated into pipe joints along the older sanitary sewer throughout the service area.

Location of the SSO discharge and water course impacted
Along the Lower Rouge River, north of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty Road and I-275 in Canton Township.

Estimated rate of the SSO discharge
138,000 gallons per hour

Quality of the SSO discharge
The wastewater was highly diluted with storm water that entered the sanitary sewer systems of the WTUA member communities. Prior to the discharge, the solids were screened out and settled from the flow.

Period of the SSO discharge
Between the hours of 1:00 am and 8:30 am on Saturday, February 10th, 2001.

For more information, please contact Mr. Timothy Fias, WTUA Operations Manager, at (734) 453-2793 during normal business hours.
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Lions and Tigers and "Hey, who invited the Bears?"



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Fiorenzi from page D1

Her team-first instruction was further developed while playing for Bob Blohm at Canton HS. What she learned from both coaches, she quickly admits, was instrumental in how she plays today.

So while the individual honors are gratifying, it's the success Madonna has enjoyed that has delighted Fiorenzi most.

She has been a major part of that success. The 5-foot-10 forward has enjoyed her best season as a Crusader, averaging 15.2 points while making 46.3 percent of her floor shots. She leads Madonna in rebounding (6.5 per game) and has scored just one point less over the entire season than Panganis (411 to 410).

Still, it's team goals and accomplishments that Fiorenzi would rather talk about — even when asked a direct question, like what has allowed her to improve her game dramatically (she averaged 10.9 points and 7.3 rebounds, shooting 40 percent from the floor, last season).

"Experience has a lot to do with it," she said. "And I'm on a good team. Definitely, having (Panganis) back made a big difference."

Panganis suffered a season-ending knee injury in the fourth game last year (she was red-shirted), taking a big chunk out of Madonna's offense. Having her on the floor this season has allowed Fiorenzi more freedom, and Fiorenzi has taken advantage of it. The two have been together throughout their college careers, both having played at Henry Ford CC as freshmen.

"We have a lot of experience on this team," said Panganis. "We have five seniors and we're all so close. That's a big part of it — that and the hard work."

Despite their strong showing in the WHAC (11-3), the Crusaders' season hardly looked like an overwhelming success in its early stages. They entered the conference season with a 5-8 record.

"We played a lot of nationally-ranked teams in the pre-conference season," explained Fiorenzi. "Once we got going in the

WHAC season, we didn't hold anything back.

"We're better when we're more aggressive. I think we were a bit tentative at the beginning of the season."

They aren't any longer, which has hopes running high that by next week, the Crusaders will be planning a trip to the NAIA Tournament.

But first things first. Madonna has a couple of games left in the WHAC Tournament before any reservations can be booked.

Fiorenzi knows it. She knows

she wants to drag her final season of college basketball on as long as possible. "I don't want it to end," she said. "I want to make it to nationals and then win nationals."

She pauses, and quickly adds, "But we have to take it one game at a time."

So, on second thought, maybe we should put a hold on those dream-ending pinches. One loss and Madonna's season is over, and there's no reason to burst that bubble yet.

Volleyball from page D1

them more points than they took away from us. We have to play smarter volleyball than that."

One of Canton's usual strengths is its serving. It wasn't on this night. Anderson estimated a total of 10 service errors in the two games.

Salem clinches 1st

Plymouth Salem secured the WLAA regular-season championship Monday with an easy 15-4, 15-3 victory over Livonia Franklin at Salem.

The Rocks, 10-1 in conference

matches, improved to 26-7 overall. They will be seeded No. 1 in Saturday's WLAA Tournament, hosted by Walled Lake Central — the only conference team to beat Salem this season in conference play.

Katie Good paced Salem, collecting 10 kills (a .643 kill percentage) and five service aces. Mary Lou Liebau added six kills (.500) and a team-best four digs, and Jill Dombrowski had three kills (.750), two aces, 17 set assists and three digs.

Hoop page D1

sports it has competed in this year.

Panganis led the Crusaders with 17 points and 10 rebounds; she hit 8-of-13 shots from the floor. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) finished with 14 points, six boards and two steals (6-of-9 from the field), and Gizicki and Michelle Miela each had eight points and four assists; Gizicki also made five steals.

The Saints did not have a double-figure scorer. They were led by Renee Bolitho with nine points and three steals. Julie Murray contributed six points and 13 rebounds.

A 9-3 run that ended with 6:15 left in the first half enabled Aquinas to trim Madonna's seven-point lead to one (22-21). However, Miela nailed a three-pointer and Lori Enfield scored six as the Crusaders finished the half with a 12-2 spurt, giving them a 34-23 halftime lead. The point spread was never less than 10 in the second half, even with the Saints scoring the game's last nine points.

Shooting was the key statistical difference in the game. Madonna made 26-of-62 from the floor (41.9 percent); Aquinas was 19-of-59 (32.2 percent).

SC 100, Macomb 43: The good news for Schoolcraft College's Lady Ocelots wasn't so much what happened at SC against woeful Macomb Saturday. It was what happened about 100 miles to the north.

That's where Delta CC, one game ahead of SC in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference standings, was hosting Flint Mott CC, one game behind SC. Mott pulled off the upset victory, allowing the Ocelots to move into a tie for first.

SC is 20-4 overall, 13-2 in the conference. Macomb fell to 4-20 overall, 3-13 in the conference.

The Monarchs weren't much trouble for SC, which had four players reach double figures in scoring and everybody contribute. Janelle Olson paced the Ocelots with 19 points; Shafawnda Smelley added 14, Devin Francois had 13 and seven rebounds and Erin Torrence contributed 11. Angelica Blakely totaled six points, eight boards and four assists, and Keysa Hamilton grabbed seven rebounds.

Jackie Sills led Macomb with 12 points.

Whalers D1

Chad Wiseman made it 2-0 with a power-play goal scored with just 11 seconds left in the first period; Weiss and Preston Mizzi assisted.

It stayed that way until the puck bounced into the Whaler net off Weiss in the third (Charlie Stephens got credit for it). The Storm didn't help themselves much; they drew four-straight penalties in the final period. The Whalers did not draw a penalty in the third.



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ROBERT M. MEISNER

I built a house on my property, but it turns out that the house straddled the property line with my neighbor.

I have also used additional land - which the neighbor now disputes that I own - for parking in the side yard, and I placed a culvert and a gully on the disputed land.

I have mowed the grass up to the gully for 18 years. Now my neighbor is in the process of selling his property and tells me to get out and stop mowing.

I've cared for this property for 18 years, and now he wants me to act as if I was merely doing him a favor.

Do I have any recourse?

It would appear that you can get title to the land you have cared for so long.

In a quiet title action, you should be able to establish that your neighbor acquiesced to the boundary line. And you probably have established title to the disputed land through acquiescence and, in effect, adverse possession.

The neighbor apparently did not contest your use of the property and may now have been deemed to have waived his right to assert any defense to your claim to title to that property.

This is a good lesson for all property owners: If you never contest someone else's using your property, that person can eventually take it away from you. You must publicly indicate that the land you own is yours.

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HOME SEEKER'S CHECK LIST

- SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- LEAD DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (REQUIRED BY LAW)
- HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
- SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS STOPS)
- AGE OF MAJOR MECHANICAL/STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS (FURNACE, WATER HEATER, SHINGLES, WINDOWS, ETC.)
- APPLIANCES INCLUDED?
- PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
- MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVIDED (TRASH COLLECTION, LEAF PICK-UP, SNOW REMOVAL, LIBRARY)
- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES



Balance: Offices, factories and stores contribute substantially to the tax base and quality of life, commercial Realtors maintain.

Building helps communities

BY DOUG FUNKE
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It's about taxes, services and quality of life, yet few people give it much thought, commercial Realtors say.

Ordinary folks like Larry Livonia, Sally Southfield and Ollie Oxford ordinarily don't consider how office, retail and industrial development affects their lives.

When they do, the thoughts aren't always pleasant. Residents have been known to complain - vociferously at times - about traffic, noise and loss of open spaces as commercial activity advances toward them.

But plenty of benefits also flow from non-residential construction.

"Most people don't realize in most communities that the commercial tax base supports services," said David N. McNabney, a commercial Realtor in Bloomfield Hills.

"High-tech and offices typically pay taxes at a great rate way over the (municipal) services they demand. Offices and industrial put more taxes in than they take out," he said.

The commercial/industrial tax base reaches 61 percent in Southfield, 50 percent in Troy, 35 percent in Farmington Hills, 28 percent in Livonia and 21 percent in Canton.

Commercial/industrial property owners generally also pay at a higher tax rate than homeowners.

Jerome L. Reiss, a commercial real estate consultant in West Bloomfield, picks up on McNabney's theme. "Without commercial, if residents want better police and fire services, taxes will climb out of reach," he said.

Tax base builder

"If it were all residential, in most metro communities, they wouldn't have the tax base to provide the services they need," echoed Geoffrey S. Hill, senior vice president with Grubb and

Ellis, Southfield.

It's a simple equation. Less commercial means residential would pay more taxes or do with fewer services, said Sherron-Schultz, Livonia assessor.

But that's not always an intuitive or common perception.

"People here might know taxes are lower because they're fortunate to have a good industrial/commercial tax base," Schultz said. "I suppose if I weren't in this line of work, I probably wouldn't think of it often."

Dean Babb, Farmington Hills assessor, offers another alternative to little or no commercial - lots of pricey homes. West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills are examples. But then a community tends to lose economic diversity.

There are other benefits to a healthy commercial environment, Realtors say.

"When you see the growth of new office buildings in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and the I-275 corridor, it also means new residential will be built providing people with some good (housing) choices," said Steven L. Morris, president of GVA Strategis in Southfield.

Then there's the job aspect - first construction jobs building commercial, then the jobs provided by the operations of the commercial/industrial enterprises, themselves.

"People at lunchtime will support restaurants and on the way home will buy something," Morris said.

Quality of life

It's a quality of life thing, too, commercial Realtors say. Few folks maintain totally self-sufficiency today.

"Where do they go to shop? Where do they go to work? Where do they see the doctor?" McNabney asks.

Robert J. Pliska, president of Property Services Group, Birmingham, used the word "vitality" to describe what commercial development means to

work and play.

"You live better, you feel better," Pliska said. "Detroit has been blessed the last 10 years or so with good development going in, great renovations."

New stadiums and improvements to Orchestra Hall and the Detroit Institute of Arts add to a quality of life, Pliska added.

"The reality is when you give people a fresh, new space to work in, they're definitely more productive," said Joe Lozowski, president of University Business Interiors in Farmington Hills.

"They're happier, satisfied, feel more secure... tools are better, they're proud of the place they work. That has a lot to do with it," Lozowski said.

Office, commercial's future

The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors projects a good year for industrial, adequate for office.

On industrial:

"Detroit's absorption level should remain as steady as in 2000, with high tech/R&D seeing gains in the key market indicators of sales prices, lease rates and absorption," SIOR reports.

Vacancy rates were just under 5 percent in the suburbs, about 10 1/2 percent in the city.

On office:

"With beginning signs of an economic slowdown in 2001, the most notable indicator being decreasing auto sales, building owners will be challenged to fill the remaining vacancy in new buildings and hold on to existing tenants who want to downsize," SIOR reports.

Rental rates are expected to increase 1-5 percent, but SIOR adds, "tenant improvement allowances may increase," and "if the economy really stalls, rent concessions could return."

Rental rates last year neared \$30 per square foot in the newer, luxury buildings in the suburbs and Detroit's central business district, SIOR reports.

Right tool for mortgage is expertise

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM "TIMBO" PHILLIPS

Last year, my next-door neighbor, Kevin, admonished me for using an ineffective tool for a backyard tree trimming job. "Don't make yourself crazy," he said as he handed me a huge pair of limb loppers. With his expertise and the right tool, I finished my pruning job in minimal time.

As a loan officer, I frequently get calls

from borrowers seeking some newfangled mortgage product designed to help them accomplish some objective.

Just like me trimming my trees, borrowers sometimes use the wrong mortgage tool for their situation. For whatever reason, they choose an inefficient loan product, one that wastes their money.

One type of mortgage that is often misused is the adjustable-rate mortgage. Many borrowers think they are able to buy more home for their money because of an ARM's lower "introductory" rate. But lenders usually use a higher interest rate to qualify ARM borrowers, thus nullifying any real borrowing advantage.

Another often misused tool is the "discount point". Savvy borrowers use discount points to lower the mortgage interest rate. Such points may be a good idea if you are sure you will stay in this home for more than five years.

Readers in their golden years should be cautious of "reverse mortgages." Reverse mortgages allow homeowners with high equity to increase their monthly cash flow by allowing them to borrow against their equity.

While conceptually a wonderful tool, reverse mortgage programs may not be the best tool to generate extra cash.

Buyers should carefully study bi-weekly mortgage options before signing. Increasing your payment frequency is good in the long term, but high administrative fees may negate most of your gain. Be sure that the lender immediately applies payments to your principal. An alternative to semi-monthly loans is to stick with a monthly payment schedule and pay a few hundred dollars every month.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tin.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbo@tin.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

State updates its condominium law

BY ROBERT MEISNER
 SPECIAL WRITER

Part I
 Significant changes to the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978 took effect Jan. 2. Until this year, few changes had been made to the act.

This article is not intended to be a comprehensive discussion of the amendments but rather to summarize the changes of importance to associations and co-owners.

Land contract buyers and sellers of units are now considered co-owners. Land contract buyers and sellers are liable under the act and the condominium documents, unless the documents provide otherwise.

A condo association may now sue a land contract buyer, a seller of a unit or

both. Associations should have their condominium documents reviewed by an attorney familiar with condominium law to ensure that they can take full advantage of this change.

The condo act had allowed a co-owner to make modifications to his unit for disabled persons living in the unit. This now includes a disabled person who visits regularly.

If a co-owner leases a unit that was modified, an association cannot remove the alteration if the co-owner will return within 12 months.

The act previously provided that a modification could remain on a unit that was leased, if the new resident was disabled or had a close relative who was disabled. Now the modification may remain if a disabled person

lives with the co-owner.

The co-owner is must have liability insurance to cover an exterior modification. However, the association may not be named as an additional insured.

Associations now must handle maintenance, repair and replacement of the modification only to the extent it does for the unmodified unit. The co-owner pays any difference.

By-laws must now provide for the arbitration of disputes, claims and grievances arising out of disputes between co-owners and the interpretation of the condominium documents.

The parties must consent in writing to submit the dispute to arbitration. If they elect arbitration, they may not go to courts. If the parties don't elect arbitration, they are free to go to court.

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COLUMBUS	132,300	+3.4%
CHICAGO	178,600	+3.2%
ST. LOUIS	112,000	+3.0%

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46490 Aarons Way \$239,000	1214 Heritage Dr \$162,000	44523 Savery Dr \$128,000	27471 Sheridan St \$133,000	29694 Edward Pl \$215,000	14676 Stonehouse Ave \$164,000	9421 Marlowe Ave \$143,000	15534 Due \$90,000	25929 Student \$124,000
43326 Barchester Rd \$155,000	1197 High Ridge Dr \$225,000	44535 Savery Dr \$117,000	31742 Sheridan St \$54,000	14826 Ellen Dr \$175,000	16535 Surrey St \$232,000	261 N Hill St \$117,000	9991 Farley \$119,000	11424 Virgil \$110,000
41643 Bedford Dr \$140,000	45105 Horseshoe Cir \$167,000	44781 Seabrook Dr \$315,000	31742 Sheridan St \$124,000	32995 Fargo St \$72,000	14268 Susanna St \$205,000	1530 Hantucket Rd \$150,000	9573 Fenton \$122,000	15934 Wakenden \$125,000
42618 Boulden Ct \$209,000	41627 Hunters Cir W \$152,000	460 Sheffield Ct \$227,000	15459 Alpine Dr \$238,000	8978 Frederick St \$141,000	37057 Weymouth Dr \$445,000	8639 Herthorn Ave \$155,000	26221 Grand River Ave \$80,000	15384 Wormer \$97,000
2069 Branfield St \$166,000	3871 Hunters Way Ct \$147,000	47720 Torrington Dr N \$446,000	19648 Angling St \$142,000	14448 Garden St \$175,000	18979 Whitby St \$239,000	12528 Pinecrest Dr \$212,000	10029 Hazelton \$105,000	34035 Artec Dr \$145,000
7701 Burgandy St \$207,000	41951 Hystone St \$163,000	356 Torrington Dr W \$360,000	14148 Arcola St \$320,000	39602 Harrell St \$141,000	35421 Wood St \$239,000	46487 Pointe King \$175,000	11302 Hazelton \$117,000	6912 Bison St \$150,000
7234 Chichester Rd \$187,000	45299 Indian Crk \$187,000	1860 Wentworth Ct \$320,000	18730 Bainsbridge Ave \$263,000	33907 Hathaway St \$205,000	235 Adams St \$210,000	13165 Portamouth King \$305,000	14822 Inkster Rd \$121,000	35785 Castwood Ct \$119,000
43208 Devon Ln \$187,000	7012 Kennesaw Rd \$406,000	969 Whittier Dr \$220,000	9901 Bassett St \$170,000	15368 Mt. St \$210,000	250 Auburn St \$210,000	13969 Tall Timbers Ct \$369,000	24300 Joy Rd \$150,000	7527 Cavell St \$130,000
42104 Echo Forest Dr \$301,000	44920 Lemont Rd \$221,000	2371 Woodgreen Ct \$275,000	14920 Bassett St \$170,000	15068 Houghton St \$185,000	9265 Ball St \$260,000	9424 Timberline Ct \$350,000	17710 Lennane \$115,000	7030 Deerpark Dr \$156,000
1485 Fairfax Dr \$202,000	42719 Lilley Pointe Dr \$115,000	6739 Woodmere Dr \$275,000	15160 Berwick St \$148,000	28846 Joy Rd \$91,000	39672 Birchwood Dr \$193,000	51273 W Hills Dr \$345,000	11339 Lenore \$128,000	34895 Donnelly St \$137,000
40021 Finley Dr \$210,000	42740 Lilley Pointe Dr \$118,000	961 Arcola St \$125,000	9814 Blackburn St \$199,000	9107 Louise St \$119,000	155 Blunk St \$200,000	8931 Whittiesay LakDr \$220,000	11410 Lenore \$150,000	37593 Garden Ct \$126,000
47441 Fox Run Dr \$305,000	42816 Lilley Pointe Dr \$118,000	1828 Arcola St \$112,000	15989 Blue Skies Dr \$314,000	9814 Loveland St \$146,000	9115 Briarwood Dr \$180,000	8925 Arnold \$142,000	9226 Louis \$174,000	7571 Gilman St \$168,000
46274 Guntery Dr \$272,000	43525 Lotus Dr \$215,000	29644 Barton St \$132,000	18755 Blue Skies St \$190,000	31111 Mayville St \$223,000	11781 Chandler Dr \$448,000	14892 Aubrey \$106,000	15412 Notborne \$127,000	7885 Hugh St \$165,000
	48958 Martell Ct \$369,000	5841 Cardwell St \$103,000	27770 Bobich St \$152,000	36256 Meadow Brk \$182,000	12173 Chandler Dr \$345,000	12908 Brady \$146,000	19149 Olympia \$30,000	7330 Iroquois St \$152,000
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	47335 Noringate Dr \$252,000	7029 Deering St \$130,000	9815 Brook Flt \$178,000	18555 Norwich Rd \$139,000	50875 Cheswick Ct \$295,000	18698 Centralia \$73,000	19709 Poinciana \$63,000	8254 Milburn St \$125,000
	48142 Red Run \$355,000	33644 Donnelly St \$150,000	11422 Cardwell St \$125,000	16971 Oporto St \$192,000	48011 Colony Farms Cir \$192,000	9327 Columbia \$138,000	11347 Riverdale \$102,000	8265 Milburn St \$125,000
	42976 Roundtable \$201,000	29453 Florence St \$95,000	17180 Catherine Ct \$277,000	30160 Orangeflam St \$135,000	11635 E Hills Dr \$390,000	14550 Crosley \$133,000	9045 Riverview \$115,000	33297 Mill Race Cr \$163,000
	42978 RyeGate St \$217,000	30907 Florence St \$125,000	28447 Cleveland St \$137,000	9731 Park Ave \$165,000	12103 E Hills Dr \$339,000	15054 Delaware Ave \$170,000	9045 Riverview \$124,000	5919 N Harvey St \$128,000
	44144 Satz Rd \$146,000	210 Hubbard St \$107,000	14953 Country Club Dr \$173,000	16448 Riverside Dr \$246,000	10141 Ecks Rd \$192,000	16508 Delaware Ave \$123,000	13969 Royal Grand \$153,000	7142 Princeton Ct \$125,000
	33531 Kathryn St \$137,000	10020 Deering St \$144,000	17933 Deering St \$195,000	9900 Roseland St \$105,000	14903 Farm Brook \$168,000	18441 Delaware Ave \$103,000	12861 Sarasota \$149,000	34327 Sheridan St \$110,000
	30644 Pardo St \$103,000	19910 Dennis St \$146,000	14241 Dorris St \$225,000	11200 Stank Rd \$160,000	9241 Mapletree Dr \$260,000	17366 Denby \$115,000	26223 Southwstm Hwy \$97,000	33297 Winchester St \$141,000
	44467 Savery Dr \$96,000	30120 Rush St \$120,000				18840 Denby \$83,000	25550 Student \$58,000	33836 Yuma St \$141,000

Program designed to help prospective home buyers

The American Homeowners Foundation has expanded its Buyers Power program, which puts home buyers on an equal footing with sellers when they buy a home.

Home buyers can be at a disadvantage in a process that includes confusing laws, strange legal terms, procedures and processes.

The program is free and includes a copy of the foundation's home buyers book, personalized home buyer counseling, and a real estate buyers agent screening service.

Participating home buyers receive a free copy of the foundation's book, The Complete Home Buyers Guide. The 151-page guide to the home-buying process explains how to analyze your housing needs and how to conduct a successful home search.

It contains charts and work sheets to help buyers rank priorities and determine how much

they can afford. Also available for \$12.95 in bookstores and on the foundation's Web site, the book provides tips on negotiating and contains mortgage rate charts and a glossary of real estate terms.

The foundation recommends that homeowners work with exclusive buyers agents whenever possible. A buyers agent contractually represents the buyer in the same manner as a traditional real estate agent represents the seller. An exclusive buyers agent owes 100-percent loyalty to the buyer and never represents home sellers.

They are unbiased and can help the buyer find the right home and get the lowest price and best terms.

A relative newcomer

Buyer agent specialist companies are a fairly recent phenomenon and make up only a small fraction of real estate offices. Until now there has been

The program is free and includes a copy of the foundation's home buyers book, personalized home buyer counseling, and a real estate buyers agent screening service.

An important part of the program is free counseling for home buyers. During the free counseling session, the Buyers Power counselor will answer any questions the buyer may have about the process and provide background on the companies that provide buyer representation in their area.

Chose any agent

Buyers are encouraged to choose their agent rather than allow the agent to choose them. If the buyer is still interested after the initial consultation, the Buyers Power program will arrange a brief no-obligation telephone interview with any broker that may be of interest.

The program will also coordinate face-to-face interviews with qualified exclusive buyers

agents in their area. (If buyers prefer they may initiate the contact.)

The program adheres to the foundation's privacy policy - the American Homeowners Foundation does not divulge any information about any home buyer or home owner to any company without their express permission.

The service is free. There is no obligation to buyers. Buyers Power will identify a compatible exclusive buyers agent if one is available in the buyer's area.

The buyer will decide whether to work with them ... or not. If they do, the buyer will have the confidence that they are working with someone who has excellent credentials and who will work for them 100 percent of the time.

To get started, interested buyers should e-mail buyerspower@americanhomeowners.org, call the foundation at (800) 489-7776 or visit the foundation's Web site

(www.americanhomeowners.org).

About the association

Established in 1984, the American Homeowners Foundation is the nation's independent education and research nonprofit consumer group. It serves the nation's 70 million homeowners and millions of prospective homeowners.

AHF is dedicated to helping them make the wisest and most well informed decisions regarding what for most Americans is their single greatest financial investment.

AHF is partnering in this program with SkyFor Inc.'s SmartHomeSearch program. Over the past six years, SkyFor organized the nation's oldest and largest network of exclusive real estate buyers agents and developed a national award-winning consumer inquiry program for prospective home buyers.

Chamber comes out in favor of land-use reform principles

The Detroit Regional Chamber Board of Directors supported a set of land-use reform principles that will guide the organization on future land-use policy issues and also serve as an educational tool for members and public sector partners.

"We understand that growth is inevitable," said

Richard E. Blouse Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber president and CEO "But with that growth come environmental concerns, long-term impacts and infrastructure issues that need to be addressed. The chamber is committed to abiding by responsible land-use practices."

The principles include support for:

- Continued relief zones in distressed urban areas (Empowerment, Renaissance, Enterprise, etc.).
- Brownfield redevelopment policies and tax policies that encourage and provide financial incentives for clean up and re-use of urban lands.
- Decisions to pro-

vide high priority to government spending on infrastructure services in developed areas including utilities, sewer and transportation.

Public policy that encourages continued farming of agricultural lands.

The chamber also expressed a strong commitment to encourage recycling and to conserve natural resources.

"The chamber is working to

foster a regional view among state, city and county municipalities for managing land use," said Blouse. "These principles will serve as a framework for establishing future policies, programs and practices."

The Detroit Regional Chamber, an organization of more than 13,000 members across the 10-county region, is committed to powering the economy for Southeast Michigan.

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BUY HOME CLASS

Standard Federal Bank and Westland Housing and Community Development host a free seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland.

Topics include defining home and neighborhood checklist, credit reports, setting a housing budget and the mortgage application process.

To register, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 28812.

SELL HOME CLASS

Teri Ciucci, senior mortgage specialist with Approved Mortgages, sponsors a free for sale by owner seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Weight Watcher Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

For reservations, call (734) 414-0805.

CAREER SEMINAR

Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke presents a free real estate career seminar 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 and March 14, at its Plymouth office, 500 S. Main.

Topics include licensing requirements and training programs.

To register, call Pat Stokes at (734) 455-6000.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, and her financial services team present a free class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia.

Presenters include Tom

Daigle, Flagstar Bank; Craig Lee, Home Team Inspection; David Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Michael Rich, attorney; and April Wolters, financial planner.

To register, call (734) 420-9600.

CAI CONFERENCE

The Michigan Chapter of Community Associations Institute presents its annual conference and trade show Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at the Livonia Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia.

Theme: Lead to Succeed. The conference is aimed toward condominium association board members, homeowners associations and professionals who provide services to associations.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 737-5581.

MORTGAGE SEMINAR

The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association presents a seminar on boosting business, "Loan Origination 2001," 1-4 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers, with discounts available for six or more registrants from the same company.

For reservations, call Joanne Misuraca at (248) 356-6857.

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE

Independence Village of Plymouth, a deluxe retirement community, has broken ground for 12, two-bedroom, villa-style apartments and a one-bedroom apartment.

Residency is expected by late spring.

NOVA AWARDS

The Construction Innovation Forum hosts its annual Nova Awards dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The awards honor quality and cost improvements in the construction industry.

Speaker: W. Michael Hawes,

deputy associate administrator, NASA, on "Construction of the International Space Station." Cost is \$200. For reservations, call (734) 995-1855.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Sculptor Helen Escobedo gives a free lecture, "Ephemeral versus the Permanent," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, in the college of architecture auditorium at Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

Call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880 for information.

BUILDERS SHOW

The 83rd annual GMC Builders Home & Garden Show runs Thursday-Sunday, March 22-25, at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center, Detroit.

Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children 6-12.

Parking is available for an additional charge.

GARDE AWARDS

The Great Lakes Construction Alliance is looking for nominations for the sixth annual Gender And Race Diversification Excellence Awards for promoting racial and gender diversity in the construction workforce.

Forms are available from Deborah Hamilton at the National Center for Dispute Settlement at (248) 356-0870 or e-mail at ncddes@aol.com. Nominations are due by March 30.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly-owned company based in San Diego, has

a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated 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 Children" 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.

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Home price gains healthy in most metropolitan areas

Median existing-home prices are increasing at healthy rates in most metropolitan areas, according to the latest quarterly survey by National Association of Realtors.

The association's fourth-quarter metro area home price report, covering changes in 121 metropolitan statistical areas, shows 34 areas with double-digit annual increases in median existing-home prices and only 11 areas posting generally modest price declines. The majority of areas show gains well above the overall rate of inflation, which was at a 2.4-percent annualized rate in the fourth quarter.

The national median existing-home price was \$139,600 during the fourth quarter, up 4.9 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999, when the median price was \$133,100. The median is the midpoint, which is a typical market price where roughly half of the units sold for more and half sold for less.

Most markets are showing a better balance between buyers and sellers, said NAR President Richard A. Mendenhall. "There are still quite a few hot markets with rapidly rising prices, but for most people in most areas, there is a better balance now between supply and demand," he said.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, described the market as healthy. "With some notable exceptions, we're seeing market conditions that are much better for home buyers. We aren't seeing many multiple-bid situations and offers over the asking price - we're into a more normal market situation, although inventory levels are slightly below normal," he said.

The strongest price increase was in the San Francisco Bay area, where the fourth quarter price of \$470,200 rose 27.5 percent from a year earlier.

Median fourth-quarter metro resale prices ranged from \$78,100 in Buffalo-Niagara Falls, to more than six times that amount in the San Francisco Bay area. The second most expensive area in the U.S. was Boston, at \$329,500, followed by Anaheim-Santa Ana at \$323,300.


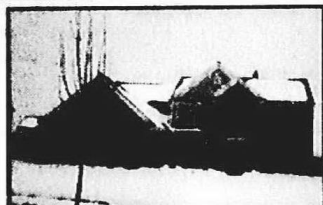


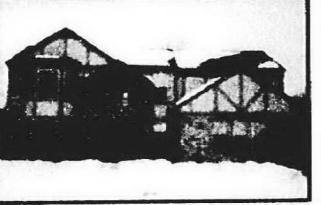
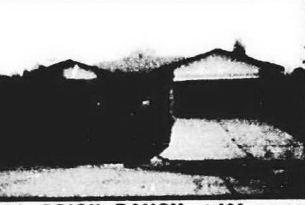



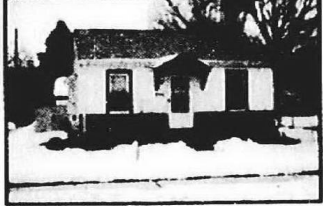



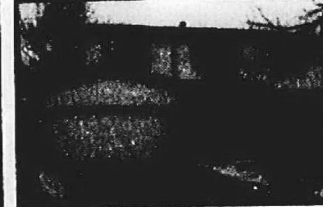
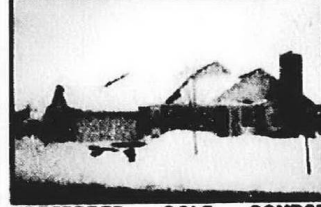




Regionally, in the Midwest, the fourth-quarter median existing-home price of \$128,400 was 7.5 percent higher than the same period in 1999. The strongest increase in the Midwest was in Appleton, Wis., where the median price of \$106,600 was 17.7 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 1999. Next was Akron, Ohio, at \$112,800 in the fourth quarter, up 11.9 percent in the last year. This was followed by Lincoln, Neb., where the median price of \$112,700 was 11.1 percent higher than the same quarter a year ago, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with a median price of \$117,600, up 10.9 percent from a year earlier.

The strongest increase was in the South where the median existing-home price of \$131,700 rose 9.1 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999. The strongest increase in the region was in Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, where the median price of \$116,300 was 14.8 percent higher than a year earlier.

The median resale price in the West was \$186,100 during the fourth quarter, up 7.2 percent from a year ago. After San Francisco and San Diego, the next highest increase in the region was in Denver, where the fourth-quarter median price of \$205,100 rose 16.8 percent from a year earlier. Anaheim-Santa Ana, at \$323,300, was up 14.4 percent from the fourth quarter of 1999.

The median resale price in the Northeast during the fourth quarter was \$140,500, rising 3.0 percent from a year earlier.

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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.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Betty Bjarnesen, a Realtor with Keller Williams in Livonia, has been named member of the Year by the Western Wayne/Oakland County Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors



Bjarnesen

Bjarnesen (Betty B) has 13 years of professional experience and lives in Livonia.

Joseph R. Murphy is the new chairman of the Construction Association of Michigan, a trade group of contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and vendors headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.



Murphy

He's vice president of sales and marketing for Current Solutions in Troy.

Murphy, with 35 years in the business, lives in Rochester Hills.

Other CAM officers are **Myrt Hagood**, H.B. Contracting Services, vice-chairman; **Roger W. Knoll**, Fire Control Inc., vice-chairman; **Bruce M. Pregler**, Facca, Richter & Pregler, treasurer; and **Curt E. Hacias**, president.

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Rigid cabin is economical, sturdy

Building your own cabin is the most satisfying and affordable way to become the owner of a vacation home. For do-it-yourselfers who'd like a hand-crafted weekend retreat, here's a strong and economical rigid frame cabin project that's been popular for many years.

The secret of the cabin's strength lies in its "rigid frames," which depend on the principle of the arch and provide a wide, clear living space without interior posts. A Winnipeg man who built this cabin several years ago wrote to report that during a heavy snowfall, 15 nearby cottages collapsed under the weight of three feet of rooftop snow. His cabin, he said, "didn't even budge."

For the standard cabin (20 feet by 24 feet, plus a 6-foot-deep covered deck), 13 arch-like rigid frames are used. The cabin can be lengthened by adding more frames, and windows are built into the end walls.

Doing the work yourself or with a few friends, of course, saves contractor and labor costs. And although it's essential to use high-quality lumber and plywood, the required materials are standard and are stocked in nearly every lumber yard.



The Rigid-Frame Cabin plan, No. 370, is \$9.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with 14 photos, large construction diagrams and a complete shopping list and cutting schedule. Before beginning work, do-it-yourselfers should be sure to review local building codes. To order by mail, clip this article and send it with a check or money order to U-Bild Features, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, P.O. Box 2383, Van Nuys, CA 91409.

Scott E. Elliott, CCIM, SIOR, joins Trammell Crow Co., a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, as senior vice president corporate advisory services.

Elliott is a Certified Commercial Investment Manager and Society of Industrial and Office Realtor. He lives in Farmington Hills.

Renea Butler, vice president of administration and human resources for Real Estate One, headquartered in Farmington Hills, recently earned certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources.

Kenneth Ebaugh joined Metrobank as mortgage representative at the 12 Mile-Arboretum Office in Farmington Hills. Ebaugh will be responsible for obtaining residential mortgages for the bank. Prior to joining Metrobank, he served as a mortgage representative for Flagstar Bank in Clinton Township.

Rates going up
30-year and 15-year loan rates higher

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages edged up this week, while one-year adjustable-rate mortgages declined.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 7.01 percent, up from 6.98 percent last week, according to a survey released Thursday by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 8.38 percent and was rising. In mid-May, rates on 30-year mortgages hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rose to 6.61 percent last week, up from 6.60 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 8.00 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.40 percent, compared with 6.45 percent the week before. Last year, one-year ARMs averaged 6.77.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

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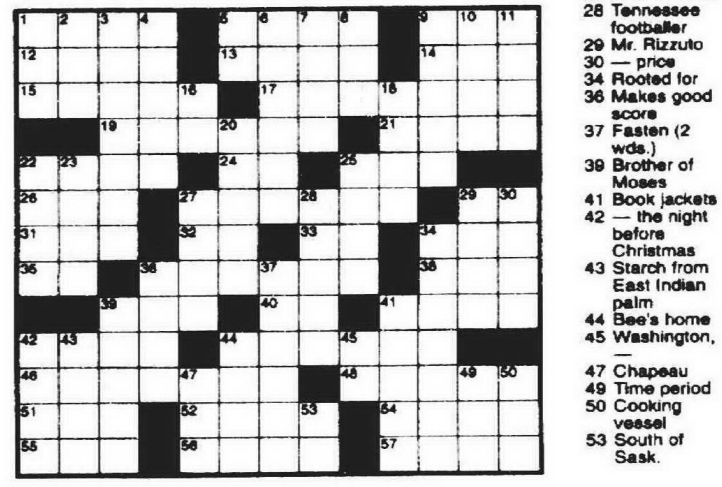
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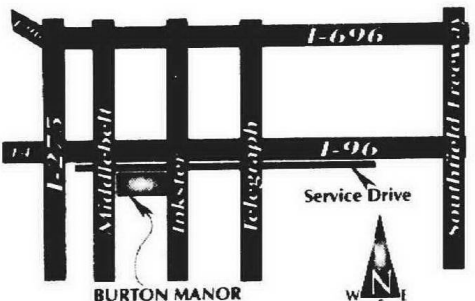
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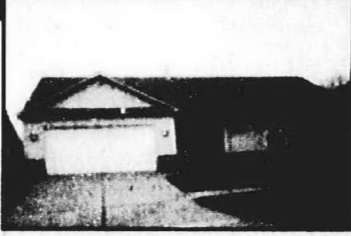
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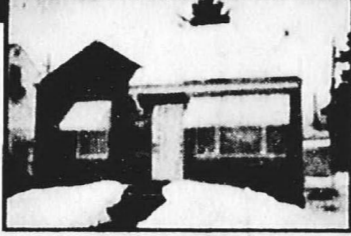
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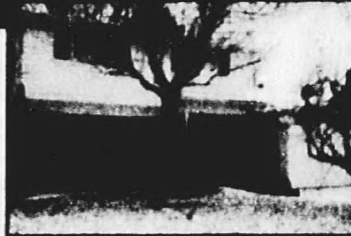
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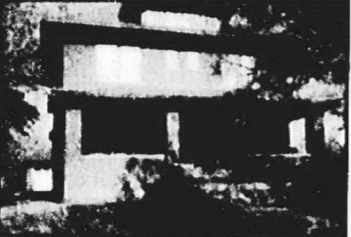
STUNNING 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA townhouse that shows like a model. Neutral decor thru-out featuring ceramic tile foyer, large kitchen w/new vinyl floor, sink & fixture. Kitchen appliances, newer windows & doorwall leading to private patio. Beautiful finished basement. \$174,900 (26GLA) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA RANCH. Beautiful spacious & meticulously maintained brick home in Livonia. Stevenson schools area. All the bells & whistles here. Open floor plan. Family room w/fireplace. 2 bath updated. Kitchen with hickory cabinets. Finished basement oversized garage. \$199,900 (26LOV) 248-349-5600



SMILE, YOU FOUND IT... Well maintained colonial located walking distance to schools and town of Northville. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Great family neighborhood. Private fenced backyard that is nicely landscaped. \$235,000 (92ELY) 248-349-5600



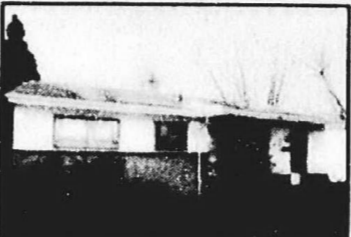
VINTAGE COLONIAL! Worth seeing! Well kept home in Boston-Edison features. Newer: furnace, block windows, natural woodwork. Huge finished 3rd level-used as master bedroom with walk-in closet. Beautiful oak front door. \$149,900 (10ATK) 734-455-5600



POSITIVELY PLYMOUTH! Two blocks from Kellogg Park. Sunroom, newer entry door, windows & roof. Updated kitchen with maple cabinets. Family room with sky lights. Formal dining, third bedroom. Mechanics dream garage 30x22! Perennial garden, newer landscape. \$189,500 (48HAR) 734-455-5600



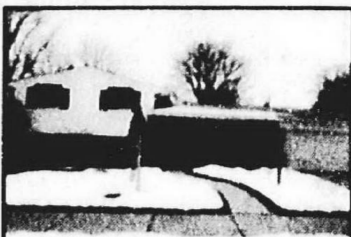
LOCATION! LOCATION! 2 blocks from Downtown Plymouth! Rare private treed deep lot! Spacious LR & DR w/bay window. Remodeled kitchen w/newer cabinets, master BR w/WIC. Updated 1/2 BA. FR opens to brick patio. Perennials & garden house! \$259,000 (22SHE) 734-455-5600



WANT A FIXER-UPPER? This could be your big break. 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement and a 2 car garage. Newer furnace and C/A. Immediate occupancy. Better hurry folks, this one's going fast! \$119,500 (77BRI) 248-349-5600



BROOKLAND FARMS RANCH. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room w/fireplace, family room w/bow window, dining room, 1st floor laundry, large kitchen. Beautiful setting on large lot. 2 car side entry garage. Northville schools. \$229,000 (64CHE) 248-349-5600



HONEY-STOP THE CAR!! This is it! Gorgeous 3 bedroom brick home in prime sub on a super lot. Totally updated thru-out: windows, flooring, kitchen & baths, exterior, too. Florida room, security system & sprinklers. \$214,999 (53FAI) 248-349-5600



LARGE MASTER BR! 5 BR Lots of sq. footage & loads of storage. Huge garage. Basement, newer furnace & A/C-Industrial size. Newer vinyl windows-bow window in living room. \$175,000 (46AVO) 734-455-5600



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH/PRIVATE COURT! Very appealing 3 BR. New kitchen w/maple cabinets, 1998 + windows. Many updates: electrical, paint, carpet, C/A, 1 1/2 baths. Refinished hardwood floors, home warranty. \$184,900 (50HAR) 734-455-5600

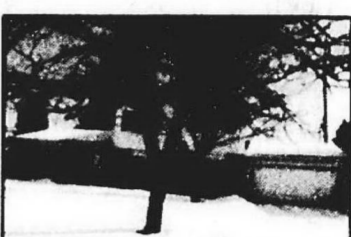


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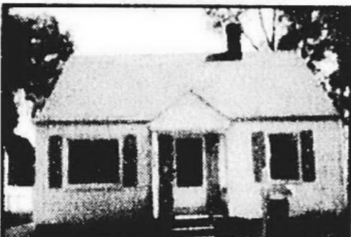
BEAUTIFUL 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Cape Cod home in impressive Beacon Meadows. Finished walkout, in-law quarters, great room w/wet bar, 1st floor master bedroom & car garage. \$539,900 (24CAN) 248-349-5600



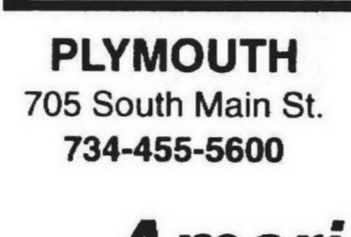
WALK TO DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath tri-level with basement and enclosed porch. Large family room w/fireplace and 2 car attached garage. \$189,900 (77HOL) 248-349-5600



YOU MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! 4 BR spacious & totally updated. Open floor plan. Mirrored DR wall, new kitchen w/bar. Pergo floors. Newer: baths, roof, C/A, & windows. Florida room, above ground pool. Home Warranty. \$184,900 (46AYR) 734-455-5600



TOTALLY UPDATED 3 BR bungalow in "Copper Canyon", immediate occupancy. Updates: C/A, vinyl siding, roof, windows, kitchen, furnace, glass block windows. Neutral colors thru-out. \$89,900 (68LAM) 734-455-5600



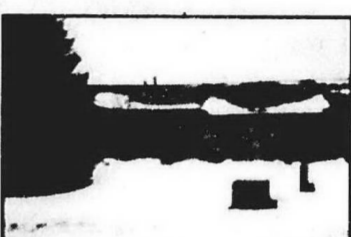
SUPER RANCH IN HOWELL. 3 BR, 2 BA home w/finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom, full bath also wet bar. Built on 1.5 lots w/big fenced yard. Full lake privileges on all sport lake. \$159,900 (03SOU) 248-349-5600



PHASE II walkout ranch. Clean with neutral decor. All appliances stay. Extra closet storage in family room. Lower level partially finished, just waiting for your choice of use. Central air, single car garage. Clubhouse with many activities. 55+ community. \$145,000 (32LEX) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL! Homes & Gardens 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath located on quiet street in Glenary Sub. Spacious family room with fireplace, bay window in formal dining room, drywall from kitchen to custom low maintenance deck. 1st floor laundry, master suite, full basement. \$294,900 (69BEN) 734-455-5600



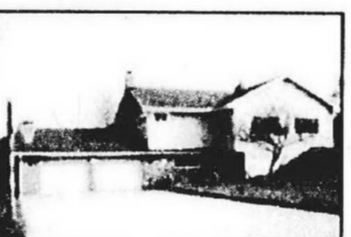
PERFECT CANTON FAMILY HOME! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA w/many updates thru-out: Pella windows, 6 panel doors, flooring natural FP in FR, roof, open floor plan. Newer: landscaping, HWH & garage door, 2 car garage. \$219,900 (12NEW) 734-455-5600



OPEN FLOOR PLAN! California natural fieldstone FP w/raised hearth in FR. 4 BR, 2 BA ranch w/newer vinyl windows & ceramic tile. Doorwall to deck, lower finished basement w/walkout. Memlit cabinets, bay window, storage galore. HPP. \$209,999 (51SOM) 734-455-5600



CHARMING CAPE COD. This home is very nice! Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Some newer windows, newer furnace, hot water tank, updated baths, some newer concrete, roof & lots more. This home is worth a look at. \$112,900 (31MID) 248-349-5600



SUPER NOVI COLONIAL. Well-cared for 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA home in Turtle Creek. Richly appointed with many updates which include: A/C, roof, furnace, HWH, sump pump, interior & exterior paint, carpet & kitchen floor. Master suite w/large WIC. Great floor plan. \$324,000 (62HEA) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Desirable home w/lots of trees on double lots. Newer white kitchen cabinets, newer doors including garage door. Cozy all season breezeway. Huge deck. \$158,900 (15NOR) 248-349-5600



PRESTIGIOUS CANTON LOCATION! 2 story townhouse w/private entrance. Ceramic foyer, sunlit oak kitchen, DR w/bay doorwall to deck. Spindled staircase. Spacious master BR. WIC. Ceramic baths. Clean & bright! \$147,500 (67CHR) 734-455-5600



SPECTACULAR 2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH RANCH CONDO! New 2001 light oak kitchen w/double ceramic sink, appliances, doorwall to private deck, newer windows throughout, updated main bath, master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Family rec room w/dry bar. \$134,950 (36NEW) 734-455-5600



OUTSTANDING 4 BR! Cape Cod, open floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia schools. 1st floor master suite w/garden tub, enormous kitchen & cabinets, 1st floor laundry, loft overlooking FR, showpiece fireplace, privacy fence, sprinklers. \$264,900 (48TIM) 734-455-5600



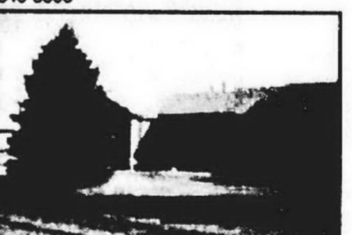
BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED. This home has never vinyl windows, roof, furnace, garage built in 96, w/loft storage. Oak kitchen with ceramic floor, updated baths, new driveway, 2 decks and pool. \$109,900 (29EHA) 248-349-5600



ADULT CONDO ON Crooked Lake. Ranch style with garage and 2 full baths. Clean and neutral, ready to move into and enjoy the easy life. \$127,500 (52CAM) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA offers this 4 BR, 1 1/2 BA ranch w/large lot, oversized garage, newer furnace, freshly painted. Newer furnace '98. Mechanic's dream garage. \$144,900 (10ORG) 248-349-5600



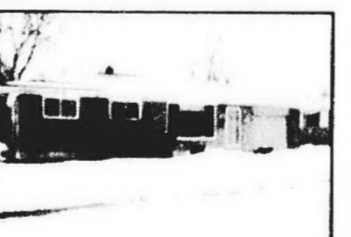
HEY! CHECK IT OUT! Many updates on this Plymouth ranch! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Totally renovated full bath with custom cabinets and counter. 2 story pole barn - 7 ceilings upstairs. 2 car attached garage. Huge family room, fireplace in living room. \$249,900 (48CLE) 734-455-5600



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHINES! Clean & bright 3 BR ranch. Freshly finished basement w/full bath. New doorwall to deck. Fenced yard. Updated copper plumbing, electrical, windows, roof. Neutral decor. Attached garage. \$179,900 (49PRO) 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL UPDATED HICKORY KITCHEN! 3 BR ranch home w/family room fireplace. Updated baths, newer doors, heated garage. Custom garden workshop. Private backyard. Home warranty. Hall bath in finished basement. \$164,900 (50TON) 734-455-5600



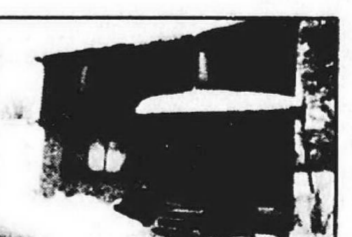
RANCH CONDO. Fresh paint, carpet and more in end unit with attached garage and Florida room. Enjoy clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. Adult Community. \$114,500 (44ARL) 248-349-5600



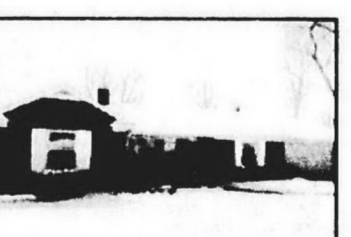
BEAUTIFUL WOLVERINE LAKE is the perfect setting for this stunning 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home w/partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Many updates including baths and kitchen. Newer Berber carpet, furnace & hardwood flooring. \$229,900 (60DEL) 248-349-5600



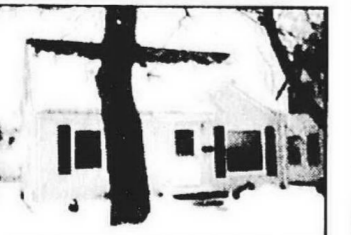
CUSTOM RANCH-Stop looking. Warm & cozy w/fieldstone fireplace, 3 bedrooms & den/dining room. 1.5 baths, 2 car heated attached garage-a guy will love! Plenty of updates & newer kitchen. Prime NW Livonia neighborhood. Walk to everything. \$204,900 (81SHA) 248-349-5600



CLEAN AND TOTALLY UPDATED! Cape Cod. Better carpet & beautiful hardwood floors. Custom wood trim moldings, newer furnace, C/A, windows, copper plumbing circuit breakers, freshly painted and updated BA. Price includes hot tub. Home Warranty. \$113,000 (81FEN) 734-455-5600



COUNTRY LOT IN CENTRAL LIVONIA! Over 1/2 acre. 3 BR, 2 BA, circular drive ranch home. Clean & bright, open floor plan. Beautiful FP in center of home. Newer electric, C/A, roof, hardwood floors in living room, dining room & hall. \$188,500 (40SCH) 734-455-5600



BREATHTAKING INTERIOR & LAYOUT! 4 BR, 4 BA colonial w/South Lyon schools, sitting on 2 acres. Too many amenities to mention! Master suite w/2 WIC & Jacuzzi, professionally finished walk-out. Cedar deck, 3 car side entrance. \$595,000 (68TUS) 734-455-5600



1994 CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY on a dead end street with no thru traffic. cathedral ceilings, C/A, hardwood floors, white bay kitchen, formal dining room & LL, prepped for even more bath-rooms. \$189,900 (21JAC) 248-349-5600



FORGET ABOUT RENTING!! Easily affordable. Good schools, trees & easy to maintain, yet lots of room. 4 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Basement & 2 car garage w/loft. Nice neighborhood, close to activity center. \$134,999 (42EL) 248-349-5600



PERSONAL STATEMENT - Amenities abound in this newer 4 BR colonial. Soaring ceilings, 2 staircases, granite counters, plantation shutters, brick patio/wrought iron accents, out-de-sac location. Professional landscaping & Northville schools. \$221,000 (97AUT) 248-349-5600

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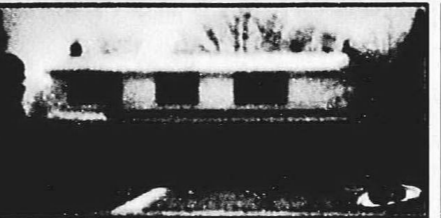
NORTHVILLE \$799,900
NORTHVILLE LAKEFRONT! Impressive 2000 Colonial built by Superb, 4 BR, 3,650 SF w/walk-out on Spring Hill Lake, fish & swim! Immediate occp, 3-car garage. Stunning!
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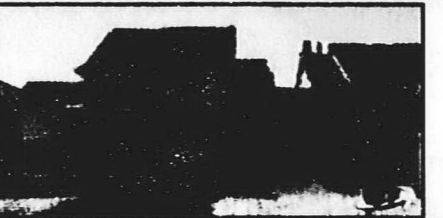
PLYMOUTH \$494,900
AWESOME! Beautifully fin'd w/o backing to protected woodlands showcases this stunning home. 1st floor mstr w/FP. Let your dreams come true!
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$327,000
ONE OF A KIND Formal living and dining room, family rm w/fireplace, great rm w/cathedral ceilings, mud rm. Kitchen w/built-ins and Amish oak hadmade cupboards, so much more.
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LIVONIA \$314,900
SPACIOUS 4 BR COLONIAL remodeled kitchen, huge family room w/fireplace, master suite w/screened in balcony & double jacuzzi tub. Newer windows, alarm, & warranty.
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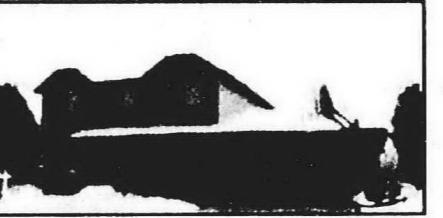


CANTON \$296,000
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO! Spectacular view of Golf Course/10th hole & pond. 2-way FP & lg deck, cathedral ceilings, c/a, 2.5 bths, 1st fl mstr, 1st fl laun, some hwd flrs.
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NORTHVILLE \$284,900
BEAUTIFUL END UNIT RANCH CONDO! 5 Yrs new, 2 BR, 2 baths, den, professionally fin bsmt w/daylite windows and 2-car garage. Golf Course Community!
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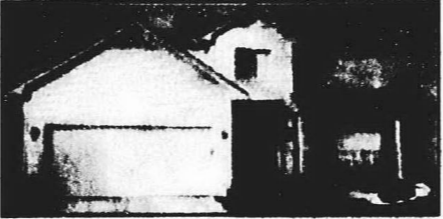
CANTON \$260,900
CANTON SUPER VALUE! Enjoy hot tub overlooking park next door. Updtd kit & foyer flr/kit counters. Room to grow in fin'd LL, oversized garage, updtd mstr bath. Move-in condition.
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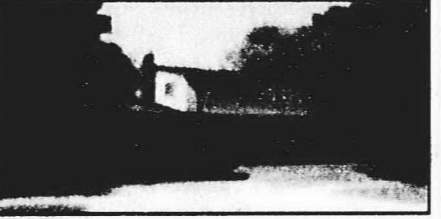
LIVONIA \$239,900
THE MOST FOR YOUR MONEY! 1991 built colonial. Fireplace, large lot, walk in closet, master bath, and much more!
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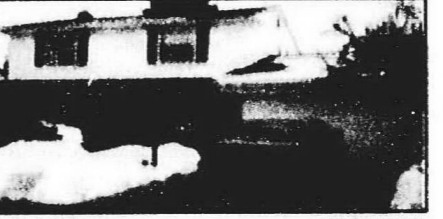
DEXTER \$239,000
PORTAGE LAKE CANAL All new from foundation up. 2436 sq ft, 3 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, study, computer rd, walk-out bsmt, large balcony deck to enjoy th boats go by.
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GARDEN CITY \$209,900
NO TIME TO BUILD??? 2 years young!! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/sod, sprinkler system, fenced backyard. Mint condition, neutral colors thru out.
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LIVONIA \$219,900
LARGE FAMILIES WELCOME! 6 BR colonial w/4 car garage w/workshop! Huge open kit to FR w/brick fp. Jacuzzi tub in ceramic bath, part/fin bsmt. Great neighborhood
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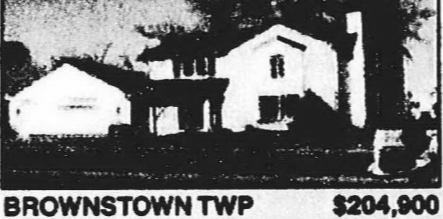
LIVONIA \$219,900
JUST LISTED Wonderful Kimberly Oaks location accents this updated 4 BR colonial. Original owners have lovingly maintained & updated t/o. FR w/lp and more.
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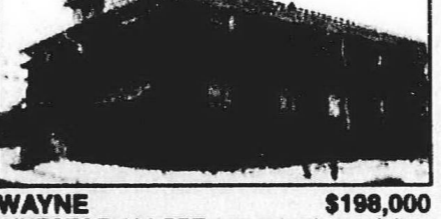
LIVONIA \$219,900
TRY & FIND A NEW RANCH AT THIS PRICE! Gorgeous all brick elevation features a hip roof and bay window. Cathedral ceiling, GR, turf basement, att. garage, 1st fl laundry, all the goodies.
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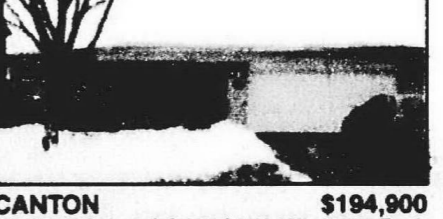
NORTHVILLE \$207,500
SPACIOUS 3 BR RANCH featuring mstr lav, new roof, newer windows, beautiful hwd flrs, lg FR w/FP, partially up'd bsmt & 2-car garage. Walk to town & schools!
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BROWNSTOWN TWP \$204,900
FORMER MODEL Only a year old. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial, full basement, 2 car att. gar, G/A, fireplace, formal dining room, den, lots of extras.
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WAYNE \$198,000
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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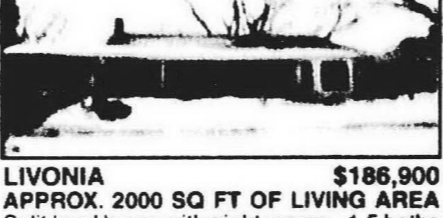
CANTON \$194,900
LOCATION, LOCATION! Windsor Park ranch backs to 13 acre park! Updates galore. All appliances stay, finished bsmt, fenced yard.
(23P44064) 734-455-7000



CANTON \$193,500
END UNIT CANTON CONDO 2 BR, 2.5 baths, loft, deck, 2 car garage, some appliances stay, tastefully decorated in neutral colors.
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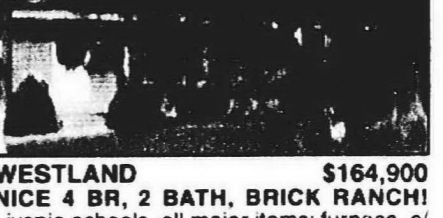
WHITMORE LAKE \$189,900
LAKEFRONT LIVING UNDER 190,000! Move right in. Beautiful all sports Whitmore Lake w/over 650 acres of fun. 1600 sq ft colonial w/bsmt, 2 car garage, and updating t/o.
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LIVONIA \$186,900
APPROX. 2000 SQ FT OF LIVING AREA Split level home with eight rooms - 1.5 baths and ample storage. Newer windows, entry & kitchen flooring, and more.
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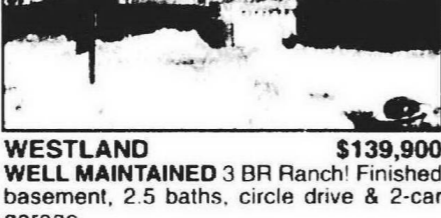
LIVONIA \$185,000
WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL IN LIVONIA! 3 BR, 2 full baths, recent updates: Anderson windows, carpet, kitchen floor & landscaping. Finished lower level w/natural frpl.
(26BUC2) 248-348-6430



WESTLAND \$164,900
NICE 4 BR, 2 BATH, BRICK RANCH! Livonia schools, all major items: furnace, c/a, roof, windows, driveway, electrical, updated baths & full bsmt. Show & Sell!
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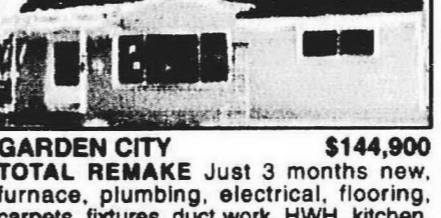
LIVONIA \$163,900
HURRY! WON'T LAST! Nice floor plan. Livonia ranch features 3 BR, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, some newer windows, home warranty.
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WESTLAND \$139,900
WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR Ranch! Finished basement, 2.5 baths, circle drive & 2-car garage.
(60HUB2) 248-348-6430



WESTLAND \$149,900
REALIZE A DREAM in this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Home in Westland w/Livonia Schools. 2 car garage, central air.
(D810) 734-326-2000



GARDEN CITY \$144,900
TOTAL REMAKE Just 3 months new, furnace, plumbing, electrical, flooring, carpets, fixtures, duct work, HWH, kitchen, and bath...wow.
(C174) 734-326-2000



REDFORD \$134,900
HURRY OVER! Open & airy 3 BR, 2 bath brick bungalow - a marvelous mix of sunshine, classic styling, & comfort. 1500+ sq ft w/family rm & well appointed upgrades.
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FARMINGTON \$129,900
FARMINGTON BEAUTY! Completely updated bungalow within walking distance of downtown Farmington. 3 bdrms, full bsmt and berber carpeting thru out. A fenced yard tops off this home.
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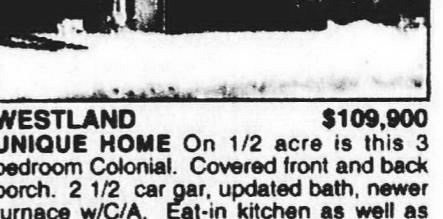
WESTLAND \$129,900
A LOT OF HOUSE FOR THE MONEY! 3 BR, 2 baths, nice open floor plan, remodeled bath w/soaking tub, completely remodeled kitchen w/hardwood floors. Move in condition!
(A1212) 734-591-9200



CANTON \$124,900
CONVENIENT TOWNHOME IN CANTON! 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath townhome features white kit w/new refrigerator, stove & dishwasher. Complex has pool & clubhouse. Neutral decor. Call now!
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REDFORD \$114,900
CHARMING BUNGALOW 3 BR, 1.5 baths, updated bath, oak cabinets in kitchen, new carpet thru-out, freshly painted, partially finished basement, 1 car garage.
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WESTLAND \$109,900
UNIQUE HOME On 1/2 acre is this 3 bedroom Colonial. Covered front and back porch. 2 1/2 car gar, updated bath, newer furnace w/C/A. Eat-in kitchen as well as dining rm.
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DETROIT \$108,900
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW w/quality updates! Roof, windows, electric, plumbing, a/c & carpeting. All new kitchen, fin bsmt w/bar & exercise room. 2+car garage.
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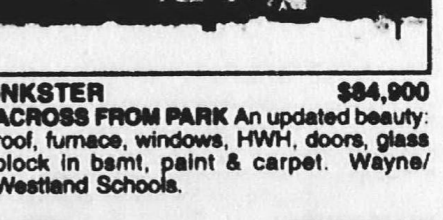
DETROIT \$95,500
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR, 2 bath Ranch, large family room w/woodstove. Newer kitchen w/oak cabinets, finished basement. 2-car garage & home warranty.
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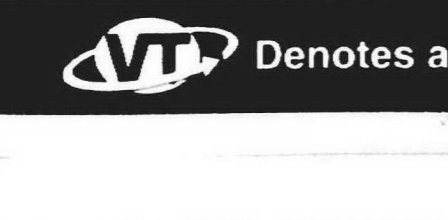
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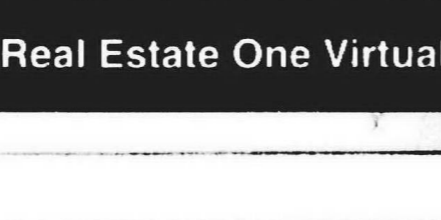
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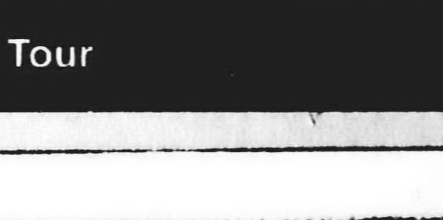
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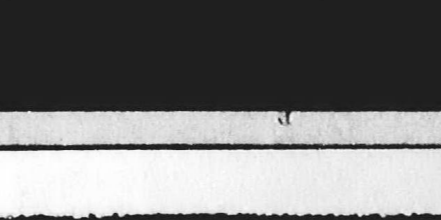
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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical
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Real Estate Office needs Secretary with word processing knowledge for clerical and general office duties. Good position for a well rounded individual in a small office environment. Please fax resume to: (248) 539-8721

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Full or part-time needed for Redford office. Some computer experience preferred. Call (313) 534-8034

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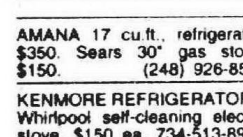
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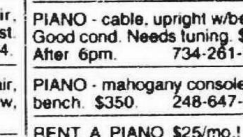
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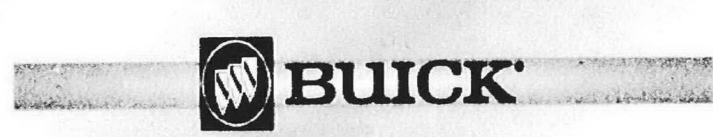
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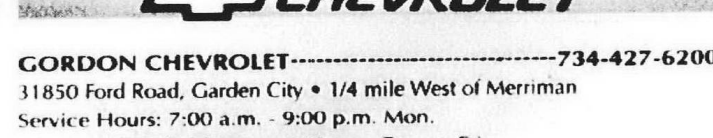


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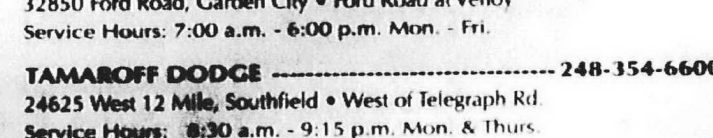
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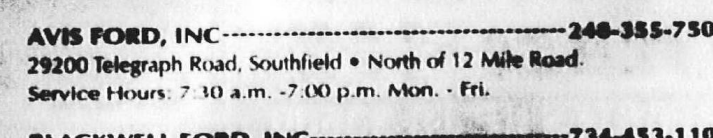
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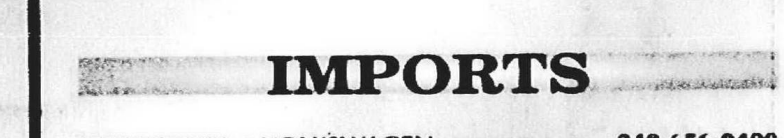
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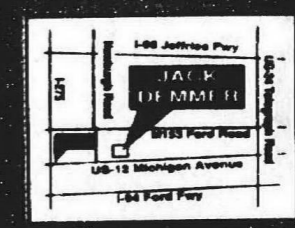
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6658	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$14,383*
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