

IN THE PAPER TODAY

ENTERTAINMENT

Big job: Putting on a Broadway-style musical is never easy especially when dancing across the stage as Sesame Street's Big Bird. /B1

Childhood magic: Marcy Heller Fisher, who has wished every child could experience the magic of Marshall M. Fredericks sculpture like she did when growing up, has written a book relating those experiences. /B1

AT HOME

Comforting: Stews, casseroles and hot cocoa are examples of what is called "comfort food," something that nourishes and nurtures, warming the spirit as well as the body. Now there's comfort furniture. /C1

HOMETOWN LIFE

Cookie time: Pour yourself a glass of milk and get ready to dunk! Girl Scout cookies sales are well underway Girl Scouts are out in force through Jan. 20, going door-to-door taking orders for cookie favorites, like Thin Mints and Caramel deLites. /C5

REAL ESTATE

New year: How many have you wished someone a happy and healthy New Year? Well, if that someone works in residential real estate sales, you could have saved your breath. /E1

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WTC, Booher top 2001's stories

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The Mayflower project ebbed, then flowed. The city and township both got new police chiefs. There was an election, with all its requisite hoopla, and several successful festivals made Plymouth a hopping place.

All of those local stories would compete for the year's top news story in a normal year. But thanks to terrorist Osama bin Laden, 2001 was no ordinary year, and bin Laden's destruction hundreds of miles away from here still ranks as Plymouth's top story of 2001.

Here's a look at the top 10.

1. The World Trade Center — No one from Plymouth died in the tragedy, but it still affected everyone in ways previously unimaginable. Surely it will rank with other tragedies as one of those questions easily answered, "Where were you when?"

Locals leaped to the rescue, along with people around the country. School-age kids held fund raisers, civic groups collected money and goods and some people even made it to Ground Zero to help family members of the thousands who died in the collapse of the twin towers.

2. Fifth time's the charm — In a process that frequently resembled a Chinese fire drill, the Plymouth City Commission finally got its man in the city manager's seat — on its fifth try.

After offering the job left vacant by the departure of Dave Rich to four other candidates, the commission finally chose to give it on a permanent basis to Paul Sincock, the longtime director of municipal services and assistant city manager.

After the four rejections, commissioners agreed to give Sincock, a 22-year veteran of the city, a clause in his contract that allows him to go back to municipal services for a year if he's removed as city manager.

3. Top cops — The city and township took different routes, and found their men in widely different places while coming up with new police chiefs.

Longtime Plymouth cop Wayne Carroll was appointed late in the year by Sincock to replace the departed Steve Hundersmark, who left the chief's post just a few months after Tom Miller, who left just six months after replacing the retired Bob Scoggins.

In the township, Supervisor Steve Mann went on a nationwide search for a replacement for Larry Carey, and found one in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Tom

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Time for prayer: NorthRidge Church opened its doors following the World Trade Center disaster for people looking for a place to pray or gain spiritual guidance. STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Budgets, buildings highlight school year

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Maybe Kathleen Booher, the superintendent of Plymouth-Canton schools, should have worked in Hawaii, where *aloha!* means both goodbye and hello.

Booher very nearly said goodbye this year, found a ton of community support and instead decided to stay, earning the status as the top story from the school district in 2001. Here's a look at the top 10.

1. Booher nearly leaves — Citing unnamed, outside forces as detractors from her ability to do her job, Booher told the school board in October she was job hunting. Her dissatisfaction centered around what she called interference from "former school board members," and actually turned into a criminal investigation into the telephone and e-mail actions of former board president Mike Maloney. No charges against Maloney were filed.

Buoyed by the support of dozens of community leaders and many more citizens, Booher decided a few weeks later she would stay to finish a job she'd started about 18 months earlier.

2. Budget deficit looms — While painting a fairly rosy financial picture for the upcoming year at spring budget sessions, the Plymouth-Canton school board projected the district would be in red ink by the 2004-05 school year.

Fund balance projections showed a \$10 million balance in 2002-03 but a \$3.6 million deficit in 2003-04 and another \$5.3 million in 2004-05, throwing the district into deficit status.

The figures don't reflect the \$6.1 million the district has set aside from the Durant lawsuit settlement, which is earning interest in a separate fund.

3. Upgrades would cost millions — An architectural study showed it would take more than \$100 million to bring the district's school and administrative structures up to par.

Upgrades at Central Middle School

alone would take about \$17 million, while an entirely new building could be had for about \$22 million, according to analysts. The other three middle schools — West, East and Pioneer — would take a combined \$18.2 million to renovate, the report said.

Miller Elementary would be the most expensive to upgrade, at a cost of about \$4.4 million. However, the architects suggested converting the school into an early childhood center.

The study led to a plan of action put forth by Booher at the board's fall retreat, during which she suggested changes to the Talented and Gifted Program and the "repurposing" of Central Middle School, among other things.

4. Race rears its head — In an article questioning the reasons for celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Salem senior Chris Mackinder prompted a racial debate that eventu-

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Big move: Now that the 150-year-old copper beech tree has been moved, the priority becomes caring for it in its new home.

With tree moved, care becomes top priority

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When Bryan Williams, owner of Worldwide Tree Moving in Oxford, sits back and reflects on moving the 150-year-old copper beech tree on the Wilcox property in downtown Plymouth, he's very candid.

"I was so in over my head I couldn't see the sky," said Williams in an interview nearly two weeks after the Plymouth landmark was moved 150 feet to make way for a multi-million dollar condominium project. "When I took on the project, I was hoping I could do it, but I wasn't sure how."

Williams had expertise in moving

trees in Texas that were 24 inches in diameter, weighing about 120,000 pounds. However, those were like toothpicks compared to the copper beech, which is 56 inches in diameter, and weighs more than three times the smaller trees.

Williams also ran into another problem. His expertise in moving trees was to be combined with that of a partner who had the machinery to do the job. However, that relationship soured, leaving Williams to take on the project himself, with a lot of guesswork tossed in with his knowledge. "I had never moved a tree this size, and I didn't

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Cupid, candy, candlelight and the Red Wings

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Ahh, romance we all need it, sometimes a little, sometimes a lot. History is full of couples who were famous for it: Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet, Sir Lancelot and Queen Guinevere, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston.

Pitt and Aniston? Only time will tell.

Now's your time to make history. Love is in the air. Cupid is ready to draw back his bow and let his arrow go straight to your lover's heart. And the Observer Newspapers wants to help.

In honor of Valentine's Day, we are sponsoring a "Lessons in Love" contest. We want you to describe in 100

words or less a dream romantic evening for two. The big night will take place Friday, Feb. 8. We can't promise you an evening in Paris, but we can come pretty close.

■ Two tickets to Red Wings game
■ Dinner for two at Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills

■ Transportation compliments of International Limousine in Westland
■ Candy from Kemnitz Fine Candies & Gifts in Plymouth

■ A dozen red roses from Flowers from Joe by Carolyn in Livonia

Sorry, you'll have to buy the fancy duds, tip your hair stylist and pay the baby-sitter, a small price for romance.

One more thing, you don't have to be a famous poet like Elizabeth Barrett Browning ("How do I love thee?

Let me count the ways") or a Rocky Balboa ("Adrian!") to express your love in unforgettable words. You simply have to write your best version of a romantic evening for two.

Now for the rules. They're simple. You must be at least 18 years old, limit your entry to 100 words or less, and send your Lessons in Love entry to us by Friday, Jan. 25. And, of course, you must be very romantic.

The winner will be announced Thursday, Jan. 31. Send entries to Cathy Young, Lessons in Love Contest, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, phone (734) 953-2155.



Madonna's Sr. Francilene dies

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The Livonia community lost one of its most prominent citizens with the passing of Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, former president of Madonna University, shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Sister Francilene died at 11:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, surrounded by friends and family in the Felician Sisters convent. She was 60 years old and in her 43rd year of religious life. She died of pancreatic and liver cancer.

"She was a magnificent leader who touched the lives of so many people," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. "She was just one of those individuals of great talent and drive. Livonia is just a bet-

ter place because of her."

Sister Francilene, who had led Madonna University through 25 years of growth and development, was the university's fifth and longest-serving president. During her administration, enrollment more than doubled from 2,000 in 1976 to a record high of 4,436 students in 1992. Academic programs grew to include 50 undergraduate majors and 18 master's programs.

The campus expanded to include a \$4.5 million library, Kresge Hall, the Educational Development Center and the acquisition of DiPonio Building and the Maertens Building.

Public perception of Madonna was permanently changed in 1991 when Madonna College was renamed Madonna University.

The name change, while reflecting what Madonna had become through program devel-

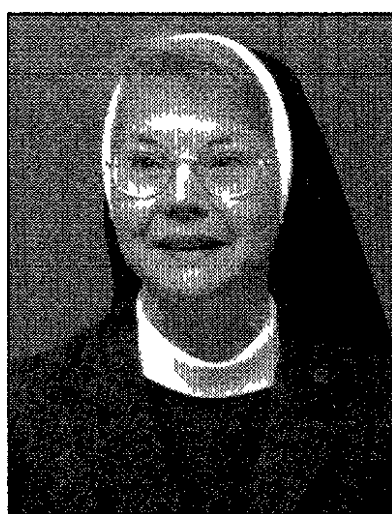
opment and campus expansion, was a by-product of Sister Francilene's leadership style. She "really listened" to her administrators and faculty regarding new programs, said Andrea Nodge, director of marketing and public relations at Madonna.

"Then she used her leadership and got them to a point where that (the name change) happened."

Her legacy

A native Detroit, Sister Francilene was the eldest of six siblings. She entered the order of the Felician Sisters shortly after graduating from the Felician Academy in 1959. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Madonna College and her master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University. She pronounced her final vows in 1967.

Her accomplishments have



Sister Francilene

been many.

A national study of college presidents in 1987 identified her as one of the country's 100 most effective college presidents. The same year, Michigan's sesquicentennial milestone, she received one of Michigan's 150 First Lady Awards.

In 1998, she received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award, the highest honor presented by the Lions Clubs International Foundation in recognition of community and humanitarian efforts.

She also received distinguished service awards from the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the Michigan Colleges Foundation.

Visitation will take place 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, in the Felician Sisters Motherhouse, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia. From 5:30 p.m. visitation will be in the chapel. The funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4. Any donations in memory of Sister Francilene should be made to the Felician Sisters Retirement Fund.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Essay contest

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is once again looking for a few good writers.

The Civitans are accepting entries for their annual essay contest, sponsored each year to encourage students to study the "time-honored and time-tested privileges and responsibilities of citizenship and, from their knowledge, to express in writing ideas which relate to good citizenship in the modern world."

Any student under the age of 21 enrolled as a full-time student in any high school — public, private or parochial — in which the Civitans are sponsoring the contest. All high schools within the Plymouth-Canton School District boundaries are eligible to be competing schools.

Local awards include \$300 for first place, \$200 for second and \$100 for third place. Deadline for entry is 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12.

The essay shall must be at least 500 words, but no more than 1,200. It should be neatly typed double spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. Writers should consider how a "Global Citizen" should view social structures, economic systems, cultural expressions, political systems, environmental issues, technology and information systems and personal involvement.

Essays should be submitted in three copies to Mr. Thompson in the Canton English Department. For more information, call him at (734) 415-7168.

Johnson Controls

Residents in the southwestern corner of Plymouth Township and the northwestern corner of Canton Township may want to mark Monday, Jan. 21 on their calendars. That's when the seven member Salem Township planning commission will meet to hold a public hearing on rezoning 361 acres for a new headquarters for Johnson Controls, Inc.

Johnson Controls' automotive operations, currently on Halyard in Plymouth Township, could move to the site — a move that is opposed by the Plymouth Township Board and its supervisor, Steve Mann.

Johnson Controls is a global market leader in automotive systems and facility management and control. For non-residential facilities, Johnson Controls provides building control systems and services, energy management and integrated facility management. Johnson Controls, founded in 1885, has headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis. and had sales for 2000 of \$17.2 billion.

The rezoning request would change agricultural-residential land into research/research applications (RRA) usage. The large site is between Napier Road and Gotfredson Road, south of the M-14 freeway and north of Joy Road. It would abut Napier.

This is the first of many steps for the company, rezoning requests must also go to the Washtenaw County economic development group, and then back to the Salem Township trustees.

Following rezoning various site plans would also go through approval processes.

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ally led to measures to increase tolerance and understanding of diversity at the educational park

5. Redistricting — It took planners the better part of a year, but they came up with a plan to redraw elementary boundaries to accommodate the opening of the new Dodson Elementary School in Canton

The new boundaries caused shifts for 757 of the district's 7,700 elementary students, and left Dodson with a first year enrollment of approximately 553 students

6. Central as a political football — Prompted by a campaigning city commissioner and a local tabloid newspaper, what to do with Central Middle School moved from non-issue to political football after Booher suggested "repurposing" the building

The debate became a staple of some campaign rhetoric, despite the fact school district officials never suggested they wanted to sell Central

7. Band leader heads west — Well, sort of Popular and successful Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Director Dave McGrath left the district for a job in Texas He eventually spurned that opportunity, as well, and wound up in the Walled Lake school district

Under McGrath, the P-CEP Marching Band won a national championship in 1999

8. Arbitrator rules — An arbitrator ruled late in the year the school district erred in ordering teachers to remove displays featuring gay issues from West Middle School and Salem High School

The arbitrator ruled the school

district owed a written apology to teachers Mike Chimento and Tom Salbenblatt, who put up the displays in the Fall 1999 They were ordered removed by then interim superintendent Ken Walcott

9. Schools go better with Coke — The Plymouth Canton School District and Coca-Cola inked a deal that extended Coke's exclusive rights to vending machines in the high school complex that will net the district more than \$1 million

10. New high school — The newest high school in the P-C district is being rushed to completion in time for opening in August Principal Michael Bee tells the school board during a recent tour the school, located at Joy and Beck roads, will feature an open design and state-of-the-art technology

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Tiderrington, who spent 21 years in Fort Lauderdale, much of it as an undercover detective, was sworn in in November

4. Johnson Controls seeks greener pastures — Johnson Controls is the second-largest taxpayer in Plymouth Township But perhaps not for long

The supplier, which provides batteries, seating and interior systems, needed more space and acquired an option to buy 360 acres in Salem Township

Only Visteon pays more taxes to the township

5. Mayflower wobbles (financially), but doesn't fall down — The Mayflower project and its developer, John Vincenti, saw its share of financial difficulty in 2001, but all indications are the project has righted itself and should be complete some time next year

The financial wobbles of Tri-Mount Vincenti kept workers on the project stalled for months However, work resumed when Vincenti found a partner, and the structure has now been enclosed Panera Bread and Starbucks appear set to be the first two occupants to sign leases

6. 'Tis the (election) season — The 2001 city election season was volatile, even by Plymouth standards

In the primary, incumbent Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur

finished out of the top four, although she made the general election ballot with her fifth-place finish Meanwhile, political watchdog Jerry Vorva finished fourth, and newcomer Phil Pursell finished first

Then came several recall attempts, all filed by Vorva, targeting Mayor Dave McDonald and Pobur All were rejected by Wayne County elections officials

But then the city put the wrong instructions on their absentee ballots, leading to a court challenge by candidate Dennis Shrewsbury A judge eventually allowed replacement ballots to be counted, and another incumbent, David Byers, became a victim, finishing out of the money in the general election

7. Here comes 'da judge — Pushed every step of the way by State Rep Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton), the House and Senate passed legislation creating a third judgeship for the overworked 35th District Court, which serves Canton, both Northvilles and both Plymouths

Judges John MacDonald and Ronald Lowe handle an average of more than 22,000 cases each year, nearly double the state average

8. Promoting Plymouth — As is the case every year, 2001 saw its share of successful festivals and fairs, bringing thou-

sands of people to Plymouth

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Art in the Park, Fall Festival and Chili Fest all returned with their usual flair In addition, the Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Community Arts Council staged successful, well attended concert series in Kellogg Park

9. Township gets a DDA — Fueling a desire to beautify the Ann Arbor Road corridor and finish a project some 10 years in the making, Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann and the Board of Trustees agreed to create a Downtown Development Authority along the road from I-275 to Sheldon

The township had hoped the City of Plymouth would join the DDA, but city commissioners late in the year decided to opt out Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara persuaded county commissioners to stick with the project

10. A tree moves in Plymouth — After months of waiting in suspended animation, the 150-year-old Copper Beech tree on the Wilcox was moved 150 feet to make way for the development of the Wilcox project

The Wilcox Foundation will hire a Michigan firm to provide aftercare

Tree from page A1

have a method of moving it that was proven," he said

Williams began his efforts in the summer, but it wasn't until he was able to rent three large bulldozers that the copper beech was finally moved to its current resting place "Once I got the proper equipment, then it took less than a week to move it," he said

With the knowledge he's learned from moving the copper beech, Williams said "I could probably do it for half the cost in the future, and move it in a week"

He's now urging the Wilcox Foundation, which paid \$35,000 to move the tree, and D&P Ventures, developers of the of the property, to take the needed steps to insure the life of the copper beech The Wilcox Founda-

tion is considering a three-year, \$10,000 contract with Action Tree in West Bloomfield

"We would be checking the soil, feeding it and monitoring the health of the tree," said Adam Camden of Action Tree "Without the aftercare, it will never survive"

Camden said some work has already been done to help the tree for the winter, but notes earnest care must begin in the spring

Williams said smaller trees can be moved for as little as \$2,400 He's on a crusade to convince developers and city planners that moving trees is a better alternative than destroying them in favor of new subdivisions

"Let's try to save the flavor of communities, instead of putting

in 3-4-inch (diameter) trees," said Williams

"Developers say it will cost them more money But, moving trees is more cost effective, because they can get more money for lots with mature trees," he added "Moving them is a proven method that can save trees from becoming wood chips"

OBITUARIES

JOHN W. MOEHLE

Services for John Moehle, 74, of Plymouth will be held Friday (Jan 4) at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home with Sanford Burr officiating Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth

Mr Moehle was born Sept 12, 1927 in Chicago and died Jan 1 in Ann Arbor He received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in engineering and his master's degree from the University of Detroit in management He was an engineer at Ford Motor Co He also worked for Booth Newspapers, Giffels Engineering, and at Martin Marietta with the space shuttle program He was a former Plymouth-Canton School Board member, former Plymouth City Commissioner, past president and member of the Plymouth Historical Society, and past business manager and board member of the Plymouth Symphony Society He came to the Plymouth community in 1959 He was a loving father, grandfather, and brother He was actively involved in the Plymouth community

Mr Moehle was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dr Jane K Moehle

Survivors include son, William W (Barbara) Moehle of Rochester, N.Y., daughter, Elizabeth M (Theodore) Johnson of Plymouth, grandchildren, Theresa, Catherine, and Marianne Moehle of Rochester, N.Y., and brother, Raymond (Karen) Moehle of Barrington Ill

Memorial contributions may be made to Schoolcraft College, Livonia, Michigan

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

NILA MAUDE GILBERT

Services for Nila Gilbert, 92, of Canton Township were held Jan 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Paul Schaeffer officiating Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia

Mrs Gilbert was born May 14, 1909 in Terre Haute, Ind and died Dec 29 in Westland She was a homemaker Mrs Gilbert and her late husband, Norman, had been married for 70 years She came to the Westland community in 1993 from Plymouth, having lived in Plymouth for 40 years She was a member of St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth for over 43 years She also was a member of the Ladies Aid Society at church She enjoyed fishing and swimming at their cottage and loved playing cards and Scrabble

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, three brothers, and two sisters

Survivors include nephew, William E (Abby) Martin of Canton, niece, Shirlee (Ken) Verge of Mt Vernon, Wash., and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews

Arrangements made by Schrader Howell Funeral Home

JEAN A. ALLAN

Services were held for Jean Allan, 76, of Plymouth (formerly of Dearborn) on Dec 31 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev Thomas Badley and the Rev Barbara Welbaum officiating Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham

Ms Allan was born Feb 17, 1925 in Dearborn and died Dec 28 in Westland She was born and raised in Dearborn and graduated from Dearborn High School in 1943 She was past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star Dearborn Chapter No 421 Ms Allan was also a member of Dearborn First United Methodist Church After graduation she started as a comp-operator with the then New York Central Railroad She worked her way up to private secretary and retired from Penn Central Railroad in 1985 In 1978 she moved to Plymouth and attended Plymouth Chapter No 115 of Eastern Stars In 1979 she joined Newburg United Methodist Church and the Sunshine Seniors of Livonia Ms Allan was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club She enjoyed golfing, crafts (after returning she took up stained glass) and was an avid traveler

She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Allan

Survivors include sister, Arlene W Allan of Plymouth, and several cousins

Memorial contributions may be made to Newburg United Methodist Church

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

VALERIE C. SCHUBY

Services for Valerie Schuby, 64, of Canton were held Jan 4 at St Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev C Richard Kelly officiating

Mrs Schuby was born Oct 4, 1937 in Detroit and died Dec 31 in Canton

Survivors include son, Mark (Constance) Schuby of Ann Arbor, daughters, Mary Jane (Curt) Swanson of Canton and Trish (Harold) Fair of Canton, brother, John Smith, sisters, Marilyn Tokarz and Elaine Smith, and six grandchildren

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers

Plymouth school board made the right choice

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday filled the position left vacant when Steve Guile went seeking city-manager pastures in Beaverton, and they filled it in fine style

We liked their choice — longtime committee member Marcy Staley — and we liked the way they did it, with a forum-style interview where nine (count them, nine) candidates answered questions from the board

All nine candidates brought excellent credentials, including one former board member (Roland Thomas), one former school board candidate (Fred Libbing) and two Chamber of Commerce biggies (former president Michele Ruppel and president-elect Phil Sugg)

That the vacancy drew so much interest is encouraging, considering interest in school board activities, including the annual election, is generally minimal

around here Perhaps the publicity brought about by the situation surrounding Superintendent Kathleen Booher generated some interest in the vacancy, perhaps the events of Sept 11 have heightened people's senses of duty

No matter the reason, the results are a positive for the district It would have been difficult for the board to make a mistake in its selection Monday night The only problem we see is that the selection of Staley gives her an advantage over others who might want to run in June, but that's our concern, it shouldn't have been the board's The board had one over-riding responsibility to get the right person

Marcy Staley is smart, she knows the school district inside out and she should make a solid addition to the board In other words, she's the right person

We're slinging some hearts, darts at targets

As we begin a new year, it is time to take a measure of the old In the annals of American history, 2001 will not go down as the age of interplanetary exploration as once envisioned by Arthur C Clarke and Stanley Kubrick

It will be remembered instead, as a year of terror, war and economic displacement But like all years, 2001 had its share of good and bad heroes and villains, joys and sorrows

Here we present our Hearts to the best and our Darts to the worst of 2001

Hearts to all the organizations, groups and people who found their humanity touched and goodwill stirred by the horrible events of Sept 11 The collections of money, teddy bears, blood and even just expressions of support have been and continue to be truly inspiring

Darts to the auto companies who are forcing major cuts in employee benefit packages — higher deductibles, no more 401K contributions, etc — and, we fear, leading other companies down that thorny path Will a further, deepening economic slide mean more and more uninsured people? And, will that lead us more quickly toward federal health care?

Hearts to Maj Steve Hull and his crew at the Plymouth Salvation Army, for the incredible work they do, not just during the holiday season, but in their year-round efforts

Hearts to Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock for providing stability during a hectic year

Darts to those who tried smear tactics during the campaign season, rather than simply going forth on the issues

Hearts to both Sincock and Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann for landing the right police chiefs — longtime Plymouth cop Wayne Carroll in the city, and native Detroiter and transplanted Floridian Tom Tiderington at the township

Hearts to state lawmakers, prodded by Rep Laura Toy (R-Livonia), and Clarenceville school officials helping to push lawmakers to remove the ban on cell phones to be carried in schools, allowing discretion for local school officials, more local control and better connections between parents and kids

Hearts to Kiwanians, Rotarians, Lions, Masons, Goodfellows and anyone else we might be forgetting for their good deeds

Darts to the court system that threw a monkey wrench into Michigan's high school sports scheduling system, all in the supposed name of fairness In reality, it seems the true motivation is scholarships But isn't sports about participation? And won't the result of this ruling mean fewer students will be allowed to participate? Either that or spending on school facilities will balloon

Hearts to freshman state Rep Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) Anderson took his legislative experience from the Westland City Council and applied it well, being highly accessible to constituents State Rep Jim Plakas (D-Garden City) has also been highly visible, most recent-

ly speaking at the Garden City Chamber of Commerce December luncheon

Hearts to State Rep Bruce Patterson (R Canton) who led the push to get a third judge for the 35th District Court, which services Plymouth, Plymouth Township Canton Township Northville and Northville Township Current judges in the court handle an obscene number of cases in a given year and the help will be welcome

Hearts to Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann for doing what he said he would do in his campaign How often does a politician try to keep his election promises?

Darts to our friends at Your Community Crier in Plymouth for promoting checkbook journalism by offering \$10,000 for dirt on city employees (fortunately, with no results)

Hearts to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara on the near completion of the new midfield terminal and other improvements at Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport The terminal has rightly been named in his honor

Darts to Gov John Engler and the state legislature for devastating cuts in state funding for schools and municipalities While the decline in state revenues makes cuts inevitable, the broad brush approach will leave many hurting and doesn't properly address needs

Hearts to local school officials who are at least considering the possibility that starting school at the crack of dawn may have a negative effect on high school students We hope they dig a little deeper than just the lateness of the hour — it's possible that kids who stay up until 1 a.m. studying because they've worked all evening or are over-involved in activities would benefit more from a class in setting priorities than in an extra hour of sleep

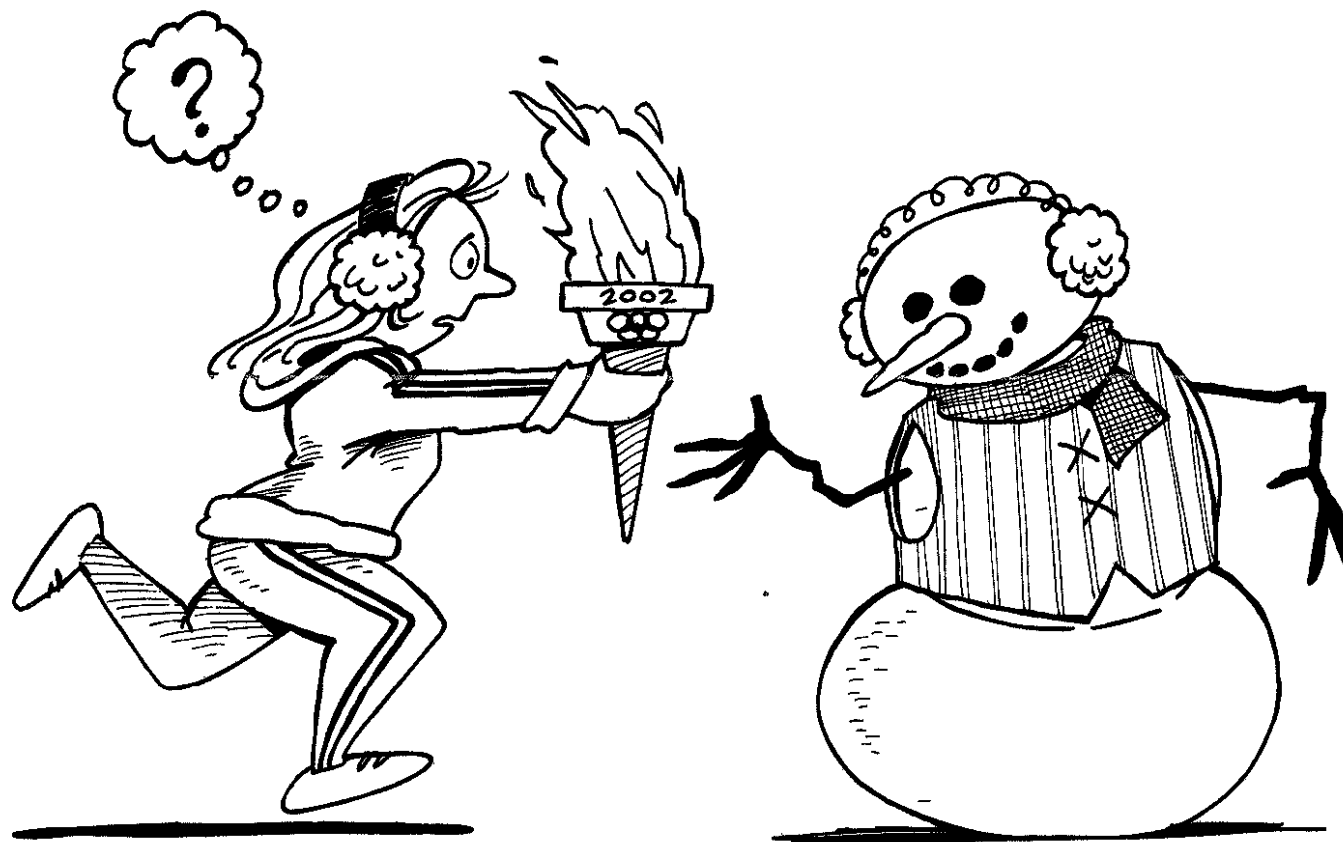
Darts to State Rep Andrew Raczowski (R-Farmington Hills), who can't seem to decide what to do after his final term in the House is finished To us, the concept of term limits hearkens back to this country's earliest days, when lawmakers went to the capitol for a period of time and then returned to their families and jobs, allowing fresh perspectives to enter the system

Instead, we've got a group of folks who jump from one level of government to another, focusing far too much attention on their personal political futures and, perhaps, losing that valuable "real world" perspective

Hearts to the many people in our communities who were able to show tolerance and understanding in the wake of the Sept 11 attack and to realize that the actions of a few religious fanatics do not represent the feelings of our large, patriotic and devout Islamic community And hearts also to area Muslims who shared the history and meaning of their religion with the rest of the community

Darts finally, to those fanatics who chose to express their rage at modern life by destroying the lives of thousands of innocent people Nothing could ever justify what they have done

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LETTERS

■ Recommends West Trail

I have just been released from the West Trail Nursing Home Very happy to go home, too, but sad to leave all my friends

I have nothing but good to say for West Trail Nursing Home May God bless all The staff, therapists, nurses, aides and all the others who work there are so very pleasant and accommodating The food is A-OK The cleanliness is just great Now I ask where could you find everything that you need and more than that? I recommend this place very highly Plymouth is lucky to be a part of it

Mary Jane Wright
Plymouth

■ Using clichés

Someone's saying, "Parents who are uncomfortable with the concept of accepting all people have the option of sending their children to private schools that support that agenda," sounds like a cliché used for the lack of better argument

First, in a lawful orderly community, as we believe ours is, the concept of accepting all people is not absolute It is applicable to only all those whose conduct is agreeable with the behavioral standard of the community

For example, those who transgress the community's established rules which we call the law are not "accepted," instead they are brought to justice and most often incarcerated We certainly do not say that if the law-abiding citizenry are not willing to accept these transgressors, they have the option of moving to Canada Responsible people don't run away from fulfilling their obligations but stay put and see to it that wrongs are righted

American general and senator Carl Schurz said, "Our country, right or wrong When right to be kept right, when wrong, to be put right" He certainly had a right idea

Secondly, the parents who are concerned, as they ought to be, about the school environment where their children are being educated — undoubtedly almost all — are the owners of the school system Their taxes maintain the system, provide money for wages to its employees They are not the ones to be given the option of sending their children to private schools They are the givers of options

The people who run the system are the concerned parents' employees They should be held accountable by the parents who are their bosses, provided that the bosses have the gumption to manage their own employees

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

■ No straight party

I am writing in support of Senate Bill SB 173, which will allow registered voters the opportunity to vote how they want to, not the way political party wants them to I have read with great interest the views of one of the Democratic leaders in the Redford Township government and cannot help but wonder what his motivation is for opposing such a responsible piece of legislation Is one Republican Trustee in Redford too many?

SB 173 will remove the option of voting a straight party ticket and give citizens of Redford Township and the

State of Michigan the opportunity to make more informed decisions Democrats argue that this legislation may impact political races that do not have as large a following as Presidential races, State Legislator races and County races

Some would want you to believe passage of SB 173 would make for longer lines at the polls and create an undue inconvenience for our senior citizens I would disagree Most voters have their voting decision made as to who is the best candidate for the position prior to entering the polling place The removal of the straight party ticket would give educated voters the opportunity to abstain from races they have no interest in voting in and not allow unqualified politicians from riding the party coat tail It should be the person, not the party

No legislation can take away someone's right to vote, unless the Democrats wish to repeal the 15th and 19th amendments to the United States Constitution Now there's a thought

Kevin Rhea
Redford

■ True Christmas

I would like to comment on the article by Susan Noguera concerning the "true meaning of the holiday season"

(Other Voices, Dec 13, page A9 Don't let technology) Christmas dominates her article, but even if we consider Hanukkah, my point remains the same Nowhere in her article about the "true meaning" of Christmas does she mention Jesus, or any other reference to God!

For the record, Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Put another way, it celebrates that incredible moment when God saw fit to join us and become man Even the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah is one centered on the hope and promise that God gave the Hebrew nation Isn't this remarkable enough?

Do we truly need the comparison to the Sept 11 massacres to make the point that this is a special time?

Ms Noguera correctly points out some of the activities that we should avoid and some that we should engage in Not once, however, does she mention why A small criticism some might say because what the article is saying is "good" and we need to hear its message

Consider this, though, the message is not from the "holiday season" nor is it from the articles author The message is from an infant brought into our world 2000 years ago Without that baby there is no message, no "holiday season" and no Christmas

I have no doubt that the author intended no slight and no disrespect I felt compelled to write, however, because the systematic elimination of Christ from Christmas is wrong — whether intentional or not In our time of diversity at any cost isn't there room for the customs and beliefs of 85 percent of the population?

This Dec 25th I suggest that when you "look into your heart and find the true meaning of Christmas" that you will see the baby Jesus in a manger If you are a Christian you will recognize Him as the Savior If you are not, than please accept that this is a special holiday for us It does not diminish or ridicule your beliefs It stands for ours It is the true meaning of the Christmas season

John Vena

■ DSO spoils New Year's

This letter is in reference to the DSO's New Year's Eve Party for 2001 and their late cancellation

My family, friends and I purchased tickets for \$40 each for their New Year's Eve party Later, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra canceled our New Year's Eve tickets due to Sept 11, 2001 Three months later, on Dec 10, my friends and I received a letter from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra stating that our previously paid tickets for New Year's Eve were canceled and being replaced for a dinner that cost \$1,000 per plate and that we could attend if we paid \$1,000 per plate

It has been three months since the tragic events of Sept 11 The DSO has had its choice of evening performances since Sept 11 Why then did the DSO take New Year's Eve? Why did it take three months to notify its former patrons? Or was it cleverly timed leaving no time to protest this injustice?

I would like to request that the DSO either inform their patrons on a more timely basis, honor their patrons' previously purchased tickets or at least offer another suggestion to replace their New Year's Eve plans

Mary P. Miller
Farmington Hills

■ Respect the flag

Since Sept 11, 2001, we have seen an increase in the amount of US flags being displayed

People are flying Old Glory on cars, trucks, commercial and residential buildings It's great that everyone is supporting the effort of the armed services by flying the flag of this great nation The thing that disturbs me is the condition some of these flags are in

I would like to remind all of you what the flag means by quoting one of several editions of the Boy Scout Handbook "The flag of the United States is much more than just red, white and blue cloth As the symbol of America, it stands for the past, present and future of our country It represents our people, our land and our many ways of life Respect the flag and the ideals it represents by handling and displaying it correctly"

I would like to ask everyone to show your respect for our flag By doing this you show your thanks to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice which allows you to fly that flag

James Adamcheck
Livonia

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Ameritech, state battle over regulatory controls

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No lawmaker is accusing Michigan's two major local telephone companies of doing anything illegal.

However, state officials say SBC-Ameritech and Verizon, which control more than 90 percent of Michigan's nearly 7 million phone lines, are taking advantage of Michigan's less-strict telecommunications regulations of the 1990s.

"There was not enough teeth in the 1991 and 1995 laws," said state Rep. Marc Shulman, the West Bloomfield Republican looking to strengthen Michigan's telecommunications laws. "There's a lack of regulatory control."

"Because of this, there is unfair and unjust fees charged to Michigan rate-payers and taxpayers."

For example, Ameritech, which serves five Great Lakes states, merged with Texas-based SBC Communications Inc. in 1999. During that year, rates dropped in Illinois and Ohio, but the state-access charge assessed only in Michigan rose from \$1.45 to \$3.28 per line, per month for residential customers. It climbed from 45 cents to \$1.21 per line, per month for businesses.

Shulman said this fee adds up

to some \$175 million each year for SBC-Ameritech.

SBC-Ameritech spokesman Steve Kauffman said each customer pays basically the same overall rate for service, but fees are listed differently in different states, based on regulations.

Furthermore, the 1999 Michigan rate increase came on the heels of a trend of declining investment and value in Ameritech's holdings in Michigan.

According to Ameritech's records filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the company's net investment decreased between 1995-98.

Ameritech's net property and equipment value in Michigan dropped from \$3.12 billion in 1995 to \$2.87 billion in 1998.

Tougher laws elsewhere

More regulatory control in other states SBC-Ameritech serves helped lower rates, said Greg Boyd, executive director for the Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications. MIACT is an advocacy group for consumers and some telecommunications companies.

"Ohio had the right to deny the merger in that state, so SBC-Ameritech negotiated the best possible deal so Ohio would sign off on the merger," Boyd said. "Michigan didn't have that right

at the time."

Also in Ohio, its public utilities commission has the right to order phone companies to keep its profits only for in-state investments. Ohio nearly exercised this clause in 2000 after collecting an extraordinary number of customer complaints about SBC-Ameritech's service.

Kauffman questions Boyd's criticisms of SBC-Ameritech because one of MIACT's major members is AT&T, a company that wants to enter Michigan's local telephone service market.

"It's more about politics than it is about fair competition," Kauffman said. "Local service competition in Michigan is getting stronger."

Boyd disagrees about competition because he said SBC-Ameritech's "cash cow" profits makes it tough for any company to compete with it in Michigan. A more fair, competitive market, he added, would provide a more inviting atmosphere for other telecommunications companies, such as AT&T, to challenge SBC-Ameritech and Verizon.

"The ultimate barometer to evaluate competition is in lower rates," Boyd said. "In Michigan, we see rates are rising."

New state law

The hope for more competition in the local telephone market in Michigan is in the state's latest

Telecommunications Act that was ratified in 2000.

Rep. Shulman, a sponsor of the bill, said it gives more regulatory control to the Michigan Public Service Commission. For example, there are more provisions for telecommunications companies to open their books and justify their rates to Michigan consumers.

This is an improvement from the 1990s version of the act which was a "disaster," according to Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

"The federal act allows local companies to charge a federal-access charge," Granholm said. "The state act copied that provision, and therefore allows the phone company to also charge a state-access charge."

"Thus, consumers are getting socked twice — they have to pay both. No other state allows for this double-dipping, and you are getting nothing more for your money."

The phone companies' federal-access fee is \$5 a month for residential customers.

New regulations listed in the 2000 act, which is being challenged in court by SBC-Ameritech, and a proposed amendment Shulman introduced in November are geared to stop the \$3.28 residential state-access

charge and provide a more competitive local-telephone market in Michigan.

"The new law is really good, but it needs more time for the public service commission to bring it into play through a

series of rulings," Boyd said.

The scrutiny of SBC-Ameritech's local service practices is a preamble for the company's goal of joining Michigan's long distance market.

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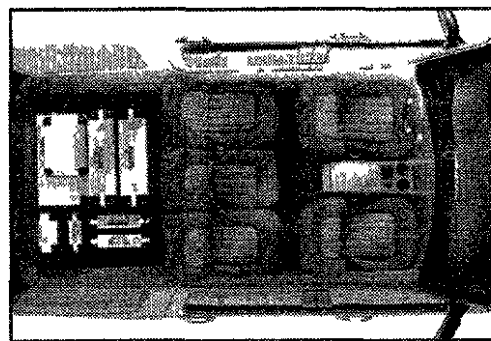
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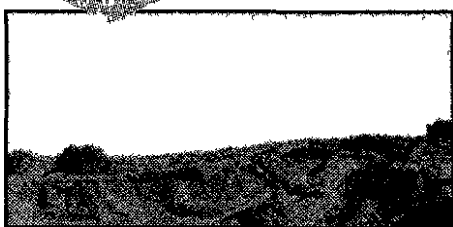
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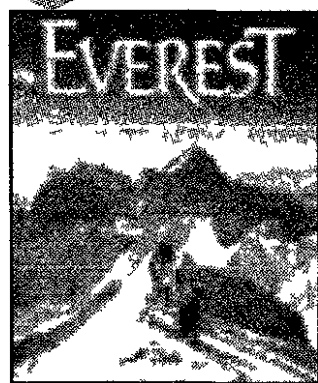
See Elaine Wilson's oil paintings from Saturday, Jan. 5-Feb. 2 at Cary Gallery, 226 Walnut, Rochester. Opening Reception for her exhibit, *Geognose*, is 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5.

FILM



The Royal Tenenbaums, starring (from left) Ben Stiller, Danny Glover, Gwyneth Paltrow and Anjelica Huston, opens Friday. Check local theaters for show times. Gene Hackman and Bill Murray and Owen Wilson also star in this comedy about an unusual family and an unexpected reunion.

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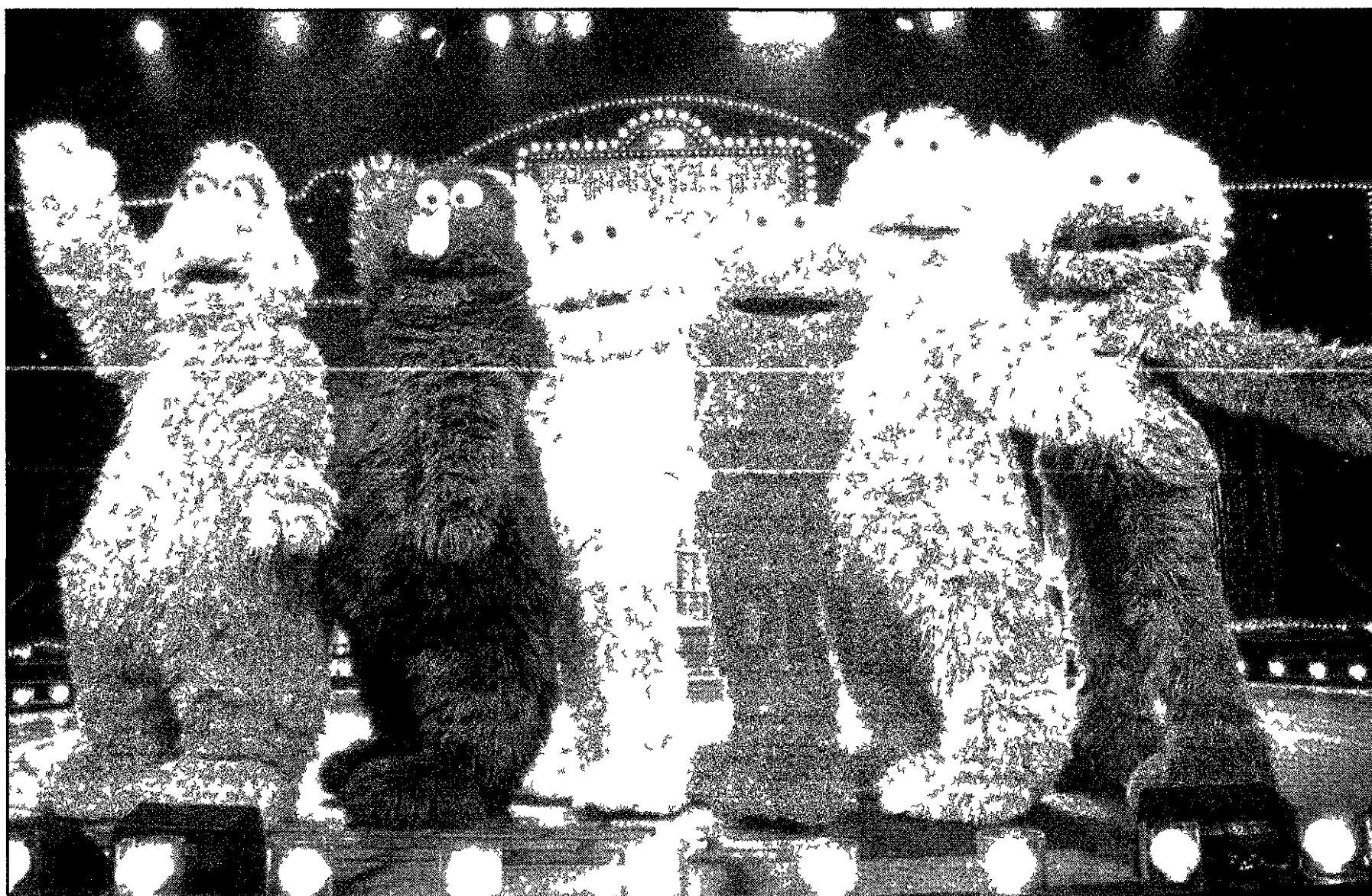


Everest returns to the IMAX Dome Theatre at the Detroit Science Center for a limited, one-month engagement. The film opens Saturday, Jan. 5. Call the center at (313) 577-8400 for show times. A general adult ticket for the IMAX Dome is \$4, with a \$7 science center admission. Children, 2-12 and senior citizens, pay \$4 for the movie and \$6 admission to the center.

HOT TICKET



Koko Taylor and Blues Machine perform Saturday at *The Magic Bag*, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, as a part of the city's first annual three-day blues festival. Doors open at 7 p.m. for Taylor's concert. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Detroit Blues Society. Available 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Friday at *The Magic Bag* box office or through Ticketmaster outlets and by calling (248) 645-6666. For more information about the festival, held in 12 Ferndale locations, call the Ferndale DDA at (248) 546-1632.



A chorus line *Sesame Street Live* brings its latest Broadway-style musical to the Fox Theatre.

Monster Mania

Sesame Street Gang Ask 'Why can't we be friends?'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Big Bird seems distracted. He's running late for a rehearsal of the latest live Sesame Street production *Let's Be Friends*. Elmo, Zoe and Cookie Monster are all waiting for him in a van that will take them to the theater in Bethlehem, Pa. It's one of the stops before the Sesame Street gang arrive at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on Jan. 24.

"Sorry," says Mitchell Garrett, a k a Big Bird. "We were just getting ready to leave. It's been hectic."

Putting on a Broadway-style musical is never easy, especially when dancing across the stage as a big, yellow bird for 80-minutes with only one intermission. Garrett compares the theatrical

Let's Be Friends
What: Sesame Street's Elmo and Zoe find the more friends the merrier when they start an exclusive club.
When: Thursday, Jan. 24 to Feb. 3.
Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward, Detroit.
Tickets: \$10, \$14, \$18 with limited VIP seats. (248) 433-1515. For information, visit the Web site at www.sesamestreetlive.com.

treat to a kid's rock show with a chorus line of red, blue and orange monsters dancing alongside their feathered best friend. As usual, the Sesame Street characters have a lot of fun while delivering a message.

Please see **MONSTERS**, B2



Friends for life: Big Bird helps Elmo and Zoe start a friendship club for orange and red monsters. *Why can't we be friends?*

BOOKS

Take a winter tour of sculptures around town

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Marcy Heller Fisher wished every child could experience the magic of Marshall M. Fredericks' sculpture like she did when growing up.

Everywhere Fisher went with her parents, Fredericks' animals and figures decorated the landscape — from the big city of Detroit to Royal Oak, Birmingham and beyond.

Then in 1995 she walked into the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University and re-discovered the wonder of the artist's work. She'd come to the museum with her sister Barbara Heller, head conservator at the Detroit Institute of Arts, while attending a conference. Fisher left with not only the perfect subject for the book she wanted to write but a way to introduce children to the art of Fredericks.

The Outdoor Museum: The Magic of Michigan's Marshall Fredericks follows a mother and little girl as they travel from Belle Isle to the Detroit Zoo and Cranbrook Educational Park in search of Fredericks' *Two Bears*, *Pterodactyls*, and *The Lion and Mouse*. Fisher encourages readers to develop their own wonderful winter tour after enjoying the book which was illustrated by Grand Rapids artist Christine Collins Woomer and published by Wayne State University Press.

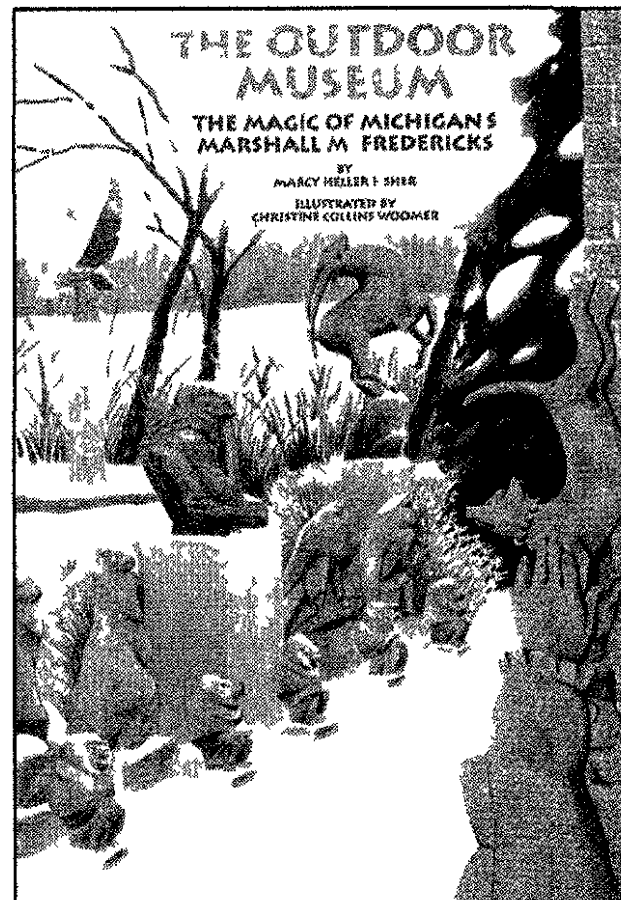
The Smithsonian American Art Museum and Heritage Preservation liked the idea of turning art into a family outing so much they awarded it an SOS! (Save Outdoor Sculpture) Achievement Award Honorable Mention.

"I was so excited about the museum I'd written the book in my head coming back from the museum that day," said Fisher, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's everything I remember from my childhood, *The Boy and Bear*, *The Spirit of Detroit*, *Leaping Gazelle*. Everywhere we went was art and culture. I really did think he was in charge of decorating the city."

Initially, Fredericks turned down Fisher's idea for the book. Once she told him it was for children, he literally threw open the doors of his Birmingham home and Royal Oak studio. Even though the book remained unpublished until after his death at age 90 in 1998, Fredericks was able to read about Abby skating across Querton Lake to peek at the mysterious garden of "greenish-colored animals."

"He loved the story, he was thrilled," said Fisher. "The studio visit was really fun. I took Abigail, my daughter, with me. We spent hours there. On top of the fridge was the original sketch model for *The Spirit of*

Please see **TOUR**, B2



Sculpture tour: Marcy Heller Fisher takes readers on a sculpture tour in her children's book, *The Outdoor Museum: The Magic of Michigan's Marshall M. Fredericks*.

Tour from page B1

It was exciting to be so close to everything I felt privileged to be there Marshall Fredericks was a tall, springy guy He was humorous We spent an afternoon in his garden There must have been 50 sculptures in it Everywhere you turned there was a duck or seagull I shot 14 rolls of film there alone

Fisher spent a year photographing Fredericks sculpture at various sites around the state of Michigan Abigail, then age 8, posed for the images which Woomer would later turn into paintings It was a long tour from Interlochen to Rochester Hills, Farmington and Southfield in search of the work Fredericks spent more than 60-years creating public art for government buildings, libraries, churches and schools He especially loved doing animals He

and wife Rosalind had five children of their own "My favorite is *The Boy and Bear*," said Fisher who resigned as a special education teacher in Pontiac Public Schools 11 years ago to write She recently finished the second in a series of children's books on Detroit's cultural treasures A Pewabic Pottery book is scheduled to be released in time to celebrate the historic pottery's centennial in 2003 Like the Fredericks book, the story tracks Pewabic ceramics in the community

"The Boy and Bear is an emotional attachment, being there at Northland Center as kids and playing there around the bear As teens we used to always meet there Aesthetically, I like the *Leaping Gazelle* But it's so difficult to choose I hosted a tour of the sculptures

as an auction item for Birmingham Area Senior Citizens We went from Pontiac to Detroit and never got off Woodward more than three-quarters of a mile

"I know other people who've done the tour and come back and say they enjoy it With grandparents and grandchildren there's a bonding It's important for children to appreciate what's around them I always loved art"

The Outdoor Museum *The Magic of Michigan's Marshall Fredericks* is available at Borders, Barnes & Noble, Book Beat in Oak Park, the Detroit Institute of Arts Gift Shop, Detroit Historical Museum, and from Wayne State University Press at (800) WSU-READ

ON STAGE

Village Players of Birmingham

Mark your calendar for another season of comedy, music and award-winning classics at the Village Players of Birmingham

The community theater group has chosen a slate of plays for 2002-2003, its 80th season

Chris Crossen, players president, says no other Detroit-area theater has presented two musicals — *Jekyll and Hyde* and *Sideshow* — planned for the Village Player's stage next year

Other shows will include the musical, *The Fantastiks*, a 19th century classic, *Cyrano De Bergerac* and the Pulitzer Prize winner, *The Heidi Chronicles*

real life as he tackles a marital crisis by daydreaming about the women in his life These wildly comic and sometimes moving flashbacks played out in his mind are interrupted by visitations from real women

Krystyn Irvine of Rochester Hills, directs the play, with assistance from her husband, John

The cast also includes Karen Koyle of Bloomfield Hills as Maggie, Marlene Loucks of Bloomfield Hills as Karen, Amy Littlefield-Bousamra of Auburn Hills as Molly (age 21), Jan Marks of Troy as Edith, Lisa Nelson of Rochester Hills as Julie and Kathy Brooks Burch of Royal Oak as Sheila

Shows are at 8 p.m. Jan 18 and 24-25 and at 2 p.m., Jan 20 and 26

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens, available by calling (248) 644-0527 Visa/MasterCard Accepted

Ocean Grille in Birmingham will cater a special dinner package at the theater on opening night For details call Paul Gillin at (248) 593 3093

Ridgedale Players

Need a few good laughs as 2002 gets underway?

Head to the Ridgedale Player's production of Neil Simon's *The Good Doctor*, Jan 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27 Show times are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 3 p.m. Sundays

The *Good Doctor* consists of hilarious, off-beat independent sketches Each actor plays several roles Characters include The Sneezier, a prostitute, a seducer, a man with a toothache, a mistress and a defenseless creature

The comedy is based on the work of 19th century playwright, Anton Chekhov

Tickets are \$12, with seniors and students paying \$11 on Sundays Admission includes a sandwich and coffee afterglow with an opportunity to socialize with actors and crew Call (248) 988-7049 for tickets and information Visa/MasterCard accepted

Check out the player's Web site at www.ridgedaleplayers.com on the Internet

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

Neil Simon's *Jake's Women* opens Jan 18 for a two weekend run at St Dunstan's playhouse on Lone Pine 2 blocks west of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills

Paul Gillin of Birmingham plays Jake, a novelist who is more successful with fiction than

Monsters from page B1

"Zoe and Elmo start a friendship club by themselves Only monsters with red or orange fur can join," said Garrett "Eventually, they realize the more the merrier and the club gets bigger and bigger It shows kids how to share"

In the process of welcoming birds, bugs and grouches to the Monster Friendship Club, the colorful characters teach children a number of important lessons An appreciation for patience, acceptance and loyalty grows as they build a giant clubhouse, put on a circus, and clean Cookie Mon-

ster's room together "From babies to adults, they all love it, even parents," said Garrett "It brings back memories from when they were growing up"

Garrett grew up in Tennessee watching the Sesame Street gang on public television so he especially enjoys playing Big Bird It's a role he's been preparing for nearly all of his 31 years Garrett danced in productions all over the south before kicking up his heels at Disney World Joining the Sesame Street Live cast brought new challenges, how-

ever Along with playing 55 cities between August of this year and June 2002, Garrett has to do all of his dancing in an 8 foot 3 inch bird suit and he's only 5 feet 11 inches tall but he's working out, eating healthy and taking it all in stride And since the voices are pre-recorded by the original actors from the television program, he doesn't have to worry about singing night after night

"I enjoy it all," said the 31-year-old Garrett "It's a great character to play Everyone loves Big Bird"

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Family concert: Craig Taubman will perform on Jan 27 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield

Taubman performs at center

Entertainer and composer Craig Taubman will perform at 3 p.m., Jan 27, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield

The award-winning musician has appeared in concert in 36 states and five countries, released 14 albums and has written countless musical scores for television, radio, videos, and advertising campaigns

He has appeared on radio, television and in stage productions

Taubman began performing at age 15 when a camp counselor encouraged him to play guitar and lead services His interest in music became interwoven with his passion for Jewish history and culture

He is the founding director of Yad B'Yad, a city-wide teen performing arts program in Los Angeles He also produces the best-selling Celebrate Series, a compilation CD project representing the best in Jewish music

Tickets are \$6 for Jewish Community Center members, \$8 for non-members, \$24 for a center member family of four and \$32 for a non-member family of four Call the Jewish Community Center Jewish Life and Learning Department at (248) 432-5577 for tickets

COMING EVENTS

Scheduled to open Friday Jan 4

A BEAUTIFUL MIND

This is the true story of John Forbes Nash Jr. a young man in 1950 whose formulas established the mathematical principles of the "Game Theory" of economics eventually winning the Nobel Prize 40 years later. By the age of 30 however Nash was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. Nash had a varied sexual life as well which included an arrest for indecent exposure in a men's restroom and the fathering of a child out of wedlock. Stars Russell Crowe (John Forbes Nash Jr.) Jennifer Connelly Paul Bettany Adam Goldberg Ed Harris Judd Hirsch Christopher Plummer Jason Gray Stanford and Anthony Rapp Directed by Ron Howard

IMPOSTOR

Based on Philip K. Dick's 1953 short story this futuristic drama tells of a time when Earth is at war with an alien race. The action turns on the character of Spence Olham (Gary Sinise) one of many scientists researching new weapons that could defeat the enemy. Arrested by the secret service and taken to the moon Spence is told he is

a robot planted on Earth by the aliens. What follows is a journey of self discovery in which the question is posed: Am I human? Or am I just programmed to believe I am human? Featured among the ensemble are Madeleine Stowe Vincent D'Onofrio Tony Shalhoub and Mekhi Phifer. Gary Fleder helms the film. (Miramax) Rated PG-13

THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS

This is the story of three geniuses: the Tenenbaums (Ben Stiller Gwyneth Paltrow and Luke Wilson) who are brought back together to live with their parents in New York when their father Royal (Gene Hackman) returns after many years to his wife (Anjelica Huston) the author of a book about their experiences. Family of Geniuses (Touchstone Pictures) Rated R

Scheduled to open Friday Jan 11

THE ACCIDENTAL SPY

This is the story of Bei, an exercise equipment salesman with dreams of action and adventure whose encounter with two jewelry store thieves leads him

to Liu, a private investigator who is convinced Bei is actually the long lost son of a wealthy Korean businessman. He is soon on his way to Korea and Turkey becoming involved in an international conspiracy revolving around the cure to a lung virus. Stars Jackie Chan Kim Min and Vian Hsu

BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF

Set in France this epic adventure is based in part on the legend of the Beast of Gévaudan, a ferocious wolf-like creature that slaughtered and terrorized over a hundred women and children between 1764 and 1767. Chevalier Gregoire de Frönsac and Mani, his Native American friend, are sent by King Louis XV to track down the beast. The beast emerges every now and then but nobody has been able to stop it from causing any more harm. Christopher Gans helms the adventure. (Universal) Rated R

FAT GIRL

Colin Hanks (son of Tom) plays a high

school senior who is rejected by every college on his list not because of his shortcomings but because of his ridiculously inept guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) who sends the wrong transcripts. Featured among the ensemble are Kevin Kline Chevy Chase John Lithgow Garry Marshall and Catherine O'Hara as Hanks' nervous chain-smoking mother. Representing the younger players are Schuyler Fisk (daughter of actress Sissy Spacek) and Jack Black. Jake Kasdan (son of Lawrence) helms the screwball comedy. (Paramount) Rating unknown

GOSFORD PARK

Set in England the story centers on the relations among the different social classes in the 1930s who have come together for a dinner party on a country estate. A murder mystery brings together people from upper middle and lower class backgrounds including friends family servants and a Hollywood actor. Featured players included Kristin Scott Thomas Maggie Smith Emily Watson Helen Mirren and Stephen Fry. Robert Altman helms this mystery. (USA Films) Rated R

ORANGE COUNTY

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school senior who is rejected by every college on his list not because of his shortcomings but because of his ridiculously inept guidance counselor (Lily Tomlin) who sends the wrong transcripts. Featured among the ensemble are Kevin Kline Chevy Chase John Lithgow Garry Marshall and Catherine O'Hara as Hanks' nervous chain-smoking mother. Representing the younger players are Schuyler Fisk (daughter of actress Sissy Spacek) and Jack Black. Jake Kasdan (son of Lawrence) helms the screwball comedy. (Paramount) Rating unknown

Scheduled to open Friday Jan 18

THE ADVENTURES OF PLUTO NASH

Pluto Nash, the owner of a nightclub on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. Stars Eddie Murphy Randy Quaid Rosario Dawson Peter Boyle Illeana Douglas Pam Grier and Jay Mohr

BLACK HAWK DOWN

The story centers on the harrowing true account of a group of elite U.S. soldiers sent to Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1993 as part of a U.N. peacekeeping operation. Their mission to abduct several top lieutenants of a Somali warlord as part of a strategy to quell the civil war that is tearing away at the country. The carefully planned mission goes terribly wrong, resulting in the U.S. military's single biggest firefight since Vietnam. Featured among the ensemble are Josh Hartnett Tom Sizemore Ewan McGregor Ron Eldard and Jeremy Piven. Ridley Scott helms the drama. (Sony Pictures) Rating unknown

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS

Fifth in the Danish Dogma 95 film series, this comedy of manners adheres to the Dogma rules of handheld camera, natural light and shooting on location. The story follows sick insecure singles whose lives interweave on dreary Copenhagen streets.

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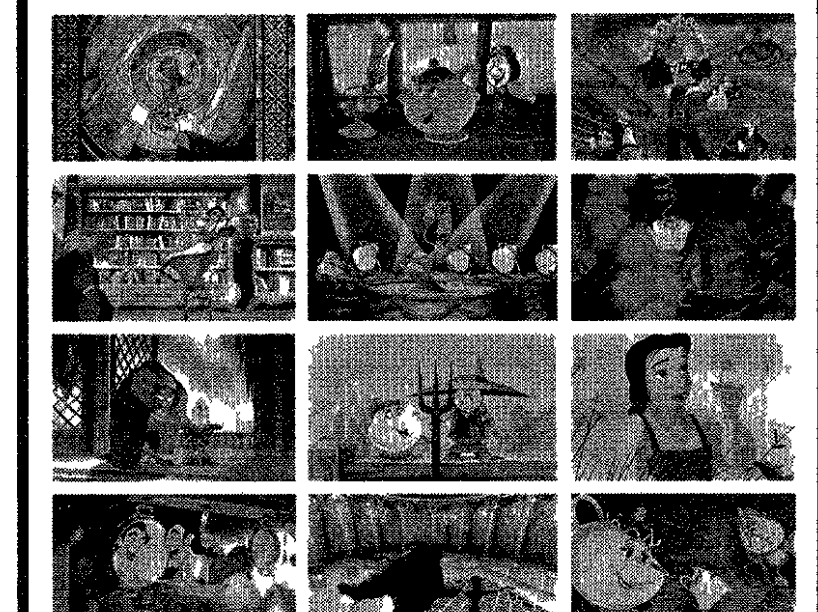
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PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: Beau Jest opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Curtain 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Jan. 18-19. Jan. 25, 26, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. (313) 561-TKTS, www.playersguildofdearborn.org

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: The comedy Season's Greeting in rotating repertory to Saturday Feb. 2. William Shakespeare's The Tempest opens Friday Jan. 11. continues in rotating repertory to Thursday March 28. 4743 Cass Ave. Wayne State University campus Detroit \$12 \$20 (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

DETROIT PUPPET THEATER: PuppetArt presents Firebird a Russian folk tale performed with rod puppets 2 p.m. Saturday Jan. 5. 12:19 and 26 Tickets \$7 \$5 children (313) 961-7771

LET'S BE FRIENDS: Sesame Street's Elmo and Zoe find the more friends the merrier when they start an exclusive club, Thursday Jan. 24 to Feb. 3 at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Detroit \$10, \$14, \$18 with limited VIP seats. For times and tickets call (248) 433-1515. For information visit the Web site at www.sesamestreetlive.com

CLASSICAL

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: Performs Sunday Jan. 27 at Christ Church Cranbrook. For tickets and time call (248) 559-2095

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Gunther Herbig returns to conduct the orchestra on the occasion of his 70th birthday 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Detroit \$20 \$54 (313) 576-5111

EMERALD SINFONETTA: Performs a concert of works by Alan Hovhaness, including the Detroit premiere of his Concerto for Accordion & Strings with guest artist Peter Soave at 4 p.m. Sunday Jan. 6 at Birmingham Unitarian Church Woodward and Lone Pine \$20, \$15 students/seniors, (313) 438-0780 or visit the Web site at www.emeraldsinfonetta.org

NIGHTNOTES: The Detroit Chamber Wind and Strings showcases violinist Adrienne Jacobs during its Nightnotes series, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 South Old Woodward Ave. Birmingham Reception 8 p.m. Tickets \$19, students age 12 and under \$10, available at the

Group Show



Whimsical art: See two new exhibits on Saturday, Jan. 5 at CPOP Gallery, 4160 Woodward, Detroit. Opening receptions for J. Otto Seibold's show, *I Still Know What I Did Last Summer, Part 1* and *Total Absence/Total Presence*, a show of black and white art by some of CPOP's favorite artists, are 6-11 p.m. Seibold is known for his illustrations of such children's books as *Oliver*, *the other reindeer* and *Mr. Lunch Borrows a Canoe*. The shows run through Jan. 27. (313) 833-9901.

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LITERARY CHAMBER SERIES: University Musical Society presents the Brentano String Quartet with poet Mark Strand 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 911 N University Ave., Ann Arbor \$35, \$25, (734) 764-2538 (800) 221-1229, www.ums.org

CHORAL

STEPHAN GENZ: German lyric baritone accompanied by pianist Roger Vignoles presented by the University Musical Society 8 p.m. Thursday Jan. 10 Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre 911 N University Ave. Ann Arbor \$35 \$20 (734) 764-2538 (800) 221-1229 www.ums.org

REDFORD ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL: Numerous choirs from Redford will come together for prayerful fellowship and songs 5 p.m. Sunday Jan. 27 Robert Bellarmine Church, corner of W Chicago and Inkster roads (313) 937-0608

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: Looking for new musicians 65 member adult band all instruments welcome especially low brass and percussion Rehearse Wednesday evening in the Groves High School band room (248) 474-4997, (248) 647-7586 or visit www.birminghamconcertband.com

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for the musical *Once Upon a Mattress* 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers 6800 Orchard Lake Road south of Maple, West Bloomfield Call director Lisa Muscio (248) 661-3202 for information

FIRST THEATRE GUILD: Auditions for *The Hobbit* 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3 and 2 p.m. Sunday Jan. 6, parts available for children (age 8 and up) and adults everyone interested in auditions should be prepared to read, Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook roads Four performances March 15-17 and 22-24 (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS: Looking for singers The chorus begins rehearsing for a spring concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Frost Junior High in Livonia All voice parts are needed (734) 427-5397 or send e-mail to gross2gross@aol.com

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: The Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions for musician in grades 1-12 with at least one year of experience Winter semester begins Saturday Jan. 5 Openings available in most sections (734)

591.7649 or www.LYPM.org

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Open auditions 7-8 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 8, at Hillside Middle School Eight Mile Road at Center Street Northville Additional auditions by appointment (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY: Rehearsals begin 7:15 p.m. Monday Jan. 7 at Discovery Middle School 45093 Hanford Road Canton No auditions required The choral group will perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Saturday March 16 and with the Detroit Symphony Civic Symphony Orchestra Sunday March 24 at Orchestra Hall (734) 455-8353

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Auditions for *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie at 7:30 p.m. Monday Jan. 14 at the theater 205 West Long Lake Road between Livernois and Crooks in Troy Roles available for adults from 20s-60s Production dates March 1-17 Director Diane Noraas (810) 465-0504

SRO PRODUCTIONS: Auditions for *Picnic* 7 p.m. Wednesday Thursday Jan. 23 in the church building in Burgh Historical Park Berg Road at Civic Center Drive Southfield (248) 827-0710

POPS/SWING/

AL HILL TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 336 Main, Plymouth (734) 454-6500

ALICIA KEYS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, State Theatre, Detroit, \$35.75-\$43.25, (248) 645-6666

BARRY MANILOW: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 15-16, Fox Theatre, Detroit, \$17.50-\$67.50 (248) 645-6666

B.B. KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Fox Theatre, Detroit, \$30-\$37.50 (248) 433-1515

BRIAN MCKNIGHT: With Tyrese, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, Fox Theatre, Detroit, (248) 433-1515

CHARLATANS UK: With Starsailor, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$15 (248) 645-6666

CREED: *The Weathered Tour*, With Puddle of Mud, Monday, Feb. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills \$36.50-\$42.50, (248) 645-6666

CROSBY, STILLS, NASH & YOUNG: *Tour of America*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$45-\$88.50, (248) 645-6666

DOKKEN: With Face and Jandaz, 9 p.m. Saturday Jan. 12, The Royal Oak Theatre, 318 West Fourth, Royal Oak, \$20 and \$22 (248) 645-6666

FAT JOE & THE TERROR SQUAD: With E-Dub, Trumphant and 360 Degrees, 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, The Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$24.75 in advance, \$28 at the door, 21 and over (248) 645-6666

GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor, \$37.50-\$42.50, (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS

GREAT BIG SEA: Saturday, March 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, \$25, (248) 645-6666

GREG ALLMAN AND FRIENDS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak, \$28, (248) 645-

CABARET

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

JAZZ/BLUES

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

PETE FOUNTAIN: 8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 12 Music Hall Center for Performing Arts 350 Madison Detroit \$22 \$50 student senior group discounts available (313) 963-2366

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 9 with guest artists Larry Nozero alto sax and flute Jan. 16 vocalist April Tini and the Wayne State University Vocal Jazz Group Jan. 23 Ursula Walker vocals Buddy Judson piano Jan. 30 vocalist Barbara Ware Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Road two blocks east of Middlebelt Road (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays at Mitch House's Food & Spirits Livonia (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozero.com

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LARRY ARBOUR: 7 p.m. Wednesday Friday at Flying Fish Tavern 17600 W 13 Mile Road, east of Southfield Road (248) 647-7747

WORLD MUSIC

PAT MCDUNN: 8:11 p.m. Friday at Duke Humphries Rochester Hills No cover (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

CLASSIC/MODERN DANCE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DANCE COMPANY: Evening of modern dance flavored by traditional performance in *Ancient Steps Forward* *Glances* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday, Jan. 31 Feb. 2 2 p.m. Sunday Feb. 3 Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher St. Ann Arbor \$20 \$15 reserved seating students with ID \$7 (734) 764-2538

RENNIE HARRIS: Brings his hip hop ballet *Romne & Jewels* to the University Musical Society 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher St. Ann Arbor \$36 \$34 \$24 \$18 (734) 764-2538 (800)

POP MUSIC

HATEBREED: With Martyr A.D., Poison the Well, Sworn Enemy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, All ages \$12, (248) 645-6666

JUDAS PRIEST: With Anthrax, Iced Earth, tour is rescheduled to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills \$18.50-\$29.50 Tickets for the original date(s) will be honored or may be refunded at the point of purchase. (248) 645-6666

LINKIN PARK: With Cypress Hill, Adema and DJ Z-Trip 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, at Cobo Arena, Detroit \$29.50, (248) 645-6666

LIQUID SOUL: With The Brothers Groove and Alphawave, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18, The Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak \$12.50 All ages (248) 645-6666

LUTHER VANDROSS: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, Fox Theatre, Detroit, (248) 645-6666

MARDUK: With Kataklism, Amon Amarth, Diabolic, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, Shelter, Detroit All ages: (248) 645-6666

PENNYWISE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, State Theatre, Detroit, All ages, \$13.75, (248) 645-6666

PETER, PAUL AND MARY: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11, Detroit Opera House, Detroit \$42.50 (248) 645-6666

STUDENT RICK: With Showoff Tuesday, January 8, at the Shelter, 731 East Congress, Detroit

SUPER DIAMOND: Neil Diamond tribute band, Thursday, Jan. 24, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak, \$12-\$13, 21 and older, (248) 645-6666

Tangerine Dream: 9 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10, (248) 645-555. For information, call (313) 965-2222

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With The Orbitsuns, 9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, Magic Stick, Detroit, \$12, (313) 833-9700

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MOON DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands featuring swing fox trot waltz cha cha and Latin 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road \$5 (248) 967-1428

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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. Friday Jan. 11 Italian American Cultural Center 12 Mile Road east of Hoover Warren Free dance lesson and snacks \$7 (810) 573-0668 dlj@homecom

POLKA BOOSTERS: Inaugural Dinner Dance Sunday Jan. 13 PVT John Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly Dearborn Heights Doors open 12:30 p.m. dinner 1:30 p.m. dancing 3:7 p.m. \$20 includes beer and set ups call Arin (313) 937-1316 or Ray (313) 562-3175

COMEDY

SECOND CITY: New on Tuesdays *Law & Disorder* and *Standing on Ceremony* Jammin' Wednesdays features *The Best of Second City*, *Mayor Go Round* showtimes on Thursday Sunday at Second City Detroit Ticket prices and show times vary \$5-\$20 (313) 965-2222

MOTOR CITY IMPROV: Original improv based sketch comedy *Naughty or Nice?* at 8:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 4 at Wunderground Theatre 110 Main south of 11 Mile Royal Oak Admission is \$7

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Mostly Music a hands on interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and dissonance tone and pitch and rhythm and synthesizers continues to Sunday Jan. 6, at the museum 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills \$7 adults \$4 children ages 4-17 students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older, free for children ages 3 and younger 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: *Polish Presence in Detroit* (313) 833-1419

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MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours continue through June, 1:30 p.m., Monday Sunday and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday tea served 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 15, Feb. 19 (\$30 prepaid reservations required) at the hall in Rochester Reservations required (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

CALL FOR ARTISTS

FRANKLIN VILLAGE BAND: Adult musicians from south eastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

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PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Rehearsals for the 16th season begin 7:15 p.m. Monday Jan 7 at Discovery Middle School 45093 Hanford, Canton. No auditions required. Singers may buy scores at the meeting (734) 455-8353

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
The family of recently deceased artist Ricki Berlin has established a fund to honor her memory at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Current and future artists seeking scholarships for classes at the Art Center are invited to submit requests to Deborah Callahan, education coordinator, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

SINGER AUDITIONS
The Cantana Academy chorale periodically accepts experienced singers in all vocal ranges to join the chorale. Call (248) 358-9868 to schedule an audition. Singers should prepare a classical piece and be ready for sight reading. Auditions last approximately 15 minutes.

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Public non-credit studio art classes and workshops are offered at the University of Michigan Dearborn. 4901 Evergreen, No. 1165AB (313) 593-5058

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Classes in various arts forms including oil, watercolor, pastel and drawing at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry, Livonia. Mary Ann Adams (734) 464-6772

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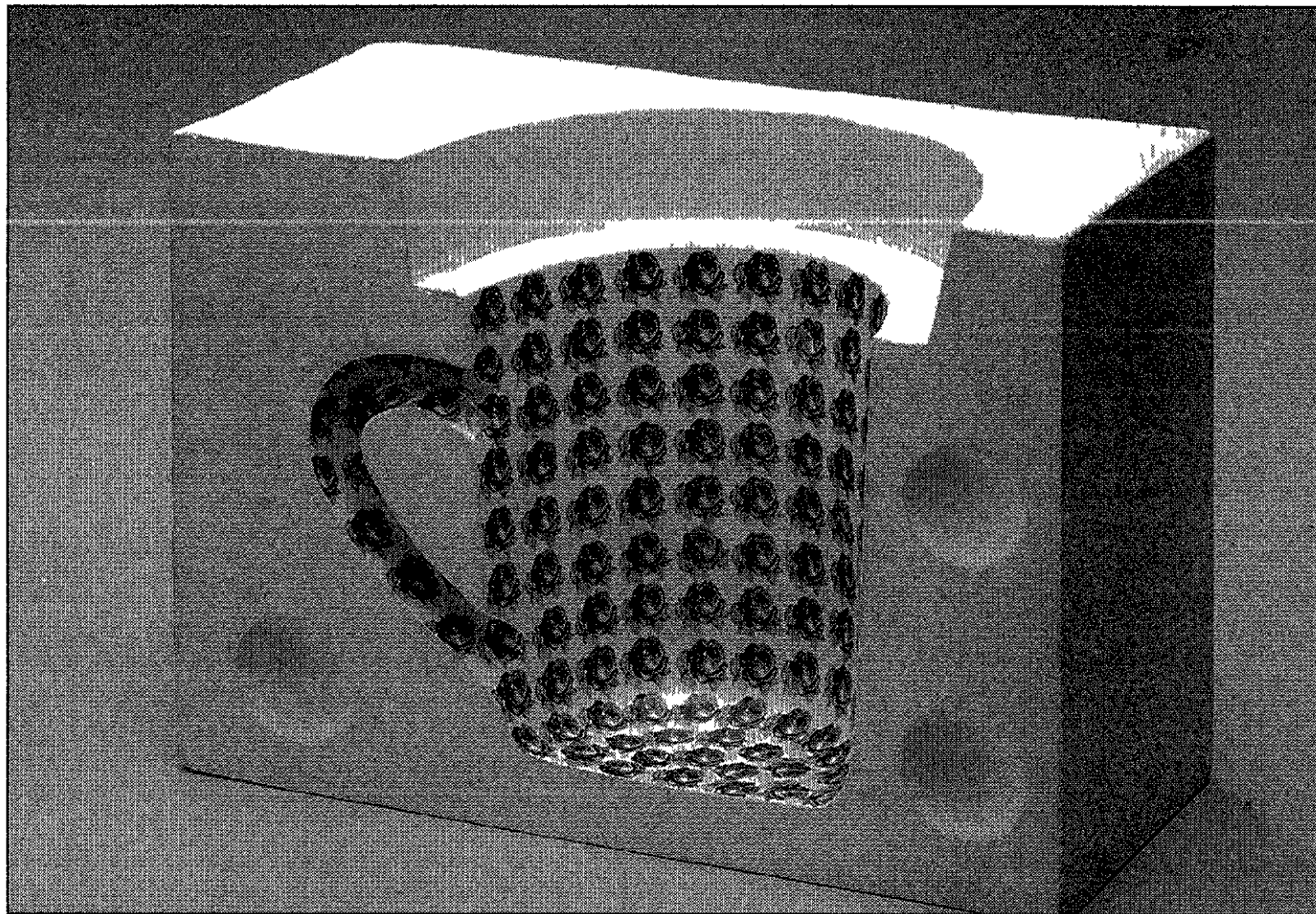
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MEADOW BROOK HALL
Offers Tea on Tuesdays the third Tuesday of each month. 3:43 p.m. Reservations required. (248) 370-3140

FOR KIDS

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

'Hard to Handle'



Two-man show: This work from Howard Kottler's *Hard to Handle* exhibition continues on display through Sunday, Jan. 19, at *Revolution Gallery*, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. Ten humorous and satirical sculptures in the form of cups by Kottler (1930-1989) are included in the show along with vessels by Canadian artist Jean-Pierre Larocque. Selected works from the two exhibitions are available for viewings at www.revolutin.com. For more information, call gallery director Paul Kotula at (248) 541-3444.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Harmony in Variation Form and Meaning in Native American Art, a collection of Native American art amassed from Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Detroit Institute of Arts, Flint Institute of Arts, Beloit College's Logan Museum of Anthropology and private collections. Opening reception 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, runs through Sunday, Feb. 17, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester campus of Oakland University (248) 370-3005

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Depopulated Landscapes, recent paintings by Jim Nawara. Reception 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Artist lecture 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the gallery. Exhibit continues through March 1. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. 5400 Cullen Mall, Wayne State University campus (313) 577-2423

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Jazz in Detroit Before Motown: A Photographic History opens Jan. 14 and runs through Feb. 8, in the gallery at the University of Michigan Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn (313) 593-5058

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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Jan. 7 - *Revolving Art* in Gallery 2, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 994-8004

CASS CAFE
Through February - *Scapes*. An exhibition by Allen Berke. 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400

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Group show with Frank Brugos,

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G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 - *Interwoven* by Carol Ann Carter and Lucy Slivinski. 66 East Forest, Detroit (313) 831-8700

HILL GALLERY
Through Jan. 5 - *Drawings of Isadora*, an exhibit of Abraham Walkowitz works. Also an exhibit, *Visual Poetry* of Joseph Stella's works. 407 West Brown, Birmingham (248) 540-9288

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Life saver

Concert to raise money for high school defibrillators

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation is selling tickets now for a benefit concert in March that will raise money to buy defibrillators for Michigan high schools

Kimberly Anne Gillary died in April 2000 after suffering a cardiac arrest while playing in a water polo match for Troy Athens High School. The daughter

of Randy and Sue Gillary, Kimberly's heart condition — hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — went undetected even though she played water polo in the summer and had just started playing with Athens High School's new polo team.

People with the disease, which causes the lining of the heart muscle to thicken, are more sus-

ceptible to cardiac arrest during strenuous activity. The only way to detect the abnormality is through a heart ultrasound.

The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation has raised more than \$265,000 for defibrillators and has donated 70 of the units to Michigan high schools. It also paid for equipment training at each school.

There are approximately 860 high schools in Michigan.

Defibrillators are essential in avoiding severe brain damage and death in cases of cardiac arrest. The risk for both brain damage and death increases by 10 percent every minute after a cardiac arrest. Defibrillation must occur within 10 minutes of the arrest for the victim to have

any hope of recovery.

Singer-songwriter David Bailey will perform at the concert, *A Celebration of Life*, at 8 p.m., March 23, in the auditorium at Athens High School, located on John R., just north of Wattles.

Tickets are available through Emily Gillary, Kimberly's sister, at (248) 528-0440 or by sending

a check to The Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 West Big Beaver, Suite, 1020, Troy, Mich., 48084.

The foundation suggests a minimum donation per ticket of \$5 for children 10 and under, \$10 for students, age 10 and up, and \$20 for adults.

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hagen winter The action turns on the character of Andreas (Anders W. Berthelsen) who arrives in town to replace the local pastor. Subdued yet hopeful in the wake of his wife's recent death, Andreas is persuaded to sign up for an Italian language course offered by the local town council. Helmed by Lone Scherfig (Miramax) Rated R.

KUNG POW! ENTER THE FIST

Writer-director Steve Oedekerke acquired the little-known 1976 Hong Kong karate flick "SAVAGE KILLERS." Then seamlessly blended portions of the film with new material he directed to create a wild off the wall feature film.

Oedekerke wrote, directed and stars in the comedy placing himself digitally into the old film re-dubbing the charac-

ters as well as shooting new scenes (Twentieth Century Fox) Rated PG 13

SNOW DOGS

Based on the 1994 book "Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod" the story centers on the reunion of a father and son during the famous Alaskan dogsled race that stretches for 1,180 miles between Anchorage and Nome. The action turns on the character played by Cuba Gooding Jr., a big city writer whose father (James Coburn) was a famous dogsledder. Determined to follow in his footsteps Gooding enters a race wherein he and his dogs must persevere through blinding wind and snow and even deal with a "moose attack." Featured among the players are Joanna Bacalso, Graham Greene, M. Emmet Walsh, Brian Doyle Murray, and Grammy-nominated singer

Sisqo. Brian Levant helms the action (Walt Disney Pictures) Rated PG

STATE PROPERTY

Jay Z and his Roc-A-Fella family step onto the silver screen in this urban drama described as a visual interpretation of a rap song. The action turns on the character played by Beanie Sigel who steers a group of friends into becoming a gang empire. Featured among the ensemble are fellow rap artists Damon Dash, Memphis Bleek, and Omililo Sparks. (Lions Gate Films) Rated R.

Scheduled to open Friday Jan 25

A WALK TO REMEMBER

Set in a small town in North Carolina during the 1950s, this is the romantic story of the only son of a wealthy family and the daughter of the town's minister thrown together during the town's Christmas pageant. Stars Mandy Moore, Shane West, and Daryl Hannah.

Dates to be announced

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

Based on Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, the story tells of an innocent man wrongly but deliberately imprisoned and his brilliant strategy for revenge against those who betrayed him. Jim Caviezel plays young sailor Edmund Dantes, a guileless and honest young man whose peaceful life and plans to marry the beautiful Mercedes are abruptly shat-

tered when his best friend Fernand who wants Mercedes for himself deceives him. Featured players include Dagmara Dominczyk, Guy Pearce, Michael Wincott, and Richard Harris. Kevin Reynolds helms the drama (Touchstone) Rating unknown.

I AM SAM

Sean Penn stars as Sam, a mentally disabled single father with the mind of a 7-year-old child fighting to regain custody of his daughter. Sam gets assistance from a workaholic attorney (Michelle Pfeiffer) and an unintentional teacher her importance of family. Also featured in the cast are Laura Dern, Eileen Ryan, Richard Schiff, and Doug Hutchinson as *My Sam's best friend*. Jessie Nelson helms the drama (New Line) Rated PG 13.

THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES

Based on a true story documented in the book by John A. Keel, the plot centers on political reporter John Klein (Richard Gere) who is sent to a small West Virginia town to investigate paranormal activities including the manifestation of bizarre entities and psychic visions. Also featured in the cast are Debra Messing, Will Patton, and Laura Linney. Mark Pellington helms the psychological thriller (Sony Pictures) Rated PG 13.

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Lodge look: Susan Murphy and William Pilipchuk foretold the design trends for 2002 in their decor for a basement at Walnut Brook Estates in Rochester Hills. The trends include the lodge look, seen in this area of the lower level.

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Comfort and joy

2002 Design trends are warm, bright

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Stews, casseroles and hot cocoa are examples of what is called "comfort food" something that nourishes and nurtures, warming the spirit as well as the body. "Now there's comfort furniture," interior designer William Pilipchuk said.

Interior design trends for 2002 satisfy in a nourishing, comfortable way. Traditional features are strong, as is the "lodge look," with its idea of coziness against outdoor elements. Textures are rich. Colors are warm.

"There are wonderful textures," said Thomas Grabowski, Fellow of the American Society of Interior Designers, of Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio at Northland.

"Texture is becoming very important." Examples include variations on chintzes, woven leather, rich detailing in opulent bed covers, and brushed steel.

Hammered and brushed metals, such as cop-

per and bronze, are popular, as are stainless steel and pewter, Grabowski said.

"Brasses are becoming rare," he said. Among copper accessories are items at EXPO Design Center, such as bathtub or kitchen fixtures, ceramic tiles, doorknobs, towel rings and switch plates.

Grabowski saw a return to tradition at the semi-annual International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., in October, with floral prints, the Victorian era idea of the parlor table as a focal point, and big buffalo plaids.

Wing chair settees that can serve as banquettes at tables are a trend, and baskets are holding interest, used as seats as well as containers.

"There is lots of red, and it's becoming orange, green, and the green is getting yellower," Grabowski said.

Maple and cherry are in, and the popularity of entertainment centers continues.

Forecasters

Pilipchuk and Susan Murphy, both of iContact Designs of Troy, showed prescience with their decor for the basement of a residence in Walnut Brook Estates in Rochester Hills.

Many features of 2002 trends are in



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At High Point: Woven leather, as in these pieces by DIA, is popular. The items were shown at the International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., in October.

the project, which was completed earlier this year, months before the High Point show.

Murphy and Pilipchuk's challenge was to create the illusion of space in an area with low ceilings and few windows.

"We wanted to extend a welcoming feel," Murphy said.

Much of Murphy and Pilipchuk's design for the lower level resembles that of a lodge.

This effect - which Walnut Brook Estates developer and homeowner Gary Leigh described as similar to vacationing in the Rockies - can be seen in the area with a grouping around a ledgestone hearth. The cabinetry of the nearby entertainment center features faux twig inlay work by Andrzej Sikora of Decora Interior Art Design.

The designers incorporated images of nature

throughout the lower level. Custom steel railings by the Mark Belchenko Studio look like branches and twigs. A cherry wood bar by Allen Haapala Fine Woodworking and Custom Cabinets of Waterford has a translucent onyx stone countertop with a branch-like pattern.

Frank Lloyd Wright inspired the bar and other furnishings, as well as such accents as maple and cherry squares.

Copper shines throughout the decor - as in the copper tin ceiling in the game room, and amid the backsplash at the bar. The backsplash, and surrounding counter area, also features ceramic tile by the Virginia Tile Co.

Pilipchuk and Murphy used fabrics with rich textures, including chenille and velvet burnouts.

Rooms serve as entertainment centers, as in the wine cellar and playroom.

The wine cellar conveys Old World ambiance, with trompe l'oeil murals by Decora Interior Art Design that look like a vineyard and streetside cafe, and plywood walls stained to look aged. Boulder Dennis Glick of Bloomfield Hills made a wine rack out of PVC cylinders, painted to resemble terra cotta.

Walls in the playroom are painted to resemble a circus of 100 years ago, with tent flaps and barkers.

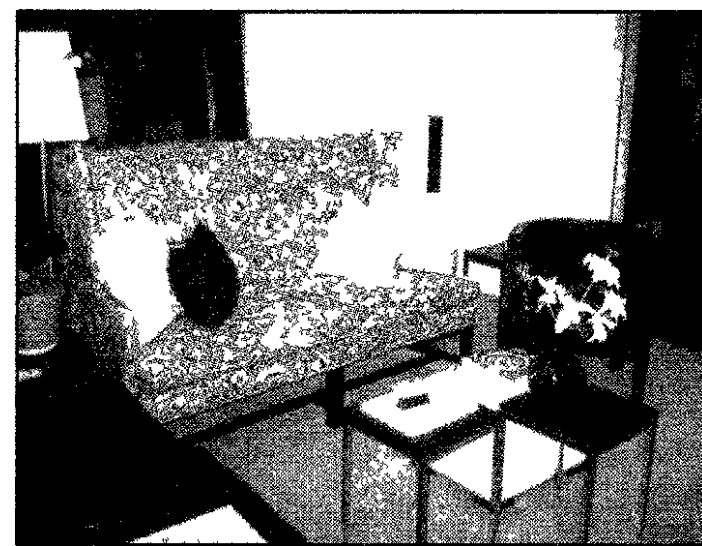


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At High Point: This wing chair settee by Hickory Chair, which can serve as a banquette at a table, is an example of the furniture trends for 2002. It was shown at the International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., in October.

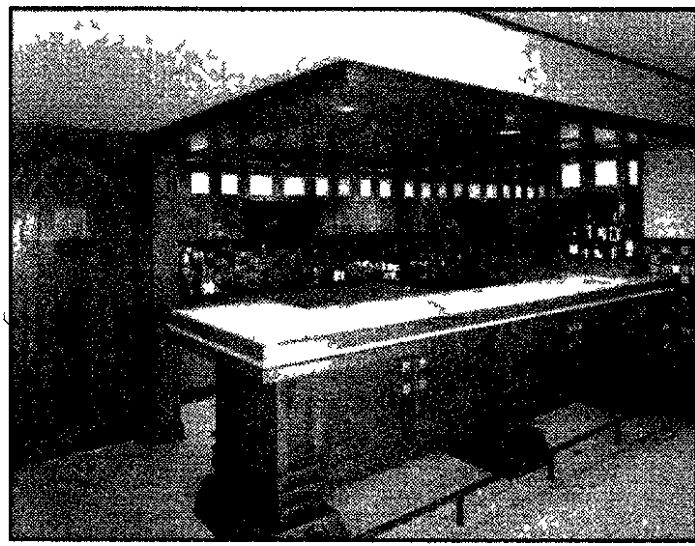


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Serving style: The bar area at Walnut Brook Estates is dressed in cherry wood and copper.

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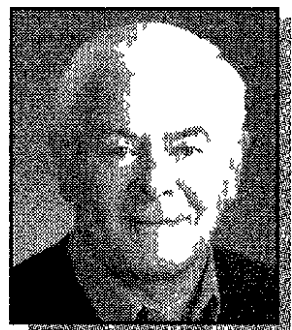
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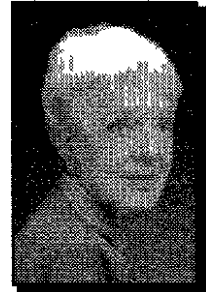


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New books give head start on 2002 gardening season

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holiday season is over perhaps you will find time to choose a new book and get a head start on the gardening season. Here are some you might consider.

Beautiful American Rose Gardens, Mary Tonetti Dorra (Potter \$40) Richard Felber does not only fill this book with gorgeous photographs of the gardens and single roses, Dorra's historical narrative of the rose is an added bonus. We travel from the East Coast to the west and all parts in between, visiting gardens in New England, the south, Midwest, northwest, and California in many climate zones. Here you will visit very formal gardens and those in which the roses are growing among other plants. Many of the gardeners share particular tips that have worked for them. Seven simple drawings (easy to follow) will guide you in

the design of your own spectacular garden. The source list is extensive.

Trees, Susan A Roth (Houghton Mifflin, \$23) This is the newest in the Taylor's Guides' series. The book begins with choosing the right tree for the right place, correct planting techniques and after care, which includes pruning both broad leaved trees and conifers, and more. The color photographs include short descriptions and the reference page where extensive information will be found in the encyclopedia. The appendix provides lists of trees with particular soil needs, and/or attributes such as fruiting, fall color, showy flowers, etc. This handy guide answers many questions you may have in selecting and maintaining these important landscape plants.

When I opened *The Modern Garden*, Jane Brown (Princeton Architectural Press \$45), I was most pleased to see photographs taken at Cranbrook and a brief biography of Ebel Saarnen and his design work. The Orpheus fountain, created by Carl Milles, his contemporary, is located at the art institute there. The modern garden began in the 1900s

and had a short "run" until the 1950s. Brown writes, "The modern garden was never carefully codified by any latter-day Humphry Repton, nor have the gardens that were made survived well. It is elusive but it was more than merely a dream. It served to focus some of the twentieth century's great ideas." Included are works by Fletcher Steele, Bentley Wood, Russell Page, Luis Barragan, Roberto Burle Marx, Dan Kiley, Columbus, Indiana, and others which are highlighted and superbly photographed. The narrative brings these artists alive and explains the horticultural significance of the gardens and the impact they have made in this century.

The revised and expanded edition of *Fern Grower's Manual*, Barbara Joe Hoshizaki & Robbin C Moran (Timber Press \$59.95) Look no further - this is the book for people who like the texture, colors, forms and gracefulness of hardy, semi-hardy, or tropical ferns and who want to know just about everything about these plants. Cultural techniques, soils, additives, pruning, year-round care, in fact, all you'll need to know from planting to propagation is here. The bulk of



Pictured: The Orpheus fountain at Cranbrook is pictured in *The Modern Garden*

the book is the encyclopedia of 700 species from 124 genera. The descriptions are thorough, line drawings of the fronds quickly show the wide range of their forms. Excellent.

Also from Timber Press, *The Gardener's Guide to Growing Orchids*, Wilma and Brian Rittershausen (\$29.95) Two experienced orchid growers provide concise instructions for growing these beauties. They tell how to

best care for orchids if you don't have a greenhouse, as well as what to do when growing them in a greenhouse. The authors also suggest orchids that are best suited for growing in the home environment. The color plates will make your mouth water and the descriptions are most informative.

Happy New Year!

When potting houseplants in a new pot, use one that is just the next larger size. Too large a pot may hold too much water and cause the roots to rot.

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

Good Garden Tip

PETS OF THE WEEK

Homes for the New Year - Start the New Year with compassion by giving a loving home to an animal facing death-row. Rescue an abandoned dog named Wilhe. Or consider a cat named Hoochie whose owners decided to move into an area that doesn't allow animals.

Time is ticking away for both animals.

Willie is a 2-year-old Labrador/Hound mix male with a black coat and some white markings on his chest and paws. This happy dog seems to have a zest for life. He's friendly, affectionate and quickly becomes comfortable with his surroundings. Since he has lots of energy and likes to be busy he is best suited in a home with children 12 years old and up. He will make a great, loyal family dog! Willie loves walks and car rides and is neutered and vaccinated. If you can save this wonderful boy, he's at the Michigan Humane Soci-

ety Rochester Hills Shelter at (248) 852-7420.

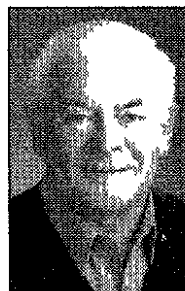
Hoochie is a pretty 18-month-old tiger Domestic Shorthair female. Sadly, this affectionate feline longs for the companionship of a human. She loves to cuddle on laps and snuggle on soft beds. Since she has a great personality, she will fit into any type of home where love exists. She is waiting for a family to rescue her and is at the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter, (734) 721-7300.



Waiting for homes: Willie, top photo, is a 2-year-old Labrador/Hound mix with a zest for life. Hoochie, bottom photo, is a 18-month-old tiger Domestic Shorthair who loves to cuddle.

Regular inspections can help prevent gas range fires

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

We have recently had a tragedy occur in this area when three people died in a house fire as a result of using a gas range to provide heat inside a home.

Another cause could have been too many extension cords plugged into one outlet. This story and more are preventable by using plain common sense.

Let's take the gas range of today, which uses a glow type igniter instead of the old-style pilot light. The glow type is a very fast moving replacement part in my industry and some homeowners have changed as many as five of them in the past

10 years. Many customers have reported delayed ignition which causes a small explosion inside the oven when the unit comes on. Some people even report the door flying open when it ignites.

It stands to reason that if these igniters and ovens are on continuously for heating a home, they may not be able to withstand the constant use. The oven could turn into a serious fire hazard. You should also be aware that we know that the gas range in the kitchen does create carbon monoxide when using it and that is why past columns have pointed to opening a window in the kitchen when cooking a meal.

The gas lines which feed your range should be proper and checked out once in a while. There was a case in Redford last year where a home was completely destroyed, caused by a gas range which has been used for many years. The conclusion was reached that every time the consumer used the pots and pans drawer as the bottom, the back of the drawer would rub on the aluminum gas line connection tubing.

I am a believer in using copper tubing to connect gas to any appliance. This could have prevented that house from exploding and causing the tragedy that it did. The cooking appliances in the American home are known to have caused millions of house

fires in years past, try not to let your house become a statistic in the future.

We have just gone through a holiday period where many of us had family and friends over for dinner. In the hurry of big meal preparations, many of us will have spillage occur in the oven.

Using the self-cleaning feature of an oven should also bring the word caution to your mind. The inside of the oven gets as hot as 900 degrees during this cycle and you should move things away that are combustible. Look in the cabinets which make contact with your range and you may have plastic bags and articles that can melt from the extreme heat that radiates from the range. To get a better cleaning job from the self-clean, soften up the heavy spills with white vinegar and wipe them out as best you can.

Never try to open the door during self clean because if you should pop the door latch and the door opens, you will have a ball of flame hit you right in the face. The gas range is used for cooking and sustaining life, not to take it away from us. Please use care and stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

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Charities jump in to help Kabul zoo

ABOUT ANIMALS



DR. BRAD DAVIS

Remember going to the zoo when you were a child? You'd dream all year about the day your parents would load the family into the station wagon to spend a day enjoying critters and working on your sunburn.

In our childhood memories, zoos are safe, fun places to be, where the greatest concern involves whether the tigers will ever move.

In some parts of the world, zoos face great turmoil, and situations beyond belief. The Kabul Zoo ranks at the top of this list.

The phrase "Kabul Zoo" seems like a joke. How could Kabul, under the leadership we have witnessed on our televisions every night, have a zoo? Afghanistan's weak economy and constant strife certainly would seem to contradict having one. They do have a zoo, but not much of a zoo.

Recent situations have reduced the animals from about 40 species to about 20, among them a bear, monkeys, rabbits and a lion. The lion, named Marjan, will likely become the poster child of this zoo, with his story symbolizing all the facility's, and the nation's, shortcomings.

Thin and weak, racked with arthritis, the lion slowly maneuvers through his enclosure, getting around from memory. He needs his memory because he's blind.

A few years ago, a cocky Afghani guerrilla jumped into his enclosure and, as you might expect, was killed and eaten. The brother of the soldier exacted vengeance by throwing a grenade at the lion. It blew up in the lion's face, scarring him and taking his vision.

In the States, this lion would either be put down or put into retirement somewhere, but here he remains on display, less an example of the species than a monument to stupidity.

How can they afford to feed them? Simple: They can't. Zoo workers beg for food for the animals. The 5-cent entrance fee and about 100 visitors a day don't go very far to pay their costs.

The American Zoo and Aquarium Association announced they will try to help. It is hoped this

will enable these animals to survive, or help them end their suffering. Maybe even take the animals somewhere safe until the danger subsides. If it ever subsides.

London Zoo

Also dealing with turmoil is the London Zoo, set in the delightfully pastoral Regents Park in northern London.

You couldn't ask for a more different setting from Kabul. The London Zoo is exceptionally beautiful, with sculpted gardens throughout, a river rolling through with water taxis gliding by, and a fine selection of well-fed animals in decent if not perfect habitats. The air is filled with animal sounds and the laughter of children on field trips wearing their school blazers and matching beanies.

Still, this place that gave us Winnie-the-Pooh also has faced major problems over the last few years.

Hoof and Mouth Disease has forced many of the spots that zoos take for granted to shut down. The farm animal petting area not only closed, but is obscured by a barrier that holds visitors back several feet from the habitat fence, with large signs warning of the dangers of HMD.

The zoo's most recent problem occurred on Oct. 20 this year, in the elephant area. As visitors looked on helplessly, one of the keepers was killed by one of the animals he had taken care of.

Now the only elephant in the London Zoo is a statue, surrounded by flowers honoring the man killed doing the job he loved so much, with the animals he

loved so much. The elephants now live in the countryside, being "retrained" to be safer. Until they return, a large empty elephant house serves as a sad reminder.

Heifer Project

All this ugliness makes it seem like there's no good news involving animals in the world. Untrue. A charity called The Heifer Project uses animals to make a difference in people's lives, and its efforts should be trumpeted every Christmas season.

By supplying impoverished families with animals, The Heifer Project helps change the lives of people in Third World nations.

A heifer, which is a young cow, gives a family the opportunity to consume milk, and also to sell milk, which helps them get better shelter and more food. In other words, it gives them a chance to make their lives better, not just for a day, but forever.

The project also gives people goats, oxen, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits - whatever can be used to get them started toward stability. It's nice to help out, especially when profound help isn't profoundly demanding.

To help The Heifer Project, go to www.heifer.org, or call (800) 422-0474.

The London Zoo will survive. The chance to help the Kabul Zoo will come. This charity can use our help right now.

Take Home Message: The world situation has hit everyone, including our furry friends. Help when you can and where you can, and remember to visit our zoo. Savor the tranquility and the chance to make great memories. A lot of places don't have that luxury.

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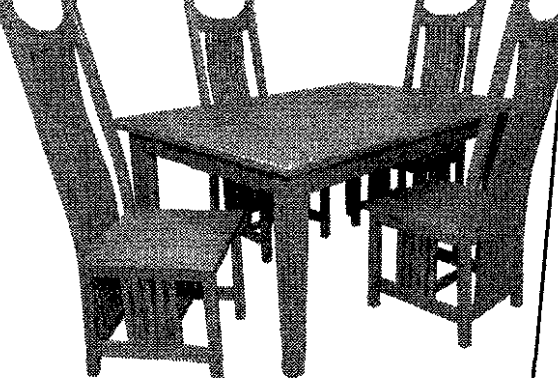
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

WYANT-MURRAY

Nancy Murray and Shawn Wyant were married July 28, 2001 in Farmington. In attendance were the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Amy Murray, her cousin, Katherine Keledjian, Deborah Hanson, Brian Norwood, and the groom's brother, James Wyant. Ushers were John and Dennis Mehr. Flower girls were the bride's nieces, Jessica and Elizabeth Murray. Ring bearer was the groom's nephew, Jamie Wyant.



The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Linda Murray of Farmington and the groom is the son of Elizabeth Pearce of Redford. A reception was held at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Caribbean and will make their home in Farmington.

KOSLOWSKI-BROWN

Gail and Dwight Koslowski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lynn of Westland, to Scott David Brown of Dearborn Heights, son of Anna and Douglas Brown of Dearborn.

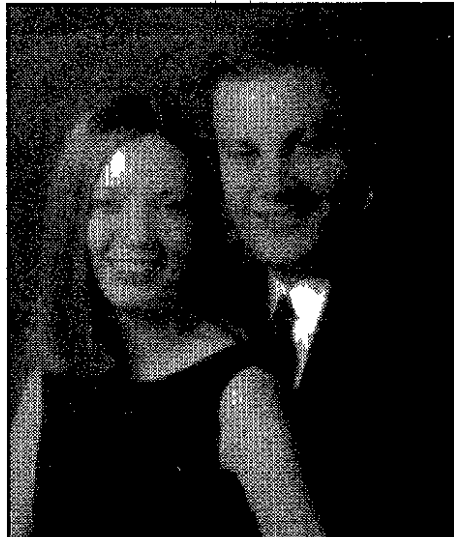


Cindy is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School, received a bachelor's degree in 1998 from Wayne State University and a master's degree in 2000 from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a clinical social worker at the University of Michigan Health System.

Scott is a 1994 graduate of Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Dearborn, in 2000. He is employed with Visteon.

LEE-BASTIEN

Jerry and Kathleen Lee of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Catherine to Brian Thomas Bastien, son of George and Patricia Bastien of Sterling Heights.



Amy is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, and a graduate of Michigan State University in 1996 with a degree in accounting. She is currently employed with Delphi Automotive Systems in Dusseldorf, Germany as a finance and technical accounting consultant.

Brian is a 1988 graduate of Sterling Heights High School, and a 1993 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in accounting and a masters degree in business administration. He is a senior manager in the audit practice of Ernst and Young LLP in Dusseldorf, Germany. A January 26, 2002 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Music students:
Pictured (front to back and left to right) graduating students, Peyton North, Lily Paterson, Taylor Hesano, Courtney Albers and Anna Cafeo



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The Kelly-Kirby Piano Method begins Jan. 19 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Boys and girls ages 5-7 will be introduced to music and piano with an approach that appeals to the young child's mind and imagination. The children are taught ear

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Kelly-Kirby Kindergarten Piano Degree as well as having studied extensively with the noted Mischa Kottler. She performs professionally, teaches extensively and has produced many award-winning students. For information call (248) 477-8404 or (248) 474-9105.

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message on a piece of memorabilia, which can be added to the scrapbook. Use videotape for interviewing family members during special events. As the years go by, those videos will become priceless.

Is your refrigerator covered with the kid's artwork? What do you do with all those masterpieces? If you feel guilty throwing them away, but you just have no place to store them, pull out your camera and take a picture. Keep a photo book just for refrigerator art. At the end of each school year, pull out the photos for the whole family to admire. It will be a tradition the kids will take pride in.

Family traditions do not have to be perfect. Life doesn't usually work out exactly as it is planned, especially when kids are involved. There are always the unexpected spills, disagreements, and disasters that set things awry. Experiencing your family's traditions by accepting any imperfections and embracing the event as it happens is far

more rewarding than crying over yet another failed attempt at perfection. By dealing positively with the unexpected, your family traditions may even take on added meaning and joy.

Every year, my family looks forward to decorating Christmas cookies. From the time the kids were able to climb on a stool to reach the kitchen counter, they would decorate cut out cookie shapes with colorful frostings and sprinkles. We weren't going for perfection, just for a happy shared experience. As the boys got older, they became more creative in their decorating.

The Santa cookies started wearing sunglasses, the snowmen had tattoos and eye patches, and the reindeer cookies had spiked collars. The boys roared with laughter as they admired their creativity. At first, I was not amused. By reminding myself that traditions are more enjoyable if they are adjusted to fit the ages and stages of the kids, I was able to relax. By

adapting to their pre-adolescent playfulness, our tradition happily continued. If I had rigidly insisted that they conform to my personal image of how the cookies were to be decorated, I would have robbed them of the fun of experimenting with their own unique ideas and would have diminished the joy of our tradition.

Taking time to participate in traditions brings families closer. Those warm feelings strengthen each family member. Children draw on that strength in difficult times, and continue those traditions when raising children of their own. Today's routines will be tomorrow's memories. Make those memories rich and satisfying by creating your own special family traditions.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

BRENDEN BRIAN MICHAEL EDOFF
Brian M. Edoff and Susan Elizabeth Smith-Edoff of Redford, announce the birth of their son Brenden Brian Michael Edoff on Nov. 20 at University of Michi-

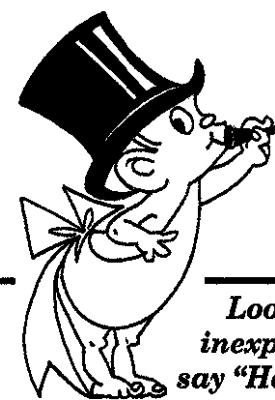
gan Hospital in Ann Arbor. His siblings are Savanah Sarah Christine Edoff, 4, and Sarina Ruby Elizabeth Edoff, 18 months. His grandparents are Robert A.

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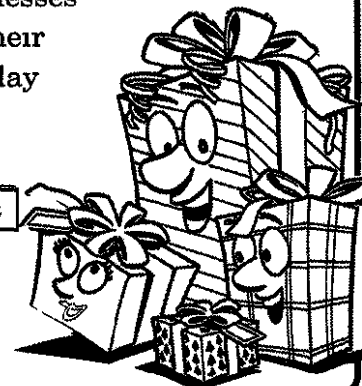
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SUTTLE APPROACH

Creating family traditions

Why should holidays have all the fun? Family traditions are typically centered around yearly events. Birthdays traditionally involve a party, blowing out candles and opening presents. Religious holidays are filled with many beautiful traditions inspiring children to follow their family's faith. Since traditions are recurring routines, why not add some to your everyday life?

What areas of family life need some attention? Are meal times fragmented and stressful? Are the children strangers to their relatives? Is there anything at all pleasant about bedtime? By examining the areas that need help, a family tradition or routine can be set in place for creating more meaningful and enjoyable time together.

Here are five guidelines for creating a new family tradition:

- 1 It happens at regular time intervals, giving the whole family something to look forward to
- 2 It is memorable
- 3 It provides a sense of security and structure to family living
- 4 It enriches family relationships
- 5 It is designed to include fun and togetherness

Childhood memories are experienced through the senses. Be sure to incorporate sounds, tastes, sights, smells and touch in the traditions you create. Start a routine of playing energetic music during clean up time,

or add relaxing music to your children's bedtime routine. Sing lullabies or read stories out loud at the same time each evening. Start Monday mornings with a joke. The delightful sound of laughter lingers long in the hearts of loved ones.

For the sense of smell, get into a routine of adding fragrant scents, like lavender, to the bath water. Consider adding scented candles or flowers to special dinners.

Little kids touch everything. Help them link touch to the family traditions. Talk about the sticky feeling of caramel apples during annual cider mill trips, or the silky feel of a satin pillow case used on nights the tooth fairy visits (satin makes it easier for the tooth fairy to slide a special surprise under a sleeping child's head).

Add special tastes to each tradition. Just as movies and popcorn go together, turkey on Thanksgiving, cake for birthdays, associating favorite tastes with special occasions sets them apart from other days. It's the small touches that help define your family.

Children have a lot of creative ideas. Encourage their enthusiasm by letting them participate in planning family traditions. Kids can help, but it's a parent's job to decide what traditions fit with the family's values and budget. I overheard two youngsters suggest to dad, "Since there's a Mother's day and a Father's day, why don't we celebrate Kid's day?" Dad responded, "Every day is Kid's day."

Make a tradition of planning regular outings. Not sure where to go? Try museums, planetariums, historical sites, libraries, sports centers, concerts, parks, beaches, theaters, farms, or community centers. Make a list of enjoyable places to visit. By allowing each family member a turn to choose the location, the family gets to explore each other's interests.

A touching way to connect with each of your children is to take turns having a "special day." A special day includes one parent with one child. One on one time together, regardless of what you do, is a self-esteem builder and you will look forward to it as much as your children do.

Use photo albums and scrapbooks to record your family's traditions. Take a picture of your baby each month in an outfit that won't fit him until he's a year old. Plant a tree and take a yearly picture of your family next to it each spring. Trace the shape of your children's hands on a scrapbook page every year. Leave the albums out for the family to enjoy. Have everyone in attendance at a celebration, write his or her signature or

Please see TRADITIONS, C4

It's Girl Scout cookie time!



Cookie time: Westland Girl Scouts Troop 162 members, (left to right), Ashley Gatesy, 11, Amanda Mirabitor, 11, and Beth Tolliver, 11, sixth graders at John Marshall Middle School hold three boxes of scout cookies.

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Pour yourself a glass of milk and get ready to dunk! Girl Scout cookies sales are well underway. Girl Scouts are out in force through Jan. 20, going door to door taking orders for cookie favorites like Thin Mints and Caramel deLites.

"They're all good," said Brittany Modreski, 10, of the eight cookie varieties the Girl Scouts sell each year. Modreski is a member of Troop 2123 in Farmington Hills.

The origin of Girl Scout cookies is unclear, but legend has it that the first cookie was a homemade "biscuit" baked and sold by troops of Girl Guides in England in the first part of the 1900s. Shortly after Juliet Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts in the United States in 1912, good old American entrepreneurship kicked in and selling cookies became a way to finance troop activities. According to the Girl Scouts Web site, the first cookie sale took place in December 1917 when the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Okla., baked cookies and sold them in its high school cafeteria as a service project.

Through the 1920s and early 1930s, Girl Scouts in different parts of the country baked their own simple sugar cookies with their mothers and sold them door to door for approximately 25 cents a dozen. Since the mid-1930s, the cookies have been commercially baked, and today a box sells for \$3.

It is estimated that more than 2 million Girl Scouts participate in cookie sales. They represent 160,000 troops in 321 Girl Scout councils across the United States.

Beth Tolliver, 11, of Troop 162 in Westland enjoys selling the cookies. "It's just for the fun and being out there with people. It's just getting some fresh air," she said.

Marketing

Sometimes, when it comes to door-to-door sales, a Girl Scout faces a bit of competition, said Catherine Soltis, 10, of Farmington Hills Troop 2123. "The hard part for me is there's another Girl Scout who lives across the street."

Fortunately, through the decades, relatives and friends remain a Girl Scout's biggest market.

"On New Year's Eve, people who aren't even my relatives get to buy from me," said Modreski. "One person buys 60 boxes, 30 of Tagalongs and 30 Thin Mints."

"My aunt buys pretty much 15-20 boxes. She sends



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Won't you, please?: Plymouth Girl Scout Troop 1228 members Meg Gripman, 10 (left) and Alyssa Spooner, 10 (right), fifth graders at Bird Elementary will sell different types of girl scout cookies.

them out to relatives and her boyfriend, who lives in Arizona," said Beth Tolliver, 11, of Troop 162 in Westland.

However, Girl Scouts agree selling cookies takes more skill than luck and generous relatives.

The industrious Catherine Soltis, 10, of Troop 2123 in Farmington Hills, understands the value of marketing. "I say on my answering machine that I'm selling Girl Scout cookies and if you want any to call me, I also send out a flier," she said.

Amanda Mirabitor of Westland Troop 162 learned about commitment and setting limits. "Both skill and luck are important," she said. "I learned last year,

don't do what you can't handle. I stood in the cold one day from 3-9 p.m. selling cookies. I wanted this special shirt. I had to sell 400 boxes."

Successful selling also requires good manners.

"If you just say, 'Hey, you want to buy some cookies?' they won't say anything. But if you say, 'Hi, I'm from Troop whatever, they'll buy. And if you wear your vest or sash, that helps,'" said Meg Gripman of Troop 1228 in Plymouth.

And what do you do if a non-cooking loving person answers the door? "If I go to a grumpy house, I just say thank-you and go to another house," said Gripman.

Good cause

Cookie sales are important to Scouting because more than two-thirds of proceeds benefit projects for financial aid, leadership and citizenship training, math, science and technology training, career awareness and job preparation, and facility and property maintenance.

Just 83 cents per \$3 box goes to the baker for cookies, delivery and cost of operating the sale. Forty-two cents is kept by the individual troops.

"We sell about \$10,000 worth of cookies, and we keep about \$1,600. It's our biggest fundraiser," said Janis Mirabitor of Westland, a Troop 162 leader.

"We raise money to go on field trips, and most everybody gets to go because we raise so much money," said Alyssa Spooner, 10, of Troop 1228 in Plymouth.

Field trips include adventures like staying overnight at the Toledo Zoo, where Girl Scouts were treated to a nocturnal tour earlier this year. They also include lots of "Dads and Me" outings and camping trips, where scouts learn to relish "Walking Taco"—a mixture of ground beef, lettuce and cheese poured into a bag of Fritos and shaken.

Favorite cookie

The new Friendship Circles cookie—chocolatey filling sandwiched between two vanilla cookies and embossed with the word "friend" in 18 languages—is a favorite among the Farmington Hills, Westland and Plymouth troops. So is the Peanut Butter Patties, the gooey Caramel deLites and the Thin Mints, one of the top-sellers in Michigan.

They recommend drinking chocolate milk with the Friendship cookie, plain white milk with the Caramels and "a nice tea" with the Thin Mints.

But Ashley Gatesy, 11, of Troop 162 in Westland doesn't want to influence anybody's cookie choice. She just wants to sell lots of cookies. "We'd like you tell people it's Girl Scout cookies time again," she said.



Salesmanship: Farmington Hills troop 2123 members Ashley Cohagen, 10, (left to right), Catherine Soltis, 10, and Brittany Modreski, 10, of Highmeadow Common Campus in Farmington Hills are among many selling girl scout cookies.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY CLASSES
Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia, resumes its dinner-study program on Jan 9. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m., followed by Bible classes for youth and adults at 7 p.m. Study topics include Men's Bible Study with Bill Howarth, Women's Bible Study Psalms and Proverbs with Carol Balogh and Bonnie Ream, Understanding Islam with Mark McGilvrey, Characters in Scripture with Jim Frantz, and Ephesians, taught by Les Hardin and Roger Prong (734) 464-6722

GUEST SPEAKER
The Rev. Dale Meyer, former speaker on The Lutheran Hour radio show and host of On Main Street television program, will speak at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96,

for a 25th anniversary celebration service on Sunday, Feb. 10. The service, held at 9:30 a.m., will replace the normal 8:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday worship schedule (734) 522-6830

CLASS OFFERED
First Presbyterian church, 701 Church, Plymouth, invites you to attend The Alpha Course, starting 6 p.m. Jan. 10. This 10-week introduction to the Christian faith includes an informal dinner and small-group discussion each week. To learn more call (734) 453-6464

RAISING CHILDREN
Raising Children in Today's World will be presented by Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be four topics to choose from Jan. 12. Session start 9-10:25 a.m. Dr. Paul Melrose, "Raising Children with Good Self-esteem," and Dr. Wes Brun, "Raising Children with Good Morals." The next session 10:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Dr. Patricia McCluskey, "Helping Children Deal with the Loss of a Loved One," and Dr. Paul Melrose, "Helping Children Deal with Television and Violence." Event is free to all parents. Call (734) 422-0149

FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City will host a series of intergenerational workshops designed to encourage and support faith-nurturing relationships among people of all ages. The monthly two-hour session begins at 3 p.m. Jan. 20 with large and small group discussions, activities and crafts. A soup supper will follow. There is no charge. Call (734) 427-3660 for information or e-mail Suanne Anderson suanneand@home.com

ONGOING

MEMBERS SOUGHT
Canton Christian Fellowship is a multi-ethnic church seeking individuals and families who are interested in helping a bible based, evangelical Christian church grow and meet the needs of the Canton community. We currently have 11 families that make up our church and we can use more help! If you are interested in the adventures of a start up church in Canton, please call Pastor David Washington Jr. at (734) 414-0856. Canton Christian Fellowship has been in existence for a year. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention of Michigan

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Canton Calvary Assembly of God invites the community to attend their services throughout the week. Morning worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, home groups every second/forth Sunday 6 p.m., family Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Royal Rangers 7 p.m. Wednesday, youth group 7 p.m. Wednesday, Power Prayer Friday 7 p.m. Nursery provided at all services. Call (734) 455-0820 or visit the church at 7933 North Sheldon in Canton (between Warren and Joy)

OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDOWERS
First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will host an opportunity for widowers to share time together with the Lord. The group's weekly meeting is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the church (across from the Wayne post office, one block west of Wayne Road). The study book used is *The Bumps Are What You Climb On* by Warren Wiersbe. The public is welcome to participate

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR WOMEN
A Woman's Heart-God's Dwelling Place, 13 week course beginning Jan. 22. A study of the building of the tabernacle. Tuesday mornings or evenings at Calgary Baptist Church

Romans-Part 2 Chapters 6-8, 11 week course beginning Feb. 5. A study of the epistle of St. Paul. Tuesday morning or evening classes. Calgary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-0022

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
Antioch Lutheran Preschool has openings for 3-year-olds Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 and 11 a.m. (33360 West 13 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills. Call Sharon Deter (248) 626-7906

SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP
We meet each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi to read and discuss *A Course in Miracles*. A \$5 donation includes refreshments. Please call Amy at (248) 624-7555

TERRORISM
September 11th. We too sorrow? An answer to Billy Graham's "mystery" Why does God permit evil? Send for your free booklet, *Why Does God Permit Evil?* Write for a free brochure. Associated Bible Students, P.O. Box 2153, Dearborn, MI 48123

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL
Parents and kids will attend the same class environment, giving more opportunities for family

faith sharing and continuation of Sunday school themes in every day life. 9 a.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS
Community Bible Class, a weekly study group, will begin meeting at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile, Northville. The public is invited to join in the study of the life of Christ as he is presented in the four gospels. This class is for everyone (both men and women) who desire to study God's word. We have over 16 denominations and 61 local congregations represented. Small group discussions are from 9:20-9:55 a.m., singing, praise, and teaching begins at 10 a.m. A children's ministry is provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Call at (248) 374-5978

MOM'S MORNING OUT
Thursday mornings - year round, the Mom's Morning Out group meets from 9-11 a.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. We have openings for all ages. We ask that you work once a month and help with our fund raiser (Mom-to-Mom sale annually). Call (734) 422-0149

If you would like to submit an item for the singles mingle calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write Singles Mingle, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday

SINGLES CRUISE
New Hope Center for Grief Support is planning a seven day Caribbean cruise for widows and widowers aboard Princess Cruise Line's "Sea Princess." The cruise will leave Detroit Jan. 27, 2002 and cruise the southern Caribbean with stops at Barbados, St. Thomas, and other ports of call. Call (248) 348-0115

DIVORCE SUPPORT
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College sponsors a Divorce Support Group from 7-9 p.m. at the McDowell Center (room 225). Call (734) 462-4443. Group meets the second (discussion) and fourth (speaker) Tuesday of the month. Upcoming schedule includes:
■ Group discussion, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, 26, April 9, April 23
■ New group for those divorced over 1 year. Meets from 7:30-9 p.m. across the hall from WRC, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST
■ Monthly meeting Jan. 17 as the deacon and head of the Archdiocese of Detroit Dept. of Youth and Family will be the guest speaker for ministry and prayer. Topic: *When God Speaks Your*

Name No cost
■ 10 a.m. Sundays a brunch is served at Redford Inn (Beech Daly and Five Mile Road)
■ 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan Church (Farmington Road north of Six Mile)
■ Tuesday's Coffee and Conversation at 7 p.m. at Thomas Family Dining (38971 Plymouth Road) Livonia

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. Call Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org

TALK IT OVER
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920

METROPOLITAN PROFESSIONALS
The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 DJ, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.). The ball rooms are non-smoking.
■ Euchre, pinocle, bridge and dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn, every Monday (33338 Grand River, Farmington). All skill levels
■ Volleyball 6:45-9:45 a.m. every Tuesday through April. Bloomfield Hills Middle School, Quanton Road just west of Telegraph

CHRISTIAN SINGLES
Attention singles - Christian

Singles Today Interactive Saturday Fellowship is held 7-11 p.m. at The Church of the Savior (Five Mile Road at Newburgh) in Livonia. Call (248) 478-1410 for information

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every

Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and

up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5, \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA JANUARY 10, 2002

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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

- Gerald H. Law of G & L Group Inc. 45209 Woodleigh Way Plymouth MI 48170 is requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance #120 Article 29 009 Section 9.1 Wall/Awning Signs for property at 7672 Canton Center N Parcel #71 011 02 0152 000 (Building)
- Joseph A. Kollins 48300 Warren Canton MI 48187 is requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance #26 02 for the building of a shed Parcel #71 020 99 0002 000 (Building)
- Meeting Schedule of 2002
- Nomination of ZBA Officers

Approval of December 13, 2001 minutes

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING: January 16, 2002
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request from DeMattia Group to approve a Use Subject to Special Conditions to allow an addition to an existing private school pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The subject property is located on the west side of Haggerty, south of Five Mile and north of M 14 Expressway, App. Number 1706/1201 Tax I D No. 022 00 0008 001. Questions may be directed to Community Development at (734) 453 8131 Ext. 37, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and written comments may be mailed to 46555 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2001

Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
Present: Tom Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda adopted as amended adding item 8b) MRPI Repairs - Phase 3 and item 9c) Redirection Project - Michigan Avenue Segment Third Connection

Minutes of regular meeting of November 19, 2001 approved
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$754,431.68 approved
Operations & Maintenance Report for November 2001 received and filed
Director's report for December 2001 received and filed
NHV/RV Sewer System Management approved committee appointments
MRPI Repairs - Phase 3 Request for Bids approved
Lower Rouge Storage Facility Award of Bid awarded bid to Reliance Building Co. in an amount of \$919,000
YCUA Plant Expansion Update received and filed
Redirection Project - Michigan Avenue Segment approved request to negotiate a purchase order contract with Odien Excavating for installation of the third connection

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Chairman

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CLOSING OF YORK STREET RAILROAD CROSSING TO VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, in the Commission Chamber of the City Hall, concerning the question of whether or not York Street should be closed at the Railroad Crossing. If you are unable to attend you may send written comments to the City of Plymouth, Building Dept. 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 or e-mail to building@cityofplymouth.com

All interested persons are invited to attend

ADA Notice

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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STORAGE USA NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on (JANUARY 15, 2002), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

B35 Paul Bauman
10 15 Boxes, TV Microwave, Toddler Bed 2 Arm Chairs 2 Tables, Diaper Genie, Dresser, 2 Coolers, Baby Bath CD Rack Toys Clothing, Couch, Mattress, Misc Household Items

C80 Michael Iacopelli
2 Large Dell Boxes, 1 Regular Box Cooler, Countertop Wood

C84 David Scott
Casio Keyboard, Van Seat, Table, Cooler 1 Box Fluorescent Lightbulbs, 1 Heat Register, rocking Horse, Shelves, 7 Boxes, 3 Milk Crates, 1 Bag of Books, Misc Household Items

D157 Rhonda Knight
2 Desks Vertical File Cabinets, Office Chairs, Bar Chairs, File Cabinets, Baby Swing, Bench, Crutch Tables Stage Lighting, Misc Boxes, Misc Plastic Bags, Loveseat Couple of Trees, Misc Household Items

E183 Gary Sarrels
30 40 Boxes, 4 Rubbermaid Totes 3 Plastic Bags, 7 Plastic Containers Bicycle, 1 Radiator, 2 Jack Stands, 1 Afghan, 1 Leather Bed Frame, Dresser Set, Misc Household Items

H285 Nicole Skellett Burnett
20 Boxes, Tub of Toys Toddler Bed Milk Crate, Cooler, 4 Lamps, 2 Laundry Baskets, Clothing, TV Trays, 2 Fishing Poles, Radio, 5 Plastic Bags Ab Roller, Pool Chest, Monitor speakers Printer, Misc Toys and Household Items

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Ocelots roll to holiday title

BY BRAD EMONS
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It turned out everyone was playing for second place last weekend in the Schoolcraft College men's basketball Christmas tournament.

The host Ocelots, ranked No. 10 in National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I poll, cruised to the title Sunday with a 95-55 victory over Wilber Wright (Ill.) after crushing George Brown (Toronto, Ont.) in Saturday's semifinals, 116-59.

BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft is now 13-0 overall entering Eastern Conference play this Saturday at home against host Oakland CC (Game time is 3 p.m.)

Second-year guard Javon Clark (Detroit Cass Tech), named tournament MVP, hit four 3-pointers in the opening half as Schoolcraft roared out to a 53-28 halftime lead against the Chicago-area school.

Clark finished with a team-high 14 points after leading SC with 18 against George Brown.

"Javon was able to knock down the three-ball," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Once he gets his feet set, he's a good shooter. He hadn't been knocking them down lately, but he had a good tournament for us and hopefully this will give him a lot of confidence."

Yaku Moton-Sprull, a 6-foot-8 center from Westland John Glenn, shared game-high honors with Clark against Wilber Wright by scoring 16. Moton-Sprull also grabbed nine rebounds.

Emir Medunjanin, a 6-6 forward from North Farmington, also had a strong first-half offensively, scoring 10 of his 13 points.

Eleven different SC players scored with Delvar Barrett adding 13 off the bench and starter Mike Williams contributing 10.

"We knew we had the size," Briggs said. "We just had to be patient and get the ball inside-out and not force shots. I thought we did a good job of getting the ball to our shooters."

Guards Randy Thomas and Marcus Jordan scored 17 and 16, respectively, for Wilber Wright. But the Illinois squad simply could not match up with Schoolcraft's superior size, shooting ability and bench strength.

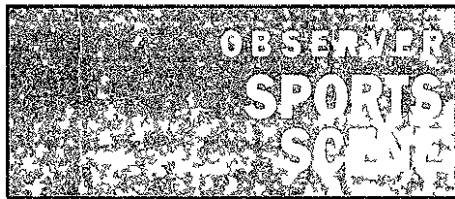
"Schoolcraft is well coached and they have a good group of individuals who know their roles well," Wilber-Wright coach Joe Wharton said. "We brought basketball back here (Wilber Wright) after 10 years and our goal is Division I. That's what we're shooting for. You can see the administration and staff (at Schoolcraft) gives them support they need."

Please see **OCELOTS, D3**



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Two-hand slam: Schoolcraft's Yaku Moton Sprull goes to the basket for a dunk in Sunday's 95-55 victory over Wilber Wright College of Chicago.



MU men's cagers fall

Matt Traylor scored 21 points to power Taylor University (Ind.) to a 62-50 victory over Madonna University in the consolation final of the Russ DeVette Holiday Classic men's basketball tournament Saturday at the Holland Civic Center.

Madonna, which dropped its 11th straight game, is 3-12 overall. Taylor, ranked sixth in the latest NAIA Division II poll, improved to 13-3.

The Trojans led from start to finish, going up 39-25 at halftime on a layup by Matt Boling with 52 seconds left.

The Fighting Crusaders got as close as eight, 56-48, on a basket by Steve Horn with 2:54 remaining, but Traylor answered with a pair of free throws 14 seconds later to push the margin back up to 10.

Boling contributed 12 points, while Matt Lettinga grabbed 10 rebounds and contributed nine points.

Noel Emenhiser, a 6-foot-5 freshman from Monroeville, Ind., led MU with 21 points on 8 of 13 shooting from the floor. He hit five 3-pointers in nine attempts.

Emenhiser, who scored 15 points in Friday's 80-67 first round loss to host Hope College, was named Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week.

No other Crusader scored in double figures.

Tony Jancevski, a 6-9 center from Plymouth Salem High School and Schoolcraft College, had a team-high nine rebounds.

Borgess cagers prevail

Redford Bishop Borgess boys basketball coach Lloyd Praedel said his team played its "best game so far this year" with a 53-44 win over Saginaw Buena Vista at Saturday's University of Detroit Jesuit's Roundball Classic.

Darien Bynum led the victorious Spartans (3-2) with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

"The guys were very much under control and did a great job reducing the number of turnovers," said Praedel.

Borgess led all but three periods with senior forward A.J. Shakir Ford adding 12 points.

Saginaw's only double-figure scorer was Mekele Cooper with 16 points.

"We executed things well both offensively and defensively," Praedel said. "The game was close all the way through but we held our own."

"I feel good about the progress we've made so far and have had a lot of compliments from people who saw us play last year and this year. We've made a lot of improvements."

The Spartans maintained a consistent training schedule over the holidays and Praedel said his team is ready and eager to start Catholic League AA divisional play Friday at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Salem icers triumph

Plymouth Salem used the holiday break to stay sharp on the ice, scoring an 8-3 boys hockey victory Saturday over Waterford Mott at Cranbrook.

Salem, 8-0-1 overall, led 1-0 after one period on Kevin Wilson's goal from Aaron Cheesman and Mike Crowley at 2:21.

The Rocks led 3-0 after two periods after scoring a pair of power-play goals in the middle period — Mark Nagel from Wilson and Dan Valentine at 12:41, and Bryan Young from Mike Barr and Wilson at 12:00.

The Rocks then exploded for five third-period goals while yielding three.

After Mott cut the deficit to 3-1 at 13:58, Salem's Eric Culp scored at 11:38 from Nagel and David Gill Young followed from Wilson at 8:09.

Mott came back to score at 7:35, but Crowley from Mike Chaney and Wilson made it 6-2.

A power-play goal by Nagel (from Crowley and Steve Jacobs) at 3:04 followed by Valentine's goal from Young and Barr at 2:21 closed out the Salem scoring.

Mott got a power-play goal with 19 seconds left.

Steve Welsh turned away 24 shots in the Salem net.

Mott's Brian Durham faced a total of 39 shots.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Observer News papers, Sports Department, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Nagel's goal lifts Rocks over Spartans

BY C.J. RISAK
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If there were doubts about Plymouth Salem's hockey team and just how good it was, they were erased Wednesday night at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Twice Livonia Stevenson built a two-goal lead against the Rocks, a team the Spartans had never lost to.

And twice they surrendered that advantage. In all, Salem led for just 1:23 in this 45-minute Western Lakes Activities Association match-up, but it was the most important 1:23 of the game.

It came at the end.

Salem's Mark Nagel flipped a shot past Stevenson goalie Gabriel Villarruel — filling in for starter Rob Thomas, injured earlier in the period — after a pretty set up by John Schultz with 1:23 left in the game capping both a 2-on-1 breakaway and three-goal comeback that led to a 5-4 victory for the Rocks.

The win left Salem unbeaten through 10 games 9-0-1. Stevenson slipped to 4-3-2.

PREP HOCKEY

Nagel was all smiles and nearly speechless afterwards. "There's nothing like it," he said. "It's the greatest feeling I've had in high school hockey."

It should be Nagel's been there from the program's start two years ago, playing through two dismal seasons prior to this one.

His performance against Stevenson was certainly exceptional. The Spartans led 2-0 by the midpoint of the first period on goals by Jon O'Neil (from Joshua Latzmann and Adam Miller) and Brian Shekell (from Matt Calus and Brett Beasey), but the Rocks answered with a power-play goal by Dave Gill (from Nagel and Schultz) and a short-handed score by Mike Crowley (from Kevin Wilson and Andy Thackaberry).

Stevenson broke the 2-2 deadlock with a fast start to the second period, Justin Dunn (from Miller and O'Neil) scoring just 17 seconds into the period and Jamison Messier (from Beasey and Latzmann) knocking in a rebound to make it 4-2 with 12:41 left.

That's when Nagel took command. On his first of three goals, scored with 8:39 left in the second period, he knocked in his own rebound to trim Stevenson's lead to 4-3 (Thackaberry and Schultz assisted).

Nagel then knotted it at 4-4 just 1:05 into the third (from Wilson and Brad Proodian), setting up a drama-filled third period.

Both teams killed off lengthy penalties that included long stretches with a two-man advantage for their opponents. Salem's Wilson was given a five-minute penalty with 8:23 left.

"When they called that on us and we were tired from killing penalties already, I thought if we could kill it we could get a draw," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "This is a huge win for us, a huge win."

Stevenson coach Ed Shepler was far from pleased with his team's effort. "We're fighting a game of breakdowns," he said. "We had way too many giveaways."

"Right now, we're playing undisciplined. We didn't stay in control. You can't play that way."

On this night, it was Salem that wrestled control of the conference away from the defending champs.

Shaw's 2001 run tough to duplicate

It's time to put a wrap on 2001. These top 10 story lines certainly had quite an impact on me.

I can't remember a year where I encountered such a variety of compelling story lines and issues.

Here is my top 10.

1. No. 8 Tim Shaw

Every week this kid from Livonia Clarenceville never ceased to amaze me, but he did it with class and humility. I'll never forget his playoff performances — the 323 yards rushing against Dundee, the electrifying 95-yard TD run against Detroit Country Day, and the game-winning 54-yard run in

the final minute to beat Detroit Crockett and getting the Trojans to the Silverdome.

Shaw, whose jersey was retired last month, leaves Clarenceville with a bucketful of state records including career marks for TDs (133) yards rushing (7,817) and points scored (826) — not to mention his 51 TDs this year, his 2,608 yards rushing and his 306 points.

He is also the 100-meter sprint champion in Division III and plays basketball.

He'll make some college coach happy because he is a gentleman and a scholar. **2. Sept. 11.** I'll never forget the phone call that morning from my father. His exact words were: "Turn on the television, we've got problems."

I asked myself, "How could such a beautiful morning be so ruined?"

The entire sports world shut down for a

day. I was certainly in a daze that night at the office. I remember walking out to our parking lot early Wednesday morning with my associate Dan O'Meara.

It was so strangely quiet, very eerie. We spotted three military planes circling around from Detroit to Ann Arbor. The only other things you could see on that night in the sky were the stars.

3. Schoolcraft basketball: The Ocelots certainly turned some heads with their 32-4 run and a trip to the NJCAA Men's National Tournament. The victory at Flint Mott, the state championship win, the regional conquest of vaunted Vincennes and then Gogebic, followed by a trip to Hutchinson, Kan. — all memorable. Coach Carlos Briggs had a vision and a dream and he got it done. The sweet jump shot of Derrick Bird and the inside presence of

Sam Hoskin remains etched in my mind. And it appears the Ocelots want to return and go again to Hutch. They're off to a 13-0 start this season with a No. 10 ranking in the country. Kudos also go to the Lady Ocelot basketball squad, which finished sixth in the Division II tourney.

4. League musical chairs: The reconfigured Western Lakes Activities Association announced they would add three schools to the mix — Wayne Memorial from the Mega and two new schools, Plymouth High and Walled Lake North, making it a 15-school league.

But later, the three Farmington schools announced they were not happy about the new WLAA configuration and would bolt next year to the Oakland Activities Associ-

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THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Jan. 4 Flat Rock at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Farmington at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at... H.W. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m. Borgess at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 3 City/Trotter at N. Farm., 4 p.m. Benedictine at St. Agatha, 7 p.m. Borgess at Det. DePorges, 7 p.m. C. Ville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Saline Invitational, 8 a.m. Carleton Invitational, 8 a.m. Hushing Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Walled Lake Inv., 9 a.m. PCA Eagle Tourney, 2 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 3 Ladywood at Port Huron, 4 p.m. Farm. Unified vs. W. Bloomfield at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 Franklin vs. Canton at Edger Arena, 2 p.m. Salem vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m. (Marquette Tournament) Trenton vs. Team Wisconsin, 6 p.m. Stevenson vs. Marquette, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Marquette Tourney, 11 a.m., 21 p.m. Red. Unified vs. Don. Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 1:15 p.m. Franklin at Novi, 3 p.m. Redford CC vs. Clarkston at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. Lakeland vs. Bloomfield at Det. Skating Club, 8 p.m. Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.</p>	<p>PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 3 Redford CC at Forest Hills, 1 p.m. Luth. Westland, Airport at Flat Rock, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 C. Ville at Avondale, 9 a.m. Redford CC at Toledo St. John, 10 a.m. Fordson Invitational, 10 a.m. Wyandotte Invitational, 10:30 a.m. S. Lyon Tournament, TBA.</p> <p>GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 5 Salem Invitational, 9:40 a.m.</p> <p>BOYS SWIMMING Saturday, Jan. 5 S. Field Lathrup Relays, 1 p.m.</p> <p>PREP SKIING Thursday, Jan. 3 Redford CC vs. South Lyon at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 3 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m. Siena Hts. at Madonna, 3 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 3 Spring Arbor at Madonna, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Siena Hts. at Madonna, 1 p.m. Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.</p> <p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 4 Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 Whalers vs. London Knights at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>TBA — Time to be announced</p>
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Salem spikers off to hot start, seize WB crown

Plymouth Salem is off to its best girls volleyball start in six years after winning the West Bloomfield Invitational (Dec 27) and finishing third in Saturday's Portage Northern Invitational. Salem is 11-1 overall after dropping its first match in the semifinals at Portage against Temperance Bedford, 15-6, 4-15, 14-16. The Rocks defeated Battle Creek Harper Creek in the quarterfinals, 15-4, 15-13. They also scored victories over Kalamazoo Central (15-13, 3-15, 15-11), Tecumseh (15-9, 15-1), Stevensville-Lakeshore (15-6, 15-12) and Fruitport (8-15, 18-16, 15-9). In the West Bloomfield tour-

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ney, Salem defeated Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley for the title, 15-7, 15-9 after eliminating Farmington Hills Mercy in the semifinals, 7-15, 15-9, 15-13. Senior Mary Lou Liebau was Salem's top attacker on the day with 41 kills. Katie Good added 35. Kelly Jaskot contributed 21 aces serves and a team-high 39 digs along with Tiffani Erikson. Good and Liebau each added 35 digs. Setter Jordan Falcusan finished with 99 assists.

The Rocks also beat the host Lakers 15-2, 15-9, in the quarterfinals after wins in pool play over Troy (15-2, 16-14), Farmington Hills Harrison (15-7, 15-5) and Dearborn Fordson (15-4, 15-9). Spartans lose consolation Livonia Stevenson finished 2-3-1 in last week's 16-school University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational. Riverview Gabriel Richard defeated the Spartans in the consolation final, 10-15, 17-16, 15-2. The Spartans, 4-2-4 overall, went 1-2-1 in pool play splitting with Detroit Renaissance (15-3, 15-17) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (15-11, 12-15), while

losing to last year's defending champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (9-15, 1-15). Stevenson reached the consolation final with victories over Allen Park (15-6, 15-7) and Walled Lake Western (15-10, 8-15, 19-17). All-Tournament pick Ashley Dettore was the Spartans' top attacker with 21 kills. Other top hitters included Ashley Janaulis, 19, Ami Perreault and Laura Flaucher, 11 each, and Lisa Montgomery 10. Ashley Aja contributed 29 digs, while Flaucher had 42 assist-to-kills. Alcia Davis had 13 ace serves and Clarissa Schjck had seven

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ation I hope it works out for both parties involved. I'm just not a big fan of the Mega concept. **5. Gender equity:** The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been told by a Kalamazoo judge that its sports seasons are out of line. The ruling says girls volleyball should be in the fall and girls basketball in the winter. The next round in court comes in Cincinnati and I'm not betting the MHSAA will win. I wonder how this will affect our media coverage and how facilities will be juggled? Will there be enough officials to work both boys and girls basketball in the same season? If the MHSAA does lose, I believe we need two distinct high school athletic associations — one for girls and one for boys. **6. Harrison juggernaut:** I don't know if this was the best high school football team I've ever seen but it certainly was the most explosive offense led by quarterback

Drew Stanton and receiver Agim Shabay. I've seen just about every Hawk state championship squad and this one was right up there. What I'll remember is Harrison's dominating performance in the WAAA championship game against Westland John Glenn and Stanton throwing ropes off his back foot and under pressure. I wonder if things are going to change with Harrison heading into the OAA? **7. CC trophy case:** The Shamrocks came away with state titles in hockey, cross country and football. The come-from-behind 24-21 Division I football victory over Utica Eisenhower at the Pontiac Silverdome was probably the best game of the two-day championship games. I remember Ryan Wroblecki taking that vicious hit from Ike linebacker Joe DiGiorgio at the end of the first half, shaking it off and coming back and making the game-winning TD catch. Quite a heroic

performance. **8. Anne Morrell:** Michigan's Miss Soccer made it look so easy out on the field, leading Plymouth Canton to the coveted state championship. She has qualities a lot like Gordie Howe — a combination of power and finesse. Morrell went on to play with the U.S. National Team and started for NCAA runner-up North Carolina, which was upset in the championship final by Santa Clara. **9. Track titles:** The Meckes brothers, Nate and Josh, led Luther an High Westland to the Division IV state boys championship, first in school history. Meanwhile, Harrison took the Division II boys title and Plymouth Canton captured a highly competitive Observerland Relays at Redford Union. Two Observerland runners won sprint titles: Darryl Anglin of Redford Bishop Borgess in Division IV and Tim Shaw of Clarenceville in Division III. **10. New Patriot A.D.:** Livonia Franklin had to wait almost four months but the Patriots got their man and it was quite a coup — Wayne State University men's basketball coach Ron Hammy. I've never reported on a story that took more twists and turns. I tried to be patient and not jump the gun, but this story had more subplots than a soap opera. It was the story I never thought was going to end, but it had a happy ending.

Final memories: The passing of Van Dimitrou and Fred Mushinski. The launching of Livonia Unified gymnastics. The Hartsells back on ice. Lindsay Gusick's stellar soccer career. Justin Ockerman, Charlie Haeger and Dave Moss getting drafted. Big Ten decathlon champion and NCAA qualifier Paul Terek. NCAA pole vaulter Jeannette Martus. Grand Valley's Reggie Spearman in the NCAA Division II football championship. Ladywood's string of volleyball championships halted at nine. Stevenson's 11th straight WAAA girls swim title. U.S. Junior Archery champion Melissa Evitts. Jim Kimble stepping down as Stevenson girls soccer coach and Rick Lee as Franklin football coach. Bob Holmes retiring as Franklin track coach. John Salter's 500th baseball win. Marc Hage leaving as Churchill A.D. Imam Kharbush's state wrestling title. The fine golf of Steve Polanski and Thom Piscopink. Glenn's thrilling overtime football win over Walled Lake Central. All America Stacey Sapanich. Jerry Stackhouse playing hoops during the summer at Schoolcraft. Lorenzo Guess making his final tackle at MSU. (Emons is the Livonia Westland sports editor for the Observer and can be reached at (734) 953-2123 or by e-mail at bemons@oe.homecomm.net.)

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"We'll be back her next year because if we want to be the best, we we have to play the best"

Wilber-Wright (9-7) advanced to the final by surprising Kirtland CC, 99-77 on Saturday, as Thomas had 26 and Jordan 24. Hubert Jones and Isaiah Brooks each contributed 13.

Reuben Edwards had 22 to lead Kirtland.

"We thought we might meet Kirtland in the final," Briggs said. "Wilber Wright gave us a different look than we're used to. They have a lot of guys 6-2 to 6-5 who are very athletic and like to get to the basket."

"With that matchup I thought we adjusted well, and it will help us get ready for the league because a lot of those teams will present the same kind of look."

The only negative on the afternoon was a sprained ankle starting point-guard Rulon Harris suffered near the end of the opening half.

"The good thing is that we got a chance to play a lot of guys and be happy for the holidays," Briggs said. "We'll give Rulon a couple of days off and hopefully he'll be ready for Oakland."

Many thought it would be hard to duplicate last year's 32-4 season of a year ago when Schoolcraft made its first-ever trip to the NJCAA national tournament.

But the 2001-02 Ocelots also seem to be on a mission.

"This year I think we're a little bit tougher and better defensively," fifth-year Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "But we're not as skilled offensively as we were last year when we had guys like Derrick Bird (now at

Auburn) and Sam Hoskin (at DePaul)." One trademark of this Schoolcraft squad is unselfish play.

"Mike Williams is averaging 25 points a game, but he understands he doesn't have to be just a scorer for us to win," Briggs said. "All of our guys do a good job with that. That's why we had a lot of layups."

Schoolcraft also got a boost from 6-7, 285-pound center Delvar Barrett, a Detroit Cooley graduate who was playing in only his third game after transferring in from the University of Toledo.

He had 26 total points in the tournament and gives SC an inside presence along with Moton-Spruill.

"Delvar has good hands, good footwork and is skilled," Briggs said. He had some things he had to do off the court to be eligible to play. We told him what he had to do, which is to make a commitment. He got a 2.8 grade-point taking 17 hours.

"If he gets his weight down to about 260, we hope he can be a real factor for us by state tourney time. He's been coming in on his own and riding a bike and I'm encouraged by his progress."

Kirtland, coached by former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, bounced back Sunday to win the consolation game against George Brown (11-9) of Toronto, Ont., 93-81, as Edwards had 29 and Monte Tucker added 24.

Dion Horsford and Michael Hayles scored 24 and 23, respectively, for George Brown. Omar Omar had 16 in the loss to Schoolcraft.

Against George Brown, SC's leading scorers included Clark (18), Williams (16), Barrett (13) and Harris (11).



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL
Good hands: Schoolcraft College's Emir Medunjanin (left) yanks down the rebound in front of Wilber Wright's Hubert Jones.

Greenville matmen rule Salem tourney

Twelve other schools were Greenville with envy following Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational wrestling tournament.

The Yellow Jackets of the Mid-Michigan Conference came away with the team title Saturday with a team-high 180 points.

David Kohn (189 pounds) was Greenville's only individual winner, but the Yellow Jackets placed second at fourth other weight classes and third twice.

Monroe was runner-up with 157.

Two Observerland schools, Salem and Westland John Glenn, finished third and fourth, respectively.

Other area schools in the 13-team field included Livonia Churchill (sixth), Garden City (11th) and Livonia Franklin (12th). See statistical summary.

Host Salem grabbed a pair of individual titles.

At 125 pounds, Mike Goethe handed Churchill's Brian Clement his first loss of the season, 3-2. Tony Kennard added a 145-pound title for the Rocks.

John Glenn grapplers winning individual titles included Phil Perry (135) and Nick Wroblewski (160).

Churchill's Gent Abdullah took the 112-pound crown against Mitch Graves of Monroe, raising his record to 14-1.

(160) and Mike Robinson (heavy-weight)

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TEAM STANDINGS 1 Greenville 180 points 2 Monroe 157 3 Plymouth Salem 150 4 Westland John Glenn 134 5 Belleville 126 6 Livonia Churchill 123 7 Petoskey 101 8 Brighton 93 9 Harper Woods Notre Dame 91 10 Ann Arbor Pioneer 47 11 Garden City 30 12 Livonia Franklin 28 13 Dearborn 27

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds Bill Diaz (Brighton) pinned Sai Vaigoi (ND) 0-44 **consolation final** Ryan Ritter (Green) p Ryan Dunklee (Pet) 3-34

112 Gent Abdullah (LC) dec Mitch Graves (Mon) 7-4 **consolation** Jacob Davis (GC) dec Mike Dendrinos (PS) 6-5

119 Corey Nowitzke (Mon) won by major dec Peter Bobee (PS) 11-0 **consolation** Kefentse Mandisa (WJG) dec Danny Clement (LC) 6-2

125 Mike Goethe (PS) dec Brian Clement (LC) 3-2 **consolation** Shawn Parker (WJG) dec Jake Stradling (Pet) 6-2

130 Carson Poupard (Mon) won by major dec Rece Cox (WJG) 11-3 **consolation** Pat O Green (Green) dec Dan Hughes (ND) 4-0

135 Phil Perry (WJG) dec Andy Kruskowski (Green) 6-1 **consolation** Marty Evrinn (AAP) dec Javier Ramos (Dbn) 1-0

140 Scott Weyher (Mon) dec Andy O Green (Green) 5-4 **consolation** Enrique Garcia (WJG) won by injury default over Nate Sturgis (Bell)

145 Tony Kennard (PS) dec Andy Merlington (Green) 5-0 **consolation** Charles Watson (Bell) dec Chris Gary (ND) 6-0

152 Jake Engle (Pet) dec Josh Doolittle (Green) 10-7 **consolation** Ryan Furnace (Bell) dec Brad Gregory (WJG) 8-5

160 Nick Wroblewski (WJG) dec Tim Connor (Bell) 9-4 **consolation** Ryan Peters (Pet) dec Kegan Kling (Green) won in OT

171 Craig Kern (Brighton) p Dixon Mann (Bell) 0-57 **consolation** Jeff Golem (Dbn) dec Brian Jones (LC) 10-4

189 David Kohn (Green) dec Sam Bond (M) 10-8 **consolation** Alex Murray (LC) dec Jake Farchild (WJG) 6-3

215 Victor Fields (ND) dec Zack Jensen (PS) 9-4 (OT) **consolation** Scott Wisniewski (Green) won by major dec Cory Halleck (Mon) 11-4

Heavyweight Caleb Hatfield (Bell) dec Tony Martinez (LF) 15-0 **consolation** Joe Rewoldt (AAP) def Thom Vandebossche (LC) 4-3

Lady Ocelots divide pair on Florida trip

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team enters conference action this Saturday at home against Oakland CC with a 7-4 overall record.

The Lady Ocelots split a pair of games last weekend at Gulf Coast CC in Panama City, Fla.

On Sunday, Schoolcraft overcame a 10-0 deficit at the start to beat Darton CC (Ala.), 66-56, as Devin Francois had 15 points, 16 rebounds and six assists.

Pam Wingate contributed 13 points and eight rebounds, while Rachel Eley had 12 points and eight rebounds. Kera Hill finished with 11 points.

Tymeka King led Darton (3-10) with 19 points. Rachel Clower added 10.

Schoolcraft outrebounded Darton, 57-45, and shot 40 percent from the field (27 of 67), but only hit 10-of-23 free throws (43 percent).

"I thought we bounced back really well the second game," said Schoolcraft coach Karen Lafata, who led the Lady Ocelots to a sixth-place finish in last year's NJCAA Division II tournament. "It was very good competition. Both teams we played were Division I (NJCAA) and the host school (Gulf Coast) is ranked No. 2 in Division I."

On Saturday, Chipola (Fla.) beat the Lady Ocelots, 80-67, as Rachel Montz led the winners with 20 points.

Chipola, an NJCAA Division I

school, is 8-6 overall.

Schoolcraft led 22-19 at one stage of the opening half, but fell behind 46-29 at intermission.

Wingate finished with a team high 19 points on 8-of-12 shooting from the floor.

Three others were in double figures including Eley (14), Hill and Francois (12 each).

Francois had 10 rebounds while Hill dished out eight assists.

Schoolcraft made 27 of 58 shots from the floor (46.5 percent), but Chipola was better, making 29 of 57 (50.8 percent).

MADONNA 77, IND WESLEYAN 65 Lindsay Smmmon paced a balanced scoring attack with 15 points Saturday as host Madonna University (9-5) upended

Indiana Wesleyan (13-3) in a non-conference game.

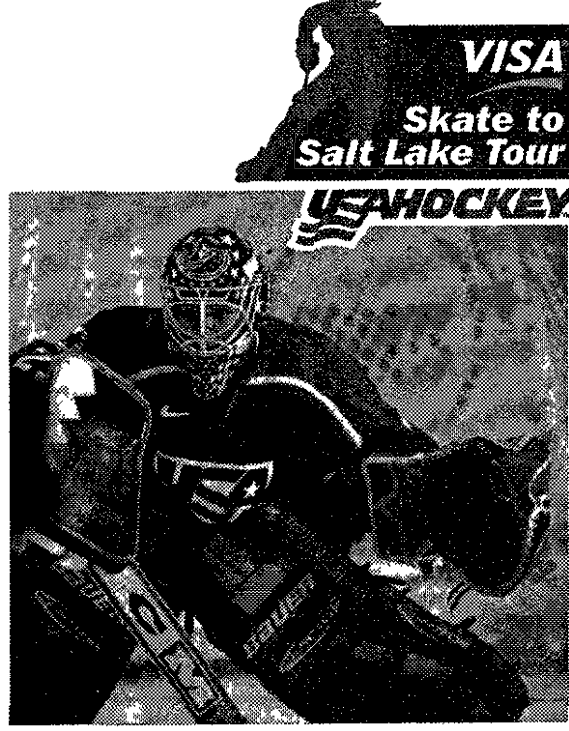
The Lady Crusaders shot 52.8 percent from the field (28 of 53), including 5 of 9 from three-point range. They also scored 23 points off turnovers and outscored Indiana Wesleyan 20-4 off the bench.

Guard Carissa Gizicki contributed 12 points and six assists while senior forward Kathy Paganis had 11 points.

Sophomore forward Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) finished with 10 points and a team high seven rebounds. Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Hills Harrison) had nine points.

Annie Owsley led the Wildcats with 17 points. Becky Neal added 14.

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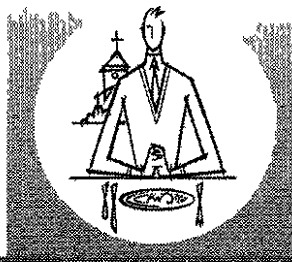
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The words "grace" and "gratitude" both come from the Latin word "gratus" which means favorable or pleasing and from which we get the expression "gratis" which means a gift or favor that is freely given. We see the connection between God's grace and our gratitude in "saying grace" which is expressing our gratitude for God's freely given gift of food. How easy it is to forget and thus to be unwittingly ungrateful for all the wonderful things in our lives that come to us freely by the grace of God. Our families and friends, our health and wellbeing indeed our very lives and the world we inhabit are truly gifts from our heavenly father. These are given freely to us and our Lord expects nothing in return, except our love and gratitude. Surely this is a testimony to God's overflowing and abundant love for all of us. We do well to remember the ultimate source of this great bounty our loving and gracious God. In turn, we should imitate his love through our charity to others.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, because His mercy endureth for ever.
 King James Version - Psalm 118:1



Blue jays paint peculiar eating habit near home

The natural world is full of unusual animals, plants, events, processes and more. A couple unusual things came my way recently, so I thought I would share them with you.

Last year around Christmas, Deborah Jasak of Hopkinton, N.H. awoke to the sound of pounding on her house. Upon investigating she discovered a blue jay doing the pounding.

At first she thought it was extracting a kernel from a sunflower seed, but to her amazement, the bird was chipping flakes of paint from her newly painted house.

Concerned for her house, but also curious as to why the bird was eating flakes of paint, she started to experiment with alternatives.

She put containers of oyster shells, sand, dirt and trace minerals out in the yard for the birds.

After all the options were tried, it turned out that large quantities of oyster shells deterred the blue jays from chipping and eating flakes of paint.

However, when the oyster shells were gone, the blue jays returned to eating paint.

Independent observations from Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and

New Hampshire reported blue jays eating paint as well.

Back in 1996, a reporter received 160 calls from people reporting blue jays eating paint from homes in eastern Massachusetts.

Both the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society began to research this phenomenon.

First they discovered that blue jays were eating paint because it has calcium in it.

Paint manufacturers use calcium carbonate as an extender pigment.

Birds need calcium for their bones like people do, but during the egg laying season, females consume extra amounts to compensate for calcium deposited in eggshells.

Most birds stop consuming extra calcium by late summer. Unlike most birds, blue jays, for a yet unknown reason, consume calcium into fall.

Researchers also found it curious that only northeastern states produced observations of blue jays eating paint.

This behavior may correlate with the calcium poor soils in the northeast.

Acid rain falling in the northeastern states leaches calcium from the soil, thus making it more difficult to get from natural sources.

Has anyone seen blue jays eating paint flakes?

Has anyone ever seen a "squirrel king?"

I had never heard of this term until Avis Waldecker sent me an article from a newspaper published in Concord, Mass.

A squirrel king is a phenomenon where squirrels get their tails entangled so gravely that they are unable to separate. This typically results in death because the animals involved cannot function.

Usually the tails are entangled by tree sap or nest debris.

Four young squirrels were involved this time.

The article indicates that this is a rare occurrence, but two cases were reported in 1992. Another report in 1989 was submitted by a young woman who discovered six squirrels that were entangled.

I've seen pictures of male white-tailed deer whose antlers had become locked while fighting and were unable to separate, but I had not heard of squirrel kings before.

Has anyone ever seen a squirrel king before?

These two phenomena illustrate that the natural world is full of surprises and there is always something to be observed if you look closely.

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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

League champs



Champions: The Canton Blue Oaks (Boys U-11) Select Soccer Team went undefeated in the fall 2001 season and took first place in Division II of the Western Suburban Soccer League. The Blue Oaks also had two second place finishes in their pre-season tournaments. The Blue Oaks also were the champions of their division in the first session of indoor soccer at Total Soccer-Wixom with a record of 8-0. The team consists of James Abraham, Joseph Bellino, Dominic Ciantar, Alex Covert, Sherif Hassanien, Michael Martucci, Travis Mewton, Reece Moss, Philip Rollinger, Nick Schreiber, Dylan Spicher, Jeremy Stoychoff, Raffaele Vivenzio and Kyle Winningham of Canton and Kyle Biega, Matt Brown and Ronnie Goble of Plymouth. The team is coached by Kevin Winningham and trained by Bill Joker.

Big winners



Tourney champs: The Livonia Knights, a Pee Wee A hockey team, recently captured the 2001-02 Metro Detroit Regional Silver Stick Tournament with a 3-1 victory over the Novi Ice Cats on Dec. 9. The Knights, coached by John McLean, advance to the North American Minor Finals next month in Newmarket, Ontario. The Knights reached the regional final with a 3-0 win over the Grosse Pointe Bulldogs. In round-robin play, the Knights defeated the Michigan Ice Dogs (4-1) and the St. Clair Shores Saints (7-0), while losing to the Ice Cats (1-0). Members of the Knights include forwards Ryan Baraton, Jason Proctor, David Muller, Steve Heisler, B.J. Beveridge, Garret Miencier, Brandon Gray, Clayton Hodges and Tony Ross; defensemen Andy LaBerge, Michael Plumley, Joey Underwood, Kyle Stanski and Kevin McLean, along with goaltenders Patrick McHugh and Tony Osborne. Assistant coaches include Dave Plumley and Craig Proctor. Chuck Ross is the team manager. Sponsors for the Knights include: Independent Transmission, Transnation Title Insurance Co., McCarthy & Smith, Time-Warner Cable, Farmington Hills Collision Center, A&E Auto Care and Coach's Corner.



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KINGS RULE MITE TOURNEY

The Livonia Mite Kings captured the Gordon Butler Trophy last weekend at the Livonia Hockey Association's Mite Christmas Tournament at Edgar Arena.

The Kings finished 5-0 while outscoring their opponents, 19-3.

Niko Grivas tallied lone goal in regulation and in a five-man shootout as the Kings beat the Coyotes in the championship final, 2-1. Goaltender Josh Marlow blanked all five Coyote attempts in the shootout.

The Kings opened tourney play with a 5-1 win over the Blackhawks as Mitchell Porembiak tallied a hat trick.

The Kings also defeated the Devils (4-0), Predators (2-1) and the Blackhawks (6-0) to reach the final.

Other Kings players included Michael Abdo, Patrick Colton, Erik Dotzenroth, Alex Estes, Matthew Gremaux, Katie Hecksel, Nicholas Lewis, Nicholas Michels, Nicholas Qassis, Tyler Roberts, Vincent Sabatini, Steven Smoltz and Greg Yon.

Tony Grivas is the head coach,

assisted by Dave Porembiak, Greg Yon and Jeff Michels. Team managers include Dawn Marlow and Margaret Yon.

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LIVONIA NETTERS FINISH 1-2

Top-seeded Ashley Moccia (Livonia) captured the Girls 14s singles title last weekend with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Jenny Nalepa of Brighton in the championship final of the Dearborn

Fairlane Club's Holiday Tennis Classic.

The Stevenson High freshman also defeated Rachel Fisher of Ypsilanti, 6-0, 6-0, and Kari Larson of Ypsilanti, 6-0, 6-1, en route to the title.

Sister Amanda Moccia was runner-up to Diana Ticu, 6-1, 6-0, in the for the Girls 12 singles title at the Livonia YMCA Holiday Tournament.

Moccia defeated Kevin Lam (6-1, 6-1), Nan Li (6-2, 6-0) and Craig Lyte (6-1, 6-2) to reach the final.

MU GIRLS SOFTBALL CLINIC

Madonna University will be conducting a girls fast-pitch softball clinic four consecutive weeks from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9 and 16, also 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at the school's Activities Building.

The cost is \$85 for four weeks or \$20 per session. Pre-registration is required (maximum 30 girls per session).

The camp consists of all phases of fast-pitch softball including hitting, bunting, infield-outfield,

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Whalers earn tie with Sound

Goaltender Paul Drew made six saves in overtime Tuesday as the Plymouth Whalers battled to a 3-3 draw with host Owen Sound in an Ontario Hockey League New Year's Day matinee game before 2,859.

Facing a 3-2 deficit, the Whalers' Nate Kiser scored the game-tying goal from Jared Newman with only 57 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

Plymouth, leading the Western Conference and West Division of the OHL, is 24-6-7-1. The Attack is 14-14-7-2.

Agris Saviels put the Attack on top, 1-0, on a goal from Richard Colwill at 8:08 of the opening period.

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But the Whalers tied it on Karl Stewart's goal from Rob McBride and Josh Mitchell at 18:59 of the same period.

In the second period, the Attack led 3-1 on goals by Dan Sullivan (from Saviels at 0:12) and Michael Jacobson (a power-play from Ryan Courtney and Richard Power at 2:28).

But the Whalers pulled to within one, 3-2, on John Mitchell's goal from Jonas Fiedler and David Liffiton at 4:50 of the second period.

Owen Sound netminder Justin Day made 30 saves, while Drew turned away 27.

• WHALERS 3, STORM 2: Canton's James Wisniewski thrilled a Saturday night home crowd of 3,693 at Compuware Sports Arena by scoring the game-winning goal in overtime as the host Plymouth Whalers beat the Guelph Storm, 3-2.

The defenseman tallied the game winner with just 46.5 seconds left in OT.

Karl Stewart's power play goal with only 26.7 seconds left in regulation forced the extra session.

Damian Surma scored Plymouth's first goal at the 24-second mark of the opening period from David Liffiton.

The Storm tied it at 18:26 of the same period on Kevin Dallman's 16th of the season.

Guelph pulled ahead 2-1 on Martin St Pierre goal from Dallman at 1:46 of the second period.

The scored stayed that way until late in the third period when Guelph's Derek Hennessey took a roughing penalty with 1:30 left.

With Whalers' goaltender Paul Drew off for the extra attacker Plymouth scored on Stewart's goal with just under 27 seconds to go from Surma.

• WHALERS 3, LONDON 2: Before 4,167 Friday at the Ice House Plymouth beat the host Knights on goals by Stewart Liffiton and Rob McBride (a short handed breakaway goal).

The Knights' Charlie Stephens scored at 15:36 of the third to cut the deficit to 3-2 but London (13-14-4-6) couldn't score the equalizer.

The Knights who went 1 for 9 on the power play played without four key former — left winger Rick Nash (Canada) and goaltender Jan Chovan (Slovakia) at the World Juniors in the Czech Republic; right winger Corey Perry and center Dylan Hunter both playing for Team Ontario at the World Under 17 Tournament in Manitoba.

The Whalers played without five — all at the World Juniors — Stephen Weiss (Canada), Libor Ustrnul (Czech Republic), Jason Bacashihua (U.S.), Kris Vernarsky (U.S.) and Chad LaRose (U.S.).

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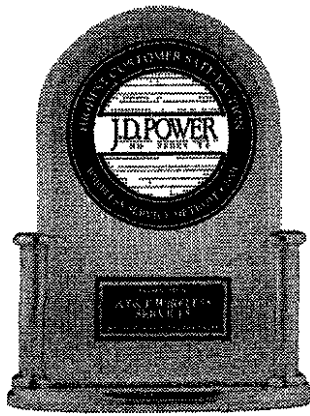
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Condo group may be liable for lose dogs

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

The dog next door to me in our condominium continually runs loose and the association chooses to do nothing about it. I am concerned for the welfare of my family and don't know what to do.

The association says call animal control, but I'm not convinced that they will help. Do you have any suggestions?

More than likely the association has a duty to ensure that the restrictions which prohibit dogs running loose on the common elements are enforced

To the extent that the association is remiss in its responsibility, it may have legal liability if that dog causes harm to any co-owner or interested persons. This is particularly of concern in Michigan where we have strict liability for dog bites

I would simply advise the association of the potential liability which it is incurring in not enforcing its restrictions while at the same time it is breaching its fiduciary duty to enforce such restrictions and may be accountable on that legal basis

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BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class for home buyers, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 8, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Point, west off Hagerty north of Eight Mile in Novi

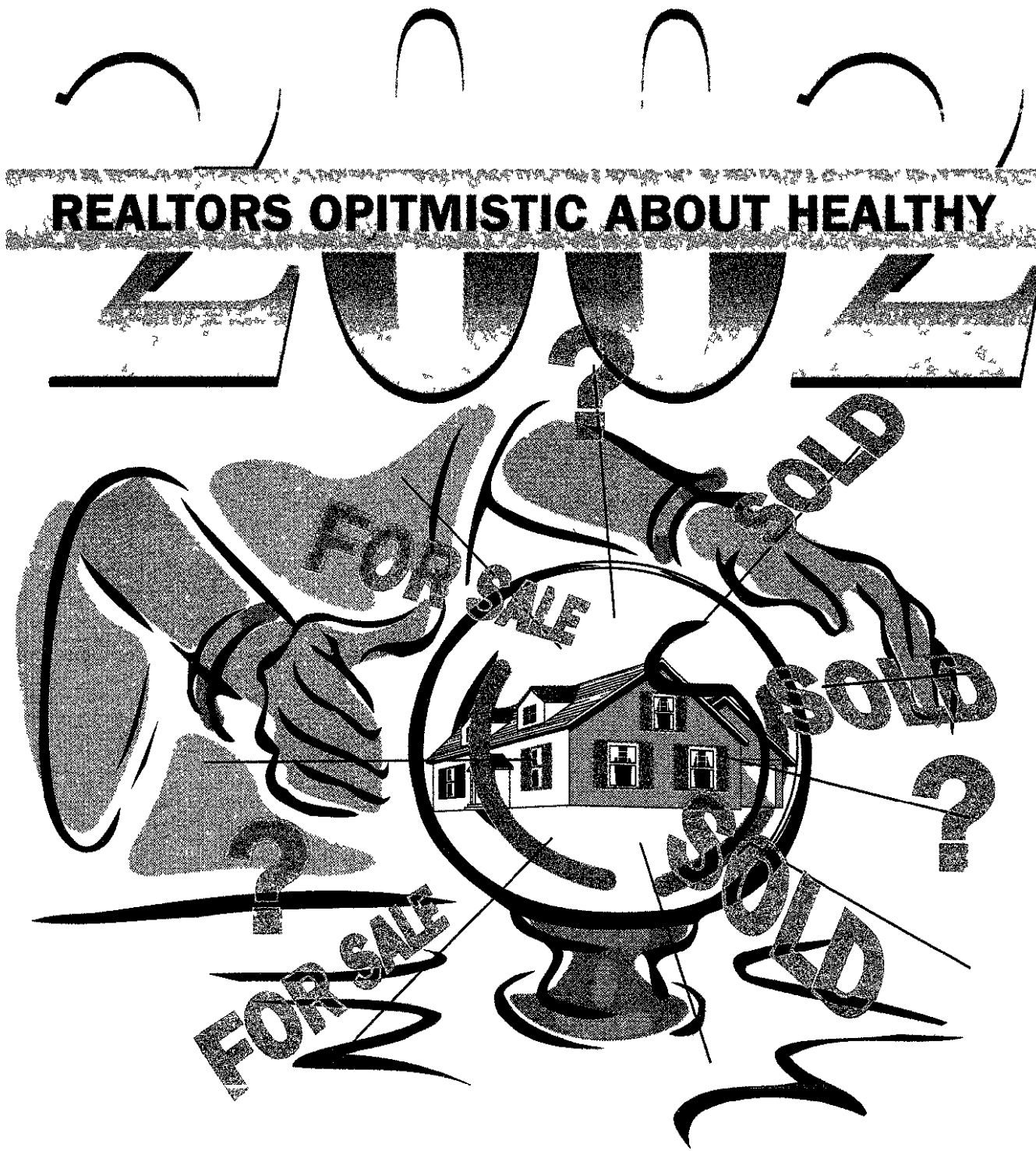
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- HOME SUMMARY FEATURE SHEET (ROOM DIMENSIONS, ETC.)
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- PROPERTY TAXES (BASED ON SELLING PRICE, NOT CURRENT RECORDS)
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- CONDITION OF NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

■ In fact, the notion that year end/year start is a quiet time in home sales might be just that — a notion.



BY NORMAN PRADY SPECIAL WRITER

How many times in recent days did you wish someone a happy and healthy New Year?

Well, if the someone works in residential real estate sales, you might have saved your breath. You see, according to a group of agents in the area, 2002 promises to be many good wishes come true

In fact, the notion that year end/year start is a quiet time in home sales might be just that — a notion

Yes, perhaps just an old idea that November's and December's holiday times and January's gray days dampen the enthusiasm of both sellers and buyers

Consider Charles Hromek's view that "November through January has always been pretty good" Hromek is with RE/MAX Crossroads, Canton

"Some agents back off for personal reasons" during this period, choosing to work less, he said. But December was "a good month and I think it's going to be a great year"

Hromek said his big sellers these days are homes under \$250,000, with about half bought by first-time buyers and half by homeowners moving up

Hromek also is seeing some downsizing by empty-nesters and by families wanting to economize

But if January is supposed to be a quiet time in home sales, you won't be able to prove it by Mike Root's outlook

Root, of Century 21 Hallmark West, Clarkston, said that while

some persons might think we're headed into a slowdown, "our office is setting records over a year ago and January looks like things will continue

"We've had exceptional months a good flow," he said

Root said he's seeing a lot of activity in the \$100,000 to \$225,000 range, much of it with move up buyers in the same area they've been in for some time

If there's any thought that this might be quiet time, Dee Singh thinks the opposite, that "the momentum is there"

Singh, of Jack Christenson Realtors, Troy, said, "No pep talk will be needed" to keep her active in the coming days

Singh's customers include first-time buyers at the high \$200,000 mark "Some locals, some transfers, some new Americans"

For Linda Rundel at Real Estate One Southfield, there's no talk of slowed sales. There's talk to the contrary "Our Southfield markets are above projection," she said

Rundel said she sees multiple factors in her active markets "Low interest rates, mild weather and concerns people might have about next year, which encourages them to make the big purchase now rather than waiting"

Also fueling her company's brisk sales, she said, is that "we're very proactive. All our agents are in training seminars and we've got a grasp on the Internet. About 60 to 70 percent of our agents have their own Web sites"

"Our national association says that about 85 percent of home buy-

ers go to the Web first before even looking for an agent. They can apply for mortgages get information"

Working mostly with new construction, James F. Duggan doesn't hesitate about the New Year's real estate market "I'm very optimistic," he said

Duggan of American Classic Realty, Livonia, said that he believes "the recession scare is just that — a scare"

He's selling \$260,000 condos and \$350,000 houses as his evidence that "I think it's looking good"

Looking for a January slowdown? Not Carol Frick of Ralph Manuel Real Estate One, Birmingham

"We had such a dramatic slowdown after Sept 11. Now you're seeing a recovery and I see our market continuing to improve. We're getting the sales we would have had"

According to Frick, the lower end of the housing market, less than \$200,000, never really slowed "because there are first-time buyers" who have to have housing

The higher end — \$500,000 to \$2.5 million — had been slow, she said, since August, well before the attacks

"The upper end of the market in metro Detroit and the northern suburbs responds to the stock market because they're heavily invested," Frick said "For these people, making a move is optional and they pulled in their horns when the stock market weakened"

Now, like others in her business, Frick clearly sees that happy and healthy New Year

'Up-Front Advantage'

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM 'TIMBO' PHILLIPS

Over the decades mortgage lenders have formulated creative loan programs for millions of home buyers

Their innovative solutions include no-document loans, down payment assistance programs, variable-term, adjustable rate loans, negatively amortized mortgages and cash-out equity loans, to name only a few

Of late, I have seen a renewed interest in many of the adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs. These mortgages are attractive to borrowers because the first part of the mortgage is discounted, thus offering them a better monthly cash flow during the early part of the loan

The unfortunate down side to ARMs, however, is that they are each linked to indices that could rise in the future. Accordingly, these products make great sense for buyers who want a better interest rate for a relatively short term

Richard Witter, the president of Dynasty Funding Corp. in Farmington Hills, explains that borrowers can now have the best of both worlds — a discounted introductory rate and long-term security — with a program he calls the Up-Front Advantage

Witter explains, "Unlike most hybrid ARMs, which start with a fixed interest rate, then later begin to adjust on a regular basis, sometimes up to 2 percentage points annually, the Up-Front Advantage mortgage normally adjusts up only 1 percentage point, then remains fixed thereafter"

If on a given day a 30-year fixed rate mortgage went for 7 percent, a borrower may expect a one-year Up-Front Advantage program to get them a starting interest rate as low as 6-1/8 percent, instead. Their long-term interest rate would be only 1 percentage point higher than that for the remaining 29 years

In this scenario, the borrowers would be ahead for about eight years by taking the discounted rate without the risks associated with traditional ARMs

The "cost" of having your starting interest rate so discounted comes in the form of a slightly higher interest rate for the latter fixed-rate portion of the mortgage. However, the low introductory interest rate makes the loan's effective interest rate feel good for several years

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. He can be reached at www.vlender.com /p/philliphq or (734) 797 5522. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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DALLAS.....	8.8
MIAMI.....	6.7
CINCINNATI.....	6.2
CHICAGO.....	4.7
DETROIT.....	4.5
MILWAUKEE.....	3.7
SAN FRANCISCO...	3.6
CLEVELAND.....	3.6
LOS ANGELES...	3.3
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 Cost is \$35 for members and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$55 for nonmembers For reservations, call (248) 737-4477

COMMERCIAL FORECAST
 The 10-session course will prepare

The 11th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar and luncheon runs noon to 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan 11, at the Centerpoint Marriott Hotel, at the corner of Opdyke and Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac
 Local retail, industrial and office climates will be discussed Cost is \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door For reservations, contact Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000

REAL ESTATE CLASS
 Henry Ford Community College sponsors a real estate fundamentals class, 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan 14-Feb 18 at its Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Ave and Outer Drive
 The 10-session course will prepare

students for the state real estate licensing exam
 Cost for Dearborn school district residents is \$185, for nonresidents \$205 To register, call (313) 317-1500

BOMA FORECAST
 The Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit hosts a 2002 Economic Forecast luncheon featuring Ellen Hughes-Cromwick, chief economist for Ford Motor, noon Wednesday, Jan 16, at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, between Rotunda and Michigan Avenue
 Cost is \$35 for members, \$60 for nonmembers For reservations, call (248) 848-3714

PYRAMID AWARDS
 Nomination forms are now available for the fifth annual Pyramid Awards, sponsored by the Washtenaw Contractors Association
 Exceptional projects built in that county during the past year are eligible
 For information and a nominating form, contact Gretchen Waters, executive director of the association, at (734) 662-2570

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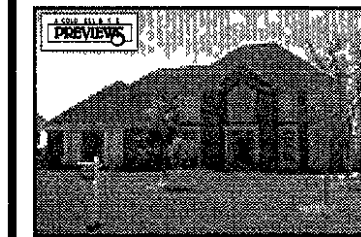
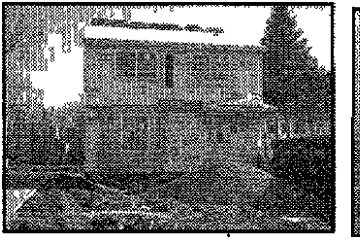
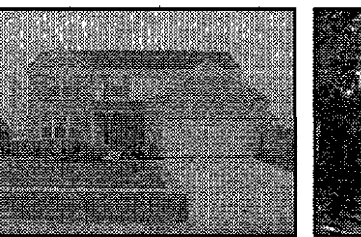
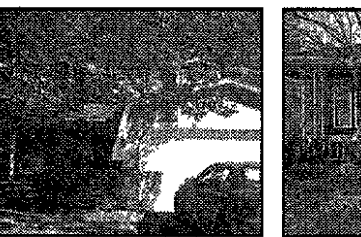






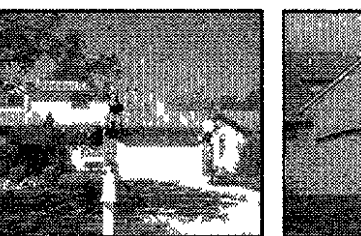
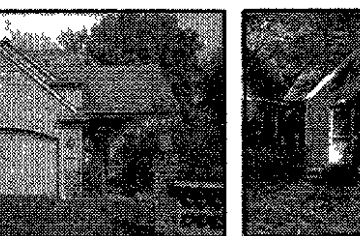
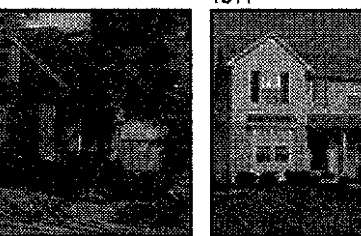








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Rent with an option to buy: perfect solution or too good to be true?

We've all seen them listed in the newspapers, but what exactly is a "rental property with an option to buy," and how does it work?

Lease-options seem like the perfect solution to first-time homebuyers who think they can't qualify for a mortgage, but they can sometimes be big trouble for the renter/buyer

Also known as a "lease-option," these rental properties come with a lease of a fixed amount of time, usually one to two years, with an option to purchase the property at an agreed upon price

"Lease-options sound good because they require a low down payment and offer potential homeownership to someone who may be unable to qualify for a mortgage right away," explains Jeff Jannett, vice president of sales for Shore Mortgage "But the best solution for someone who really wants to purchase a home is to

build good credit and then try to qualify for a loan"

Because of the terms and above-market rent, lease-options often mean that the purchaser ends up spending more on the property in the long run

The buyer of a lease-option will pay a much higher rent payment because a portion of it is supposedly credited towards the purchase price of the home But buyer beware - a hidden clause in the agreement usually allows the seller to use that money for repairs to the home

"The benefit is mainly to the seller since he is collecting a higher rent from a tenant who is more likely to care for the home well," says Jim Graves, a Realtor with Realty World First Choice in Redford

The seller can demand top market price since he'll probably lose some cash due to appreciation Other pluses for the seller are the up-

front, nonrefundable option consideration fee and the ability to retain income tax deductions on the property

Rather than throwing money away on a lease-option, Jannett suggests the following tips for building a solid financial history

- Pay rent to whomever you live (even relatives) with a check to establish a verifiable rent history

- Open a bank account
- Make sure all major purchases are in your own name

"About 90 percent of people who get into lease-options are first-time buyers who are misled," says Realtor Lee Wilbanks of RE/MAX Classic in Livonia

"They think they can't qualify for a mortgage and this is their only way to get into a home But with as many loan programs as there are today, virtually anyone can qualify for a mortgage to buy a home"

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1 Can you assign your home a market value, meaning the price that accurately reflects what a buyer will pay?

2 If your listing price is not in line with comparable properties and market trends, are you prepared to let your home linger on the market?

3 If your For Sale by Owner sign attracts a bargain hunter, as many do, are you prepared to lower your asking price?

4 Are you prepared to show your home to everyone who is interested?

If you don't want to wait, don't have the time to show your home and are not flexible about your asking price, you may want to consult a real estate professional

A recent survey by the National Association

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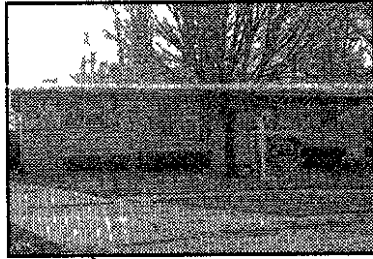
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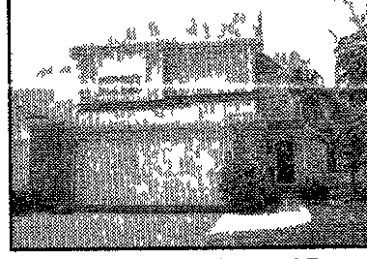
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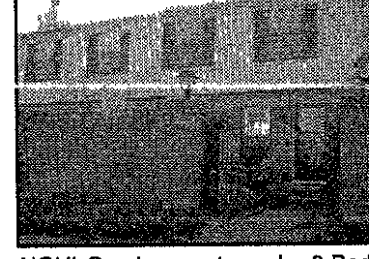
WESTLAND Pleasant! Solid brick 2 bath ranch with 2 1/2 car garage! Full basement updated windows & beautiful Florida room Some hardwood floors Large kitchen Very clean & well cared for! \$148 000 (59BAL) 734-455 5600



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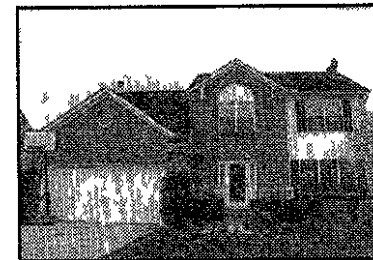
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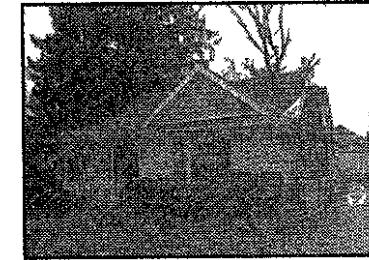
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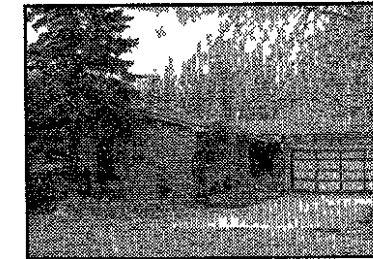
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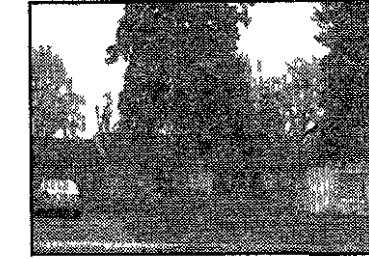
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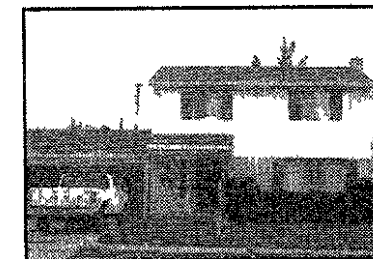
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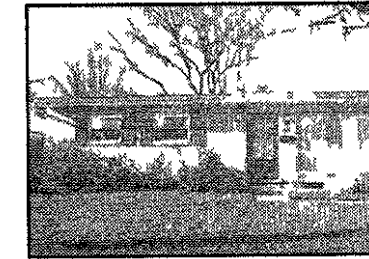
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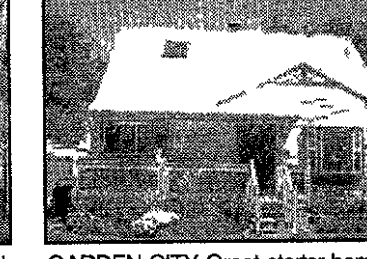
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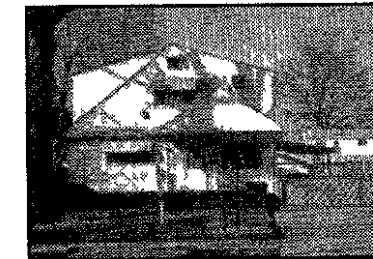
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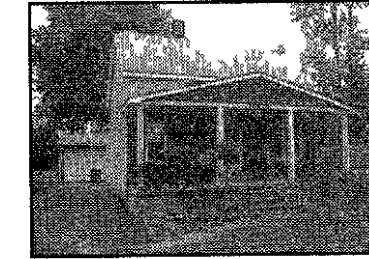
LIVONIA Schools plus a whole lot more This cute and clean ranch has 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 car garage and updates galore Great for someone starting out or downsizing Just turn the key and move right in all appliances are included \$114 900 (68CAR) 248 349-5600



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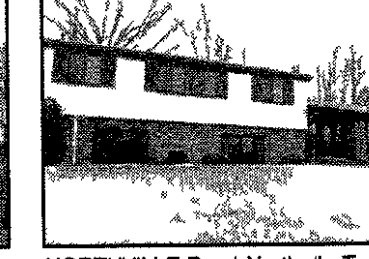
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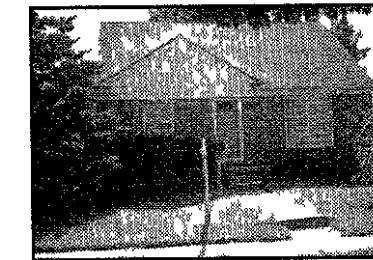
NOVI Absolutely exquisite 4 Bedroom 3 1/2 bath with view of a wooded nature preserve from the wrap around deck Huge gourmet kitchen with island & white cabinetry Spectacular living quarters in walk-out lower level Northville schools \$559 900 (00BAR) 248-349 5600



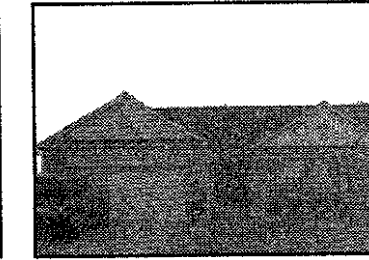
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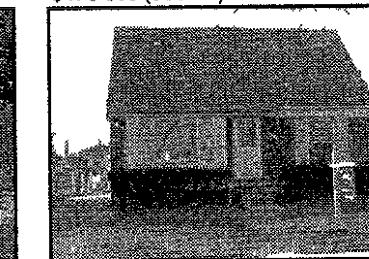
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SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! 4 BR 4 bths 2 lavs, hrdwd flrs in foyer kit nook Gourmet kit, cherry cabs dbl oven & cook top Jack & Jill bath gorgeous mstr ste w/sitting rm fin bsmt (N50258)
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LOTS OF ROOM FOR FAMILY LIVING! Spacious FR lovely kitchen formal DR & LR 4 nice size bdrms large master suite 1st & 2nd floor laundry Quick occupancy!(43MEG2)
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JUST LIKE NEW! Livonia colonial built in 96 with large living rm, FP formal DR plus nook 3.5 baths lg mstr ste w/bath & skylight Won't last!(R29178)
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PLYMOUTH \$169,900
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CHARMING 3/4 ACRE COLONIAL in a nice location - updated kitchen bath 3 furnaces over 1500 sq ft 24x26 insulated garage backs to elementary school with gate access (B19610)
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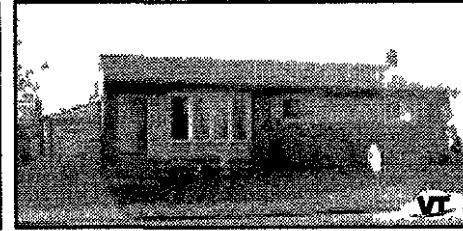
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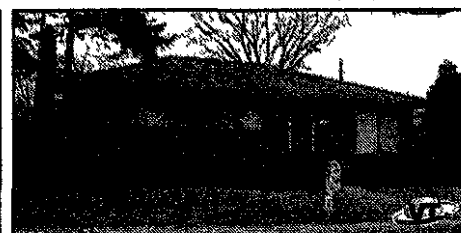
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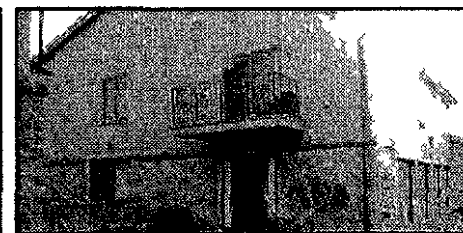
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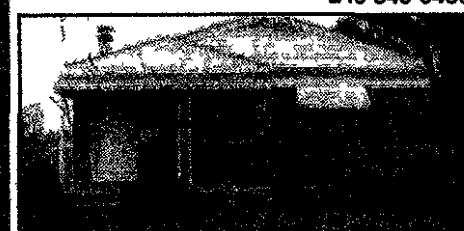
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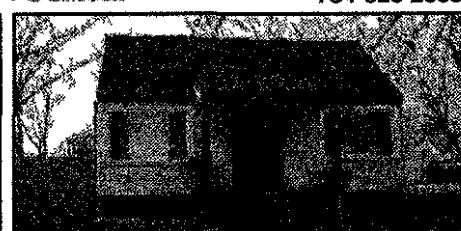
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