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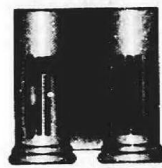
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# City closing in on new manager



■ It may sound like a familiar tune, but Plymouth City Commissioners thinks it's close to a decision on a new manager after conducting hour-long interviews with three candidates at Wednesday night's meeting.

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The long wait for a Plymouth city manager may be over ... soon.

City commissioners are expected to decide Saturday morning which of three candidates they'll pursue for the position, which has been vacant since June.

Wednesday night, commissioners interviewed three finalists for the position. They included former Fenton city manager Michael Cain; Roosevelt Park, Mich., city manager Michael Overton; and former Van Buren County administrator Calvin Teague.

The seven elected officials were very pointed with candidates in asking questions about how they would enforce the height restriction of the controversial seven-story building pro-

posed for the Wilcox property, relationships with city employees, and how they would deal with commissioners on tough issues. Some of the commissioners also challenged the candidates to make a long-term commitment to the City of Plymouth if they are offered the job.

Mayor Dave McDonald, who previously favored starting the search process over because of the lack of quality

Please see **MANAGER, A3**

## Ice age



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Winter wonder:** Icicles hang from the eaves of the chiropractic office of Gary Krueger at the corner of Penniman and Harvey Tuesday. It's the result of the wintry weather lately, and not a bad precursor to the Plymouth ice festival.

# Weather snows over city budget

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The unusually cold weather and the high volume of snow has taken its toll on the City of Plymouth's financial budget.

"We haven't added everything yet, but we've spent more than half of this year's budget for snow removal, and we still have much of the winter left," said Acting City Manager Paul Sincock.

Many communities have spent in one-month what they generally spend in an entire winter for snow removal because of the December snowstorms and the overtime it's created for city plow and salt crews.

Sincock said the city budgeted nearly \$125,000 for snow removal this year, with 65 percent, or nearly \$81,000, already spent.

"We've plowed the streets at least seven times this season," he added. "We originally planned on about three times for the whole winter."

"We've also spent \$18,000 in contractor fees to help

# Clawson man dies in M-14 accident

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A Clawson man died about 5 p.m. Dec. 29 after losing control of his 1995 Chevy S10 pickup on M-14 near Hines Drive during a snowstorm.

Witnesses told Michigan State Police that Christopher Raymond Mindas, 29, an information technology manager at Hayden-McNeil Publishing on Clipper in Plymouth Township, appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed in the left lane.

Mindas then lost control of his vehicle while changing lanes, crossed all three lanes of M-14 and jumped the guardrail on the south side of M-14 about 300 feet west of Hines Drive, according to a press release from the Michigan State Police.

"He was driving too fast for road conditions," said

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# Sales faltering as festival pushes individual sculptures for stores

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While preparations for this year's Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular continue at a heated pace, sales of one of the festival's primary sources of funding and publicity are lagging.

Sales of individual ice sculptures, placed outside sponsoring businesses in an effort to promote both the business and the festival, haven't reached expectations this year, and are well behind last year's pace, according to the executive director, Mike Watts.

Approximately 20 of the sculptures have been sold despite a dramatic decrease in price made possible by donations from a prominent Plymouth business. But concerns about the economy are apparently outweighing that, according to Watts.

"The last eight or nine years we've had a booming economy, everyone is looking to do as well or better as the year before, the stock market was going up," Watts said. "Now we're looking at 2001, the stock market is taking a beating, there's some concern in the auto industry and people are tightening their belts."

Watts hoped the intervention of Visteon would help. The Plymouth company is donating time and materials to make and place the pedestals on which the sculptures rest. That's a service the festival used to have to pay the city for, which drove up the cost of the sculptures.

The price of the basic sculpture, which includes a poster identifying the business as a participating sponsor, dropped from \$350 last year to \$200 this

year. Businesses who want to design the sculpture can pay \$350 for a "Gold" sponsorship, and those who want a single-block sculpture carved near their store during the festival can buy a \$500 "Platinum" sponsorship.

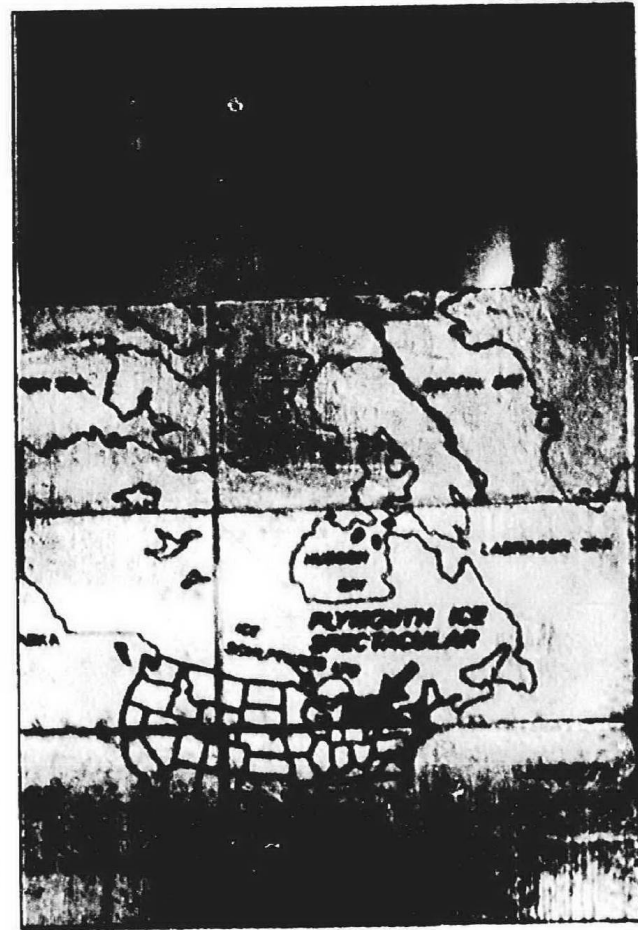
"I don't know of any better marketing tool than to have something connected to the event bring people to the front of your store," Watts said. "Businesses on streets like Penniman and Forest could really benefit."

Nancy Ball agrees. She's always had a sculpture in front of her Hands On Leather on Forest Avenue, and for the last four or five years has chosen her design. She agrees it increases foot traffic in front of her store.

"It's a way I can be different and have some input into what is actually going to be out front," Ball said. "It's a way to be creative. When you have something unusual, people are more apt to take a picture of it, and it's pretty tough to do that without getting my store in the picture. Then people want to come in and talk about it."

Not all businesses feel that way, though. Some think the cost is still too high, especially if there are economic concerns on the horizon. Others think local businesses already support the festival well. According to Downtown Development Director Melanie Purcell, some \$10,000 was budgeted to support ice sculpture sales last year.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**On ice:** The Plymouth International Ice Spectacular is set to begin Jan. 17, although sales of individual business sculptures are lagging.



# Pets could star in commercial

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The Michigan Humane Society invites Plymouth-area residents as well as others in the metro-Detroit area to show everyone what makes your pet special.

Like the one-of-a-kind commercials which run each year during the Super Bowl, the MHS is calling on all pet owners to flex their creativity by producing a 30-second commercial starring their favorite pets.

The grand prize includes a \$500 gift certificate from Pet Supplies Plus, the sponsor, along with a Super Bowl trophy and a live appearance on the MHS Superthon, which airs noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 21 on UPN-50, one week before the Super Bowl.

Second- and third-place winners will receive \$200 and \$100 Pet Supplies Plus certificates and will also be invited to appear on the Superthon.

Fourth- through 10th-place winners will receive \$200 and \$100 Pet Supplies Plus certifi-

## The facts

**What:** Pet commercial contest

**When:** Aired Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.; deadline for entry is Monday, Jan. 8.

**How to enter:** Send 30-second VHS cassette to any Humane Society office or: MHS Community Relations, 37255 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185.

Entries and will also be invited to appear on the Superthon. They will also be awarded one year's worth of dog or cat food.

Entries must be on a standard VHS cassette and no longer than 30 seconds. They become the property of MHS unless special arrangements are made at the time of entry. The deadline is Jan. 8.

Entries can be dropped off at any MHS location or mail to MHS Community Relations,

37255 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. Each must be clearly labeled on both the cassette and cassette case, with your name, address, daytime phone number and your pet's name.

Judging will be Jan. 16 and the winners will be announced during the telethon.

The MHS reminds pet owners to avoid any activities which may be uncomfortable, stressful or pose any risk to your pet.

"This year is the fifth MHS telethon, which for the past four years has held the record as the most successful program of its kind in the country," according to information supplied by MHS representatives.

For more information on the commercial contest or the MHS Superthon, call the MHS community relations department at (734)721-2109 or visit the web site at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) (under Events.)

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving animals since 1877.

# Sculptures from page A1

"Business was hurt by the early freeze, and businesses aren't convinced the festival is going to help them enough to justify the cost of a \$200 sculpture that's going to last five days," Purcell said. If there's not sufficient ice on the streets, it's not going to draw people. (Last year) they may have had one in front of their store, but nobody realized it."

Purcell said the DDA pushed a more "common" motivation, with a goal of getting some 150 sculptures on the street, though not necessarily in front of individual businesses, because some businesses don't believe the benefit merits the expense.

"The advertising is somewhat diluted because there are so many individual sponsors, but (businesses) do it to support the community. It's not just an advertising," she said. "Our motivation was to get away from individual sales. It hasn't quite manifested itself in meeting everyone's goals."

Watts knows the lagging sculpture sales won't kill the festival, although it could affect the size.

"It'll still be a very nice festival, but it'll probably be a little bit smaller than the last few years because we base what we do on the money available," Watts said. "I think people will still very much enjoy it, but we need some of the local folk to step up and help."

**13TH ANNUAL Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular**

**Schedule of Events**

- Jan. 17** Festival opens with display of 150 street sculptures downtown.
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
  - Celebrity Charity Carving Competition at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering.
  - Dinner dance, "2001 an Ice Odyssey," fundraiser 6:30-11 p.m. at St. John's Conference and Golf Center.
- Saturday, Jan. 20**
  - Amateur individual competition 9 a.m. to noon in Central Parking Structure.
  - Two-person professional team competition 2-8 p.m. in Kellogg Park.
  - Individual college and high school competitions 1-5 p.m. in Central Parking Structure.
- Sunday, Jan. 21**
  - Individual professional competition 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Central Parking Structure.
  - Two-person college and high school team competitions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

# Stewart set to take office

The first of two swearing-in ceremonies for State Representative-elect John Stewart takes place at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the State Capitol in Lansing.

A bus will leave the Plymouth Historical Museum at 10 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. for interested Plymouth residents. The fee is \$10, which should be paid at the museum. Tours of the State Capitol and Michigan Historical Museum will be provided.

Reservations must be made by calling 455-8940.

Stewart's "other" swearing in

takes place at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Chief Judge John MacDonald of the 35th District Court will do the honors. Themed "A Celebration of Education," the ceremony will feature speeches by Stewart's cousin, Indiana University English Professor Dr. Tom VanderVen and Professor James Burnstein of the University of Michigan.

A celebration brunch will be held following the ceremony in the lower level of the museum.

# Accident from page A1

MSP Trooper John Gora. No other vehicles were involved.

Mindas' vehicle went airborne and came to rest on Hines Drive. Mindas, who was wearing a seat-belt, was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. It's unknown

whether alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Though the accident is still under investigation, MSP believes the truck landed nose first on the eastbound lane of Hines Drive, then flipped over onto the roof, coming to rest on

the westbound shoulder of the roadway upside down.

Road conditions were slippery with blowing snow. Portions of the roadway were covered.

Mindas' funeral was Wednesday at Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church in Woodhaven.

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## Manager from page A1

candidates, now believes the commission has some viable choices.

"I'm going to reserve judgment until I hear from my colleagues on Saturday morning, but I probably could feel comfortable supporting two of the three," he said. "But, I want to get input from the rest of the commission."

Those two are believed to be Cain and Teague, both of whom are getting support from most of the commissioners.

"I think there are two strong candidates, Cain and Teague," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "Of the three we interviewed, there's a city manager there. It's just a matter of us coming to an agreement on one."

Commissioner Sean FitzGerald, who publicly backed Cain, now says he could also support Teague.

"I think we have at least two viable candidates, so I'm encouraged," he said. "Teague impressed me immensely with his level of preparation for the interview and the extent to which he's thought about the job. I was very impressed."

Commissioner Dan Dwyer, who staunchly backed Overton at the last commission meeting, said he was impressed with Teague.

"I still like Overton, but I was impressed with Teague," he said. "I could be happy with any of the three candidates as city manager."

"I'm still backing Overton," added Commissioner Michele Potter. "I still feel he's the strongest candidate of the three we interviewed."

All three candidates admitted they were investigating other job opportunities, but appeared to be waiting until the Plymouth job, which last paid \$75,000, was filled before making any final decisions.

Cain said he has "two other offers pending." They are the city manager's job in St. Johns, Mich., and the county administrator position in Cheboygan County. As city manager in Fenton, Cain earned \$61,000.

Overton said he's sent a resume to Grosse Pointe, which is looking for a city manager. He was also interested in the

city manager's position in both Mt. Clemens and Manistee. In Roosevelt Park, Overton is currently earning \$64,000.

Teague, who left his \$66,000 a year position in Van Buren County in October, is currently unemployed. Along with the Plymouth job, he's also looking at an administration position in Phoenix, Ariz., and a deputy city manager's job in Albany, Ga.

City commissioners will meet Saturday morning at 9 a.m. to resume discussion of the candidates.

## Plymouth man faces prelim on assault charges

A Plymouth Township man faces a charge of felonious assault with a dangerous weapon on a Jan. 12 preliminary exam in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Thomas Huppenbauer, 48, was arraigned Jan. 1 before Judge C. Charles Bokos of Westland, said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

A plea of not guilty was entered for him.

He was released on \$10,000 personal bond. If convicted of the

felony, Huppenbauer faces up to four years in jail and/or \$2,000, she said.

The judge's conditions state Huppenbauer should have no contact with victims or witnesses.

Police received a felonious assault report from a woman who complained that her male neighbor was threatening her with a gun just after midnight on Northville Road.

The woman said she was having a party and she could hear her neighbor banging on the

walls, she said.

She then heard him outside and she went to the window to investigate. "She opened the window and saw her neighbor holding a gun and yelling he was going to kill her," Senkbeil said. "She feared for hers and her family's life."

The man told police he was yelling so his neighbor would quiet down.

The woman left the window and called 911.

"Upon arrival, all units staged to make a safe approach,"

Senkbeil said.

The woman said her downstairs neighbor just threatened her by waving a gun around.

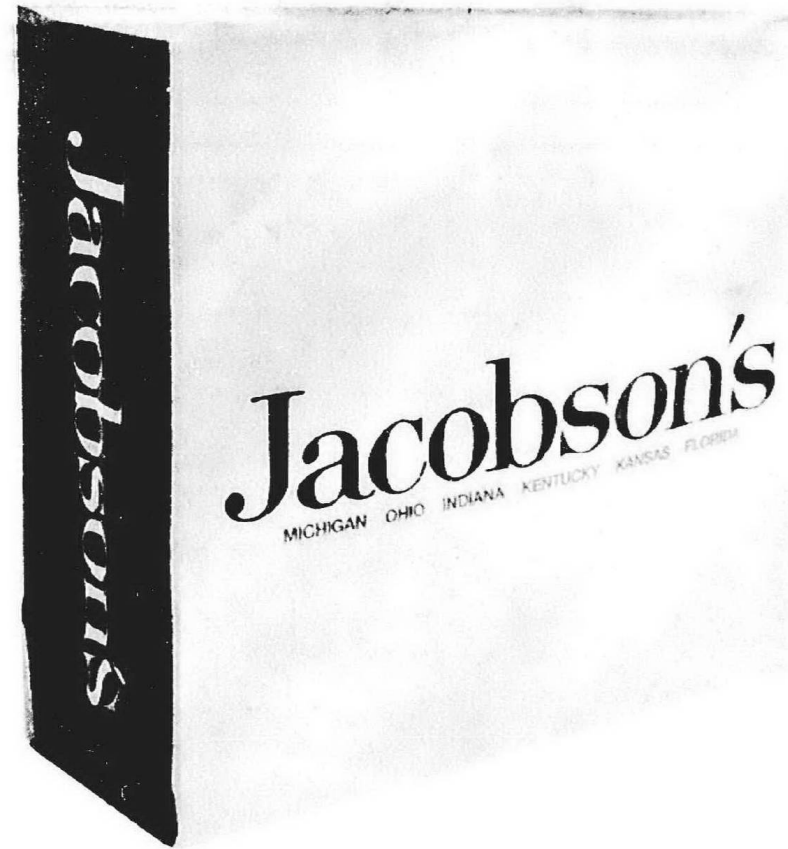
"Several other witnesses saw and heard the same thing. One witness said he saw his neighbor holding a long object in his hand while screaming and yelling," Senkbeil said.

The officers' investigation revealed it was a long BB gun which looked like a shotgun, she said. They found the BB gun inside the man's apartment next to the doorwall.

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## Weather

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our crews with plowing and snow removal," said Sincock. "You can't budget for that."

Sincock said contractors are used to plow and remove snow in major snowstorms, such as the 11.5 inches dumped on Plymouth last month.

The storms have also taken a toll on road salt supplies. Sincock planned to use 2,000 tons of salt the entire winter. However, city crews have already spread 1,100 tons.

"And, we haven't hit January, February, March and the occasional April snow storm," said Sincock.

Manufacturers of road salt have warned of shortages because of the increased amounts being used in the Midwest and east coast. Sincock said that while that has been a topic of conversation with his suppliers, he has yet to see a problem with the city getting its deliveries.

"We're down to a level where we need to fill the salt dome at the Municipal Services yard," said Sincock. "We're expecting another 100 tons this week. That will bring the dome to half full."

When asked if there will be enough money in this year's snow removal budget to carry through the entire winter, Sincock just smiled.

"What does your crystal ball say?" he said. "It's going to be tough."

The cold temperatures have also kept the Municipal Services Department busy repairing a number of water main breaks.

"We've had about half-a-dozen thus far, which is about normal for this time of year," said Sincock. "The cold water in the system, combined with the cold temperatures and the shifting of the ground, make for very expensive repairs."

Along with the costs, it's one of the most difficult mends for city crews, who many times are called out in the middle of the night, in frigid temperatures, to fix the leaks.

"It's like taking a shower outside with only cold water," is how Sincock describes the event. "It's not a pleasant experience for the crews. It's hard work and very taxing on them."



# Owners set to give Boulders a new look, different sound

BY SUE BUCK  
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Turning Point Avenue, the new house band at Boulder's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, will feature a familiar face.

Owner Michelle Daugherty, Canton Township residents Daugherty and her husband Dave have owned the restaurant, formerly Mr. B's, for two years.

Michelle, the singer, joins other band members who reside in the downriver area: guitarist Eric Miller, bass player Billy Butler, keyboard player Ozzy Siekier, and drummer Mike Soucie.

They debut 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Jan. 4 at Boulders.

Siekier played with the Mamas and the Papas and Michael Bolton, according to Michelle.

Soucie played with Surfin'

Pluto, which has provided the opening entertainment at Pine Knob and The Palace, she said. Miller and Butler are formerly of the Killer Flamingos, a familiar group at Boulders.

Turning Point Avenue will play 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday each week. There's an opportunity to sing and play with the band on Sundays.

Boulders holds 170 people. "We're pretty full on weekends,"

Michelle said.

Her band, which formed in October, rehearses four days a week from noon-5 p.m. During the holidays, with the Daughertys' four children at home, rehearsals were squeezed in at 2 a.m. after closing time at Boulders.

"I've enjoyed singing a long time and have run karaoke in different places," Michelle said. "I've written lyrics for songs."

Michelle collaborated with Miller, who put music to her lyrics.

This is the first time she has been part of a band. "This is all new to me," Michelle said.

She has the support of her husband and other family members who share the care of the couple's four children, Sabrina, 5, Michael, 8, Samantha, 9, and Nicholas, 11.

"She's been singing for years,"

### Eatery remodels

Expect a new look at Boulders Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Owners Dave and Michelle Daugherty are renovating the interior.

"We had planned on it for awhile," said Dave. "We're putting in new booths and carpeting. I'm building the booths myself."

The Daughertys purchased the restaurant, formerly called Mr. B's, two years ago. They plan to accent a light oak and brass appearance.

They will also offer an expanded menu in January. A 24-ounce porterhouse steak is about \$19 and a New York strip steak is about \$14.

"Our prices are great," Dave said. Michelle mentioned additional improvements. "In the next couple of months we will put in a new sound system and dance floor," she said.

said Dave Daugherty. "There's a lot of practice. This will be a phenomenal band."

Michelle said part of the band's attraction is that band members range in age from 27 to

45. "I'm excited about working with these guys," she said.

The restaurant will host an invitation-only party which has been postponed to 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jan. 25.

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by Steve Mansfield  
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On stage: Turning Point Avenue will be the new house band at Boulders. The band includes, from left, Mike Soucie, Billy Butler, Michelle Daugherty, Eric Miller and Ozzy Siekier. Daugherty, the band's lead singer, is the wife of Boulders owner Dave Daugherty.

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**OBITUARIES**

**LOYD G. SHARLAND**

Services for Loyd G. Sharland, 82, of Plymouth were held Dec. 30 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Sharland was born March 31, 1918 in Stockbridge and died Dec. 27 in Ann Arbor. He was manager of the D&C store in Plymouth in the 1940's, where he met his wife, Alice. He was the owner/operator of the Gottschalk Turkey Farm in Plymouth for many years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941. He was a life-member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 49, F. & A.M. He enjoyed township politics as well as golf and traveling to Florida.

Mr. Sharland was preceded in death by wife, Alice; sister, Cora Moore; and brother, William Sharland.

Survivors include sons Richard (Emilie) Sharland of Colon; and Randy Sharland of Plymouth; daughter, Marlene Sharland of San Francisco; grandchildren, Dina and Tami Sharland of Plymouth; Kelly Sharland of Plymouth; and Matt Sharland of Plymouth; and sister, Arleta Litteral of Jackson.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or the Salvation Army.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**EDWARD STANLEY WISKOWSKI**

Services for Edward Stanley Wiskowski, 72, of Plymouth were held Dec. 30 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Doc Ortmann officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Howell.

Mr. Wiskowski was born July 19, 1928 in Detroit and died Dec. 28 in Livonia. He was co-owner of Parks Window Co., Inc. of Livonia until retirement. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Wiskowski lived in the Livonia-Plymouth area for 32 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, P.L.A.V. Post #166 and active with Plymouth/Canton Civitans. He was a graduate of Walsh Business School.

Survivors include his best friend, Barbara Kobiela of Livonia; daughters Deborah (James) Chapman of Hampshire, Tenn.; Linda (Kevin) Brenner of Columbia, Tenn.; and Karen (Bart) Hopkins of Durand; son Thomas Wiskowski of Cleveland, Ohio; sister Clara Kobiela of Hartland; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI. 48154-5010; or Civitan Club of Plymouth/Canton, P.O. Box 5329, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**DELORES L. KOTELES**

Services for Delores L. Koteles, 62, of Canton were held Dec. 30 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating.

Mrs. Koteles was born Nov. 27, 1938 in Cedar, Mich. and died December 27 in Ann Arbor. She lived in Canton for 20 years. She had worked as a clerk at JoAnne Fabric in Canton for 10 years, enjoyed doing crafts and was an accomplished seamstress. She also did beautician work out of her own home and had been a Boys and Girls Scout leader.

Mrs. Koteles was preceded in death by her father, Albert Erickson; and brothers Maurice and George Erickson.

Survivors include her husband, Sandor Koteles of Canton; mother, Lucille Erickson of Maple City; daughters Kathleen Toma of Westland, Jennifer MacEwen of Westland, Maria (Ken) Smith of Westland; son Sandor (Fiona) Koteles of Wixom; brother, Don Erickson of Fla.; sisters, Arlene Cole of Calif., Helen Rosinski of Cedar, and Alberta Romanowski of Maple City, Mich.; granddaughters Rianna Koteles and Marli Koteles; and grandsons Aaron Toma and Caleb Smith.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**BARBARA ANN VANDERHOFF**

Services for Barbara Ann Vanderhoff, 51, of Walled Lake were held Jan. 2 at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford with the Rev. Thomas Slowinski officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Vanderhoff was born July 13, 1949 in New York and died Dec. 28 in Walled Lake. She was a secretary at Southfield Lathrup High School for 18 years. She was a member of St. Agatha Catholic Church and a singing member of Madrigal Chorale of Southfield for 10 years. She loved singing very much. She enjoyed her dear grandchildren. She lived and attended school in Japan for three years and said she was "Military Dependent."

Survivors include former husband Robert Vanderhoff of Canton; daughters, Michelle (Stephen) Galindo of Livonia and Tracy Vanderhoff of Walled Lake; and grandchildren, Jesston, Haley and Logan.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

**RAYMOND JOHN GOLEN**

Services for Raymond John Golen, 61, of Livonia will be held Jan. 6 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mr. Golen was born Aug. 30, 1939 in Detroit and died Dec. 30 in Livonia. He was a safety engineer with Travelers Insurance Company. He was a member of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council No. 3292. He received his degree from University of Detroit. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1961 to 1967.

Survivors include daughters Karen (Christopher) Chartier of Royal Oak, Kathleen Alfred of Howell and Sandra Golen of Northville; son John Golen of Howell; one grandson (born on Christmas); and a brother, Ronald Golen of Jonesboro, Ga.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**MARY E. STERN**

Services for Mary E. Stern, 57, of Canton were held Jan. 3 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton with the Rev. Richard Peretto officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Stern was born Jan. 8, 1943 in Wyandotte and died Dec. 29 in Canton. She was a bookkeeper/office manager for a real estate developer.

Survivors include husband, Leon; and sister, Bambi Frank. She was aunt to Lawrence, Tnie and Michael; great aunt to Alexis and Vanessa. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

**JEAN POMARANSKI**

Services for Jean Pomaranski, 82, of Canton were held Jan. 8 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

Mrs. Pomaranski was born April 24, 1918 in Hamtramck and died Dec. 30 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband, Walter; sons, Ronald (Maureen), Gary (Rosemary), Leonard (Patricia) and James (Patricia); grandchildren Mary, Pat, Michael, Mark, Michelle, Megan, Kenneth, David, Kimberly, Wendi, Lisa, Janelle, Nicole, Jennifer and Johnathon; great-grandchildren Oliver, Remington, Amanda, Eric and Jacklyn.

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### There's a lot to like about Plymouth '01 prospects

Hope always springs eternal this time of year. There is no time like New Year's to reflect on the past and look forward to a bright future.

Last year was a great year for Plymouth in a lot of ways. Though sometimes the good news gets overshadowed by controversy, many good things happened in Plymouth last year.

For instance, the Plymouth Whalers took Barrie to a seventh and deciding game in the Ontario Hockey League finals, in a year when the Whalers were supposed to be rebuilding. The Whalers are doing it again this year, poised to repeat as division and conference champions and a good bet to win it all.

And the new 35th District Court opened its doors. The spectacular facility rose from the ashes of the former courthouse, burned to the ground in July 1997. The city also got a new locally owned bank, added a third day to Art in the Park, had several new restaurants change the ambience of downtown and got a beautiful new office building where the old Farmer Jack languished.

And 2001 could be even better. There's a lot to like:

■ Steve Mann is off to a good start as the new Plymouth Township supervisor. A political novice, he's getting advice from a variety of sources and he appears to be standing his ground. Already, he has met with Plymouth Mayor Dave

McDonald for preliminary talks about resurrecting the Joint Services Committee to explore ways for the city and township to work together.

Relations between the two communities have faltered at times, and the fact these two leaders got together so quickly after Mann's surprising election victory seems to be an indication that might change. There are always going to be differences between the two; it's the manner and tone of talks between them that could bridge any potential gap.

■ The new restaurants seem to be off to good starts. In a precarious business, eateries like Compari's, E.G. Nicks and 336 Main appear headed for success.

■ There's more business to come, always a good sign. As soon as the developers get a plan in place everyone can live with for the Wilcox property, and if the Mayflower Centre gets finished, there's two more first-class facilities where a mixture of condo living and retail business can combine to enhance Plymouth's reputation.

There are more, but the idea is clear: Things are going well in the Plymouths.

And, as always, especially at this time of year, hope springs eternal.



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Safety first: Kids, parents and funseekers of all kinds ignored the warnings posted on the shore of Wilcox Lake to skate, play hockey, even get pulled on a sled Tuesday at the Hines Park Recreation area.

## LETTERS

### Happy New Year

May the New Year bring happiness to all in our Plymouth Community. Lisa, Brian and I would like to extend a happy holiday season and all that it brings.

As Plymouth Township Supervisor I know that your government will continue to watch over your tax dollars as we strive to provide the services you have come to expect. It is also my hope that you will continue to take ownership of the community which you call home.

By taking ownership, I am asking you to contact me, or any of your elected officials, with ideas or suggestions that you feel will benefit our hometown. Government that works effectively is a government that communicates. As we watch over your tax dollars it is important that we hear from you, that you tell us what you like and what you would like to see provided in the way of services.

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

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

Again, Lisa, Brian and I hope to meet many of you in the coming year.

Steven Mann, Supervisor  
Plymouth Township

### Wake-up on guns

As a law-abiding citizen, my rights are being violated by the elitist "Locals react to gun legislation," Dec. 17), who do not care about me or my family, who tell me to let the police protect you. Well, citizens, wake up.

They are saying you are not responsible enough to carry a firearm to defend yourself.

Ask the police to be there when you leave to go shopping, be there when you are alone and are approached by a stranger? Do you feel safe? Your rights are being taken away every day and you don't even know it.

Well, I refuse to be a victim. I have a right not to be mugged, assaulted or car-jacked. When a criminal doesn't know if you are armed, he will think he might get hurt or killed if he tries to assault you, which is good for you — he will move on. If you don't wish to apply for a CCW, that is your choice. Let me have my choice. This is not a bad law.

Ms. Case, how do you know that the people standing next to you in the mall lines weren't armed? Did you feel threatened all those years? I don't think so. Those people may have chosen not to be a victim.

The "wild west" mantra spouted for years has not happened in the 31 states that have "shall issue" laws. The crime rate in these states has been reduced by 10 to 20 percent.

As for the police not knowing who has or hasn't a firearm, that is wrong. They know from FBI and State Police files, which are in their computers. A person needs a purchase permit to buy a handgun and it has to be obtained from the police.

Vincent P. Manderachia  
Plymouth

### 'Contortions of logic'

In his recent editorial "Playing games ought to end at the Capitol doorstep" (O & E, 12/21/00), Mike Malott goes to great lengths to extend the deceptive power of the term "will of the voters" over the uninitiated and glibly wishful.

In a desperate, last-minute attempt to try to fight a fair and consistent concealed weapons policy, Mr. Malott ignores the fundamental processes by which representative, republican government has operated over the last several centuries. At the same time, he confines the concept of the people's will to the recent aberration known as the ballot initiative, popular among those who like to teach us that we live in a democracy. The hypocrisy becomes unbearable as he defends a system whereby the people's right to self-defense is arbitrarily rationed by UNELECTED county gun board members, while decrying the action of ELECTED officials in Lansing.

Where is the "will of the people" in that? Why do the "police officers and prosecutors" to whom he refers somehow have a monopoly on representing "the people's will"?

By the way, those "police officers" are in fact mostly political appointees serving in administrative positions, primarily in large cities and counties, hardly the rank and file officers Mr. Malott would have us envision.

The last time I checked, the Constitution allowed the people to elect a legislature, and the legislature to write laws.

But apparently I missed something, and the will of the people now resides only in lawsuits, petitions, and ballot initiatives. By the way, if the fact that the law was passed in "lame-duck" session so bothers people, why don't they launch a ballot initiative to bar the legislature from legislating after election day?

More to the point, if the voters' memories are so short that they can't remember something for two years, whose fault is that?

Ted Gomulka, Jr.  
Livonia

### Do better for our kids

A recent Detroit Free Press report detailed some very serious child abuse issues. The series noted that at least 22 Michigan children have died of abuse or neglect in the last three years, under the protection of the state's child welfare system.

This report, using the tragic example of murdered 2-year-old Ariana Swinson, exposed dangerous flaws in a system that identifies 24,500 abused or neglected children each year. The following, taken from the Free Press series and other

sources, describes the primary flaws or issues in the system, with associated possible corrective actions.

Reduce the Family Independence Agency caseloads — Children's Protective Services and FIA foster care workers have ongoing caseloads of 28 and 27 children per caseworker, respectively. The Child Welfare League of America recommends 17 and 15, respectively (national average is 18 in both cases). Additional caseworkers are needed to reduce the caseload to acceptable levels.

Require FIA to Have Legal Representation in Court Proceedings — The FIA is supposed to have legal representation for the children in court proceedings. However, FIA caseworkers are routinely sent to court without lawyers. As a result, workers are unable to fully inform family court officials about problems or are unable to fend off objections, motions, etc., from parent's attorneys. Currently the FIA has contracts in only 22 of 82 Michigan counties for legal representation of children. The FIA should have contracts in all counties.

Most importantly, our society is judged by what it does to take care of its most vulnerable — its youngest, its oldest, and its disabled. If our Michigan society would be judged now on the way it takes care of its most vulnerable, it might not get a passing grade. We can and should do better.

Ron McCaffery  
Livonia

### Share your opinions

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## GUEST OPINION

### Fans, foes of cell towers get shots at planning meetings

"I am not amused."

I am the "particular resident" that was referenced in a recent letter to the editor of this paper, a letter signed by Trintel Communications, Inc. I feel that they have twisted my words to say that I accused Trintel Communications, Inc. (TCI, a.k.a. Trinity Wireless, MIOF) of "lying on their application," calling me "misguided," etc. I'd consider their propaganda a work of art were it not targeted toward me!

It looks to me like TCI is trying to set up the familiar "good guy-bad guy" scenario, with the people of TCI in the white hats, of course.

I was recently quoted piece-meal and out of context by a newspaper reporter. I repeatedly asked the reporter to approach me at a time OTHER than when surrounded by 70 or so of my neighbors, all of them upset by the proposed tower.

I feel this proposed tower will generate dangerous radiation, will lower property values, creates an eyesore, doesn't fit the zoning laws, is unwanted and unnecessary.

I stand by my belief that when Trintel Communications, Inc. says these huge towers do not affect property values, they are incorrect. I surveyed property owners with a show of hands at a recent city hall meeting (publicly recorded) and a near unanimous opinion is that these towers negatively affect property value.

My research indicates that, among others, the Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey tax assessor has found cellular towers cause a significant reduction in the value of property near the tower. Every one that I ask, including real estate professionals, agrees these towers lower property values (except TCI personnel).

TCI's letter referred to their "extremely experienced and ethical staff of urban planners." How can I possibly refute a statement that includes the phrase "ethical staff" and not be the bad guy? I have no doubt of their ethics or sincerity, but as I said to four TCI people in response to their assertion, "We all have planning degrees!" "A planning degree is a good thing, but the requirements for psychology classes must be lacking or you would understand why residents don't want these towers in their back yards!"

A matter of public record is the city's statement that TCI found a loophole in our zoning, that might allow them to build such a tower on this property (the Knights of Columbus property) and such a tower should not be built there and is inappropriate for that piece of land.

I submit that an interpretation of our existing zoning law (by someone other than TCI) can and will stop such a tower. My legal counsel confirms this.

This facility is to include a barbed wire fenced compound precisely four times the footprint of my house. It only says no barbed wire for residential fences, (per Chapter 78-365(4), zoning ordinances of Plymouth) so another "flaw" in our zoning discovered by Trintel Communications, Inc. maybe?

My understanding that each channel on these towers is 100 watts of power, multiply this by 666 possible channels and then multiply by up to four carriers. This would add up to 266,400 watts! If this is incorrect (my fliers said 80,000 watts, so yes, maybe I was wrong about the maximum power of these things!) I am willing to stand corrected.

TCI says the tower will only have "on the order of 100-150 channels." Could this thing really be worth building for only 150 channels? They are starting with one phone company/carrier, and might add up to three others. Four cellular companies, only 38 channels apiece? More information that I disbelieve.

I was told by a consultant (Kreines & Kreines, a large anti-cell tower consulting firm) that a company like TCI are speculators, not an actual FCC licensed carrier.

The TCI letter also states that our fight only "delays the inevitable." They fail to mention how in a recent one-month period, Plymouth was approached by three different wireless companies, with far less intrusive antennas and technology. Certainly TCI might not have known this, but you get my drift — there are other solutions available besides monster towers.

TCI also failed to mention Plymouth's reason for removing TCI from the City Council agenda after "months of negotiations." When I inquired at City Hall, I was told that Plymouth wanted competitive bids before committing to one of these towers on city property. How could TCI not have known this, especially if they are the good guys?

So who is it, citizens? The good guys at TCI, or the misguided citizen that doesn't want what he perceives to be an illegal, radiation-spewing, 115-foot monstrosity next to the Knights of Columbus barbecue grill? Place your vote at the next Zoning Meeting (Jan. 4) and Planning Meeting (Jan. 10) at 7 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall.

Paul Siebert is a Plymouth resident



## Credit Beardmore in taking stand for school improvements

Dorothy Beardmore ended her term as president of the Michigan State Board of Education at the turn of the year. Her involvement in K-12 education runs more than 30 years and stands as a monument to the ways citizen participation in the governance of our state improves the lives of all of us.

With a freshly-minted B.A. from Cornell, Beardmore and her husband moved to Rochester, where she got involved from the get-go in community activities.



Phil Power

She volunteered to be a member of a committee to pick a site for the second high school. Of course, "As I was the only woman on a 12-man committee, you know perfectly well who got to be secretary," she explains. Then she realized the school her kids were attending was newly opened and

lacked a library, so she and some other volunteers went out and created a library.

Beardmore adds, "At a certain point, somebody said, 'If you're going to be doing all this, why don't you go on the school board?' and so I ran." She was elected to the Rochester school board in 1967, which was also the year collective bargaining with teachers' unions started in Michigan. She served on the Rochester school board for eight years and, in addition, served 12 years on the Intermediate School Board, taking the seat of "someone who made a habit of sleeping through meetings."

So when she ran for the State Board of Education in 1984, Dorothy Beardmore had immersed herself in all aspects of K-12 education for more than 20 years. "I decided to run because I didn't like the way the state board was responding to *A Nation at Risk*, the celebrated report on schools in America that coined the phrase 'a rising tide of mediocrity.'"

She ran successfully for a second term in 1994, serving as a persistent, knowledgeable voice of sanity on a board that was dominated by noisy, right-wing ideologues who were more interested in tearing down the public schools than in reforming them. A moderate Republican in the mold of former Gov. William G. Milliken, Beardmore was elected president of the state board in 1998, winning votes from both Republicans and Democrats.

I first met Dorothy Beardmore in the mid-1980s when I was chairing the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council. I had been invit-

ed to give a speech to a statewide conference that included a bunch of teachers and education administrators. I said various inflammatory things about schools and how they didn't teach kids the skills they needed to get good-paying jobs.

After I finished, I was approached by a school-marmish woman, tall, with piercing eyes and an angular jaw who in a gentle way upbraided me for what I considered minor inaccuracies. But as we talked, I discovered that Dorothy Beardmore knew more about K-12 education in Michigan than anybody I had ever met and that she was prepared to talk about it as long as I was able to listen.

School reform in Michigan simply would not have taken place without Dorothy Beardmore's career in education.

She promoted the new rules for teacher certification in 1985 that brought teacher credentials into the 20th century. She spearheaded Public Act 25, requiring schools to submit regular school improvement plans.

She understood from the start that improving

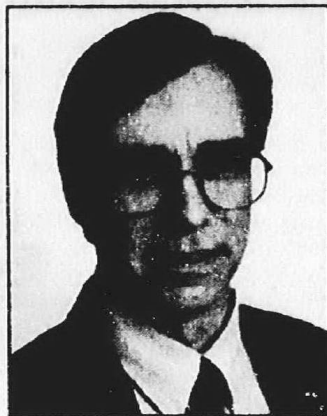
**School reform in Michigan simply would not have taken place without Dorothy Beardmore's career in education.**

schools was at heart a matter of defining what kids were supposed to learn, setting in place assessment measures to learn what kids actually did learn and then feeding back the results into teaching methods, text books and curricula — classroom by classroom, building by building, district by district. And so she was deeply involved in developing the MEAP test, now used as the statewide measurement of pupil performance, and the curriculum standards that undergird the test.

In the letter accompanying her essay on 16 years at the state board, Dorothy Beardmore wrote, "Such a recital of state board contributions begins to sound whiny, since we get little credit for our work." She closed with characteristic precision: "If what I've sent isn't what you had in mind, I can always try again. You spoke in terms of about 900 words. I'm sending 898."

Dorothy Beardmore has done more for more people with far less credit than she deserves. We need more — many more! — like her.

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Mike Malott

## Better explanation of concealed gun law is needed

Every journalist who has written about Michigan's reformed concealed gun law has concluded that the changes will make it "easier" to get a permit, that more people will be allowed to carry concealed weapons.

Proponents dispute such conclusions. They argue the new law — approved by lawmakers last month, signed by Gov. John Engler Tuesday, and scheduled to take effect in July — is the most restrictive of any state that has a "must issue" law for CCW permits (and that appears to be true.)

They say some who now hold permits won't be able to get them under the revised law (which may also be true.) The new law prohibits even those with CCW permits from taking guns into certain types of buildings, such as schools, day-care centers, arenas, bars, hospitals, casinos and churches (and that much is definitely correct.)

In the final days of the debate in lame duck session, proponents said they had no idea how many new guns would be on the streets, or even whether there would be more out there at all.

Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, who once estimated that the number of additional permit holders would come to something like 200,000, admitted he'd pulled that number out of thin air. Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, contended that no one knew what the real numbers would be, and that the only way to find out for sure would be to pass the bill and see what happened.

The information shared with the press and public about the likely effect of the changes consisted of some graphs that purportedly showed crime going down in other states as the number of the gun permits increased. But the sheets were so incomplete as to be indecipherable. They lacked a key to explain what the graphs supposedly showed. They even failed to include a source so that the information could be verified.

Such a lack of data about the likely result of a bill is surprising in a state capital where the problem is usually just the opposite, where typically the difficulty is making sense out of information overload.

Proponents will also argue that the bill's new requirement for gun safety training will discourage some would-be permit applicants, who would rather not bother with the class even if it means foregoing getting their CCW permit.

I find that one hard to believe. I think of 15 and 16 year olds — who are not known to be the most

motivated or persistent group of people (and I can say that because I was that age myself once). Yet nearly everyone in that age group is willing to undergo a lot more training and course work to get the permits they seem to want very badly, their driver's licenses.

I don't see that a requirement for eight hours of firearms training, which must include three hours on the firing range, as much of a disincentive.

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So long as you are willing to spend that much time in a class and are at least 21, don't have a criminal record, and don't have a history of mental illness, the new law says local gun boards will have to give you a permit.

That is, the law will say that if it is allowed to go into effect, Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan and a coalition of police and prosecutors from across the state are planning to run a petition drive aimed at putting the law to a referendum on the election ballot in November 2002.

Hopefully, the quality of information about what the change will truly do will improve by then.

Frankly, the idea of passing legislation without such information to see what happens is a rather odd approach. And it would seem rather unnecessary, considering 30 other states have "shall issue" laws already.

Typically when other states have similar laws in effect, the folks in Lansing can make pretty accurate predictions about what their proposals are likely to do. Well, they can if they want to.

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## Teens' duct-tape fashions prove good things stick

Good kids don't often make the news. This is about a couple of good kids. Here's how I found them.

Our youngest daughter, now a San Francisco resident, is into the basics. She has a computer, but gave away her television. She shares ownership of a vintage car, but usually travels by bike.



Judith Doner Berne

She enjoys a trip to Target, but delights in buying second hand.

I try to keep in mind what works for her when I give her gifts, but it isn't always easy.

When, during this holiday season, I came upon a hand-made, duct tape wallet at a West Bloomfield gift shop, I was pretty sure I had a winner.

A few days later, I overheard at a party that the wallet was made by a pair of local teens. It turns out that Oren Brandvain, 13, and Reuben Maxbauer, 14 for the past year or so have been fashioning all kinds of clothes and accessories from duct tape — strictly for fun.

"We made the shorts first," Reuben explains to me, as the Farmington Hills teens sprawl on the couch in our den on New Year's Day. On the floor they line up a sampling of their handwork: shorts, overalls, a purse, shoes and the wallet — shining up at me in silvery, duct tape splendor.

They've also designed backpacks, hats (both a fisherman's hat and a baseball cap), gloves and belts — and "an entire space outfit" for a friend of theirs who was seeking extra credit for a science project.

"The overalls are my favorite because they're so cool," Oren confides, as he demonstrates how the straps can be adjusted. "I think the purse is kind of neat," Reuben offers. "I had some girls over and one said 'I have a Kate Spade that looks just like it.'"

In fact, the purse may be the next item that the two buddies try to market. An envelope style, but with a strap, it sports a square closure button (a signature device that appears on some of their other products) and an ability to lie flat or expand of which they are very proud.

"The only thing we've tried to sell so far is the wallet," Reuben reports. In fact, the whole idea to

sell what they were making for fun just sort of happened.

They created 100 wallets to give as favors to friends who attended Oren's bar mitzvah. A parent who was there, Bill Graham, offered to drive Reuben home, later finding one of the wallets on his car floor.

"I loved it," said Graham, a West Bloomfield resident in the computer leasing business. "Everybody who sees them loves them. I have sort of been encouraging the boys."

Well, more than sort of. "He put it on eBay and

**As you can guess, the teens are laid back about the whole enterprise.**

some guy from Wisconsin bought 15," Oren relates. Graham also promoted it to his wife Susie, an owner of the gift store Greetings From.

Their first batch of 25 wallets, well placed on the store's check-out counter, sold out. I actually bought the last one.

Oren, who says he is artistic, and Reuben, who says he's not, enjoy figuring out and refining each of their creations, which they do by trial and error. With the design down pat and if he's paying attention, it takes Oren five minutes to make a wallet. "If I'm watching TV and it's a good show, it might take longer."

As you can guess, they are laid back about the whole enterprise. "It's our parents who are really into this," Reuben reports.

But, just in case, they have come up with a company name — Slow Gold. Oren senses my puzzlement. "You know, kind of like quick silver," he says.

And, just in case, they wouldn't reveal one phase of their design process. "The secret is in how to make it sturdy," Reuben explains. "But it's all out of duct tape."

If it turns out to be a money-making operation, they'll give a percentage to charity.

Good kids don't often make the news. This is about a couple of good kids.

Oh, and by the way, my daughter loves the wallet.

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## New midfield terminal still looking for a name

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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What would you name the new midfield terminal at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport?

The \$1.2-billion project, under construction south of the existing Smith Terminal and scheduled to open in December 2001, as yet has no official designation.

In fact, "There's been no discussion (about naming it), as far as I know," airport spokesman Michael Conway said this week.

But that doesn't mean it won't happen once Northwest Airlines, a spokesman for Northwest Airlines turns the completed facility over to the county to operate, as planned.

"It's up to the county," said Matt Friedman of Marx Layne public relations, a spokesman for Northwest. And "Much as we'd like to see something clever and catchy with 'Northwest' in it," the decision on any naming is Wayne County's, he said.

What name would you give the terminal? The Observer is inviting suggestions. Here are some key facts to consider:

■ The project represents

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara's effort, in partnership with Northwest Airlines, to overcome the fact that Metro, one of the world's busiest airports with over 34 million passengers, also ranks among that clientele as one of the worst.

■ Northwest is handling design and construction and will become chief tenant in the 99-gate combination domestic and international terminal, with Wayne County being landlord.

■ The 10-gate international terminal also will be home to such other international carriers as British Airways, KLM and Lufthansa, besides Northwest.

■ The entire project will cost over \$2 billion, including the new runway, the 11,600-vehicle parking garage, access roads and the planned 9-story hotel.

■ It is the largest-ever public-works project in the history of Wayne County and Michigan.

You can mail your idea about what to name the midfield terminal to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail it to rpearl@oe.homecomm.net. Suggestions will appear in a future article.

## Rouge River projects receive honors

BY RICHARD PEARL  
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Dan Ballnik, a Ford Motor Co. employee, should be feeling pretty good these days.

A project he spearheaded to stabilize the banks of the Rouge River at Ford Field in Dearborn has won an award from one Rouge reclamation group, while another Rouge organization has honored him for putting the project together and bringing it off.

The Ford Field Streambank Buffer Project, which has begun restoring the riverbank to the ecological state that existed before the Rouge became polluted, received the Wildlife Habitat Protection and Enhancement Award from the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council (RRAC) during its final meeting of 2000, held Dec. 6 at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Later that day, the Friends of the Rouge organization, meeting at the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College, presented Ballnik - who happens to be an RRAC board member - with one of three Best Friend of the Rouge awards.

The other two Best Friend awards went to state Rep. Bob Brown of Dearborn Heights and to science teacher Diana Johns of the Heights' Crestwood High School.

Also recognized by RRAC during its meeting was the City of

Michigan at Dearborn; the Friends of the Rouge; and Wild Ones - Natural Landscapers Ltd.

According to the Friends award, Ballnik organized 600 fellow Ford employees - including Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. - and led them in the work last May.

The Ford people removed log-jams along the Rouge banks, created habitats for birds, turtles and small mammals - including building and installing bird houses - and planted 7,500 native species of flowers, grasses, bushes and trees.

In addition, the group built a kiosk at the site "to educate the public about critical issues impacting the river," the RRAC said.

The native plants were utilized to re-establish the wildlife habitat and for erosion control. The project also seeks to control invasive species.

Bill Craig of Livonia, RRAC's vice chairman, said the project showed "how to make improvements in a manicured park" so that native plant species will "enhance the river and restore what used to be."

The project was cited for demonstrating "protection or enhancement of wildlife habitats" in the Rouge watershed; and for creating "strong partnerships" between groups and demonstrating links between

Westland for a 15-minute video on woody-debris management produced by Westland City Planning Director Todd Kilroy.

Kilroy said the video, funded in part by a \$5,000 grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, was done with the help of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and is available to other communities.

"What it demonstrates is transferable to any water-body" in any community, Kilroy said.

### Recruited groups

It was Ballnik, a Dearborn resident and an environmental quality specialist at the auto manufacturer, who recruited the seven groups honored by RRAC: Dearborn Public Schools; Dearborn's public works department; the Ford Motor Co. and the Ford Motor Land Development Services Corp.; the University of

economy, environment and society.

It also demonstrated "a commitment to sustainability," according to the award.

### 'Model for others'

RRAC Chairman Kurt L. Heise and Rouge RAP Coordinator Cathy Bean called the project "a model for other organizations."

Ballnik now helps Dearborn teachers, students and parents create wildlife habitat in their school yards, the Friends said.

Brown, a Democrat who represents both the Heights and part of Redford Township, received his Best Friend award for initiating legislation creating and sustaining a \$50,000 fund in the MDEQ budget for awards to non-profit organizations statewide that conduct volunteer cleanups of rivers and streams.

Johns, a science teacher at Crestwood for 28 years, is one of the original 16 high school teachers who enrolled in the Friends' Rouge Education Project when it began in 1987.

She has continued to use the project's multi-disciplinary curriculum annually to introduce students, via hands-on water-quality testing of the Rouge, to environmental studies.

The Friends of the Rouge, which has presented Best Friend awards since 1993, will mark its 15th anniversary in 2001.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, January 4, 2001

## FRIDAY



Steve Nardella plays the blues 7 p.m. at Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The show is open to all ages and free. Call (248) 644-4800.

## SATURDAY



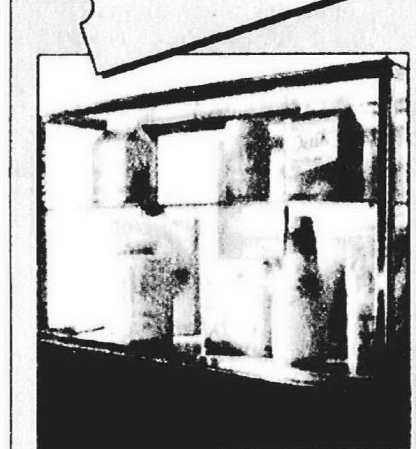
Model and toy train enthusiasts are welcome 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Detroit Historical Museum's fifth annual Glancy Train Show. Admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 senior citizens and students 12 to 18, and free for children under 12. Call (313) 833-1805.

## SUNDAY



Steven Soderbergh's latest film, *Traffic*, is playing in metro area theaters. Catherine Zeta-Jones stars as Helena Ayala, the unknowing and pampered wife of a drug baron.

## HOT TICKET



Art and consumerism collide as in H. N. Semjon's work, *Grocery No. 1*, found at Cranbrook Art Museum's latest exhibition, *Fabula: Media and Contemporary Art*, on display Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$5 adult, \$3 full-time students with ID and senior citizens, and free for children under 5. Call (877) GO-CRANBROOK.



Riding the wind: DSO bassoonists Paul Ganson (left), Marcus Schoon, Bob Williams, and Vicki King blow into Orchestra Hall for special performances of Michael Daugherty's "Hell's Angels."

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Michael Daugherty composes music about what he knows best and what audiences relate to — popular American culture.

Daugherty grew up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, surrounded by music — popular American music. The Motown sound, jazz and rock can all be heard in his latest work *MotorCity Triptych*. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under conductor Neeme Jarvi, presents the world premiere of this musical cruise through Detroit Jan. 4-6 at Orchestra Hall, and kicks off a mini-Daugherty festival. His *Hell's Angels* revs up the season's programming Jan. 11-13.

### MotorCity Triptych

**What:** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a world premiere by Michael Daugherty in celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday; also Mahler's *Symphony No. 1 (Titans)*.  
**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 4-5, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.  
**Where:** Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.  
**Tickets:** \$15-\$52, a limited number of box seats available at \$45-\$71. Call (313) 576-5111.  
The music of Michael Daugherty continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, as the DSO performs his *Hell's Angels for Bassoon Quartet and Orchestra*. Guest artist on the program is Joshua Bell performing a violin concerto by Sibelius.

Daugherty, the DSO's composer-in-residence, spent hours riding up and down the streets and boulevards of Detroit, listening to legendary Motown artists, and attending a 4-hour service with Rosa Parks at St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church before composing *MotorCity Triptych* in three movements: *Motown Mondays*, *Pedal-to-the-Metal*, and *Rosa Parks Boulevard*. To write *Hell's Angels*, he imagined "an exotic world of harmonies and rhythms that might have been performed by Motown artists on a Monday night at The Roostertail Club." Each and every note celebrates the city's 300th birthday.

"I really try to write music that reflects the environment I'm in," said Daugherty, who began teaching composition at the University of Michigan School of Music in 1991. "When you hear *Motown Mondays* you hear the grooves. When you hear *Pedal-to-the-Metal*, you hear Middle Eastern music. When you hear *Rosa Parks Boulevard*, you hear spirituals."

The trombone section in the final movement — *Rosa Parks Boulevard* — echoes the voices of generations of preachers in Detroit and across the country. Lyrical sections alternate with the turbulent bus ride.

"The way I compose music for the concert stage is different from other composers," said Daugherty. "I like to write pieces to reflect the

## MOTORCITY TRIPTYCH

### DSO revs up season with world premiere



Composer in residence: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra features the music of Michael Daugherty — the world premiere of "MotorCity Triptych" and "Hell's Angels" featuring the orchestra's bassoon section.

environment where the piece will be played. And like an actor researching his part for a play, I spent a lot of time driving around the city and talking to people in stores and cafes."

One of Daugherty's stops was the Prestige Club, a popular Middle Eastern night club, located at Telegraph and Michigan Avenue. It's part of the musical journey Daugherty takes as he speeds down Michigan Avenue. Along the way he captures the sights and sounds — the Middle Eastern restaurants and cafes, the billboards, neon signs, diners, and gas stations in fragmented orchestrations, melodies and counterpoints.

"*Pedal-to-the-Metal* has heavy Middle East influence in string and percussion," said Daugherty, who composes nearly every day in his Ann Arbor studio. He spent 10 months writing *MotorCity Triptych* which Jarvi and the DSO will take

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## Anti-Freeze Blues Festival heats up

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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Frigid temperatures in Ferndale can mean only one thing — it's time to turn up the heat and kick back with some blues.

The Anti-Freeze Blues Festival, an annual endeavor of Ferndale's Magic Bag, means more than just two sizzling nights of blues. It's also the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Detroit Blues Society, an organization dedicated to keeping the blues tradition alive in the metro area.

Headlining this year's festival are Louisiana-born bluesman Lonnie Brooks and the "father of rock 'n' roll piano" himself Johnnie Johnson. Accompanying these legends are a host of local talents that range in style from the Detroit's original diva, Thornetta Davis, to the jump blues of The Millionaires, from The Alligators to R.J.'s Blues Revue, which features the vintage voicework of Stanley Mitchell, Joe Weaver and Kenny Martin.

Coming up with a lineup like this takes careful consideration. "We start to talk about what headliners we'd like to have, who has CDs coming out," said Jeremy Haberman, owner of the Magic Bag and Royal Oak resident. "We try to make it fair for the local blues musicians."

**Anti-Freeze Blues Festival**  
When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 5-6  
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale  
Tickets: \$20 each night, call (248) 544-3030

It's the perfect spot to come in out of the cold. Howe's Bayou will provide Cajun fare to accompany the music. Originally called the Deep Freeze Blues Festival, it comes around every year at the onset of the Michigan winter. Two years ago, a heavy snowstorm forced organizers to cancel the second night of the event. But bad weather never stops Haberman, R.J. Spangler, chairman of the Detroit Blues Society, and guitarist Jeff Grand, who collaborate to bring together the best in local and national blues each year. "At this time of year, this type of festival can definitely be successful," said Haber-

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Johnnie Johnson, the "father of rock 'n' roll piano"

## DANCE

### Peter Sparling dancers stop 'Traffic' with new work

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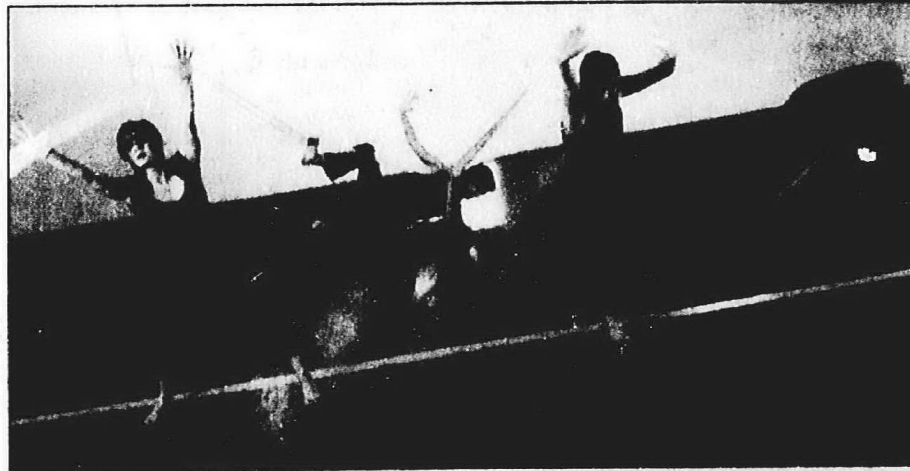
Peter Sparling marvels at the speed dancers move across the stage in *Traffic*. The new work dissects the colors red, yellow and green as dancers travel through a series of urban and rural landscapes.

This is the first time members of the Peter Sparling Dance Company have choreographed a work and Tim Smola, a Garden City dancer, couldn't be more excited. He plotted out the cautious

**Traffic**  
**What:** Peter Sparling Dance Company performs the world premiere of work choreographed by three of its members.  
**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14.  
**Where:** Performance Network, Ann Arbor.  
**Tickets:** \$17 on Thursday and Sunday, \$20 Friday-Saturday. Call (734) 663-0681

segment of the triptych titled *Yellow*. Lisa Catrett-Belrose creates a passionate, pulse-driven portrait of contemporary life in *Red*. Julianne O'Brien Pedersen's *Green* is definitely a go as dancers leap at break-neck speeds across the stage.

*Traffic*, with all



Caution: Tim Smola choreographed this dance titled "Yellow." It is one of three sections in "Traffic," a new work by the Peter Sparling Dance Company.

its dynamic moves and steps, races into the Performance Network Theatre in Ann Arbor Jan. 11-14 as part of the Fireside Festival of New Work. The world premiere of *Traffic* is one of three works on the program which includes *Possible Dances* and *Orfeo Suite*, both

choreographed by Sparling. *Orfeo Suite* offers two selections from a full-length production of Gluck's opera *Orfeo and Euridice*.

Commissioning company dancers to create *Traffic* gave Sparling the opportunity to choreograph the opera he

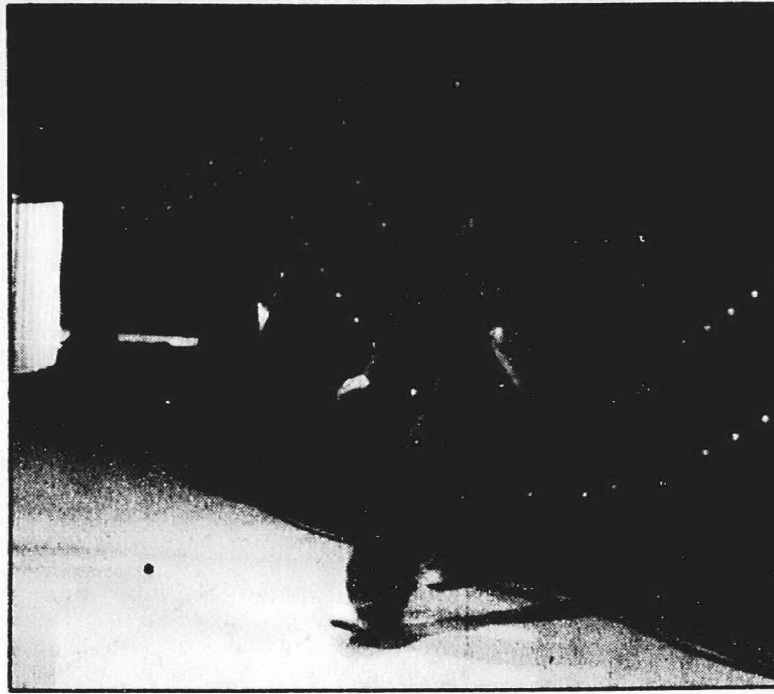
began working on while taking a sabbatical from teaching dance at the University of Michigan. *Orfeo and Euridice* will be performed May 19 in a workshop which includes students from the university's School of Music. The work will receive its world premiere as part of the University Musical Society series in November at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

"The idea for *Traffic* was to challenge the dancers dramatically but also aerobically," said Sparling who spent his teen years in Plymouth. "They really move. They hardly have time to catch their breath."

Written in three sections, the work explores contemporary social patterns. "I commissioned them to freely associate on traffic and the three colors of the traffic light," said Sparling who was a member of the Martha Graham Dance Company for seven years before beginning his own company in New York in the early 1980s. "I wanted to celebrate the invention of the traffic light which was first implemented on the streets of Detroit in 1928. I thought it was an appropriate way to celebrate Detroit's 300th birthday because of the

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On the run: Ryan Phillippe stars in Antitrust.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 5

**TRAPPIC**  
The story follows Kentucky Judge Robert H. Lewis after he is appointed the United States' drug czar by the president. Chaos ensues when the war on drugs hits home: he discovers his daughter is a drug addict, threatening his job and reputation if her addiction is made public. To complicate matters, she has escaped from her rehab center and is nowhere to be found. Stars Michael Douglas.

Special events

**LITTLE NICKY**  
Comedy starring Adam Sandler. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, Magic Bag Brew and View, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$2. (248) 544-3030

**CHARLIE'S ANGELS**  
Comedy take on popular 70s television show stars Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, Magic Bag Brew and View, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$2. (248) 544-3030

Scheduled to open Friday, Jan. 12  
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Milo, an idealistic computer genius has a seemingly perfect life, until he is recruited by a multibillion dollar corporation run by his professional hero, Gary Winston. Milo soon realizes that his mentor's desire to be the best has led to unethical decisions by the company.

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**THIRTEEN DAYS**  
The story chronicles the tense 13 days during the Cuban Missile Crisis when the United States fought a cat-and-mouse game with the Soviet Union to

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Dillon, a man who in a moment of drunken impulse, sells his wife and daughter to the devil for the claim to a gold mine.

Detroit's jazz heritage sets stage for new Burns' series



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With the epic story of jazz coming up on Detroit Public Television this month, filmmaker Ken Burns takes viewers on an astonishing musical journey that began in the dance halls, saloons, and street parades of New Orleans in

The first wave occurred in the 1940s and 1950s, and Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn taps into the memories and music of legendary pianist McKinney. "The seminal Detroit jazz sound emerged during the bebop period. It was rhythm-heavy and had a name all its own. They called it hard-bop, and its industrial quality has been recognized in a large percentage of the music coming out of the city ever since," says Pangborn.

As evidenced by the internationally acclaimed saxophonist James Carter. It's inspiring to watch the torch being passed by those who have contributed so much to our area's musical heritage. On the Jan. 7 Backstage Pass, McKinney shares the spotlight with one of his students - a young pianist named Roland Hamilton.

Another segment features Rayce Biggs, an emerging trumpet player who is a Belgrave protégé. "Biggs' strengths are his tremendous talent as an artist and his understanding of the realities of the business. His background and training is rich with New Orleans jazz, but he combines this traditional style with the practical benefits of having his own studio to develop his sound and pay the bills," says Todd Hastings, who produces the segment. "What is clear in Burns' film and the new crop of Detroit area musicians is the history of jazz is still unfolding. Have yourself a jazzy little January."

Public television is devoting 19 hours of airtime to the Ken Burns film in celebration of the music genre's centennial. At 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7, the eve of the jazz series premiere, Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass turns its spotlight on Detroit's jazz heritage. The recollections of some of the area's venerable artists, such as Harold McKinney, Donald Waldon and Marcus Belgrave, will help to recreate the sounds and environment of two distinct eras in Detroit's enduring jazz scene.

The second heyday of Detroit jazz took place during the 1960s, as the city became a home for artists who were pushing the beat during the counter-culture movement of that decade. It was a place that Miles Davis and many other artists honed their skills and developed their unique styles, while Belgrave and other standouts began an enduring reign as architects and practitioners of the distinctive sound of Detroit jazz. Best of all, the next generation of Detroit jazz artists has arrived,

He'll talk about his work one hour before performances. For the Jan. 11-13 programs, *Hell's Angels* will follow a pre-concert talk and performance of *Dead Elvis* by the University of Michigan Contemporary Directions Ensemble. The innovative *Hell's Angels* features the bassoon section which will be dressed in leather. Daugherty eventually plans to record *Hell's Angels*, *Motor City Triptych*, and a violin concerto he's writing for the DSO's 2002-2003 season. "Something most composers don't do is research," said Daugherty. "I really want to write music where you have the feeling. You recognize something that you connect (to the music)."

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on a tour of Florida after the Detroit premiere. "I compose on computer and synthesizer so when I write I can actually listen back." It's apparent that Daugherty listens to all kinds of music. He grew up surrounded by music. His father played in a dance band and it wasn't long before the younger Daugherty took up piano and percussion. By his teens, Daugherty was playing Hammond organ in a jazz rock band. He started composing in college around 1972 and by 1986 had earned a doctorate from Yale University. In between, he studied composition at the Manhattan School of Music. His prolific output

includes such contemporary compositions as *Metropolis Symphony* and *Bizarro* (inspired by Superman comics), *Elvis Everywhere* for three Elvis impersonators and string quartet, the opera *Jackie O*, and other pieces *Sunset Strip*, *Route 66*, *Niagra Falls*, *Flamingo*, and *Blue Like an Orange*. "I think what I'm doing in classical music you hear where I came from, how I organized the pieces," said Daugherty. "It's the European way of thinking about composing that goes back to Bach and the 14th century." There's no doubt, though, that Daugherty has made his own niche composing music that plays off American popular cul-

stretching it across the stage. "I was happy the way it turned out," said Smola who teaches jazz and hip hop at Eastern Michigan University and dance to figure skaters in Ann Arbor and downriver. "It created a lot of neat shapes. Dancers get tangled within it. It's athletic and dynamic, taking it right to the limit and then backing up. I thought how enthusiastic and hyperactive children are. It's an abstract piece about children and adults. Peter really challenged us in that way. It was difficult creating a piece based on a traffic light."

Nonetheless, Smola hopes that Sparring will give dancers a signal to choreograph works in the not-too-distant future.

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auto industry and life in the fast lane. "Green contrasts people waiting at a red light to go, waiting and winding up and waiting to be free. Red is four women in four red chairs, takes off on red being passion, sexuality. It's powerful, sultry and danced to tangos. Yellow is a school yard taped off after some act of violence or threat. The idea is we live in a state of caution. The Theraband extends across the stage and breaks it into compartments. It's very much the body language that tells the story of fear, trepidation."

That's exactly what Smola had in mind when he choreographed *Yellow's* six dancers to move to the electronic-based music composed by Eddie Herrold. A collage of sound effects - city streets, a school yard, children and car crashes - provide a sense of urgency and caution. "I began thinking about color, yellow, as it relates to traffic," said Smola, a former member of the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company. "I thought of children and the yellow bus and double yellow lines in the road, not knowing whether to speed up or slow down. I thought about walking to elementary school, the precautions my mother gave me."

Smola borrowed the idea for the yellow lines from his work as a certified massage therapist. He took 300 feet of Theraband used as an aid for exercises to strengthen muscles and began

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man. "It's something I enjoy doing in the middle of winter," said Willy Wilson, promotions director at the Magic Bag. "It's become sort of a tradition. Wilson, also host of *The Willy Wilson Show* on WDET, has attended the event almost every year since its inception and served as an emcee in the past. "Detroit has such strong blues roots, the local scene is very, very good," said Wilson, a Detroit resident. Even without the premier headliners the show draws in, the event would stand alone. "For me it's kind of a treat," he said.

This year he's especially looking forward to Johnnie Johnson's performance. "Johnnie Johnson is one of the best piano players out there. He was pretty much

the backbone of rock 'n' roll. He spent a good deal of his time in Detroit." Beginning at age 5, Johnson took to the instrument like a natural. In the mid 40s, he made his way around the Detroit blues scene, discovering the likes of T-Bone Walker. But when an aspiring guitarist named Chuck Berry joined Johnson's band in 1953, it was magic in the making.

Once signed to Chess Records, Johnson and Berry penned hits like *Maybelline*, *No Particular Place to Go*, *Roll Over Beethoven* and of course a tribute to the pianist himself, *Johnnie B. Goode*. Currently a lawsuit is pending against Berry that alleges the two were equal partners despite the copyrights which are in Berry's name alone.

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# New year promises to pop with local music



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Just days into 2001, the official millennium, and the musical direction set forth by some of the most intriguing local musicians seems solidified - this will be the year pop rock reigns supreme. It may be more of a prediction than a resolution, but thanks to bands like The Waxwings, Mood Elevator, Atomic Numbers, The Sights, They Come in Threes and edgier acts like the White Stripes and The Witches, Detroit is slowly earning back its Rock City moniker.

A self-proclaimed pop junkie, I of course couldn't be happier. So I got in touch with some other leading forces in local music, and I got an earful.

## From hip hop to hip 'pop'

Livonia's Freddie Beauregard - known to crowds of overzealous fans as Paradime - is the next hip hop superstar. That's all there is to it. His album *Vices* is due out this year. Paradime's own highlights of the 2000? "Detroit's explosion," he said, "Kid Rock, Eminem, D12, Royce 5'9 not only did well, but put a spotlight on the D that's so bright it hurts my eyes."

While it also hurts him to admit it, Paradime knows what's in store for Y21: "Pop music is at its cheesiest," he said. "It will make a turn back in to rock, I guess, but my take is that that is so fake, and so cheesy, and it has no heart or edge, and doesn't make you think; (it) won't last."

Chris Johnston, a Birmingham native and frontman for promising pop rock outfit 19 Wheels, would most definitely disagree.

As his band gets its first real taste of success - now an 89X favorite for its cover of *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet* - Johnston names his own highlights from the past year: "The continued success of Kid Rock and Eminem as well as great records by The Atomic Numbers, Waxwings, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Five Horse Johnson, the Workhorse Movement, The Mood Elevator and others receiving well deserved recognition."

"I think people are going to get back to catchy little ditties," Johnston said. And that's just what he strives for in songwriting. "If I can't get it out of my head I figure it's got to stick in somebody else's."

## Hitting a high point

Moods for Moderns know something about sticky melodies and hooks. The band's manager, Brian Grant of Superior Township confesses that pop music has fallen into a slump. But he hasn't given up. "The only thing I live by is - a hit song is a hit song, whether it's got real drums, a disco beat, a techno beat, turntable scratches, a midget, or a rap in the bridge."

Without turntables or technology, Ann Arbor's Al Hill manages to perfect his own musical love, the rhythm and blues. On his own or as bandleader for the blues legendary Johnnie Bassett, Hill is just one reminder of the tremendous blues talent in the area. This past year, he was blown away by "The long overdue success of Alberta Adams."

"She knocked out crowds at a number of national festivals, and was a joy to work with," he said of the living blues legend.

As for the future of music trends, Hill had this to say: "I don't know where pop music is

headed musically, but the communication between artists and their audience will continue to be enhanced by the Internet."

## Cyber-rock

Speaking of Internet, 2000 brought masses of music and music lovers together in cyberspace. Jon Kott, frontman for Rochester's Rooster, can be found at [www.roosterband.com](http://www.roosterband.com). The rootsy rock band won the 2000 Jim "Benefiting Emerging Artists in Music" Grant and was one of three winners of the Palace/Pine Knob's Annual Opening Act Contest. His thoughts on local music? "Let's just all hope that 19 Wheels gets a record deal so we can take the emphasis off of Kid Rock and Eminem and (get) back onto good ol' American rock and roll!" he said. "After four years of playing all over the Midwest and state of Michigan, it's nice to come home to a city that wants you home."

Friend and fellow Opening Act Contest winner, Jeff Moehle - formerly of Troy - is looking forward to more touring in 2001 with his band Knee Deep Shag. Moehle hopes the new year brings back the rock bands. "There are so many solo artists with talented bands behind them. Now it's time for the great bands to get a chance. I also believe that we'll be seeing more organic music take control."

If you crave organic rock, check out Give. Bassist Ray Echlin's favorite moments of 2000 range from his band's stunning set at the Hamtramck Blowout last winter to the performance they started at Detroit's Dally in the Alley - before the power blew.

## Close to home, boys

And when he's not performing with Give, he and his brother



Band on the run: Ken Karasek, Dave Dean, Sam Vail and Jon Kott of Rooster look forward to what 2001 has in store for local music. Seeking to add an extra member on bass, Rooster asks that interested musicians e-mail them at [rooster@roosterband.com](mailto:rooster@roosterband.com).

Lew Echlin are Harry Chronic Jr. - who made it to radio via 89X's *Homeboys Show* this past year. "It was the first time most of the band had been to a radio station, let alone meet (host) Kelly Brown and have our music spun on the air."

While Chronic is still recording, the band intends to shoot a video for the single *It's Terrifying* this month.

My hope, err, resolution for the new year in music? I'd like to see less cutthroat competition and more musicians willing to work together. And I know I'm not the only one.

Mr. Johnston had this to share: "Could this be the year that Detroit bands figure out that a little friendly competition



Triple threat: Hush, Paradime and Bizarre take over the stage.

is good, but we'd be better off pooling our limited resources?"

Well said. Good luck to all in 2001.

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Chris Johnston of 19 Wheels

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Miss Congeniality' wins laughs, has heart

BY CARRIE COOPER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Are beauty pageants just a bunch of beautiful women with nothing more than looks and a desire for world peace? Or is that a stereotype?

Special Agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) is on the case. Actually she goes undercover to catch a terrorist threatening the Miss United States Pageant. But in the process Gracie finds that there is more to the pageant than just a winning smile and a good platform.

She starts to see that the beauty contestants aren't just a bunch of airheads, but rather a group of beautiful women who want to make a difference in life.

Now Gracie finds herself caught up in the pageant's glamour and starts to really care for the contestants. But will she be able to catch the terrorist in time or worse yet could it be one of the contestants she has befriended?

Castle Rock Entertainment presents *Miss Congeniality*, a comedy starring Sandra Bullock

(28 Days), Michael Caine (*The Cider House Rules*), Benjamin Bratt, Candice Bergen (*Murphy Brown*), William Shatner (*Star Trek*), and Ernie Hudson (*Ghostbusters*).

The film also stars, Heather Burns, Melissa De Sousa, Steve Monroe, Deirdre Quinn and Wendy Raquel Robinson. It is directed by Donald Petrie and produced by Bullock.

*Miss Congeniality* is a very physical comedy, especially for Bullock, with a simple plot. The Miss United States Pageant is being threatened, and the only FBI Agent that appears to be photogenic and looks good in a bathing suit is one Gracie Hart. This is a far stretch for someone who likes to be "one of the guys" and never even puts a brush to her hair.

Gracie is reluctant to go along with this plan and her fellow agent Eric Matthews (Bratt) literally and figuratively has to wrestle her into doing it.

To make matters worse the bureau hires Victor Melling (Caine), a beauty pageant con-

sultant, to transform Gracie into Miss New Jersey. He is the best at what he does but Gracie will be his biggest challenge.

As the pageant approaches, Gracie finds herself becoming fond of the other contestants. She starts to realize that there is more to these women and the pageant than just beauty.

Now Gracie is even more determined to find the culprit and protect the other contestants. In the process she becomes *Miss Congeniality*.

Sandra Bullock is back doing what she does best, physical comedy. Very funny in this role, she shows her ability to produce a worthy comedy.

Benjamin Bratt, who is known for his television role on *Law & Order*, currently stars in three films.

Michael Caine is the perfect veteran actor to play Victor. After several dramatic roles Caine shows he still has what it takes to do comedy.

Candice Bergen and William



Sandra Bullock as Gracie Hart

Shatner provide wonderful performances as well. They are the perfect pair to play the pageant directors.

*Miss Congeniality* is a great laugh out loud comedy. Bullock's comedic performance alone is worth the trip to the theater.

Carrie Cooper is a Troy resident who writes about film.

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

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

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**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** *Sylvia* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 28, at the playhouse, Troy. \$11, \$10 seniors/students on Sundays, includes a coffee and sandwich afterglow. (248) 988-7049

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

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

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

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**CELLOS GALORE:** Features ensemble of Ann Arbor's Brave New Works and conducted by Chris Younghoon Kim of Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, New Orleans. The show includes the work of baroque cellist Enid Sutherland and the program will include Thomas Gregory's *Music for Four Cellos* and *Bachianas Brasileiras*, No. 5 by Hector Villa Lobos with soprano Emily Benner. The show begins 4 p.m. Jan. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (248) 644-5210

**GLANCY TRAINS:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Detroit Historical Museum. Admission \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 senior citizens and students 12 to 18, and free for children under 12. (313) 833-1805.

**X-TRAVA CON:** Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

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

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

### AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**DEARBORN COMMUNITY CHORALE:** Invites singers, age 16 and older, to join the chorale for rehearsals beginning 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the O.L. Smith Middle School, Dearborn. For spring concert May 5 at the Anderson Theater in Henry Ford Museum. (313) 943-2354

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

**GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:** Auditions for *You Can't Take it with You* 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 14 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre Building, Grosse Pointe. For performances March 7-11, 15-18 and 22-25. (810) 775-5329/(313) 882-2770

**JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE:** Holds auditions Tuesday through the month of January, dancers should be age 18 and up with expertise in modern and jazz, at the Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit. (313) 534-0301

**LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR:** Is holding auditions for girls and boys (boys must have unchanged voices) in grades 4-8 (ages 10-13) residing in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. (734) 425-1749

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS:** Begins rehearsals on Tuesday, Jan. 9 for its spring concert April 28-29. Auditions will be held by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, first sopranos, tenors and basses are especially needed but there are some openings for second sopranos and altos, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

**PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY:** Holds the first rehearsal for its 15th season 7:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, works selected to be performed are *Requiem* by W.A. Mozart and *Motet III* by Bach. Scores may be purchased at the first rehearsals. No auditions are required, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. The concert dates are Sunday, March 4, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, and Monday, March 5. (734) 455-8353

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** In collaboration with Evola Music, is looking for middle and high school students to enter its Youth Artist Competition. Each year the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities with scholarship awards. This year's competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Evola Music in Canton. Comprised of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12), and junior division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9), the competition awards \$1,350 and possibly an opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony. Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Wayne-Westland, or be students at Evola Music. Deadline for applications, which are available through the Plymouth Symphony, is Jan. 15. Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one first prize award in each division.

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** Auditions for *Carousel* 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, come prepared to sing, preferably a song from the show, there will also be a dance audition and readings from the script, at the playhouse, Troy. For weekend performances in March. (248) 647-0052

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

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

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

### POPS/SWING

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

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

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### JAZZ

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

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

**DAVE DOUGLAS:** With Guy Kluczewsek, Mark Feldman, Greg Cohen, 8 and 10 p.m. shows, Friday, Jan. 26, Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25. (734) 769-2999

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

**SHEILA LANDIS TRIO:** 14 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Lily's Seafood Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459; Landis and Rick Matle perform together 9 p.m. Fitzgerald's Lounge, Northfield Hilton, Troy. (248) 879-2100.

**JOHN LINDBERG:** With Wadada Leo Smith on trumpet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25. (734) 769-2999

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

**KUZ AND DAVE THIESELS:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 763-TKTS

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

**STRAIGHT AHEAD:** 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. (313) 833-7900

### FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

**COMMANDER CODY & HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN REUNION:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS

**FOLKIN' A2:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

**PARIS COMBO:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**RFD BOYS:** 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

### WORLD MUSIC

**THE DIGGERS:** 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

**BILL LONG:** 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

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

### DANCE

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

**PILOBOLUS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, special family performance 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 (\$15, \$5 children), at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$36. (734) 764-2538

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### COMEDY

**JD'S KEY CLUB:** Greg Morton and Kevin McPeck, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9; Rex Havens and Dwight York, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; Jimmy Dore, Steve Ebling, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23; Kevin Burke, Bill Barr, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30; Jeff Brannan, Brett Alan, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J. Scott Holman Thursday-Saturday Jan. 3-6,** at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555; Jackson Purdue performs Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-7; Mike Veneman performs Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 11-14; Vinnie Favorito performs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 15-18; Pablo Francisco performs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25, all at the club. Tickets \$12-\$24.95. Call for showtimes (313) 584-8885.

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: at Palsano's:** at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE:** at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

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







# Amadeus: classic Polish cuisine and classical music

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
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Everybody should dine at Amadeus Restaurant at least once in their life.

With velvet curtains marking the entranceway, street-view windows, a tin ceiling and tables covered in pink lace cloths, Amadeus is ... well... oh, so romantic. Add some classical piano or guitar music - someone plays almost every evening - and you have Old World dining at its best.

Amadeus is small, barely more than a dozen tables, but that's part of its charm. Dining is intimate, and the classic Polish cuisine - dishes like Chicken Paprikash, pork tenderloin and potato dumplings, Atlantic smoked salmon with sliced egg and caviar, and homemade dill pickle soup - is delicious.

Of course the food is delicious. Owner Paul Strozynski learned his trade from the best - his father and grandfather, both of whom owned restaurants and cabarets in Warsaw, Poland.

"My father saw how other chefs prepared food. He was always cooking at home. Everything was beautifully done, beautifully garnished. When I was about 15, I began asking

**Amadeus European Restaurant**  
122 E. Washington, Ann Arbor.  
(734) 665-8767  
Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday.  
**Atmosphere:** Intimate, eclectic, lots of Old World charm. Piano or classical guitar music most nights.  
**Menu:** Classic Polish; well-represented wine selection; wonderful desserts.  
**Prices:** Moderate-moderately high.  
**Reservations:** Absolutely. Often booked two weeks in advance.  
**Credit cards:** All major cards accepted.  
(Amadeus closed over the holidays and will reopen Jan. 8. Please call to affirm.)

him how he prepared all the dishes.... Always it was my hobby to do the cooking," said Strozynski.

Amadeus, opened in 1988 and touted as one of the five best restaurants in Ann Arbor, is a family endeavor. Strozynski's wife, Krystyna Aniolczyk, prepares the appetizers and lighter dishes, and son Bartek Koss acts as manager and head waiter. Strozynski makes "the heavier

dishes." Together they serve a very loyal clientele.

"We have some people, especially some of the European people working for the University of Michigan, who come here twice a day. We're like a substitute family," said Strozynski.

"We have the same people coming for 12 years for the same dish. When we see them at the door, we put their orders in," said Koss.

A first-time diner at Amadeus quickly learns that not all sauerkraut is the same. The sauerkraut that came with the combination plate (pierogi, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa) I sampled was delicate tasting with a bit of sweetness. The inside of the wooden barrel in which Strozynski cures his cabbage is rubbed down with honey. "Sauerkraut is supposed to be homemade, not made with vinegar. It's to get sour by itself," he said.

In addition to the combination plate, the Hungarian Goulash and Chicken Paprikash are popular entrees. So are the specials, such as the four potato pancakes served with Hungarian beef stew and a cabbage salad. And the soups? They're a must, said Koss.

"The dill pickle soup is one of the best, and the sour potato is wonderful, too."

Specialties include boiled potatoes stuffed with parsley, walnuts and herbs; the Krakow Special, white sausage with baked sauerkraut; salmon mousse; silver hake filet (served on Friday and Saturday); and the beautifully presented Atlantic Ducktrap Salmon Plate.

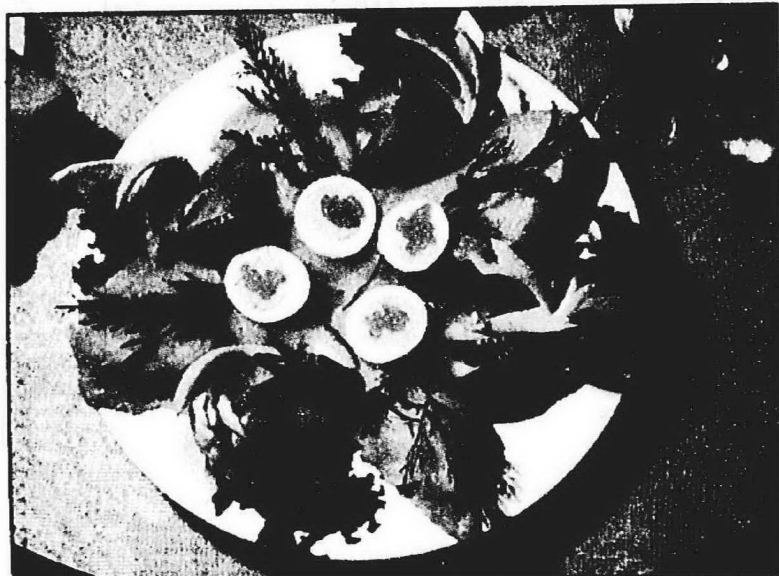
Desserts - tarts, tortes, eclairs, mousses and cheesecakes - are a befitting end to a meal at Amadeus. The Roasted Hazelnut Torte I tasted was made almost entirely of ground roasted hazelnuts and semisweet chocolate and wasn't too sweet. The glass of sweet Polish honey wine that accompanied it seemed the perfect match.

Guests have included symphony conductors, musicians, and when the Polish Film Festival is in town, lots of directors and actors. Even Marcel Marceau has dined at Amadeus, said



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**Gracious dining:** Owner Paul Strozynski (standing), his son, Bartek Koss, and wife, Krystyna Aniolczyk, provide an intimate dining experience for their clientele. On the table is one of the house favorites, the combination plate - kielbasa, stuffed cabbage, pierogi and sauerkraut.



**Artful cuisine:** The Atlantic Ducktrap Salmon Plate is an exquisitely presented dish of prized smoked salmon, sliced egg and caviar garnished with cucumber.

Strozynski, who at times will don a brightly colored Amadeus Mozart costume.

However, you don't have to be famous or dramatic to enjoy din-

ing at Amadeus. Strozynski, Aniolczyk and Koss welcome everyone with a warm, comfortable and charming Polish hospitality.

"It's hard work, but we love it," said Strozynski. "The beautiful part of this business is that we can meet so many, many nice people."

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## Lush & Plush

Design trends go for style in big, elegant way

BY MARY KLEMIC  
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"Lush and plush" conveys the attitude of design trends for the new year. While there is no prevalent style ("It's pretty much across the board," said Michael Garrow, accessory buyer at Newton Furniture, 15950 Middlebelt in Livonia), rooms are dressed in a luxurious look and feel, with a layering that pays attention to detail.

Style has turned the other chic — farther from "shabby chic" and closer to elegant.

"It used to be 'less is more.' I think we're moving away from that," said Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"People wouldn't think of having a sofa without putting pillows on it," said Jackie Schwartz, owner of Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 W. Maple in Walled Lake.

"Everything has beading or fringe ... Nothing is plain."

Down-filled cushions and plump pillows abound. Pillows show an example of layering — not only are they plump, they bear a lot of trim, such as fringes and buttons, and a material such as chiffon may be draped over them.

An advantage to pillows is that changing them makes it easy to give a sofa a new look or one in keeping with the season.

Richness is in the texture in popular fabrics, with such material as chenille and such elements as an antique weave that gives almost a damask feel.

It's in patterned and plush carpeting, although versatile sisal is still strong this year.

It's on metal, with painting, scrollwork, and a brushed, less shiny look.

"There's just an opportunity for a lot of detailing everywhere," Schwartz said.

For example, decorated boxes make attractive accents as they perform a useful function, such as holding the television remote, she said.

Other details are shades on chandelier lights and finials on drapery hardware, Ellis said.

Accessories are big in size as well as appeal. Walls aren't bare — they hold decorated tiles or plates, if not paintings.

When it comes to color trends, much of the palette is almost tempting to the palate — with such hues as pumpkin, raspberry and pale mustard.

The teal and mauve pairing of the '80s has a softer tone today, in aquamarine and camel, Ellis said.

Colors of nature are also strong, including greens. Among the neutrals are white, taupes and tans; accented with such jewel tones as purples and burgundy.

"Colors are moving to wood tones now," Garrow said.

Trends also favor a strong European influence, and natural elements.

"The Asian influence is everywhere," said Ellis, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. Among examples are grasses in containers, such as willowy spiral grass.

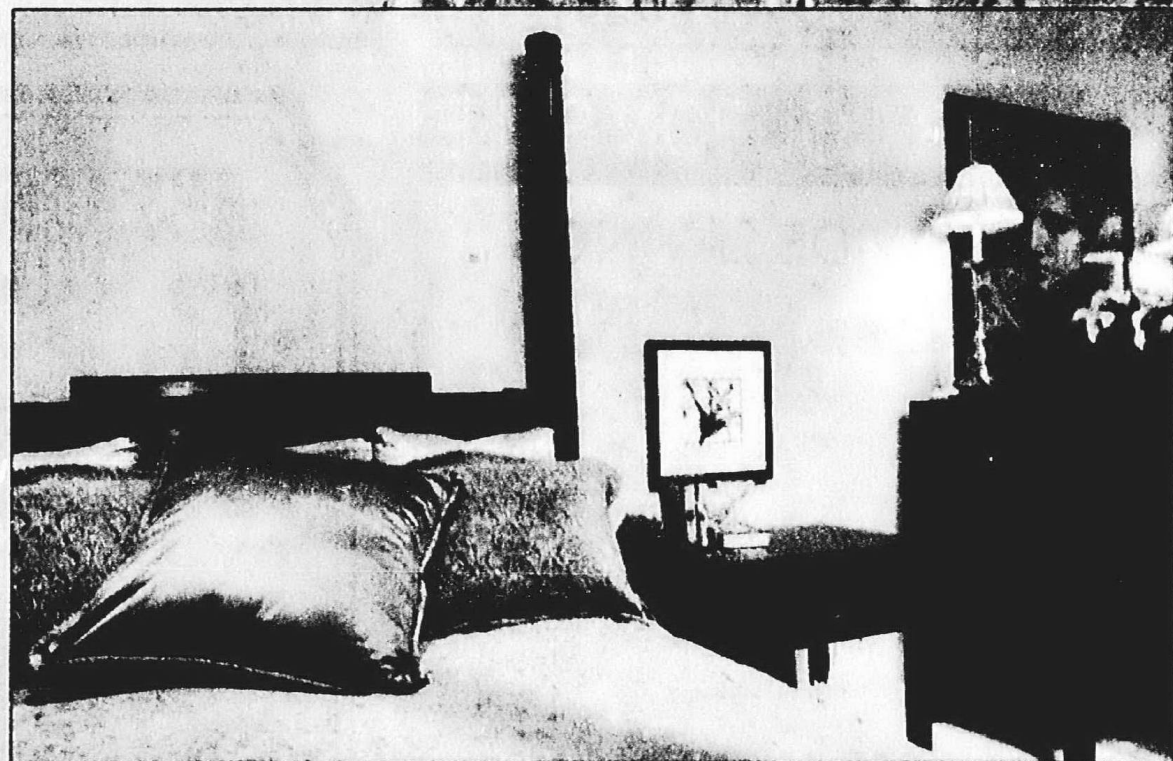
Tables are bigger and higher, an example of European influence, Garrow said. Furnishings called ottoman cocktails are popular. These pieces are large, square ottomans that can hold glasses of beverage, almost like a table.

"The Old World look is very popular right now," said Sherrie Singer, showroom manager at Home Accessory Warehouse, which offers professional design consultation. Examples of this look include street scenes and clocks, Singer said.



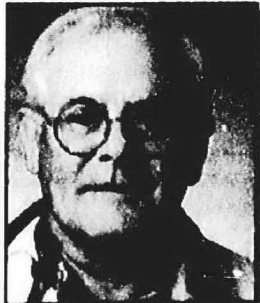
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**Asian influence:** The Asian — and other European — influence is strong in today's design trends, as in these accessories and grasses at the CAI Showroom at Michigan Design Center in Troy. Accent pieces are also big in size.



**Return to elegance:** Terry Ellis of Room Service Interior Design at Michigan Design Center stands with an upholstered daybed at the Baker Knapp & Tubbs Showroom (at left). The piece is an example of the lush, plush look of furniture and fabrics for this year. Another trend is seen in the dark wood of furnishings at the Lane Group Showroom (above).

INSIDE



JOE GAGNON

### Recall inadequate

A rebate offered by a manufacturer hardly addresses the fire hazards of some dishwashers says the Appliance Doctor.

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MARTY FIGLEY

### New year's plants

Now is a good time to scour the plant catalogs and decide on replacement plants for your garden.

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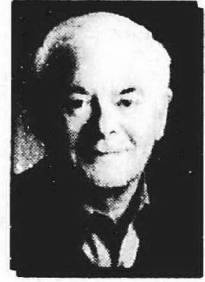
Experts estimate 25 percent of college-age students read below what is expected in the 12th grade. The alarming trend is expected to continue. See HomeTown Life, page 5



HOME WORK

Companies offer rebates to consumers, but it is little relief

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

I wrote a column about a year ago on the defective switch in General Electric and Hotpoint dishwashers produced between April 1983 and January 1989. The U.S. Product Safety Commission confirmed that some 50 fires resulted from this defective part and that GE was offering a "recall" on this product.

doing was offering customers a rebate on the purchase of a new dishwasher, which amounted to the installation cost of a new dishwasher.

How could anyone call this a recall? I was disgusted with the injustice of what was happening and angered by the position of the U.S. Product Safety Commission. How could a manufacturer make 3.1 million dishwashers which have the potential of catching fire and killing someone, and not have to repair the mistake?

I copied the column I wrote in this newspaper and sent it to Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. I also called the producer of ABC's "Good Morning America." As a result of some of the work done by Granholm, there are now five other lawsuits filed against GE, including the state of New York.

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On Dec. 25, "Good Morning America" reported a reversal by the U.S. Product Safety Commission, which stated that General Electric must now repair the defective dishwashers.

You probably think of this as a victory for the Appliance Doctor, but I don't look at it that way. The word "I" has been used several times in today's column, but that person didn't do a darn thing for homeowners who had a fire in their homes as a result of this defective dishwasher, suffered injury or death from a fire, paid for fire damage or purchased a new dishwasher out of

their pockets. Another 50 dishwashers caught fire since this story first appeared a year ago. What about them? ABC reported that there are still a few hundred thousand of these dishwashers in American homes. What about them? Why did the Product Safety Commission not issue a true recall when the problem was discovered? How long did General Electric know about this existing problem? Service repairmen have worked on these dishwashers since the units were built in 1983. Don't try to tell me that a manufacturer doesn't know the

ratio of service calls on a particular part — they sell the part.

I am not the important part of this story, the American consumer is — the person who spends their hard-earned dollars and expects a fair shake for their money. They expect a product to do the job, expect it to have a reasonable lifespan and don't expect these everyday products to catch fire. They expect producers to be anything but perfect, but in that kind of a case, consumers expect to know what is wrong with a product. Maybe the recent tire recall taught manufacturers a lesson and maybe not. The talk of putting corporate heads in prison for knowing of faulty products might be the real cure for not caring enough about the most important person — you!

General Electric and Hotpoint dishwashers that need repair

were produced between April 1983 and January 1989. Model numbers are GSD500D, GSD500G, GSD540, HDA467, HDA 477 and HDA487.

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

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

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HOME IMPROVEMENT CALENDAR

The Home Depot presents free "how-to" clinics every week for do-it-yourselfers. You can learn all about those projects you put off last summer, now that the winter snows have arrived. The clinics last approximately 30 to 45 minutes each and are taught by experienced Home

Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. For more information about the clinics, contact your local Home Depot store.

Scheduled in January are "Organizing Your Home Clos-

ets," 10 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Pergo Flooring," 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Install Ceramic Tile," 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "How to Hang Interior Doors," 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; "Insulating Your Home," 7 p.m. Tuesdays; and

"Audio/Video Hook-up," 7 p.m. Thursdays.

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Web site assists searches for appliance repair parts

PRNewswire — Women are increasingly picking up hammers and donning safety glasses to tackle home improvement projects. They can find everything they need online.

Pat Shaw of Harvard, Mass., discovered RepairClinic.com of Canton, Mich., on a search engine when she needed a replacement igniter assembly for her stove.

What she couldn't get from local appliance parts stores she found at www.RepairClinic.com. "I tried calling an appliance store but they never called back," said Shaw. "Then I stopped into an appliance parts store but was turned away because I didn't have a part number." After these two fruitless efforts, Shaw turned to the Internet.

Shaw was pleased to see RepairClinic.com had everything she needed. She was able to see a photo of the part online so she was certain she was ordering the correct one.

"After running an appliance repair service for more than 10 years, I found many customers, like Ms. Shaw, were willing to fix their own appliances but did-

not know where to go for parts or repair help," said Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com.

RepairClinic.com offers overnight shipping of parts for all major appliance manufacturers. Web site visitors can also e-mail repair questions to the site's online RepairGuru.

"I get a great deal of satisfaction fixing things myself. This time, thanks to RepairClinic.com, I saved at least \$100 by avoiding a service call fee," added Shaw. "How I wish I had visited the site when my dryer stopped working a few months ago."

Shaw, like many women on the information superhighway, appreciates the convenience of ordering products online as it saves hours of calling and driving around looking for just the right "thingamajig."

Women made nearly 38 percent of all do-it-yourself purchases last year, according to the American Hardware Manufacturers Association. And, a recent study by Media Metrix found that women now make up 50.4 percent of the U.S. Web audience.

RepairClinic.com is an online source for home appliance parts and accessories. Customers can visit www.RepairClinic.com or call a customer service representative at 800-269-2609 for help with all their appliance needs. The company, founded in March 1999, applies the latest in Internet, e-commerce and warehouse technology to the traditional market of appliance repair parts.

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Power rollers help with room painting

What color would you paint the room of your dreams?

This question has some people thinking of trendy colors like robin's egg blue or wasabi green, while those with more conservative tastes would be dreaming of the perfect shade of cream.

Although choosing what color to decorate your room with is a key part of the redecorating process, many homeowners are primarily concerned with the time and energy it takes to complete the painting job.

Power rollers can help you apply your selected paint color twice as fast as manual rollers. They provide a continuous, even flow of paint and extend the user's reach to minimize bending and stretching. They also reduce or eliminate trips to the paint can and eliminate the need for messy paint trays.

Powered rollers come in a variety of styles with prices ranging from \$25 to \$120. The basic models look much like a traditional manual roller, but have an extended handle that holds the paint as it's "fed" to the roller.

The user controls the paint flow by pumping the handle or pushing a trigger.



GARDENING

# These plants for the new year are winners

**GARDEN SPOT**



MARTY FIGLEY

Another new year is upon us! Time to scour the plant catalogs that are filling our mailboxes, get out the photos we took last year of the garden so we wouldn't forget (hope you remembered to do that), reconfigure the garden on paper and decide on replacement plants.

It might be time to try something new, so here are some winners that may be just the thing.

An annual, trailing *Bacopa Sutura cordata* "Snowstorm," commonly called "the snowflake plant," has been awarded the Guinness World Record for the largest and longest of its kind ever grown, slightly over 6-1/2 feet long.

This news comes from Proven Winners, an international marketing cooperative dedicated to developing new hybrid color varieties that will perform well.

The common name is appropriate because of the abundance of petite white blooms that are as prolific as falling snow.

**AAS winners**

All America Selections has chosen several bedding plants as winners.

Look for Portulaca "Margarita Rosita" with semi-double rose flowers. Plant in a sunny spot or patio container and enjoy the flowers for many months.

Eustoma "Forever Blue" is great for those who wish to grow blue flowers. The plant is dense with a branching habit and blooms profusely. It's also great for containers.

Nicotiana "Avalon Bright Pink" is a dwarf with many star-shaped blooms. The pastel pink color will light up any garden as a border plant or in a container.

"Ring of Fire" is a 5-inch sunflower with golden petal edges and a ring of deep red surrounding the chocolate brown center. It's a late bloomer but worth it. Grow it in full sun and look for it to reach 4 to 5 feet in height, spreading 2 to 3 feet.

The zinnia "Profusion White" has captured the AAS gold medal flower award. It has a long-flowering season and is the only white zinnia with 1 1/2-inch, single, daisy-like flowers. It's disease resistant and resists powdery mildew. Easy-care, it needs no pinching or pruning.

AAS has chosen these four vegetables as the best for 2001: Tomato "Jolly" produces cher-

ry-type, deep pink tomatoes that are peach shaped and grow in grape-like clusters. I predict the children will love 'em.

Sweet corn "Honey Select" has wonderful flavor and quality. Because this hybrid contains two endosperm types, any gardener can grow this corn without concern about other corn plants and pollen.

An onion, "Super Star" is the first hybrid onion to win the AAS award. This onion is a sweet one and is adaptable to spring growing conditions. It can also be grown in the fall, when mild, short days prevail.

The onion is great raw or grilled, as is the pepper "Giant Marconi," which is exceptionally good when grilled. To ensure the pepper blossom end doesn't touch the soil, AAS suggests using an organic mulch to prevent rot caused by contact with soil.

For more information about these and other plants, log on to all-americaelections.org

**Look for these**

When you're shopping for plants, here are a few to look for: "Storm Petunias" are extremely weather tolerant; pink, lavender and salmon are the colors. Great for sunny beds or patios. Also, dianthus: "Strawberry Super Parfait," with a scarlet eye, and "Raspberry Super Par-

fait," crimson with a darker eye.

These are produced by Goldsmith, the company that brings many other new plants to the nursery, such as "Summer Sizzler" marigolds, "Accent" impatiens and "Accord/Banner" pansy — "Black Beauty" is a knockout.

Those of you who grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seeds should request a catalog from Renee's Garden. They offer seeds for 182 varieties, and the catalog is a work of art. Call toll-free (888) 880-7228, or fax (831) 335-7227.

For rose lovers, the second USA Edition 2001 David Austin rose catalog is now available. It's a beauty, as are the roses! They are breeders of new roses, specialist growers of English roses, old roses, shrub, climbing and

modern roses. The plants will be shipped from Texas. Call toll-free (800) 328-8893.

**GOOD GARDEN TIPS**

When ordering seeds, check your list several times so you don't over-order.

With the snow we've had this winter, rabbits, mice and other gnawing rodents may find your trees and shrubs quite a treat. It may be worth your while to put a protective cylinder of wire mesh to protect the tree. (Extend it a foot above snow level)

I saw a little mouse come from a tunnel of snow on the garage roof, scoot down the brick wall and eat a tasty bit of bird food right outside the kitchen window last month.

Spray your outdoor Christmas decorations with an anti-desiccant early this month to prolong the beauty.

Spray it on rhodies, boxwood and other broad-leaved evergreens late this month, when the temperature is above freezing.

Don't miss Scott Kunst and his program, *Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes, 1800-1940*, 6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, presented by The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham. Call (248) 644-5832.

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

**GARDENING CALENDAR**

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

**MATTHAEI GARDENS**

**LEARN ABOUT HERBS**  
An herb study group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, in Room 125 at the University of Michigan

Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. (Enter in the west end of the building). This month's program will be a presentation on Hydroponic Herb Growing by Harley Smith of East Lansing.

Anyone interested in herbs is welcome. For further information please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or e-mail sburek@provident.net.

**FLORAL FUN**

**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: poodle arrangement workshop, Saturday, Jan. 20; silk spring flower arrangement workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24, and herbal workshop, Saturday, March 17. Call (734) 397-0800.

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**ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS**

**Fry-Brinkman**

Gary and Mary Beth Fry of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, to Justin David Brinkman of Champaign, Ill. The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan student majoring in elementary education. She will graduate in 2001. Her fiancé, son of David and Sandra Brinkman of Northwood, England, is a 2000 graduate of University of Michigan with a degree in psychology. He is currently attending the University



of Illinois School of Law and will graduate in 2003. An August wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor.

**Bjelenda-Germain**

Bob and Eleanor Bjelenda of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Marie, to Kenneth James Germain of Redford Township. The bride-to-be is a 1990 Ladywood High School graduate and a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in education. She is currently working toward her master's degree and works as an elementary school teacher for Livonia Public Schools. Her fiancé, son of Kenneth Germain of Milford and Christine Germain of Livonia, is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a criminal justice degree. He is a Detroit Police Officer and coach-



es tennis for the Dearborn and Royal Oak Boys and Girls Clubs. An August wedding is planned for St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

**Evangelist to visit Praise Chapel**

Evangelist, Terry Schalk will give a testimony of his miraculous healing from non-Hodgkin lymphoma on "Super Faith Sunday," Jan. 7, at Praise Chapel during both services, 10 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Schalk is a former pastor of a mid-Michigan church who resigned after 25 years when he was stricken with cancer in 1996. He said he refused treatment but continued to trust in the Lord. "After four months, the cancer went away," said Schalk. "In 1999 it returned. Once again, I refused treatment," he said; "I was placed in the intensive care unit, on a ventilator. The doctors gave up and said I would live maybe two more hours." After a month, it was decided

that he should be removed from the ventilator and be sent home under hospice care. At home he was cared for by nurses from Mid-Michigan Hospice. Gradually, he improved. In October 1999 he was healed. Since then, Schalk travels to cities throughout the United States evangelizing and helping plant churches in northern Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula. He is affiliated with the Church of God State Office in Fenton. Schalk and his wife, Karin, live in Albright Shores, a village north of Midland, Michigan. Services are open to everyone; there is no admission charge. Praise Chapel is located at 36115 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**Edwards-Dry**

Reginald and Deanna Edwards of Hampton, Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to David Dry of Westland. The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Hampton High School and will graduate from Sentara School of Health Professionals in May as a registered nurse. She works as an emergency room tech at the Sentara Complex. Her fiancé, son of Gregory Dry of Canton and Christine Dry of Westland, is a 1996 John Glenn High School graduate. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Virginia with the U.S.S. Nimitz. A March wedding is planned in Hampton, Virginia.



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**Simek-Latour**

Jimmy and Janet Simek of Cleveland announce the marriage of their daughter, Theresa Elizabeth, to James Francis Latour, son of Charles and Linda Latour of Richmond, Mich. The couple wed Sept. 2 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, West Park, in Cleveland. They also celebrated their five year anniversary of the day they met. The bride earned her bachelor of fine arts and teaching certification at Eastern Michigan University. She is an art teacher for Willow Run Community Schools in Ypsilanti, Mich. She continues to create her own artwork and was recently featured in a gallery exhibit at EMU. The groom is completing his bachelor of architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University and plans to pursue his master's degree in architecture afterward. He works as a CAD technician for Schonscheck, Inc. of Wixom. The couple wed before the Rev. Thomas Mahoney. The bride was attended by maid of honor Laura Reilley, brides-



maids Christine Simek, Allison Greer, Ann Marie Fred and flower girl Sarah Sobieski. The groom was attended by best man Steven Latour, groomsmen Brian Burkett, Brian Latour, Michael Simek, and ringbearer Edward Sobieski. The couple received guests at the North Olmsted Party Center in North Olmsted, Ohio. They are taking a two week honeymoon in Hawaii and recently purchased their home in Westland.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you are interested in announcing your engagement, wedding, birth of a child or anniversary please call Kim Mortson, HomeTown Life Editor for a form. Announcements appear every Thursday as space allows. Submit your information to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Salvatore and Yvonne Cangemi of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their daughter Kathryn (Katy) Margaret born Nov. 25 at Garden City Hospital. Kathryn joins brother Nicholas, 5. Grandparents are Sam and Deanne Cangemi of Canton, Charles and Cathy Alcorn of Redford and Lyn Walker of Harrison. George and Regina Schwemle of Westland announce the birth of their son George Clark Schwemle Jr. born Nov. 20 at Garden City Hospital. George joins brother Trevor, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Clark and Lynn Schwemle of Westland and Gary and Diania Ritchie of Garden City. Mark and Karen Porter of Westland announce the birth of their son Logan Michael born Nov. 16 at Garden City Hospital.

Logan joins siblings Travis, 13; Grant, 12; and Meggan, 6. Grandmother is Emily I. Porter of Westland. David and Cynthia Soine of Redford announce the birth of their son David Emerson Soine, Jr. born Nov. 13 at Garden City Hospital. David joins siblings Yvette, 8; and Lisabet, 5. Grandparents are Al and Janis Saari of Plymouth, Minnesota and Duane and Judy Soine of Negaunee, Mich. Donald and Patricia Clark of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Cara Elizabeth, born Nov. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins brothers Joshua, Charlie and Jonathan. Grandparents are Janice Kelley of Westland and Phyllis and Al Riggs of Lake.

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**ONGOING**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers are always needed at Resurrection Ministries every Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Duties include passing out food to the needy from their food pantry that feeds over 30 families per month. Clothing, household items and or monetary donations are always needed. All gifts and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at Resurrection Ministries or Nicole's Revival located at 958 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Call (734) 729-1234. If you need a volunteer to pick up your donations call (313) 896-1708.

**TEAMKID**  
Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) is a fun-filled, Bible-based club for kids from first through sixth grades. Meet at the church every Sunday from 4:45-7 p.m. for Bible stories, games, prizes and snacks. Call (734) 421-0472.

**RCIA CLASSES**  
If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith or wish to learn more about our faith, please call Deacon John (734) 425-4421. Our RCIA classes will

start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore Parish in our Parish Center building located at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

**TAZ**  
Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) hosts this Tuesday evening gathering for youths from seventh to twelfth grade. Every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. join the group in hearing a live band, crazy games and talk about tackling real-life challenges from a Biblical perspective. Call (734) 421-0472.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (Haggerty Road North of Eight Mile) will host a ladies bible study at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesdays through December. Weekly study of the book of John. \$15/semester for materials. Call (248) 348-7600.

**WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP**  
Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**  
New Beginnings, a grief support group held meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile Road) in Livonia. The group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month and group support will be offered the third Thursday of the month. Call (734) 422-6038. Upcoming speakers include:  
Jan. 4, Moving on.  
Feb. 1, The Grief Process, Rev. Chuck Sonquist  
March 1, Self Care quiz for grief, Sue Ann Daniel  
April 5, Dreams, Visions and Images, Rev. Phil Seymour  
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THE WAY I SEE IT

## Enjoying the colder, yet finer points of life

BY ALYSSA TREFNEY  
STUDENT WRITER

"Come on, boys. Let's go play!" I exclaimed while bustling my babysitting charges, Nicholas and Nathan outside.

"Ohhhh," they cooed. "Snow!" In under a minute, the two were covered from head to toe in white powder. I couldn't help but laugh at their smiling faces, or shriek with joy when they came chasing after me. Watching them,

I just couldn't figure out why so many people dislike snow. It's almost as if everyone has forgotten how to have fun.

### Accepting it the way it is

Watching the news a couple of days earlier, I listened to the weatherman inform the public of the oncoming snowstorm. The top story on every channel was preparing for it. People were interviewed, saying how unhappy and annoyed they were with this particular type of weather.

Not one person said they were excited for the first snow of winter, or that they couldn't wait to take their children outside. Why people are like this is beyond me. Snow is one of the many wonders of this earth. It can hide streets and grass. It turns the whole world silent. It can even do the ultimate. It talks to those all important people who control the life of everyone

### Sometimes, life covers us in stuff that we don't like. The trick is learning to enjoy it.

under the age of 18. It can even have the school officials cancel school.

Still, some people view snow as a nuisance instead of a source of enjoyment. It's these people who haven't yet learned how to make lemonade out of their lemons.

### Having fun anyway

Life isn't fair. Life throws curveballs on a regular basis. Things don't always go your way. But the secret to life is making the best of these situations. Sure, a snowstorm seems small in comparison to the many tragedies that occur in everyday life. But it sure is an awfully good example.

So you can't get to work because of the road conditions, now you have the whole day to spend with your family, having fun together. That sounds a lot better than working, anyway. Learning to make the best out of things is a difficult skill to acquire. Yet, once it is gained, living becomes a million times more fun.

### The final lesson

As Nicholas, Nathan, and I sat warming under a blanket after our escapade, I realized one of the many things they have taught me. Sometimes, life covers us in stuff that we don't like. The trick is learning to enjoy it.

Alyssa Trefney is a student at Livonia Franklin High School. She enjoys writing short stories in her spare time and looks forward to working on the school newspaper in the future. She is a resident of Westland.

## Bridal anecdotes, stories sought

Do you have an interesting story to tell about a wedding, engagement, bridal shower or bachelor party? If so, we'd like to hear it.

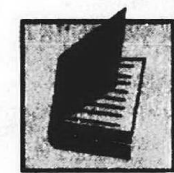
Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtnaw is collecting stories to use in the Observers' annual wedding and anniversary section that comes out on Feb. 11.

You may phone Ralph at (734) 953-2054, write to Ralph at Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail Ralph at [rechtnaw@homecomm.net](mailto:rechtnaw@homecomm.net). Ralph must hear from you by Friday, Jan. 19.

# Read between the lines

## Different technologies replace the written word

Increasingly, students entering colleges and universities read below what is expected in the 12th grade - about 25 percent of them. Experts anticipate the alarming trend to continue.



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine studying for a college exam and not being able to read above the level of a high school senior.

According to Deborah Daiek, Schoolcraft College assistance dean for academic and assessment services, at least 25 percent of students entering colleges and universities read below what is expected in the 12th grade.

"I think that will continue to increase because of the different technologies," Daiek said. "More students would rather rent the movie instead of read the book."

Twenty-five percent includes those with learning disabilities and a growing number of students who use English as a second language.

"There's a large number of students who are returning after many years of being away," she added. "They are losing jobs after downsizing and need to brush-up on skills and they've forgotten what they learned. Even though in the community college we've always seen the older student that number is increasing."

### Undeveloped

For one reason or another, another set of college students graduated high school and never developed their reading skills. They became masters at bluffing their way through classes without sharpening reading skills.

"They thought it would be the same when they got to college and suddenly they are expected to read text books," Daiek said. "They come to us with a false sense of security and when they take their first test it's like hitting a brick wall."

Sometimes the best students at Madonna University in Livonia are the ones trying to improve their reading, according to Sherry Klisz, Madonna University director of the center of personalized instruction.

In fact, the learning center attracts as many A and B students as C and D students. Every semester, she added, there are tutors who help students in one subject and who stay for help in another subject. There are also a lot of perfectionists who want to make sure they're doing the best.

"A good learner identifies their levels and when they are weak in a certain level they bolster that," Klisz said.

Students who want to improve their reading skills get help from Madonna's lending library, video tapes and tutors. Group study sessions, with student leaders, are also available.



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Deborah Daiek

—Schoolcraft College assistance dean for academic/assessment services

### Help available

Learning Plus is a computerized program that identifies basic skills testing in writing, math and reading. Students take a test off the computer, which corrects the work, explains what chapters to study and outlines 30 hours of instruction.

"It's important for people to realize if they are weak in one area they are always going to be strong in others," Klisz said. "We try to tell tutors not to be judgmental and don't show surprise that someone doesn't know something."

The average age of Madonna students is 30 something and "last year we had a graduate of our program who was well into her 70s," Klisz added. "I think it's never too late for people to identify their weaknesses and connect with the learning center and improve."

Colleges and universities across the United States provide many programs for disabled students with a wide range of problems, like dyslexia and attention deficit disorder. They're given tape recorders and taught learning skills. Most importantly, these students are offered guidance from professionals.

"It's very similar to trainers and body building, but it's academic learning - working one on one," Daiek said. "They assess what skills need developing."

Every year at orientation, Daiek said, about 80 percent of the students raise their hands when asked if they hadn't read text books while they were in high school. Most freshman text books are written at a 10th or 11th grade level.

Schoolcraft students must be reading at college level before they are allowed to take most courses with credits that transfer to universities. They take placement tests and if they score at a low reading level appropriate courses are recommended.

Somehow, A. Anne Bowers, Jr. finds time to tutor Madonna students in reading and other areas, while teaching writing and speaking at Schoolcraft, Madonna and the University of Phoenix.

"There's some reason why someone isn't up to level," Bowers said. "A lot of what we do here is identify why a person has difficulty in reading and comprehension."

### The role of heredity

Aside from dyslexia and other physical problems, early reading experiences and possibly heredity play roles in whether we will be good or poor readers, she added.

"The hardest thing is getting started," Bowers said explaining that the first step is trying to change attitudes. Her philosophy is: If you don't like the way you feel, change the way you think. Students have to believe they are going to succeed.

"Sometimes I have to spend half the tutoring session getting their attitude right and getting them ready to learn," she added. Bowers starts slowly by taking the story apart paragraph by paragraph.

"They get self-confidence and you can't stop them," she said. "They become an Energizer Bunny and that's what's fulfilling as a teacher and tutor." Bowers knows from experience what it feels like to fail and succeed. A single mother, she flunked out of college during the 1960s. Today she has nine advanced degrees including masters and doctorates.

"I deal with people the same as me every day," she said. "Don't tell me you can't do it, I did and I continue to do it."

When a student has low reading scores he or she will probably struggle in whatever program he or she get into, Daiek said adding the intervention programs are safety nets.

"If a student doesn't read well they know they're not a good reader and they know some type of intervention is necessary," Daiek said. "Many students who really experience reading difficulties have struggled from (K)kindergarten) through 12, but were never diagnosed."

Many students initially resist remedial classes, because they think it's a waste of time, but in the long run, Daiek said, the courses are designed to save the students the cost and energy of having to repeat classes. Schoolcraft offers students programs such as Tutoring and Writing Fellows, which allows students to have their papers reviewed by other students before submitting it to faculty.

Another program, Peer Assisted Learning (PALS), allows students to lead study sessions.

"We in education see that there is such a need for reading," Daiek said pointing to an array of pre-college reading programs designed to get children excited about books.

"We aren't trying to only get them to become academically successful, but to become life-long learners," Daiek said. "Even to become a productive citizen you need reading skills to make decisions when buying a car, buying a house or voting. With Internet information students need skills to know what is important and what is not. Parents have no idea what it means to take the time to read and make it a love and joy instead of popping in a video."

# Resolve to get fit, healthy in new year

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

The last cup of spiked eggnog has been downed, the final chocolate truffle in the fancy box eaten. January is the time most of us think about getting physically fit. A new year, a new attitude.

Losing weight ranks as one of the top New Year's resolutions, according to Farmington Hills-based Weight Watchers. With over 37 years of experience in weight loss and control, Weight Watchers is familiar with the seasonal patterns of dieters. It offers these tips to help make diet resolutions stick beyond Valentine's Day.

Getting started is key; don't worry about every detail. Stay focused on the steps immediately before you.

Set your first major goal at losing 10 percent of your current body weight. Not only has a 10 percent weight loss been proven to be medically significant, it's also an achievable goal.

Portion size is a cornerstone to successful weight loss. The amount you eat is more important than what you eat.

Take simple small steps to improve your lifestyle. Change habits gradually. Walk an extra five minutes a day.

Accept that you will make mistakes along the way. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and continue with healthy eating habits.

You don't have to give up favorite foods. If buying a big package of your

favorite snack leads to temptation, buy single serving sizes instead.

Even if you lapse, don't give up.



Fit: Hodge Bryant works out using a stair-step machine.

Lapses are normal. Knowing you can get back on track is an empowering skill to learn.

Recognize that new habits need practice until they become your own. Give yourself time for lifestyle changes to feel natural and automatic.

### The no diet Solution

At Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network, staff is one year into a new program that offers weight loss without formal dieting.

Called Solutions, the program was created by registered dietitian Laurel Mellin at the University of California - San Francisco, based on years of research. Registered dietitian Gail Cox brought the program to Botsford.

"What we're dealing with is not a diet. We go inside ourselves and turn off the drive to overeat," said Denise Holmes, a registered dietitian at Botsford's Health Development Network.

"We overeat or drink too much, or spend too much money or gamble to excess because we're thrown off balance," she explained. "It takes skill training to reach an inner balance. With Solutions, we learn to limit ourselves."

Free introductory talks are scheduled Jan. 9 or Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. to introduce more people to the Solutions concept which is catching on nationally. This 45-minute session is for people who have not read the book *The Solution* by Laurel Mellin, or know nothing about The Solution method. To reserve a seat call 477-6100.

A retreat is scheduled Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Botsford Cen-

ter for Health Improvement in Novi. The fee for the retreat is \$30 and those attending need to buy a copy of the book for \$13. Participants will do a self assessment to see how their eating is caused by stress, habits or emotions. Attending a retreat is required to enroll in a Solution group. Call 477-6100 to register.

"Some overeating triggers include stress, old emotional issues, any number of things," said Holmes, who is a Solutions facilitator. The Solutions program forces the individual to look inside himself to identify the triggers.

"We find what are reasonable expectations, what needs to be done."

At the end of the retreat, participants can decide if the program seems right for them. If they choose to adopt it, Solutions is a 12-week program. Sessions meet once a week for two hours. At meetings, clients practice skills and learn new ones.

"You learn to nurture yourself. It takes practice, practice, practice," said Holmes, adding that it usually takes a year for clients to implement the skills they learn into their every day routines.

"It's so powerful," she added. "People are learning to take care of themselves. We have one lady who lost 75 pounds by just turning off the (emotional) triggers."

Each session is co-led by a registered dietitian and a mental health worker.

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What new year's resolutions should we make for the year 2001? The usual ones like trying to exercise more, going on a diet, or giving up something, just do not seem to work well with most people. Perhaps we should make resolutions that are not so demanding and that are more enjoyable for everyone. For example, we could try to be more positive and expect only good things to happen to us; every day we could tell our spouse or children that we love them; we could try to be a better listener and not do all of the talking; we could say something nice to someone each day; we could pray, praise and thank God throughout the day for all His many blessings.....With God's help, we can do it all.

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**FITZGERALD HIGH**  
 ■ Class of 1961  
 The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has

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**FORDSON - DEARBORN**  
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 A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3, 2001 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets will be available starting Jan. 2001. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail [jgurka@todaylink.com](mailto:jgurka@todaylink.com)

**GARDEN CITY EAST**  
 ■ Class of 1971  
 A 30-year reunion is being planned for Aug. 11, 2001. Call (248) 542-8919 or (313) 541-6834. You can also write: Alumni Committee, P.O. Box 376, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

**LIVONIA BENTLEY**  
 ■ Class of 1976  
 A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1, 2001 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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 ■ Class of 1985. TBA. Contact: Jennifer Ewald Wenson (248) 473-8397.

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 ■ Class of 1951  
 Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21, 2001. Contact Doris

Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Caringi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

**NORTH FARMINGTON**  
 ■ Class of 1970  
 A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**Class of 1981**  
 A reunion is being planned for Saturday, August 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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**OAK PARK**  
 ■ Class of 1961  
 The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons — classmates who have scattered through the years — and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972 or (248) 851-4541.

**Class of 1975**  
 A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28, 2001 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. To get on the mailing list call: Marcie

Ziskind Aguas, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukul (248) 661-5587 or e-mail [Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net](mailto:Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net)

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 A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2001 at the Northville Manor in Northville. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**PONTIAC CATHOLIC**  
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 A 25-year reunion is planned for Oct. 13 at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. Call Tim O'Brien at (248) 334-2470 ext. 103 or send e-mail to [obreinhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:obreinhouse@yahoo.com) for more information.

**ROYAL OAK KIMBALL**  
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 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001 at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**SOUTHFIELD LATHROP**  
 ■ Class of 1991  
 A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23, 2001 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

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 A reunion is being planned for March 16 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Call Jerry McFee (313) 563-1734

■ Class of 1961  
 "Flyer" alumni of the 1961 class are being sought for a 40th reunion. Send name, maiden name if applicable, address, city, state, zip and phone number to Reunion, 23890 Joey Drive, Brownstown Twp., Mi 48134 or call (734) 676-1934.

**ST. STANISLAUS, DETROIT**  
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 Seeking graduates for Sept. 2001 50th reunion. Please contact Rosemary, (810) 792-0136.

**WAYNE MEMORIAL**  
 ■ Class of 1981  
 A reunion is being planned for Oct. 6, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

**WILBUR WRIGHT**  
 ■ Class of 1962  
 Classmates are being sought for a 40-year reunion. If you are a classmate or know of a classmate call us. Don Simms, (248) 814-9425 or Jacqueline Bartley (248) 442-8851.

■ Classes 1961-67  
 A reunion is being planned for Aug. 18, 2001. For information call Norma Wright (313) 934-9373, Joe Newland (248) 563-0304, Tim Wirkus (248) 353-4502.

SINGLES MINGLE

Listings for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail [kmortson@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kmortson@oe.homecomm.net)

Divorce. Theodore Johnson, Attorney at Law. Learn about the process of filing for divorce and what to expect.

■ Feb. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Feb. 27, Gaining financial control of your divorce. Jacqueline Gold will discuss the financial

aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following the divorce.

■ Mar. 13, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Mar. 27, Coping with Insecurity: Karen Copeland, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will focus her presentation on

helping divorcing individuals to develop more self-confidence as they face the challenges of a new life.

■ Apr. 10, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

■ Apr. 24, "An Overview of the Process of Divorce" by Mary Jane Bevelheimer, Attorney at

Law. Learn about the legal process of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony, etc.

**DIVORCE RECOVERY**  
 Single Place Ministries presents a Divorce Recovery Workshop at First Presbyterian Church (200

E. Main Street, Northville) Jan. 11-Feb. 22 at a cost of \$30. Topics include networking, stages of grief, legal aspect of divorce, helping children through divorce, etc. The group meets from 7-9 p.m. at the church. The cost includes Jim Smoke's book "Growing Through Divorce."

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**  
 Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

**THURSDAY METRO SINGLES**  
 Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Thursday and concludes at 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Crystal Park Banquet Center, 7099 Champaign, Allen Park. Call (313) 388-9001 or the hotline (313) 438-6852.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**  
 Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call Diane at 981-4553.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP**  
 Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 226) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443.

■ Jan. 9, group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.  
 ■ Jan. 23, The Legal Aspects of

Don't miss TV debut

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7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday evenings through November. Speakers include Daniel Shutt and Norman Crawford.

### LET'S TALK WORKSHOPS

A workshop, 'Let's Talk' will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in January. It is designed for pre-marital or married couples or adults in interfaith relationships where one of the partners is Jewish. The five-part workshop includes individual religions; personal identity; helpful communication skills; resolving interfaith issues; and a panel discussion with individual interfaith couples at different stages in life. Dates are Jan. 4, 11, 18; and Feb. 1 and 8. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills hosted by the Interfaith Connection. Call (800) 397-4876 or e-mail connection@ajedetroit.org

### BURNING CEREMONY

Ever want to burn up the worst of the last year and leave its ashes behind you as you enter the new year? On this first Sun-

day, Jan. 7, of the new year Rev. Bob Renjilian of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will lead us in such a symbolic ritual. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

**GUEST SPEAKER SAMIR MASHNI** Samir Mashni, past president of the American Federation of Ramallah will be the speaker for the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church of Wayne at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 The AFR is an Arabic organization. Mashni presently has a law office in Dearborn Heights. He is an authority on the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Nation of Israel and is in continuing contact with the Palestinian negotiators. His address will deal with the present situation in the Middle East. First Congregational Church is located on Wayne Road between east/west bound Michigan Ave. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m./discussion at 7:30 p.m. To make dinner reser-

ervations call (734) 729-7550.

### CHRISTIAN KEN MEDEMA

Ken Medema, Christian singer/songwriter, a Michigan native, will perform Saturday, Jan. 13 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the church (27475 Five Mile). Blind since birth, Ken Medema has been writing songs and performing for 30 years around the world. Tickets are \$10, adults; and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Call (734) 422-1470.

### WORKSHOPS

Newburg United Methodist Church will host *Divorce and its Effects on Children*, a workshop presentation by Jacque Martin-Downs. It begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register. Newburg United Methodist Church will host *Stages of Grief*, a workshop presentation by Ann Marie Jackson of Arbor Hospice. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 21 at the church, Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

### ALPHA CLASS

Timothy Lutheran Church is offering a new Alpha course, a practical introduction into the Christian faith. Classes are 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, beginning Jan. 20, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290.

### CORNISH PASTIES FOR SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church is making Cornish Pasties as a fundraiser. They are \$2.50 each and can be ordered by calling the church, (734) 422-0149. Orders may be placed 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 9-10. Do not leave orders on the answering machine. Pick up pre-ordered goods 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Maximum order is 25.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile, Plymouth). There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www.rc.net/detroit/wmme

### HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study

is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@yahoo.com

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

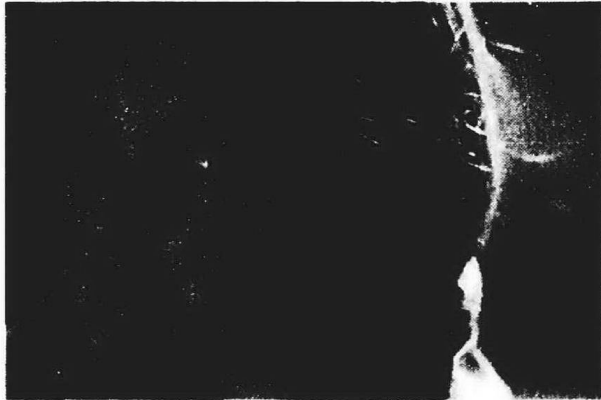
Sunday School for children ages 3-13 is offered by Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) every week. Pastor Carla Thompson Powell teaches this class which helps children to learn more about the Bible and grow in faith toward God. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

## Breaking ground



**Dedication:** Merriman Road Baptist Church officially broke ground Dec. 10 on their new building project. The Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor for the last four years, read a short devotional, they sang "Victory in Jesus," and then together Rev. Parker and Betty Babb, widow of longtime pastor Dr. Ray Babb, used the ceremonial shovel to break ground. Dr. Michael Collins, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, offered the benedictory prayer. Merriman Road Baptist Church is located on Merriman, two blocks south of Ford Road in Garden City.

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If your child is between 7 and 17 years old, he or she may be eligible for this investigational research study. Those who qualify will be under a doctor's supervision and receive study-related physical exams, mental health assessment and study medication.

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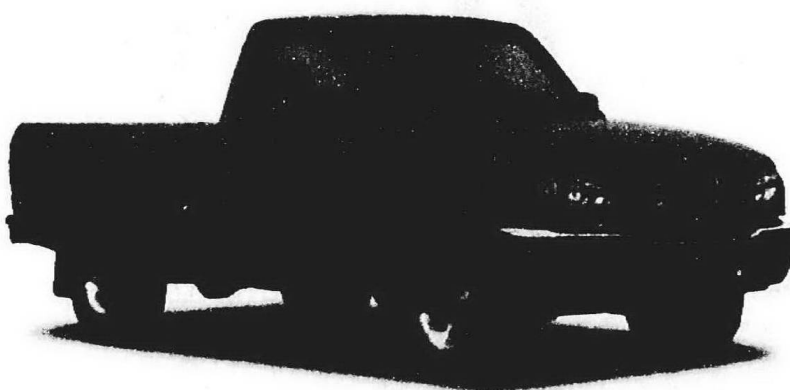
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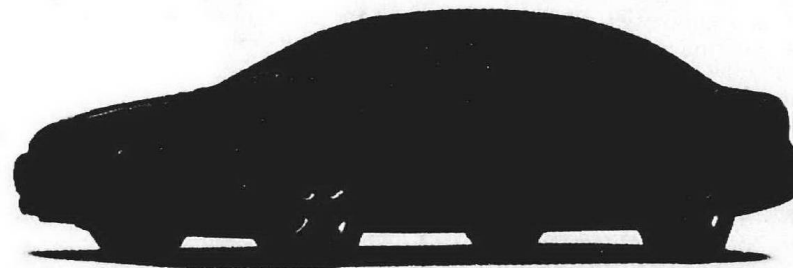
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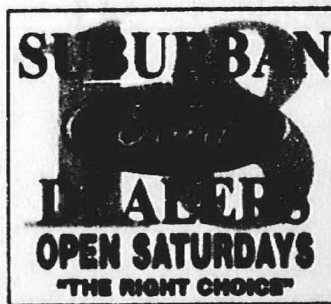
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## Salem results mixed

Plymouth Salem's volleyball team opened its season last Saturday at the Portage Northern Invitational, and the results were mixed: three wins, two losses.

The Rocks beat Comstock 15-6, 15-9; Pinconning 15-7, 15-10; and Flint Powers 15-9, 15-3. They lost to Fruitport 15-5, 16-14 and to Temperance Bedford 15-0, 13-15, 15-7.

Despite the shaky start, Salem coach Tom Teeters was still able to locate an optimistic note. "Bedford scored the first 25 points of the match against us," he said, referring to one of the state's top teams. "We were down 12-0 in the second game and came back and won it."

Teeters was encouraged by the performance of several players, including Kelly Jaskot's defense and serving (two aces); Stephanie Philips, coming off the bench at middle blocker; Jill Dombrowski, at both setting and serving; Katie Good's hitting; Jordan Fulcusan's all-around play; and Mary Lou Liebau's quick attack.

Salem hosts the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday.

## Ambassadors win in OT

Andy Bozoian, a defenseman with the Compuware Ambassadors, scored just 1:17 into overtime to lead his team to a 3-2 victory over the Capital Centre Pride Saturday in Lansing.

Frank Rediker and Steve Brudzewski scored regulation goals for the Ambassadors. Mike Noel and Charlie Henderson scored for the Pride.

## Men's racquetball

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with Body Rocks Racquetball of Livonia, will sponsor a 13-week men's winter racquetball league beginning next Wednesday.

Cost is \$110 per person. Court times are 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There are no residency requirements.

Players will be divided into divisions based on ability level. Call the Canton Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5110 for more information.

## Travel baseball tryout

A travel baseball team out of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation is searching for players for its 15-year-old team this summer. The team will travel out of state for three tournaments this summer.

If your birthdate is before Aug. 1, 1986, call; there will be a tryout Sunday in Dearborn Heights.

Call Mr. Lewis at (313) 839-6872 to register.

## Pompon variety show

The Plymouth Canton HS Chieftettes pompon squad will present its annual Variety Show at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 in the Salem HS Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or from any member of the Chieftettes.

This year's show will include individual student performances, a Chieftettes Parents' routine, a guy/girl dance routine and performances by the award-winning Plymouth Canton HS Chieftettes.

## Madonna softball clinic

Madonna University will be stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic four consecutive weeks — 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 20, 27; Feb. 3 and 10; also, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4 and 11.

The cost is \$80 for four weeks or \$25 per session.

The camp consists of hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, base running, pitching, catching and defensive position. Pitchers and catchers will be required to stay an extra half-hour.

Pre-registration is required. The maximum is 30 per session.

For more information, call MU coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719; also assistant Curt White at (734) 728-3074.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

## Massey finds the range for Madonna



**It's a matter of taking what you can get. Madonna University couldn't beat host Alma College in the opening round of last weekend's tournament, but the Crusaders did win their consolation game against Thomas More.**

A strong second half Saturday against Thomas More University, ignited by the one-two combination of Mike Massey and Dan Kurtinaitis, enabled Madonna University's men's basketball team to salvage a split at last weekend's Alma College Invitational. The Fighting Crusaders were clinging to a 37-35 lead at halftime. In the

second half, however, they outpointed Thomas More 53-39 to win going away. The win pushed Madonna's record to 4-11.

Massey converted 11-of-16 shots from the floor, including 3-of-6 three-pointers, and 11-of-12 free throws to pour in 36 points.

Kurtinaitis was 8-of-12 from the floor

— 3-of-4 on triple tries — in scoring 27 points. He also had three assists and two steals.

Chad Nodoln contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Crusaders made 29-of-52 from the field (55.8 percent), including 9-of-17 on threes (52.9 percent).

Thomas More was paced by Mark Klein's 18 points, Corey Grace with 17, Dustin Mulberry with 16 and Trevor Ryhe with 10. More made 22-of-54 from the floor (40.7 percent) and 6-of-23 on threes (26.1 percent).

In Friday's opener against Alma,

turnovers were Madonna's biggest problem in its 88-83 loss. The Crusaders committed 20 of them, compared to 12 for the Scots.

Alma led 46-39 at the half. Massey, who nailed 5-of-8 three-pointers, led Madonna with 26 points and four assists. Narvin Russaw hit 6-of-7 from the floor in scoring 14 points and he paced the Crusaders with 13 rebounds. Aaron Cox added 13 points and two steals and Kurtinaitis scored 11.

Alma got 18 points from Sean Dick.

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## Just warming up



PHOTO BY TOM HUSSELMAN

**Taking the fifth: Salem's Pete Bobee (on top) won his first match in the 112-pound division, then lost his second. Still, Bobee beat Bo Waldorf of Greenville to finish fifth in the tournament.**

## Short-handed Salem does all right

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Hard to judge a team at a Christmas Tournament, particularly when said team is missing several key individuals.

At last Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, many of the 14 teams competing could make a similar claim. Indeed, it could be maintained that few — if any — of the teams had their full roster available.

However you look at it, the teams that finished on top — in this case, Greenville with 194 points, followed by Belleville with 186.5 and Portage Northern with 172.5 — still had to be happy. And the teams that finished further down in the 14-team field couldn't be too disappointed.

"For the kids we had, we're doing fine," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "We didn't have a full lineup. With some of the kids, it was a family thing."

Salem placed seventh with 121

## WRESTLING

points, behind the top three and Livonia Stevenson (152), Northville (141.5) and Monroe (137). Behind the Rocks came Livonia Churchill (120), Brighton (110), Garden City (88), Westland John Glenn (81), Dearborn (72.5), Ann Arbor Pioneer (66.5) and Ypsilanti (32).

"We had just six wrestlers there and (Jacob Davis) went out with a concussion. But the rest of the wrestlers scored nearly 90 points," pointed out GC coach Aaron Davis, "so they wrestled well."

The tournament's outstanding wrestler was Dearborn's Matt Startini, competing in the 275-pound division. Startini faced three opponents and pinned them all, including Pioneer's Joe Rewoldt in 3:33 of the championship match.

The Pioneers had one other outstanding wrestler in 119-pounder Rob

Sulaver, who finished first by edging Monroe's Corey Nowitzke 7-6 in the final.

There were two weight division winners from Observerland teams: Scott Massey of Garden City, who pinned Northern's Aaron James in 3:12 to win the 112 division, and Imad Kharbush of Stevenson, who blanked Northern's Dave Coville 3-0 in the final at 160.

Salem had two wrestlers reach the championship bout before falling. Tony Kennard was edged by Adam Merlington of Greenville, 4-3, in the final at 135, and Zach Jensen was pinned by Belleville's Jason Johnson in 5:55 of the title match at 215.

Stevenson, Churchill and Garden City had one other wrestler reach the finals as well. For the Spartans, Matt Radley was beaten by Northern's James Bippus 7-2 for the title at 140; the Chargers' Steve Lenhardt lost 13-4

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## Whalers seek to stay among the OHL's best



BY NICHOLAS A. GARDNER  
SPECIAL WRITER

The holidays are a time of surprises. The Plymouth Whalers

don't want any.

The Whalers ended the 2000 portion of their season as one of the Ontario Hockey League's best teams. They plan on remaining there.

And as a title contender, they have made moves to keep themselves in a competitive spot, including a post-Christmas trade. The Whalers dealt promising first-year player Nathan O'Nabigon and a third-round 2002 draft pick to the Mississauga Ice Dogs in return for their leading scorer, Chad Wiseman.

Wiseman brings 15 goals and 29 assists (44 points) to the Whalers, which ranks 10th in the OHL. The Whalers are expected to make at least one more move before the midnight trading deadline on January 16.

"Fete (DeBoer) and I have come to the realization that we are most likely not going to get Justin (Williams) back from Philadelphia, so scoring is something that we have to address," said associate coach Steve Spott. "Chad is a guy that can do that for us and he helps to take a lot of the pressure off offensively."

Williams was the Whalers' leading scorer last season. Drafted by the Flyers, he was invited to the team's training pre-season training camp and has stuck with them.

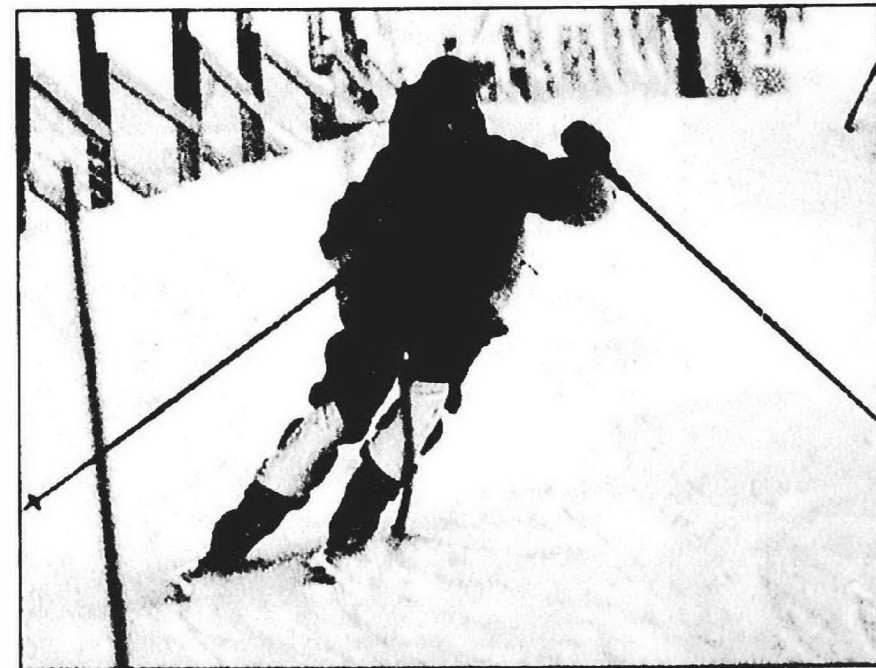
Wiseman made an immediate impact with the Whalers, scoring two goals in their 3-1 win over the Windsor Spitfires Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Wiseman scored his first goal as a Whaler at the 3:39 mark of the first period, his 16th goal of the season with assists from Tomas Kurka and Cole Jarrett.

Bryan Thompson made it 2-0 at the 2:50 mark of the second period when he let a waist-high shot go that beat Windsor goalie Ryan Aschaber on the right side. The assists went to George Nistas and Stacey Britstone.

A goal by Steve Hildenbrand, his 10th of the year, at the 7:07 mark brought the Spits to within one, but the Whalers refused to give in and, with 6:50 left in the third period, Wiseman's second

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**One of the best: Catholic Central senior Matt Gable is one of the state's best skiers, having won the title in the slalom and finishing second in the giant slalom at last year's state final.**

## Reigning champ returns to keep CC among state's best

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If you look at Redford Catholic Central's ski team, the first thought might be that the Shamrocks have one skier and the rest ride his skis to success.

Think again. True, the Shamrocks have one of the best, if not the best, skier in the state in Matt Gable. But there is a core group of seniors that should allow CC to improve greatly on its sixth-place finish at last year's Class A finals.

"I think we're loaded," said CC coach Tom Gable. "We've got five seniors back, we've got depth and we've got experience. Our improvement on last year is 100 per-

cent. The key to winning a state meet is not one great skier, but to have a group of them finish in the same area. That's what we need."

While there's a lot of improvement, there's still no doubt the ace in the hole is Matt Gable.

Gable won the Slalom last year and was second in the Giant Slalom by a tenth of a second. Three weeks ago, he was chosen as one of six skiers for the Central Development Team — a potential stepping stone for the Olympic program.

"As long as I've been coaching, there hasn't been a racer south of Cadillac to repeat as state Slalom champ, and Matt

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# 2000: It was a memorable year for all bowlers

## TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The last year of the second millennium has ended, and oh what a year it was on the local bowling scene. We have seen some things take place that will be noted for many years

to come: new records established and other ways in which this sport of ours has taken great new strides and shows a positive outlook for the coming new year. Starting with the Y2K bug, the computers did not all crash as feared and wipe out our memory chips. Even the Autoscorers and computer secretary programs survived the big scare of just one

year ago.

Shawn Arbogast of Westland had the first Observerland 300 of the year at Westland Bowl in the Sunday Sleepers league. The game began at 10:48 a.m. and ended at 11:34 a.m. and was submitted to the ABC. In February, 86-year-old Jarvis Woehlke became the first octogenarian in the history of the game to have rolled

two 300s in the same season. His second was at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. His other 300 was at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia two months earlier. Woehlke's feat was noted in an article in the May 15th edition of Sports Illustrated. The month of March featured the purchase of the men's Pro Bowlers Tour by a group of former Microsoft executives led by

Chris Peters. This move will ultimately lead to more money available to promote the sport of bowling, especially on national TV. Also in March, the Michigan High School Bowling Championships took place at Century Lanes in Waterford with the Plymouth Salem team capturing the boys title and the Waterford Mott girls team taking the crown in

their division.

In April, it was Livonia's Julie Wright setting the pace by winning the State "Queen's" title by winning the Michigan Queens Tournament at Royal Scot Lanes in Lansing. On April 10, the All-Star Bowlerettes league had the Turbo 2-N-1 Grips/Remerica team set a new all-time high series with 3,557 against the All-Star Grille team, which came back in November to top that high water mark with a 3,600 series.

In May it was Tim Detherage of Westland coming through with a victory worth \$10,000 in the Brunswick Challenge. In order to qualify one had to have bowled a 300 game in this competition during the season. As luck would have it, Wonderland Lanes proprietor Ken Bashara also won \$3,000 as the host bowling center for the winner. May also saw Larry Walker of Garden City named Bowler of the Year by the All-Stars in their banquet at St. Mary's Cultural Center.

In June the Cecil Ward Youth Travel Classic League won the youth travel championships by defeating the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic and the Sunday Youth Classic in a match at Ypsi Arbor Lanes. In June, Jackie Haner won the youth scholarship awarded at the Michigan State Bowling Council banquet in Jackson. Haner was the first female to roll a perfect game in the WWYTC.

In November it was the five women bowlers on the All-Star Grille team setting a new all-time world record with a three game series of 3,600 in which they rolled 113 strikes along the way. Another November happening was that during the 70th annual Old Timers Tournament, GDBA President Michael Monson of Farmington Hills rolled a 300 game along with another 300 by Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield. They were the first ever perfect games in the history of the event. Monson also topped the 800 mark for his series.

In August Dagwood Bumstead was elected to the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in a special category to bring nationwide attention to the Detroit area bowling community.

In September the leagues went into full swing and those who bowl at some of the area centers in which Steve Klein operates the All-Star Grille were able to satisfy their palate by ordering the Al Harrison Burger, which Steve has added to his menu. The All-Star Grilles are located in Cloverlanes (Livonia), Plaza Lanes (Plymouth), Cherry Hill Lanes (Dearborn Heights) and Hazel Park Bowl.

In the Oct. 22 Ten Pin Alley, I suggested that presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush settle the election with a bowling match. This was a few weeks before the Florida fiasco, and what a simple solution this would have been to the whole matter, the winner of the match becomes the next president.

In December Mark and Diane Voight of Farmington Hills announced their purchase of Woodhaven Lanes, bringing their total number of bowling centers to 18. The Voights now own the nation's largest independently-owned chain of bowling centers.

Question of the week: What can some senior bowlers do that none of the youth bowlers can?

Answer: Sing and brush their teeth at the same time.

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# Depth will make Mercy superior

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If coach Tom Gable is right, 2001 will be a successful year for the Farmington Hills Mercy ski team.

Gable believes the Marlins are the team to beat in the Mount Brighton Division and have the talent to win a regional championship as well.

The reason for Gable's optimism is the return of nine skiers, including three senior tri-captains, and the addition of some promising newcomers.

"I really would project this Mercy team take the division championship," he said. "There are some good girl skiers out there, but I don't think (other teams) have the depth Mercy does."

"(The Marlins) definitely have the experience and the little extra depth they need. They put in the extra time in training, and some young ones are pushing who could be producing immediately."

"With that combination, I expect they can handle a top-three finish in the regional and move up to the state meet in Potoskey."

The team leaders are senior captains Nikki Anderson, Laura Burek and Marcy Godlew, all of whom were front-line skiers a year ago.

"All of them went as a group to camp at Mount Hood, Oregon," Gable said, "and came back a hundred percent stronger."

"That makes my job easier because of the terminology. I can talk about the rise line and the fall line, and they understand because they've been to camp."

Anderson was an individual qualifier for the state meet in the slalom event. She also participates in the Central United States Ski Association circuit and is a better skier for it, according to Gable.

"She's trying to make a run at it her senior year; she'll have a great season," he said. "She was a consistent top-five skier in the division last year, so she'll be

vying for the top. She'll have a little competition. There's a gal from Brighton and one from Okemos who are pretty strong."

Burek is another varsity veteran who is following in the footsteps of her older sister, Renee, who helped the Marlins win consecutive regional titles a few years ago.

"Laura was a constant top-10 skier in the division and certainly has improved 100 percent," Gable said.

"Marcy is real goal-oriented. She has worked real hard and her improvement is like night and day. She's skiing extremely strong."

"I expect Laura and Marcy to chase Nikki right up toward those top positions."

Another improved skier is junior Melissa Desautel, who also went to summer camp. She was a top-20 skier last year, and Gable thinks she could "be knocking on the door to the top 10."

Others vying for the fifth and sixth spots in the varsity lineup are juniors Dana Woolsey, Rachael Rozycycki and Margot Spera and sophomores Kelly Martin and Nicole Zaleski.

The Marlins could have a freshman in their top six, because Gable said Elizabeth Kujula is an outstanding prospect with great potential.

"It would appear to me this young lady could have an immediate impact," Gable said, adding Kujula competes in the CUSSA and was in the J4 Junior Olympics.

"From what I've seen so far and based on my experience in coaching, I would say this girl is a state skier as a freshman."

Gable compares Kujula with his daughter, Niki, a former Mercy standout and All-America at Seattle University who will be an assistant coach for her dad this year.

The Marlins won the one-day division meet last year but finished second in the overall season standings.

Mercy was 10th in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, but the Mount Brighton Division



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BECKER

Shooting for a spot: Sophomore Kelly Martin will be gunning for a spot in Mercy's starting lineup.

teams have since withdrawn from the SEMSL due to scheduling conflicts.

The Marlins, who start the season today, have been invited to compete at the end of January in the Traverse City Invitational, however.

"It's almost a preview of the state meet," Gable said. "It's a real feather in the cap of the program at Mercy. It's hard to gain the respect of the up-north schools, and it seems like we've done that."

"We've replaced the league meet with that one. It will tell me where we stand against teams in all likelihood we'll see at state. From a coaching standpoint, I couldn't be more elated."

Gable compares this year's Mercy team to the ones that won back-to-back regional championships.

"We had a group that trained together a couple years ago, and

I get the same undercurrent from this group of seniors," he said. "It's a nice, close-knit group and the improvement is obviously there."

**PREP BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 5  
Churchill vs. W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Franklin vs. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Canton vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Northville vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union vs. Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.  
Liggett vs. C'ville, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland vs. Flat Rock, 7 p.m.  
Mt. Carmel vs. St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Agape vs. Macomb Christian  
at Warren Hawthorne Cr., 7 p.m.  
Notre Dame vs. Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Annapolis vs. Luth. W'aid, 5:30 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 4  
Huron Valley vs. Tay Baptist, 6 p.m.  
Luth. W'aid vs. Kingswood, 6:30 p.m.  
Harper Wds. vs. C'ville, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha vs. Benedictine, 7 p.m.  
Agape vs. Macomb Christian  
at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 5  
PCA vs. Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Saline Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Durand Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Flushing Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Grand Rapids Tourney, 9 a.m.  
W.L. Central Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Ply. Christian Tourney, 2 p.m.  
Salem Invitational, TBA.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Concordia vs. Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Wayne Co. vs. Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Thursday, Jan. 4  
Lakeland vs. Bloomfield  
at Det. Skating Club, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 5  
Franklin vs. Milford  
at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.  
Salem vs. Stevenson  
Canton vs. W.L. Central  
at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.  
(MNL Showasee at Tray S.C.)  
Churchill vs. Brother Rice, 4:15 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Marquette, 8:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Red. Unified vs. Dearborn  
at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.  
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central  
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 a.m.  
(MNL Showasee at Tray S.C.)  
Churchill vs. G.P. North, 11:15 a.m.  
Redford CC vs. E. Kenwood, 3:45 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Madonna vs. Concordia, 1 p.m.  
Wayne Co. vs. Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Jan. 5  
Whalers vs. Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 6  
Whalers vs. Erie Otters  
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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can do it," said Tom Gable. "He's pretty serious about it. He's going to be the leader of that team, but the boys are going to follow him. I think he can take them to a new level and sometimes it's the perfect situation."

In a sense, he already has. Gable and seniors John Goebel, Eric Sullivan, Ryan Boudreau and Joe Murray spent part of their summer vacation on 11,239-foot Mt. Hood in Oregon for ski camp.

"Their improvement was 100 percent," said Tom Gable. "This is an exciting group of seniors."

It's a close-knit group and they're going places. All of them are fast and consistent."

Sullivan had four top-10 finishes in Southeast Michigan Ski League competition last year, while Goebel had two top five finishes. Ryan Boudreau also ran toward the top last year and Joe Murray will move from skiing the slalom to both events.

"Both (Sullivan and Goebel) improved tremendously at summer camp," said Tom Gable. "I think Eric can cut that in half and be a top-five skier and John has improved too. Ryan was a

little inconsistent last year, but got over that. With consistency, he'll be knocking on the door for top finishes. And Joe's in that group too."

Several skiers will be vying for the sixth spot, including senior Bryan Knotry, juniors Steve Johnson, Ethan Lube and Mike Hunt, and sophomore Che Martinez.

"We need to solidify the sixth spot," said Tom Gable. "Everyone is going to get a shot at it. But it's open to all to see what they can do. If we get that, we'll be very, very good."

## Whalers - D1

goal of the game sealed Plymouth's win. His power-play marker was assisted by Andre Robichaud.

"I don't think we played a full sixty minutes against Windsor," said Spott. "They came on strong in the second period, but we were able to hang on. Our defense played a key role in tonight's victory."

The Whalers improved to 24-6-4-1, good for 53 points, just four behind the OHL-leading Erie Otters and 10 ahead of the Spitfires, second in the OHL's West Division.

The Whalers opened the 2001 portion of their schedule last night against the Sarnia Sting at Compuware Sports Arena. On Friday, they travel to Kitchener to take on the Rangers, and on Saturday, they return home to face the league-leading Erie Otters.

The Otters were riding high above the OHL last month — until the Whalers paid them a visit. In a two-game stretch Dec. 8-9, Plymouth ended Erie's unbeaten streak and its home-winning streak.

The Whalers tied the Otters 5-5 on Dec. 8, then beat them 4-3 the next night.

These two teams remain at the top of the OHL. Erie sports a 25-6-7-0 record, good for 57 points and first place in the Midwest Division; Plymouth is atop the West Division at 24-6-4-1, 53 points. Erie, however, has played three more games.

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# Coming together, falling apart

## Shamrocks pour it on in the 2nd half to bounce Borgess, 78-38

Depending on which team's perspective you were using, the drinking glass that was the second half of Friday's basketball game between Redford Catholic Central and Redford Bishop Borgess was either half full or half empty.

But the bottom line was CC outscored the Spartans, 41-10, in the second half and wound up with a 78-38 win in the fifth-place game of the Motor City Roundball Classic at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

"I didn't believe it until someone told me they only scored 10 points in the second half," said CC coach Rick Coratti after his team improved to 4-2 overall.

"We played fairly well defensively in the third quarter and hit some shots. We changed up with the pressing and got some turnovers and scored off them."

Borgess coach Chuck Albright

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knew exactly what happened.

"We fell apart," said Albright, whose team gets a rematch with the Shamrocks on Jan. 12 at home. "We couldn't hit the shots. I haven't looked at the film yet, but I know our shooting was atrocious."

"They outrebounded us offensively and defensively. And we had no type of defense — team, individual or anything."

CC's Ryan Celeskey led all scorers with 21 points, while Mark Willoughby had 18 and Anthony Coratti had 14. Clyde Kincaide and Mario Peoples paced Borgess (1-3) with 10 points each.

Borgess lost to Detroit Kettering, 50-49, on Thursday but beat Pocock (Ontario) Catholic on Fri-

day, 57-53.

CC opened with an 85-71 loss to Detroit Country Day on Thursday but used a 34-point performance, which included seven three-pointers, from Celeskey to beat Detroit Pershing on Friday, 97-73.

"We shot the ball really well and actually played good defense," Coratti said. "We got out to a lead early and kept increasing it. Hitting 15 threes as a team will do that."

Anthony Coratti and Ryan Murphy had 10 points each,

while Ryan Clark added nine.

Free throws were the problem in the loss to Country Day as the Yellowjackets made 26 of 39 free throws in the game and 16 of 22 in the fourth quarter.

Celeskey again led the way with 26 points; Willoughby had 14 and Steve Larkin 13. Andre Hester led Country Day with 24 points, while Kevin Nelson had 17 and Ije Nwanko had 14.

"I felt we could have won but just didn't," Coratti said. "We'll be all right down the road, especially if we shoot like we did

today."

Borgess had a solid opportunity in Thursday's opener against the Pioneers, but missed four free throws in the final 20 seconds as well as ringing out a desperation three at the buzzer.

"We were down by 13 in the first half and fought back to take a lead with four minutes left in the game," Albright said. "We had chances to win, but we just didn't do it."

George Toles hit four triples and wound up with 15 points. Issac Wright had 13 points, 17

rebounds and six blocks. DeShawn King had 14 points to lead Kettering and Tony Davis added 10.

The Spartans had an 11-point lead against Pocock with two minutes to play but started to squander the lead. Toles led the way with 17 points and Clyde Kincaide had seven. Sham Gill led Pocock with 16.

"We applied better pressure and executed better," Albright said. "But we let them cut into the lead, and I was disappointed about that."

### Wrestling

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to Belleville's Ryan Huntly in the 125 final; and the Cougars' Robby Harding was pinned in 3:31 by Carson Poupard of Monroe in the 130 championship.

See statistical summary.

Woochuk will be expecting something more from his team this weekend when they travel to the Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational Saturday.

7. Plymouth Salem, 121; 8. Livonia Churchill, 120; 9. Brighton, 110; 10. Garden City, 88; 11. Westland John Glenn, 81; 12. Dearborn, 72.5; 13. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 66.5; 14. Ypsilanti, 32.

Outstanding wrestler award: Matt Startini, Dearborn, 275-pound division.

103 pounds: Championship match — Ravi Sarsan (N) tech. fall over Joe Caudill (Bel.), 4:25; consolation match — Jordan Smith (G) def. Nick Naber (JG), 16:7.

112 pounds: Championship match — Scott Massey (GC) pinned Aaron James (PN), 3:12; consolation final — Charlie Rabaut (LS) def. Gent Abdullahi (LC), 5:3.

119 pounds: Championship match — Rob Sulaver (D) def. Corey Nowitzke (M), 7:6; consolation final — Brian Clement (LC) def. Mike Goethe (PS), 5:3.

125 pounds: Championship match — Ryan Huntly (Bel.) def. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 13:4; consolation final — Adam

Kelsey (AAP) def. Pat O'Green (G), 7:2.

130 pounds: Championship match — Carson Poupard (M) pinned Rob Harding (GC), 3:31; consolation final — Phil Perry (JG) def. Andy Kruszkowski (G), 10:6.

135 pounds: Championship match — Adam Merlington (G) def. Tony Kennard (PS), 4:3; consolation final — Nate Sturgus (Bel.) def. Scott Weyher (M), 9:3.

140 pounds: Championship match — James Bippus (PN) def. Matt Radley (LS), 7:2; consolation final — Jake Simmons (G) def. Sasha Roser (M), 4:3.

145 pounds: Championship match — Leif Olson (B) def. John Karakula (PN), 5:2; consolation final — Chris Cooperider (LS) pinned Adam Schaefer (PS), 1:29.

152 pounds: Championship match — Chad Neumann (N) def. Ryan Richards (PN), 12:3; consolation final — Shawn Simota (Bel.) def. Jash Doolittle (G), 4:3.

160 pounds: Championship match — Imad Karbush (LS) def. Dave Coville (PN), 3:0; consolation final — Brian Jones (LC) pinned Jacob Rans (B), 7:02 (OT).

171 pounds: Championship match — David Kohn (G) def. Craig Kern (B), 14:12; consolation final — John Martin (Bel.) def. Josh Pettijohn (N), 11:2.

189 pounds: Championship match — Joe Rumbley (N) def. Ahmad Zeater (PN), 9:3; consolation final — Jarvis Mosely (Bel.) def. Sam Bond (M), inj. default.

215 pounds: Championship match — Jason Johnson (Bel.) pinned Zach Jensen (PS), 5:55; consolation final — Val Patushat (N) def. Tom Vandenbossche (LC), 11:9.

275 pounds: Championship match — Matt Startini (D) pinned Joe Rewoldt (AAP), 3:33; consolation final — Lorenzo Washington (Y) pinned Adam Peterson (G), 1:48.

**PLYMOUTH SALEM WRESTLING INVITATIONAL**  
Dec. 30 at Salem High School  
Team standings: 1. Greenville, 194 points; 2. Belleville, 186.5; 3. Portage Northern, 172.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 152; 5. Northville, 141.5; 6. Monroe, 137;

### Basketball

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17 from both Rob Taylor and Jeff Hosler, 14 from Ryan Knudsen and 11 from Bill Johnson.

#### Lady Ocelots fall in final

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team reached the final of the Commodore Classic, hosted last weekend by Gulf Coast CC in Panama City, Fla., but the Lady Ocelots were no match for the fifth-ranked team in the NJCAA Division I.

Host Gulf Coast CC simply wore down SC, expanding a 32-29 halftime lead to 52-43 with 10:29 to play — and then outscoring the Ocelots 21-9 the rest of the way to win easily, 73-52 in Saturday's final.

The loss left SC, an NJCAA Division II

team, with a 7-2 record. Gulf Coast is 12-2.

"We ran out of gas," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "They're just really good. Their main advantage was their rebounding."

With a half-dozen six-footers on its roster, it came as no surprise that Gulf Coast had a 40-29 edge on the boards.

Rachel Eley led the Ocelots with 19 points, nine steals and three assists. Next best was Janelle Olson with nine points. They hurt themselves throughout the game by converting just 27 percent of his shots from the floor.

Leah Roper scored 19 for Gulf Coast; Maresha Stevenson had 17.

In its first game of the tournament Friday against Columbia State (Tenn.), SC went on

a 14-1 run late in the first half to go from a 24-20 lead with 5:07 to play to a 38-21 advantage with 1:30 left. Columbia managed to narrow the deficit to 60-53 with 8:04 left in the game, but could get no closer in succumbing, 84-75.

Eley again had a standout all-around performance, pouring in 27 points (including three three-pointers), dishing out seven assists, grabbing five rebounds and making four steals. Devin Francois added 13 points, seven boards and seven assists, and Angelica Blakely scored eight points.

Chanta Frierson's 21 points topped Columbia State, which slipped to 7-6 with the loss.

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ANSWERS - PUZZLE #9

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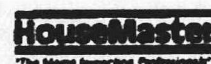
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**ACTIVITIES**

**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

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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.

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**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.

**METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are 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.

**25TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S BIRD COUNT**

Dress warmly, wear boots, bring binoculars and spend the morning of Sunday, Jan. 6 helping to census Kensington Metropark's bird population. This event begins at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch and pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Kensington Nature Center at (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178.

**SNOWSHOE SHUFFLE**

This program, designed for children ages 10 and older, allows participants to try snowshoeing at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark near the Rochester/Utica area. Pre-registration is required for the event, which is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 13 at noon. For more information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

**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 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.

**ICE FISHING CONTESTS**

Two upcoming ice fishing contests are scheduled to be held at Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston.

The "Crooked Lake Ice Fishing Contest" is set for Saturday, Jan. 6 from 8 a.m.-noon. Trophies will be awarded in five categories: biggest fish, most fish, oldest participant, youngest participant, and best dressed for the weather. Registration will take place at the park's Twin Chimneys Picnic Shelter. A Michigan Department of Natural Resources license is required to fish and all applicable laws apply. A \$5 (per person) entry fee includes entry into the park

and a raffle ticket for prizes. Participants need to bring their own fishing equipment. Portable shanties are allowed; prizes include hats, gloves and fishing poles.

"Cabin Fever Cure" will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 27 from 8 a.m.-noon. In addition to an ice fishing contest, cross country skiing is planned for 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Thirty minute ski lessons will also be given. Cost is \$3 per person with skis or \$9 per person with a ski rental. To register, call (248) 858-4647. Independence Oaks County Park is located off Sasabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. All events will take place conditions permitting. For ice and ski trail conditions, call (248) 625-0877. For more information or to inquire about other winter activities, call 1-888-OC PARKS or (248) 858-1684.

"Ice Fishing for Scouts" will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. This is a chance for scouts to learn about ice fishing. Bring ice fishing poles and dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178 for registration information.

**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 programs 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**

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.)

**RUNNING NEWS**

The third annual Festival of Lights 5-kilometer run/walk and Kids K, will be Saturday at Domino's Farms, St. Nicholas light display, Ann Arbor.

The competitive 5K begins at 5 p.m. followed by the leisure walk at 5:45 p.m. The kids kilometer starts at 4:30 p.m. There is free day care where youngsters may decorate birdhouses and feeders in preparation for Habitat for Humanity's "Building on a Dream" birdhouse auction later this spring.

Pizza and pop will be served to participants following the race.

Race day registration and packet up will be at 3:30 p.m. at Domino's Farms.

Fees for the 5K are \$22 (or \$24 race day includes T-shirt pizza and refreshments).

The Kids K is \$14 (with T-shirt) or \$9 (\$10 race day).

All youngsters will receive finisher medals. Awards in the 5K run will go three deep in 17 different age groups (10-and-under through 75-and-over). Silver

necklaces will be awarded to women and sterling silver key chains for the men.

The top 50 finishers in the leisure walk will receive etched wine goblets. Overall and overall masters winners will receive etched win flasks with sterling neckchains.

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## Condo blameless for snow

### REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I am a personal injury lawyer who is defending a condominium association on a slip-and-fall case. Do you have any knowledge of any cases applying the doctrine of natural accumulation of ice and snow to condominium associations?

In a recent decision from the Ohio Appellate Court, the court found that the rule of law with respect to a condominium association is similar to the law regarding owners and occupiers of businesses. These people do not have a duty to clear natural accumulations of snow and ice. And they don't assume such a duty through the bylaws, declarations and through past conduct or the routine maintenance for removing it from the property. The court recognized that - meteorologically speaking - snow and ice are facts of life in cold climates. From a legal standpoint, ice and snow are considered the natural accumulation of cold weather, unless they unreasonably accumulate as a result of someone's actions, plus freezing temperatures.

Examples of a natural accumulations of ice and snow include a dripping canopy that created a patch of ice or an improperly maintained downspout that builds up and freezes. This is good news for condominium associations in Ohio who are faced with increasing lawsuits over these types of matters.

This finding may be a basis assuming Michigan Courts follow the lead of Ohio

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@mich.com, and his Web site is www.meisner-law.com. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

### HOME 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

# JANUARY



## How Realtors recharge their batteries after the holidays

BY DOUG FUNKE  
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Getting back to work after the holidays can be anticlimactic. And disappointing, depressing and distressing, too.

Winter has just officially begun. We still face weeks and weeks of early darkness, cold and snow. This is no time to go into hibernation, especially when you work as a sales commission like Realtors.

Phyllis R. Soper, affiliated with ERA Country Ridge in Livonia, finds that nothing nurtures success like replaying positive experiences in the mind. "What I like to do at the beginning of a new year is vividly recall highlights," she said. "I focus on clients who are friendly, amicable and have a mature outlook on doing business."

"Sometimes, I even call some of my successful buyers and sellers because I know I will get good feedback," Soper said.

"The mind can be trained in a positive nature. This produces the emotional energy I need to get good results. Higher expectations give way to more success in sales," she added.

Thought, however, should translate into action. "My agents like open houses," said Diane P. Howard, office manager of Real Estate One, Plymouth. "Many start with open houses after the first of the year to give them exposure and meet buyers at the same time."

Some of those buyers, after all, may have a house to sell while they're looking for something else. Howard also has taken to building computer data bases of various contacts.

"I'm a strong believer in creating a strong referral base," she said. "I do a lot on the Internet. You're always sowing constantly throughout the year. At the first of the year, you're kind of on empty. Review sources and go back to them."

To prospective sellers, Howard sends information about sales and property values in their neighborhoods. To would-be buyers, information on mortgage rates.

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 ERA Country Ridge

Cold-calling using a directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers may turn up prospects, said Dennis McLellan, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in Troy.

"I'll be driving in an area looking for potential houses to list," he said. "I'll go up and down the whole street asking if they're thinking about selling. I look for potential buyers in apartments. I'll get numbers and ask if they're thinking about buying."

His message is simple. "For sellers, typically competition will be less than at the end of spring and early summer," McLellan said.

"When working with buyers, I tell them there are fewer houses, more of a demand. If they don't jump now, the home may be gone by the time they come back," he said.

McLellan also networks with a number of lawyers when things slow down. Death with estate settlements and divorces - although "unfortunate," he said - can result in both sellers and buyers.

Realtors can get out of the doldrums by offering classes for prospective clients and by taking classes, themselves, to boost their business, said Cecelia Kawalec, an associate broker with Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl in Clarkston.

"I know an agent in Grosse Pointe who will do a first-time buyer seminar. Focus on a niche. Maybe senior citizens thinking about retiring down South. It's free to the public."

"Real estate offices generally have a room large enough to use. Or, they will use a site the public might be more comfortable in, like a library room,"

Kawalec said. "Seminars help (Realtors), too. Recharge your own batteries. One of the first brokers I had taught me well to always designate a percentage of your income to the business and a percentage of your time to education," she said.

Unusual situations sometimes call for unusual responses, Kawalec added.

"When you react with the public, some days you will feel discouraged," she said. "When I see that in the office, I'll say, 'Today we'll have a mental health day.'"

"I've taken people to the DIA for lunch. I've taken people to the movies. You can get so burned out if you don't declare a mental health day."

Tom Lipinski, a Realtor with RE/MAX Village Professionals in Bloomfield, likes to get back to the basics - which includes contacting folks who try to sell their houses without an agent - when the fire's embers begin to cool.

"The National Association of Realtors does surveys that show seven out of 10 for-sale-by-owners won't sell on their own," he said. "Of the three that do, one will do better than I can do. Most people do need me."

He'll also contact the owners of houses whose listings have expired without selling. Lipinski also contacts previous clients via e-mail, regular mailings and the telephone.

"I'll call to see how they're doing, say, 'You're probably not selling now, but do you know someone who might need the services of a Realtor?'"

Lipinski also tweaks his marketing strategy and works on his budget at the close of one year and the start of another.

Agents just starting in the business should recognize its cyclical nature, McLellan said.

"Real estate is a roller coaster business," he said. "It has its ups and downs. Some agents may be used to the phone ringing or people coming in asking, 'Where do I sign?' You just have to beat the bushes."

Best to anticipate ebbs and flows, develop action plans and work steadily to avoid getting sucked down, Kawalec said. "It's a matter of discipline."

## Conversion problems unique



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Real estate developers throughout the area are seizing every opportunity to convert existing apartment complexes into condominium developments. While these conversions help hundreds of families make the leap from tenancy to ownership, they also come with their share of financing challenges.

There are two distinct parts to any mortgage approval. The first is getting the borrower a "credit approval."

In the case of apartment conversions, however, it is the second part of the approval process - the approval of the property - that gets rough. Lenders want assurance that the property will serve as sufficient collateral to secure the transaction. With condos, this usually means at least a review of the annual budget, association meeting minutes, insurance coverage and master deed. Conversions often get more.

Mortgage lenders also like to see all common areas completed and a history of competent management before they approve a loan within the new complex. Some lenders also require that a certain number of units within the converted complex be either sold before they lend money, and will only finance a certain number of units.

The more units that have been converted, the more likely the entire project will succeed. If the conversion fails, lenders will have hedged their losses. The FHA will not loan for conversions until they are 90-percent sold.

Barbara Stolberg, a Realtor with Ralph Manuel & Associates in Farmington Hills, specializes in condominium purchases. Realtors and sales agents who market converted apartments often provide "approved lender" lists to their buyers, she said. These professionals can not require use of specific lenders, but such lists help borrowers save time and effort.

A borrower should ensure his mortgage lender is aware that his purchase is a conversion, and should make certain the lender is knowledgeable of the idiosyncrasies of financing converted apartments.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tir.com, or at (734) 797-5522 (24 hours). Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbts@listbot.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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WATERFORD	175
ROCHESTER HILLS	132
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Here are the number of residential units, including apartments, permitted in select O&E communities through the first 10 months of this year.

Source: Housing Consultants Inc.

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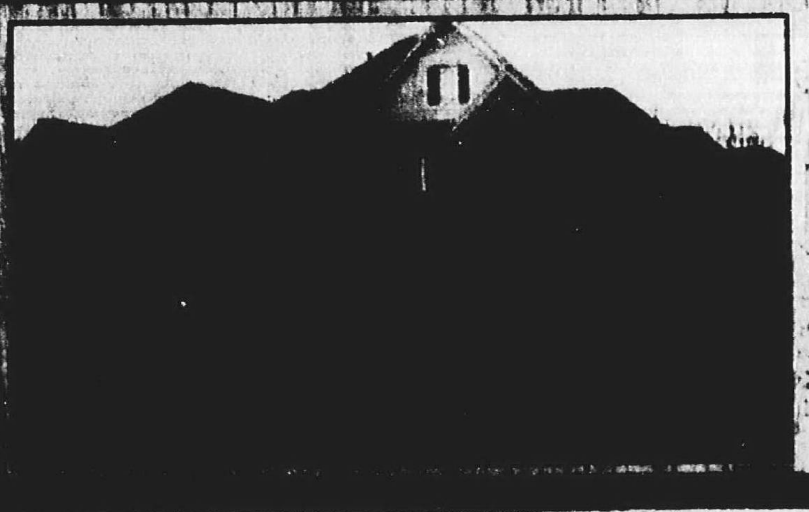
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## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

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## MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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Nathan Boji joins RE/MAX



Boji

Executive Properties in Farmington Hills.

Boji, a business student at

Wayne State University, also enrolled in the Road to Success program for new agents offered by RE/MAX corporate.

He lives in Farmington Hills.

Laura Gergell Hall joins Ford & Earl Associates, a Troy-based firm specializing in interior architecture and graphic design, as a senior graphic designer.

She has 10 years experience and recently won a 2000 Silver Caddy design award.

Hall holds a bachelor of arts degree in painting from Oakland University and a master of fine arts degree in graphic design from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She lives in Ferndale.

The Mortgage Bankers Association has installed its board of governors for 2000.

Bruce Carr, Homestead USA, president; Mark Stevens, Flagstar Bank, vice president;

Mike Fontana, Prism Mortgage, secretary/treasurer.

Returning board members include Tim Ross, Ross Mortgage; Gayle Suddick, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group; Margaret Feskorn, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group; Douglas E. Brandewie, Republic Banc Mortgage; Rick Shaffner, Lender Ltd; and Jan Wetzel, Wetzel & Associates.

New board members are Kevin Conte, Plante & Moran,

LLP; Marcy Lindhout, Old Kent Bank; and William Newman, InterFirst Wholesale Lending.

Serving terms on the state board are incoming affiliate presidents Len Arnold, Cornerstone Surv. & Eng., Eastern Michigan Mortgage Bankers; Diane Altman, Chase Manhattan Funding, Mid-Michigan Mortgage Lenders; and Dan Grzywacz, Flagstar Bank, Western Michigan Mortgage Lenders.

# Weekly mortgage rates decline to lowest since '99

Mortgage rates declined this week with rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages remaining at their lowest levels in 19 months.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 7.13 percent, down from 7.17 percent last week,

according to a survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 8.06 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, declined to 6.79 percent last week, down from 6.84 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.66 percent.

This week's 30-year and 15-

year mortgage rates were the lowest since May 14, 1999, when they averaged 7.10 percent and 6.71 percent respectively.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.93

percent, down from 7.02 percent the week before. Last year, one-year ARMs averaged 6.56 percent.

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.

Mounting evidence that the economy is slowing "serves to lessen the threat of inflation and keep mortgage rates low," said Freddie Mac's chief economist, Robert Van Order.

# Inspector estimates life of home's major systems

BY SCOTT GIBSON  
TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

(AP) Buying a house is just the beginning. Before long, you'll be repairing it, too.

Fortunately, many building components — foundation, framing, plumbing and wiring — should last 50 years or more. But mechanical systems, appliances and surfaces exposed to the weather will not last nearly that long, even under the best of circumstances.

"The reality of it is that stuff happens," says John Ghent, president-elect of the American Society of Home Inspectors and co-owner of a Trumbull, Conn., home inspection company. The older the house, the more

maintenance it usually needs. "Experience shows that the average house may need a 50 percent replacement over a period of 30 years," says a handbook Ghent gives to home buyers. In each of the first 10 years after construction, a \$100,000 house will require \$750, or 0.75 percent of its value, in maintenance, according to Ghent.

That rises to 1.5 percent per year for the next 10 years and reaches 3 percent per year in the third 10-year period.

Predicted life spans are published for everything from microwaves to garage-door openers. Although these estimates are helpful, they are not intended to be exact, and your own experience will likely reflect that.

Ghent, for example, recently inspected a house built in 1926 that still had its original boiler. Designed for coal, the boiler had been converted once to burn oil and a second time so it could run on gas. It's still in great shape even though it has more than doubled industry estimates for longevity.

Maintenance history is one important variable, but so is chance. "Some things don't break," says Ghent, "and some things do."

Budgeting for repairs involves location as well as luck.

The same roofing job might cost 40 percent more in New England than in the rural South, for example, because of prevailing labor rates and other local factors. Bottom line: Take national repair estimates as averages that you probably will have to adjust for your area.

### Building structure

Calculating the life expectancy of a roof, siding, exterior paint, flashing and the like is far from an exact science. Geography plays an important role. For example, a wood-shingle roof that wears like iron in a moderate climate might succumb much more quickly when exposed to constant dampness, harsh sunlight or other environmental extremes.

Another key factor is the quality of the material. Vertical-grain wood siding cut from the heartwood of trees naturally resistant to decay, such as western red cedar, will last far longer than plain-sawn lumber of lesser quality. The trade-off is a higher

initial cost, a factor if you don't plan on being in the house that long.

Finally, there is the question of workmanship. Even the most expensive paint in the world won't last long when applied to an improperly prepped wall.

Roofing replacement costs are especially complicated to predict. Not only are there many grades of roofing material, but the job might also call for demolition, flashing, gutters and sheathing.

Complicated roof shapes drive costs up, too. For a more detailed estimate, try the roofing-cost estimator at [www.improvet.net.com](http://www.improvet.net.com). It calculates the cost based on your location and the specific details of your house.

### Major mechanical

Routine maintenance — such as cleaning furnace or air-conditioner filters and scheduling periodic service — might be the only practical way a homeowner can extend the life of major mechanical systems. "Those things go a long way toward making these units last longer," says Gary Kemp, a sales representative at Bell Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning in Des Moines, Iowa.

Water quality plays a role in the longevity of boilers, water heaters and water pumps. Water that is highly acidic or full of minerals is tougher on equipment than treated water, and life spans should be lowered accordingly. This is the case in many rural parts of the country, where houses often have their own wells.

For heating systems, boilers last longer than hot-air systems because the water helps to moderate heat extremes, making hot and cold cycles less stressful on the equipment.

### Appliances

Most of us have run across an ancient refrigerator or range in someone's kitchen that's still working flawlessly long after it should have been hauled to the dump.

With an estimated 600 million appliances at work in American households, there will be plenty of such exceptions. In fact, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers says most appliances are not junked at all. A majority are sold, traded in, left behind in a move or given away, and they faithfully serve second or even third owners. As a result, according to the trade group, how long these household workhorses actually last is impossible to say.

Americans spend more than \$15 billion a year on new appliances. Very expensive, restaurant-quality appliances are increasingly popular.

GE's Terry Dunn says any appliance that uses water will benefit from a water softener and water-filtration system. "Fewer chemicals and minerals will prolong the life and improve the performance," he explains. His tips for prolonging life for other appliances:

- Clean the condenser coils on refrigerators annually.
- Change air-conditioner filters monthly during the operating season.
- Replace washer fill hoses every five years; turn off the water supply when away for an extended period. Drain hoses if below-freezing temperatures are expected.
- Inspect and clean the exhaust duct on the clothes dryer at least once a year, and clean the lint filter before each use.
- Don't allow heavy grease buildup in the oven interior.

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Speakers: Stephen Taglione, BIA president, and David F. Seiders, chief economist and senior

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Cost is \$35 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

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Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team, presents a free, no-obligation class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Pointe Blvd., Suite 140, Novi.

Participants include Tom Daigle, Flagstar Bank; Jeff Mifsud, Allied Mortgage; David Riemann, Farm Bureau Insurance; Craig Lee, Home Team Inspection; Michael Rich, lawyer; April Wolters, financial planner; and Firestone.

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The 10th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar runs noon through 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Marriott Hotel in Auburn Hills.

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New technology promises fireplace without a vent

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Have you ever dreamed of installing a fireplace in a certain space in your home only to find it impossible due to restricted access for the chimney?

Installing a fireplace isn't a particularly complex challenge if you live in a one-story home where the chimney can be installed through the ceiling and roof to safely exhaust toxic gases. However, where there is living space above, the location of the fireplace is dictated strictly by where a chimney can be run. Since it is neither practical nor desirable to run a chimney through the middle of a bedroom, design flexibility is limited.

While it is true that direct-vent (through-the-wall) fireplaces have improved design flexibility, they must still be vented and, therefore, must be installed within close proximity to an exterior wall. Unfortunately, this doesn't do the trick for

folks who want to install a fireplace somewhere in the center of their home or in a newly finished basement. Thus, the task can be cost-prohibitive, if not virtually impossible.

Doesn't need vent

Just when you were ready to throw in the towel, technology comes to the rescue with a fireplace that doesn't need to be vented. You read it right - a vent-free fireplace. Sound far-fetched? Not once you've had the opportunity to look one of these over as we did at a recent national building products exposition.

A vent-free gas-heating appliance operates without a chimney, flue or vent, so it can be installed just about anywhere even on an inside wall. In contrast, installing a traditional wood fireplace is a major (and costly) construction project.

Our first reaction to this technology was one of great skepticism due to concerns for indoor air quality and the potential for

carbon monoxide poisoning.

However, we learned that vent-free heating products operate so efficiently that potentially harmful fumes aren't a threat. Moreover, since 1980, vent-free gas heating appliances have been equipped with a safety-pilot system called an oxygen detection safety pilot, or ODS. The ODS automatically shuts off the gas supply in the event that the oxygen level in the room falls to 18 percent.

Vent-free technology doesn't end with fireplaces. Space heaters, stoves, fireplace inserts and gas logs are also available. A vent-free gas stove can be easily mistaken for a wood stove, but costs considerably less to install and operate. And with a vent-free gas stove, there's no flue, no wood to chop and haul, no soot and no ashes to clean up.

A vent-free gas fireplace insert can be installed within existing masonry or factory-built fireplaces. Inserts offer the high heating efficiency of vent-free gas logs, but also offer a blower

for improved heat distribution.

Imagine converting your old inefficient masonry fireplace into an attractive and fuel-efficient supplemental heat source. All you need is a gas or propane fuel source, vent-free gas logs, a closed fireplace damper and you're off to the races.

Aside from greater design flexibility, modern vent-free gas heating appliances have several other advantages. They are cost-effective, have low operating costs and are 99 percent energy efficient.

A vent-free fireplace looks essentially like the zero-clearance prefabricated metal fireplaces that have been in wide use for the last couple of decades. However, unlike their prefabricated cousins, you can't burn wood in these new kids on the block. Vent-free fireplaces and supplemental gas heating products operate on natural or propane gas. Fabricated ceramic logs mimic with great success the look of a natural wood fire.

Not for whole house

However, don't attempt to heat your entire home with a vent-free heating appliance. Keep in mind that vent-free gas heating products are a supplemental source of heat and cannot be used in lieu of a furnace or other means of "whole-house" heating.

Innovative as it may be, vent-free technology isn't for everyone - at least not yet. While most states allow installation of residential vent-free gas heating appliances, a handful of states still prohibit their use. Very often, this is because a state's building codes haven't caught up with vent-free gas technology. Also, keep in mind that counties and municipalities may adopt different codes than that of state agencies, thus, consult your local building department to determine the current code and restrictions that may exist.

If your home shows symptoms of inadequate ventilation (moisture on the inside of windows, mildew, and shower or bath


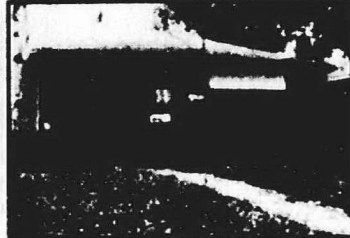
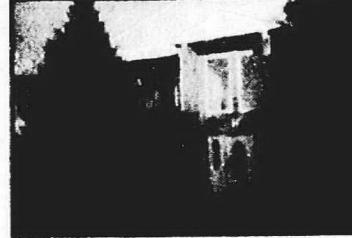





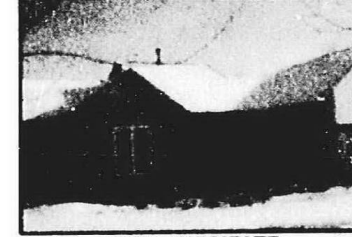




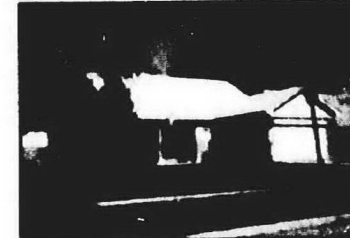
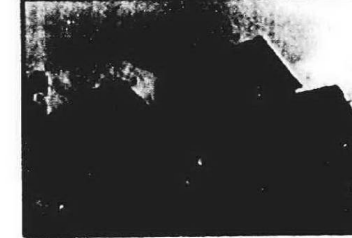
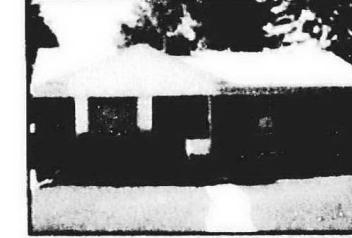
humidity lingers), additional ventilation may be required prior to adding a vent-free gas appliance. Also, if you have an extremely tight new home, talk with your builder or a vent-free fireplace dealer to make sure that your home is properly ventilated. In addition, homes in higher altitudes (4,500 feet above sea level or higher) may experience nuisance pilot outage and flame shutdown due to lower atmospheric pressure.

The American National Standards Institute maintains a strict national safety standard for vent-free gas heating appliances. When shopping for vent-free gas products, always be sure the model you are considering is design certified to the ANSI Z21.11.2 standard by a nationally recognized laboratory.

For more information on vent-free fireplaces and supplemental heating appliances, contact the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201, or call GAMA at 703-525-7060.

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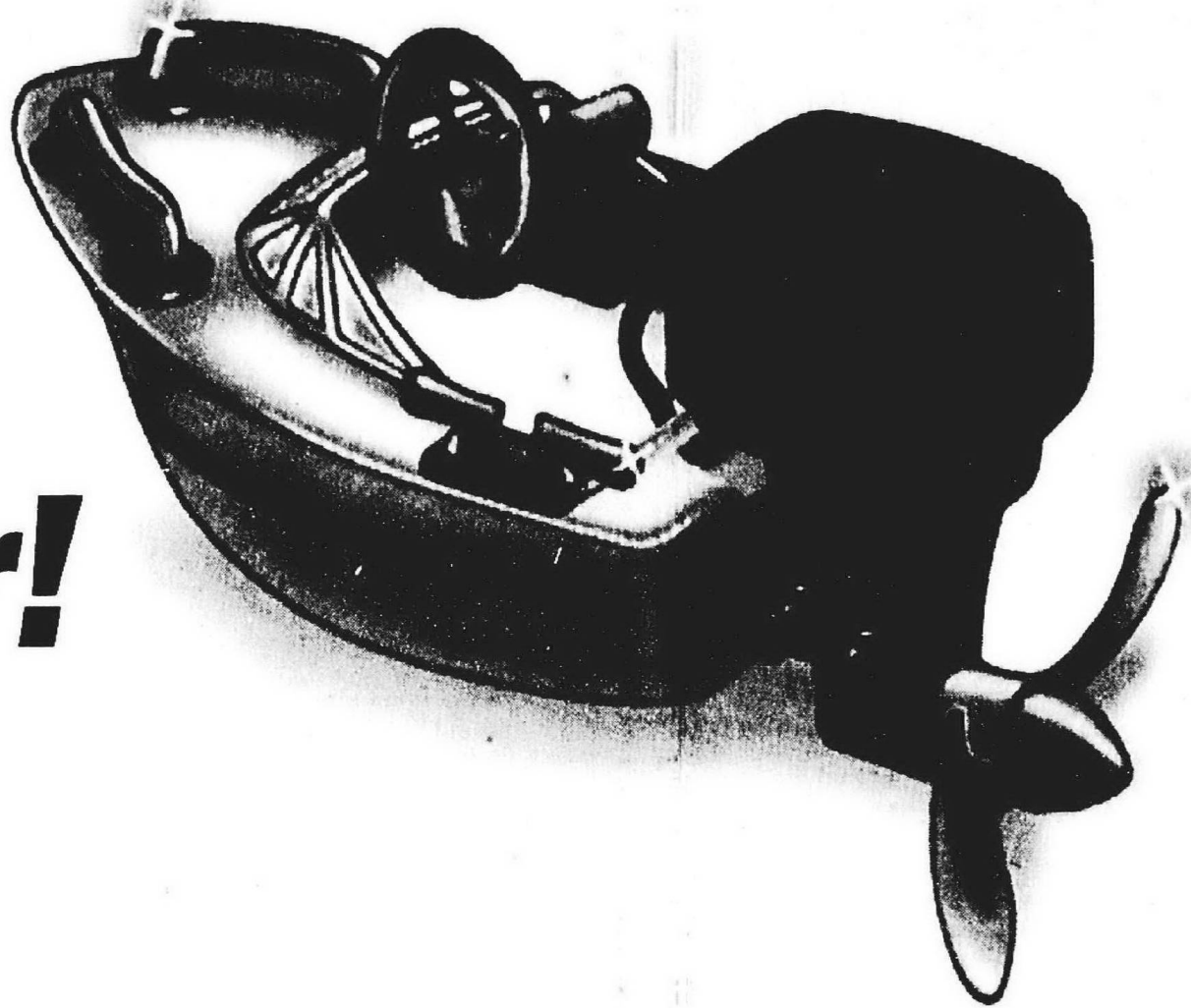
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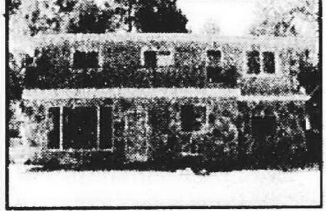
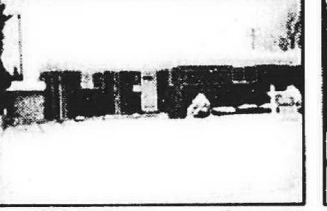
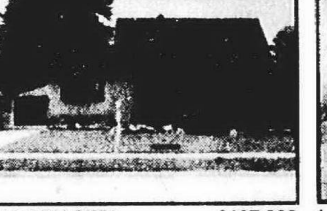

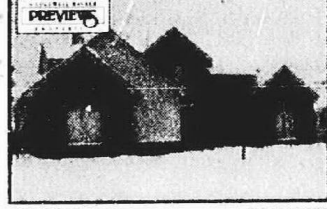

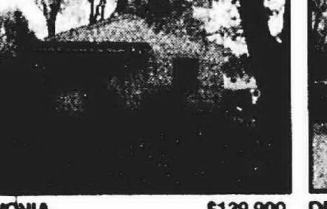

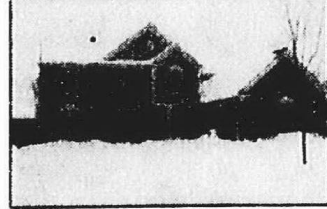

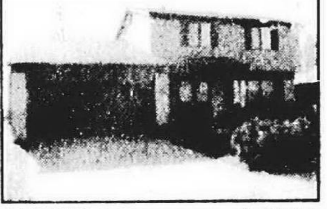



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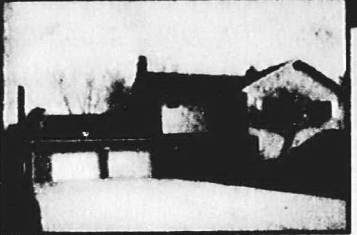
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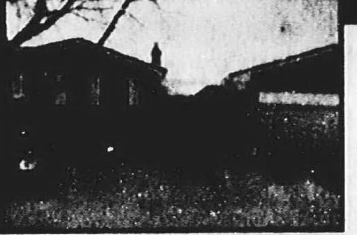
**VINTAGE COLONIAL!** Worth seeing! Well kept Boston-Edison home. Features newer: furnace, block windows, natural woodwork. Huge finished 3rd level-used as Master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Beautiful Oak front door \$159,900 (10ATK) 734-455-5600



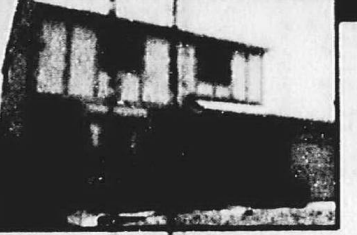
**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH!** Across from 2+ Acre park! Newer entry door, windows, roof. Updated kitchen w/maple cabinets. Family room w/sky-lights. Dining room, 3rd bdr. n. sun-room. Mechanics dream garage 30x22! Garden, newer landscaping \$197,000 (48HAR) 734-455-5600



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**UPDATES GALORE!** Roof (tear off) '98, newer windows (upper level), vinyl siding, furnace & duct work, refaced kitchen cupboards in '96, hot water heater '98 and Deck in '94. Family room w/natural fireplace. Attached garage. Deck overlooks stream. \$210,000 (35POC) 248-349-5600



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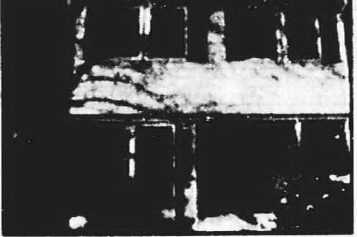
**FIVE LARGE BEDROOMS!** Lots of sq. footage & loads of storage. Huge 24x24 garage. Basement, newer furnace & A/C-Industrial size. Newer vinyl windows-Bow window in living room \$177,500 (46AVO) 734-455-5600



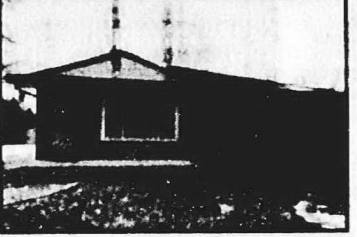
**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH/PRIVATE COURT!** Very appealing 3 bedroom. New kitchen w/Maple cabinets, 1998 + windows, electrical, paint, carpet, C/A, 1 1/2 baths. Refinished hard wood floors, Home Warranty. \$189,900 (50HAR) 734-455-5600



**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets. Newer vinyl windows w/bay window. This brick home is very well kept. New garage door & also newer vinyl siding on garage. Natural fireplace in living room w/beautiful mantle. \$79,900 (38SUS) 734-455-5600



**GREAT LOCATION.** Newer kitchen flooring counter, dishwasher, cabinets, updated 1/2 bath, kids room remodeled (carpet, paint, windows). Raised dining room over-looking large living room. Large master w/his & her closets. One year home warranty. \$149,900 (33DAR) 248-349-5600



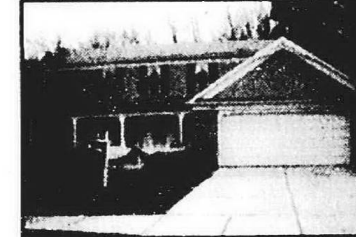
**LIVONIA BRICK RANCH.** Spacious & meticulously maintained Livonia home. Stevenson schools area. All the bells & whistles here. Open floor plan. Family room w/fireplace. 2 bath updated. Kitchen with hickory cabinets. Finished basement oversized garage. \$219,900 (26LOV) 248-349-5600



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**WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME!** Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding & a large backyard for the kids to play in. One half block from Crowley Park. Home Warranty included. \$1,500 Roof Allowance to purchasers @ closing. \$99,900 (17CHE) 734-455-5600



**ALL FOUR!** New Listing. Enjoy this custom home in Winter while having a fireside chat. In Spring enjoy the wild-flowers. In Summer barbecue as if up North. In Fall enjoy the spectacular color. Home warranty. 4 bedroom colonial, Livonia Schools \$246,300 (63JER) 734-455-5600



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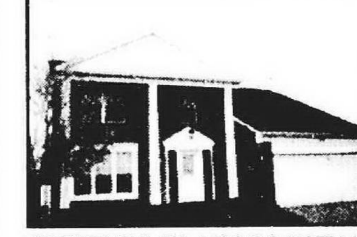
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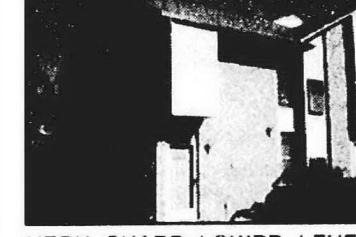
**COUNTRY LIVING ON EDGE OF TOWN.** Sharp 3 bedroom brick ranch with loads of updates! 3 full baths, 2+ attached garage plus an additional garage. Great buy! \$224,900 (62RUS) 248-349-5600



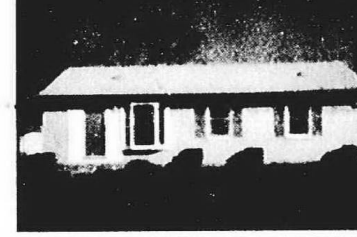
**FAIRWAY PINES BEAUTY.** Extraordinary care & exquisite taste have made this home the first of the century. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and the absolute best of all worlds on the 5th fairway of Pheasant Run Golf Course. \$419,900 (78MER) 248-349-5600



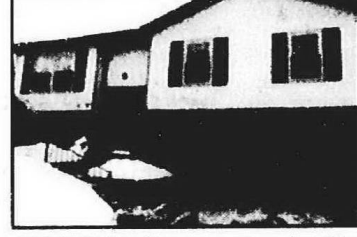
**SPECTACULAR 4 BR/2.5 BATH IN EMBASSY CT!** Premium lot with mature trees & beautiful landscaping. Open floor plan w/neutral decor. Foyer hardwood floors, spacious family room w/fireplace. Large kitchen. Door over-looking 2 tier deck. Many upgrades. HPP. \$249,000 (79CLA) 734-455-5600



**VERY SHARP LOWER LEVEL CONDO!** End unit in popular Lilley Pointe. Open floor plan, 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1 master bedroom, beautiful kitchen, newer carpet, neutral decor, large utility room, appliances incl. \$117,900 (73LIL) 734-455-5600



**ALMOST LIKE NEW-MOVE IN CON-DITION!** Newer Vinyl Thermo windows w/marble sills. Family room has newer door wall & gas corner fire-place. Kitchen remodeled w/new cupboards. Master bedroom w/his & hers closets. Land Contract Available \$119,900 (16WES) 734-455-5600



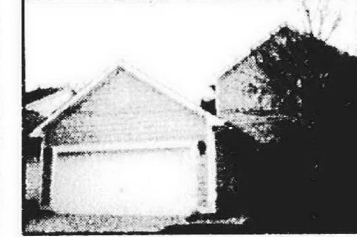
**BEST BUY.** Great location for this brick home with 2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace & doorwall to patio. Newer kitchen, roof, interior doors/windows. Close to x-ways, schools & shopping. \$186,900 (10LON) 248-349-5600



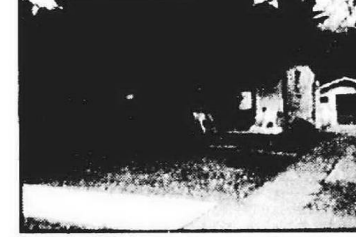
**SUPER RANCH IN HOWELL.** 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom, full bath also wet bar. Built on 1.5 lots w/big fenced yard. Full lake privileges on all sports lake. \$159,900 (03SOU) 248-349-5600



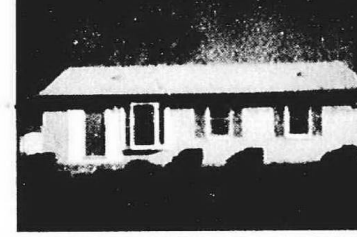
**GREAT HOME in Dearborn.** Three bedroom Cape Cod w/3 full baths, 3 fire places, finished basement, 2+ car garage, 1st floor laundry & a very open floor plan. Kitchenette in basement. \$248,900 (50ORC) 248-349-5600



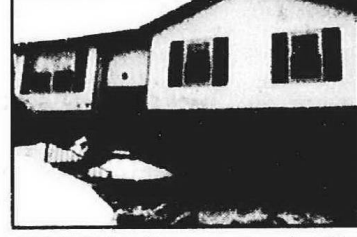
**DETACHED CONDO/BACKS TO WOODS!** Neutral decor, freshly painted interior & exterior. Newer berber carpet in living room w/natural fire-place. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, tiered deck w/view of woods. Pool & Clubhouse. HPP. \$207,000 (64COL) 734-455-5600



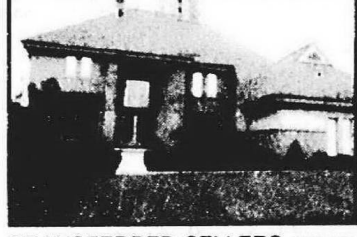
**BEAUTIFUL RANCH/LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** 3 large bedrooms. Large living room, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen updated & offers eating space. Full basement w/fireplace & glass block windows. Newer C/A. Doorwall to deck \$149,900 (28MER) 734-455-5600



**CUTE 2 BEDROOM CONDO!** In the heart of Dearborn. Close to Greenfield Village. In shopping distance from shopping & restaurants. All Appliances stay. Move right in. Cozy Fireplace. \$168,900 (35WES) 734-455-5600



**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



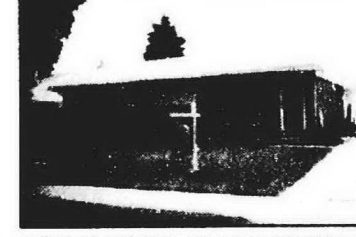
**TRANSFERRED SELLERS** mourn their loss. This exceptional home was completed in 1999 & is upgraded T/O. Fabulous floor plan, oak floors, maple kitchen w/island, fireplace in living room, family room & master bedroom. Novi schools. \$535,000 (16AND) 248-349-5600



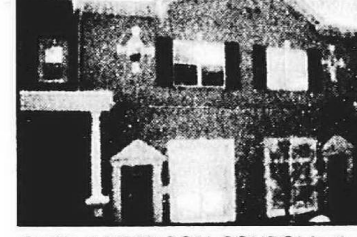
**ABSOLUTELY CHARMING HOME** offers two separate living areas: quaint front parlor & a modern family room. Beautiful natural woodwork, spacious rooms & cedar lined closet. \$139,000 (14PON) 248-349-5600



**NICE LARGE ROOMS!** Soaring vaulted ceilings in Great room w/fireplace. 3 bedroom Cape Cod w/over 2,000 sq. ft. 2 car att. garage, C/A, huge rear deck, nicely landscaped. 1st floor laundry & master bedroom. \$2,500 Carpet allowance at closing! \$214,900 (12GLE) 734-455-5600



**GREAT HOME, GREAT PRICE!** 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch w/finished basement w/4th bedroom/office, hardwood floors in living room, large family room opens to deck, 2+ car garage, A/G Pool. Newer: windows, kitchen countertop, dishwasher & flooring. \$174,900 (63ORA) 734-455-5600



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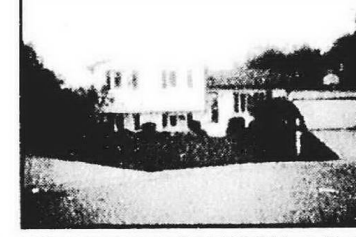
**ONE ACRE CONTEMPORARY HOME.** Dramatic four bedroom, 2+ bath home offering beautiful setting, open floor plan, spacious room, vaulted ceilings with lake view. \$299,900 (44CRE) 248-349-5600



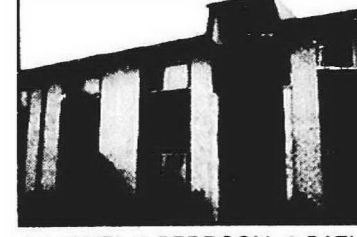
**WEST DEARBORN DISCOVERY.** Updates everywhere. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath bungalow w/rec room in basement, 2+ car garage w/open. Newer roof, windows & furnace. Clean & freshly painted. \$129,900 (10PRI) 248-349-5600



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**RANCH CONDO.** Fresh paint, carpet and more in end unit with attached garage and Florida Room. Enjoy club house and beach on Crooked Lake. \$114,500 (44ARL) 248-349-5600



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**CUSTOM RANCH-stop looking.** Warm & cozy w/fieldstone fireplace, 3 bedrooms & den/dining room, 1 1/2 baths, 2+ car heated attached garage-a guy will love! Plenty of updates & newer kitchen. Prime NW Livonia neighborhood. Walk to everything. \$219,900 (61SHA) 248-349-5600



**ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL 4 SEASONS!** Ranch on parklike lot. Updates: kitchen, laundry, fr doors, furnace, carpet, driveway, copper plumbing, crown moldings. Gorgeous backyard, walk to downtown Plymouth \$199,900 (05GOV) 734-455-5600



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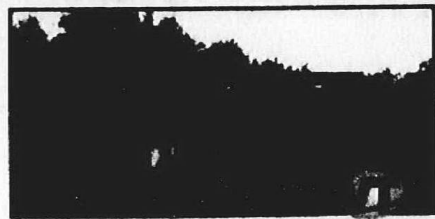
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**PLYMOUTH TWP.**  
**\$125,000 IN UPDATES!** Prestigious Eaton Estates. Lower level walk-out has 2nd kitchen, leading to brick paver patio overlooking gorgeous private wooded yard.  
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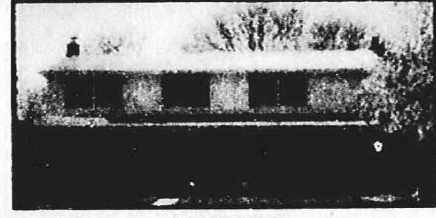


**LIVONIA**  
**BUILT WITH DISTINCTION**, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch sits on 3.41 acres and backs to 150 acre nature preserve. Major renovations from 1992 to present. 2800 square feet.  
\$450,000 (S32405) 734-591-9200



**NORTHVILLE**  
**MUST SEE!** Beautiful Northville colonial features 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, dining room, family room, library, central air. Nearly 3000 square feet.  
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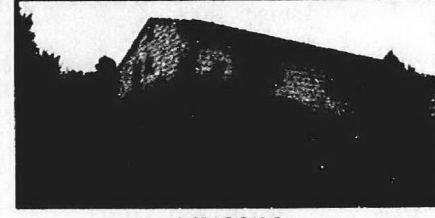
**NORTHVILLE**  
**BEAUTIFUL END UNIT RANCH CONDO!** 5 years new, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, professionally finished basement with daylight windows and 2 car garage. Golf Course Community!  
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**NOVI**  
**SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL** in wonderful area of Novi, 2 1/2 baths, finished rec room in basement, central air, patio, side-walks, walk to library, civic center and school!  
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**WESTLAND**  
**FORMER BUILDERS MODEL!** Beautiful raised ranch with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Great room with gas fireplace. Ceramic tiled family room with walkout to 22x18 paver patio.  
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**DESIRABLE GOLF MANOR** 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch remodeled in 2000. Hardwood floors, windows, roof, paint, kitchen. Huge family room with fireplace, 2 car attached.  
\$194,900 (P260) 734-326-2000



**LIVONIA**  
**WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL IN LIVONIA.** 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Recent updates: Andersen windows, carpet, kitchen floor and landscaping. Finished lower level with natural fireplace.  
\$189,900 (26BUC2) 248-348-6430



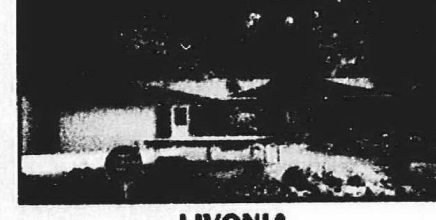
**CANTON**  
**EASY TO ENJOY!** Terrific tri-level! Upgrades: kitchen with oak cabinets, pantry, micro, newer roof-2nd layer, windows, air conditioning, fireplace insert. Deck and fenced yard.  
\$187,900 (23TL224) 734-455-7000



**PLYMOUTH**  
**IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS!** Stunning Woodgate condo offers 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, garage, private patio, finished basement and over 1500 square feet.  
\$176,900 (W12437) 734-591-9200



**LIVONIA**  
**MOVE RIGHT IN** and treat yourself to a custom kitchen w/skylight, 3-4 bedroom, 2 car garage, new windows, partially finished basement and other updates throughout.  
\$172,900 (M14731) 734-591-9200



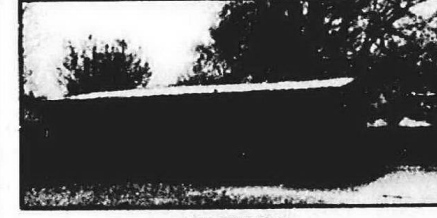
**LIVONIA**  
**SPACIOUS LIVONIA RANCH** - nearly 1600 square feet. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen w/oak cabinets, newer furnace, air conditioning, roof and HWH. 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage.  
\$169,500 (B20322) 734-591-9200



**WESTLAND**  
**NICE 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH!** Livonia schools, all major items: furnace, central air, roof, windows, driveway, electrical, updated baths & full basement. "Snow & Sell"  
\$164,900 (39ROS2) 248-348-6430



**REDFORD**  
**OVERLOOKING WESTERN GOLF**, large ranch, newer roof, newer deck, updated master bath, oversized front room, 3 bedroom, marble fireplace in family room, 1939 square feet.  
\$158,500 (G25166) 734-591-9200



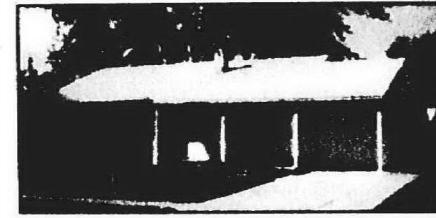
**LIVONIA**  
**MOVE IN** condition very nice 3 bedroom Ranch, great finished basement, Florida room. Garage w/nice workshop. Beautiful neighborhood, very close to schools. Call Barb Brunette.  
\$156,700 (B27669) 734-591-9200



**LIVONIA**  
**JUST WONDERFUL** 3 bedroom brick ranch in great neighborhood! 2 car garage, partly finished basement w/rec room, central air, new windows, furnace, Hot Water Heater and newer roof.  
\$161,900 (M29910) 734-591-9200



**LIVONIA**  
**CUTE 4 BEDROOM HOME** in lovely area of Livonia! Updated kitchen, new carpet, 2 beautiful decks, great family sub within walking distance to schools.  
\$149,900 (28FL02) 248-348-6430



**WESTLAND**  
**WELL MAINTAINED** ranch in Tonquish! Master bedroom with half bath. Wood burning stove in living room. Updated main bath. Partially finished basement w/2 bedrooms. Newer c/a, garage door opener.  
\$149,900 (23B6679) 734-455-7000



**WAYNE**  
**AN OLD FASHIONED CHARMER** is this aluminum 2 story with full basement, formal dining room, fireplace in spacious living room and 2 car garage.  
\$139,900 (N444) 734-326-2000



**GARDEN CITY**  
**PAY MORE? WHAT FOR?** This 3 bedroom brick Ranch has it all! Finished basement with second bath, family room with wood burning stove, garage, central air, remodeled kitchen.  
\$139,900 (A656) 734-326-2000



**GARDEN CITY**  
**ABOVE AVERAGE** is this 3 bedroom brick and aluminum Tri-level. 1 1/2 baths, remodeled kitchen, family room, 2 car garage with opener, C/A and more.  
\$134,900 (P317) 734-326-2000



**LIVONIA**  
**VERY NEAT BRICK RANCH** with deep back yard, very large breakfast nook, roof approximately 8 years, master bedroom has a master lav. Immediate occupancy, home warranty.  
\$127,000 (B9093) 734-591-9200



**CANTON**  
**DESIRABLE** condo is sure to please! Lovely upper unit with open floor plan, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large laundry room with built in shelves. Freshly painted with neutral decor.  
\$124,900 (23142771) 734-455-7000



**REDFORD**  
**A FAMILY ROOM** and rec room augment this 3 bedroom bungalow. 1287 square feet equals good value. Two car garage, newer roof and other updates.  
\$119,900 (N18650) 734-591-9200



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**  
**MILLIONAIRES NEED NOT READ!** North Dearborn Heights 3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer furnace and windows in '96. Newer roof and remodeled bath '97. Neutral thru out. Immediate occupancy.  
\$99,999 (23F24355) 734-455-7000



**WAYNE**  
**3 BEDROOM HOME** on corner lot. 2 1/2 car garage, 12x14 deck, covered front porch. Newer windows, vinyl, furnace, roof. All appliances included.  
\$92,900 (G425) 734-326-2000



**INKSTER**  
**END THE SPACE RACE!** Plenty of room with gorgeous family room with natural fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 car garage, newer furnace & Hot Water Heater and updated electric.  
\$89,900 (A397) 734-326-2000



**INKSTER**  
**TOTALLY UPDATED** kitchen, bath, siding, roof, carpet, windows, trim. Huge park like back yard, front porch with hanging swing.  
\$85,900 (O292) 734-326-2000



**WAYNE**  
**TONS OF UPDATES** including siding, doors, furnace, central air. Extremely clean, well cared for. Covered porch, 1 1/2 car garage, all appliances in top.  
\$84,900 (W359) 734-326-2000



**INKSTER**  
**3 BEDROOM** brick/aluminum Ranch with full basement, hardwood floors, carpet throughout. Close to shopping, churches, schools and parks.  
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WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU! advertisement

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MACHINE REPAIR/MAINTENANCE Seeking individual capable of minor repairs on equipment & maintenance duties.

MACHINIST DEVLIEG BORING MILLY CNC LATHE BRIDGEPORT ALL AROUND GRINDER HAND

MACHINIST Boring Mill Operator Haas Lathe Haas Mill

MAIL PROCESSING Afternoon shift 3:30 PM to 12 midnight \$7.10 per hour.

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL Mature dependable person needed for W Bloomfield education facility.

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR Skilled nursing facility seeking to fill Maintenance Director position.

MAINTENANCE FOR general maintenance and landscaping at mid-size apartment community in Plymouth.

MAINTENANCE (GENERAL) Industrial complex in Livonia, good pay, benefits, 401(k).

MAINTENANCE Luxury home community in Novi seeks experienced individual.

MAINTENANCE Mature responsible person to perform required duties for luxury suburban apartment community.

MAINTENANCE PERSON Southfield Property Management company full-time openings for central division.

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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR for West Bloomfield apt. community. Great opportunity for right person with experience.

MAINTENANCE TECH For Farmington Hills apartment complex. Experienced only. A/C certification a plus.

MAINTENANCE TECH Southfield Property Management company full-time openings for central division.

MAINTENANCE Wanted full time. Call inquire. (248) 346-9840

MANAGEMENT KinderCare Learning Centers has immediate openings for Center Managers in the Plymouth/Northville area.

MANAGERS/HOURLY APPLY in person at Oxford 7 Center Management in the Plymouth/Northville area.

MARKET RESEARCH Interviewer Day and afternoon shift. Paid training. Start immediately.

MECHANIC Experienced, heavy equipment. Retirement, medical. Salary commensurate with experience.

MECHANIC/FABRICATOR Needs for large construction company. Union job / benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MEDICAL CLAIMS PROCESSOR Full-time, part-time, or on-call for full-time, part-time or on-call for full-time, part-time or on-call.

MEDICIAN Good salary/benefits. Call (248) 971-2800

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MECHANIC S.E. MI trucking company looking for experienced mechanics for our new facility.

MONEY \$250-\$500 Attractive position for man or woman of neat appearance and good character.

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER TRAINEES All positions offer BASE Salary + top commission.

Mortgage Positions We have a variety of mortgage positions available including:

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MORTGAGE PROCESSOR Busy mortgage company in the Rochester-Troy area is looking for mortgage processors.

NEWSPAPER ROUTE Part-time immediate openings in Westland, Redford, Livonia, Inkster & Dearborn Heights.

OPERATORS/LABORERS Earth moving, site utilities company. Possible year-round work.

PROPERTY MANAGER Singh Management Co., LLC seeks an experienced professional to manage a portfolio of residential properties.

RENTAL AGENT/AUTO PREP Advantage Rent A Car seeks a rental agent and an auto prep person for the Plymouth location.

PACKAGING Full & part time. Flexible hours. 313-334-0071

PEOPLE NEEDED NOW Permanent Positions. Start immediately. To: 840 West 10th St. No exp. needed. Benefits available.

PHILZ AN innovative company in Safety Automation seeks a highly motivated SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK.

RETIRED COUNSELOR A challenging and rewarding career opportunity is available for a retirement counselor.

ROOFERS & CREWS Experienced. Tools, transportation. Year-round work.

ROOFERS & LABORERS For last of crew. Must have transportation, equipment not necessary.

SALAD PREP Job's Progress seeks positions available in their salad department.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK Job's Progress seeks positions available in their shipping and receiving department.

STOCK & CLEAN-UP Full or part-time. Good pay. Excellent benefits.

TECH Support position for a growing company. Excellent benefits.

TRUCK DRIVER - Class A CDL, flatbed experience. Union shop. Excellent benefits.

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PRINTING Experience with 4-color stripping and proofing for commercial printing. Prefer some college experience.

PRINTING/GRAPHICS PRE-PRESS trade show needs individual Exp in MAC & PC workflow.

PRINTING PRESS OPERATOR Walled Lake In-Plant Print Shop seeks experienced press operator.

PRINTING PRESS OPERATOR Experienced with 1980-1990's Heidelberg Presses.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY now hiring for resident manager & leasing positions.

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SALES/OPERATOR ENTRY For large HVAC distributor. Must possess good communication skills.

SALES PERSON Needed full-time for Farmington Hills. Retail experience preferred.

SECURITY ADVANCED SECURITY has several immediate openings for the serious security professional.

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TAX PREPARERS part-time & full-time. W/weekend & Livonia. Call (734) 542-8140

KINDER CARE - Learning Center has several full & part time positions available.

TEACHER SOUGHT for Farmington Hills. Part-time position.

TEACHERS wanted. Elementary Teacher & substitute teachers.

THEATRE MANAGER Professional manager needed to run our beautifully restored theatre.

EXPANDING NATIONAL Title company is seeking individuals for closing and searching positions.

TOOLMAKERS FOR a garage company. IB OD surface, and jig grinders.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Accounting firm seeks a full-time Accounts Payable Clerk.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE Growing co. in the Farmington Hills area is seeking an individual.

BOOKKEEPER Livonia based professional sports organization has an immediate full time opening.

BOOKKEEPER Full charge mail office manager. 2200 weekly Fringe benefits.

BOOKKEEPER Part-time bookkeeper for a part-time bookkeeper/general ledger functions.

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OFFICE POSITIONS Flagstar Bank has the following positions available for individuals with the following qualifications:

Administrative Assistant Customer Service Rep Data Entry Clerk File Clerk Receptionist

Computer knowledge, strong communication and customer service skills and the ability to work in a fast paced environment.

Human Resource Recruiter Flagstar Bank, FSB 515 Corporate Drive Troy, MI 48068 Phone: 877-FlagJob Fax: 877-FlagJob Email: recruiter@flagstar.com www.flagstar.com Equal Opportunity Employer

GENERAL OFFICE Full or part-time with experience in Peachtree accounting. Excellent working conditions & benefits.

GENERAL OFFICE Small Plymouth office seeks person with medical and dental billing exp.

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SUPER SECRETARY Bean counters need assistance! Team-oriented CPA firm with a terrific working environment in Bingham Farms looking for an energetic, organized Secretary/Receptionist. Applicants should be computer literate (Excel a must) and be able to handle multiple tasks. Please fax your resume to: 248-647-7558

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Divorced, white female, 5', 40 yr. mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good movie. If interested please respond. BOX 32632

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lbs. employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker or mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 19922

NICE GIRL

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, lanky bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possible relationship. BOX 25991

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size. Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single white female, 42, blond hair, green eyes, 110 lbs, attractive, with grown children, smoker, social drinker, enjoys going north, water, relaxing at home, dining out, seeking attractive one woman man, to enjoy quality time with, possible long term relationship. BOX 14041

REASONS FOR LIFE

Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the mountains, and quiet walks. Seeking a non-smoking, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162

ATTENTION HARLEYS

Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, fit, honest, cooperative, caring, considerate, cute and outgoing, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, Christian, well established, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white, professional divorced woman, Christian, well established, old care, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40-50, physically fit, tall, to befriend or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36068

WANTS A FRIEND

Outgoing, friendly, single female is looking for a down to earth, single male, of any race, 30 to 40, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133

QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County. BOX 25333

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 38, brown hair, blue eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10779

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 40 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

PURST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 29 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 6' plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay. For a long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 25395

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Commiserate in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for this special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially responsible, secure, 40 to 60, who is romantic, fit, has a good sense of humor with a sense of humor. Oakland County. BOX 25991

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, elegant, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, light eyes, seeking tall, fit, brown eyes, 60+, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and you'll find life in style for you.

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curly, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for a nice, successful, Caucasian, gentleman, 45-55, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOY-25322

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52 yr old, white female, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today. BOX 25326

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

with a friend, 38 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33699

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, movies, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25991

JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs, professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interests are in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and more. BOX 25991

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 60, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair, interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, enjoys the outdoors, quiet times, music, reading, movies, cooking, working out and more. Seeking a kind, gentle, attractive female, 32 to 45, small built with similar interests. BOX 14099

LET'S SHARE LIFE

White, clean cut, professional male, 5'11", brownish black hair, 48 yrs old, smoker, non-drinker, trustworthy. Enjoys the outdoors, quiet times, music, reading, movies, cooking, working out and more. Seeking a kind, gentle, attractive female, 32 to 45, small built with similar interests. BOX 14099

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced black female, 5'9", 155lbs, coffee with cream, non-smoker, non-drinker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and desirable for a possible long term relationship. BOX 25095

MR. RIGHT

Single white female, 29, medium to full figured, blue eyes, good built, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially secure, with similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling, golf, romantic letters, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25211

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'7", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 40-50, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic letters, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25211

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 55, blond hair, blue eyes, good built, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially secure, with similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling, golf, romantic letters, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25211

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Giving, loving, compassionate, petite, attractive lady, 60, 5'2", likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70. Wayne County. BOX 25331

INTERESTED?

Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, call owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female, height/weight proportionate. BOX 32693

STILL SEARCHING

Single divorced white male, 35, 6', 190 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 30 to 39, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771

SEEKING LADY 40-52

This unique, appealing white male, 45, is financially sound and a good catch, versatile, enjoys a wide range of activities, seeks a funny and honest single white female. Good looking or great personality, is a plus. BOX 25381

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

48 yr old, attractive single white female, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, athletic, muscular build. Sensitive, caring, with humor. Enjoy huge, cuddling and romance. Seeking an attractive single white female, weight and height proportionate, for friendship and long term relationship. BOX 10704

LET'S CHILL

Blonde hair, blue eyes, 24 yr. male. Loves to have fun, seeking a female that isn't shy and afraid to love, yet loves to chill and cuddle. BOX 10704

HEAVEN SENT ME

39 yr old divorced male, 5', 165 lbs, seeking physically fit female, 25 to 35, who enjoys motorcycles, outdoor, traveling and romantic evenings. Must love children and being spoiled. I am a very caring and faithful person. I have a good sense of humor. BOX 10720

GIVE ME A CALL!

37 yr old attractive black male, father of 1, seeking single black attractive female, 25 to 35, for a date and possibly more, someone down to earth. BOX 13998

FIT THE BILL?

Divorced white male, 46, dark brown hair, green eyes, large build. Works full-time, part-time musician. Enjoys music, laughing, reading, proud father of 12 yr old girl. Seeking a white female, 30 to 48, self supporting, long hair, full figured, intelligent, articulate and willing to communicate. BOX 14020

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'1", 172", 206 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

GIVE ME A CALL!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14063

FIRST TIME AD

5'6", 145 lbs, blonde haired, brown eyed male, employed. Enjoys camping, hunting, and more. Seeking a female, with similar interests. No head games. BOX 14078

BEST FRIEND WANTED

Single white male, 42 yrs old, 5'8", 175 lbs, athletic build, blonde hair, blue eyes, from the down river area. Seeking a humorous female who enjoys the outdoors, going out at night, working out, mountain biking, traveling, theater, dancing and more. BOX 25991

LET'S SHARE LIFE

White, clean cut, professional male, 5'11", brownish black hair, 48 yrs old, smoker, non-drinker, trustworthy. Enjoys the outdoors, quiet times, music, reading, movies, cooking, working out and more. Seeking a kind, gentle, attractive female, 32 to 45, small built with similar interests. BOX 14099

SPECIAL PERSON

Single black gentleman, 45, 6', 225 lbs, non-smoker, non-drinker, no children, never married, great listener. Looking for a young lady of slender build, float a non-smoker. BOX 10777

HANDSOME & UNIQUE

Single white male, 55, 5'11", 180 lbs, tall and slender, dark hair and eyes. Interests include: dining, dancing, traveling up north, boating, casinos. Seeking a white female, 40 to 52, average to slender with possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33663

HIT ME UP

Looking for single white female, 18 to 26, to talk to, 4 with, and hopefully more. BOX 10757

HONEST

Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going with good values, for companionship and possible long term relationship. BOX 35984

LET'S CHAT

Single male, 37, dark hair, brown eyes, down to earth, non-smoker. Looking for a lady who is down to earth, 37 to 49, for friendship. BOX 10791

DOWN TO EARTH GUY!

Fun loving, attractive, professional, single white male, 33, recently moved to the area from out of town. Loves movies, theater, dining out, dancing, working out and having fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! BOX 33641

SWEET STUFF

I know you're out there. Family oriented man, seeking the love of a lifetime. I'm 38, 6', 170 lbs, long brown hair, hazel eyes. Father of two, good person. Enjoys movies, fishing, quiet evenings at home. Seeking female, 25 to 40, with similar interests and values. Wayne County. BOX 33644

LOOKING AHEAD

Divorced white male, 5'11", financially secure, professional, 61, who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeks intelligent, attractive single or divorced white female, 40 to 58, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36093

NICE, GOOD LOOKING

Single white male, 46, professional, 6'1", athletic build, full hair, honest, seeks white petite female 30 to 45, attractive who enjoys outdoors, movies, friendship, humor, good communication, and a sincere relationship. Oakland County. BOX 25361

FUN TIMES

Single male, 46, looking to meet someone, who is outgoing and likes to cuddling, for friendship. BOX 32630

E-Z ON THE EYES

White male, 40's, long brown hair, 6', 215 lbs, seeking female, 35 to 55, blonde preferred. Looking for that special attentive, passionate, romantic, honest person to share in my enjoyment of candles, movies, music and dinners. BOX 33500

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If you feel that you are a very special lady, 40 to 55, height/weight proportionate and want an exciting life call this very special white professional man, 56 going on 30, in good shape, looking for a true connection. Dearborn area. Wayne County. BOX 33397

RUGGED JOCK TYPE

Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 6'2", 235 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, clean cut, degreed, no dependents, outgoing, enjoys hiking, mountain working out, reading, Las Vegas, quiet times. Seeking a single white female, age/height proportionate, 45 to 55, must be honest, for possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33665

DOWN TO EARTH GUY!

Fun loving, attractive, professional, single white male, 33, recently moved to the area from out of town. Loves movies, theater, dining out, dancing, working out and having fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! BOX 33641

SWEET STUFF

I know you're out there. Family oriented man, seeking the love of a lifetime. I'm 38, 6', 170 lbs, long brown hair, hazel eyes. Father of two, good person. Enjoys movies, fishing, quiet evenings at home. Seeking female, 25 to 40, with similar interests and values. Wayne County. BOX 33644

LOOKING AHEAD

Divorced white male, 5'11", financially secure, professional, 61, who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeks intelligent, attractive single or divorced white female, 40 to 58, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36093

NO GAMES

Single young looking, 83 yr old white male, attractive and good looking, height appropriate to height, many interests, enjoys going out to dinner, movies, weekend drives and traveling, also enjoy quiet times at home. Seeking attractive white female, 35 to 50. BOX 33516

BEST FRIEND WANTED

Me 60's, 5'8", financially secure, Caucasian bachelor who likes the finer things in life. Likes sailing, classical music and traveling. Been to the Atlantic and Pacific recently and in between. Like to take you with me the next time I go. Looking for a decent loyal woman and best friend. BOX 36915

CALL ME

41 yr old, single white father of two, from Nov. 5'9", great shape, fun, caring, honest and sincere, homeowner, enjoys everything, cooking, carnivals, movies, romantic evenings and camping. Seeking a positive, caring, loving white female, for monogamous relationship. Children are welcome. BOX 25991

FAMILY FUN AWAITS

27 yr old, 6'1", 190 lb, handsome, secure, single white male in Dearborn with 8 yr old daughter. Enjoys reading, hiking, boating, family activities and more. Seeking a fit, honest, loving female for a great relationship and enjoying life! BOX 35479

IM YOUR KNIGHT

and daytime friend, 40, 4'7", divorced, adventurous, reliable, honest, college graduate, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys boating, amateur theatre, bowling, walks, movies, dancing and travel. Seeking a lady, close in age, with similar interests for a long term relationship. BOX 26002

DOWNRIVER AREA

Financially secure, reliable, 65 white male, 5'9", 185 lbs, brown hair and eyes, into boating, bicycling, walking, movies, country music, dining, slow dancing and just quiet times. Seeks retired, financially secure white lady, 60 to 65, for a long term relationship. Who knows what it will lead to. BOX 35486

INTERACT WITH

Quality! A single white male, 43, childhood college grad, nice looks, open to marriage or long term relationship. Seeks to interact with a charming lady companion. BOX 24967

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36 yr old handsome 6' blue eyes, nice smile, athletic, seeks an attractive woman who has character and a sense of humor and also an adventurous side. BOX 24958

STOP! READ THIS!

If you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I live in the Dearborn area, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, widowed, well built, early 60's and look much younger. You must be over 61, lean, attractive and just what you need for your future. I will return your call. Down river area. BOX 35488

GOOD GUY

Honest, romantic, retired, silver hair, far looking, stocky build, seeks a single lady for bowling and fun to be with. Call me. North Oakland area. BOX 24961

STARTING OVER

Divorced white male, 53, 5'8", 200 lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive, light smoker, father of one 4 yr old. Enjoys bowling, golfing, walking, weekend getaways, traveling, etc. Seeking a single white female, 45 to 53, for dating, possible long term relationship. Children okay. Wayne County. BOX 25317

VERY GENTLE

If you are looking for a early 60's, 5'8", 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, single white male, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 60, to go out with. Downriver area. BOX 33429

WANTED: KIND SPIRIT

Single black male, 55', 150 lbs, never married, looking for a single female, 21 to 35, non-drinker, good personality and sense of humor for dating possibly more. BOX 13950

DOWN RIVER 1ST TIME

48 yr old, single white male from Down River area, single white male, hazel eyes, 5'9", 190 lbs, work for one of the big three auto companies. Enjoys just about anything. Looking for a woman, 35 to 55, with a loving heart. Because I have one. Looks and race, no problem. BOX 35493

WHY BE ALONE?

Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean, beaching, golfing, etc. Seeking an attractive, caring, single white professional female, 40 to 50 yr. BOX 35913

MATT DAMON

Cute, 5'8", 165 lbs, over 37, young looking, single male. Enjoys movies in or out of great cook. Seeking smart lady for partnership. Sense of humor. Seeking slightly deservatched, Lyona, Farmington, Novarese. BOX 25064

ONE OF A KIND

Attractive single white male, 41, 5'8", divorced, home and business owner. Enjoys rock music and the outdoors. Looking for an attractive single white female for dating and companionship. BOX 32569

2 GOOD 2 BE TRUE

43 yr old, 163 lbs, 5'5", single, blue eyes, romantic, adventurous, enjoys camping, outdoors, nature and long walks. Looking for someone who is happy with themselves, age/race, weight/height is unimportant. We reply to all. BOX 10665

BIG HEARTED

Attractive, widowed white male, 59', 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life. Financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship, no games. BOX 33486

BRIGHT EYES

48 yr old, white male, 5'7", 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096

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If you are, 48 to 58, slim white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractively endowed and knowledgeable, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River no games. BOX 33419

VERY ACTIVE

White male, 41, 6'1", never married, good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boating, racing cars, camping and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25082

IT'S A NEW YEAR

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