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Help on the way: Expectant mothers who thought there was no relief from those nagging aches and pains can think again./A3

HOMETOWN LIFE

Journal: Marian Wright cared for her mother, Verna Wright of Plymouth, after she suffered a stroke in 1990. She recently published a book chronicling her day-today experience as a caregiver. / C7



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

On Ice: This will be a familiar scene in downtown Plymouth starting Wednesday night as carvers and other Ice Festival enthusiasts begin gathering for the 2001 Plymouth International Ice Spectacular. Most of the action centers around downtown, although there will also be a dinner dance Jan. 19 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center and other various activities and displays around the streets of Plymouth. The festival gets underway Wednesday with the display of some 150 individual street sculptures.

Cain spurns city for St. Johns

Commissioners turn to former Van Buren administrator

BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

"I'm going to meet with the mayor and discuss the situa-

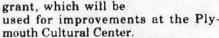
City gets \$635,000 rec grant

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Plymouth Acting City Manager Paul Sincock heard all the rumors, but he wanted to make sure the good news was final before spreading the word.

It was made official by Gov. John Engler's

office. Plymouth has been awarded nearly \$635,000 in a Clean Michigan Initiative-Recreation Bond



"We are ecstatic!," proclaimed Sincock in his City Hall office. "We received a call from Sen. (Thaddeus) McCotter's office Monday that it was coming. This is the largest grant we've ever received. It's a great opportunity for the City of Plymouth."

The grant application indicates the city will contribute \$342,000 to the

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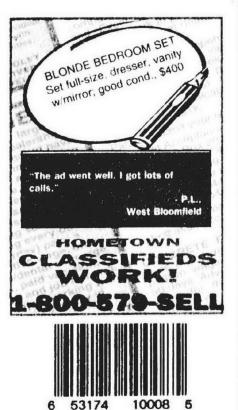
No deal yet, but township working on King holiday

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

Benefit: The FirstStep Charity Dance, in its 11th year, will benefit domestic violence victims. The event will take place Friday, Feb. 2 at Burton Manor in Livonia. / C7

Singer: Ken Medema, a religious singer / songwriter, will perform this Saturday at St. Pauls' Presbyterian Church in Livonia. / C7

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Two down, one to go.

That's the situation after Michael Cain, former Fenton city manager, turned down Plymouth's offer to become the city's next CEO. Cain, who became Plymouth's consensus city manager candidate during a special meeting Saturday, said he's finalizing an agreement to accept the top appointed post in St. Johns, Mich.

Cain, who told Mayor Dave McDonald Monday he declined the job offer, became the second person to turn down the city manger's position. Hazel Park City Manager K. Joseph Young decided to stay put when Plymouth city commissioners didn't come up with enough money.

So, in a special meeting Tuesday night, commissioners became divided when they voted by the slimmest of margins, 4-3, to give Mayor Dave McDonald the authority to negotiate a contract with the former administrator of Van Buren Township, Calvin Teague.

Voting in favor of offering Teague the job were McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur, and commissioners Bill Graham and Sean FitzGerald. Commissioners opposed to Teague, and favoring Roosevelt Park City Manager Michael Overton, were David Byers, Dan Dwyer and Michele Potter.

From his Lawton, Mich., home, Teague said Plymouth has always been his first choice in job opportunities, and will take the job if he is confident he can get a chance to prove himself from those who voted against him.

tion with him," said Teague. "My goal is to come in and get respect from the three people who voted against me.

"I would like to have confidence that I will have the opportunity to prove myself. And, if I do, I look forward to becomng part of the Plymouth management team," he said.

In a telephone conversation with McDonald after the meeting, Teague specifically mentioned Potter as his main adversary. Potter led the discussion against hiring Teague last Saturday, and did so again Tuesday in reminding fellow commissioners Teague was not one of their original top three choices.

"We were all elected by the citizens of this city to do what's in their best interest. In my opinion, selecting a fourth-rate candidate for the CEO of this city is not in their best interest," she said. "Are we all complacent and lethargic enough to vote for someone we didn't see any qualities in after the interview process? The City of Plymouth deserves better than a fourth choice candidate, and a split commission.

To further show the division of the commission, by the same 4-3 margin commissioners struck down a resolution that would have triggered negotiations with Overton should Teague decide not accept the city manager's position.

After the meeting, Potter said she would work with Teague if he takes the job.

"I won't work against him," said Potter. "I'll work with anybody in that position, but I'll will be watching him. I

Though Plymouth Township officials have no plans this year to observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, newly elected Supervisor Steven Mann is moving forward on the issue.

He negotiated with labor unions for agreements to trade having each employee's birthday off with having Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday off. Police and fire unions, as well as the

DPW union, have no problem with that idea, Mann said.

However, the new AFSCME union organized last year is unwilling, he said.

"They are dissatisfied with their current wages and employment," Mann said. "They are not willing to trade. We're 75 percent there, if we get the board's approval. Three out of four are ready and willing. We can't make it work this year."

Contract negotiations with AFSCME members are scheduled for Feb. 14.

All changes are subject to board approval, he said.

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Revving up

Developers ready with new plans for Wilcox property

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.he mecomm.net

Developers of the 2.5 acres in downtown Plymouth known as the Wilcox property have presented revised plans for a condominium project.

D&P Ventures of Detroit, which had plans for a seven-story condo project rejected last month by the planning commission, is now proposing two, five-story buildings on the site, with one housing 28 condos and the other nine condominium units.

Architect Joe Philips said the new plans still call for renovating the nearly 100-year-old Wilcox house on the site. However, the 150-year-old Copper Beech tree will not be saved, as previously planned.

"In the original plan we had more height and less ground coverage," said Philips. "In the new plans, the footprint will be bigger, but the height will come down.

"We were a bit disheartened because we put our heart into the other project, but I can live with this" he added. "I expect to see some objection from the planning commission, but I think it will pass.

Planning commissioners have praised the quality of the development, but also consistently told developers Stan Dickson and Tom Pomarolli the seven-story structure is too high and will dwarf Kellogg Park. Commissioners didn't vote on the issue last month, but made it known there weren't enough votes to continue with plans if the height didn't come down.

The original project was nearly 80 feet high when measured to the midpoint of the peak of the roof, and more than 90 feet to the top of the elevator shaft.

The new plans call for two buildings that are 63.5-feet high, with a total of 82.5 feet to the top of the elevator shaft and the stair tower.

City commissioners, at their Oct. 16 meeting, approved an ordinance that restricts new construction around Kel-

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STAFF PROTO BY BRYAN MITCHIELD On display: Volkswagen showed off its Microbus concept dur-

ing the North American International Auto Show press preview. You can get a peek starting Saturday, and find out everything you wanted to know in the Observer's special Auto Show section in today's paper.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: PLYMOUTH

Victoria Faith Kwiatkowski, 12, is the Plymouth Observer's Carrier of the month for December. The daughter of Walter and Connie Kwiatkowski, she has one sister, Olivia, 5.

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A seventh grader being homeschooled, her favorite subjects are reading and writing. Her plans are to be an archeologist. She enjoys ice-skating, swimming, piano and choir and has won medals in swimming and trophies in bowling.

She likes meeting the people she delivers to on her Observer route and feels having the route has taught her about money management and responsibility.



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-Community resource officer

than \$5,000 in damage was

reported. The golf course is on

Ann Arbor Trail and Powell

investigations at the Our Lady

of Good Counsel construction

site on North Territorial.

"Northville arrested suspects

and did a search warrant on a

home in Detroit," said Jamie

Senkbeil, Plymouth Township

community resource officer. "The

suspects confessed to breaking

into the construction trailers at

police, two construction site

break-ins and malicious destruc-

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solved. The malicious destruc-

tion of property occurred at the

Hilltop Golf Course where more

With the assistance of Livonia

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BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuckGoe.homecomm.net

Plymouth Township police welcomed the new year with the satisfaction that several significant investigations were "closed out" or solved with the assistance of police departments in Northville Township, Livonia and Ann Arbor.

The incidents occurred at various dates and times throughout 2000.

With the assistance of Northville Township, police closed out four construction site breaking and entering/larceny

Symphony concert

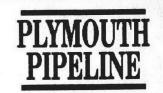
Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony principal players ring in the New Year with a chamber concert of mIniature masterpieces Saturday, Jan. 27 at 89 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road in Plymouth.

Washburn conducts a mini-orchestra of the PSO's 10 principal musicians performing smaller, intimate versions of works by Claude Debussy, Johannes Brahms and Bohuslav Martinu. Guest artist and PSO principal bassist Andrew Lee Wolfgang Anderson adds a bit of theater to the mix with a performance of American composer Tom Johnson's Failing: A Very Difficult Piece for Solo Bass.

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

Anderson's appearance is sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. This program is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Admission is \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and college students. School age children (K-12) are admitted free. Groups of



10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office, email 451-2112.

plymouthsymphony@aol.com or visit the symphony's website at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Local appointments

Two local women have recently been elevated to positions of importance in their respective organizations.

Toni Knechtges, a human resources manager with Northwest Airlines, was elected to the board of directors for Operation Able of Michigan.

Operation Able has been an experienced provider of employment and training services for mature adults in the Detroit area since 1986 through its mission of linking experience, learning and jobs.

Carol Barker was recently named corporate director of clinical education for Hospice of Michigan. Barker served as director of clinical education at Henry Ford Health | required. The cost is \$10 per person.

roads. "The suspects confessed and are facing at least 14 felony counts," Senkbeil said. "Livonia police also assisted us in closing out four home invasions. The suspects are currently locked up, and they are facing several felony charges."

Plymouth Township police with Ann Arbor police also closed out four larceny investigation where the suspect took money and credit cards from Bally's Health and Fitness on Ann Arbor Road. "The suspect is locked up and is facing several felony charges," Senkbeil said.

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System in Detroit and, before that, as assistant professor of nursing at Madonna University in Livonia. She has a PhD in education/instructional technology and two nursing degrees from Wayne State University and a master's degree in education from Columbia University.

Lecture presented

Drs. Martin Tamler and Sharon Ostalecki, two of the state's leading experts on fibromyalgia, present a three-part lecture series hosted by Arthur's Place at Medhealth Systems Medical Center in Plymouth.

The first lecture of the three-part series will be presented Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and March 26, all from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The series is hosted by Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive.

Tamler presents a lecture called, "Fibromyalgia: An Introduction," while Ostalecki presents "Self Management of Fibromyalgia." Fibromyalgia is a common rheumatic syndrome indicating widespread pain in tissues, muscles, tendons and other connective tissues, resulting in painful muscles.

For more information, call Ronnie Mieland, (734) 254-0500. Registration is

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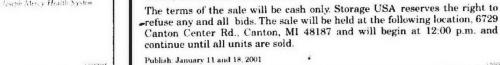
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Magic massage

Therapy provides relief to expectant moms

BY ALICE ASHMORE STAFF WRITER

Any woman who has ever given birth can attest to the aches and pains that come with carrying a child. But a group of Plymouth massage therapists can now provide pain relief and relaxation to pregnant women throughout their entire pregnancy.

The Center for Therapeutic Massage began providing pregnancy massage for clients about eight months ago.

The therapists use a specially designed Prego pillow that allows expectant moms to lie on their stomachs and feel almost weightless.

"I feel so light, I don't even feel pregnant," said Jeralyne Feasel after a recent massage. Feasel is in her eighth month of pregnancy. She said the pillow takes all the weight and pressure off of her slender frame.

"It is really comfortable," she said. "I am amazed at how different I feel when I get off the table. The feeling stays with me two or three days."

"We got the Prego pillow eight months ago, when one of my regular clients became pregnant," said Heidi Barrows, a partner in the Center for Therapeutic Massage. "She came every week for pain management."

That client, Renee Kochanek, recently delivered her first child - a healthy baby boy.

"I had been going to Heidi for a several years and I wasn't willing to give it up when I got pregnant," Kochanek said.

Previously, she had used massage therapy to relieve the demands of a very stressful job. "To keep my sanity I started going to her (Heidi) weekly."

Her pregnancy brought a different kind of pressure. "The baby was putting pressure on everything!"

She credits massage therapy for a mental benefits, too. "It really helped me relax that hour to hour and half that I was with her."



Massage therapists Ann Nelke, from left, Heidi Barrows and Kirsten Heffernan show off the pregnant massage pillow at the Center for Therapeutic Massage in Plymouth recently.

don't.

Feasel, a Canton resident

"A lot of people don't know

that you can get a massage

while you are pregnant." Feasel

said. The 29-year-old said she

did consult her obstetrician

before beginning massage ther-

She had tried massage while

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It also helped her cope with those toxins." an entrapped nerve that develand professional dance instrucoped during her pregnancy. "I tor, said, "It has really helped could barely sit - it would alleviate sciatic pain that gets bring tears to my eyes. Masworse when I am pregnant. My sage eased that pain." hips were aching and now they

Kochanek continues her massage therapy post pregnancy as well. She said massage therapy provides her many rewards.

"I really have found that it is one of those things that no one else can do for you except your massage therapist. It means so much to me that I have this thing that is just for me."

She credits massage therapy with reducing the number of vious pregnancy. "It was a complete waste of money and time. colds and sinus infections she Having the right equipment used to suffer. "It releases all

the Prego pillow - makes all the difference."

Feasel is a client of therapist Kirsten Heffernan, a co-owner

in the practice. Everybody should try it. A lot of pregnant women may be afraid, but it makes an incredible difference. I feel a lot more stress free and a lot less anxious," Feasel said.

Massage therapist Ann Nelke, the third therapist at the center, said pregnancy puts a tremendous strain on a woman's body.

"The mom's body is giving so much to the baby - it is nice to have someone give something back to them. Plus, it is good for the baby. It gets more oxygen flowing

Nelke holds a Masters Degree in Social Work as well as her massage certification.

She sees the benefits of massage for everyone. "One thing that I feel really strongly about is that massage is less of a self indulgence than it a preventative measure. It is part of overall self-care."

Heffernan said massage therapy is still looked on with skepticism.

"It's like we are some lady with a cart selling rattlesnake oil." She said with massage therapy, "trying is believing. Once they try it - they will understand what massage therapy can do.

Heffernan said pregnancy massage provides relief from swollen ankles - also known as edema.

The Center for Therapeutic Massage was the first massage therapy center to be licensed by the city of Plymouth.

All three therapists are certified, and highly trained in all areas of massage, including pregnancy massage. Among them, they have completed 4,600 hours of instruction in massage therapy.

"Continuing education is a priority for us," Heffernan said. They employ a number of techniques in their work,

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Mann said making the trade in days off was Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill's suggestion. "It would not cost the township any more finan-cially," Mann said. "We will continue to try.'

Last year, under pressure from Jim Netter, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Western Wayne Chapter of the NAACP, as well as Plymouth Township residents George Ward, Francisco Villaruel, and the Rev. Virgil Humes, the Plymouth Township board agreed to set up a committee that could come up with suggestions to be implemented this year.

"They (the former administration) didn't do anything about it," Mann said. "But it isn't a closed issue."

He is also keenly aware. through news reports, of the NAACP's often-talked-about intention of petitioning suburban residents to circulate petitions asking residents if their communities should give their municipal employees Martin Luther King's birthday off.

King's birthday has been recognized as a national holiday since 1986. The third Monday in January is typically reserved for the holiday.

Some communities counter the NAACP's intentions by noting contractual agreements prevent them from giving their employees an additional day off.

Other communities have events scheduled, including:

 Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton Township will mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s ham.

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which is generally four stories. However, the condo project by D&P Ventures came to the planning commission as a Planned Unit Development, which allows for sidestepping the height ordinance in exchange for more city control in developing the project.

Some have likened the original seven-story structure to putting the Hilton Garden Inn

logg Park to a height of 50 feet, on Sheldon Road downtown. By comparison, the Mayflower Centre at Main and Ann Arbor roads will be 58 feet when completed. Philips said the project is still in the range of \$15 million, but is unsure if the square footage

> The revisions were expected to be presented to the planning commission at its regular meeting Wednesday night.

between the two plans is equal.

Read sports

it's all inside.

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bers of the New Liberty Baptist

Church and the Greater Faith

Assembly, with primarily

African American members, in

Detroit. The diverse church com-

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Gibbs, a New York City minis-

ter, will be the main speaker at

a 6:30 p.m. Monday program at

the Churchill High School audi-

torium. Gibbs will perform re-

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Local student studies in Ecuador

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Jeremy Couillard, a Michigan State University junior and a Plymouth resident, left Sunday for Ecuador, South America, to

He will be studying Spanish and French Literature at the University of Quito in Ecuador for the winter semester as part of MSU's study abroad program.

awhile," said Jeremy, who last resided in MSU's Abbott Hall. The University of Quito, a liberal arts university, models itself after Kalamazoo University in Jeremy Coullard

has more than 1 million people, Jeremy said. "I read some books and talked to people who lived

He will stay with a host family and will also enjoy field trips to the jungle and an open-air mar-

To prepare for the trip, Jeremy visited the closest Ecuadoran embassy, located in Chicago, to

will be in Ecuador, Annie Balocating, his girlfriend and an MSU senior who lives in

Massage from page A3

including Swedish massage, Touch for Health, mayofascial release, trigger point therapy and acupressure, polarity and energy work, injury rehabilita-

ing to the client's needs - no one

small part of the group's practice. "Eighty percent of our clients come to us for pain man-

A large portion of our clientele comes to us for arthritis, fibromyalgia, migraines, TMJ, muscle strain, low back pain and various other ailments, she said.

Rochester Hills, will study in

Jeremy is the son of Jim and

Mary of Plymouth. He has three

brothers: Andy, a freshman at

the University of Michigan-

Dearborn; Ben, a freshman at

Divine Child High School; and

Eric, a sixth-grader at Our Lady

"We're very proud of him," said Jeremy's dad "We're excited for

him and we are also a little bit

nervous because the political sit-

uation is unstable. The Ecuado-

ran president was deposed in

of Good Counsel School.

January 2000.

Spain

Barrows shared her tips on how to get a great massage: Don't eat immediately before

your appointment. Be on time. "If you arrive in

a rush, it will take you longer to relax. Give your therapist accurate health information

ing the session, whether it be from the massage itself, or the surrounding environment. Focus your mind on how the

therapist's touch feels to you Don't get off of the massage

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The Center for Therapeutic Massage is located at 199 N. Main St. in Plymouth.





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Jeremy has maintained high academic standards. He received a 4.0 grade point average for his current semester at MSU and has maintained a 3.68 GPA at MSU.

Jim describes Jeremy as "a

The economics also varies

from the United States, Jim

said. "The cost of living in Quito

Jeremy, who hopes to become

a Spanish teacher in the United

States, deliberately chose to go

to a third world country to gain

an in-depth view of that

into the mountains. "It's higher than Denver," Jim said. "It will

take him about a day to adjust."

Quito is located over a mile

Jim spoke highly of MSU's

study abroad program. "It's a

positive experience," Jim con-

pretty level-headed kid."

is less expensive," he said.

lifestyle, Jim said.

cluded.

After completing his baccalaureate at MSU, Jeremy hopes to teach foreign languages in secondary school.

This trip is the third time Jeremy has studied abroad, counting a trip to Spain, where he studied guitar and the Spanish language, and a trip to Mexico, where he studied film documentary production which he completed in his freshman and sophomore years.

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project, which means the Cultural Center will get almost \$977,000 in renovations.

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the addition of two main hockey locker rooms on the east side of the building.

the addition of one Zamboni equipment storage room.

replacement of the existing dasher board system with new steel frame dasher boards and acrylic shields.

■ installation of a new energy reduction system for lighting and refrigeration in the ice arena.

■ installation of new emergency lighting and exit signage throughout the facility.

In the grant application, city officials noted two locker rooms share a toilet and shower facility, the bathrooms do not meet current handicap accessibility codes, and the locker facilities are undersized for the high school students and adults who use the center. The application also notes that female hockey teams "are constrained by the size and scheduling that must be coordinated at the current facilities."

"We currently have about \$170,000 budgeted for our share, and we're hopeful that we can come up with a financing plan for the remainder," said Sincock. "You're looking at a plan where for every dollar we put in, the State of Michigan puts in two. It's hard to beat that."

The Plymouth Cultural Center is a multi-purpose community center located on property next to Central Middle School that is leased from the Plymouth-Canton School District. It's home to the Plymouth Figure Skating Academy, Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools high school hockey teams and the Adult Hockey League.

"It's great news," said Chris Wolfe, president of the Plymouth-Canton High School Hockey Boosters. "The money will ease the stress of small locker rooms, and the lighting will help make it look like a new ice rink. It's a shot of enthusiasm for everybody."

The city's recreation department offices are located in the Cultural Center, and many of the recreation programs are housed there.

Recently, the city improved

ltur- this community."

Sincock said he expects renovations to begin sometime this year, depending on when the grant is in the hands of city officials.

The City of Plymouth has never applied for a CMI-Recreation Bond grant. However, the Plymouth Cultural Center has been the recipient the past two years of Community Development Block Grant funding, which was used to bring all restroom facilities in compliance

with American Disabilities Act regulations. In addition, the facility was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Michigan Association of Senior Centers for providing instructional classes to area senior citizens for basic computer skills. The Michigan Recreation and Park Association also awarded the City of Plymouth a \$5,000 grant to expand recreational opportunities to atrisk youth in the Old Village area of the city during the summer of 2000.

Two customers scuffled in the parking lot of the Thefts

Picnic Basket at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge about 1:30 p.m. Dec. 29. A Plymouth Township man complained he was assaulted by a South Lyon man against whom he

assaulted by a South Lyon man against whom he has a personal protection order. "The complainant said the suspect approached

The complainant said the suspect approached him in the parking lot of the business and uttered racial slurs," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer. "The suspect then assaulted the complainant by punching him several times in the face and the head. The complainant said he did not antagonize the suspect."

After the man was assaulted, he went back to his house and called police.

Johnson Controls on Halyard reported Dec. 29 two new NEC desktop computers were removed from the loading dock. The computers were still in the boxes. Each computer was valued at \$2,500.

■ When Ann Arbor Road residents returned from their vacation Dec. 23 they noticed someone had broken the window of their 1995 Beretta and removed the stereo system. The owner said someone stole his stereo about six months ago.

 A Bradbury Condominium resident reported someone removed the lug nuts from his vehicle.
 Someone removed a computer and other office

equipment from a Keel Road business Jan. 6. There was no sign of forced entry.

- Sue Buck

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the Cultural Center by putting up a new awning, as well as new carpeting, furniture and handicap ramps.

"The building is 30 years old, and this is a step in the right direction," said Sincock. "It's a part of our recreation master plan, adopted by the city commission, to meet the needs of

Manager

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want to make sure the city is moving forward and not going adrift."

Teague noted he has applied for the city manager's position in Williamston, Mich., and is a finalist to become the city manager in Mt. Clemens. No date and time to begin negotiations was scheduled during McDonald's conversation with Teague.

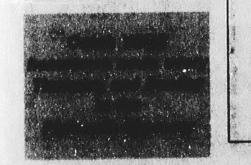
■ It seems that timing might have been the reason Plymouth missed out on Cain, who said being a consensus candidate "was not a factor that couldn't have been overcome."

Cain decided to begin talks with St. Johns after not hearing from Plymouth soon after the Jan. 3 interviews with the three remaining candidates.

"After not hearing from them for a few days, I thought they were interested in one of the other two candidates," said Cain. "When the mayor (McDonald) tried to get in touch with me on Saturday, I was in St. Johns discussing their city manager's position. They (St. Johns) asked first, and I felt I owed them that."

Cain also mentioned he has the support of all five St. Johns council members.

"It's not an overwhelming factor, but just another piece of the puzzle," he said.





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OBITUARIES

HENRY A. DEOCHOA

Services for Henry A. Deochoa, 77, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 6 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Perry Mount Cemetery in Pontiac.

Mr. Deochoa was born March 26, 1924 in San Antonio, Texas and died Jan. 1 in Garden City. He was a retired inspector for Pontiac Motors in Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1986 from Union Lake. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Can-

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ton. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother.

Survivors include wife, Shirley of Plymouth; daughters, Charlene Christian of Fla., Sandra (Stephen) Spindler of White Lake, and Dianne (Tom) Berry of West Bloomfield; sons, Thomas Authier of Plymouth, and Robert (Peggy) Authier of California; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Beat-

rice, Rosie, Reta, and Hope, all from Texas. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice

JAMES E. FLACK

Services for James E. Flack, 57, of Canton Twp., were held Jan. 3 at St. Thomas a'Becket Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Flack was born July 21, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Dec. 31 in Oakwood Hospi-He was in Human tal. Resources at Detroit Diesel.

Survivors include wife, Mary; sons, William and Brian; mother, Mary, and brother, Richard.

DOROTHY ELAINE REMSBURG

Dorothy Elaine Remsburg, 74, of Plymouth, passed away Dec. 21 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was born April 21, 1926. She was a homemaker. Survivors include son, Craig; daughter, Lynne Rose; sister,

Jeannette Bernard; brother, Allan Hough; and two grandchildren. KEVIN T. CAVANAUGH

Services for Kevin T. Cavanaugh, 44, of Detroit, were held Jan. 6 at Warrendale Community Church in Dearborn with the Rev. Alan Bates officiating. Mr. Cavanaugh was born May 18, 1956 in Detroit and died Jan.

2 in Detroit. He was a handyman. Survivors include his children,

Amanda and Leland; sister, Charlene (Michael) Tinkham of Canton; sister, Kathleen Rubbo; sister, Mary (Ray) McCarrick; brother, Michael (Diane) Cavanaugh; brother, Dennis Cavanaugh; sister, Carolyn (Mark) King; sister, Nancy (Richard) Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

GUADALUPE KOCH

75, of Canton, were held Jan. 6 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery.

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IRENE MERRITT

Township.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Michigan

Humane Society or the Ameri-

can Heart Association of Michi-

Services for Irene Merritt, 86,

of Florida, were held Jan. 8 at

the Vermeulen Funeral Home

with the Rev. Drex Morton offici-

ating. Burial was at United

Memorial Gardens in Superior

24, 1914 in Sheffield, England,

and died Jan. 3 in Cape Coral,

Survivors include her daugh-

ter, Doreen Mullins of Redford,

daughter, Eleanor (Leonard)

Wegrzyn of Canton, daughter,

Betty (Paul) Queen of Cape

Coral, Fla.; sister, Mabel Eller of

Chandler, Ariz.; 14 grandchil-

dren; 11 great-grandchildren;

step-sister, Violet Bullock of

Northville; and step-sister, Nell

Services for Clifford I. Wilkin,

74, of Westland, were held Jan.

9 at the Schrader-Howell Funer-

al Home with Mr. Sanford Burr

officiating. Burial was at Oak-

Mr. Wilkin was born Sept. 29,

1926 in Plymouth and died Jan.

5 in Westland. He was retired

as a custodian of the

Plymouth/Canton schools. Prior

to his employment, he worked

and retired from Twin Pines

Dairy as a milkman. He loved

country music, The Detroit

Tigers games and playing cards.

He was a loving father, grandfa-

Survivors include daughters,

Cinny (Mark) Gould of Grand

Rapids, Martha (AJ) Minion of

Hamburg, and Debbie (Jim)

Arlen of Commerce Twp.; son,

Randy (Linda) Wilkin of

ther and great-grandfather.

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CLIFFORD I. WILKIN

Fla. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Merritt was born June

Mrs. Koch was born Nov. 1, 1905 in Detroit and died Jan. 4 in Superior Twp. Survivors include her husband, Richard Koch; sons, Alan (Sue) Koch, David (Debbie) Koch

and Ron (Dianne) Koch; daughters, Diane Koch, Maria Koch, and Charlotte (Stan) Chlebek; 12 grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association

THOMAS D. KENNEDY

Services for Thomas D. Kennedy, 59, of Milford, formerly of Livonia and Plymouth, were held Jan. 13 at the Highland United Methodist Church in Highland, with the Rev. James Kummer officiating.

Mr. Kennedy was born Jan. 14, 1941 in Plymouth and died Jan. 4 in Detroit. He was born and raised in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School and went on to college and entered the Air Force in 1960. While stationed in Minnesota, he met his wife, Sue, and they married in 1961. After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved back to Livonia. He was a Systems Analyst for Ford Motor Company and took an early retirement in 1991. While in Livonia he was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church and served as an usher.

After moving to Milford, he was a member of the Highland United Methodist Church where he joined many groups, volunteered his help and took classes. His greatest joy was his family and they made many trips to one of his favorite spots in Northern Michigan, Pickeral Lake. There he relaxed with his family while enjoying animals and wildlife. He will be greatly missed.

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tery in Livonia. (Joyce) Grieve of Spring Hill, Fla., and Hugh (Beth) Grieve of

Mrs. Dittmer was born Dec. 19, 1929 in Hamtramck and died Jan. 6 in Ann Arbor. Mrs. Dittmer was a homemaker. She worked for Ford Motor Company for nine years in the 1950's in the Engineering Department in Dearborn. She came to the Plymouth community nine years ago from Dexter. She was a member of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She loved her family and she loved dancing.

Survivors include her husband, Roger, of Plymouth; sons, Kevin Dittmer of Brighton, and Daryl Dittmer of Boston, Mass.; daughter, Melinda (Blaine) Suliman of Grass Lake; grandchildren, Stevie and Ella Suliman; brother, Roy (Lola) Dossett of St. Louis Mo.; and mother-in-law, Nora Dittmer of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

BERT RUTENBAR

Services for Bert Rutenbar, 91, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 8 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Hoff officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Rutenbar was born Aug. 12, 1909 in Farmington and died Jan. 5 in Farmington Hills. He was a golf course greenskeeper. He lived most of his life in Plymouth. He was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. He loved to golf, hunt and fish.

Mr. Rutenbar was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Van Atta and son, Don Van Atta.

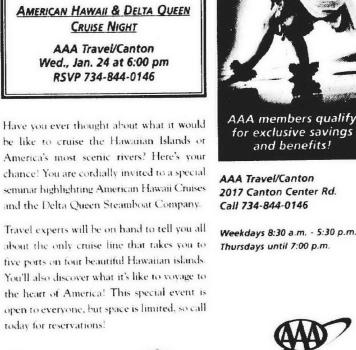
Survivors include grandchildren, Marjorie V. Coxford of Plymouth, and Cathy (Richard) Watkins of Lansing; greatgrandchildren Lori and Kevin Coxford of Plymouth, and Scott Watkins of Lansing; sister, Evelyn Hogan of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church or the charity of your

Services for John Albert Lynas, 78, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dave Bevington officiating. Mr. Lynas was born Nov. 1, 1922 in Canada and died Jan. 8

in Livonia. He was a time study analyst at Burroughs Corporation for 12 years. He later

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'Irregularities' charged in handling Metro contracts

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A subcontractor on a mid-1990s project at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport wants a grand jury to investigate the airport over what he alleges are "irregularities" in construction contracts.

John Wyke of Southgate claims the county paid millions in extra charges to a general contractor "without getting anything for it" but a runway signage and lighting modification job completed two years late. He also said the county executive authorized the payments in violation of county law.

But a Metro spokesman said Tuesday Wyke's charges are wrong - that the contracts were proper, that the airport only did what was needed to finish the work to meet a federal deadline and that "no local tax dollars" were involved.

"If they want a grand jury investigation, fine," said Michael Conway, director of external affairs for the County Airports Department. "The airport has no problem with that."

Wyke, president of JOBA Construction of Southgate, which worked on the Metro project in 1994-95, alleges "contractual and financial irregularities" in the contracts and is petitioning in Third Circuit Court for a grand jury.

However, he also wants the entire Third Circuit disqualified from hearing the petition due to what he and his attorney, John Hand of Dearborn, call "entanglement" between judges and County Executive Ed McNamara. They also want the state to appoint an independent judge to hear the case and a special counsel to conduct the investigation.

Wyke angrily denies suggestions by the county that he is upset over an arbitration settlement reached with the general contractor.

"They are completely wrong on the arbitration," he said. He sought \$150,000 for non-payment of contract and got \$100.000. he said.

Hand added "there's no way Wyke) can get more money' from the arbitration, which was settled two years ago.

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What Wyke says he did get via he arbitration was information that he says shows the contrac-

tor getting an extra \$9 million by

1997 for the same work that the

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bidding for the contract was "not

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the county's "legitimate claim for

a credit of \$7 million" was cut to

about \$800,000 "by a county offi-

cial who, at the same time, nego-

tiated his own higher-paying job"

Hand, a county charter com-

mission member, said both the

charter and county purchasing

ordinances require the Wayne

County Commission's approval

for every contract greater than a

year in length and for "any

Wyke's petition alleges "the

records prove that the McNama-

ra administration did not comply

with" the charter and ordinances

"by failing to obtain approval"

for both the original contract and "over \$8 million in subsequent

change orders," Hand said in a

He said state law calls that a

The petition is to be heard at 9

news release.

major change in contract."

with the contractor.

Wyke's petition alleges that

ing "to standardize airport signage." It also changed some taxiway standards, he said.

'Airport management realized" that, to meet the deadline, "we would need to bring in different transformed power and temporary power to the new signage.

We could either meet the deadline or modify the contract, so we decided we would meet the FAA's deadline and be in the interest of safety. Safety comes first," Conway said.

The \$8 million added to the contract - it totaled \$19.8 million at completion - was to meet the FAA-mandated signage

changes, he said: "In many cases, we had to bring temporary (electricity) feeds out to the signs. When that was completed, a lot of temporary power to those signs added to the cost.

'Entirely different'

"It became an entirely different project" - first powering the signs, then later taking the lines down, said Conway.

He said the airport met "the negotiated deadline with the FAA" and that saying the work ran late "is cran. He said "no firm" got a multi-

million-dollar incentive to finish the project early.

Conway also said charges that "taxpayers were gouged" is false because "no local tax dollars go into the airport. It's a user-supported facility" getting funds from airlines and passengers.

As for not getting County Commission approval, Conway said the project was "not the usual construction or parking projects that go before" the commission.

The project was bonded and records then repaid through fees and the

Aviation Trust Fund, a federal fund created through airline tickets, Conway said. as the state branch of the FAA He said if there is a grand jury, the airport "has the

jects - "approved everything. "Bring on the grand jury investigation," Conway said. "We have nothing to hide."

Airports Director of External Affairs

Michael Conway

McNamara's office did not

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"The grand jury will find the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics" - which Conway identified

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> The attorney also said that disqualifying a court bench "is not unusual," citing the Washtenaw County circuit court's disqualifying itself last year in a pending case "merely because all its judges were personally acquainted with the plaintiff."

But he said "the entanglement between the circuit judges" and the McNamara administration goes "far deeper" because the Third Circuit gets over \$130 million in funding from the county and many judges seek McNamara's endorsement in elections.

However, Metro's Conway said the original contract with the general contractor, which was "to completely revamp the lighting and signage to make the air-port safer and the lighting system more reliable," was modified "because additional work needed to be done to meet an FAA (Federal Aeronautics Administration) deadline."

He said the FAA issued an advisory during the project seek-

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Commission needs to finally get on same page

Think the zaniness is over now that the Plymouth City Commission has, apparently, found a candidate willing to take the city manager's job?

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Don't bet on it. There's still a police chief position to fill.

The commission settled Tuesday night on former Van Buren administrator Calvin Teague to replace Michael Cain, the former Fenton manager who turned down the vacant Plymouth position last weekend. Confused? Think how the commission feels.

Cain became the second person to turn Plymouth down, prompting us to wonder why a city with so much to offer is having so much trouble getting people to take its top post. Of course, we believe K. Joseph Young, the first "Just Say No" candidate, used the opening in Plymouth to pry open the wallets in Hazel Park, where he got a nice raise and a cash bonus shortly after spurning Plymouth.

Cain is a different story. He interviewed twice for the job. He wanted the job. But quality candidates don't find it necessary to wait around long; Cain was also being looked at in St. Johns. His second interview came Wednesday, Jan. 3, and, by Saturday he had another offer to consider. Since he hadn't heard from Plymouth, he accepted the St. Johns posi-

Of course, there he was a unanimous choice. In Plymouth, they voted 5-2 for him before a cosmetic motion to make the vote unanimous passed, well, unanimously. Cain saw through that, realized he had a better percentage of support in St. Johns, and took the offer because it came first.

We're not saying Cain was the right guy for the job; we aren't even saying Teague is a good choice. What we are

charged with protecting the residents' best interests, haven't been on the same page throughout this process, and it has cost the city.

A place like Plymouth, with so much to offer, shouldn't have to go seven months without a qualified city manager. We realize that, with assistant city manger Paul Sincock running the show effectively, commissioners had a little more wiggle room to find the right candidate.

Still, with that assurance in mind and with seven months to pick and choose, the best they could come up with was a 4-3 candidate who faces stern opposition from at least one commissioner, Michele Potter. We are convinced Potter will give Teague a fair shake, because she's done that with everyone. But what does it say about the process used to fill the job when seven commissioners couldn't come up with a single candidate they could all support?

The point becomes even more salient when you consider this same commission still has to hire a new police chief, a position that has suffered even more instability than the city manager post. Four men have served as chief in the last 13 months, including Bob Scoggins, who retired in January 2000, and current interim chief Wayne Carroll.

Carroll has had the job for a couple of months now, since Steve Hundersmarck suddenly retired. If commissioners are going to give Carroll the job, they should do so now, if he wants it. If there is to be a search, we suggest commissioners get on with it and find someone they can all work with, someone who will have better than 4-3 support.

The city of Plymouth deserves that

LETTE selves. Several times I had to remove dog feces before I could mow my lawn. In early October, I asked someone at the pet supply store if they intended to use the island between their parking lot and the street (Brookline) as a dog run. He asked why I didn't talk to my

> lawyer. I am not the only person on this block who has a complaint. I may have made some noise about the problem, but at least one other neighbor has spoken to the township and several others agree that this is not right.

The appearance of 10-12 dogs, with a potential for 20 dogs, going outside to do their business two to three times a day or more (you do the math) is unacceptable.

Common courtesy aside, there is a health issue, and an environmental problem: leptospirosis is an animalborne bacteria that can be transmitted to humans. My reference for this information is "The Pet Doctor" and Reader's Digest: "Leptospirosis can be contracted from urine- or feces-contaminated soil or water, but it's rare; less than 100 cases a year are diagnosed in the continental United States." With Pizza Hut and the Plymouth Pub serving food, I'm surprised they haven't registered complaints as well. The disease may be rare, but it does occur. I want to thank the people at Plymouth Township for their help and the expeditious handling of this matter. After I went to the township and made a commotion, the dogs were not walked down our street as frequently. I just wanted to set the record straight about the article in Sunday's Observer. More than one neighbor has spoken to the township, and several others are in agreement with us. Ms. Bennett also blames local dogs for the feces in our yards. Our yards are fenced and the animals are kept on their own property. If the neighborhood dogs were responsible, it would have been a longstanding problem, instead of occurring only after the Specialty Pets Club Kanine opened in August. I would like to thank the township for its speedy and correct action in enforcing the ordinances set up to keep our neighborhood clean and safe for everyone.

Livonia

Follow Westland's lead

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Thursday, January 11, 2001

I want to express my admiration to the city council of Westland for their decision to make Dr. King's birthday a city holiday. That action demonstrated enlightened thinking in this broadly diverse metro area. By taking this step, the leaders of Westland have shown concretely their support for the vision Dr. King had for our society, one" in which people are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Here in southeast Michigan, where there has been so much racial strife, the city council's action serves as a healing and reconciling act.

My hope is that some of Westland's enlightened thinking may move westward and cross over into Canton. How sad to see Tom Yack's comments that "because we have such a diverse community ... we thought it would be unfair to focus on one racial group by giving employees Dr. King's birthday off." To pigeonhole Dr. King day as an African-American holiday shows a complete lack of understanding of both Dr. King and the significance of this holiday. I find it sadly ironic that Dr. King spent his life trying to keep people from being pigeonholed by their race, and Mr. Yack is now doing just that in regards to Dr. King. He seems to be more focused on the color of Dr. King's skin than on the beauty of Dr. King's vision. I totally agree with an assessment made by James Netter, chairman of the Legal Redress Committee for the Western Wayne County Chapter of the NAACP who characterizes Mr. Yack's perspective as "an embarrassment. You'd think they would use common sense and realize that this isn't just an African-American holiday - it's for everybody" (Detroit News, Dec. 19, 2000, p. 3D). As a resident of Canton, I am embarrassed by what Mr. Yack said and I hope that common sense would someday guide Canton's township board on this matter.

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Use for Mayflower

Suggestion: Why not take the Mayflower Hotel (eyesore), and turn it into an "ice hotel" for the upcoming ice festival? In Quebec, they have actually built one totally from ice, and they have six rooms for rent.

If they get out the hoses today and start covering the beams with water, it could become quite a glorious, sparkling, ice palace. Who knows, we may decide it's so beautiful that we'll never want them to finish the hotel!

Repairs still issue

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GUEST OPINION

This time, resolutions should point toward outstanding year

It is the New Year. A time for renewal, rebuilding, cleansing, starting over. Putting the past behind, going forward into the future.

We journey into the unknown year with a plan for tomorrow, with a hope of a promise. We watch our children, growing in leaps and bounds, reaching to hold them near as they venture forward in these lives

we made for them. It is the New Year. A for time for change. hope, for resolution.

We all make resolutions. I shall lose weight, I shall not scream at my kids, I shall not let my job stress



Cathy Standish

me out. Resolutions meant to be broken, resolutions made without resolve.

For a resolution to succeed, there must be resolve. Years ago, I made a resolution to quit smoking. The resolve was in me, burning mightier than the flame of my cigarette. I wanted to quit smoking, I needed to quit smoking, and by May, I did. I am now one of the most militant anti-smoking ex-smokers ever to grace the corner of a nonsmoking restaurant.

So it is with resolve that I offer up my five New Year's resolutions for the millennium year of 2001.

1. I resolve to lose 20 pounds. The standard resolution, I know. I was hoping this resolution would not involve any type of exercise, but research tells me this may be necessary. The 40-something hip settling, bottom jiggling poundage is prohibiting me from cramming myself into many of my favorite stylish outfits. I will lose this poundage by way of diet and exercise, since my husband has forbidden any type of liposuction and/or plastic surgery.

2. I resolve to organize my home. There used to be method to my madness. I used to know which junk drawer papers, pens and other necessaries were stuffed in. Now madness reigns. Stuffed in drawers are papers, pens, and coupons from the early sixties. It is rumored evidence leading to the whereabouts of Jimmy Hoffa can be found in some of my junk drawers, but I will neither confirm nor deny those allegations.

3. I resolve to eat my soy. The 40s are settling in. Some days, they settle in with a sort of madness. I begged my doctor for some sort of drug therapy to cure this lunacy, but she refused to pull out the pad. "Eat Soy" was her recommendation. "Soy? Is that a derivative of Xanax?" Now, in a desperate attempt to spare

my cowering family of the monthly mania, I enjoy tofu, soy milk, and some strange-tasting bars covered with velvety soy.

4. I am going to take my husband on a date once a month. He is getting older, my husband, and before the poor man is infirm. I would like to get together as a couple once again. Our lives get so busy, with kids and work and running to and fro. A quiet dinner out, an occasional movie, keeping the friendship going, the romance burning. I would suggest to my husband also that a dozen roses and an occasional box of fat-free candy would help my resolve in this resolution.

5. I resolve to go shopping more often. My husband and my boys hate shopping. Putting them through the rigors of shopping, stopping at some "cute place" for lunch, strolling through gift shops, endangering them with "paraffin poisoning" are all far too gender endangering for these males of the species.

I resolve to shop not only for my daughter and myself, but I will sacrifice for them. My husband only need supply me with three easy forms of payment cash, check, or charge - so that I may fulfill these awesome responsibilities.

As I peruse my list of resolutions, J feel a great year is in store for myself, my family, and all of humanity. Let's make 2001 our odyssey.

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et the same old recorded message that they are experiencing an unusually high number of calls. Then I am switched to their automated push-abutton system which is really annoying. If I trick the system and get an operator I get the same treatment: "We will get to it, if possible, sometime in January."

I am writing this because I just read in the paper that Ameritech has resolved their service repair issues and that the longest anyone should wait is two weeks. Well that's a big lie.

It might be interesting to see what happens if you put an article in your paper asking for feedback from other Ameritech customers regarding their experiencies. I have also contacted the Michigan Commission on Consumer Services. They were going to get back with me in three days. That was a week ago.

Harry S. Kert Plymouth

Inconsiderate

I thought I lived in a civilized neighborhood until New Year's Eve. This letter is to the person in the Quail Hollow subdivision in Plymouth Township who felt he had to fire his shotgun on New Year's Eve from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m

Did you miss all the TV ads urging people not to fire guns in the air, as stray bullets could kill? What I thought was going to be a quiet night turned into a very nerve-wracking experience. Please be more considerate next year of the people around you.

> **Dolores Wilhelm Plymouth Township**

Township was right

With regard to the article in the Sunday, Dec. 17, issue of the Plymouth Observer, "Owner, Township at Odds Over Need for Kennel License," I would like to explain the purpose of my contact with Plymouth Township to complain about the dogs being walked through our streets and across our property.

I've lived in Green Meadows subdivision for more than 50 years. There have always been dogs in the neighborhood, but for many years the yards have been fenced and the dogs kept on their own property. Beginning several months ago, that changed.

I saw on several occasions people out with at least two dogs, at one time four dogs, so the dogs could relieve themGilbert Wasalaski Plymouth

Remember their votes

I concur with your analysis of the proposed pay raises for our state legislators. While legislators might deserve raises, the amounts currently proposed are obscene. I would add to your analysis that in an era when we are losing representation in Washington based on population, we probably shouldn't have the third or fourth highest paid state representatives in the country. I sure wish I could get a 30 percent raise in one year. Our employees, the state legislators, ought to reject this

increase and vote to adopt the legislation proposed by Messer's McCotter and Bisbee.

Your newspaper could do us all a favor by following up on your editorial and publish a list of how each and everyone of our representatives voted (or abstained) on both the pay raise and the McCotter/Bisbee legislation.

We taxpayers could then really let these people know how we feel with our votes next election time

K. Hewitt

The Rev. Bryan Smith Geneva Presbyterian Church

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Independent analysis tough to find in today's market

I've been darkly suspicious of Wall Street ever since I tried to launch a robotics venture some years ago.

We had a pretty good idea for a company, complete with cutting-edge proprietary technology and a snazzy business plan. But we needed capital. We prepared our pitch (complete with nicely colored flip charts) and dutifully made the rounds of the venture cap-



ital and investment banking firms on The Street. We were regularly greeted by bored newly minted MBAs from Harvard and Stanford who had obviously aced the course in "Patronizing the Entrepreneur." I remember

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blue shirt, white collar, brilliant chrome yellow necktie and mauve suspenders. He listened to us for at least three minutes before dismissing us with a curi, "The market's far too big for your idea; I'd advise you to go back home to, um, Michigan."

So maybe I was a little too eager to take in a piece in the business section of the New York Times on what's happened to Wall Street's stock research analysts. The Times' headline read: "How Did So Many Get It So Wrong? As They Do Little but Shout 'Buy,' Analysts Often Send Investors Astray." In these days of stock market turmoil, it makes important reading.

The article traced the evolution of Wall Street analysts, whose research is supposed to help investors judge the attractiveness of stocks. Analysts used to operate independently, offering investors and brokers detailed recommendations as whether to buy or sell a given stock at a given price. Analysts would "follow" a company over the years, developing an understanding of its technology and product, market prospects and management capability.

Sometimes analysts would recommend investors sell shares; sometimes they would recommend a buy. In the days when the commissions charged by Wall Street firms were relatively high, a far-seeing analyst's recommendation could generate a lot of trades and a lot of income. Analysts – and their firms – were rewarded for good, hard, independent digging.

Two things happened to change this. First, commissions declined, forcing Wall Street to look elsewhere for revenue to cover the costs of research. ture capital, stock underwriting and retail sales of shares underwritten by the firm. In this new environment, potentially negative reports by independent analysts became a cost, not a benefit. Independent research was eroded.

The Times article quoted Robert A. Olstein, a mutual fund manager with 32 years of experience, who likened today's analysts more to racetrack touts than to independent researchers. "What passes for research on Wall Street today is shocking to me," said Olstein. "Instead of providing investors with the kind of analysis that would have kept them from marching over the cliff, analysts prodded them forward by inventing new valuation criteria for stocks that had no basis in reality and no standard of good practice."

The Times cited the remarkable lack of "sell" recommendations made by analysts, even in a declining market. Of 8,000 current recommendations made by analysts covering companies in the Standard & Poors 500-stock index, only 29 are sells, according to Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

Individual investors can no longer take analyst recommendations as gospel, especially when the stocks they tout are the same ones underwritten by their own firms.

More telling and far more troubling were examples cited in the Times story of supposedly independent analysts issuing recommendations on stocks underwritten by their own firms. The vast majority of these were "buy," even when the companies faced tough – even deteriorating – business conditions. Analysts interviewed by the Times denied this represented a conflict of interest, but the denials didn't seem persuasive to me.

In today's economic climate, when so many ordinary investors have made and lost so much money in the stock market and when markets are extraordinarily volatile, the implications of the Times article are far-reaching. Individual investors can no longer take analyst recommendations as gospel, especially when the stocks they tout are the same ones underwritten and pushed by their own firms. Worse, it's tough to get anybody – even your friendly broker – to come clean about which analysts are truly independent and tough minded and which are mere touts.

"Caveat emptor" says the Latin tag; "let the buyer beware."

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Brad Kadrich

The Plymouth City Commission has quickly developed a new strategy for landing a new city manager, after its plan of offering Hazel Park City Manager K. Joseph Young less money and fewer perks to take a job with less responsibility fell through.

At a special meeting Saturday, commissioners agreed to offer the job, left vacant by Dave Rich's departure in June, to Michael Cain, the former city manager in Fenton who has been doing special projects in Troy lately.

The commission agreed, initially on a 5-2 vote, to offer the job to Cain. Commissioners later voted on a motion that makes the hiring of Cain unanimous, a cosmetic vote that won't disguise the fact at least two commissioners wanted someone else.

In fact, if you stop and think about it, before Young used Plymouth as leverage to get more money out of Hazel Park, Cain only had one solid supporter, Sean FitzGerald. That kind of comeback is positively Clintonian.

And so, when Mayor Dave McDonald sat down with Cain to begin negotiations, we were ready with our secret hidden microphones. Since actual high-tech surveillance equipment would cut down on the profit margin, we had to settle for a couple of tin cans and some string, but you'll get the gist:

McDonald: "Mike, we have an offer for you regarding our city manager position."

Cain: "I'm listening."

McDonald: "OK, here it is: (pause) Please, please, pretty please with sugar on top won't you be our new city manager?"

This may be what it's coming to for the city, because Cain turned the city down to take a similar job in St. Johns, Mich. Secretly, that's probably not bad news for some of the commissioners, but it's awful news for residents who wonder why a community with so much to offer can't seem to attract a new manager.

So the commission has turned to former Van Buren administrator Calvin Teague, but only after a 4-3 vote and with one commissioner, Michele Potter, admantly opposed, calling Teague a "fourth-rate candidate."

Commissioners may disagree, but part of the problem has been the instability the situation has engendered. Steve Walters was essentially shuffled out the back door when he couldn't satisfy

what has always been a diverse commission. Dave

City must convince candidates Plymouth jobs are worth taking

Rich, while he publicly professes he moved on for greener pastures, also had pretty well-documented trouble dealing with the seven strong opinions that make up the current commission.

Think potential candidates don't brush up on that sort of information? Teague has already said that he'll take the job if he can overcome Potter's opposition.

For her part, Potter has said she'll "work with anyone in the position," but that "I'll be keeping my eye on him."

Think candidates don't worry about that kind of attitude when they're taking a job? Think again.

And although Cain said it wasn't a major factor, he did admit the slow pace of Plymouth's decision and the fact he would only have been a "consensus" candidate — not a unanimous pick — played a role.

The frequently fractured nature of this commission on this issue, and the length of time it has taken commissioners to find a suitable replacement for Rich, wasn't lost on raises red flags in the eyes of potential candidates.

Of course, it doesn't help when candidates play the commission like instruments, the way Young did. About a week after he turned down Plymouth's offer, he got a huge raise and a cash bonus from Hazel Park. Coincidence? If so, it's a pretty big one.

Of course, the longer the process takes, the worse the impression gets. When a job like this has been open for awhile, people start wondering and asking questions.

Assuming Teague takes the job — at press time it seemed likely — the commission must turn its attention to the police chief's job. It's another position that has had inordinate turnover, with four chiefs — including current interim chief Wayne Carroll — in the last 15 months or so.

The biggest question potential candidates are likely asking right now is, "Why can't the commission fill these jobs?"

For Plymouth's sake, the commission needs an answer quick.

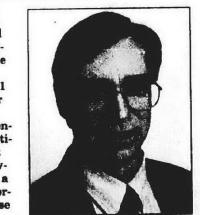
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More important, in recent years Wall Street firms have emphasized investment banking, ven-

It's time to change the way lawmakers get their raises

The very first issue state lawmakers will face when they get to Lansing to start session for the year will be the question of whether to accept the 36-percent pay raises proposed by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

Senators and representatives will have a total of just three session days to take up the issue before the Feb. 1 deadline. Under the rules, the SOCC recommendations automatically take effect unless state lawmakers vote by a two-thirds majority to reject those pay increases. The salary



The salary Mile Ma increases given out

by the seven-member panel this past December included a 36-percent jump for legislators, taking them up to a salary of \$77,400 in 2001. They get 3 percent more in 2002. Their expense accounts also jump \$2,000 annually to \$12,000. The SOCC also gave 13-percent pay raises to

the justices of the Supreme Court, taking them to \$159,960. The lieutenant governor gets 19-percent more, his wage rising to \$120,400.

And the governor, who appointed the members of the SOCC, gets a 14-percent salary increase, bringing him to \$172,000.

The exorbitant increases have a number of legislators upset, and several have promised to do their best to get the salary increases tossed out despite the short time frame. Set. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, has premised to introduce a resolution to reject the raises. New House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has premised that there will be a vote held in the House before Feb. 1.

Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, has also announced he'll attempt to put a constitutional amendment on the 2002 ballot to change the way legislative salaries are set. Bisbee's proposal would be to require lawmakers to vote affirmatively to accept such raises.

But the first thing state voters should be asking themselves is how this system get as servined up. Didn't we vote, back in 1968, to create the SOCC to come up with a better system for setting lawmakers' wages? The point of the system was to find a way to set salaries that would be fair, would compensate those officials for the work they do, at rates high enough to attract people to the job without getting excessive, and yet make lawmakers accountable for the increases they take.

The idea was to depoliticize the issue. An independent panel would more likely come up with a fair wage, we believed back then, and lawmakers would still be able to vote to override the recommendations if the political appointees on the panel got carried away while handing out raises. So why isn't the system working?

Because of the Feb. 1 deadline. It comes around way too soon, and at a time when lawmakers are busy dealing with other things. The leadership is trying to get itself organized. Lawmakers are setting their agendas for the year. They are setting up their offices and hiring staff.

The Feb. 1 deadline is set, not by the state constitution but by legislation.

Some will say there needs to be a deadline in the law, and I think they're right. Without a deadline, the issue of pay raises could go on all year long and take time away from more important business, the business these lawmakers were elected to do, which they are being paid to do.

But it could be March 1. Or April 1. And there is no need for a constitutional amendment to change it.

Lawmakers set it themselves, and they could change it themselves.

It could be a little later to allow the lawmakers a fair chance to really debate the issue and vote on a resolution. It could be a little later to allow state residents to express their views about the proposed pay raises to legislators.

As it stands, the arbitrary deadline is a convenient excuse for lawmakers to take pay increases without having to accept the responsibility. Legislators can say they tried to reject it, but others stalled. Things were too busy. There was just wasn't enough time.

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Auto Show offers diversions

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BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER rechtinaw@oe.homecomm. ecomm.net

Everyone knows a gazillion cars are on display at the North American International Auto Show, but what else is there to do?

How about putting the computer-generated you in a Mazda or Thunderbird? How about racing a Volkswagen Beetle through Chicago? Or singing karaokestyle in a Volkswagen? Or landing the space shuttle? Or taking in a Dana Carvey movie?

These are some of the most interesting things you can do at the show.

The Mazda exhibit includes a computer gizmo that takes your picture and puts it in a car on the screen. You then select one of three settings in which the car, including your picture, will drive in a computer movie. The computer shows you the movie then offers the opportunity to email it to yourself or your friends. (Hint: For the best results, get your face very close to the camera.)

At the Ford Thunderbird display you can have your picture taken in a new T-bird. The picture goes into an iMac computer system which then puts any of five backgrounds behind you and spits it all out on a credit-cardsize piece of plastic. "Hey, there I am in Vegas with my T-bird!"

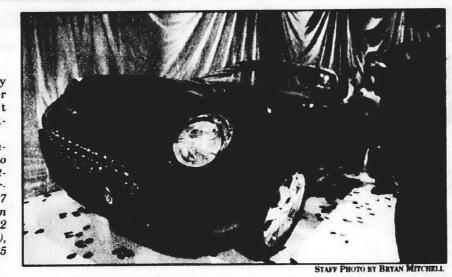
The upper level of the General Motors exhibit includes two binoculars of the type you might find at a scenic lookout in Pennsylvania. From this vantage point you can read the lips of someone over at the Ford exhibit saying, "Hey, there I am in Vegas with my T-bird!"

Toyota seems to have spent a lot of money making an 18minute movie called Wild, Wild Toyota starring Dana Carvey, Kevin Nealon, Jack Palance, Greg Kinnear, Cheri Oteri, two Toyota executives (Jim Press and Steve Sturm) and every Toyota truck and SUV. The movie, shown on a drive-in size screen, is a western that takes place in the town of Toyotaville. Carvey appears as a narrator/bartender and as the Church Lady, a character he made famous on Saturday Night Live. This movie isn't available anywhere else, so if you don't see it here you're out of luck.

You should also treat yourself

video presentation overhead balls because that's how they acted Monday when this reporter explains how you can't live withwalked through the exhibit Suburu's display includes a (which might easily be nickcutaway engine with moving named "Planet of the Japes").

The North American Interna-But Volkswagen just might tional Auto Show will be open to have the most entertaining the public 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, through Saturexhibit at this year's auto show. day, Jan. 20, and 10 a.m. to 7 VW seems to have imitated its p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. Admission whacky marketing in hiring a is free for people up to age 12 cadre of comedians in bright blue (when accompanied by a parent), suits with the collars of their \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 white shirts sticking out. They for people age 65 and up. were evidently told to be goof-

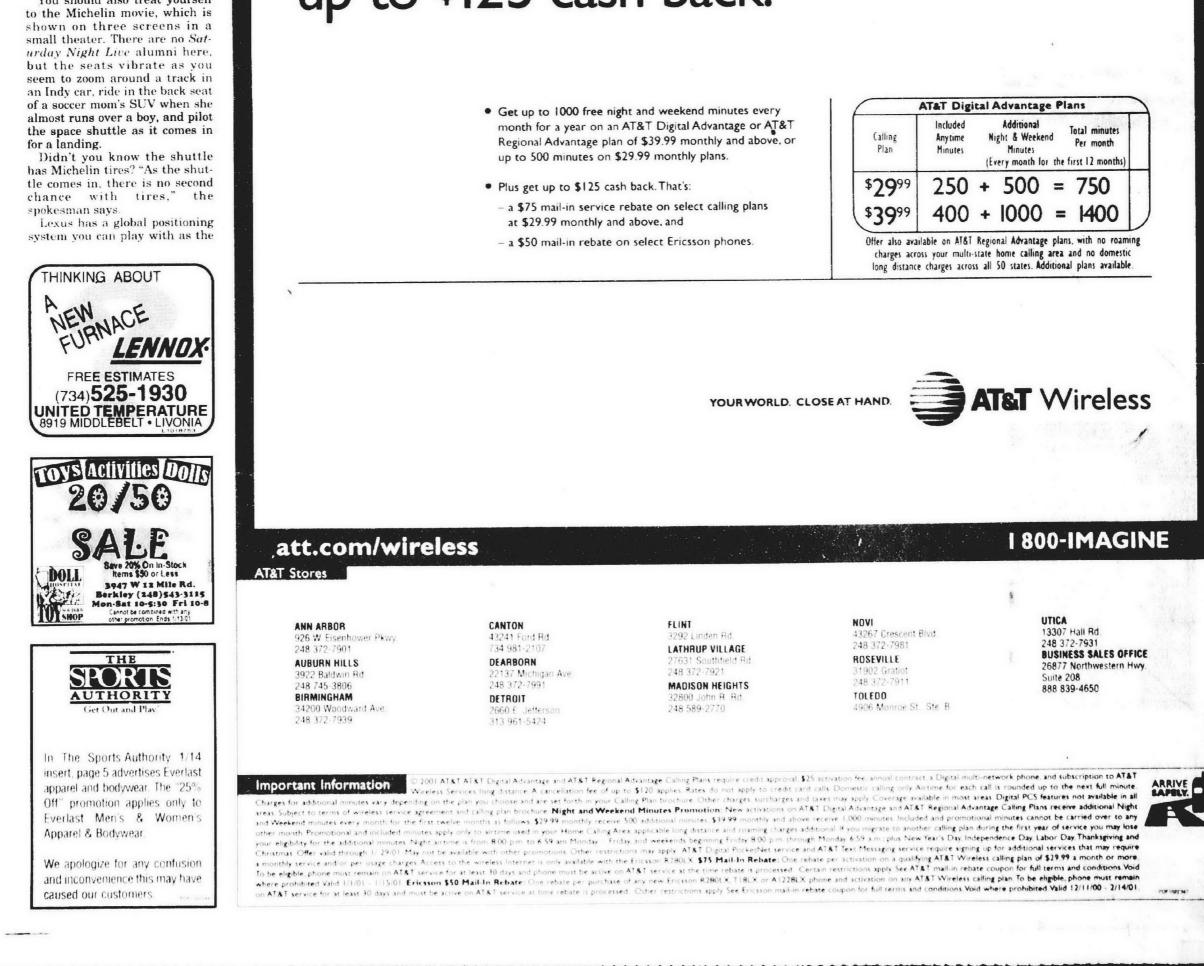


Checking it out:

Automotive press from around the world check out the 2002 Ford Thunderbird Monday at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center in Detroit during press preview days.



up-to-the-minute wireless technology. up to 1000 free minutes a month. up to \$125 cash back







The modern adaptation of a Sophocles classic, Antigone opens 8 p.m. at Hilberry Theatre, on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. Tick-ets \$16, call (313) 577-2972.

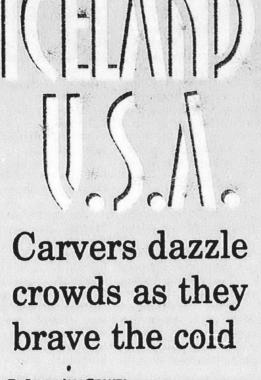
ATURDAY



Featured violinist Joshua Bell performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by conductor Neeme Jarvi, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$15-\$71, call (313) 576-5111.







BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Special event

John's Golf and

Orchestra 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at St.

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students.

'old weather doesn't bother Ted Wakar. The Canton carver bundles up in lay-ers and layers of clothing year-round, to create three dimensional ice sculptures for his business -- Frozen Images. Monday, Jan. 8, was no exception as Wakar worked in the parking lot of the new 35th District Court in Plymouth. For the

last 19 years Wakar

has withstood subzero temperatures What: The 19th annual **Plymouth International** to pursue his pas-Ice Sculpture Festival is sion for carving in free family event that competitions at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture professionals, amateurs, Festival. He was high school and college about to rev up his When: Open 24 hours a chain saw to begin carving 60 sculpday Wednesday-Sunday, tures from solid information, call (734) blocks of ice for dis-459-9157 or visit the We play at the free site at www.oeonline. family festival, com/plymouthice Where: Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Wednesday-Sun-day, Jan. 17-21 -and the sun was Parking Structure in downtown Plymouth shining

week, the refriger-Featuring the music of ated truck would the Tom Loncaric Dance be filled with space ships, the Grinch, fighter planes, and a Jetson cityscape for the 2001 An Ice Odyssey exhibit in The Plymouth Township. The Gathering. His eagles and horsevent benefits the nones will line the streets of downprofit festival. Tickets are \$100 and available by town Plymouth. Westland carvcalling (734) 459-6969 er John Fitzer will carve a char-



PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN Wildest fantasy:

(Above) Carvers create everything imaginable at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. At night the Motor City Casino Light Show makes the ice sculptures glow in a rainbow of colors. (Below) Tajana and Paul Raukar, a husband and wife carving team from Ply-mouth, took a silver medal in the profes-sional team division for this unicorn.

iot with two horses for The Gathering.

Crowd pleasers

Film theater raises curtain on 27th season

Movie Review Inside

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WLITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

Recent accolades showered onto the film Yi Yi, directed by Edward Yang, prove one thing -Elliot Wilhelm sure nows his business.

His business is film. As curator of the Detroit Film Theatre, Wilhelm chose the Japanese work to open the DFT's 27th season only recently to discover that The National Society of Film Crit-ics Association honored Yi Yi as best picture of the year - coming in just

above Steven Soderbergh's

Traffic. Wilhelm first saw the drama, which tells of daily trials encountered by a middle-aged businessman, when he attended the Toronto Film Festival last fall. One of more than 300 films shown at the intense 10-day event, Wilhelm chose to see Yi Yi because it seemed like the antidote he needed from a barrage of action

DETROIT FILM THEATRE What: Winter film series begins Friday, Jan. 12 and ends Sunday, May 20. Who: Films are recommended for adults. Children under age 5 are not admitted Where: At the film theater, behind the Detroit institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Tickets: \$6, \$5 for **DiA members and** students with valid I.D. Discount coupons available i books of five for \$20. Call (313) 833-3237 for more information. Reservations also available. For complete details, see www.dft.org.

Innovative

flicks. "It is a rich

story, close to

three hours long,"

said Wilhelm.

"It's like reading

a good book."

At a time when films are likely to fall victim to Hollywood-induced formulaic storylines and recycled rather than innovative camerawork, the Detroit Film Theatre shows work that can be quite the antithesis, work that reminds movie-goers it is possible to leave the theater feeling like they just read a good book.

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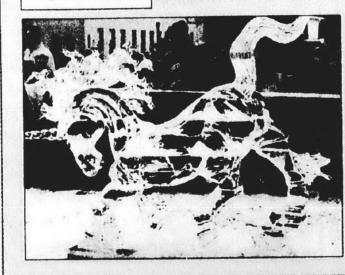
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Doctors Joseph Kaufman (left) and Tor Shwayder present a classical music concert at 2 p.m. in Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. Suggested adult donation \$20, call (248) 788-1500.



The Russian National Ballet performs the clas-sic Swan Lake at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$27.50, \$37.50, \$45 and \$75, call (248) 433-1515.



we want to do things that are pleasing to children. said Wakar who on a daily basis carves golfers, swans and custom logos for functions at the Novi Hilton, golf courses and other businesses around town.

An award-winning carver, Wakar also wants to please the crowds as they watch him compete with his partner Jim Bur Jr. in the Professional Team division. Dozens of carvers will spend anywhere from 8 to 20 hours creating sculptures they hope will win part of the \$15,000 in prizes. Mark Scofield of Livonia and Plymouth artist/architect Dennis Jones are two of the judges for the competitions sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation.

"I like that I'm creating something in a crystal state - the clarity and the facets," said Wakar, who teaches the art of ice sculpting at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills." There's a freedom to create what I want. I bring to ice sculpting the three-dimensional artistry that many of the carvers don't.

"Besides, this is my home playing field. The crowds are in my favor. It's also a community effort that I feel a part of.

Please see ICE, B2



DAVID STENGLED Dark Days: Director Marc Singer takes viewers into the tunnels under Manhattan in his unflinching documentary, sceening Monday, Feb. 12 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

CONCERT

Youth orchestra plays world premiere honoring Dr. King

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin**Goe.homecomm** omm.net

Charles Burke just received the last movement of Patrice Rushen's Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory and couldn't wait to conduct the first rehearsal of the score commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Burke was excitedly awaiting the arrival of Rushen, an internationally acclaimed recording artist and composer, to work with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra before they perform the world premiere on Sunday, Jan. 14, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

This is Burke's second full seast: The Detroit son as conductor Symphony Civic Orchestra performa of the youth training orchesthe world pres tra consisting of the life 100 students from 72 high schools, colleges and universities in the metropolitan Detroit area. "Commissioning a work is a really fantastic



Celebration concert: Koli Givens (left) a student at Wayne State University, Bill Baxtresser, Farmington Harrison High School, and Ryan Dolan, Eastern Michigan University, rehearse for a Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra concert featuring a world premiere of "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

experience," said Burke, a Canton resi- living composers. We want the perfordent. "One of my missions is not only to mance of Rushen's work, which is in play great pieces of the past by Brahms, Schubert and Beethoven but Detroit feeling and highlight Dr. Mar-

three movements, to have a true

tin Luther King's life."

Excited

Concertmaster Margaret Kim, a 15year-old student at Troy High School, is as excited as Burke about performing the world premiere of Rushen's composition. Rushen is best known for writing scores for Men in Black and Waiting to Exhale. One of the world's top jazz pianists, Rushen has performed with and produced such artists as Stevie Wonder, Herbie Hancock, Lionel Hampton, Carlos Santana, George Benson, Jean Luc Ponty, and Michael Jackson. She also holds the distinction of being the first woman in 43 years to serve as composer/ musical director for the Emmy Awards.

Rushen was appointed by the DSO as Visiting Composer for its African American Composers Program 2000. She will compose a total of three original symphonic works, all of which will premiere in Detroit between now and June.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Kim who's in her first year with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. She is also a member of the Troy High Please see YOUTH, BS

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Mike Watts

Festival organizer

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Festival organizer Mike Watts believes like Wakar that the festival impacts the entire community. This year employees at Visteon are making platforms to display ice sculptures similar to a museum.

"I was working out at Vic Tanny and this fellow Charlie Roach came up and said the festival inspired him to write poetry," said Watts. "What makes this a great event is people coming together. That and the fact that every year, everything the carvers create is all new. They don't come back and carve the same thing. We hope people will come out and see the carvers not only in Kellogg Park but in the Central Parking Structure. It will be pretty spectacular. We had the largest field of competitors last year including the largest number of college entries. Those are the carvers of the

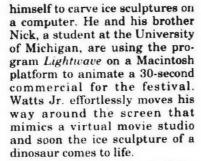
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future and that's one of the most important aspects of the festival education.

Michael Watts Jr. is proof the festival trains and hones the skills of future carvers. He's continued to enter and win competitions since his student days at Catholic Central High School in Redford. This year he plans to escort the Japanese carvers to learn their techniques.

"They carve a little bit differently," said Michael Watts "I want to see what they can teach me."

Meanwhile, Watts is teaching



"There's advantages to both ice carving and computers," said Michael Watts. "When you're doing something on computer you can fix it. If you're carving and cut off a head, you lose."



Youth from page B1

School Symphony and the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. "I've never done anything like this before."

Revisiting history

Besides having a lot of fun, Meredith Helfman, a 15-year-old violinist and sophomore at North Farmington High School, is revisiting history. Rushen's three movements reflect King's life as a preacher, civil rights activist, and visionary. The premiere will include projected images and audio tapes of King's inspirational speeches.

"There aren't many pieces written about Martin Luther King," said Helfman who joined the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra three years ago. "The music is good and it's kind of cool because Charles Burke taught us the history in addition to the music.'

That's exactly the idea behind the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra - to supplement symside by side with DSO musicians. A Summer Institute at Oakland University in Rochester intensifies the experience with day-long programs.

"I think it's the best youth orchestra in Michigan and we have the best hall to play in,' said Helfman who hopes to one day play with an orchestra like the DSO. "Many times, we get to play with the same conductors who work with the DSO. I get to meet lots of people. But you can't fake your part. I'm sitting side by side with DSO musicians like my teachers - Bruce Smith and Linda Snedden-Smith (of Farmington Hills)."

Those are just a few of the benefits of membership in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

"I'm excited about doing the Mozart Requiem with the Plymouth Oratorio Society at Orchestra Hall on Sunday, March 4," said Burke. It's just one of the experiences the Civic

lessons DSO musicians are teaching them."

In addition to the world premiere of Rushen's Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, the 25member Civic Jazz Orchestra with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave at the helm will play at the Jan. 14 program. Winans Phase 2 will also make a guest singing appearance.

"Marcus always leads with his trumpet in hand and you never know when he'll take a solo," said Burke. "We'd like everyone to come. All seats are \$10. It's very reasonable."

Changes

A 100-percent increase in attendance has brought about several changes. This is the first season the orchestra will perform five concerts. In the last year, the audience has grown to around 1,400. That's quite a jump from Burke's first season when audiences would number around 200. He hopes to top

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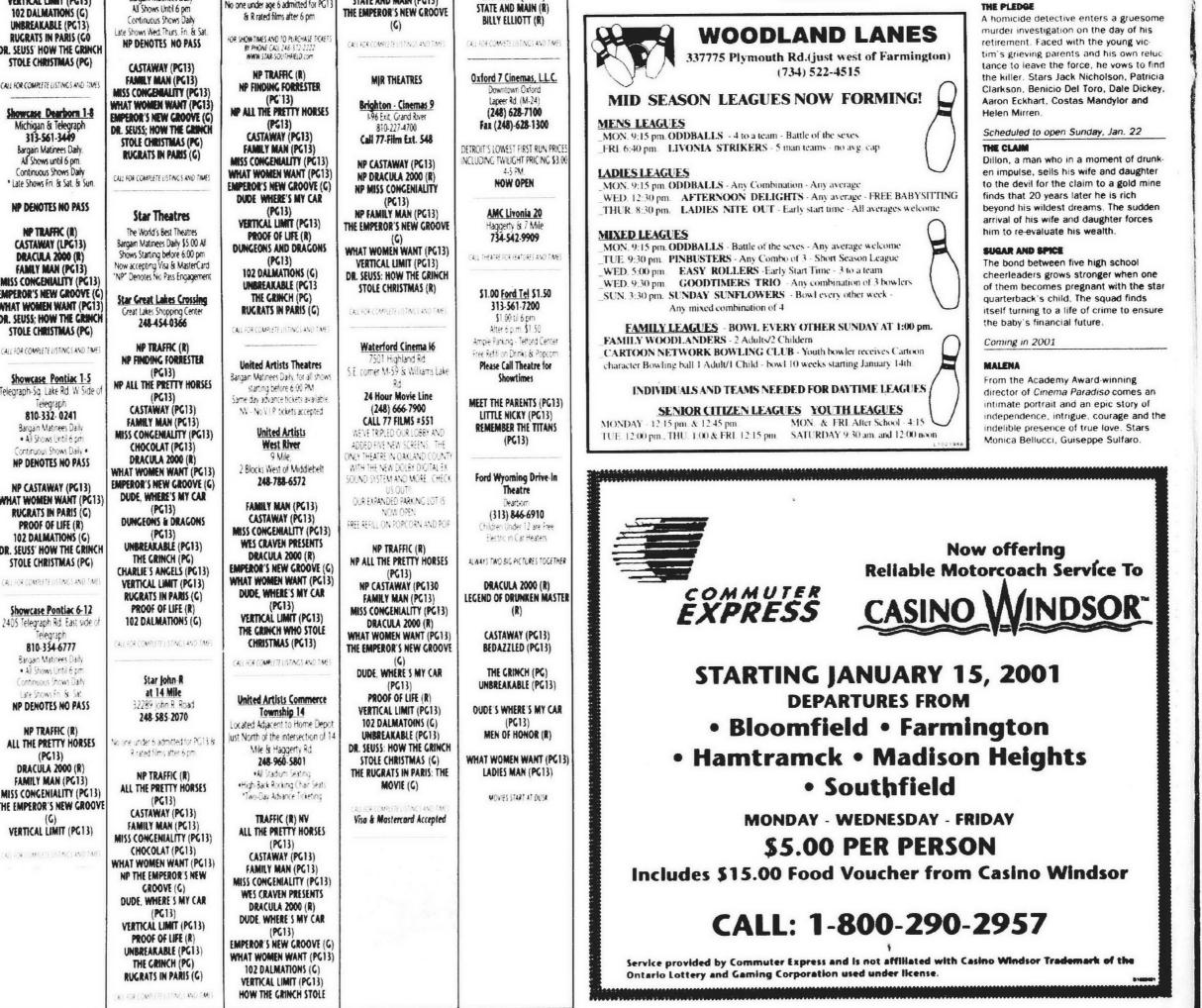
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Counting Crows' crooner Adam

Duritz as one of his top musical

He even met the enigmatic

frontman after a performance at

Detroit's State Theatre. And

while there's no true connection

to Mr. Duritz himself, Terrill's

band happens to be called Son of

Adam — a name derived from

C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia.

Strange coincidence? I think not.

Perhaps drawing from the

inspiration of Lewis and the

heart and emotion of Duritz and

other artists, S.O.A. is breaking

new ground. Here is a band that

dares to seek out messages of

love in a pop landscape that

thrives on hate. Terrill, a

Northville resident who speaks

in animated and honest tones,

will quickly admit he's "a hippie

at heart." But there's more to

Driving back him, and to this band than hints of peace, love and understandfrom an interview with Chad ing. Terrill, it

The core

Core members of S.O.A. have been together since childhood. Terrill started playing drums after watching his uncle - a jazz drummer - perform.

"He was amazing," recalled the musician, wide-eyed. "That's probably why I started." Beginning with drums and piano, he gravitated toward others in his class who were also musically inclined: namely guitarists Tommy B and Bryan Deane. They all attended Riverside Middle School in Dearborn Heights.

Growing up on a musical diet that began with the Dead Milkmen, that later gravitated toward The Cure and Depeche Mode and was nearly satisfied with grunge pioneers Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, Terrill sought out music that made him think. He chose to write his own words in the same vein.

Pursuing a dream

It was the voices of Duritz and Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder that encouraged him to find a voice of his own and spread his own message. Nine years after S.O.A. first formed, he's still pursuing

the dream. Terrill took a short hiatus and moved to California, but he missed the band, and the feeling of brotherhood he found

About a year-and-a-half ago, he returned, and the band reformed. Along with Bryan and Tommy, S.O.A. now includes bassist Tom Currie of Livonia and drummer Tom Elmore of Southfield. The band is working on a follow-up to its 1998 debut, Your Friend Jessica.

With the expertise of engineer Tim Pak the band is recording at Ferndale's Woodshed Studio and Method House in Waterford. "He's an amazing engineer," said Terill of Pak. "He knows how to make you feel very comfortable."

Collaborating with Deane on the music, Terrill writes all the band's lyrics. Most, he admits, are scribbled down between 1 and 4 a.m. Terrill finds himself questioning life and his place in it in most of his songs.

"Unfortunately most of my songs come from frustration and anger," he said. But the band's music doesn't take listeners to an angry or frustrating place. S.O.A. manages to produce material that evokes inspiration. Songs like Regret and Morning After, both released on Three

Songs, an E.P., wander from the headphones like streaming sonic wonderment. Blending the organic elements of bands like Counting Crows with the energy of heavier rock acts, S.O.A. has no boundaries.

Making a path

While it could be deemed yet another throwback to the grunge-era, S.O.A. isn't following in the footsteps of Creed. Making it's own path, the band appreciates bands like Creed and P.O.D. who've managed to break out in a musical climate seemingly dominated by messages of hate.

"I want to change the world," said Terrill. "I really feel like it's possible. To me, the only way it's possible is through music. It's my gift, my obsession. I want to live, eat, drink and sleep it."

All he really wants is to continue to follow this dream of making music, hopefully making a living, and perhaps touching listeners in some way.

When the band performs at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia this month, listeners will have the perfect chance to experience S.O.A. on a personal level - in a fully acoustic setting. "I love being on stage," he said.





Son of Adam

ing off of each other. There is something cool about being in a room singing to 50 people and just playing songs."

Sing along with Son of Adam, p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets \$8 or \$6 for theater members. Call (734) 464-6302.

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Drama: Eric Stoltz and Gillian Anderson star in "The House of Mirth."

- Mike Clark, USA TODAY

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"Younger audiences ought to see this movie...we're reminded of how gripping policy give and take...can be. Donaldson and the corridors of official Washington

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can do," said Wilhelm. In that 29 and Andrew Dominik will the streets of Manhattan to way Yi Yi seemed most appropri- undoubtedly raise a few eyeate as the opener of yet another highly-anticipated season for Chopper, May 4-6. film buffs.

This season offers an array of films whose only overriding theme may be that many come from first time directors.

Highlights

Some of these season high-'ights include: David Gordon Green's coming-of-age story amid poverty-stricken youth in George Washington, Feb. 9-11; Ed Harris' portrait of an artist in Pollack, Feb. 23-25; Lynn Ramsey tells the tale of a 12-year-old boy in the Scottish projects of Glasgow in Ratcatcher, March 23-25; Benito Zambrano speaks of love and redemption with

brows with his controversial

Integrity

Just as the theater is able to embrace and offer stunning debuts, it can take film-goers to places they won't reach attending more commercial movie houses. Marc Singer's Dark Days is the perfect example. The journalist's documentary uncovers the lives of about 75 homeless men and women in a New York Amtrak tunnel.

"There's a certain integrity about the filmmakers whose films we show," said Wilhelm. "A lot of commercial pictures you do see seem to be made by people who don't really want to be making the film

make Dark Days. That's the sort of dedication to craft that will open eyes and educate those who might otherwise find it easy to ignore such a bleak topic.

Technology too has influenced the films the DFT offers. Thirty years since the historic work

that captured the events of Altamont Racetrack during a Rolling Stones concert, the previously unreleased and restored Gimme Shelter will be shown as it was meant to be on March 19. When 300,000 fans clashed with the Hell's Angels, documentary filmmaking would never be the same. The burgeoning home video and DVD market spurred the restoration of films like this one, creating prints ready for the silver screen. This is one not to be missed by Rolling Stones fans



March 30-April 1; Ann Hu offers Shadow Magic, April 27-

and the growing followers of the Singer spent two years under theater's Monday Night series.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a partial list of films showing this season.)

One Day in September (1999) - 95 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19; 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

Kevin Macdonald's Academy Award-winning documentary returns to the scene of the 1972 Munich Olympics to shed light on an incident that destroyed the idea "Olympics of Peace and Joy.

The House of Mirth (2000) - 140 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2; 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4.

Director Terence Davis tackles this Edith Wharton novel about a turn-of-the-century New Yorker who refuses to trade passion for money. The film stars Gillian Anderson, Laura Linney, Eric Stoltz and Dan Ackroyd.

Criminal Lovers (1999) -90 minutes, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5.

Seduction and murder abound in this Francois Ozon (See the Sea) feature that twists the familiar into a world driven by immoral and selfish acts. Here Ozon tries to shake up the French film industry, a throwback to the 50's and 60's French New Wave. No one under 18 will be admitted.

Shadow Magic (2000) -112 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 27; 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28; and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

Director Ann Hu revisits the early days of cinema in this tribute to Chinese filmmaker Liu Jing Lun. She tells a story of passion and expresses the farreaching effects of cinema. A favorite at Sundance and the Toronto Film Festival, it stars Jared Harris and Xia Yu.

Chopper (2000) - 94 minutes, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Fri-day, May 4; 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5; and 1 p.m., 4

p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Director Andrew Dominik's film debut is based on the true story of Mark "Chopper" Read, an infamous Australian crimi-

nal. Chopper (Eric Bana) defines the man's obsession with his own image this darkly funny portrait. Persons under 18 will not be admitted due to explicit imagery.

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- Bichard Schickel, TIME MAGAZINE

"Seen through the eyes of presidential aide Kenny O'Donnell (Costner), THIRTEEN DAYS' is a suspenseful tale. Well acted, especially by Costner and Greenwood...they make us feel their life threatening pain and puzzlement."

- Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

The Kennedy bonding still fascinates, and director Roger Donaldson makes a lively business of watching politicos, diplomats and military brass go at each other in verbal contact, you don't see too many Y2K action films that focus on the spectacle of man thinking.

- Elvis Mitchell, THE NEW YORK TIMES "THIRTEEN DAYS" is a man's man drama. Bruce Greenwood is a startling realization. Steven Culp scores decisively.

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Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 FISHER THEATRE: Stomp opens Jan. 30 and continues to Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: Lion in Winter opens Saturday Jan. 13 and continues to Sunday, Feb. 4 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12, show opens 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Performance times vary, tickets \$21-\$37.50 call for information. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

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

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

COMMUNITY THEATER

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: Move Over Mrs. Markham 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Jan. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Depot Theater, Clarkston. \$11 Friday-Saturday, \$9 Thursday. (248) 625-8811 **STAGECRAFTERS:** A Little Night Music (music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler) opens Friday, Jan. 12 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday: 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Feb. 2. \$14-\$16, (248) 541-6430. Intended for mature audiences only RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Sylvia opens 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 PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: The Last Night of Ballyhoo by Alfred Uhry opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday. Jan. 27, matinee 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe at Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11, (313) 561-TKTS



On your toes: Don't miss The Russian National Ballet's performance of the classic "Swan Lake" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$27.50, \$37.50, \$45 and \$75, call (248) 433-1515.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of Pinocchio, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 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. 13, 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Wizard

of Oz 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and 10, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL ICE

SCULPTURE FESTIVAL: The free family event that features carving competitions for professionals, amateurs, high school and college students, and displays 24 hours a day Wednesday-Sunday, Jan. 17-21, in Kellogg Park, The Gathering and Central Parking Structure, Plymouth. Dinner dance featuring the music of the Tom Loncaric Dance Orchestra 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth Township. The event benefits the non-profit festival. Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (734) 459-6969. For information about the festival, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.oeonline.com/plymouthice **REDFORD THEATRE:** The Odd Couple starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

A JAZZY AFTERGLOW: Featuring Alexander Zonjic and Friends with guest vocalist Angela Bofill 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Antheneum Suite Hotel's International Banquet nal works of art by old and modern masters, and more than 30 contemporary living artists 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 preview and 8

CLASSICAL

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 Celios and Bachinas Brasilieras, No. 5 by Hector Villa Lobos with soprano Emily Benner. The show begins 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$5. (248) 644-5210

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: Features pianist Flavio Varani and guests cellist Nadine Deleury and violinist THE SONNET QUARTET: Symphony Orchestra musicians in residence at Oakland University will perform Beethoven's Opus 18, No. 1, Samuel Barber's String Quartet and Beethoven's Opus 135, 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in Varner Recital Hall on the Rochester campus. \$12 general admission, \$10 seniors/OU employees, \$6 students, (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster outlets

AUDITIONS/ **OPPORTUNITIES**

AVON PLAYERS: Auditions for 4 males and 4 females for Noises Off6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. For March 9-11, 16-18 and 22-24 performances. (248) 651-7389 GENITTI'S: 6-week children's acting class begins Saturday, Jan. 13 at the restaurant/theater. Northville. Classes will be divided by age: Children 7-9 from 10-11:30 a.m., ages 10-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and ages 13 and up 1-2:30 p.m., plus an additional 30 minutes for lunch for each class. \$150 and includes lunches. (248) 349-0522 JACKSON CHORALE: Audition for alto and tenor 9:30 p.m. Monday.

Jan. 15, rehearsals held Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m., in the music room at Rochester High School. (248) 651-3085

MARQUIS THEATRE: Auditions for The Wizard of Oz Sunday, Jan. 14 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Auditions for teenagers age 13 and older 5-6 p.m. for the roles of the Tin Man, Dorothy and the Wicked Witch. Actors must be prepared to sing a song from the show within their vocal range. General auditions for children 8-12 years old begin at 6 p.m. Actors must be prepared to recite a poem no longer than two minutes long. It does not have to be memorized. Children will also be asked to sing eight measures of a song within their vocal range (no rock and roll) and no longer than two minutes. Bring your own sheet music, the theater will provide an accompanist. (248) 349-8110.

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BIRMINGHAM: Auditions for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple Road (between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads). Parts avail able for children and adults. All those interested in auditioning must be prepared to read. Rehearsals Tuesday & Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at the church. Show opens Friday, March 30 and closes Sunday, April 8. (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD: Harvey 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 and 26-27 and Thursday. Jan. 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the theater, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 644-0527

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REFFORD: The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19 and closes Sunday, Jan. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly Road, (one block south of Five Mile Road) Redford. \$12. \$10 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:

Communicating Doors Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, 26-27 and Feb. 2-3, and Thursday, Jan. 18 and 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 28 and Feb. 4, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. (313) 881-4004

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: Antigone by Jean Anouilh opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 and runs in rotating reper tory through March 29. Performances 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, and 8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 18-19. Temple, Detroit. \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission. (313) 535-8962

SPECIAL EVENTS

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS CONCERT: 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus. Detroit. (313) 577-1795 ARTRAIN: Curre explore the NASA Space Program 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 when Artrain USA chugs into the New Center, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor. Admission is free but donations

are encouraged. Artistry of Space: The NASA Art Program is an exhibition of 78 artworks that explore and celebrate the history of the American space program as seen through the eves and imagination of artists. Curated from the collections of NASA and the National Air and Space Museum, the exhibit features the work of Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Peter Max, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert McCall, and other artists. (734) 747-8300 or visit the Web site at www.artrainUSA.org. **COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW: Vendors** and collectors will sell new, used, antique and collectible toys of kinds from the '50s to this year's "hottest collectibles," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. \$5 adults, no charge kids under 10. (734) 455-2110 IFMA FREESTYLE MOTOCROSS: 8

p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27, Palace of Auburn Hills. \$20. \$12 children 12 and under. Superfan seating also available. (248) 645-6666

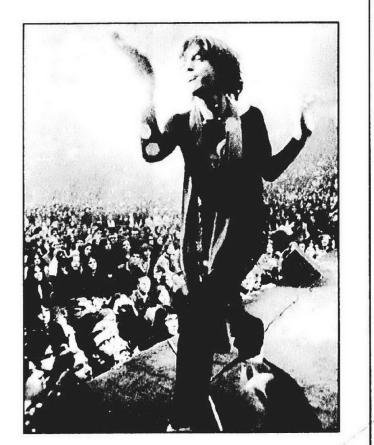
INDIAN ANTIQUE ART SHOW/SALE: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, until 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Cowboy Trader Gallery. Birmingham. (248) 647-8833 or visit the Web site at www.cowboytradergallery.com **ORIGINAL TOUGHMAN CONTEST: 8** p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3.

Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$12-20 on sale Friday, Jan. 5. (248) 645-6666

Jan. 14 preview and 4 p.m. auction, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. Benefits Southfield Federation for the Arts. (248) 424-9022

SWINGTIME 2001: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Fisher Building, Detroit. \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Benefits the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts. (248) 584-4150

Seeking shelter: Dec. 6, 1969 is a day Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger will never forget. Documented on film by David and Albert Maysles, "Gimme Shelter" will be shown complete with previously deleted scenes and a digitally remastered soundtrack, as part of the Detroit Film Theatre's Monday Series coming in March. Call (313) 833-3237 for details on the DFT.



Velda Kelly 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads. Varani will play Debussy's Pour le Piano and Beethoven's Moonlight sonata and join the guest artists for Beethoven's Trio in C Minor, Opus 1, No. 3. \$15 adults, \$10 students for concert or \$30 and \$20 for concert and afterglow. (248) 706-5355

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC

ORCHESTRA: Performs the world premiere of a composition celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10, call (313) 576-5111

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Featuring violinist Joshua Bell and the debut of Michael Daugherty's Hell's Angels 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 11-12 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. No admission charge. (734) 764-2538

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

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL: Featuring the music of Detroit composers James Lentini, James Hartway, Lettie Alston and Mark Gottlieb 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330 **VERMEER QUARTET:** Returns for a second time to the University Musical Society's Chamber Arts Series 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 in Ann Arbor's Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St. Program features works by Haydn, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. \$14-\$30, (734) 764-2538

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

NORTHVILLE CONCERT CHORALE:

Auditions for its performance of Mozart's Requiem 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 20 at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. The 50-member chorale will perform the Requiem with soloists and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor 7 p.m. Sunday, March 18. To schedule an audition, call (248) 349-0911

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS:

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

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.



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VALENTINE DINNER DANCE: PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY CONT'D

This year's competition will be

held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Evola

Music in Canton. Comprised of

three divisions: Senior instru-

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Applicants must be piano, band

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tion, contact Darlene Dreyer at

(734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at

Applications are also available

plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

www.plymouthsymphony.org

SESAME STREET LIVE: Auditions

for professional dancers who can

18 and up 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan.

26, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit.

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Enter stage door on north side of

Woodward. (612) 375-9670, ext.

SINGERS WANTED: Learn to sing

male four-part harmony, audition

in the music department of the

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Arts Building at Henry Ford

not required but the ability to sing

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(734) 261-5321/(313) 278-1078

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Band invites musicians to dust off

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WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Auditions

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Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Many parts available. Auditions are

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BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9

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COMMUNITY

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Birmingham Concert Band in a spe-

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For March 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25

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SWING BAND: The OPC Senior

7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at The

act and actors who can dance, age

by visiting the Web site

Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 9 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Event features the Farmington Community Band Dance Band playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Cash bar cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner 7:30 p.m. Dancing until midnight. Tickets \$42 per person for dinner and dancing, special pricing available for tickets purchased before Jan. 19. Tables of eight may also be reserved. (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412 or visit www.fcbmusic.org

JAZZ

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 Klucevesek, 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 DALE GRISA TRIO: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

JAZZ LEGACY SERIES: A tribute to Louis Armstrong featuring Freddie Cole (Nat King Cole's younger brother) and his quartet, Jerry Byrd (guitar), Herman Burney (bass) and Curtis Boyd (drums) 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Tickets \$25. (313) 494-5870 or (313) 494-

5808 SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, Lily's Seafood, Roval 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 VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 MICHIGAN: Is looking for entries cover. (734) 662-8310 for its 7th annual Italian Songs and MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With guest Arias Vocal Competition for Johnny Trudell, trumpet/flugelhorn Michigan High School Students. 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, Held in cooperation with the Italian at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. American Cultural Society, the \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756 MINGUS BIG BAND: Debuts at Ann competition encourages and helps Arbor's Hill Auditorium, 825 N. develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for University Ave. 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. Italian music and language. 15. The ensemble will focus on Deadline for submitting tapes is Charles Mingus' political works and feature jazz singer Kevin Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists Mahogany. \$20-\$32, (734) 764will be chosen from cassette 2538 audiotape auditions submitted **CLIFF MONEAR TRIO: With** through their respective high Stephenie Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12schools. Each finalist will receive 13. at the new Bird of Paradise, a cash prize ranging from \$50 to Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 \$1,000 in addition to the oppor-TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: tunity to perform before a live Saturday, Jan. 20, Steak and Ale, audience at the final concert 4 Madison Heights. (248) 588-4450 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE: Sponsored by Wolverine Silverspur Dancers, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Italian American Cultural Center, 12 Mile Road, east of Hoover, Warren. \$7, (810) 774-9148, free lesson & snacks.

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: 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; Jef Brannan, Brett Alan, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Mo

Alexander Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 10-13at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555;

PENN THEATRE: Mike Lucas 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at the theater, Plymouth. (734) 453-6530 or visit the Web site at www.PennTheatre.com SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 1001 Improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 n.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734)

995-5439 FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West (519) 253-1812 PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit featuring 14 reproduction inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL. BLACK MAGIC CROSSING: 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT IV: Featuring Joe Hunter, Kenny Cox, Dr. Teddy Harris, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 262-6890

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

BROTHERS GROOVE: Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU: Friday, Jan. 12, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150: Saturday, Jan. 13, Gotham City Cafe, Ann Arbor, (734) 913-8890; Friday, Jan. 19, Hunter House, Detroit. (313) 965-0265; Saturday, Jan. 20, TC's Speakeasy, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4470; Friday, Jan. 26, Foran's Irish Pub, Detroit. (313) 961-3043; Noon, Wednesday, Jan. 31, Wayne State University Student Center; Wednesday, Jan. 31, Cadiuex Cafe, Detroit. (313) 882-8560

AARON CARTER: 10 a.m. Sunday. Feb. 25, State Theatre, Detroit. \$23. All ages. (313) 961-5451 CHAIN REACTION: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Library Sports Pub in Novi. (248) 349-9110 MIKE CLARK'S PRESCRIPTION **RENEWAL:** Featuring Charlie Hunter, DJ Logic and Robert Walter, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 advance.

(248) 544-3030 THE CLARKS: With Will Hoge, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$8, 18 and older. (248) 544.3030

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

Johnson, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 THE CODEPENDENTS: 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$3 over 21 and \$5 under 21. (734) 996-8555. **CONNIPTION:** With Liquid #9. Crackjaw, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

CONSOLATION PRIZE: With Wristrocket, Blindshot, Nowadays,

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

MIKE GEORGIN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater ment bers. Master class for bass players begins 6 p.m. and costs additional \$5. (734) 464-6302

GHETTOBILLIES: With Metropoix, Mike Farley Band, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555 **GREENSTREET:** With Gryphon

Shephard, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 advance, \$7 at the door. (734) 996-8555

GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159

HEMIGOD: With Braillehouse, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Magic Bag. Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030 AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday. Jan. 12-13, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, Mac's Acadian Seafood. Saline. (7340 944-6227: 6:30 pm. Tuesday-Saturday, Jan. 23-27, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-

3600. AL HILL TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 23-25, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636. HOWLING DIABLOS: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030 IMMIGRANT SUNS BIG BAND: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Magic Bag. Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030 IMMUNITY: Saturday, Jan. 13. Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110 ISOTOPE 217: With Chicago Underground, Crush Kill and Destroy, 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$8 advance and \$10 at door. (734) 996-8555 ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth

Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922 JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO: 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 JETTISON RED: 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland. The Manhattans, featuring Gerald

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL STARS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12 advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 **ORIGINAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF LOVE:** With The Maypops, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555

PANTERA: With Soulfly, Morbid Angel, rescheduled to Thursday, March 1. The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$30. Tickets already purchased for the Nov. 25 date will be honored. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 645-6666. PARADIME: 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Jan. 20, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6 over 21 and \$7 under 21. (734) 996-8555

ASHLEY PEACOCK: With Carl and Katie, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia, \$8 or \$6 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

PIERCE PETTIS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 **PROFESSOR MARVEL:** With Hundred Days, Water Sign Rising. Au Revoir Borealis, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free over 21 and \$3 under 21. (734) 996-8555. QUEERS: With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. The Shelter, Detroit, All ages. \$8. (313) 961-8961 MICHAEL QUEST: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan 13, 27, Feb. 10, Coyote Club. Pontiac, Free. (248) 332-HOWL RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 10-11, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800. BROOKE RATLIFF: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Borders Books and Music. Rochester Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 652-0558 **RED TREE:** CD release with Mind Candy, Diegrinder, Motorcity Burgers. 8 p.m. Magic Bag.

Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030 '705 SOUL JAM: Featuring The Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and The Delfonics, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30 \$37.50, \$50. (248) 645-6666. SIX CLIPS: With Innerrecipe. Asher 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5 over 21 and \$6 under 21. (734) 996-8555. SLIM CESSNA'S AUTO CLUB: With Blanche, Saturday, Jan. 13, Gold Dollar, Detroit, (313) 833-6873 SLUMBER PARTY: With Ansonia. Friday, Jan. 26. Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 SNOCORE ICICLE BALL: With Galactic Les Clavpool's Frog Brigade, Lake Trout, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, State Theatre, Detroit. \$26. All ages. (313) 961-5451

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ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL: Joan Baez, Matt Watroba, David Wilcox and others 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Tickets (734) 763-TKTS/information (734) 761-1451 COMMANDER CODY & HIS LOST PLANET AIRMEN REUNION: 7:30

The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (734) 763-TKTS CHARLIE KING: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS ALEX DE GRASSI: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS SUSAN WERNER: 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

> WORLD MUSIC

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

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

LIVE MUSIC

ADAM'S CASTLE: With A Thousand Times Yes, Brand New Blue, Thursday, Jan. 25, Gold Dollar, Detroit, (313) 833-6873. **AMERICAN MARS: With Chris** Mills, Delta 88, Friday, Jan. 12, Gold Dollar, Detroit, (313) 833-6873

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Borders Books and Music, Troy. All ages, Free. (248) 585-6029 AN EVENING WITH RICHARD ASHCROFT:



Rescheduled, 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, All ages. Tickets for Magic Bag show will be honored. \$22.50 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961.

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

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067 B. COOK: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan.

11, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$7 over 21 and \$9 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

CORNDADDY: With The Drapes, Thursday, Jan. 18, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 THE CRUMBS: With Proteins. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. (313) 961-8961 THORNETTA DAVIS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. All ages. Free. (248) 644-4800. DEAD HEROES: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

DELL AND THE ROUGHCUTS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302 DELTA 88: With Audra Kubat, 10

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

JASON DENNIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

DETEKTIVE RIOT: With Inside 5 Minutes, The Black Lodge, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. Lill's 21. Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; With the Bomb Pops, 60 Second Crush, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Lili's 21. Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555. DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With 19 Wheels, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$7. (248)

544-3030. STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397

EASY ACTION: With the Paybacks, Saturday, Jan. 27, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961

Alston and Blue Lovett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$75. (248) 645-6666

KNEE DEEP SHAG: 8 p.m. Friday. Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

KOLO: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. Borders Books and Music. Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-

Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 25-27, Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, March 1-3, 8 10 Major Tooley's Irish Pub. Northville. (248) 465-1680 LINKIN PARK: With Taproot, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, Clutch

Cargo, Pontiac. \$13.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666 LOLLYPOP LUST KILL: With Diety,

Forge, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$10. All ages. (313) 951-8961 LUCID JONES: With Calamity Jane, Bliss, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, Magic Bag. Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544

3030. MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan 20, Feb. 3, 17, March 3, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248)

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

BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. 18 and older \$20 advance. (734) 662-8310 METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over (313) 962-7067

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PETERSON: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. Borders Books and Music. Rochester Hills, Free, All ages (248) 652-0558

MONK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia, \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

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

SOUTH NORMAL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4 over 21 and \$5 under 21 (734) 996-8555.

SON OF ADAM: 8 p.m. Saturday. Jan. 13, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 or \$6 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: With The Terrorists, Thursday, Jan. 11, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 TANTRIC: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. Jan. 17, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$7. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555.

THE UNFRIENDLYS & THE LANTERNJACK: With 500 Feet of Pipe, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

WILD EYED GYPSY: With

Tarranaughts, Shrinking Violets, Pillow Book, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free over 21 and \$2 under 21. (734) 996-8555.

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for the ater members. (734) 464-6302

THE WITCHES: With the Lovemasters, W-Vibe, Saturday, Jan. 20, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873.

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

1964 THE TRIBUTE: Beatles premier cover band, Friday, Feb. 16. Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$15. (248) 544-3030.



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Call 1-900-454-5566 \$2.19 per min. \$2.19/call connection fee

DESIRES OF THE HEART Divorced white female, 49 yr old. 5'3", petite, with long blonde hair and green eves. non-smoker, social drinker seeking an attractive, honest. sincere, caring, single white nale, with many interests, for friendship, good times and possibly more. BOX 10424 A SENTIMENTAL PERSON

Old fashioned divorced white female, sentimental person. 53. 5'6", 140 lbs. shy, nonsmoker, care about my health and exercise regularly. Enjoys walks in the park, quiet spe cial times, outdoors, boating, camping, travel and more Family oriented. Easygoing, caring, giving person games please. BOX 10748

TRUST IS THE KEY Divorced white female, 40, medium build, sandy blond hair, green eyes, nurse with day shift, 3 children, enjoys walks, the beach, the country and more. Seeking 5'10" and taller, non smoker, who enjoys life, is family oriented, to build of strong friendship and possi ble long term. BOX 10755

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

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 59, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentle man, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

NEW BEGINNINGS Divorced white mother of three, 35, brown hair and

HONEST & TRUE Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out good conversation, daily. music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's. physically fit/active, tall, no beard or moustache, intelligent good sense of humor. sense of humor, with similar non-smoker, South Oakland interests. Oakland County. county area. BOX 36068 BOX 25353

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 10709

ALL I WANT AND MORE Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 employed, educated, Ibs. enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents, Looking for a male, 45 to non-smoker mandalory who enjoys life for an honest

monogamous relationship. BOX 13932 DOCTOR WANTED

Christina Aguilera look alike, masters degree. Seeking a single MD/PHD, 25 to 39, no drugs, healthy, modest, fit, positive attitude, romantic, loves animals. Intellectual. who would make me their world, for quiet times, wanting marriage. You will not be disappointed. BOX 10672

LET'S TALK Divorced, while lemale, 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

WANTS A FRIEND Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to earth, single male, of any race, 39 to 49, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133

ZEST FOR LIFE Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, profes sional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the

IT'S TIME Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Not perfect, single white morn 48. sweet, funny, attractive Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in enough, seeking genuine, sinjeans to evening gown. Loves cere, white male, single parsports, travel, theatre, gour ent. 50 to 56, hardworking met cooking, (for that special non-smoker, for friendly dat man). Seeks tall white gentle-man, financially/emotionally ing. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323 secure, 49 to 60, who is LOOKING FOR A FRIEND romantic, kind, has a good

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TALL ORDER

NICE GIRL

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, teddy bear type, with

values and morals, enjoys

going to movies, dining out,

hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possi-ble relationship. BOX 25090

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very

attractive, blonde female, a

professional, 5'7", 115 lbs

upper 50's, seeking soul mate

counter part, 60's, a profes-sional, for dating, possible

long term relationship. Call

me and see what life has in

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 39, 5'5"

brown hair, medium built

independent, good sense of

humor, spontaneous, loving,

caring, likes a variety of activ-

ities and sports. Seeking emo-

tionally secure, honest, well

American guy, 35 to 50. BOX

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic. Christian lady,

model, tall, thin, pretty, opti

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life, boating, water activities

cially secure. Enjoys the good

mannered, confident.

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store for us. BOX 35996

Giving, loving, compassion ate, petite, attractive lady, 63 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

Personal Scene



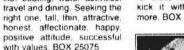
Call 1-900-454-5566 \$2.19 per min.

\$2.19/call connection fee ARE YOU OUT THERE? Divorced white male, 52,

employed, with variety of interests including the outdoors and all sports. Seeking emale for long term relationship. BOX 10692

HEAVEN SENT ME 30 yr old divorced male, 6'. 165 lbs, seeking physically fit female, 25 to 35, who enjoys motorcycles, outdoors, travel ing and romantic evenings. Must love children and being spoiled. I am a very caring and faithful person, with good sense of humor. BOX 10728 HIT ME UP

Looking for single white lemales, 18 to 26, to talk to, kick it with, and hopefully



MB. BIGHT Single white female, 29, medi to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home and much more in search of honast, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this

SOUL MATE Cute, divorced white female. 55. blond hair, blue eyes. good build, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, linan-

CATCH OF THE DAY! Single white male, 6'4", brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent pro fessional, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling, BOX 32590 STILL SEARCHING

Single divorced white male, 35, 6', 190 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children Looking for a attractive white female, 26 to 39, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771 FIRST TIME AD

white male, 45 yr 5'10", 230 lbs, non-smoker social drinker, brown hair hazel eyes, attractive, Catholic, no kids, easy going, confident. Enjoys nature, auto racing, comedy, quite times, movies, dining out and weekend getaways. Seeking a monogamous long term relationship. Westland Area Wayne County. BOX 25393 LONESOME

Attractive, widowed, white sin-gle male, 5'8", 175 lbs, 62, acts younger, excellent physicondition, blue cally very easy going and light hearted. I like walking, travel-ing, games and conversations. Looking for a slim, attractive lady under, 60, with a nice personality for a serious relationship. BOX 33426 SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Single black male, 46, 5'7", 170 lbs, easy going, enjoys biking, cooking, dining out, gardening, movies, music, walks and more. Seeking a single white female, 35 to 55, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10897



A REAL GOOD CATCH Divorced white professional male, financially secure, self employed business owner 5'10". 185 lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies, quiet times and sports. Seeking a single white professional female, 40 to 50 inancially secure, non-smok er, social drinker, height and veight proportionate. Sumner County BOX 33630

ONLY THE LONELY Single white male, fit, enjoy the outdoors, swimming and more. Seeking a single female, for a possible relation ship. BOX 14296

ROMEO IS ALIVE Very attractive, single black male, 40, 5'10", 170 lbs, energetic, humorous, employed no dependents. Seeks very attractive, fit, white female, fo dining, dancing and romancing. Age open. Wayne County. BOX 33633

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 tem relationship. BOX 36096

VERY ACTIVE White male, 41, 6'1", never married, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25993

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE SEEKING LADY 40 - 52 This unique, appealing, white male, 45, is financially sound 45 yr old, attractive, single white Italian male, 5'11' brown hair and eyes, athletic and a good catch, versatile enjoys a wide range of activimuscular build Sensitive, car ing, witty, humorous. Enjoy ties, seeks a funny and hones single white female. Good hugs, cuddling and romance Seeking an attractive single looking or great personality is white female, weight and height proportionate, for a plus. BOX 25391 HELPFUL AND HANDSOME friendship and long term rela-tionship. BOX 33515 Single white male, 44 yr old, asks for nothing in return AS GOOD AS IT GETS Loves cats, Saturn cars, gar Very kind, respectful, considerate, single white male, 39, 6'5", 246 lbs, with brown hair

ing, reading, etc. Se relationship with attractive white temale, with similar pas and green eyes. I enjoy camp-ing, fishing, hiking, anything sions. Open County BOX 33657 outdoors, dancing and the movies. Seeking an honest, COMPATIABLE?

Professional single white male, Catholic, no dependloyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things Children okay. BOX 15466 ents. 45, 5'8", fit, optimistic, persevering. Enjoys the out doors, bicycling, music, Hardworking, divorced, white male, 49 yr old, 5'8", 175 lb is conversation Seeking emotionally availseeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pretty, single white female, for companionable, single white pro Innoisen female, to share happy, healthy relationship. County. BOX 33659 ship and long term relation-ship. Redford Area. BOX Wayne 36092

HONEST Tall, divorced white male, 6'4". Single male, 37, dark hair, good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self employed, brown eyes, down to earth, non-smoker. Looking for a honest, sincere, sense of lady who is down to earth, 37 humor. I would like to meet to 49, for friendship. BOX slender lady, 45 to 50, who is 10791 easy going with good values for companionship and possi ble long term relationship. BOX 35984 Attractive, widowed, white sin-gle male, 5'9", 175 lbs, with

good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially THINKING LONG TERMI 36 yr old, good looking, athletic, single professional male. secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 college educated, enjoys sports, arts, movies, reading to 58, for a permanent rela and much more, is seeking an tionship, no games. BOX attractive, fit, well educated, 33486 caring, loving, classy single female, to share friendship If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and possible long term rela and attractive, call me. If you tionship. BOX 32682 are looking for a non violent ABC'S

loving, happy go lucky, Adventurous, active, attracdrinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9" 175 Ibs, attractive, widowed tive, boating, bowling, beach-es, camping cuddling, comand lonesome, looking for a mitment. Don't forget the F's. life time relationship. answer your call. Down River family, friendship, fun, fires, fitness, fine dining, fulfillment. This downriver homeowner no games BOX 33419 and daddy is 41, 5'10", brown White male, 40's, long brown hair, 6', 215 lbs. seeking hair/eyes, height/weight proportionate. Seeks a perky, petite, divorced white profes sional. Wayne County. BOX 33661

JUST THE TWO OF US Very handsome. 35 yr old, 6' 190 lbs. divorced white male with brown hair and eyes, is seeking an attractive, single

NEW ADS EACH WEEK!!!

STOP! READ THIS you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, widowed well built, early 60's and look much younger. You must be under 61 lean attractive and serious about your future. will return your call. Down river area. BOX 35488

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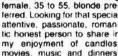
Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", bionde hair blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park. watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36081

CALL ME 41 yr old, single white father of two, from Novi, 5'9", great shape, fun, caring, honest and sincere, homeowner, enjoys everything, cooking, carnations, movies, romantic, evenings and camping. Seeks fit, positive, caring, loving white female, for monoga mous relationship. Children

are welcome. BOX 25358 RUGGED JOCK TYPE Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 6'2", 235 lbs. brown hair and blue eyes. clean cul, degreed, no dependents, outgoing personality. Enjoys outdoors, working out, reading, Las Vegas quiet nights. Seeks friendly single ternale, age/location open. BOX 36124

JUST ME AND YOU 24 yr. old Hispanic male, 5'10", 175 lbs., brown eyes, brown hair, very outgoing seeking female, 18 to 28, who likes movies, dining, shooting pool, and having a good time For possible long te tionship. BOX 33687 term rela

WARNING: MAY CAUSE ... Happiness. Answer this ad. you won't be sorry! Attractive



E-Z ON THE EYES

CALL ME SOON

LET'S CHAT

BIG HEARTED

PLEASE READ THIS

VERY GENTLE

52 FOR YOU?

NO GAMES

Single young looking, 53 yr

old white male, attractive and

good looking, tall, weight

appropriate to height, many

interests, enjoys going out to

dinner, movies, weekend

female, 35 to 50. BOX 33516

LONELY MAN

LOOKING AHEAD

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be good company in all kinds

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Divorced white male in search

of ideal mate, 38 plus, for fur

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Looking for a decent loyal

woman and best friend. BOX

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Non-smoker. BOX 26039

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BOX 33500

you are looking for a early

eyes, 5'7", average build Enjoys camping. outdoor activities, movies and dinners. Looking for a white male. 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

COUNTRY LIFE

Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city life? 54. divorced white female, college educat ed, pretty, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, loves home laughter, children, good friends and warm conversation. Seeks male. 52 to 68 Novi Area. Oakland County. BOX 25401

IT TAKES TWO

Divorced white female, 53. 5'7", 140 lbs, average build, who enjoys country music slow dancing, dining out, cor certs, movies, taking walks with that special someone Seeks male companion, tall honest, no head games for possible relationship. Wayne County BOX 33671

KEY TO MY HEART

52 yr old, white female, full figured, non-smoker, giving, lov ng, and lots of fun, loves life Looking for a sincere, suc cessful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as do. Go for the genuine gem. your life will be worth living answer my ad today. BOX 25326

ATTENTION HARLEYS Divorced white female, 41. no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm learted, romantic, non-smokng, white male who is ready or a relationship. BOX 35480

SEEKING COMPANION Professional single white female, 38, attractive, nonsmoker, singer, loves animals ignificant weight loss, still osing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship, BOX 25314

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR Giving, loving, compassion-ate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, looking for successful sincere. Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

mountains, and quiet walks Seeking a non-smoking financially sound, honest ger tleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162 READY FOR ROMANCE

Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, light smoker social drinker. Seriously thinkng of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages. In search of a sweet loving single white male. 5'10" or over. For friendship and more age open. BOX 35490

DREAMS

SPICE OF LIFE

BOX 14471

BOX 33514

5'5".

female.

humor and similar interests. BOX 25991 SEEKING A PARTNER

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Single female, who is physi cally, emotionally, financially 51 vr old single female fit, who is ready for friendship. believes in romance, enjoys and possible long term rela simple pleasures. Seeking a tionship. Who can enjoy fine kind, sincere, single or home cooking. divorced male, 46 to 60, non the outdoors, dancing, goit. smoker, with similar interests. and a warm fire. Must be a for a long term monogamous non-smoker. Social drinker okay 52 to 62. North Oakland relationship. Down River area. area. BOX 25070

QUALITY, QUALITY Seeking a sincere, honest, no 5'6", 140 lbs. long brownish games played, non-smoking, red hair, independent, romansocial drinking, single white who enjoys dancing male by a divorced white shooting pool, bowling, race female 54 who likes to do cars, outdoors, or a quiet almost everything. Looking for evening at home watching friendship, companionship or movies. Looking for a man. 35 something long term. West to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same side. Wayne County. BOX 25333 interests, Down River Area. JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

relationship

Single black female, 40, 5'3"

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hair. Interest in meeting some

game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a

adv. 36 to 52. BOX 25073

HONESTY IS THE KEY

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non-smoker

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Enjoys movies, walking, bowl

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Single black female, 5'10" 136 lbs. professional, seeks SHOOTING STAR Divorced, white professional professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a 125 lbs. brown/black hair and eyes romantic nterested in the arts, travel dimples, looks minus 40 and theater, dancing and romanc stable. Seeking a divorced. ing. BOX 25996 white male, 55 to 63, attrac NEW TO THE AREA tive. 6', stable and a good

sense of humor. BOX 31913 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL ... with a friend. 35 yr old. black, beautiful female, 5'9" 140 lbs. seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME Seeking someone to have fun must love animals Single white female mother 40, 5'5', 150 lbs., blonde, smoker, occasional drinker no drugs. Enjoys the outriding motorcycles. doors. quiet times. BOX 33384

GREAT COMPANION FIRST TIME AD Attractive, trim, optimistic **Divorced Native America** lue eyed, blonde divorced female. 38 vr old. 5'10". 150 white female, 55, 5'6", affec ibs, long brown hair, brown tionate, seeks possible long eyes. Seeking white male, 6 term relationship with nor plus, 38 plus, honest, who smoking, degreed, honest loves the outdoors smoker outgoing white gentleman, 48 and social drinker okay for 62. who enjoys travel. long term relationship. Wayne romantic times, and the Arts county. 8OX 25335

GIVE ME A CALL! 37 yr old attractive black male. tather of 1, seeking single black attractive female, 25 to 35. for a date and possibly someone down earth BOX 13998 YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 61 1/2", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional male, with similar interests BOX 14040

GIVE ME A CALL! ngle 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 LET'S SHARE LIFE

White, clean cut, professional male, 6'1", brownish blonde hair, 46 yrs old, smoker, nondrinker, trustworthy, father 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

DOWN TO EARTH GUY! Divorced father, 46, hand-Fun loving, attractive, profes sional, single white male, 33, some athletic 6' salt and pepper hair. Green eyes. recently moved to the area Loves long conversation by from out of town. Loves movies, theater, dining out the fireplace, walks on Caribbean beaches, romantic dancing, working out, and family oriented long term relahaving fun. Seeks an attrac tionship minded Seeking tive women who enjoys life warm affectionate attractive BOX 33641 and fit, 30 to 50, non smoker

HANDSOME AND HONEST 36 yr old, handsome, 6', blue nice smile, athlelic eyes. seeks an attractive woman who has character, spirituality, honesty and also an adventur ous side. BOX 24958

SWEET STUFF

know you're out there dependents. Seeks single Family oriented man, seeking white female, 25 to 45 Reply the love of a lifetime. I'm 36 vi old, 6', 170 lbs, long brown hair, hazel eyes, father of two good person. Enjoys movies 170 lbs, enjoys cars, dining fishing, quiel evenings at out, cooking, quiet times and home. Seeks female, 25 to more. Seeking a single 40, with similar interests and female, 45 plus, with similar values. Wayne county. BOX interests, for a long term rela 33644

LET'S HOOK UP!

40 yr old. 6', 180 lbs. profes sional, single white male who enjoys dining out, down hill skiing, biking, golf and much more. is seeking a single female with a loving heart, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 10867

60's, 5'8", 175 lbs, caring, lov female, with a good sense of humor, 26 to 39, for friendship ing, light hearted, gentle, hongood looking and maybe more BOX 32687 doesn't sit at the bar, call me HANDSOME & UNIQUE

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The Lark wins fans with its special 'home cooking'

ditor's note: Who's the best tiong Oakland County eateries? The Eccentric Newspapers held direaders poll and we'd like to share the results with Observer renders. The Lark of West Bloomfield was voted No. 1.

Check the list of first, second third place restaurant win-new for more out-of-town dining recommendations.

Consider it home cooked.

even if it's sea bass with chamelized onions, sweet red pepper, two olive compote and meaniere that you find on your

One statement we hear from our patrons, which we love, is that people feel like they are visiting us in our home," says Jim Lark, owner of The Lark in West Bloomfield.

That's not just because the Lark's head chef, Marcus Haight, personally cooks every dish served. Or because the restaurant offers a mix of standard and cutting edge French cuisine.

'The Lark's ambiance, from its European country inn charm to more than it does fancy, fussy

The Lark was voted best overall restaurant by Eccentric readers. Here are some of their other choices:

■ BEST OVERAll - 1. The Lark 2. Kruse & Muer 3.

Peabody's ■ FINE DINING - 1. The Lark 2. Lelli's 3. Tribute ■ FAMILY DINING - 1. Max & Erma's 2. Peabody's 3. Tie between Bill Knapp's and

Applebee's ROMANTIC RESTAU-RANT – 1. The Lark 2. Fox & Hounds 3. Lelli's

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■ SERVICE - 1. The Lark 2. Kruise & Muer 3. Lelli's

■ DESSERT — 1. Kruse & Muer 2. Tie between Big Boy and The Lark 3. Tie between Tribute, Whistle Stop, Sweet Lorraine and Baker's Square.

placed it first in several categories in a recent restaurant

why, but Jim suggests a few reasons.

sine, service and ambiance.



Gracious greeters: Jim and Mary Lark meet and seat every patron at their restaurant.

if you have mediocre food it will get you."

The 52-seat restaurant works hard to keep a strong foothold in all three. The Larks visit France at least annually to eat at fine dining establishments, discover service innovations and collect new menu ideas. They also send Haight abroad every year.

"We believe in continuous

Write a book. I wrote a book. And open a restaurant.

"A lot of people just talk about things. We do things. We don't just talk about them. But they do keep in touch with patrons through a monthly newsletter that often details the

Larks' trips abroad. Jim pens the eight-ten page Food for

Thought and Mary, the daughter to make their favorite fourof a photographer, takes the snapshots.

"We pick up on ideas when we travel. The hors d'oeuvre trolley is typically Italian," he noted.

There are two restaurants in France that give out a (recipe) card with their signature dish. A friend of mine said, 'your rack of lamb has become a signature dish, so why don't you do it?' We had been open about two and a half years, so we had to go back through all the checks and count the rack of lamb."

They hand out the numbered recipe card with every Genghis Khan rack of lamb served.

Both also discuss menu changes and innovations with Haight.

"We don't get back there and cook but we discuss the menu," Mary explained. "Jim does a lot of research. He reads cook books like books and he reads about other restaurants."

He also cooks at home. His specialty is a French Canadianstyle meat pie, although his four sons and one daughter ask him

cheese macaroni casserole.

"He can cook anything," Mary said. "He never uses a cookbook. He has a great sense of taste and of what ingredients go together. It comes so natural to him."

Jim likes variety and makes sure his restaurant includes an eclectic menu.

The fixed price dinners offer classic cuisine, such as roast prime beef and Yorkshire pudding, seafood, including roast lobster, duck, veal and lamb, as well as steak.

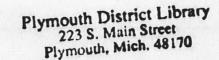
"I don't believe in trends," he said. "He who lives by the trend dies by the trend. We have the standards of French cuisine, but on the other hand we do a lot of cutting edge French cuisine, too.'

The Lark serves four-course fixed price dinners starting at 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Prices range from \$57.50 to \$67.50. It is located on Farmington Road just north of Maple.

For reservations call (248) 661-4466.

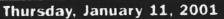






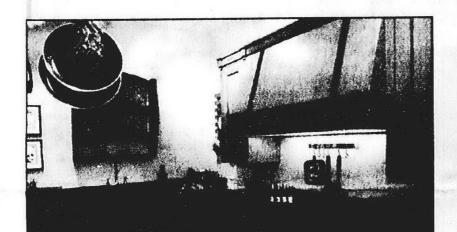
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Stylish flavor: Vignettes at Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake show examples of stylish kitchen designs. A European country look (above) is achieved with maple, in a distressed meringue finish, and furniture feature elements. Alderwood and copper are among the materials in an Arts and Crafts style design (below).



BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER mklemic for homecomm.net

he kitchen is considered the heart of the home. Now it could be the art of a home as well. The recipe is for style in many kitchens today, with ingredients that include elements ordinarily found on furniture, and mixing done with colors, textures and finishes.

AT HOME

Kitchen features have a fresh flavor, with great attention to detail.

Floors and countertops can be made of a wide range of materials. Kitchen cabinets can match cabinets in other rooms. Space is expanded in creative ways. A faucet can have a tall arch that makes it easier to place a pot under it for filling, and fold against a wall when not in use.

ing, and fold against a wall when not in use. "Right now we're seeing creating a living room that you just so happen to cook in," said Carmen Schultz, design consultant at Bella Cucina, 2505 Orchard Lake in Sylvan Lake.

There isn't as much interest in expanding the family room as there is arranging a kitchen with sitting areas, two or three sinks, maybe even a fireplace, said Candise Waller of DeGiulio Kitchen & Bath, 724 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham.

"We're seeing the family room getting smaller and the kitchen getting bigger," she said. "People are really niching their kitchens, creating preparation centers, entertaining areas."

Anything goes right now with kitchen styles, colors and materials, said Loreen Keeth, vice president of Kitchen Top Shop, 31150 Eight Mile in Farmington Cucina feature architectural elements and paintings. Cabinetry features furniture finish (including antiquing and distressing), and such accents as turnings and fluting. Glass is popular for fronts. Staggering the heights of cabinets is also popular.

Kitchen designs

follow stylish

recipes

"People like the open look," Bergren said.

Stone, wood, ceramic tile and cork (which is durable and easy on the feet, Bergren said) are popular for floors.

"We never see a surface like linoleum," said Scott Grandis, certified kitchen designer and president of Bella Cucina.

Be comfortable

The designers advise customers to shop around, visit showrooms and ask questions. Feel comfortable. Bring clippings of kitchens that you like with you.

"Say 'I just like the feel of this room.' It gives us an understanding," Grandis said.

"Just look. Don't go in on a mission your first couple of times ... It's way too much to absorb," Bergren said.

"Have a want list — the different things that you want and a list of things that you don't like," Feskorn said.

"The first thing is to determine your appliances," Waller said. "That helps to dictate the design of your cabinetry." Start early, she adds.

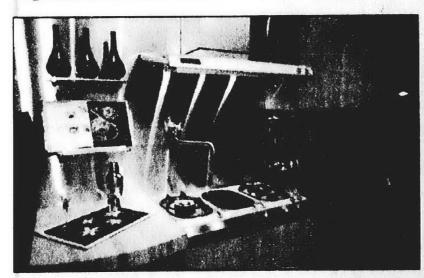
"Lead times on cabinetry can be 12 weeks to 24 weeks. It's never too early to work with a kitchen designer. It allows you to get the kitchen that you want."

Staff Writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this story.





Cooking by design: Catalog drawer pulls and glass fronts are featured on a kitchen island (above). Natural pearwood, polyester glass and stainless steel are some of the materials in a contemporary design (below). Both vignettes are at Bella Cucina.



Hills. "(Customers) want more use out of their kitchen," Keeth said.

"They don't want the square look anymore. More people are willing to knock out a wall to expand their space."

A kitchen can be designed to meet specific needs.

"There is so much out there now," said Joel Bergren, certified kitchen designer at EXPO Design Center, 7200 Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield. "We carry nine different cabinet lines. We can do just about anything ... You can even design a door."

The traditional "work triangle" area in the kitchen has been replaced with work stations, making it easy to accommodate more than one person at work.

Space savers (and makers) abound. The "miracle corner" is a system of wire racks that unfolds when the cabinet door is open, bringing items from the far back corner — often wasted space — to the front. Towel racks can slide out of view when not in use.

Narrow cabinets can hold paper towel rolls or spices. Refrigerators and dishwashers can be concealed behind attractive fronts. The appliances can be smaller than traditional size.

Colors and materials

Two-tones remain popular, as do oak, maple, cherry and, lately, mahogany woods.

"We're still seeing two-tone," Keeth said. "Some want Shaker, some people want country, but there's more traditional."

Others prefer the contemporary look with more dramatics. Inlaid granite in countertops with laminated edges provide a stark, yet modern, look in today's kitchens.

Among countertop materials are granite, limestone, concrete, serpentine, stainless steel and silestone. Backsplashes take on artistry, with mosaic patterns, tile and granite combinations and tumbled slate, for example.

"We're seeing a lot of restaurant-grade appliances," said Gail Feskorn, showroom manager and kitchen and bath specialist at KSI, 42073 Ford in Canton. "... Stainless steel appliances ... built-in refrigerators."

Because cooking ranges are more powerful, the vent hood must be larger. As a result, the hood is a focal point in the room.

"The hood is the kitchen," Waller said.

DeGiulio's hood designs include copper, oil-rubbed bronze copper, weathered copper, hammered steel, wet plaster, and tile with wet plaster. Some designs by Bella

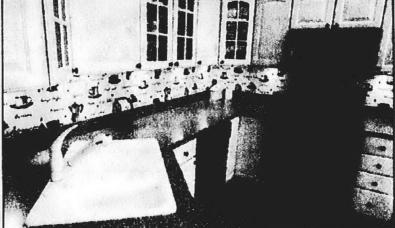
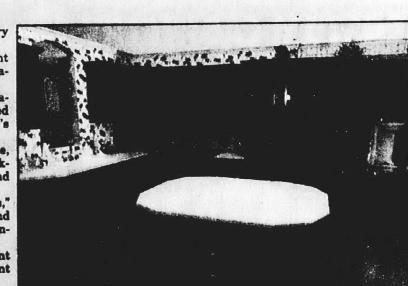
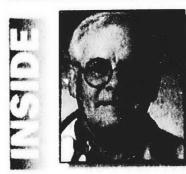


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The art of cooking: Colors and cabinetry for the kitchen can resemble those in other rooms of the house, as seen in these vignettes at KSI in Livonia.



PROTO BY BRIAN MITCHEL



JOE GAGNON

The Appliance Doctor answers some readers' questions about their appliance problems. See Home Work, Page 2



MARTY FIGLEY

While you're away If you plan to be on vacation, you can prepare for the survival of your plants while you're gone.

See Garden Spot, Page 5

HOMETOWN LIFE:

Marian Wright cared for her mother, Verna Wright, after Verna had a stroke in 1990. Her recent book tells of her day-to-day experiences. See HomeTown Life, page 7.

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I have made sure that the

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so that no water is forced back

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over the drain (and change it

regularly). I also checked that

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tioning normally other than the

foul odor. The smell is most obvi-

ous when the machine is filling

and a day or so after the last

wash load. Any thoughts? (Jen-

pipe on the roof is plugged.

A: It sounds like the vent stack

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Gagnon's suggestions in a future

Readers ask about washers and glue

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

LAT 8840 BAW. It works great. Sometimes after my wife washes a load of clothes and the washtub is dry at the end of the cycle when the clothes are removed. By the next morning, there is up to a gallon of water standing in the bottom. Is it a water pump seal?

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A: The problem you are having is with the water valve on the back of the washing machine. It is leaking through after it is shut off. This is not a hard part for you to change, and it costs about \$30 for the part. Take a look at it where the two hoses connect on the back of the unit. Two screws, a little hose comes off and

I get over remove the four wires. Do it 100 e-mails yourself and save some money. May I suggest something that every week.

will make your wife feel like a of queen? Why don't you inform her are here with my that every other week you will do the wash? Your wife will answers to appreciate it. you

Another reader asks: "Now my the wife and I are taking the plunge and buying a home in Canton. Q: I have a 7-year-old Can you please advise me on Maytag what brand and model of refrigerator, washer, dryer and stove washing we should buy? We are in our machine, model No. early 30s and late 20s with no children.'

A: My dear friend, you are exactly the person I wish to help as much as possible. It's not that I don't want to help the older folks, but you will reap more benefits from reading these columns than anyone else because of your age bracket.

There is not one manufacturer who makes all products to my liking, so your question is a tricky one and the one most often asked. I usually respond that I like Whirlpool refrigerators and stoves, and Maytag washers and dryers. That's the viewpoint of an old white-haired repairman.

Shirley wants to know if the new book has more information than the Appliance First Aid book I wrote. My new book, "The Words and Wisdom of the Appliance Doctor," is vastly different than the first. It is a compilation of columns from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers with additional information. I've often heard people say they clip the information in my columns and place them in a binder. You. won't have to do this anymore, for the columns are in the book. If you read the book, you can write a letter of appreciation to this newspaper for allowing me to do it.

Another reader named Flo thought the Appliance Doctor would know what glue to purchase for a repair to a paper napkin holder that is lucite and has a broken knob.

I don't know everything, but buy the best glue you can afford. Q: I have a Whirlpool washing machine that is about eight years old. It's located in the basement, is fed by the basement water pipes and drains directly into the laundry tub. The problem I'm having is a foul odor Appliance Doctor column. (like stagnant water?) is coming

Learn about home building

Building a home or addition? If you want to learn about how to eliminate ice dams, how to design an energy-efficient home and whether you should be your own general contractor, you can attend home building workshops in Livonia.

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Address pesky floor squeaks by examining joists and nails

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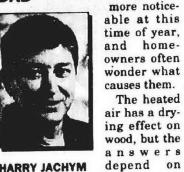
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ing the squeak and where it's located.

Floor squeaks are caused by two surfaces rubbing against each other, which is usually the subfloor rubbing against the joist (the horizontal floor framing members). Sometimes the squeak can be as simple as an improperly driven nail that grazes the side of joist, which moves when someone steps near it, also creating noise.

How to address it depends on whether a finished or unfinished ceiling in the basement exists below

Unfinished business

If the squeak is above an unfinished ceiling, the job should be relatively simple. Have another person step on the floor while you stand downstairs or on that lower level, making it squeak until you can locate the source.

The squeak can often be quieted by forcing construction adhesive between the joist and the subfloor and driving 3 1/2-inch screws through both sides of the joist at about a 45° angle into the subfloor. (Be very careful not to go through the subfloor into the finished floor.)

You may find you need a little more force. After forcing construction adhesive into the gap, glue and screw a short piece of 2by-4 into the joist and subfloor0. Use 3 1/2-inch screws through the joist into the 2-by-4 and 2inch screws (assuming 3/4-inch subfloor material) through the 2by-4 into the subfloor.

In both the above cases, weight should be put on the floor above to push it against the joist before

If a nail is causing the commotion, grab its end with a pair of pliers and bend it out, away from the joist. If part of the nail is in the joist, a pry bar, cat's claw or screwdriver may be needed to free it.

When you have a finished ceiling below the floor squeak, it usually means working through the floor.

You'll first have to locate the joists and the direction they are going. Some electronic stud finders will read through carpet, but most won't.

Tap the floor with a hammer, listening for a dull thud sound, which should indicate the joist's location. To verify, drive a finish nail through the carpet and subfloor. If, after going about 3/4inch to 1-inch deep there's no resistance to driving the nail, you've missed the joist. Pull the nail and try again, moving about 1/2-inch perpendicular to the joist run. Joists usually (but not always) run across the short dimension of the room.

Once found, drive two or more 16d (penny) finish nails through the carpet at opposing angles into the joist. Set the nails through the carpet and pad.

An alternative to this is to push the point of a 2-inch or 2 1/2-inch screw through the carpet and pad and with a power drill/driver, drive it into the joist until the head goes through the carpet backing. Using screws holds better than nails and tends to draw the subfloor tight against the joist. (This method only works when you can separate the carpet pile where the screw is being inserted so the backing is visible. Long or thick pile where you can't see the backing may catch the screw pulling the carpet fibers or wrenching the driver from your hand.)

Tile, hardwood options

Tile floors above a finished ceiling leave you two options you can remove the tile, eliminate the squeak and replace the tile or you can cut out the ceiling, stop the squeak from below and repair the ceiling.

Hardwood floors leave you with the same two options, along with a third. It is possible to drill a small pilot hole through hardwood, drive and set finish nails through it into the joist, then putty over the nail hole.



Your purchase of 20 yards or more, installed with





fastening. And again, be careful not to run the screws through the subfloor.

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

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a n y easier? We take him outdoors to go to the bathroom several times a day, but he still has accidents in the house.

Congratulations on your new addition! House training a new puppy involves a lot of work and patience. Keep in mind that it takes a while for your puppy to adjust to his new family and surroundings.

A puppy generally doesn't have enough bowel or bladder control to be completely house trained until he's at least 4 months old. If he goes to the bathroom in the house, it's not his fault. He can't "hold it in" or he doesn't understand that he is only supposed to go to the bathroom outdoors

Dogs are creatures of habit, so try to keep a consistent feeding and walking schedule. Make certain everyone in the house understands and abides by the schedule.

Take your puppy outdoors first thing in the morning, within 30 minutes of eating or drinking, after playing, and before retiring for the evening.

If your puppy is 6 to 12 weeks old, take him outdoors every two hours during the day and every four hours throughout the night. If he's 12 to 16 weeks old, he will need to go out every three or four hours during the day and once at night.

Give him food and water about three times per day. If you provide free choice food or water

him in his restricted quarters so he has an opportunity to go to Each puppy is different and yours may require a different the bathroom.

Don't give him much food or water just prior to confinement, because this increases the likelihood that he will need to go to the bathroom. He'll be uncomfortable and distressed if he can't go outdoors to relieve himself. If he soils in his crate while you are gone, you will have a mess awaiting you. We call this "doggie finger painting."

The confinement room should have a floor that can be easily cleaned - not light-colored carpet. You can place newspapers to protect the floor in case he has an accident. Your puppy will feel less isolated if the door to the room remains open and a baby gate blocks the door frame.

A special litter box and litter are marketed for dogs. This is similar to the concept of having your cat use a litter box.

A doggie litter box may work well if you don't plan to let your pet go to the bathroom outdoors. It may confuse your puppy if you let him soil in the box or on newspapers indoors but expect him to go to the bathroom outdoors when you walk him.

Adjust your work schedule to come home at lunch to walk your puppy. If you can't arrange this, hire a neighbor or pet sitter to walk your puppy mid-day.

We hope that those of you who are gone from home consider your prospective dog's needs prior to adopting him. Dogs, especially puppies, are social creatures and need companionship during the day.

We are saddened when we hear one of our patients has to regularly spend 10 hours a day in a crate so he doesn't go to the bathroom in the house or engage in destructive behavior.

Our best advice? Adopt a puppy in the spring or summer when it's nice to walk outdoors. Send questions to be addressed in this column by mail in care of Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, pers. 805 E. Maple, Birmingham e-mail MI 48009 or askthevets@juno.com

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ADOPT-A-PET



Gabby: Gabby, a 9-. month-old collie / spaniel ... mix, was brought to the Michigan Humane Society as a stray, found wandering around in the cold. Gabby will make an excellent family pet or a loyal companion. Gabby is looking forward to learning new tricks and spending time playing with a new owner. Visit the Michigan Humane Society's Westland shelter, 37255 Marguette. Call (734) 721-7300 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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back. Dogs like praise. It's best to select the same section of the yard for your "walk" so he can mark his territory and come back to his favorite spot each time.

Bring him indoors immediately after he relieves himself so he understands that when he goes outdoors it's time for business. If you stay outside and play he may not associate walking outdoors with going to the bathroom

If he doesn't go to the bathroom within 10 minutes of going outside, bring him indoors and supervise him. Take him outdoors again when he looks as though he is restless and has to go to the bathroom.

If your puppy has an accident in the house, don't reprimand him unless you catch him "in the act.

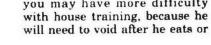
If you find him going to the bathroom indoors, don't let him complete the act. Pick him up, firmly say "No!" and carry him outdoors to finish. Don't scold him harshly, spank him or rub his nose in the accident site. This is cruel and ineffective.

If you don't witness the accident, don't attempt to reprimand him, because he won't understand. Clean the soiled area as soon as possible.

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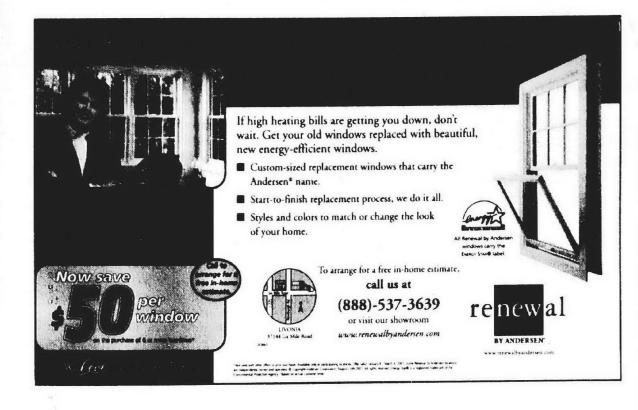
If your puppy isn't yet housebroken and you are unable to walk your puppy during the day, we suggest you place him (and his washable toys) in a small room or dog crate.

Dogs generally prefer not to go to the bathroom where they have Observer & Eccentric Newspato sleen Confinement may discourage him from going to the bathroom indoors. Walk your dog outdoors before you place





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Consumers strive for comfort

/PRNewswire/ - U.S. consumers are embarking on an odyssey in 2001 - not a space odyssey, but a journey to discover those products that enable them to bring comfort and convenience to their home.

Consumers are searching for the creature comforts of home retro-style designs, casualthemed home decor, and relaxation and spa therapy personal care appliances - as an escape from their everyday routines. These new trends and products can be seen at the 2001 International Housewares Show, Jan. 14-17, at McCormick Place in Chicago.

For years, the casual living trend has been driving sales of housewares and home furnishings products and that trend shows no sign of diminishing.

With consumers spending more time indoors, they are also spending more money on home furnishings and housewares. Yet, while many consumers are making their homes a haven, they are not willing to sacrifice convenience to achieve that casual lifestyle.

According to consumer research compiled by Riedel Marketing Group, Americans are eating at home more now than they did two years ago. However, while Americans are eating at home more, that doesn't necessarily translate into more cooking at home. To save time and make life simpler, consumers are relying on investment cooking -- cooking a variety of dishes at one time and freezing some for later use.

DESIGN CALENDAR

A free seminar, "New Beginnings: A Fresh Start in Home Decor," will take place 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at JoAnn etc, 43570 W. Oaks Drive in Novi. Decorating experts will show you how to achieve fabulous looks with a minimum of fuss. Learn how to mix colors and patterns for great effects, create simple slipcovers, use fabric panels for emphasis, make your own stencils, add floral accents, and much more. Clear out the knickknacks and give your home a modern look with clean lines, monochro-

The need for convenient products is not limited only to the kitchen. Americans want their homes to be clean but they want to spend as little time as possible doing housecleaning chores. For years, baby boomers have been the primary purchaser of housewares products. However,

Generation X and Generation Y - those consumers aged 18 to 34 - are beginning to make their mark on the housewares industry with their purchasing power and diversity in tastes.

Following is an overview of new products and trends that buyers will be seeing at the 2001 International Housewares Show:

Multi-versatile cookware that functions as bakeware, serveware and dinnerware is becoming increasingly popular as the casual entertaining trend continues

Artistically-designed pepper mills created to resemble Indian totem poles will be seen next year

As outdoor grilling becomes a year-round trend, manufacturers are introducing better-quality accessories such as barbecue tools with rosewood handles and nonstick heads

Hand-painted glassware and stemware continues to be the dominant trend in casual tabletop assortments while crackle glass and "craza" techniques - where colored glass is pulled through the piece - are also featured

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8491 The 12th annual St. James Antique Show will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple in Birmingham. The traditional Preview Party will be 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18; tickets are \$40 and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and a first look at this year's array of antiques. Complimentary valet parking will be available. Show tickets

storage boxes and CD boxes are the latest trends in home and home-office decor

Multi-dimensional cooking appliances that combine radiant, conduction and convection technologies to make cooking faster and easier

Massage and magnetic therapy products will continue to rise as alternative and complementary pain relief methods

The desire for healthier living will prompt more consumers to demand next generation blood pressure monitors, such as wristwatch units that are easier to use, more reliable and feature personalized behavior modification programs

Fashion-forward storage and organization products for the kitchen, bath and garage will continue to be popular, particularly bright colors and bright metals, such as chrome, as well as light wood and fabric combinations

Ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture featuring multiple components that can be configured in multiple ways

Higher-quality futons featuring European looks, such as steel and wood combinations, will also be highlighted

Gourmet lollipops get their own home with the introduction of a lollipop stand to store your unfinished snack

All-natural pet shampoos for a healthier pet

Outdoor camping equipment and accessories, such as nonelectric barbecue lighters and cookware, are expected to be popular

are \$6 and can be bought at the door. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 20. The event will feature 25 dealers from Michigan, Illinois and Ohio offering a wide range of items, including New England furniture, Flo Blue heirlooms, laces and linens, 20th century American paintings, antique and estate jewelry, rare and unusual documents, Oriental carpets, antique clocks and Meissen porcelain. For information, call the church office at (248) 644-0820.

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NSWERS - PUZZLE #10

- Clip the complete puzzle and include your name, address, and telephone number. Mail your entry to SCRAMLR® in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Entries must be in an envelope marked on the lower left corner with the puzzle number. Envelopes that are not marked will not be accepted.
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- 3. Contestants may submit as many entries as they wish but mail each in a separate envelope. Registered mail will not be accepted.
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So, grab your pencil and mail us your entry or stop in one of our offices with your completed puzzle.

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GARDENING

Prepare houseplants for your vacation time

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The question: What do I do with my houseplants so they will be in good condition when we come home? The answer: There are several things that can be done to assure that the plants will be healthy and hearty when you return.

Take care of all the grooming, repotting and fertilizing necessary a day or so before leaving, so watering is all the care that would be needed.

Most flowering plants also require plenty of light, so keep the window coverings the same as you do when you're home dark rooms will surely cause the plants to lose leaves and produce fewer flowers.

Be aware that sunshine beaming through windows can burn plant leaves, turning them brown. A sheer curtain or screen may help reduce the intensity of light.

If you are going to be away for only a week or two, especially

GARDENING CALENDAR



Sunny disposition: The beautiful Kalanchoe, a succulent. doesn't need a lot of water. It likes a sunny location and dry winter heat.

mostat can be turned down to about 55 degrees, most plants will do very well with no addi- an extended period, set each pot wicks well into the soil at the

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in a plastic bag and tie it at the top, snugly around the stem or base of the plant. For added moisture, place pebbles in a tray and fill it with water. Set a pan of water next to a heat register so the warm air will cause the water to evaporate into the air.

Another tip: Put several layers of newspaper in a sink or bathtub to protect the surface and to help retain the moisture. Run water to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, set the larger pots in the deeper end and the smaller ones at the shallow end. Don't allow the water to cover the top of the pots. It may be necessary to set some of them on upturned pots. Close the shower curtain or door.

Here's another idea: Insert

base of the pot. Let the free end hang in an adjacent container of water so the water is transferred to the soil.

On the other hand, you could enlist the help of a neighbor or friend who will come in and water the plants.

If the person is also a gardener, you may not need to leave instructions. If the person doesn't know a thing about indoor plants, write specific directions for each plant. You may reciprocate by caring for your friend's plants when their family is on vacation.

If you have many expensive specimen plants, you might wish to hire a professional. Who knows? The plants may be in better condition than when you

bedroom sets, armoires, cabinets,

went away!

You may wish to rearrange your plants before you leave so that those with similar cultural needs are grouped together. This also would make it easier for the plant sitter.

One little pruning tip that may need to be done while you are away concerns amaryllis. As the flower buds open, use tweezers to remove the pollen-bearing anthers before they begin to shed. This adds days to the flowering period, so you may not then miss the gorgeous show.

Speaking of houseplants, plan. to visit Cranbrook Greenhouse 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills, noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 14. You will find a great variety of plants from which to choose. This would be a wonderful way to give a Valentine's Day gift with no calo-

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

BACK TO HERBS GARDEN AND SCHOOL CLUBS PLANTS LIVONIA MORE GARDENING NEW PERSPECTIVES Flower arranging, with an empha-The Michigan School of Bodil Drescher Anava, a horticulsis on petite designs, will be dis-Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in tural therapist master, will discussed at the next meeting of the Livonia offers a variety of subcuss "Starting a Program in Livonia Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. jects. Horticultural Therapy" at the 23rd Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Andrew's Register in advance. Classes are annual conference of the Church. The speaker is Gretchen limited in size. Michigan Horticultural Therapy Here is a list of some of the Pugsley, a flower show judge, Association Friday, March 9, at who is also a member of the Hill classes: the Plant and Soil Sciences and Dale Garden Club of Lawn Pest Management, 9:30 Building at Michigan State a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Farmington Hills. Visitors are wei-University. Identify and diagnose common come. Anaya has 22 years experience in diseases and pests of lawns. establishing such programs. Learn management techniques Sessions include Adaptive and control strategies and lawn CLASSES Gardening, HT with Seniors, HT care without pesticides. ARRANGEMENTS with the severely physically dis-Other scheduled classes requiring abled, hands-on craft workshops Several workshops are scheduled prerequisite classes or experiat Keller & Stein Florist and and other topics. ence include: Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Shade gardens, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 Also featured are the annual

Canton p.m. sessions, Thursdays, Feb. 8 Reservations are needed for the and 15: Landscape Design, six workshops, Each workshop costs morning sessions starting \$10 per person, and is non-Tuesday, Feb. 20 and includes refundable. one Saturday, or seven evening

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Seedy Character contest, displays, exhibits and an optional tour of the Michigan State

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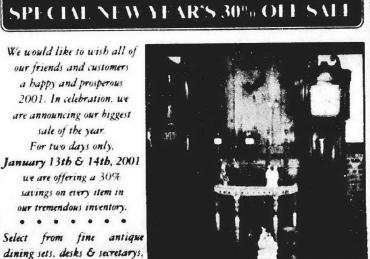
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members and \$40 for non-members if received before March 1. After that date, fees are \$45 for members and \$55 for others. Annual membership is \$15. A box lunch is available for \$6. For information, call Patrick Lewis at (616) 337-3300 or Cathy Leavey at (517) 655-4969.

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

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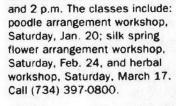
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Caksackkar-Gallinat

Dorthy Johnson of Saulte Ste. Marie announces the engagement of her daughter, Pamela Kay Caksackkar of Ypsilanti to Theodore Micheal Gallinat of Ypsilanti, formerly of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a Cleary College graduate and works at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Barb and (the late) Frank Gallinat of Garden City, is a high school graduate and works at the Forensics Center in Milan.

A May wedding is planned at

White-Wight

Paul and Janis White of Metamora, formerly of Livonia, announce the marriage of their daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, to Kevin David Wight of Detroit.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Franklin High School and currently attends Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is a police officer for the city of Detroit.

Her husband, son of Dan and Diane Wight of Garden City is a 1990 Garden City High School graduate and attends Schoolcraft College. He, too, is a police officer for the city of Detroit.

The couple wed October 13 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit before the groom's great uncle, the Rev. Howard McCormick of Massachusetts. The bride was attended by maid of honor Carolyn Lundblad and bridesmaids Michelle White, Tammy Roy, Cindy Wight and Anne Kelly. Madison White was the flower

Ochoa-Montroy

Ruth Ochoa of Redford announces the engagement of her daughter, Angela Lynn, to Joseph Montroy of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Redford High School. She works as an AMA certified manager for CVS Pharmacy.

Her fiancé, son of Daniel and Gail Ryder of Hollywood and Donald Montroy of Dearborn, is a 1994 graduate of Redford High school. He works as a carpenter. A January wedding is planned

it Aldersgate Methodist Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church in Ypsilanti.

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The groom was attended by best man Matt Risha and groomsmen Rob Wight, Dan Wight, Paul White and Randy Keen. Tyler Kelly was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights and took a trip to St. Martin.

ENGAGEMENTS

Marchio-Rodwell

James Marchio and Evelyn Marchio of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Ann, to Timothy James Rodwell of Petoskey.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education from Lake Superior State University.

Her fiance, son of David and Carol Rodwell of Canton, is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Lake Superior State University. He is a deputy sheriff and D.A.R.E. officer in Emmet County.

Noechel-Rhatigan

Tom and Paula Noechel of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Lynn, to Patrick Martin Rhatigan of Clonmel, Ireland.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Franklin High School and a 1997 graduate of Albion College. She teaches junior high school students at Divine Child in Dearborn.

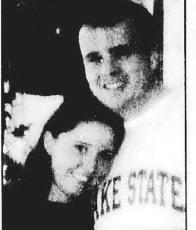
Her fiancé, son of James and Ann Rhatigan of Clonmel, Ireland, is a 1994 graduate of Christian Brothers High School in Clonmel and a 1998 graduate of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology. He is transferring from his job at Engineers and

Rogissart-Scopone

Paul and Jeannine Rogissart of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Allan Charles Scopone of Livonia

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and she attended Eastern Michigan University. She works for Saturn of Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Armando and Edith Scopone of Livonia, is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and attends Wayne State University. A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel.



A July wedding is planned at Marygrove College in Detroit.



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Christine to Kenneth L. Kloth of

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James and Cynthia Carlisle of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Brooke, to Daniel Joseph Fries of Massillon, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and a graduate of University of Toledo, where she earned a bachelor of education degree (grades 1-8).

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Sue Fries of Massillon, Ohio, is a Jackson High School graduate and a graduate of University of Toledo. He works as a sales representative for Airborne Express

An April wedding is planned at Kenwood Church of Christ in

Livonia. The couple will receive guests at Lovett Hall in Dearborn.

NEW ARRIVALS

Robert and BettyAnn Rolston of Baumholder, Germany, announce the birth of their son Daniel Lucas born Oct. 26 in Landstuhl, Germany.

Grandparents are Arthur and Susan Rolston of Redford, Helen Noble of Detroit and Gerald Cloutier of Detroit.

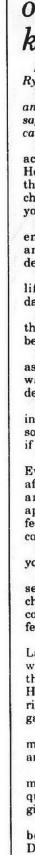
ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS

To receive an engagement, wedding, birth or anniversary announcement call HomeTown Life Editor Kimberly Mortson (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net Announcements appear on a first come, first serve basis as space allows every Thursday.









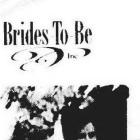
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Take the hassle out of handling kids' requests

Mommy, can I spend the night at Ryan's house? No.

Why can't I? You never let me have any fun! Pleeeese! I'll do anything you say, just let me go this one time. Why can't you be like other parents?

It is possible to get children to accept "no" without a major battle. Here is an alternative way to handle those endless demands and keep your children's self esteem intact as well as your sanity.

Parents also spend far too much energy investigating, questioning, and probing for details to make a decision.

The following four-step process is a lifesaver for parents who struggle daily with children's demands.

Invite your child to give you all the reasons why their request should be granted.

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After listening to all the reasons, ask if there is anything else the child wants to add before you make your decision.

Tell the child: "I'll get back to you in X amount of time, after I've given it some thought. The answer will be no, if I am asked before the set time."

You decide the amount of time. Even if you are certain immediately after hearing the request that your answer will be no, using this approach respectfully lets the child feel like his request is worthy of your consideration.

Consider the request and make your decision.

Saying no is an important part of setting limits and structure in your child's life. Children find it easier to cooperate with your decision if their feelings have been heard.

Let's look at a real world example. Last September my son came to me with a big request. He said, "Mom, is this a good time to talk with you?" Hmmm, I knew something was up right then, (step 1) so I sat down and

Book chronicles caregiver's journey

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER

arian Wright wrote a love story. Not the typical hero and heroine type tale, but one of the compassion and gratitude she felt for her mother, Verna Wright, while caring for her until her death in 1995.

Wright, now retired from a career in public education, began caring for her 91-year-old mother after she suffered a stroke in the summer of 1990. Over the course of the next six years Wright found solace and support in a journal she began writing. Today the journal has evolved into a 300-page chronicle of the day-to-day ups and downs she and her mother experienced together.

"It wasn't always easy," said Wright by phone from her home in Flint. "But I found writing to be an invaluable and unconditional friend."

The book titled "With Love: A Caregiver's Journal," published in the spring of 2000, sheds much light on the emotional, spiritual and physical sacrifices felt by a caregiver. In this case Wright's role as the daughter was reserved and she ultimately became the "parent" for her ailing mother.

Alone in the sense that her father and two brothers passed away years before, Wright began sharing her fears, frustrations and anxiety about her mothers imminent death in the pages of a diary.

Thursday, April 18

"Mother is on my mind constantly. Often, when I awaken during the night, I have thoughts of her death and the funeral. Sometimes it is so real that I even have that sickening feeling of fear in my stomach. My feelings are so ambivalent, though. There are moments when I'm so afraid of what may be ahead, that I wish it were all over. But I don't want Mother gone.

Wright, whose professional career included working as a teacher, speech therapist, teacher for learning disabled and emotionally impaired children and a language arts curriculum consultant, said she has journaled on and off throughout her life but really focused her energies on writing while caring for her mother. Daily writing became an outlet for her thoughts and feelings.

Tuesday September, 24

"This is my third journal in the past year and a half. The gains and rewards of journaling have been immeasurable. Not only has it served as a safe place to write my innermost thoughts and feelings, but it's a memory book to put clippings or notes I want to save."

Wright felt comfortable journaling because in the context of conversations with friends she felt some of her feelings and frustrations she was having with her mother would be "misinterpreted."

"If I mentioned something in conversation and the person didn't have the whole story I was afraid they



Marian E. Wright

would misinterpret what I was feeling or wanting," said Wright. "I wasn't writing for anyone but myself and the rewards I gained from writing kept me going."

Dramatic changes

Charity dance benefits abuse victims

Marian's life changed dramatically when her mother suffered a stroke. Living independently in Flint, she moved in with her mom and commuted back and forth from Plymouth to Flint to maintain her home. The gamut of emotions her journal brings to light include anger, resentment, fear, joy, apprehension, loneliness, admiration and courage.

After Verna Wright's first stroke in July of 1990 she suffered a series of smaller strokes until her

death in 1995 at the age of 97. Their mother and daughter journey was filled with both highs and lows. Moments, Wright wrote, that gave her the chance to tell her mother things she might not have been able to say if she hadn't cared for her on her own.

Tuesday, July 26

"All is well once again. As I kissed Mother good night, I mentioned what a good day she'd had. "I love you!" she told me so tenderly. "We can forgive." I agreed and kissed her again. At the age of ninety-five, she is still teaching me life's lessons.

Honor

Marian believes her mother would be very proud.to know she turned her journal into a book to inspire and support other caregivers. "There's some humor in it but it is life. It's reality. I didn't hold anything back or try to gloss things over or candy coat things. I wanted caregivers to have some sense that what they're doing is so meaningful and for friends who haven't gone through it to understand what it's really like," said Wright.

Verna Wright lived a long life and saw much happen in her 97 years. Marian recounts in her journal that her mother went to school in a horse and buggy and up until her stroke, drove her own car and traveled by air; taught herself to drive on her own initiative -- "long before 'women's lib;" learned to cook on a wood stove but came to see and use a microwave, telephone and television.

Wright who lived in Plymouth up until her death enjoyed crocheting and bowl-

ing, and served as a volunteer at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for 18 years. Into her 90s she worked at the college in the English Department as a clerical assistant where an endowed scholarship was established in her name in 1988. To this day Marian said she receives a picture, biography and a letter from the student who is awarded the annual schol-

Verna I. Wright

arship. In 2000, Marian changed the program that receives the scholarship from Liberal Arts to the Schoolcraft College Women's **Resource** Center.

"I was very impressed with the staff, the volunteers and the program," said Wright of the change.

Four years after Verna's death Marian underwent training through the Community Hospice and Home Care Services of Flint (an affiliate of the CHHCS of Plymouth who helped her care for her mother during

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gave him my full attention.

"I want a PlayStation 2 video game machine as a combination birthday and Christmas gift."

He brought this request to me a month before his October birthday, quite far from Christmas. He began giving me all the statistics about it.

He tells me that in a way it would be a "family gift" because it plays DVDs and the whole family would get to enjoy it.

I listen attentively until he finishes all his reasons for wanting me to buy this machine. (step 2) I asked him if there was anything else he wanted me to know in order to make my decision.

I told him (step 3) I would make my decision once he found out the price and availability of the unit.

Careful consideration

A few days later, while running a parenting seminar on engaging cooperation, I realized that he had really done quite a job in presenting me with a well thought out request. Later that day I asked him, "Did you put a lot of thought into how you asked me for that game machine?" He responded with, "Me and my friends spent all Friday night figuring out how to get our parents to buy us one!"

By giving myself time to consider his request, without being hassled, I was able to make a decision I felt good about. I realized that while he would love to get the video game machine on his birthday in October, by Christmas the thrill would be gone.

Children take better care of the belongings they worked for and saved to own. When the price became available, I gave him my decision (step 4) not to buy the PlayStation 2 as a combination gift. He was disappointed but accepted this decision. Quickly he focused on the other things he would like for his birthday. When family members asked my son what they could give him for Christmas, he asked for money, and is now saving up to buy the PlayStation 2.

The biggest benefit for your chil-dren is that they gain life skills. They learn how to effectively approach someone in a logical way to present their requests. By consistently using this approach, we empower our chil-dren and ourselves to handle requests effectively.

Marilyn Suttle rune a personal and professional skill building company, in Farmington Hills. Email: MeSutthe Baol.com

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER mecomm.net

Organizers of the First Step Charity Dance find it hard to believe they're putting the finishing touches on the 11th annual fund-raiser. Established in 1990 by Brian Dug-

gan - Livonia resident, Realtor and Livonia city

councilman -New this in 2000 the year will be a annual event performance surpassed \$100.000 in by an Elvis total funds col-Impersonator lected over the and a raffie last decade. "Last year we drawing for a sold grand prize of 1,800 tickets four Detroit and I was able to write First Piston's bas-Step a check for ketball tickets \$21,000," said donated by Duggan. Duggan was **Dick Scott** inspired to host **Dodge of Ply**the first dance mouth. 11 years ago

to a presentation by First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis. The Livonia businessman said he was taken aback by the critical need for a shelter for battered spouses and children. A charity event seemed like a logical way for him to turn his desire to help into action.

The casually elegant affair begins at 7:80 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Entertainment will be provided by Steve King & The Dittilies with special guest appearances by performer Jamie Coe of Livonia and Che Vonne Burton, Miss Michigan 2000.

Casino type-gaming (maximum win is \$200) will be offered from 8 p.m. to midnight including roulette, craps and blackjack. Other highlights for atten-dees will be dancing, door prizes, cash har, complimentary hot/cold hors d'oeuvres (7:30-9 p.m.) and pizza served later in the evening.

later in the ovening. New this year will be a performance by an Elvis impersonator and a raffle drawing for a grand prize of four Detruit Piston's bashetball tichets (first row, countedie) donated by Dick Scott Doige of Flymouth. Tichets will be sold the might of the event for \$2 each. "Christman is even; New Years is over and this is a great way for peo-

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FILE PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX Good cause: Guests (above) share a dance

about

after listening together while Steve King & The Dittilies (right) shine during the 2000 First Step Charity Dance.

> ple to give back to their community while having a good time."

> First Step of Plymouth is a community-based organization working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide non-residential and shelter-based services, training and development (violence intervention for men who batter), 24-hour on call teams, safety planning, legal assistance and student internships.

> Corporate sponsorships are available at a variety of levels including: Emerald (\$10,000); Diamond (\$5,000); Platinum (\$1,000); Gold (\$550); and Silver (\$235). Each sponsorship level provides the purchaser with a variety of benefits that range from ads in the program book to tickets and champagne.

> Duggan said he can provide details for individuals wishing to contribute in this manner.



Charity dance

Who: Host, Brian Duggan What: Invites you to support the 11th Annual First Step Charity Dance.

Where: Burton Manor (27777 Schoolcraft Road), 1-96 west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

Why: Fundraising benefits the First Step, community-based organization striving to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Call: Brian Duggan (734) 422-4333: (734) 591-1900 or call Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666. Tickets \$22, advance; \$27 at the door.

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Ken Medema

LOCAL CONCERT

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

Those who grew up knowing Michigan native Ken Medema wouldn't be surprised to find out he pursued music as a career. He was the student most likely to be found singing the latest pop songs in the halls of his Grand Rapids junior high school.

For the Christian singer-songwriter who has been blind since birth, music

came naturally. He's been singing for 30 years and will perform at Livonia's St. Paul Presbyterian Church on Saturday. "When



was like 4 Medema years old, 3 or

4 years old, my mother always had this question of what to do with a blind child," explained Medema from his San Francisco home. "One of the things my mother always did was to play music for me. I took a great interest in it. I would always go to the piano. We knew early on this was an interest.

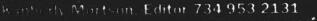
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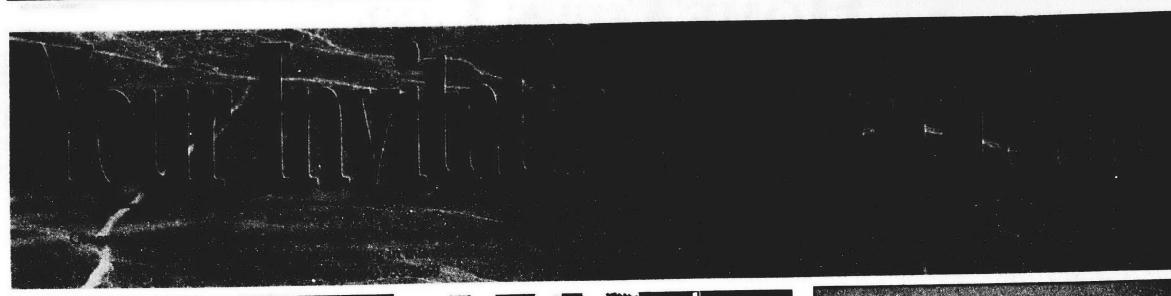
By the time Ken was 8 years old. he said he "roared through music classes." Reared by a talented piano teacher who prepared him with a strong background in classical music, Medema pursued music professionally. With interests that ranged from Elvis Preslev and the Eagles, Medema enrolled at Michigan State University. He later found work at a New Jersey hospital as a music therapist.

"Music was a tool for making people feel better, helping people find community," he said. By the mid '70s, Medema discovered his department at the hospital was



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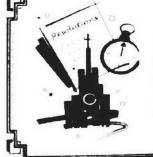
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Making and Breaking New Year's Resolutions



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.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. K. J. V. Phillippians 4:13

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any encounter. Call (734) 421-

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practical introduction into the

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LET'S TALK WORKS

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 inter-faith relationships where one of the partners is Jewish. The fivepart 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. 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

WORKSHOPS

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the last few months of her life) to provide assistance and patient support for other hospice patients.

"Our nurses and the staff at Community Hospice were invaluable. I couldn't have gotten through it without them and I would have never imagined my life would be what it is today," said Marian. "I am proud to be able to provide hospice care for others. But I can work an eighthour shift and come home. When you're providing the care on your own, though, there's no getting away. It's 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that can be tremendously hard."

in a group with a special bond. We don't talk about our responsibilities. We just continue doing whatever we have to do. We entered the caregiving situation from different stages in our lives. For many of us, the caregiving responsibilities have been an intrusion, often followed with resentment and anger. My experience has presented many lessons which have been hard and difficult at times, yet necessary. I'm learning, but I have a long way

to go - a long way indeed." Verna Wright died with her daughter by her side, as she had been almost constantly for the

past six years, Nov. 5, 1995. Since then Marian returned to her home in Flint and currently works for an accounting firm as a tax preparer. She actively supports the writing programs at the University of Michigan -Flint - specifically the Marian E. Wright Computer Writing Classroom and Writing Center. A second book is also in the

works. Wright says she continues to journal - "every morning and every night before I go to bed."

much.'

The book will chronicle the grief process after her mother's death. "I'm very anxious for the second book to come out. I've discovered a lot of things about myself that were deep down inside. Things within me I was unaware of ... journaling continues to help me grow and give me strength."

> Love: A Caregiver's Journal," it can be purchased at most bookstores, online at amazon.com, barnesandnoble. com, borders. com, iuniverse. com or by contacting Marian Wright at mewright@umich.edu

RELIGION CALENDAR today. At 4:45 p.m. on Sunday,

ning Jan. 20, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290

DEAF FELLOWSHIF

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) invites you to come and participate in a fellowship for people who are deaf or hearing impaired. This fellowship, Jan. 20, is at 6 p.m. and it involves people from various churches in the state. Also, all of the church services are interpreted. Call (734) 421-0472.

CORNISH PASTIES FOR SALE **Newburg United Methodist** Church is making Cornish Pasties as a fund-raiser. They arg \$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 preordered 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. ADDRESSING DIVERSITY

Sunday, Jan. 14, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will welcome guest speaker Ronaele Bowman, Chairperson of P.L.A.I.D. (People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity) will present their goals and achievements in increasing the awareness and acceptance of racial and ethnic diversity in our area. This group has been the driving force to institute the

observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in suburban communities. Guest Speaker Rev. Gary Gibbs will also present a speech of Dr. King's. Services, Sunday School, and nursery at 9 and 11am. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden . City) is having a blood drive Monday, Jan. 29. Appointments are available from 2-7:30 p.m. There is currently a severe shortage of blood. Call Pam Dauzy (734) 844-7099. MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

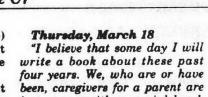
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Newburg United Methodist

Church will host Divorce and its

Effects on Children, a workshop

presentation by Jacque Martin-

Thursday, Jan. 11 at the church.

Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-

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 reg-

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about to be de-funded due to cutbacks. That's when he made the decision to begin performing full time.

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"I love the interesting thing that happens on a stage with an audience," he said. "Music is something I can do. I do it well. You can say things in a song on many levels ... Somehow a song has another level of response."

It's that power and intensity that Medema believes can get a message across. And his message is one of change. The hallmark of his performance involves bringing up members of his audience to share stories. He then sings a song about the

While his shows usually include a few humorous songs, he also tries to enlighten his audience on very serious subjects, such as poverty.

It may not be the most comfortable situation to sing in a religious setting and express that the church isn't doing enough to improve world-wide issues like poverty. But Medema never thought it would be easy.

Ken Medema performs 7:30 ignoring the hungry, ignoring the poor, that's not comfortable," p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 explained Medema. Neither is Five Mile in Livonia. Tickets are lying in a prickly brier patch. 'It's challenging and it does seek \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Call (734) 422the truth.'

Medema looks forward to 1470. To order his latest CD, "Little Pictures," go online at returning to the Detroit area, he said. "I love Michigan very www.ken medema.com.



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

www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat which continues through Satur-

day, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

SPIRITUAL WEEKEND

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled "Living and Growing Spiritually and Emotionally," is planned for March 23-25 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. The weekend will focus on the "Six Basic Needs and How to Get Them Met." Cost is \$100 and \$115 all private rooms (standard bed w/bath or sofa bed w/bath; all meals included). Hosted by Bethany Support Group Chapters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

HEALING SERVICES

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

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www. timothylivonia. com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church wor-

ship 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 BIELE STUDY

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REMARRIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. Call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912

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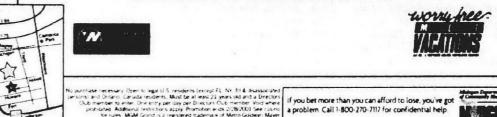
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An overtime weekend

The Compuware Ambassadors visited the Danville Wings, first in the North American Hockey League's West Division, last weekend and gave the fans in attendance all they could ask for, taking both games to overtime.

On Friday, the Wings won 3-2 in a shootout after Justin Johnson tied the game with 12:40 left in the third period. Johnson, Jason Tejchma and Adam Wallace scored in the shootout.

Compuware's regulation goals came from Steve Brudzewski and Mark Norrington. Chad Davis stopped 19 of 21 shots on goal.

On Saturday, Compuware battled back from a 4-0 deficit after one period to beat Danville 6-5 in OT. Ryan Lessnau provided the heroics, tying the game with 26 seconds left in regulation, then getting the game-winner 1:43 into OT. He also had an assist in the game.

Todd Bentley also scored two goals and assisted on a third for Compuware, with Steve Burgess adding a goal and an assist and Brudzewski scoring a goal.

The Ambassadors remain second in the NAHL's East Division with an 18-11-2 record (38 points). Danville is 22-8-4 (48 points) in the West.

Softball clinic

Madonna University will stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic for 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 require. 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.

2nd-half rally boosts Ocelots

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR

Ebb and flow . . The tide came rolling in for Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team midway through the second half of its game against Flint Mott CC, washing over the Lady Bears in what turned into an 88-70 Ocelot rout Wednesday at SC.

As early-season games in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference go, this one was pivotal. Mott is the defending champ and was the pre-season pick to repeat; the Ocelots figured to be their top rival.

SC is now 10-2 overall, 2-0 in the conference. Mott is 8-4 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

The turning point came when least expected, to be sure. Fouls - 18 of them - and turnovers (16) had plagued the Ocelots in the first half, but Mott didn't take full advantage. The Bears had nine first-half turnovers of their own and were only 17-of-29 at the free-throw line (58.6 percent).

Still, they led 42-37 at the intermission. SC eliminated that deficit quickly in the second half, outscoring Mott 8-2 in the first three minutes to take a 45-44 lead.

But the Bears weren't ready to capitulate just yet. They scored 14-straight points in a 3:08 span, taking advantage of four Ocelot turnovers. Tyra Gay did the bulk of the damage, scoring 11 of those points.

As it had in the first half, SC looked out of sync, with no remedy in sight. Trailing the defending champs 58-45 with 13:34 left did not generate optimism. Nonetheless, that's when the Ocelots rallied.

"The only thing I can attribute it to is that they just didn't quit," said SC coach Karen Lafata. "They got mad and decided to play the way they can play.

"It was huge for us that even though



Determined: The Ocelots' Angelica Blakely (with ball) drives past a pair of Mott defenders en route to two of her 13 points.

we didn't have Rachel (Eley) and we were only down by five (at halftime)." didn't play well in the first half, we Eley, SC's standout point guard, had



been whistled for three fouls before the first half was three minutes old. That put her on the bench for the rest of the half and led to SC's offensive woes.

With her in the lineup in the second half, the Ocelots got in gear. Eley finished with eight points, six assists, seven rebounds and four steals and -more importantly - got the offense going. After converting 12-of-28 firsthalf shots (42.8 percent), SC made 21of-40 in the second (52.5 percent).

In the 10:30 that followed Mott's biggest lead, the Ocelots outscored the Bears 33-4 — with Angelica Blakely. and Janelle Olson scoring seven apiece, and Shafawnda Smelley and Devin Francois adding six each in the run.

While SC was finding its scoring touch, the Bears lost theirs. "We couldn't score a basket, we didn't hit our free throws," said Mott coach Marvin Griffin. "And you can't win like that.

"I don't think it was anything they did. We beat ourselves - and I don't say that too often."

The Bears' shooting woes would verify that: They made just 10-of-43 second-half shots (23.3 percent).

Smelley's 17 points paced SC; she also had five assists and two steals. Blakely contributed 13 points, eight rebounds and two blocks; Olson had 10 points; Carla Sarton netted nine points; and Francois collected six points and 11 boards.

Mott got 23 points from Gay; 15 points, 19 rebounds, seven steals and two blocks from Alayniah Teverbaugh; and 11 points apiece from Nakia Woods and Tiffany Nalls.

Although the Bears' coach might not have agreed, SC's Lafata saw something in her team she thoroughly appreciated. "You wait for your kids to get into these kinds of situations and you wait to see how they'll respond," she said.

"I knew it was in them. I knew they had the talent and conditioning. Once Rachel got it going, I knew we'd do better."

They did.

AAU hoop tryouts

The West Metro Cougars 13-andunder basketball team will have tryouts from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Central Middle School, located at Church and Main.

Tryout fee is \$20, which includes a mandatory AAU card. For more information, call (313) 563-6340.

Basketball tournament

The Youth Basketball of America **Billy Joe Young Classic Basketball** Tournament, for girls and boys teams 12-and-under, 13-and-under, and 14and under, will be Jan. 27-28 at Allen Park HS.

Cost is \$275 per team, with a round-robin format and a three-game guarantee. For further information, contact Kevin Wilkinson, Jeff Bradley or Vito Antonazzo at (734) 522-8872, or fax them at (734) 421-1566, or email them at Basketball@tournamentsusa.com.

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Total Baseball is located at 30990 S. Wixom in Wixom.

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Finding a lane: SC's Colin Wilkinson (left) passes underneath Mott's Taylor Baker.

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team laid an egg in its Eastern Conference showdown Wednesday night.

Unbeaten Flint Mott, the NJCAA's No. 2-ranked team in Division II," ran away with a 100-77 win on the Ocelots' home floor.

Mott, which defeated Schoolcraft by a point in last year's Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship game, is now 13-0 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Schoolcraft, which lost its first home game in over two years, falls to 12-2 and 2-1. "We knew Mott was tough,

athletic and would play hard, Schoolcraft fourth-year coach Carlos Briggs said. "They played like they always do. They played tough defense, got the ball out in transition and knocked down shots.'

With Schoolcraft's guard trio of Derrick Bird, Mike Peek and Dave McGlown going a combined two-for-18 in the first half, Mott opened up a 47-31 advantage at intermission.

Schoolcraft, behind 6-foot-8 center Sam Hoskin's game-high 30 points, made an ill-fated comeback attempt in the second half.

The Ocelots, full-court pressing, got as close as 70-58 with just under 10 minutes remaining, but couldn't get any closer.

Six Mott players scored in double figures led by Alonzo Evans, who finished with 28 points and 10 rebounds.

The 6-3 guard from Louisville, Ky. (Western) got plenty of support from Lamar Rice (18), Rulon Harris (15), Javer Chavers (13), Derrick Minnifield (12) and Calvin Dotson (10).

Chavers also had nine assists, while Harris added six. Mott coach Steve Schmidt, whose team shot a blistering 70 percent from the field in the first half, was also surprised by the lopsided count.

"I'm proud of our guys because this is not an easy place (Schoolcraft) to win and they have a great team," Schmidt said. "I have a lot of

"I think our depth, condition ing and athleticism made the difference. Our guys get the ball and go. They also con ball and go. They also cap defend."

Mott kept a network of defenders draped around the 260-pound Hoskin, the former **Redford Bishop Borgess High** product headed to DePaul University.

"We focused on Sam and we focused a lot of our attention on him," Schmidt said. "He's a good player and despite our attention he still proved to be a good player."

Only two other Ocelots scored . in double figures as Bird finished with 13, while McGlown added 10.

Poor free throw shooting (24 of 41) also cost Schoolcraft

"Some nights you don't knock". them down and that's when you have to do other things to com-pensate," he said. "We played like we were the road team and they played like they were the home team."

The next meeting between the two rivals is Monday, Feb. 5 at Mott.

Statement made Chiefs finish 1st at South Lyon

Talk about exclamation points!

Plymouth Canton's wrestling team certainly was on fire Saturday when it outdueled some formidable opponents to win the South Lyon Invitational.

That followed about as convincing a warm-up as a team could have. Last Thursday at Farmington Harrison in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet, the Chiefs blanked their hosts 84-0.

"I knew it would be good for us to have more opportunities to take on some of the stronger teams, so when I saw th elist of teams (from) last year, I asked to be invited," said Canton coach John Demsick of Saturday's Invitational. "I knew we had a good shot to place first or second, even with the returning champ, (Temperance) Bedford, being there.

"As the day wore on, I sensed we were in the top four even though not everything went our way. It was a thrill to find out we were first going into finals by some 19 points ahead of Bedford and many tough teams behind them. We were able to hold our own with five wrestlers in finals and another five in consolation finals.

"It's been awhile, some 15 years, since Canton has been able to hang with some of the best competition like this.

The Chiefs finished with 179 points, well ahead of econd-place Bedford (161). Next were Alma (153.5), Walled Lake Western (141), Milford (117), South Lyon A (101), Fraser (95), Fenton (83.5), Okemos (37) and South Lyon B (27).

Greg Musser (140-pound weight division) and Phil Rothwell (189) each won their weight divisions. Kyle Pitt (119), Mike Siegrist (145) and Ozzie Wagner (215) were second-place finishers, with Andy Roberts (103) and Scott McKee (171) placing third.

Chris Hosey (135), Joe Faraoni (152) and Derek McWatt (275) each took 4 fourth.

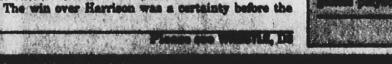


Ontario Hockey League opponents' arenas go, this one — as far as the Plymouth Whalers were concerned — was forgettable.

were concerned — was forgettable. The Whalers followed a poor performance at: Kitchener Friday, which ended with a 5-1 loss to the Rangers, with a heartbreaking one at Erie Saturday against the OHL's top team. A goal by Nikita Alencev with just 46 seconds left allowed the Otters to the it at 3-all, and an overtime goal by Cory Pecker 2:36 into the extra session gave Erie a 4-3 win and an additional mint for an overtime win.

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Agape stays perfect; PCA wins 1st

Canton Agape Christian kept its unblemished record intact, but it took a significant upgrade in the second half of its game against Southfield Franklin Road Christian to do it.

The Wolverines broke loose from a 24-23 halftime lead by outscoring the Warriors 42-26 in the second half to post a 66-49 triumph Tuesday at Wayne Memorial HS. The win improved Agape's record to 5-0; Franklin Road is 1-4.

Paul Anleitner led the Wolverines with 24 points, five assists and five steals. Rob Hough contributed 18 points, scored on six three-pointers, and Josh Anthony grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Warriors were led by Brandon Edwards with 12 points and Josh Angel with 10.

The third quarter was the breakthrough period for Agape. Hough hit three triples, and Anleitner and Steve

Tong had one apiece as the Wolverines outscored Franklin Road 21-9.

PCA 43, Clarenceville 41: Down 24-14 at halftime Tuesday, host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-3) stormed back with a 29-17 second-half run to beat Livonia Clarenceville (3-2) in a non-leaguer

Clay Welton, a 6-3 sophomore forward, led the victorious Eagles with 21 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. He made 7-of-12 free throws in the decisive fourth quarter to go along with one field goal

Mark Erickson added six for Plymouth Christian, which outscored Clarenceville 15-10 in the final period. Scott Wion, a senior center, led

Clarenceville with 14 points. Junior forward Tim Shaw added 12. PCA made 14-of-30 free throws, while

Clarenceville was 4-of-14. "To be honest, and I never like to say

this, we have two big horses, Scott Wion and Tim Shaw, who combined for 22 of 24 points in the paint," Clarenceville first-year coach Kevin Murphy said. "But in the second half the officials didn't allow them to play. They fouled Scott (Wion) out in the third quarter when he has 14 points in the first half.

"It's just unbelievable. I received a technical for a comment I thought was very fair. I said, 'One of the kids is going get an arm broken' if they don't start calling fouls.

"They went up by a point and after that it's just not the same. The kids played hard and about pulled it out at the end."

CC 68, U-D Jesuit 52: Redford Catholic Central jumped out to an 18-8 first-quarter lead and slowly pulled away from University of Detroit-Jesuit to wind up with the win Tuesday over the host Cubs.

"We played well early, jumped up and stayed there," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "Then we got up 20 and subbed late. The closest they got the rest of the way was 10 points. We played fairly consistent. There was no real turning point. We played hard, didn't coast and just stayed up on them. I thought we handled their pressure well."

Ryan Celeskey led the Shamrocks (6-2 overall, 2-0 in the Catholic League Central Division) with 21 points, while Anthony Coratti had 16 and Mark Willoughby 11.

Steve Larkin added 10 rebounds and Coratti nabbed seven; Willoughby had eight assists.

Joel Woods and Buddy Law each had 11 points for the Cubs (4-4 overall, 1-1 Central).

Millord 66, Franklin 54: In a non-leaguer Tuesday, the Redskins (3-5) put it away with a 20-9 third-quarter run against Livonia Franklin (1-5).

Three Milford players scored in double figures led by Jeff LaClair's 13 points. Pete Brown and Ryan Mehal added 11 and 10, respectively.

Joe Ruggiero, a senior forward, led Franklin and all scorers with 18 points. John Moore and Mike Copeland added nine and eight, respectively.

Franklin hit 20 of 32 free throws (62.5 percent) compared with Milford's eight of 15 (53.3 percent). Milford had a big edge in rebounds, 31-19.

Franklin, which trailed 37-31 at halftime, had trouble coping with Milford's full-court pressure in the third period.

Rocks finish 2nd at Invite, win double-dual

Things had been going well for **Plymouth Salem's gymnastics** team - prior to a three-day stretch that began last Saturday.

In that span, the Rocks went from pretty good to exceptional. Last Saturday, they hosted the

16-team Salem Invitational, which featured several of the state's best teams. Brighton ended up with the winning score (139.80), but Salem took second (135.40).



The Rocks built on that performance and, when they went against Hartland and Plymouth Canton in a double-dual Monday, they came out on top, scoring 139.3. Hartland was second at 137.9 and Canton took third at 132.8.

"They deserve a standing ova-

tion." was how Salem coach Melissa Hopson described her team's performance. "It was just a really good night. I'm really impressed with them right now. I can't remember when we scored like that.'

Asked if Saturday's performance was instrumental in Monday's, Hopson said, "I think it would have a little to do with it, but there's something in this team this year. They're driven to

it - they think they can accomplish all their goals.

In Monday's win, the Rocks' Bethany Bartlett, Melissa Drake and April Aquinto placed in the top four all-arounders. Bartlett took top honors, finishing first with a 36.3 total. Drake was third (35.15) and Aquinto was fourth (35.00).

Bartlett finished first in the vault (9.1) and uneven parallel bars (9.2), took second in the balance beam (8.85) and tied for third in the floor exercise (9.15).

Drake placed third on bars (8.95) and fourth in beam (8.65); she scored 9.05 on floor and 8.5 on vault. Aquinto tied for first in floor (9.4) and was third on beam (8.8), scoring 8.3 on vault and 8.5 on bars.

Other noteworthy scores for Salem in Monday's meet were by Staci Schmedding, 8.2 on vault and 7.8 on both beam and floor; Ashley Heard, 8.5 on bars and 8.05 on both beam and vault; Kara Dendrinos, 8.1 on floor and 8.0 on vault; Cammi Carnes, 7.65 on vault and 7.1 on floor: Valeri Quigley, 7.7 on floor; and Emily Nicolau, 7.5 on floor.

For Canton, three all- Jackson County Western, arounders were spaced a point apart. Top team honors went to Jill Rakovitis with a 32.65; next best was J.Q. Williams at 32.6 and Kristen Schilk at 32.55.

Rakovitis scored an 8.6 on floor, an 8.15 on vault, an 8.0 on bars and a 7.9 on beam. Williams had an 8.5 on both the floor and vault, an 8.25 on beam and a 7.35 on bars. Schilk's scores were 8.7 on floor, 8.1 on bars, 8.0 on vault and 7.75 on beam.

Other top Chief scores came from Amy Driscoll, who finished second on bars (9.05) and had an 8.4 on vault and a 7.7 on beam; Audra Ahern, 8.55 on both beam and floor and 8.15 on vault; and Jacquie Bennington, 8.05 on beam and 7.25 on bars.

Following Brighton and Salem at Saturday's Salem Invitational were Livonia and Troy Athens, tied at 134.60; Hartland, 134.15; Walled Lake, 134.10; Adrian, 133.70; Saline, 132.75; Holt. 132.55; Ann Arbor Huron, 132.10; Grosse Pointe North, 129.35; Ann Arbor Pioneer. 128.10; Midland Dow, 123.55;

123.25; Birmingham Seaholm, 119.05; and Fraser, 113.65. Salem's Bartlett tied Saline's

Martina Totkov for best allaround honors, each scoring 35.85. Bartlett scored 9.15 on floor and 8.9 on beam, vault and bars.

Next best in all-around was Raven Raleigh of Troy Athens (35.3), Andie Wilson of Brighton (35.1) and Lisa Barnard of Midland Dow (35.0).

The Rocks' Drake scored 34.5, with an 8.95 in floor, 8.85 in beam, 8.4 in vault and 8.3 in bars. Aquinto totaled 33.05 in the all-around, with a 9.15 on floor, 8.6 on beam, 7.8 on vault and 7.5 on bars.

Heard had a 32.0 in the allaround, with an 8.5 in floor, an 8.0 in bars and 7.75 in both the vault and beam. Other top scores for the Rocks came from Dendrinos on floor (8.15) and Schmedding in vault (7.75).

Both Canton and Salem travel to the Rockford Invitational Saturday. On Monday, Canton competes at Northville and Salem hosts Farmington.



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Harrison actually put up quite a fight, even though the score doesn't show it," said Demsick. "They were right in there in a few of our matches where we put some of our back-ups in. They'll have a nice team in a couple of years if they keep at

Reserves Steve Hogg (103), Jake Krogmeier (135), Ryan Keesey (145) and Steve Bruder (152) all won on falls; so did Rob Schnettler (112), Hosey (140) and McKee (171).

Canton, 1-0 in the conference, wrestles at WLAA Western Division foe Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

Good finish: Canton's Kyle Pitt (on top) earned a second place in the 119-pound division at South Lyon.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 10 C'ville at Inter-City, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at Canton, 7 p.m. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m. N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Willow Run at Wayne, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m. Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. HVL at World Outreach, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. Agatha at Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 11

HVL at World Outreach, 6:30 p.m. Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Bishop Foley at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. Kingswood at C'ville, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Borgess, 7 p.m. Agape vs. Ply. Christian at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 Luth, N'west at Luth, W'sld, 6:30 p.m. Seturday, Jan. 13 Troy Invitational, 8 a.m. Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Midland Dow Tourney, 8:30 a.m. Comstock Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Fraser Invitational, TBA

PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 11 Red. Unified vs. River Rouge at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Salem vs. Farm, Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. Franklin vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Stevenson vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m. Churchiull vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 Ladywood at Cranbrook, 1 p.m Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m. Stevenson at Troy, 6:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Red. Unified vs. Wyandotte at Yack Arena, 8:20 p.m. PREP WRESTLING

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Thursday, Jan. 11 Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Harrison at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Fordson, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 GC Novice Tourney, 9:30 a.m. Redford CC Invitational, 10:30 a.m.

PREP SWIMM

Thursday, Jan. 11 Redford CC at Brighton, 6 p.m. Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 Stevenson Invitational, noon

Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m. Cranbrook Invitational, TBA PREP SKIING Thursday, Jan. 11 Redford CC vs. E. Lansing

at Mt. Brighton, 4:30 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 12 Whaters vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

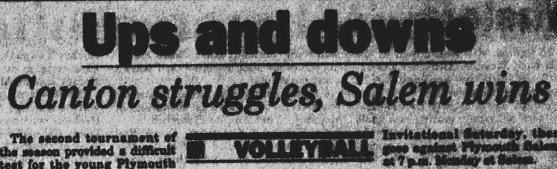
Sunday, Jan. 14 Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m. NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE Saturday, Jan. 13 Det. Rockers at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 13 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m. Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 13 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m. Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.

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The second tournament of the secon provided a difficult test for the young Plymouth Canton volleyball team and their new coach, Stove Ander-

The Chiefs traveled to the 20-nam Walled Lake Tournament aturday and were placed in a col with Brighton, Bloomfield Hills Andover and Grand Ledge. The results were medioere: Canton best Andover easily enough, 15-7, 15-8, but was swept by Brighton 15-5, 15-5 and Grand Ledge 15-2, 15-

That put the Chiefs into the sound level, or Silver Bracket. of the tournament playoffs. In the Silver quarterfinals they went against Waterford Mott and, after a slow start during which they lost the first game 15-7, they awoke from their slumber to win 15-2, 15-8.

In the Silver semifinals, Canton went up against top seed Romeo. Once again, the Chiefs started slowly and lost the first game 15-6, but they rebounded for a 15-19 win the the second set. In the third game, played with rally scoring (every point counts - no side outs), Canton

got off to a good start and led to collect a 15-12 victor

We are still in the learning process on a lot of the new offensive and defensive schemes," soid Canton's Ander-son. "Once we start to learn those schemes, a smoother trainition game will slowly start to emerge

"In addition, crice we gain a little more coalidence in those different concepts, we will have (fewer) of those mental lapses in the games against the tougher opponents

There were several bright spots for the Chiefs, who won five of 12 games on the day. Ashley Williams led her team with 32 kills and 20 digs for the tournament; Mary Kryska con-tributed 72 set assists and 12 service aces.

Megan Meier had 28 kills, Christina Kiessel totaled 10 aces and 19 digs, and Stephanie Johnson had 18 aces

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Suber in the first. Suber's A team deflected Mil-ford 18-4, 18-4 and twice topyed Trunton, 18-2, 18-2 and 16-5, 16-3. The Rocks' B team had more difficulty, losing to Milford 12-15, 18-14, 18-12 before deflecting Trunton 15-5, 15-10. The Subern B team then best Milford 15-6, 15-12 to reach the final.

"It would have been Salem's A and B teams in the final," explained Rocks' coach Tom Testers, "so we didn't play it. They all got medals, they all got pl

t plaques. The Rocks travel to the Co stock Invitational Saturday. then Canton at 7 p.m. Monday.

Rockers tumble in OT

The Detroit Rockers came very close to gaining another victory Sunday afternoon at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, but they couldn't quite manage it.

Dino Delevski converted a penalty kick, awarded after Sean Bowers was called for a hand ball when he dove to stop a shot at an open net 42 seconds into overtime. Delevski converted, giving his Wichita Wings a 9-7 triumph.

The Wings improved to 10-8 with the victory. The Rockers are 2-15.

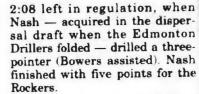
For Delevski, it was another big day - he scored five points



with a three-point goal in the first quarter. Delevski ranks third in the NPSL in scoring with 75 points.

The Rockers took a 4-3 halftime lead on two-point goals by Martin Nash in the first quarter and Stuart Black in the second quarter, only to surrender it on two-pointers by Braeden Cloutier 50 seconds into the third quarter and Jamie Harding (from Cloutier) midway through the fourth.

The biggest score of the match for Wichita, opening the scoring for the Rockers came with just



Dan Ilie Diac made 17 saves in one of his better games in goal for the Rockers. However, the Wings' Jim Larkin - who was also acquired from Edmonton in . the dispersal draft - was even better, making 22 saves and picking up two assists on offense.

Detroit travels to Milwaukee to battle the Wave, the NPSL's defending champions, at 2:05 p.m. Saturday.

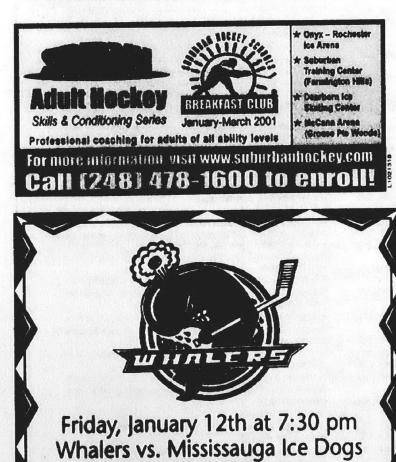
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in 38 games, still well ahead in the OHL's West Division. Kitchener was 16-19-6-0 through the weekend for 38 points, last in the Midwest.

Plymouth had the early lead against the Otters Saturday, getting two goals from Stephen Weiss - the first on a power play at 4:45 of the first period (from James Wisniewski and Ryan O'Keefe), the second at 9:47 of the second (from Chad Wiseman and Tomas Kurka). Those two gave Weiss 26 goals for the season.

Erie fought back to tie it, and it was Alexeev who played the pivotal role in the Otters' offense, scoring one goal and assisting on the other three. The Otters

outshot Plymouth 23-5 in the second period.

Joe Guenther got Erie's first, at 11:08 of the second period, assisted by Alexeev and Jason Baird. Pecker's first goal of the game, on the power play at 15:39 of the second, knotted it at 2-all (Alexeev and Brad Yeo assisting).

It didn't stay tied for long. O'Keefe scored 55 seconds after Pecker's goal to put the Whalers up 3-2 with 3:26 left in the period (Kurka and Weiss assisting). Plymouth had the advantage in the shot column in the third period, 11-8, but it was Alexeev who scored the only

goal of the period (Pecker, Baird assisting). Alexeev then assisted on Pecker's overtime winner.

J.F. Perras made 21 saves in goal for the Otters. Rob Zepp faced 44 shots, stopping 40 of them, for Plymouth.

On Friday at Kitchener, Derek Roy scored a short-handed goal in the second period and picked up three assists to propel the Rangers past the Whalers. Josh Bennett scored twice in the third period for Kitchener (assisted by Roy and Matt Passfield), and Vasily Bizyayev and Chris Brannen got first period goals.

The Whalers only goal came from Stacey Britstone, his 17th, on a power play at 8:51 of the second period, trimming the Ranger advantage to 3-1. Bryan Thompson and Jared Newman assisted.

Zepp absorbed the loss, making 25 saves. Scott Dickie turned away 33 shots on goal for Kitchener.

The Whalers have a pair of home games this weekend, hosting Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Windsor at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Whaler all-stars

The Plymouth Whalers will have a fair share of berths on the Ontario

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Hockey League's Western Conference all-star team at this year's Canadian Hockey League All-Star Cup.

The Western Conference team, which will be coached by the Whalers' Pete DeBoer, will have forwards Stephen Weiss, Damian Surma and Chad Wiseman, and goalie Rob Zepp.

Weiss, projected as one of the top three picks in this year's NHL Entry Draft, currently ranks third in the OHL in scoring with 26 goals and 33 assists (59 points). Surma, a sixth-round pick of the Carolina Hurricane in 1999, has 15 goals and 15 assists (30 points).

Wiseman was acquired in a trade last week from Mississauga. He is second in scoring on the Whalers with 18 goals and 30 assists (48 points).

Zepp, selected in the fourth round of the 1999 entry draft by the Atlanta Thrashers, leads the OHL with a 2.37 goals-against average; he also has three shutouts and a 21-8-2 record.

DeBoer was chosen based on the Whalers' performance in last year's OHL Championship Series, the Whalers losing in the seventh game to Barrie. DeBoer has been selected as the OHL's Coach of the Year the past two seasons. The CHL All-Star Cup is a three-

game interlocking series involving the

OHL, the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and the Western Hockey League. The OHL's Western Conference stars will face the WHL's Eastern Conference allstars Jan. 24 at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre

Whalers obtain Mizzi

With the trading deadline just a few hours away, the Whalers made a major move, picking up over-age right wing/center Preston Mizzi and a sixth-round draft choice from the Sarnia Sting for their second round pick in the 2001 draft and a fifth-round pick in the 2002 draft obtained from Barrie.

The Whalers also traded defenseman Mike Gresdal to Kitchener for a sixth-round pick in the 2002 draft.

Mizzi should be an immediate contributor. A proven scorer and two-way player, he has produced 29 goals and 58 points and 27 goals and 62 points the last two seasons at Peterborough. The Petes shipped him

to Sarnia prior to this season. Mizzi, 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds, had

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12 goals and 17 assists for the Sting. He was drafted by the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes in the fourth round of the 1999 draft.

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Fiorenzi leads Crusaders past Cardinals

Big-time player - that's what Kristi Fiorenzi is becoming for Madonna University's women's basketball team.

The senior from Plymouth Canton High School led the Lady Crusaders with 17 points and eight rebounds Saturday against visiting Concordia College, but it was her timing that was impressive in Madonna's 69-66 victory.

The win improved the Crusaders' record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference to 2-0; they are 7-8 overall. Concordia is 7-4 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

A basket by the Cardinals' Lindsay Rossow with 2:32 to play increased their lead to 64-61, but Madonna took command

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after that, outscoring Concordia 8-2 the rest of the way.

A Kathy Panganis basket off a Fiorenzi assist narrowed the gap to 64-63 with 2:16 left. A Fiorenzi free throw with 1:40 remaining knotted it at 64-all, and her basket with 52 seconds left gave the Crusaders a two-point lead. Kristy Bilbie, who led all scor-

ers with 25 points, re-tied it for Concordia with a basket with 38 seconds left. Melissa Poma got the eventual game-winner with 19 seconds to go; Carissa Gizicki added a free throw for the final magin.

Panganis finished with 12 points and five boards, Lori Enfield had 11 points, and Poma and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) each contributed nine as nine players scored for Madonna. Poma also had

four assists and Fletcher had two steals.

Concordia also got 14 points from Sandi Reynaert and 10 from Carcy Musko.

outpointing Concordia 22-9 in

The game was tied at 26-all at

the half. The Cards took the early advantage in the second half, four-straight points from Bilbie staking them to a sevenpoint lead (42-35) with 15:18 left. But the Crusaders bounced back.

the next eight minutes to take a

57-51 lead.

SC crushes Wayne CCC Everyone scored for School-

craft College Saturday against visiting Wayne County CC, which led to an easy 105-40 triumph.

in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference.

Shafawnda Smelley led the Lady Ocelots with 19 points; she

also grabbed six rebounds. Angelica Blakely added, 16 points and six boards, Kelly Grenan (from Redford Thurston) had 12 points, Rachel Eley contributed six points, 11 assists, eight steals and five rebounds, Keysa Hamilton had eight points and nine boards, and Ra'Sheida Edwards totaled nine points and eight rebounds.

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Wayne CCC was led by Kiaronda Mitchell with 15 points. Tiffany Hines had 10.

Wayne fell to 1-3 overall, 0-2

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DeOndre Head's 17 points and ine rebounds led a balanced attack Saturday as Concordia College (7-9, 2-0) downed host Madonna University (4-13, 0-2) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference clash.

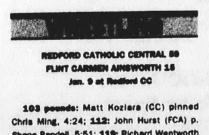
4-6 overall and 1-1 in the confer-

Concordia 73, Madonna 66:

Concordia led 35-26 at halftime.

Three others scored in double figures for the Cardinals including Dave Behnke (15), Brandon Bekius (11) and Jeremy Griffin (10)

Senior Narvin Russaw led MU with 20 points and nine rebounds, while Mike Massey contributed 18 points. Chad Nadolni added 12 points and eight rebounds.



Shane Randell, 5:51; 119: Richard Wentworth (CC) p. Jason Hatch, 1:27; 128: Tom Buddenborg (CC) p. Chris Kilbreath, 1:44; 130: Klan O'Donohue (CC) p. Roger Delgado, 1:18; 188: Alex Villerusi (CC) won by void; 140: Mike Werner (CC) p. Ryan Fletcher, 0:45: 145: Chris Petersen (CC) won by technical fall over Tyrone Clark, 15-0; 188: Jay Abshire (CC) won by vold; 180: Ricky Ellis (FCA) decisioned Jason Hilliker, 6-2; 171: Ryan Rogowski (CC) dec. Gerrett Potter, 7-1; 180: Blaic Nelsmith (CC) p. Jason Latting, 4:14; 218: Dan Bell (FCA) p. Matt Markowicz, 1:34; heavyon Ret Clark (CC) d. John Barnett, 4-3.

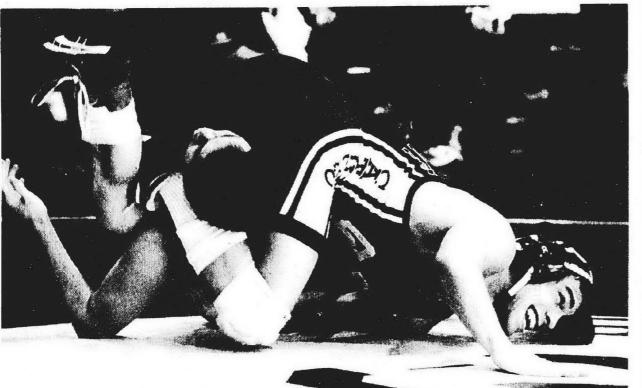
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Lake Orion EccentricFirst Place
Garden City Observer, Honorable Mention
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Lake Orion Eccenric:
"Gas Explosion" by Jonette Hubred Second Place
Livonia Observer:
"Chemical Scare", Dave Varga Third Place
BEST LOCAL NEWS REPORTING
Rochester Clarion Eccentric:
Bond Series by Mary JacobelliFirst Place
Westland Observer:
"City Clerk's Firing Up to Council" by Darrell Clem Second Place
by Darrell Clem Second Place
BEST ENTERPRISE FEATURE
Birmingham Eccentric
"Bigfoot Houses by Jill HockmanSecond Place
BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR PAGES
Plymouth Observer, Brad KadrichFirst Place
Birmingham Eccentric, Larry PaladinoSecond Place
Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Smith Third Place
Clarkston Eccentric, Raten Smith - Honorable Mention
Troy Eccentric, Gary WinkelmanHonorable Mention
BEST EDITORIAL WRITING
Troy Eccentric, Gary WinkelmanFirst Place
Plymouth Observer, Brad Kadrich Second Place
Southfield Eccentric, Greg Kowalski Honorable Mention
BEST LOCAL COLUMNS
Lake Orion Eccentric, A.J. MaltaFirst Place
Lake Orion Eccentric, A.J. Mana-
BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE
"Closed Doors"
Westland Observer, Tom Hawley Third Place
"On the Scene"
Lake Orion Eccentric, Lawrence McKee Honorable Mention
BEST FEATURE PICTURE
"Soaking It In"
Lake Orion Eccentric, Lawrence McKeeFirst Place
"Big Hundred Baby"
Southfield Eccentric, Jim Jagdfeld First Place
"Hi There"
Farmington Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie Honorable Mention
"Prom Fun"
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BEST SPORTS PICTURE
"Climbing the Pyramid"
Oxford Eccentric, Lawrence McKee First Place
"Smooth Move"
Livonia Observer, Tom HawleySecond Place
"Happy Day"
Birmingham Eccentric, Jim JagdfeldThird Place
"She Shoots, She Scores"
Livonia Obsever, Bryan Mitchell Honorable Mention
BEST SPORTS WRITING
"Fumble Allows"
Farmington Observer, Dan O'MearaFirst Place
"Grand FinaleR.U. Returns"
Redford Observer, Steve KowalskiSecond Place
"Miracle in Ortonville"
Oxford Eccentric, Brad MonastiereThird Place
"Oh Yeah, Odai"
Lake Orion Eccentric Brad Monastiere Honorable Mention
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While the list on the right itemizes the awards we received in the this year's Michigan Press Association newspaper competition, it means more than just plaques to hang on the wall.

It means a lot of talented journalists sitting in front of computer screens week after week reporting what's happening right where you live.

It means skilled photographers who take pictures that add clarity and emotion to your hometown news.

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Redford Observer, Paul BeaudrySecond Place	
BEST LIFESTYLE SECTION	
Troy Eccentric, Sharon DargayFirst Place	
Farmington Observer, Mary Rodrigue Second Place	
Livonia Observer, Keely WygonikThird Place	
BEST SPECIAL SECTION	
"Independence Day in Independence Township"	
Clarkston Eccentric, Karen SmithFirst Place "FineLine"	
Birmingham Eccentric, Suzy Parker Honorable Mention	

MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION Retail and Classified Advertising Contest Winners

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BEST REAL ESTATE IDEA-COLOR
Open House of the WeekSecond Place
Suburban Properties Third Place
BEST REAL ESTATE IDEA-BLACK & WHITE
Sandy Norman "The \$20,000,000 Man" First Place
Ralph Manuel "Wanted"Second Place
BEST REAL AUTOMOTIVE IDEA-COLOR
Jack Demmer Ford, Millennium Sales Event First Place
The Smart ChoiceThird Place
BEST REAL AUTOMOTIVE-BLACK & WHITE
Automotive Service DirectoryFirst Place
Bill Cook BuickSecond Place
BEST REAL RECRUITMENT IDEA
O&E/HomeTown Job FairFirst Place
Special Career PagesSecond Place
BEST REAL DIRECTORY IDEA
New Home DirectoryFirst Place
Camp Corner DirectorySecond Place
Holiday Greetings, "All the Best to You" Third Place
BEST IN-HOUSE PROMOTION IDEA
"It's Your Move" First Place
"Now is the Time to Buy" Second Place
"Got Stuff" Third Place
BEST OVERALL CLASSIFIED SECTION
Sunday, March 26, 2000 edition Second Place
Thursday, March 23, 2000 edition Third Place

Entries were submitted based on circulation class, therefore there may be several first, second, third, and honorable mantion winners in the same category

Fees are \$60 for the first child

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For more information call Tim

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Smith at (313) 255-9408 or

Christine Morris at (313) 592-

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The Jan. 20 class is at the

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The Suburban Training Center

will hold Learn to Skate classes

leagues for all ages. Cost for a

these classes, call (734) 459-

10-week session is \$110.

under: 4-5 p.m.

SKATING CLASSES

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For further information, call (810) 362-3583.

SOCCER REGISTRATION The city of Plymouth Recre-

ation Department will take spring youth soccer registrations for the entire month of January from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the recreation office, located in the **Plymouth Cultural Center at** 525 Farmer.

Cost for 6-and-under, 7-andunder and 8-and-under players is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and above players the cost is \$50 for residents

For further information, call

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

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PINE TREE PLAZA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 001 99 0001 704 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Hannan Road Right-of-Way (Westland boundary) Note: This hearing is rescheduled from January 8, 2001.

five-session camp. Camper may choose to attend the Saturday or Sunday camp. and \$80 for non-residents. There will be a hitting camp (75 (734) 455-6620.

interested in playing roller hockey are available at Skatin' Station II, located on Ronda in Can-

ey session will be from 9:45 p.m.-11:45 p.m. Mondays. Cost is \$10.

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minutes in length), a catching camp (100 minutes in length) ROLLER HOCKEY ACTION and a pitching camp (90 minutes Several opportunities for those in length).

Staff includes OU head coach Mark Avery, assistant coaches

Class times are 9 a.m. to 1 Robays, and Erick Swanson, Aaron Shrewsbury and Mario p.m. but are limited to the first

your name, social security num-

ber and a check for \$43 made

payable to the Michigan Referee

Committee to 9115 Muirland,

For further information, call

Avery's All-Star Baseball

Camps, for ages 11-18, will run

five consecutive weeks starting

Jan. 13 or Jan. 14 at Oakland

University. Cost is \$215 for each

(734) 454-7335. Class size is lim-

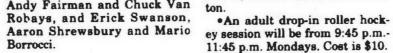
Plymouth, MI, 48170.

BASEBALL CAMPS

at Costick and Feb. 3 at Farm-Andy Fairman and Chuck Van

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



35 applicants. Total fee is \$58 -\$15 payable to Farmington Soccer Club and \$43, required on the first day of class, payable to the Michigan Referee Commit-

Arena. Birth certificates are 12 years of age. To register, send

ited.

Applicants must be over age 10. Minimum pay per game is \$13.

•A four-session class for training new soccer referees will be conducted from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on League has set dates to register successive Saturdays: Jan. 20, for the 2001 season. The league Jan. 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10. Those interested must attend all four classes.

Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Jan. Participants must be at least 20, and Feb. 3, at the Redford Ice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

> Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AND TAXING POWER OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM UPON THE NEW CONTRACT TO ALL ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS: HERERY GIVEN, that on Septe ber 12. 2000

writing or calling the following: David Medley, ADA Coordinator (734) 397-5435

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NEA 2BALL COMPETITION

The Livonia Parks and Recre-

ation will stage its NBA 2Ball

competition from 9-11 a.m. Sat-

urday, Jan. 20 at Livonia

Churchill High School. Registra-

To be eligible for the competi-

tion, co-sponsored by the Livonia

Junior Athletic League, players

must be at least 8 years-old and

no older than 11 on Jan. 1, 2001.

Separate age divisions for boys

and girls include ages 8-9 and

10-11. Winners advance to area

competition. Game rules are

available through Parks and

For more information, call

The Livonia Parks and Recre-

ation and Livonia Junior Athlet-

ic League hoop shoot competition

for boys and girls in grades 3-9

will be Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the

Frost Middle School main gym-

p.m., grades 3-4; 7 p.m., grades

5-6; and 7:30 p.m., grades 7-9.

Starting times include 6:30

Each participant will have two

minutes to make as many bas-

kets as possible from five posi-

For more information, call

The Redford American Little

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(734) 466-2410.

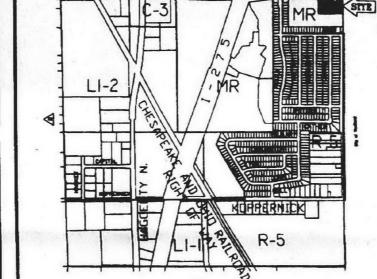
BASEBALL REGISTRATION

is for boys and girls 6-12.

(734) 466-2410.

HOOP SHOOT 2001

tion is the day of the event.



Tuesdays from Jan. 16 to March Hockey practice for anyone with league-required equipment will be held Wednesday's. Cost is 13. Each class is 30 minutes long once a week. There will be Snowplow Sam \$5. Sessions for ages 13-16: 4-5 p.m.; sessions for ages 9-12: 5-6 p.m.; sessions for ages 8-and-

classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters ages six and under as well as Adult Beginner classes. Skate rental in all sizes is available.

For registration information, call the center at (248) 888-1400. Enrollment is limited.

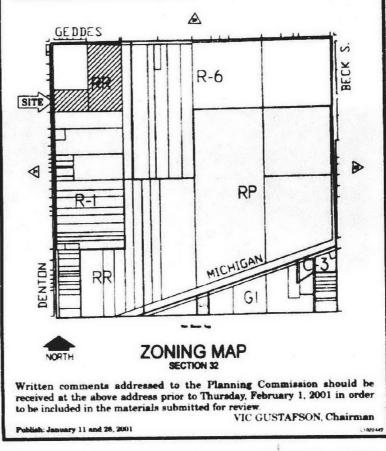
To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279

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KIME/OSBORNE/ARCHDIOCESE REZONING - CONSIDER RE-QUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 002 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, AND PARCEL NO. 126 99 0007 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2.5 ACRES +/-) AND R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (17 ACRES +/-). Property is located south of Geddes Road and east of Denton Road.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth adopted a resolution approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of a new contract between the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and the Western Townships Utilities Authority (together the "parties") pursuant to the provisions of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended, relative to the long-term lease, expansion and financing of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority to serve the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth.

PURPOSE OF NEW CONTRACT

The new contract when it becomes effective, will replace the parties' Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988 and provide among other things for the long-term lease and expansion of wastewater treatment facilities of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority ("YCUA") by the Western Townships Utilities Authority for the purpose of providing cost effective transportation and treatment of wastewater for the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth and for the issuance of new bonds by the Western Townships Utilities Authority (the "Authority") in principal amount sufficient with other available moneya, if any, to defray the cost of expanding said wastewater treatment facilities. The new contract as approved estimates the Authority's share of the total cost of expanding the wastewater treatment facilities of YCUA to be \$91,250,000 and also provides that the Authority may increase the cost of the acquisition and construction of such facilities in order to complete the same in accordance with the plans approved in the new contract and issue additional bonds therefor without further approval by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new contract also provides that the cost may be increased by variations or changes in the plans and paid for by the issuance of additional Authority bonds or in any other way agreed to with the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. The new bonds to be issued will be secured by the obligation of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due. This new bond obligation is in addition to existing bond obligations of the Charter Townships of Canton, North tille and Plymouth to pay the principal of the interest on existing bonds when due.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The new bonds to be issued by the Authority will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed ten percent (10%) per annum or the applicable rate allowed by State law and will mature over a period of not exceeding 33 years. The full faith and credit of the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth have been pledged in the contract for the making of payments to the Authority in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the new bonds as the same shall become due and for the payment of bond service charges incurred by the Authority. The shares of the Charter Township are based on these percentages of capacity in the the Charter Township are based on these percentages of capacity in the expanded YCUA wasterwater treatment plant: Canton-51.28 percent, Northville-22.17 percent and Plymouth-26.55 percent. Taxes levied by the Charter Townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth for the payment of their obligations to the Auth-rity will be subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations and the charters of the Townships.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON NEW CONTRACT

This notice is given by order of the Township Board to and for the benefit This notice is given by order of the Township Board to and for the benefit of the electors and taxpayors of the Charter Township of Plymouth and any other interested persons in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the new contract. The new contract will not become effective until the expiration of 45 days after the publication of this notice. If, within asid 45-day period, a petition signed by 10% or 15,000, whichever is the lesser, of the registered electors residing within the Charter Township of Phymouth is filed with the Township Clerk requesting a referendum upon the contrast, then such new contract will not become effective until approved by a majority of the electors of the Charter Township of Plymouth qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

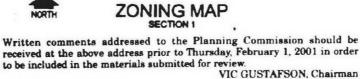
urther information relative to the subject matter of the new contract this notice, including the description and location of the facilities, may accured at the office of the Township Clerk where a copy of the new treat is available for examination during normal business hours.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL **Township Clerk** r Township of Plymouth

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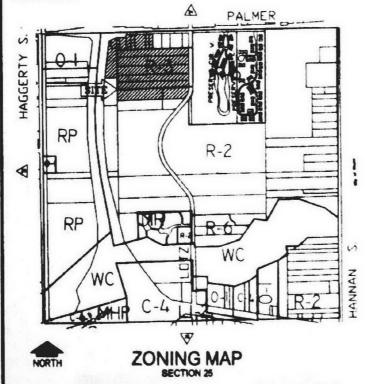
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ROBERTSON BROTHERS REZONING . CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0004 000, 098 99 0005 000, 098 99 0007 001, 098 99 0008 001, 098 99 0009 001, 098 99 0010 001, 098 99 0012 001, 098 99 0019 702, 098 99 0019 703, 098 99 0021 003, AND 098 99 0021 006 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL; AND PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0014 000, 098 99 0015 000, 098 99 0016 000, 098 99 0017 000, AND 098 99 0018 000 FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located west of Lotz Road south of Palmer Road



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HAGGERTY L.L.C. c/o LOC PERFORMANCE PRODUCTS, INC. TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001

On December 6, 2000, a request from Haggerty L.L.C. c/o Loc Performance Products, Inc. was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, requesting that an Industrial Development District be established, under Public Act 198, 1974, as amended. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments submitted prior to the January 23, 2001, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2001, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land being a part of the Northwest % of Section 25, and the Northeast % of Section 26, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as: commencing of the West corner of Section 25, and proceeding thence along the West Line of Section 25. North 01 degree 03 minutes 04 seconds West 637.39 feet to the centerline of Plymouth Road; thence along said centerline South 75 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East 50.31 feet; thence North 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 60.71 feet to the intersection of the northerly line of Plymouth Road and the westerly line of Haggerty Road, thence along the northerly line of Plymouth Road two courses: North 75 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West 305.45 feet and North 74 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 260.79 feet; thence North 15 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds East 611.70 feet; thence North 74 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 412.13 feet to the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway; thence along the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 04 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds East 347.65 feet to the Point of Beginning of the parcel herein described

Thence continuing along the easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 04 degrees 41 minutes 48 seconds East 148.27 feet:

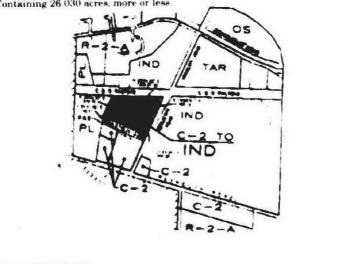
Thence continuing along said easterly line of the Middle Rouge Parkway North 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds East 572.70 feet to the southerly line of the C & O Railroad Right of Way

Thence along the southerly line of the C&O Railroad Right of Way North 89 degrees 24 minutes 30 seconds East 1266.21 feet to the westerly line of Haggerty Road

Thence along the westerly line of Haggerty Road two courses: South 19 degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West 402.12 feet and South 23 degrees 03 minutes 30 seconds West 806.00 feet:

Thence North 67 degrees 38 minutes 29 seconds West 1135.76 feet to the Point of Beginning.





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Pint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information of to make a reservation for an uncoming class.

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FISHING BUDDIES

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BASS ASSOCIATION

for more information.

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meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders

meets the third Thursday of each

month at the Knights of Columbus

Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock.

The Downriver Bass Association, a

6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of

every month at the Gander Moun-

tain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863

The School for Outdoor Leadership,

Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR),

a non-profit organization interested

in promoting the appreciation of out-

door activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on

(248) 988-6658 for more information.

the first Tuesday of each month at

the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call

non-tournament bass club, meets at

Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843

NUMBER OF AND STREET

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

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DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. embership meetings are held the Lest Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information con be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0410.

ETRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

etro-West Steelheaders meets at 730 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Leparoto 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 Livo-

nia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between STATE PARKS Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

(248) 478-1494 for more information. Maybury State Park, Proud Lake **Recreation Area**, Bald Mountain The Four Seasons Fishing Club Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recre-Wednesday of each month at the ation Area offer nature interpretive Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 programs throughout the year. A Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call state park motor vehicle permit is Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury **Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets** the third Tuesday of each month in call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. Rochester Hills. Meetings are open For programs at Proud Lake and to all anglers (boaters and nonboaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for Highland call (810) 685-2187. For

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(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.)

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

scheduled for Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston. "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 of Sashabaw 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-OCPARKS 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.

Mercy takes 1st; CC ties for 3rd

Farmington Hills Morey won its see straight Mount Brighton Division and most T day, this time in the giant slalom. The Marline had a team score of 22 points

finished well ahead of runner-up Brighton (20)

and third-place Okemos (61). Mercy had three of the top five skiers with Lis Eujala, Nikki Anderson and Nicole Zaleski So-ishing in third, fourth and fifth places with com-bined times of 30.62, 31.26 and 32.03, respective-

The rest of the team fared well, too. Laura Burek was 10th (32.96), Marcy Godlew 15th (34.38) and Melissa Desautel 28th (87.08).

A total of 54 skiers competed with Birming ham Groves (69), Howell (100), Birmingham Sea-holm (103), South Lyon (120), East Lansing (121) and Pinckney (130) sending teams.

Redford Catholic Central tied with Brighton for third place in the boys giant slalom race. Okemos won it with 40 points; South Lyon was

second with 45, and CC and Brighton had 46

CC's Matt Gable was the individual winner with a two-run time of 27.74. Teammate John Goebel placed ninth with a combined effort of 29,23.

Eric Sullivan was 13th (29.93) for the Shame rocks, Ryan Boudreau 23rd (31.50) and Bryan Kontry 45th (34.46).

The girls individual winner was Jamie Rhoades of Howell in 30.10, and the runner-up was Nikki Smith of Okemos in 30.36,

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COMMERCIAL FORECAST

The 10th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar runs noon through 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Pontiac Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, at the corner of Opdyke.

Speakers include Peter Linneman, professor of real estate, finance and public policy, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Doug Etkin. president of Etkin Equities; David Andrea, chief economist, CSM Worldwide; and Sean McCourt, president, Ford Motor Land Development.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For reservations, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

BOMA MEETING

Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors a breakfast program, "Keeping Your Building Healthy," 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2800, Southfield.

Panelists will address issues relating to measuring, testing and characterizing air quality of buildings.

Speakers: Terry Refai, concrete rehabilitation group manager, NTH consultants; and Charles Wirth, director of environmental health and safety, Innovative Environmental Solutions.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for nonmembers. To register, call BOMA at (248) 848-3714.

WORKSHOPS PREVIEW

Home Building Workshops presents a series of free previews of paid seminars it provides on a variety of topics.

Free introductory sessions are offered 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. her financial services team sponsor a free, no-obligation class for 20; 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Jan. 23, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 100, just Place Drive, Livonia. west of I-275, Livonia

Free introductory sessions also are offered 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21; 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1; and 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. The Building Owners and 3, at the Holiday Inn Select, Home Team Inspection; David

16000 Opdyke, Auburn Hills. Rieman, Farm Bureau Insur-For information or reservaance; Michael Rich, attorney; tions, call (800) 462-0899. April Wolters, financial planner;

and Firestone. For reservations, call (734) 420-9600.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Deborah Johnson of RE/ MAX Great Lakes and Mary Jo Wilson of Shore Mortgage host a free seminar for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the RE/ MAX Great Lakes office, 33966 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

To register, call (313) 387-Presenters: Ken Bertolini and 4561. Chuck Breidstein of NCI Associ-

REAL ESTATE LICENSE CLASS

A Real Estate Sales License class will be given 6-10 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 1-April 12 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Cost is \$225. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education. (734) 462-4448.

LICENSE EXAM CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class to help participants prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 5-14, at Riley Middle

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Cost is \$199, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. To register, call (734) 523-

9277.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www. NearMyHome. com More specific reports are

available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the **Community Associations Insti**tute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

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A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building **Owners & Managers Association** of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmembers

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories. include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

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Another loan company offers nothing-down mortgages

(PRNewswire) - Credit-worthy homebuyers can buy a home earlier than may have been traditionally possible with the help of a new fixed-rate mortgage product from Amcore Mortgage, Inc. that requires no down payment.

The firm was selected by Freddie Mac to participate in a pilot program launching the new product called the Freddie Mac 100. The program is appealing to both buyers and financial institutions.

"Most people can afford a monthly mortgage payment, but they have a hard time coming up with a down payment for their first home," said James Lukas, vice president and sales manager for AMCORE Mortgage. "This product gives homebuyers the chance to own a home, at a reasonable rate, with minimal costs and no down payment.

For example, a \$100,000 loan with an interest rate at 7.875 percent and 1.25 percent discount fee would result in a 8.873 percent APR (annual percentage rate), which would equal 360 payments of \$815.90. This calculation includes mortgage insurance

The product is appealing to financial institutions because it

is available only to credit-worthy borrowers, requires mortgage insurance, and is an "off-balance sheet product," meaning the loans are sold back to Freddie Mac, but serviced by the originating financial institution. "Many of the products available today that require no down payment are variable rate products that carry a higher interest rate that could keep increasing," said Nancy Moore, senior vice president. "This product is a 30-year fixed rate at a market competitive interest rate so there is no surprise for homebuyers later on if interest rates rise. The rate

stays the same for the term of the loan.

The Freddie Mac 100 is attractive to a wide variety of buyers with different needs. The logical group includes first-time homebuyers, but move-up buyers who do not want to tie-up all their equity in their home, are also be likely to be interested, said Moore. "Some people want to own a home and take advantage of the tax deductions for interest, so they don't want a large down payment requirement," she explains.

programs, the Freddie Mac 100 doesn't have any income or sale price restrictions. The requirements are that the borrower has a good credit history with no bankruptcies or foreclosures and two months of mortgage payments must be held in reserve. Borrowers must contribute three percent of their own funds to the transaction which can be applied to the reserve payments or closing costs.

This is a good product because it allows people to own a home with no down payment and Unlike other no down-payment reasonable, fixed rates," said

Lukas. "The risk of not being able to make a payment because of a higher interest rate kicking in after 24-to-30 months, isn't here.

AMCORE Financial Inc. has investment assets under administration of \$5 billion and banking assets of \$4.3 billion with 64 locations in Illinois and Wisconsin

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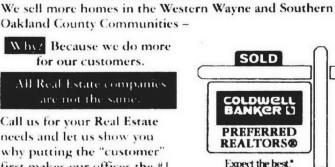


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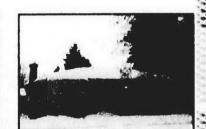
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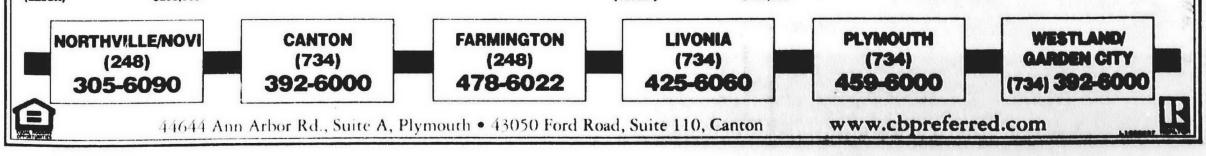
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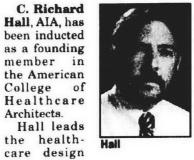


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Hall has a bachelor of architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University and a master of architecture degree from the University of Michigan. He's a member of the Michi-

gan Society of Architects, the American Institute of Architects and an adjunct professor of architecture at Lawrence Tech in Southfield.

Jerry Wenzel has been promoted to project superintendent

in the Livonia office of Clayco housing industry. Construction. He will oversee field operations.

Previously, Wenzel was a foreman for Clayco's Tilt-Up concrete group in St. Louis.

Melissa Graban, a regional property manager with PM One in Farmington Hills, has received the Chapter Presidents Glastar Award from the Property Management Association of Michigan for contributing to the betterment of the multi-family

Her management scope includes Cambridge Club Apartments, Country French Estates, Harbor Cove Apartments and Beach Club, Tae Keuk Village, Harbor Club South, Sutton Club Apartments and Fitness Center and Meadowbrook Commons.

PM One also received Glastar Awards for best newspaper ad (Northlake Village Cooperative, Garnd Rapids); best Web site (Villa Maria, Grand Rapids); overall star community (Benson Hills, Haslett); outstanding customer representative (Julie Kim, Wayne); and best two-bedroom floor plan (Silver Stone Homes, Lansing).

Gordon Holness, PE, chairman and CEO for Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit, was one of five leaders to receive recognition for affecting commercial real estate during the 14th annual University of Michigan/ Urban Land Institute Real Estate Forum.

Weekly mortgage rates decline, lowest in 19 months

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

dipped to 7.07 percent, down and was rising. In mid-May, the previous week. A year ago, the lowest since May 14, 1999,

according to a survey released by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

30-year fixed-rate mortgages mortgages stood at 8.15 percent week, down from 6.79 percent

five-year high of 8.64 percent. Fifteen-year mortgages, a pop-

ular option for refinancing, A year ago, the rate on 30-year declined to 6.74 percent last

percent.

This week's 30-year mortgage rates were the lowest since May 7, 1999, when they averaged 7.02 percent. The 15-year rates were

from 7.13 percent last week, rates on 30-year mortgages hit a 15-year mortgages averaged 7.73 when they averaged 6.71 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.86 the week before. Last year, one-

year ARMs averaged 6.60 percent. The rates do not include addIT'

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on fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan percent, down from 6.93 percent amount for all three types of mortgages.

You may no longer need to pay for private mortgage insurance

With mortgage interest rates at their lowest levels in almost two years, it's a great time to consider refinancing your home mortgage loan if your current rate exceeds 7.5 percent.

That's the advice of Chase Manhattan Mortgage, with offices in Bloomfield Hills.

While you're at it, Chase advises, you should also seriously consider eliminating private mortgage insurance if you currently have it through your lender.

If you bought your home with a small down payment, or at one time refinanced your home mortgage for more than 80 percent loan-to-value, you probably were required to buy private mortgage insurance, also known as PMI.

Private mortgage insurance protects your lender against substantial loss if you experience financial problems and can't continue making your mortgage payment.

What you may not realize, though, every month.

In recent years, borrowers have had a more affordable and advantageous alternative, the piggyback mortgage. A piggyback, also known as a blended mortgage, is a first and second mortgage combination.

is that in case of default, PMI protects the lender rather than you, the borrower.

If you default on your payments and the property is foreclosed and sold, the insurance company compensates your lender for the portion of the mortgage that couldn't be paid off with the sales proceeds.

You receive nothing, even though you paid the insurance premium check with your lender whether you can stop PMI payments.

(The answer is yes if you have at least 20-percent equity ownership value minus outstanding loan - in the property. That's a distinct possibility, considering rapid appreciation in value here.

(But you, as the borrower, have to take the initiative.)

In years past, borrowers with limited resources didn't have many options when it came to private mortgage insurance. Without this protection, many lenders wouldn't risk offering loans with less than 20 percent of the borrower's own equity in a home.

However, in recent years, borrowers have had a more affordable and advantageous alternative, the piggyback mortgage. A piggyback, also known as a blended mortgage, is a first and second mortgage combination

home. A second mortgage is then added for an additional 10-15 percent

of the value of the home. With this combination in place, the lender doesn't require that the borrower buy private mortgage insur-

The combined first and second mortgage monthly principal and interest payments are often less than the cost of the private mortgage insurance. Plus, the interest paid to the lender on both loans is tax-deductible. PMI isn't

In addition, the borrower will, in many cases, build up equity in the loan faster with a piggyback than if he had used private mortgage insurance

When refinancing, home owners can at the same time restructure their high loan-to-value mortgage that includes private mortgage insurance, to a first and second mortgage combi-The first mortgage is written for the nation, thereby eliminating the extra

(Even if you don't plan to refinance, conventional 80 percent value of the expense of mortgage insurance premiums.

> Don't confuse private mortgage insurance with mortgage life insurance, which is a different type of protection. Mortgage life insurance protects the borrower's estate by issuing a benefit upon death that pays off the outstanding amount of the loan.

> And don't be in a rush to do anything - except maybe see if you can stop PMI payments.

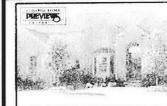
> Before refinancing, have the lender calculate what the savings actually will be considering closing costs and points paid to receive a more favorable rate.

Refinancing might not make sense if you plan to move soon.

Also, a regular term life insurance policy may provide more protection at less cost than a mortgage life insurance. Check that out, too.



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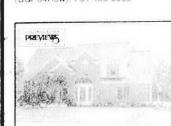


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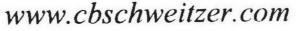


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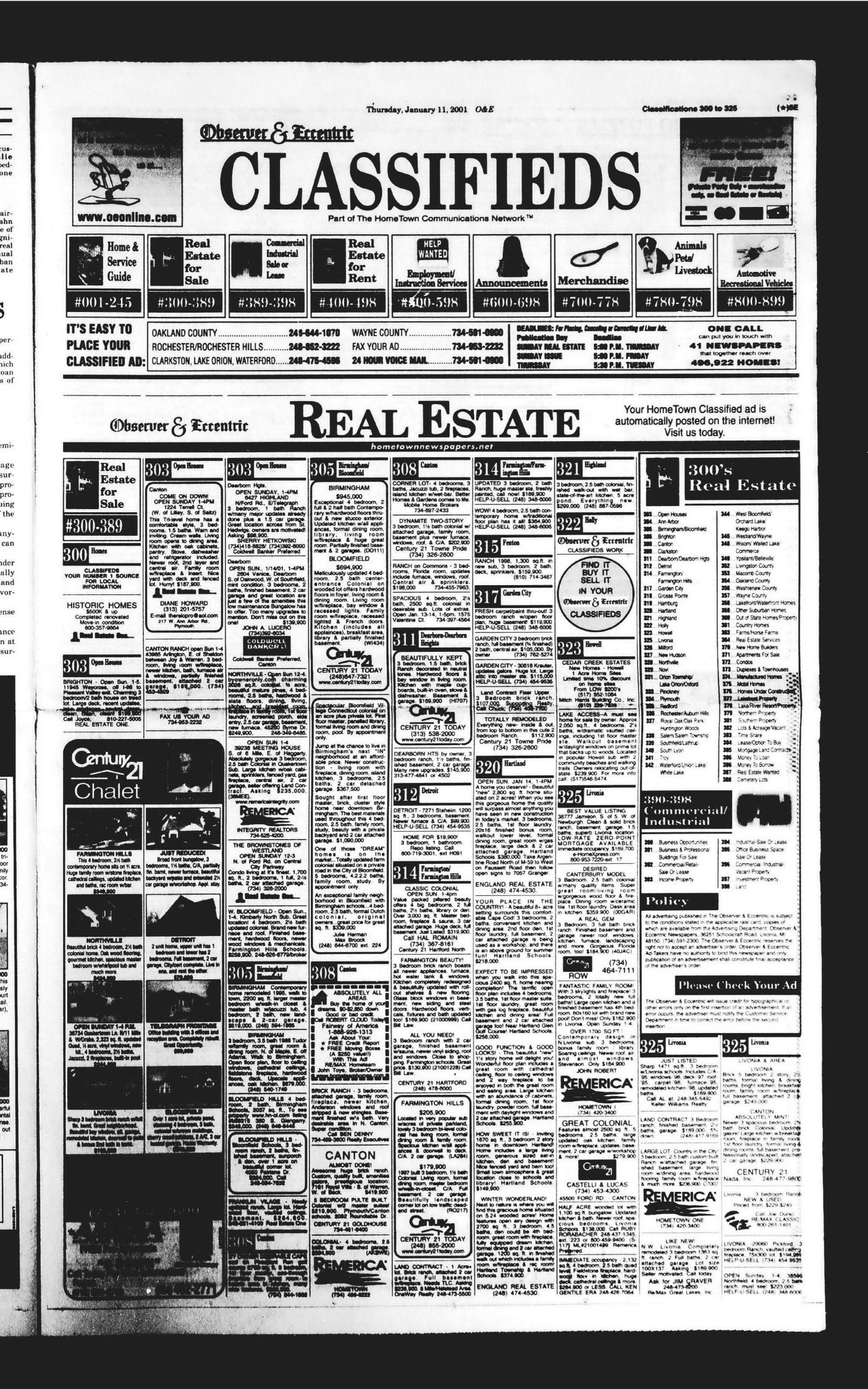


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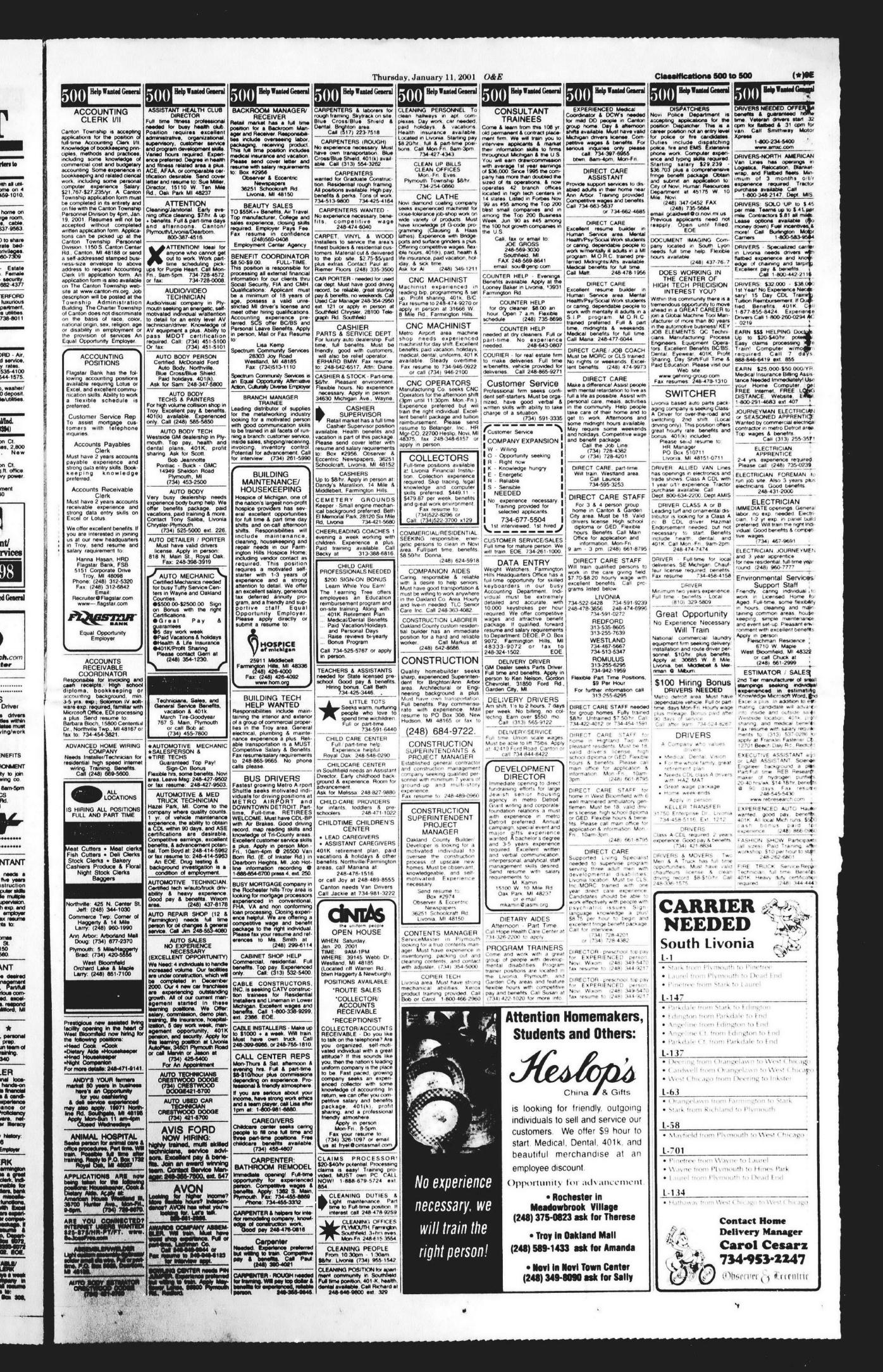
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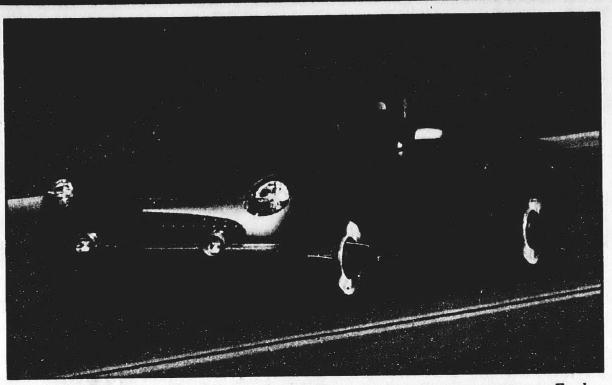
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Auto manufacturers are expected to introduce more than 50 concept vehicles to the world at this year's North American International Auto Show. Here are a few of the ones we already know about.

Audi Steppenwolf

The Steppenwolf shows how Audi engineers visualize a high-performance, allround vehicle designed for on- and off-road driving. It comes with a 3.2-liter V6 rated at 225 horsepower engine. Its electronically-controlled Haldex clutch distributes power between the front and rear wheels. If the front wheels slip, part of the torque is put to the road smoothly via the rear wheels. In addition, the "Electonic Differential Lock" distributes torque between the wheels on one axle.

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The show tops itself every year

Some 50 manufacturers are expected to display more than 700 vehicles, including more than 50 concept vehicles, at the 2001 North American International Auto Show beginning Saturday at Cobo Center in Detroit.

More than 800,000 people are expected to attend the show, contributing \$500 million in economic impact to the Detroit area.

The NAIAS organizing committee is expecting major news and product introductions from Nissan, Mitsubishi, Honda, Toyota, Mercedes Benz, BMW and Volkswagen. These were confirmed during "off season" visits with original equipment manufacturers in California, and recently at the Paris Motor Show.

Beginning in November, more than 1,500 carpenters, stagehands, electricians, Teamsters and ironworkers were employed full time (12-14 hour days; some double shifts) to build the displays.

Times have changed, so has the show: Fifteen years ago the "Detroit Auto Show" could be built in four days. Exhibits continue to go skyward. More than 20 twolevel exhibits, and one three-level exhibit (Volkswagen),

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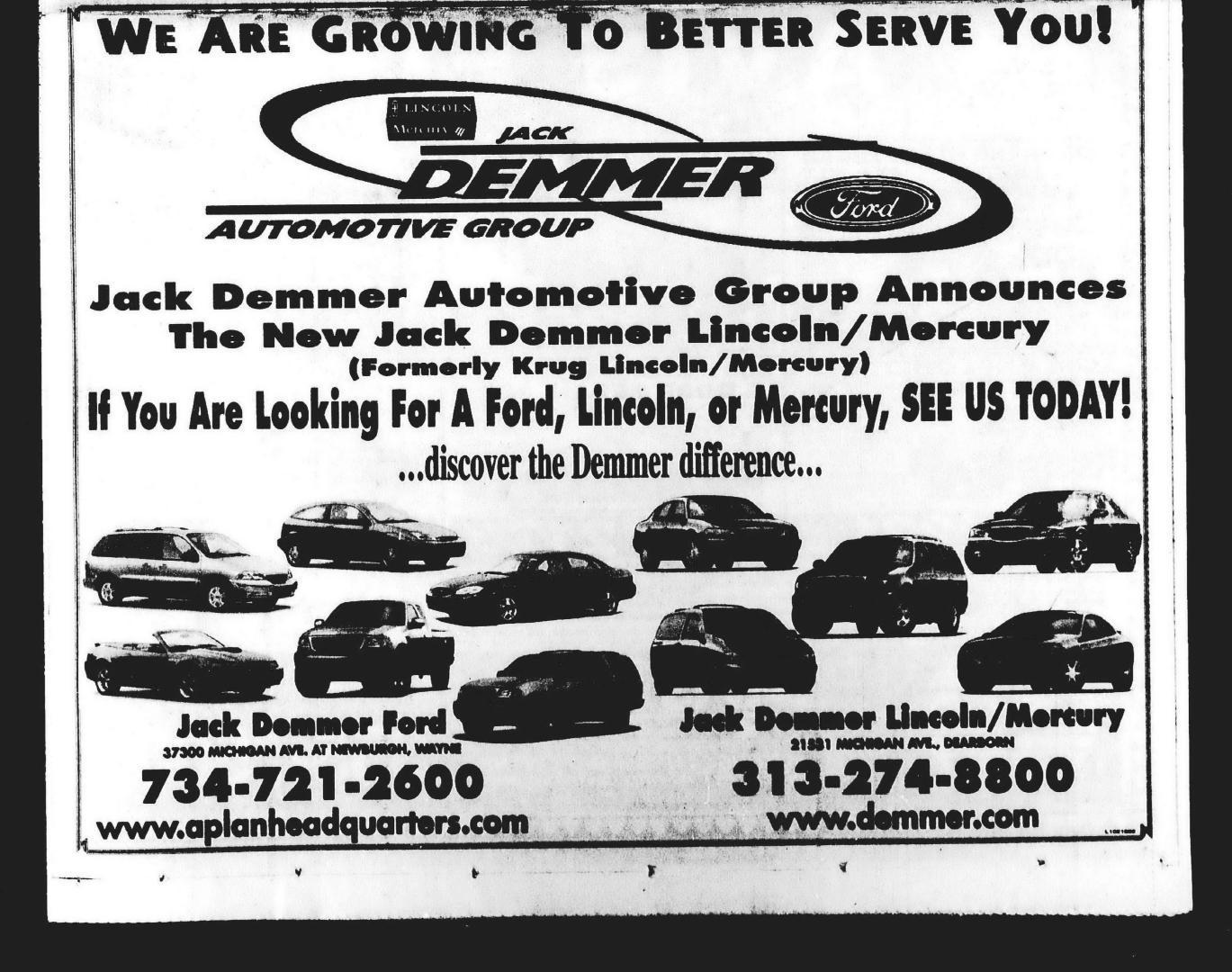
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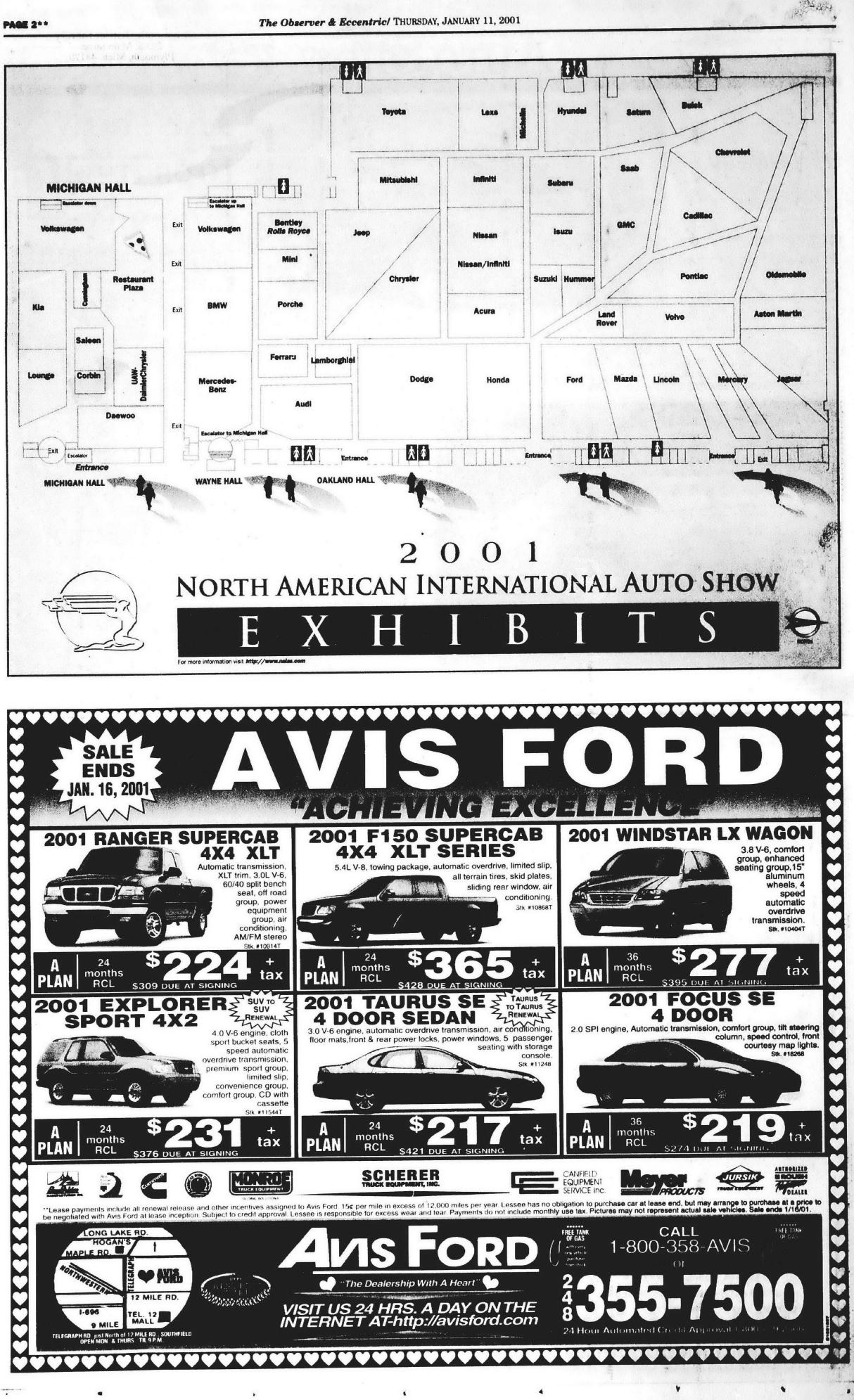
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Hours:

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, through Saturday, Jan. 20. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21.

Admission: Free for people up to age 12 (when accompanied by a parent), \$10 for people age 13-64 and \$5 for people age 65 and up.





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and a five-valve V6 mill with twin turbochargers. Standard equipment includes 10-way power sports seats for driver and front passenger, including electric lumbar adjustment and lockable head restraints, a fullyautomatic climate control system with sun intensity control and pollen filter, heated driver door lock, leather-wrapped steering wheel and full-size spare tire. Suggested retail price: \$40,500.

Audi S8

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The S8's aim is to blend a high-performance sports car with a luxury sedan. The car has an all-aluminum "Audi Space Frame" and a five-valve, 360horse, 4.2-liter V8 mill. Changes for increased performance began with the optimized intake paths, a new two-stage variable intake manifold and newly developed camshafts with modified valve timing. To transmit this power, the S8 uses an electronicallycontrolled five-speed automatic "Tiptronic" transmission with "Dynamic Shift Program" and hill detection capability. Suggested retail price: \$72,500.

BMW M3 ragtop

This open variant of the M3 coupe is a sporty four-seater with an electrically-operated soft top. It will enter the market in spring thereby rounding out the M3 offerings. The ragtop features the agile handling of a sports car as well as the newly designed M3 inline six-cylinder engine developing 333 horsepower. The previous engine of the M coupe and the M roadster will also be replaced by the new sixcylinder high-performance M engine, developing 315 horsepower, an increase of more than 30 percent from the previous 240. With this power increase, the new M coupe and M roadster will reach 60 mph from rest in even less time than the previous cars' 5.1 and 5.2 seconds respectively.

Ford Thunderbird

After teasing show-goers with the concept version two years ago, Ford unveils for the first time the production version of the 2002 Thunderbird that goes on sale this year. The new T-bird is a thoroughly retro design,

looking as it does almost exactly like Thunderbirds of the late '50s and early '60s. However, the new T-bird is a modern car underneath. It will be equipped with a 3.9-liter V8, a five-speed automatic transmission and be built in Wixom.

Buick Rendezvous

Buick's first truck-based vehicle in 80 years combines the best features of SUVs, premium sedans and minivans in one package. It will be available for sale in late spring.

GMC Envoy

The four-door 2002 Envoy (also available as Chevrolet Trailblazer and Oldsmobile Bravada) features an all-aluminum, 4.2-liter, fourvalve/cylinder, dual overhead cam V6 mill producing 270 horsepower. The transmission is GM's Hydra-Matic 4L60-E, a four-speed, electronically-controlled transmission noted for its smooth operation, precise shifting and performance across the torque curve.

GM also designed the vehicle for comfort and convenience, hence the dual-zone climate control system that allows driver and front seat passenger to select their own individual temperature settings. Also available is a Bose stereo system and a system that remembers exactly how you like to adjust your mirrors, seat, heat and stereo. Envoy is the only SUV in its class to offer OnStar as a standard feature. This system features a cell phone connection to destination guidance, remote unlocking of doors, emergency assistance and concierge services.

"Our goal was to develop a vehicle that is definitely an SUV, refined yet rugged, larger and more spacious yet tailored to be easy to maneuver, smooth to ride in and not intimidating," said GM chief vehicle designer Bill Davis in a press release.

Look for the Envoy in GM showrooms by the end of March.

Land Rover Freelander

Land Rover hopes to increase its North American sales by 50 percent with the introduction of Please see **PRODUCTION**, 9



Low rider: The Audi allroad (manufacturer's lack of capitalization) is an all-wheel drive station wagon featuring a four-level, hight-adjustable pneumatic suspension that provides up to 8.2 inches of ground clearance for offroading and 5.6 inches for highway driving.



Coming soon: Land Rover hopes to increase its North American sales by 50 percent with the introduction of the Freelander, a small sport/utility vehicle, as a 2002 model in the fourth quarter of this year.

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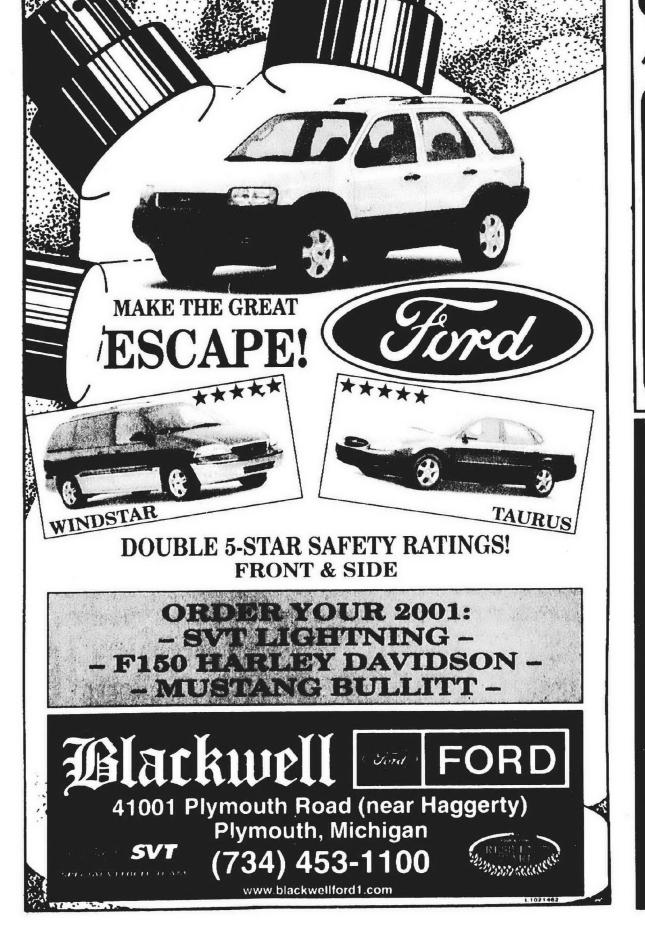
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BMW X5 HP

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The X5 HP, a high-performance version of the X5 Sports Activity Vehicle, will debut in Detroit. It is powered by a 4.6liter V8 developing 347 horsepower. The four-wheel-drive vehicle reaches 60 mph from standstill in less than 6.5 seconds and has a top speed of more than 149 mph.

BMW Z9 convertible

The Z9 is the result of BMW's attempt to make driving easier instead of more complicated. Engineers used the interior control concept of "iDrive" to enable the driver to perform a variety of functions intuitively so his attention is not diverted from the main task at hand. The basic concept was presented in the Z9 Gran Turismo at the Frankfurt Auto Show in 1999.

Buick Bengal

This sleekly sculpted roadster has a convertible top, a hidden rear seat, a 3.4-liter V6 generating 250 ponies and voice activated controls and sound system. The Bengal owes its roadster proportions to its "wheels forward" architecture. The sixspeed automatic transmission is packaged behind the engine to allow the wheels of the front-drive Bengel to be pushed to the far corners of the car.

Cadillac Vizon

The Vizon continues the art and science theme of previous Caddy concepts. A cross between a SUV and sport-performance station wagon, the Vizon features the same sharp edges as the concept Evoq and Imaj. Vison's four-passenger interior features leather seating with integrated heating and cooling. The "infotainment" system includes a DVD player and built-in video screens. The driver's reconfigurable display panel allows for tailoring information that appears on the instrument panel. Vizon is powered by a 4.2-liter V8 Northstar mill driving a five-speed automatic transmission.

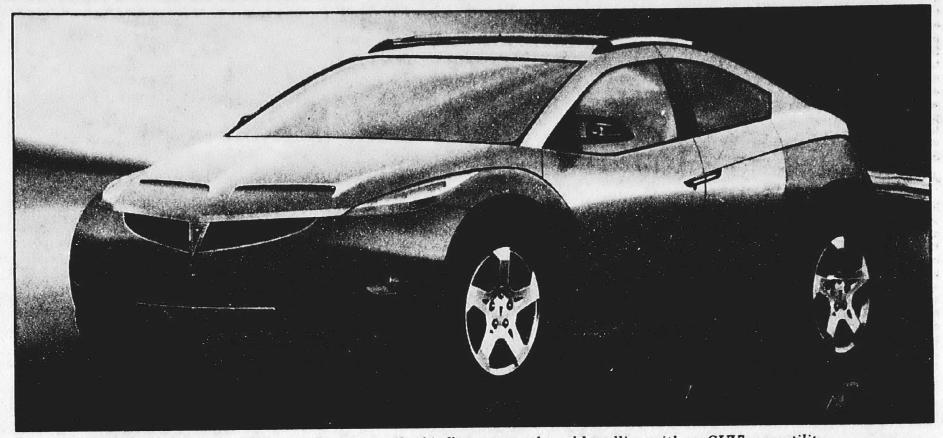
Chevy Borrego

The marketing department describes the Borrego as "a rugged and fun sports adventure vehicle that just happens to be practical for commuting." A reconfigurable mid-gate behind the front seats shifts backward into the cargo area to make room for two more passengers. An all-wheel drive, H-4 drivetrain is borrowed from GM's alliance partner, Subaru. The car also has a built-in air compressor and water tank.

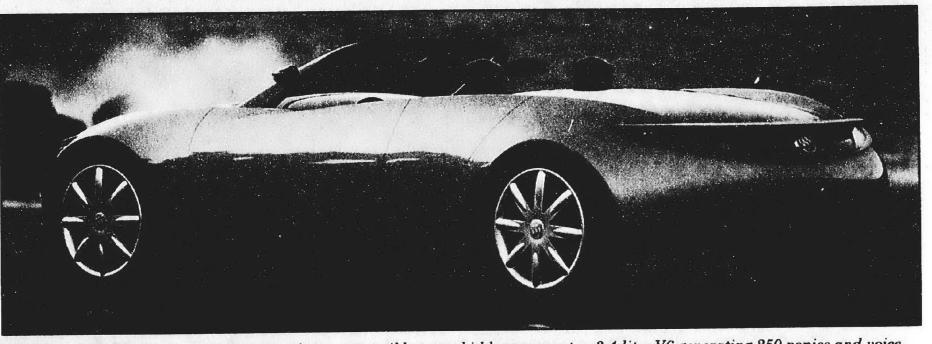
Ford 49

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The Ford 49 custom coupe, based on the 1949 Ford, features an all-glass upper body structure with concealed pillars and windshield wipers. A cantilevered, bench-style front seat is power -actuated. A floating center console runs the entire length of the interior, giving the impression of four-passenger bucket seating. The engine is a 3.9liter double overhead cam, 32-valve V8. The engine bay is finished in satin black; stainless and chrome metal finishes throughout.



Start me up: The Pontiac Rev concept is supposed to blend a Firebird's torque and road handling with an SUV's versatility.



This tiger roam: The Buick Bengal concept has a convertible top, a hidden rear seat, a 3.4-liter V6 generating 250 ponies and voice activated controls and sound system.



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GMC TerraCross

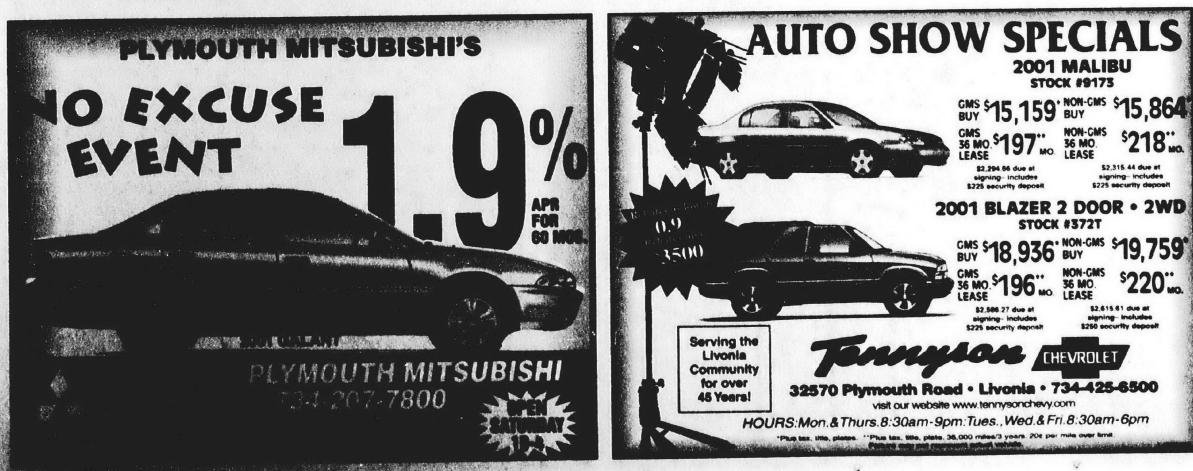
The TerraCross is a sport utility vehicle, a pickup and a five-seat convertible. The roof's three glass segments can be moved electronically to various positions. The panels can stack atop each other, opening two thirds of the roof length for an open-air experience. Or the segments can slide forward to create an open cargo bed. Inside, the front passenger seat swivels, allowing the interior to transform into a conversation pit for tailgating. An integrated laptop computer with a cellular modem allows the front-seat passenger to log onto the Internet while on the road. A Sony "Memory Stick" on a keychain fob stores digital music downloaded from the Internet.

Hummer H2

The first concept vehicle from Hummer provides a look at what the future of this high-end sport/utility vehicle could be.

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Take me back: The Ford 49 custom coupe concept car, based on the 1949 Ford, features an all-glass upper body structure with concealed pillars and windshield wipers.





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"This is not a re-do of the Hummer," said Clay Dean, design manager of GM trucks. "It's an exercise that shows what might grow and sustain the brand."

The H2's styling takes its cues from the Hummer production vehicle, but cleans up the surfaces, using fewer exposed rivets and fasteners, for example. The H2's windshield is raked more, to improve aerodynamics, but to the naked eye still retains the upright, aggressive appearance of the production vehicle.

The front end includes an integrated winch, and a large brush bar that moves in tandem with the hood for easy, one-step access to the engine. There are multiple hooks on the front and rear, for pulling and hauling, along with high-intensity headlamps, fog lamps and auxiliary driving lights mounted on the brush bar. Planted in the hood are thermostat-controlled articulating louvers for engine ventilation. Two exposed canister air cleaner filters are on the hood, one for providing cool air to the engine and another for clean air to the passenger compartment.

Powering the H2 is GM's 6.0liter, high-output VORTEC 6000 V-8. It's mounted longitudinally, and mated to a heavy-duty fourspeed automatic transmission with AutotracTM four-wheel drive, which the driver engages via levers rather than the usual push-button.

Isuzu GBX

Designers in the California studio of Isuzu drew inspiration for the GBX from the stagecoach. The GBX features a tall cabin, short overhangs, tall tires and wheels with eight spokes and a high step-in, aided by modern steps that electrically lower. Doors open like a clam shell with no pillar between front and rear seats. A third-row seat is removable, and a roof of folded canvas may be rolled back. On the outside, the GBX's structure is exposed. The skeleton cage serves as a design element as well as a safety structure. In back, the liftgate features a door within a door. The small door allows for loading objects without raising the liftgate. The door contains a tool chest with fold-down shelves The

twin-intercooled, twin-scroll turbocharged 315-horsepower mill linked to an "Active Control Transfer" variable torque allwheel drive system and 19-inch wheels. Yet the car accommodates four adults in a teardropshaped coupe configeration or two passengers and a full load of cargo.

Mitsubishi ASX

ASX stands for "Active Sports Crossover," which Mitsubishi takes to mean sports sedan handling, international style, fulltime four-wheel drive and stretch-out room for five adults. Technical features include an advanced cruise control system and the Mitsubishi "Multi-Communications System" that includes on-board navigation capabilities.

Oldsmobile 04

The 04 is designed for young drivers who want a convertible with European flair but also want to bring their friends. Oldsmobile designed the small, sporty four-seater with Bertone Design Studio in Italy. The chassis and 1.8-liter turbocharged mill are borrowed from Opel. Twin targa tops made of strong, lightweight carbon fiber snap off and are stowed behind the rear seats. The rear window retracts into a space behind the rear seats, leaving behind a targa airfoil. Inside, the 04 features an "Information Ring" around the steering column, which replaces a traditional instrument panel and center console with a single point for important driver information.

Pontiac Rev

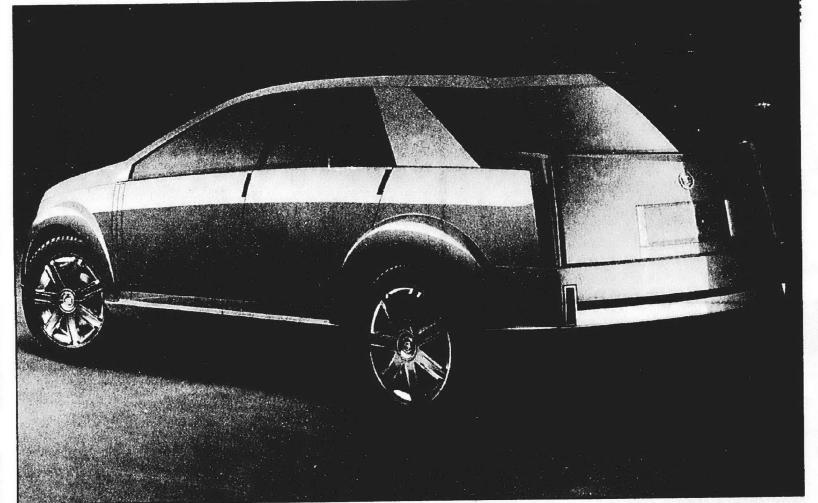
Blend a Firebird's torque and road handling with an SUV's versatility and you've got the Pontiac Rev, sayeth GM. The Rev's power comes from a 3-liter V6 at 245 horsepower and allwheel-drive. Among the innovations are a reconfigurable instrument panel display, a rear cargo compartment with dropping end-gate for lower loading and headlights that track with steering.

Porsche Carrera GT

The Carrera GT, currently in testing, is expected to be introduced as a production vehicle in



Visions of Hummer: The first concept vehicle from Hummer provides a look at what the future of this high-end sport / utility vehicle could be.



that provide a workspace. The GBX is powered by Isuzu's Duramax diesel.

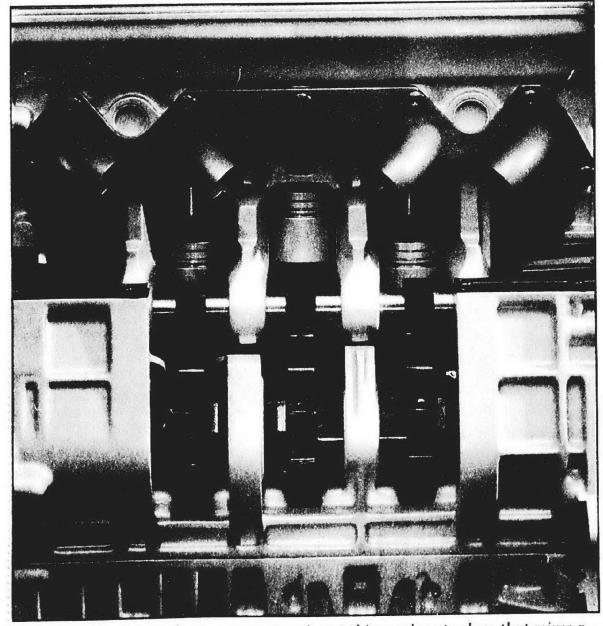
Mitsubishi RPM 7000

The concept behind this car is the question, "Why can't a high performance sports car be practical enough for everyday use?" With day-glow metallic anodized orange paint inspired by red-hot exhaust manifolds, the RPM 7000 features a large diameter, '03. The open-cockpit car features a mid-engine V10 displacing 5.5 liters. And it goes like the dickens, accelerating to 60 mph in four seconds and topping out at more than 200 mph.

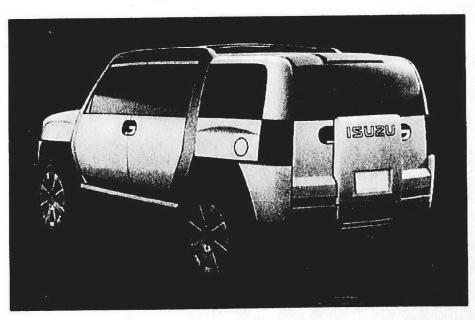
Others

Other manufacturers bringing concept vehicles to the show include Acura, DaimlerChrysler (4), Honda, Mazda and Volkswagen.

Vizon quest: The Cadillac Vizon concept is a cross between an SUV and sport-performance station wagon.



Saab story: Saab introduces a concept engine at this year's auto show that mixes a large volume of exhaust gases into the combustion process, reducing fuel consumption by up to 10 percent and exhaust emissions enough to comply with California emission restructions due to take effect in '05.



Keep them doggles rolling: Designers in the California studio of Isuzu drew inspiration for the concept GBX from the stagecoach.

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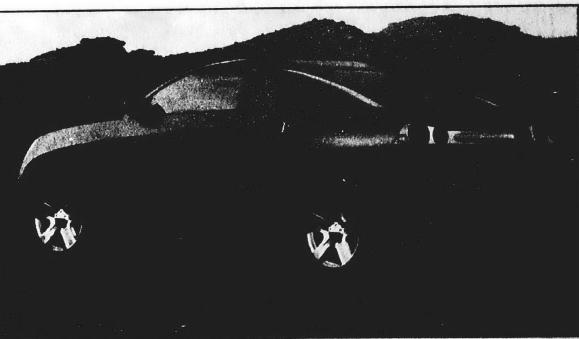
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Spring into Borrego: Chevrolet's concept Borrego features a reconfigurable mid-gate behind the front seats that shifts backward into the cargo area to make room for two more passengers.

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this small sport/utility vehicle as a 2002 model in the fourth quarter of this year. The vehicle will be offered as a five-door model with a price below \$30,000. Freelander is the first Land Rover in history to combine unibody construction with a fully independent suspension. The result, sayeth the marketing department, "is an ideal combination of ride and handling both on- and off-road." Powering the vehicle is a 2.5-liter, 24-valve, double overhead cam V6 developing 175 horsepower.

Lexus Sport Coupe

Although the vehicle you see in Cobo will be a concept car that made its worldwide debut at the 1999 Tokyo Motor Show, a production version will go on sale later this year. The reardrive SC 430 has a retractable hardtop and a 4.3-liter V8.

Mercedes-Benz coupe

Having just introduced its new 2001 C-Class sedans in the U.S. last fall, Mercedes will show the sporty two-door coupe that will go on sale next fall. The C-Class coupe sold in the U.S. will have a 2.3-liter supercharged engine, the same one that powers the SLK roadster. The coupe can be distinguished from the sedans by its high rear end with an integrated spoiler that provides aerodynamic downforce for stability at cruising speeds and a tinted panel between the rear lights.

Saturn Vue

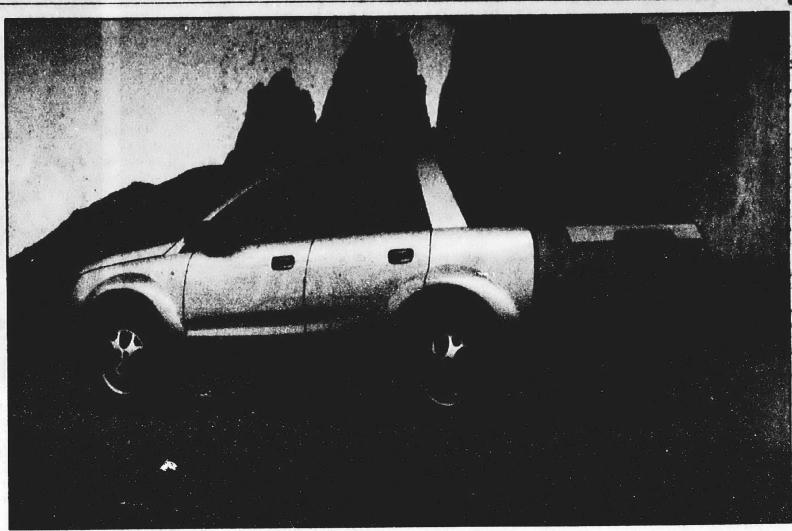
The Saturn Vue, an all-new sport utility vehicle for 2002, was introduced last October in Miami and will continue to make new friends this week in Detroit.

The Vue incorporates Saturn innovations like space-frame construction and dent-resistant polymer bodyside panels, and introduces new features like a continuously-variable transmission, electrically-assisted power steering. Engine choices include a 138-horsepower, twin-cam, four-banger, or a 181-horse dualoverhead cam V6. Front-wheel drive is standard: Four-wheel drive is an option.

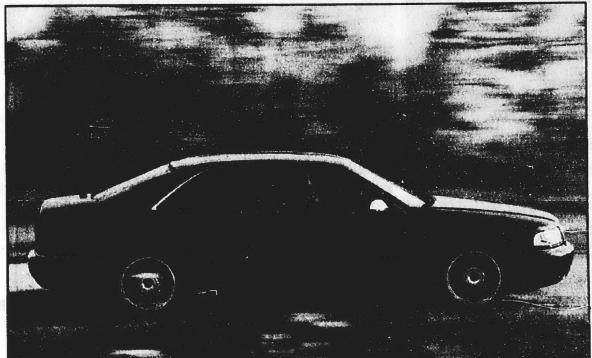
The Vue is expected to be available for sale at Saturn dealerships this fall.

Volkswagen Passat

VW will show four new production cars headed for the American market. The cars include the redesigned 2001 Passat, a station wagon version of the Jetta and two special edition models; the Beetle Sport and Jetta Wolfsburg Edition. The revised version of the Passat goes on sale early this year. The midsize car has been redesigned inside and out to include a comprehensive equipment package and elegant instruments. Its body rigidity has been stiffened for increased comfort and crashworthiness.



Vroom with a Vue: Saturn's first SUV, the Vue, is expected to go on sale in the fall. The Vue incorporates Saturn innovations like space-frame construction and dent-resistant polymer bodyside panels, and introduces new features like a continuously-variable transmission and electrically-assisted power steering.

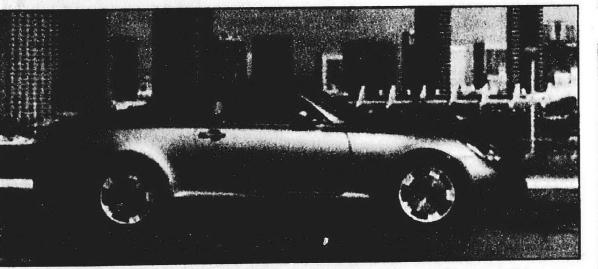




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Classy chassis: The Audi S8 is a high-performance luxury car with an all-aluminum "Audi Space Frame" and a five-value, 360-horse, 4.2-liter V8 mill.



On the horizon: The Lexus SC 430 will go on sale later this year. The rear-drive car has a retractable hardtop and a 4.3-liter V8.

Buzz, **buzz**: The Corbin Sparrow is a single-passenger, three-wheeled electric vehicle has a top speed of 70 mph and a range of 40 to 60 miles per charge It plugs into an ordinary 110-volt electrical outlet and fully recharges in six hours (three hours with a 220-volt system). Standard features are power windows, parking brake, seat belt, directional signals and 4-way flashing hazard lights, hydraulic disc brakes, rear view and side mirrors, windshield wiper and washer. Suggested retail price: \$14,900.

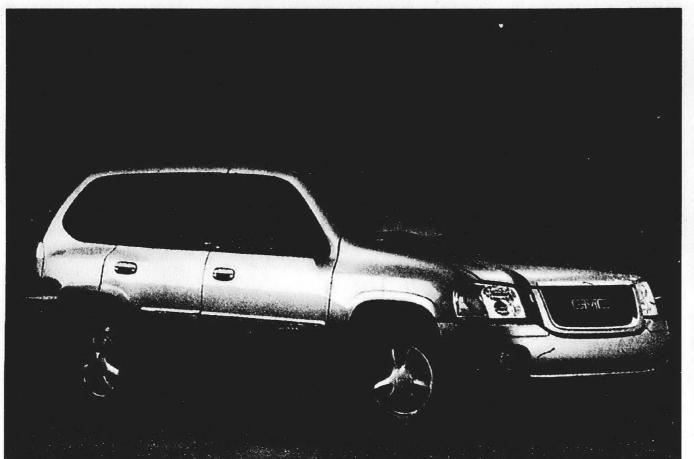


Bring the kids: The new Audi S4 Avant is a station wagon version of the S4 Sedan.

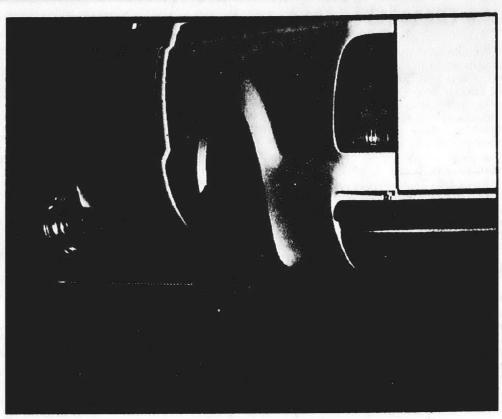


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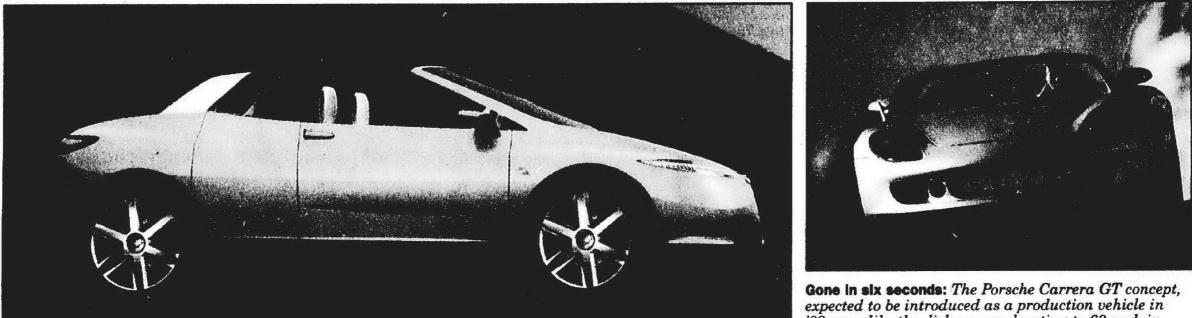
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Another SUV: GMC's four-door 2002 Envoy (also available as Chevrolet Trailblazer and Oldsmobile Bravada) features an all-aluminum, 4.2-liter, four-valve/cylinder, dual overhead cam V6 mill producing 270 horsepower and will be available for sale in March.



One good turn deserves another: Four-wheel steering is expected to be available on full-size GMC trucks in the 2002 model year. The "Quadrasteer" system, designed by Delphi Automotive Systems of Troy, reduces the minimum turning circle diameter by an average of 20 percent, GM said. The system operates in three ways. At lower speeds the rear wheels turn in the opposite direction of the front wheels. At moderate speeds the rear wheels remain straight. At higher speeds the rear wheels turn in the same direction as the front wheels.



Italian style: The sporty, four-seat Oldsmobile 04 concept was designed by Bertone Design Studio in Italy.

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Ford's auto show exhibition

Livonia company enhances

Marketing changes, acquisitions and affiliations at Ford Motor Co. have kept the folks at Livoniabased Exhibit Works busy as they modified the 2year-old Ford display for the North American International Auto Show.

Major changes include:

A new Land Rover display. (Ford bought Land Rover from BMW in July.)

■ A revamped Mazda display featuring cars hanging from the walls.

A showcase display for the new Ford Thunderbird.

A computer "piazza" in place of last year's "drum" that contained a theater.

All told, the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Jaguar, Volvo, Land Rover and Aston Martin display occupies 130,000 square feet of the Cobo floor. It is second in size only to GM, which owns 160,000 square feet.

Anchoring the new Mazda display are three historic Mazdas hanging from brackets that Exhibit Works has built into the wall. The cars (a '67 Cosmos, '78 RX-7 and '91 race car) weigh no more than 3,000 pounds, but Exhibit Works designed the brackets to handle up to 10,000 pounds, said Exhibit Works Vice President Michael Thoresen. "In true Exhibit Works fashion, we build the stuffing out of everything."

Ford goes out of its way to emphasize brand identity and even nationality, Thoresen said. Ford wants Mazda to be thought of as a Japanese car, Thoresen said, and Exhibit Works has added touches such as using bamboo in part of the display to reinforce that image.

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will be featured this year. There are 53 brand exhibits at the show.

Double deckers add another 106,000 square feet to Cobo's 750,000 square feet for a total of 860,000 square feet of exhibit space.

The largest exhibit is "The GM Experience" featuring all GM brands over 165,000 square feet.

More than 100 vehicle turntables, including many interactive ones, will spin at the show.

Auto show exhibits, theatrical lighting and sound equipment will use enough electricity to power a 360-home subdivision in California for six months.

An estimated 2,000 truckloads of material were brought into Cobo Center and enough carpeting to line a sidewalk from Detroit to Lansing.

NAIAS 2001 celebrates its 13th year as an international event. Ford is expected to make its biggest splash at this year's show with the debut of the production Thunderbird. Six of these cars (in six colors) will be displayed on Ford's bridge, including the concept Thunderbird that was last seen here two years ago.

The Land Rover section of the Ford display fits neatly into the corner where Suzuki was last year. Thoresen, who had the opportunity to take a Range Rover off-road last summer, said it is the real deal in all-terrain travel. Although he concedes that most Range Rover owners won't test the vehicle's potential as much as he did. "Unless they miss the driveway, they rarely take the thing off the road," he said.

Erecting the display at Cobo is a 10-week job. During that time, the display is moved from warehouses in Livonia to Cobo in 212 truck loads.

The Exhibit Works Ford two-story display premiered at the 1999 Detroit show and has traveled around the country and around the world since. All that packing and unpacking takes a toll, and Exhibit Works personnel spent countless hours in the last three months polishing, repairing and modifying the display for the 2001 show.

The exhibit contains 200 tons of structural steel, eight semi-truck loads of plywood, 3,000 square feet of brushed and stainless steel, 2,800 square feet of rusted metal (for the flooring in the truck section), 2,000 square feet of mountain green river and gray honed slate, 6,000 square feet of European beech, 8,000 square feet of tinted green glass, 1,170 square feet of glass flooring, a reflection pond and more than 70 video monitors.

European luxury and performance vehicles will again grace the NAIAS, including Rolls Royce, Bentley and Buggatti, Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini and Qvale.

Visiting manufacturer executives from around the world are expected at NAIAS 2001, including Toyota President Fujio Cho, Honda CEO Hiroyuki Yoshino, Nissan President Carlos Ghosn and American Suzuki President Rick Suzuki.

The public can expect more interactive exhibits, more theatrical events, and more useful information. The R.L. Polk Company will once again display five high-tech, information and interactive kiosks called "Auto Trend Centers" around the show floor. Unique surveys will be presented to media, suppliers and the public. Answers will immediately be fed to an on-site information-processing center, then prepared for release to the media.

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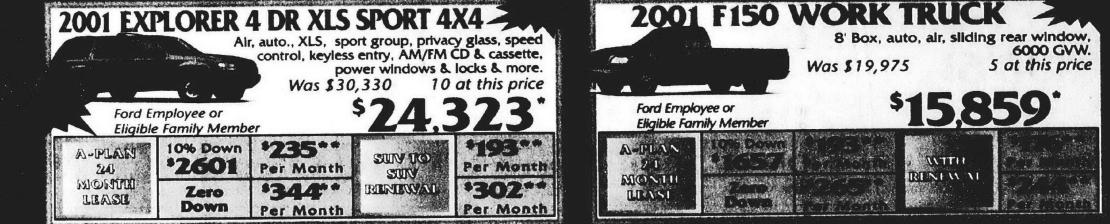
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