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Senior's casting call: Fee hike is 'devastating'

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

Canton retiree Frank Riordan said he reeled in a whopper last week when he went to buy his 1997 fishing license.

Last year Riordan, 71, paid \$1.50 for a fishing license that also allowed his wife to fish with him. This year, a license costs \$10.40. It also doesn't cover spouses.

"A lousy fishing license went from \$1.50 to \$10.40 and it doesn't include spouses. That's \$20.80 for what used to be \$1.50 ... It's devastating to some seniors," said Riordan.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources increased hunting and fishing licenses as of March 1, after the state Legislature approved the hike late last year. Youth licenses, ages 12-16, decreased in price while all other fees went up. Senior citizens were the hardest hit under the new rate structure.

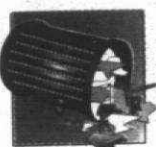
"It appears so large because senior licenses haven't increased in 10 years. I'm sure most see this as a penalty rather than, 'I got an extra 10 years free,'" said Ed Hagan, MDNR's special project coordinator.

Hagan said seniors are given a 60 percent discount from a non-senior's \$26 fishing license (\$20.70 last year.) A non-trout fishing license would cost \$5.20 for seniors (\$1.50 last year) and \$13 for non-seniors (up from \$10.35).

In 1986, Michigan changed a policy that allowed a husband and wife to fish under one license since the practice was being eliminated in other states, said Hagan. Michigan still allowed spouses of

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Local landfill gets new owner



New owners for the township landfill could have a long-term impact on community projects funded by tipping fees. Royalties paid to the township have decreased during the last three years.

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

It's too early to tell if a change of ownership at Canton's landfill near Van Born and Lilley will affect royalties the township dedicates to community improvement projects, such as the construction of Summit on the Park.

Canton will receive the same 40

cents per yard for compacted refuse, contaminated soil and drums of asbestos landfilled at the facility. However, it is not known if the volume of solid waste will increase or decrease with the change.

Recycling and reduced tipping fees already have put a damper on revenue generated from the facility, according to a recent township audit.

Wayne Disposal-Canton Inc. was sold to a Scottsdale, Ariz., waste management firm that has been buying other solid waste operations in Michigan, including Laidlaw Waste Management.

On Thursday, Ypsilanti-based Environmental Quality confirmed that the sale was finalized within the last week and Allied Waste Industries has assumed ownership of three properties. In addition to the Canton landfill, the transaction included Wayne Disposal-Oakland in Oakland County and another solid waste landfill being developed in Coshocton County, Ohio.

"I hope it gets better service and dedication from Allied," said Sen. Loren Bennett, who has been a watchdog over the landfill since his days as Canton Township clerk.

About two weeks ago, EQ workers forgot to put the daily cover on the landfill emitting a strong odor throughout the township, Bennett said. But the problems in Canton have been minor compared to those in Van Buren, where several fires have been reported at its hazardous waste facility, he said. The latest fire was March 3.

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Irish dance troupe takes center stage

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

If you missed the chance to catch one of Riverdance's sold-out performances at Detroit's Masonic Temple, you've got a second opportunity to enjoy a celebration of Irish dance, music and song St. Patrick's Day.

The 12th Annual Irish Fest is set for 4 p.m. Monday at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road between Newburgh and Wayne in Westland.

Among the performers will be the O'Hare School of Irish Dance and Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers - both loaded with local talent - and renowned Redford fiddler Mick Gavin, originally from County Clare, Ireland.

Also appearing will be champion step dancer Mike Belvitch. Belvitch placed fifth in recent all-Ireland competition, and will return to Ireland for all-world competition this month. The Plymouth resident is the son of George Belvitch, Tonda Elementary principal, and Kathryn Belvitch, resource room teacher at Field Elementary.

In all, more than 60 performers from as far away as Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, will sing, dance and play instruments including the uilleann and Highland pipes, harp, mandolin, guitar, fiddle, bouzouki, flute, piano and penny-whistle.

Admission is \$7 at the door for adults, and free for children. Irish food and spirits will be served.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

In step: Canton resident Shannon Riley, 13, dancing with the rest of the Tim O'Hare Irish Step Dancers at the Dance Unlimited dance studio in Plymouth.

EMS rig is storm casualty

Rescue crews kept busy on icy I-275

A Canton Fire Department rescue squad has been taken out of service after being damaged in an accident during last week's ice storm. No serious injuries were reported.

Two squads were involved in separate accidents on I-275, one near Ford and another near Michigan. Both were damaged by motorists sliding into them while they were servicing other accident scenes on I-275 about 10 p.m. Thursday, said fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

"We had 26 calls in a 24-hour period," said Rorabacher.

A typical day is half that amount. Six firefighters were called back to work, he said.

The freeway was shut down for two hours due to approximately six accidents caused by slippery conditions, said officer Lew Stevens.

Altogether, 12 car accidents were reported to police between 9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday. Two resulted in injuries, although no one was seriously hurt, said Stevens.

By early Friday morning Canton's Public Safety Department had 10 calls for wires down. One sparking

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Going to the Extreme: Coffee house sets up shop

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

The opening of Extreme Bean at the northwest corner of Canton Center and Sheldon Center may be one indicator that Canton is all grown up.

The coffee shop can't claim to be Canton's first, but for the time being is the only gourmet coffee house within the township's 36 square miles. The statistic is surprising for an upper middle-class community with a median age of 30 and household income of \$47,009. How in the world did java junkies get their fix prior to Nov. 15?

"A lot of customers have talked about that. They had to go to downtown Plymouth, so they're glad we're here," said Deborah Wilson, co-owner of Extreme Bean.

Italiano Cafe about a mile south of Extreme Bean on Canton Center closed down more than a year ago, although its sign still hangs. Extreme Bean has generated a number of regulars and even a steady flow of telephone orders for quick

pickups.

Although only open four months, Extreme Bean also attracted the attention of U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, who called to schedule a coffee chat with her Canton constituents 8:30-10 a.m. June 23.

Wilson is hoping to provide live music soon for evening entertainment; likely an acoustic guitarist will be featured. Arnold Williams also is in the process of refinishing an 1894 upright piano for the coffee house.

Right now, Extreme Bean has books, magazines, games, puzzles and a television for its customers to use.

As one observant coffee junkie pointed out, Extreme Bean is a classy place because it is the only coffee house with tables that don't wobble. Uneven table legs - occasionally leveled off with match books - apparently are common at other coffee shops that resident John McAuliffe has frequented within the area.

See COFFEE HOUSE, A4



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Family venture: Co-owners Steve and Deborah Wilson, brother and sister, hope their Extreme Bean coffee house becomes a fixture in Canton's business community.

Bowling for a cancer cure

Canton's Super Bowl will play host to local celebrities and media types Friday, March 28, as the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute sponsors the 11th annual "Bowl for the Cure" benefit.

Bowling newscaster Michael Barr, from WJR-AM, will begin a 24-hour bowlathon at 5 p.m., portions of which will be aired on the radio station's "Album in the Afternoon" show, to be broadcast live from the bowling center that day.

Super Bowl is at 45100 Ford Road, just east of Canton Center.

The public can join Barr and other local celebrities for a \$100 donation. Bowlers can also participate in an April 4-5 tournament for the institute at eight area bowling centers. Cost is \$25.

Last year's event raised more than \$100,000.

CANTON CONNECTION

Achievers feted

Nine individuals and community groups selected as Canton Community Achievers will be honored during a reception 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at Summit on the Park.

Community Achiever awards are given by the township each year to persons who made outstanding contributions to the Canton community.

This year's honorees are: the Canton High School girls' soccer team; the Plymouth-Canton Community Business Education Partnership and Betty Bloch; the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation; Anne Evans; Geri Wojcik; Mark

Voight, John Cunningham; and Lawrence Nunn. Also being honored are local volunteers Ron and Dolly Lieberman.

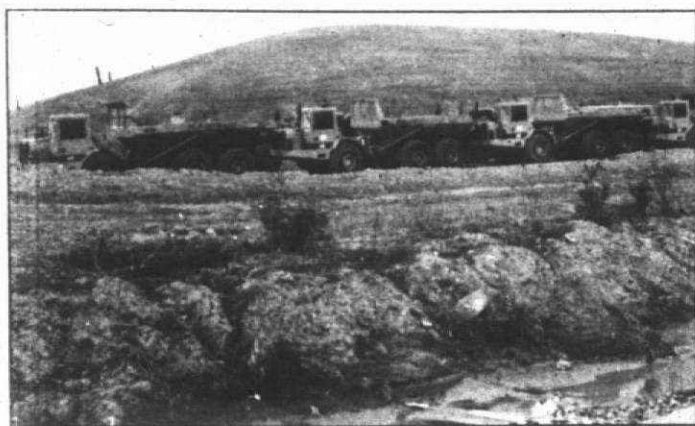
Better Ideas

Paula Winkler-Doman, who makes sure the lines run smoothly at the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road Plant, will be the guest speaker at Wednesday's Canton Economic Club luncheon.

Winkler-Doman has been plant manager at the Plymouth Township facility since August 1996. She also worked on the team handling Ford's acquisition of Hertz Rental Car and the Associates Finance Co.

The luncheon begins at noon at Summit on the Park. Tickets are \$15. Call 981-3002 for reservations.

Landfill



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Under capacity: An estimated 22 years of space is still available in the Canton Township landfill.

The sale involved EQ's solid waste division, but not its hazardous waste division, which includes the problem-plagued Van Buren Township facility.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he has not been officially notified of the sale by Environmental Quality or Allied Waste, which will be bound to the same agreement with Canton.

"It doesn't change anything. They'll have to live up to the terms of the agreement. I'm sure we'll be meeting with them soon," he said.

Yack added, "I know one of the first questions I'll be asking is if the volume will increase because of the sale." Officials from Allied did not return phone calls as of press time.

According to an EQ press release, Allied Waste is a non-hazardous waste collection, transfer, recycling and disposal company with operations in 22 states. The company formerly owned operations in seven Canadian provinces, although it no longer has any Canadian holdings, according to EQ spokesperson Dan Gilbert. Allied's operations include 46 landfills, 81 waste collection operations, 33 transfer stations, and 23 recycling centers.

"This will let us concentrate on our industrial customers and hazardous waste division," said Gilbert of EQ.

Canton officials recently hired Plante & Moran to conduct an audit of EQ's operations at the landfill. The result was a \$19,000 shortfall in royalties owed to Canton from 1993.

The audit also revealed that royalty payments have been dropping off in the past few years. In 1994, Canton received \$845,398 from EQ. In 1995, royalties fell to \$776,296 and in 1996 they declined again, to \$707,013.

Twenty-two years of landfill space is available.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Fish story: Canton resident Frank Riordan is unhappy that the cost of a state fishing license for seniors jumped from \$1.50 to \$10.40.

Fishing licenses

senior citizens to be covered under one license until now, he said.

"The population has remained the same since 1970 but there are 400,000 more seniors today. We're in a situation of having an aging population and fewer younger people. That's why youth licenses went down ... I'm confident that by the time I'm a senior there will be no such (discount) program," Hagan added.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, voted in favor of the increases, but said in hindsight the hikes should have been phased in over a three-year period. Despite the enormous one-year hike for seniors, Bennett

said the money goes back to those participating in the sport by improving wildlife habitat, fisheries management and protecting wetlands where spawning takes place.

Riordan said he plan to initiate a letter-writing campaign to Bennett, Rep. Deborah Whyman, the governor and the Attorney General.

The MDNR sold 4 million hunting and fishing licenses last year that generated approximately \$35 million. The revised rates are expected to raise an additional \$5-8 million annually.

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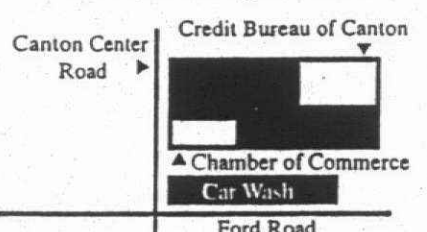
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A contemporary Canton home is one of 10 Metro Detroit residences that will be depicted in artist renderings as a backdrop for floral displays by Allied member florists. The renderings project is new for this year's show, according to the floral association.

Meanwhile, flowers from Piccadilly Petalier in Canton will be used for an actual wedding ceremony at the show on Thursday. The ceremony is part of a local promotional contest.

In another promotion Allied Florists will give away \$50 gift certificates daily. The certificates are redeemable at member shops. The association will also hold floral design demonstrations and classes.

The show runs through Sunday, March 23. For more information call (810) 737-4477.

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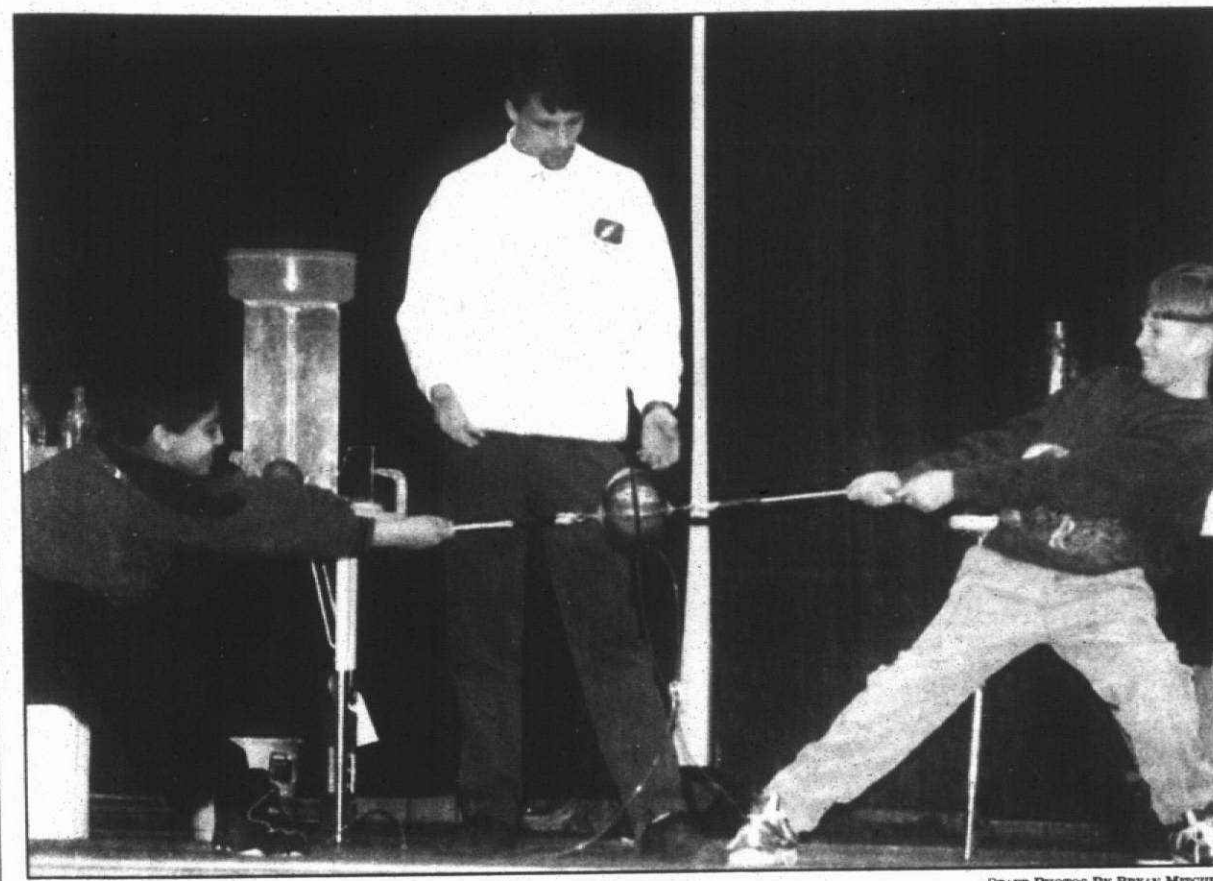
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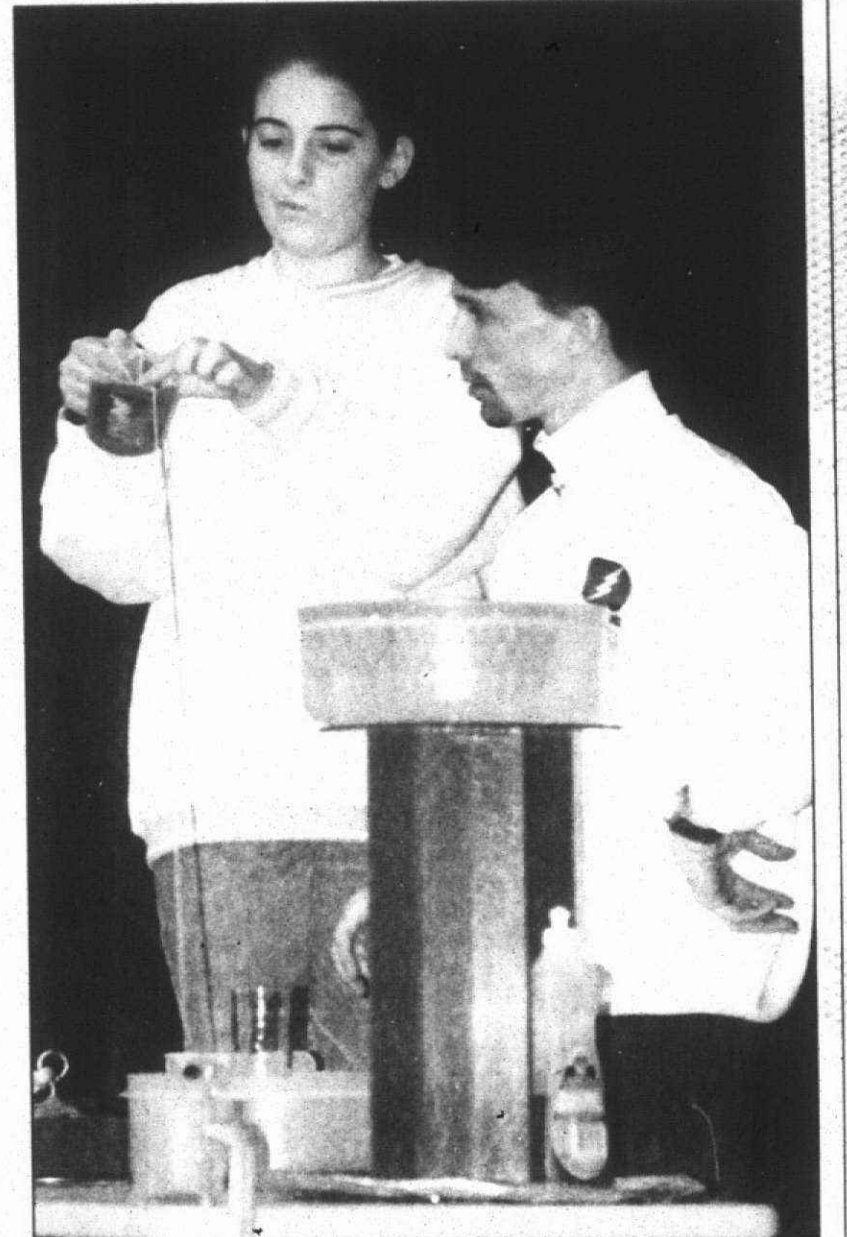
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Mysteries of science explained in 'Wizard'-like fashion



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Hands-on learning: Students at Canton's Tonda Elementary School explored science Mr. Wizard-style Tuesday in an assembly that featured techniques made popular on the "Watch Mr. Wizard" and "Mr. Wizard's World" television programs. Leading the science-challenge "seminar" was Chris Bremer, "Wizard" host Don Herbert's official assistant from ECA Educational Services in Plymouth. Bremer took students through a series of investigations to discover answers to the scientific challenges outlined at the beginning of the assembly. Pictured above are B.J. Fitzsimmons (right) and Bateh Mahmud trying to pull apart two bowls after Bremer pumped the air out from between them in a demonstration on air pressure. At right, Adam Pitt is covered with toilet paper during another demonstration experiment.



Show and tell: Lydia Zimmer, 11, helps Chris Bremer demonstrate how pressure will cause water to follow a string poured from one beaker into another four feet away during the "Mr. Wizard's Science Challenges" program.

LETTERS

Is this necessary?

I hope teachers will appreciate their new toys-computers. Internet access, screaming fast machines, e-mail, desktop publishing. Wow, what a great new perk. I just wish that this perk was presented up front as one of the reasons to get computers, instead of hiding behind the other reason, "it's for your child's success." If computers weren't agreed to in a backroom, unwritten clause to the last union contract, I sure hope the district can use this new perk as a negotiating point in the next contract talks.

Computer learning software for children in school has not advanced enough. It is in its infancy. There has not been enough time in the marketplace for the best software manufacturers to filter up to the top. It's a new, wide open field. The very recent studies and knowledge gained about how kids learn best on software are brand new and are just being tried. The knowledge is only recently being integrated back into new software that encourages problem-solving, reacts to a child's learning level, and entices imaginative thinking, those attributes that are a solid part of a good curriculum. Only now is some software going beyond simple supplemental practice work and attention-demanding graphics.

With the recent introduction of network computers, buying full-scale desktop computers is questionable as a wise decision.

Computers are most valuable in vocational ed classes or as an elective above the 10th grade and should remain there until further development occurs.

The arguments presented to dated, the value of a computer in 1997 below the 10th grade, and the general public opinion today "that our educational results are not as good as 10 years ago," outweigh the most recent board plans, and are not

yet compelling enough for me to step forward and plod down \$100 a year for the next 25 years.

I don't want to be used, nor have my brand new children used, as guinea pigs for the next five years for educators to learn how kids best learn on computers. Until computers in the classroom have evolved into useful training tools that encourage problem-solving and go beyond supplemental practice work, it is not compelling enough for me to invest the long term dollars in hardware and software. Computers and software, as they are today, won't improve MEAP scores.

Glenn Kremer
Plymouth

Retirees for bond

On March 22, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District is asking that all of its residents vote for a bond which will provide children with new school buildings, computers, transportation, and remodeling. As retired former residents we recommend that you support that request. Thoughtfully consider your answers to the following questions. (We have included our personal answers.)

Why did you move to the Plymouth-Canton community? We wanted our children to have the advantage of academically sound, well-funded, well-maintained, up-to-date schools. Much of the success which our children are presently enjoying as adults is due to the excellent education which they received in this community. Why support a school bond? Failure to vote can result in an undesirable outcome. (We still remember one election where a school vote failed by one vote.) We moved to Plymouth-Canton so that our children could enjoy small classes and well-equipped schools. It is our responsibility to maintain them. We are presently enjoying our retirement in a new

community, but we lived in Plymouth-Canton for 28 years. Our four children attended Gallimore, Pioneer, and Salem. Additionally, Ruth taught at Field Elementary School for 18 years. Supporting the schools is just another way of supporting your homes and families. Support your community with a "Yes" vote on March 22.

Bruce P. and Ruth E. Davis
Brooklyn, Mich.

School alternatives

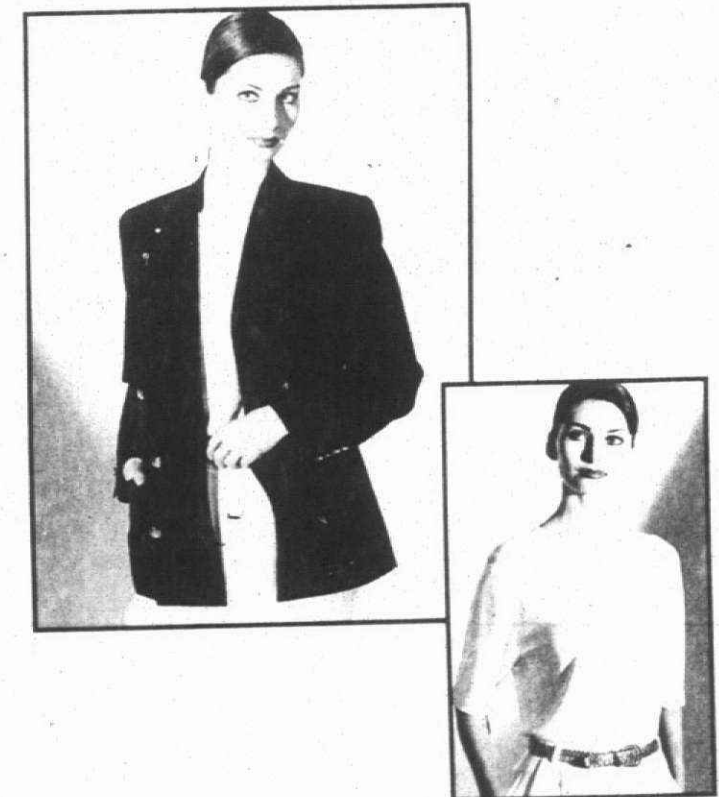
Why is it that Catholic schools at the average cost of about \$2,000 for an elementary student, and of \$3,000 for a high school student, provide superior education as compared to public schools? In public schools, the average cost is about \$7,000 per student.

Maybe the board of education and the superintendent, instead of asking millage after millage increase, and bond issues, first should learn how Catholic schools do it, and do likewise. Pumping more and more money into the system will not necessarily benefit the students to any significant extent, but rather construction firms, banks, brokerages, and those who work in the system.

We are continually conditioned to believe that all society's problems can be solved with more money. In most situations there are other, better ways that require no money at all. We will not be doing any favor to our children if we senselessly spend now, and burden them with huge debt which they will be paying back most, or all, of their lives.

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LETTERS

Good information

The proposed bond issue for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has brought out many opinions, especially related to the need for a new high school and elementary school. It is interesting that few dispute the need for more classrooms. Our obligation to children is to provide an excellent educational experience with the support of taxpayers,

parents, community and staff. To do this we have gone to great lengths to involve all parties in the decision-making process. It would be easier to dictate our needs to our public and keep coming back until we have reached our objective. To avoid this, we held forums to get a clear picture of the community's desires. The forums were heavily publicized in the local publications, school communications and cable TV.

I attended the community forums and was in favor of placing a third high school off the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park site. Much to my dismay, the community consensus was to place the third high school near the current high schools - at the Joy/Beck Road intersection. Investigation into the availability of an alternative location away from the PCEP was not encouraging. Few sites were available. They

were not conducive to an educational facility and were costly. More importantly, students would not have access to the vast educational opportunities at the current high schools. Locating the third school at Joy and Beck does not necessarily answer the size perception but does provide the wonderful learning opportunities that currently exist. The challenge will be for students, staff and parents to have a more

personalized program by participating in the commitment to student services. Thirty years ago, our board of education has the wisdom to purchase property throughout the district for the benefit of future generations. Their wisdom had provided us with the framework we have today. The flexibility of converting the elementary school to a middle school is good planning and offers opportunities for future

decision makers. As a board of education member, I see this as the best way to get the message out to you. We are doing everything possible to allow voters to make an intelligent choice.

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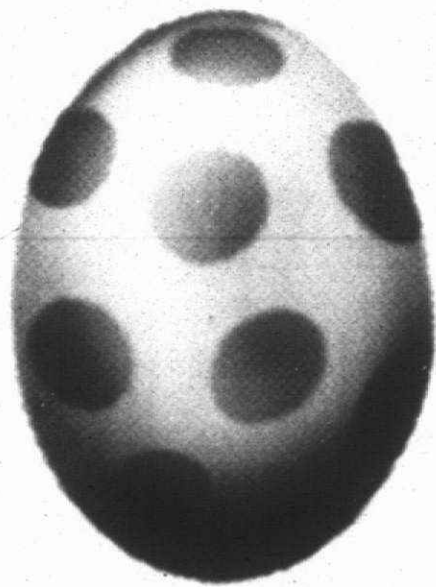


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wire started the roof of a house on fire on the 2800 block of South Lilley.

Sparking wires also were reported on Woodbrook Street, in the Haggerty and Michigan area; on Coronation Street, near Cherry Hill and Lotz, where the wire was draped across a back yard; and the 46000 block of Saltz, where the wire was draped over a house.

A Detroit Edison spokesperson said 900 Canton homes were without power Friday morning.

The township's Department of Public Service crews were also busy Friday. About 10-15 basements had flooded due to rain. Several of the homes were in the Haggerty and Palmer area.



Damage: This Canton EMS rig was damaged in last week's ice storm

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Coffee house from page A1

Deborah and co-owner brother Steven spent approximately one year looking for the right spot for Extreme Bean. The Garden City residents went as far as Rochester looking for an appropriate place, but decided Canton had the right demographics to open a coffee house.

In the summer, the Wilsons have plans for outdoor seating and possibly will add light lunch items to the menu of estate-grown coffees and Pickwick teas. Deborah formerly was a sales analyst manager for a high tech firm in Georgia. However, she found herself on the wrong side of a corporate merger. Although

she was offered a position in Seattle, Wash., she decided to return to Michigan. She is a 1977 graduate of Garden City East.

"I knew I didn't want to go back to the corporate world," she said.

So Wilson and brother Steven spent about a year investigating the possibility of opening a coffee house. Once committed to the idea, they had to decide what type of an atmosphere to provide. The Wilsons preferred a bright and airy corner location that provides lots of windows and sun.

Steven, a 1984 graduate of

Garden City High School, continues to work as a warehouse manager for a bathroom fixture importer in Taylor and works at the coffee shop from 7-11 p.m.

Both Deborah and Steven put in 12-hour days - Deborah exclusively at the coffee shop and Steven at two jobs. Deborah works at the coffee house from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Sundays she gets to sleep in, she said. The coffee shop opens at 7 a.m. on Sundays.

The Wilsons have plans for a second location. They expect it will take at least one year to find the appropriate site.

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Police chiefs seek answers to spending on jail tax

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A group of Wayne County police chiefs do not want to criticize how much use communities get out of Wayne County's Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

But they are raising questions. Questions they hope they can get answered before deciding whether to endorse any renewal of a Wayne County jail millage set to expire Dec. 31.

"What we want to do is gather information to find out if it's a good option for our taxpayers," said Dave Kocis, police chief of Garden City.

"We know there are problems with the system, but right now we don't want an adversarial position."

In February, Kocis and Emery Price, Westland's police chief, told members of the Conference of Western Wayne, a coalition of mayors and township supervisors from 18 western Wayne County communities, that despite the voter-approved jail millage, misdemeanants and felons who commit crimes locally are often getting paroled early.

At that meeting they told officials they wanted to wait for more information before taking a position on the millage.

Wayne County voters approved in August 1988 one mill to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanor or juvenile detention facilities.

That money also could be used for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution. One-tenth of a mill was earmarked to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

Westland now pays about \$1.3 million annually in the community jail tax, said Price, but the community also pays \$383,000 to house prisoners outcounty, primarily in Isabella County.

Kocis said he and other chiefs and community leaders only want to know what taxpayers are funding.

"We pay taxes, yet we still pay \$30 a day," Kocis said. "We know the county has an overcrowding problem."

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano hopes to talk with the

O'Neil has been critical of how the millage funds have been appropriated.

police chiefs and local officials. Ficano understands their concerns about jail space, especially when the millage was to address the housing of misdemeanants, but the state mandates the county house some felons.

"A felon may get sentenced to one year and get 11 or 12 months in (the county) jail, and that has exacerbated the situation," Ficano said.

The jail millage also has drawn the attention of county commissioners, particularly Commissioner Bill O'Neil, D-Allen Park, who serves as the chairman of the commission's Committee on Audit.

Spending questioned

O'Neil has been critical of how the millage funds have been appropriated. In a letter sent to all the mayors, township supervisors, city councils and police chiefs in Wayne County, O'Neil said:

"Medical diagnostic expenses jumped from \$1.6 million in 1994 to \$3.8 million in 1996 because felons are housed at the facility."

Funds were not earmarked to pay for bonds issued for construction of the Dickerson facility in 1995 and 1996 and reduced payment in 1997, which O'Neil says allowed for a substantial shift in millage money to other areas of the overall jail operation.

"The general fund of the one-tenth mill for the juvenile facility contains \$8 million, but no facility has been built."

In December 1996, O'Neil opposed a fund transfer of \$70,000 from the jail budget to the county's economic development and corporation counsel. That transfer was just one of several reasons why suburban commissioners vote against the budget, O'Neil said.

"Now is this legal? Probably. Is it what we want to do for the voters? No, it's not," O'Neil said.

A terse response

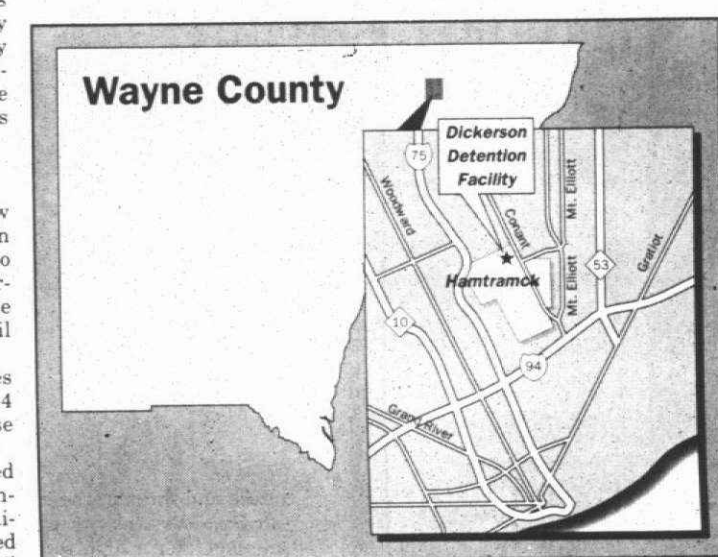
"Everything in that letter is lies," said Mike Duggan, assis-

WAYNE COUNTY'S DICKERSON DETENTION FACILITY



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Questions raised: In 1996 the Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck housed 6,000 inmates convicted of misdemeanors and felonies whose prosecution originated in Wayne County districts courts outside of Detroit in 1996. Still some police chiefs wonder why their communities still need to spend money on outcounty housing of inmates when Wayne County taxpayers fund Wayne County's prison facilities, such as Dickerson.



tant county executive. Duggan responded to several of O'Neil's statements:

"The county must house presentence felons and is required under state law to house felons sentenced to less than a year for state offenses."

"Budget adjustments from millage money and increased jail revenue are used to reduce the general fund subsidy of new jail beds. Even after that subsidy, the county's general fund still subsidized beds for \$1.4 million."

"The total jails budget since 1988 has increased dramatically, far exceeding the \$24.9 million raised in 1995-96 from the nine-tenths millage. Since the millage has passed, the total jails budget has more than doubled from \$35.7 million to \$75.6 million per

year. The juvenile detention facility will be built soon."

Duggan believes the county has met its end of the bargain with the nine-tenths of a mill for the expansion and additional jail cells.

People should consider that the county never promised to house ordinance violators, Duggan said.

County housed 6,000

Duggan believes community officials may be looking at statistics for ordinance violators and the fact that many communities have to ship those violators outcounty, but the county actually housed 6,000 inmates at Dickerson from district courts in Wayne County outside Detroit.

including 1,115 felons and 3,782 misdemeanants, in 1996, Duggan said.

"The crime rate is down double digits in the last five years," Duggan said. "Our plan to lock up criminals has been a significant deterrent to crime."

"Had that millage in 1988 not been passed, 6,000 would have been arrested for crimes, convicted and released to neighborhoods because there would have been no place to lock them up."

Duggan cited a 1988 analysis from a consultant and court monitors that stated 2,775 beds were required to house misdemeanants.

"We promised 1,100 new beds from the 1988 millage and we delivered 2,000 with no additional taxes," Duggan said.

The jail millage was passed on the promise that the county would build 230 new "pretrial" beds for accused felons in downtown jails. The county actually built 314, Duggan said.

Wayne County must house pretrial felons, which means it must house felons from the time of their arraignment through circuit and recorder's court proceedings. If the suspect is convicted, the state is responsible for housing that inmate and picks up those later costs.

Misdemeanants housed by the county may include some drunk drivers and drug offenders.

The county also vowed to build a \$40-bed facility, which opened in 1991, Duggan said.

Juvenile costs jump

The county promised in 1988

Misdemeanants housed by the county may include some drunk drivers and drug offenders.

to pay for more beds in state facilities for juvenile criminals.

Costs of housing juveniles in state beds has increased from \$21 million in 1988 to \$37.5 million in 1996.

For juveniles the county pays for 50 percent of space, the state pays 50 percent. Every time the county sends a young offender to a state facility, the county pays for 50 percent of the costs.

Duggan readily admits the juvenile detention facility should have been built by now, but the county faced delays due to new federal regulations, and a report from consultants in the late 1980s that the one-tenth mill would not raise enough money to construct the building.

Ground was broken last year on the juvenile facility near the I-75 Service Drive near the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. Duggan expects the \$6 million in the general fund will be used soon and earmarked for contractors to complete the project.

The police chiefs met with O'Neil on Wednesday. They expect to talk with County Executive Ed McNamara's office before outlining a position.

Duggan hopes to have an informational packet ready for them soon. Duggan is scheduled to meet with CWW officials in April.

County justifies jail fund use

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In 1988, Wayne County jails had a budget that equaled \$35.7 million. That shot up to \$75.6 million by 1996.

By the fiscal year of 1995-96, the nine-tenths of a mill earmarked for county jails raised \$24.9 million.

"We've been supplementing the millage money with the general fund," said Mike Duggan, assistant county executive. "We made a decision here and it is our highest priority to lock up the criminals."

Wayne County voters approved in August 1988 one mill to acquire, construct or operate jail misdemeanor or juvenile detention facilities.

The millage also was earmarked for adult penalty options such as work release, home detention and community restitution. One-tenth of a mill was to acquire, build and operate a juvenile offender work/training institution.

One mill costs the owner of a \$100,000 home (assessed at \$50,000) \$50 a year in property taxes.

Garden City Police Chief Dave Kocis, who chairs a committee of Wayne County police chiefs studying this issue, has concerns about the county's jail space at the Dickerson Detention Facility. Kocis has nothing but good things to say about the county

officials he's worked with on the issue.

"They're doing what they can to help us and they're doing a great job," Kocis said. "But we still want to be able to use the Wayne County jail."

"The question becomes how do we get there so it's a reasonable solution for the county and a reasonable solution for us. Right now we're all working toward that."

"I don't think that anybody in the whole system is going to say we're not going to listen. That's half the battle. If we keep the lines of communication open."

One mill in Garden City collects about \$447,000 a year.

For the nine-tenths of a mill, residents had 6,033 inmates from district courts outside Detroit housed at the Dickerson Detention Facility in 1996 alone.

But voters may believe that the money should be sufficient to house all misdemeanants, including ordinance violators, and build a juvenile detention facility.

Duggan cited Westland as an example of what is housed in the Dickerson facility.

From the 18th District Court in Westland, the Wayne County Department of Community Justice reported 111 felons who were sentenced and housed at the facility.

Another 298 misdemeanants who committed crimes in West-

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land last year were housed at Dickerson.

For 103 ordinance violators, Westland had to pay for the housing of those offenders. "For those 103 offenders, Westland paid for 103, we paid for 410," Duggan said.

From the 16th District Court in Livonia, the county housed 69 felons, 103 misdemeanants, and two ordinance violators.

For the other ordinance violators, communities must ship them outcounty to other jails for the offenders to serve sentences.

Duggan hopes to have an informational packet ready soon for Kocis and the other police chiefs, mayors and township supervisors who are concerned about the jail millage. Officials were working on scheduling Duggan to appear at Conference of Western Wayne meeting in April.

"I've talked to (Westland Mayor) Bob Thomas and asked him to keep an open mind," Duggan said.

Scholarship opportunities available for local high school journalists

Talented, motivated young journalists have the opportunity to compete for college scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 at the 13th annual Focus: HOPE Journalism Olympics, Wednesday, April 16.

The one-day competition is open to high school senior and junior reporters from Detroit and suburbs. All area public and private high schools may participate, and each school may send two competitors.

Entries must be submitted by the school. Students who wish

to compete are encouraged to ask their journalism or English advisers to contact Focus: HOPE for contest rules and entry forms.

The competition gives young writers an opportunity to work with professional journalists, to interact with other young writers from metro Detroit's diverse cultural community, and to discover Focus: HOPE, a 29-year-old civil and human rights organization.

Journalism Olympics requires students to write stories related to Focus: HOPE.

Stories must be submitted by a 5:30 p.m. deadline. Entries will be judged by senior editors from area newspapers including the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Entries are submitted without the writer's name, but with assigned numbers to ensure impartial judging.

Fifteen finalists will be chosen and invited to an awards ceremony where the top gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded with scholarships.

For details, contact Ann Slawnik at (313) 494-5500.

Transportation plan Officials criticize lack of funding

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

It got every executive committee vote, but no one was happy with the 2020 regional transportation plan of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Reason: There are \$26 billion worth of projects and known revenue sources to pay for \$8 billion of them.

"The plan identifies approximately 1,100 projects proposed to be implemented by the year 2020," said Brighton Township Supervisor Andrew Wardach, chair of SEMCOG's transportation advisory council.

"The majority of the identified funds... will maintain the existing transportation infrastructure - roads, bridges, transit vehicles and buildings. Only 16.7 percent of the \$8 billion is proposed to be spent on widening existing roads," said Wardach.

Action due

SEMCOG executive committee approval came Feb. 21. Final action is due March 20 when SEMCOG's General Assembly, representing all 140-plus members from seven counties, votes. Amendments are anticipated

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strengthening the role of non-motorized modes.

Oakland's Kenneth Rogers, deputy to County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, voted yes with four reservations:

1. "Oakland receives only 65 percent of the state gas tax receipts we generate, and MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) will spend only 48 percent of the funds collected from Oakland county in our county, based on their plans for 1997."

2. The plan map is "disjointed." He wants a separate map that shows congestion-related plans.

3. Current federal regulations require a 20-year planning horizon. Oakland considers a 10-year plan more reasonable.

4. The plan is susceptible to political manipulation by the state to enlarge its 39.1 percent of the state transportation fund pot.

Plan addresses

The \$26 billion dream plan addresses five types of problems:

- Transit, 3.2 percent or \$840

million - "All transit vehicles replaced at least once, many several times."

■ Non-motorized, 3.8 percent or \$1 billion - "1,300 bridges identified as deficient by 2005 will be rehabilitated or replaced."

■ Safety, 7.3 percent or \$1.9 billion - "1,800 locations identified as potentially safety-deficient today will be studied and improved."

■ Congestion, 14.6 percent or \$3.8 billion - "Congestion will be managed through technology and road widening at levels not significantly different from today's."

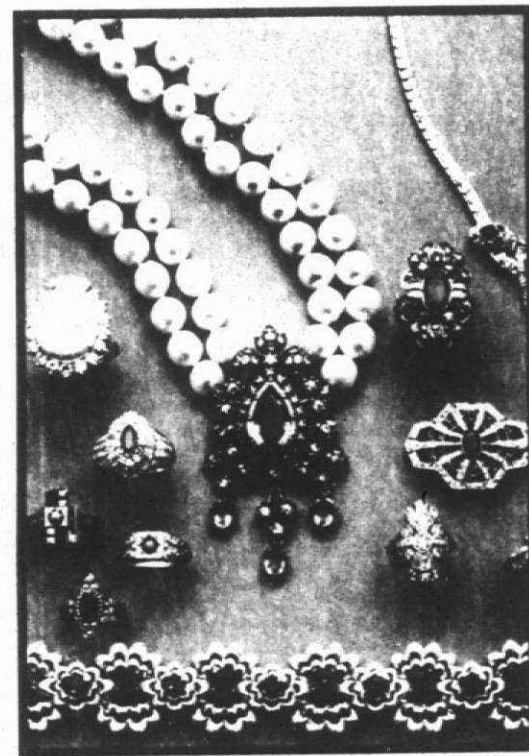
■ Pavement, 65 percent or \$16.9 billion - "All pavement on county and state roads existing today, more than 18,000 miles, will need to be resurfaced or replaced at least once. (Does not include residential streets.)"

Note: That means an average of about 800 miles repaved or replaced every year for 23 years.

Not only is the magnitude of the work huge, but the pattern is daunting.

John Amberger, SEMCOG executive director, noted that

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The school's curriculum calls on students to undertake a rigorous program of Math, Science, and International and Business Studies. Students must meet far more demanding standards than those of most schools today. The Academy will respond directly to business community requests for a rigorous program of entrepreneurial study to prepare students for jobs in international trade.

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Emphasis on Specialties and High Demand Languages. The Academy curriculum is a four-year program. Students have an opportunity to select one of the following tracks: International Studies or International Business. Within each track students can select courses within their specialty, such as International Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Computer Science, Real Estate and other areas.

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almost half of Michigan's freeways, 48.7 percent, were constructed in the 1960s and will need repair almost simultaneously. Just 22 percent were constructed in the 1950s and 18 percent in the 1970s, with small amounts in the 1980s and '90s.

"It's like a pig in a python," Amberger said, referring to the 1960s bulge.

Other problems, said Amberger, are that road work has been "underfunded for years, and Michigan is investing less than other states." Michigan ranks 47th in the nation in its support of roads and bridges, according to a U.S. Department of Transportation study, Amberger said.

In related business, SEMCOG's executive committee retained the law firm of Dickinson Wright for up to \$25,000 of lobbying as the U.S. Congress takes up renewal of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA, pronounced "ice tea").

Paul Tait, Amberger's deputy, said it will be "uphill" in attempting to get more funds for Michigan.

"Deficit reduction is still high on the agenda of both parties," said Tait. A 4.3-cent per gallon federal fuel tax hike went into the general fund instead of being earmarked for transportation.

Gov. John Engler wants Michigan's congressional delegation to pry \$200 million more out of Washington for state roads, but Tait said: "Michigan is competing for formula changes when the fund is flat."

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Hearing set on changes to welfare system

The state House Human Services and Children Committee has scheduled a public hearing at 1 p.m. on Friday at the eastern campus of Wayne County Community College for people to discuss changes to the Michigan's welfare system.

State Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, along with state Rep. Edward LaForge, D-Kalamazoo, who also chairs the

House Human Services and Children Committee, and other state legislators will hear testimony on the impact of changes. United Way Community Services is the community co-host of the hearing. It will be an opportunity for tri-county recipients of welfare benefits and representatives of human service agencies, churches and community-based groups to attend

whose service delivery will be affected by welfare changes. The hearing will be held in room E-106. The campus is located at I-94 and Conner Avenue in Detroit, off I-94 on exit 220B. Free parking is adjacent to the campus.

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Irish dance from page A1

For O'Hare students, the Helene Center appearance will be just one of half a dozen or more during the extended St. Patrick's weekend.

The talented young dancers were invited to perform at St. Patrick's parties including Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's gala Saturday night at Laurel Manor, and events at the Italian-American Club, Canton's St. John Neumann church, Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington, and two Knights of Columbus halls, as well as private engagements.

At a Wednesday rehearsal at Dance Unlimited in Plymouth, O'Hare dancer John Scanlon, 9, said he doesn't get uptight about performing. "It feels good. I just

imagine the audience are all people I know. I think they are my friends, so I don't get nervous," said the Smith Elementary third-grader. "I like that we get to go around the world to all these different feises (competitions) and we get to meet all these other people," he added, looking sharp in his kilt and matching velvet jacket.

Performed to the sounds of lively jigs, reels and hornpipes, Irish dance is done in both soft and hard shoes. So demanding is it that step dancing has been nominated as an Olympic demonstration sport. The footwork is precise, intricate, and lightning quick.

Reviewing a dance written out on paper isn't unlike reading

■ 'You get really frustrated when you're first learning a step. But once you learn it, it's much easier and you enjoy it more.'

Shannon Riley
-Canton resident

music, says Marie Riley of Canton, whose daughters Diana, 17, and Shannon, 13, both dance. "You get really frustrated when you're first learning a step. But once you learn it, it's much easier and you enjoy it more," said Shannon, an eighth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel. "We lose a lot of people, because you need a lot of coordination. If you can't remember patterns, you can't dance."

Other O'Hare students who'll be performing include Michael and Caitlin Hool of Livonia; Bill, Joe and Bridgid Scanlon of Plymouth; Julie Benedict of Livonia; Katie and Shannon Bowers of Westland; Kelly Mrzyglod of Dearborn Heights; and Livonia residents Bridgid and Patrick Casey and Christine and Tauri Rothermel.

During a WTVS-TV Channel 56 broadcast of a Riverdance

show from 9-11 p.m. Monday, O'Hare dancer Paul Cusick of Redford Catholic Central High School will dazzle viewers in a live performance. Cusick, of Plymouth, recently became the first American male ever to win an all-Ireland dance championship.

The O'Hare School of Dance, run by brothers Michael and Tim O'Hare in Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, staged a dance recital last weekend that was standing-room only.

"We sold 450 tickets and could have sold 1,200," Marie Riley said. The recital will air on Time Warner cable.

Riley is Italian. "I married this, but I love traditional Irish dance," she said. "My kids are going to cook and sew like Ital-

ians, and dance like the Irish."

Plymouth mom Pat Scanlon says dance skills are transferable. "The kids don't mind the hard work. They enjoy the competition, and it helps them a lot with their coordination. They're all good soccer players, and that's all footwork, just like dance."

Female dancers design their own colorful, surprisingly heavy dresses and send away for them to be made in Ireland. "They look like dancing Christmas ornaments to me," said Marie Riley, who herself sews dancing dresses.

For more information on O'Hare School of Irish Dance, call (810) 435-2479.

Central employees honored

Chuck Lane and Ted VanToll, custodial employees at Central Middle School, have been named "Extra Milers" by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The pair were recognized for keeping Central "spotless" during extra-curricular activities on Saturdays throughout the Our Lady of Good Counsel basketball season.

Nominated by OLGC booster club members Jim and Mary Couillard, the Central employees were commended for always being "ready, willing and able" to perform the myriad tasks involved in running the basketball program with courtesy and professionalism.

Both Lane and VanToll greet supervisors at the door, and determine ahead of time the exact requirement for the program. At subsequent meetings, all required materials are ready before requested. Each has demonstrated patience and positive attitudes toward the children involved in the program, said the nominators.

"Both of these professionals made us feel very much at home when we used the Central gym for our season," said the Couillards. "We were always made to feel like it was our own facility. Both men consistently went the extra mile in assisting us with set up, take down and checking on ways they could be of further help throughout the evening. It is people like Mr. Lane and Mr. VanToll who make the Plymouth-Canton community a great place for kids."

Lane and VanToll each accepted the Extra Miler certificate of recognition, a pin of the Flag of Liberty and Learning and a dinner gift certificate, all presented by board member Dave Artley.

Taxpayer guides now available

State Rep. Deborah Whyman is making 1996 Michigan Taxpayer's Guides available to 21st District residents.

The 50-page booklet offers the latest information on tax laws in an easy to understand format. Tax forms also are included.

"Unfortunately, filing taxes in an annual chore we must all undertake," said Whyman, R-Canton Township. "The Legislature has been working hard to reduce taxes. Now we are making them easier to file, too."

This year, the personal exemption is increased, as are pension and annuity deductions, and interest and dividend deductions for senior citizens. A tuition tax credit also is available, in addition to home heating, senior prescription drug and homestead property tax credits.

"It is common for people to feel intimidated when they sit at a table with an income tax form in front of them," Whyman said. "With this booklet on the table as well, it won't be so bad."

The guides are available at the Fred C. Fisher Library, 167 Fourth St. in Belleville, and Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

District residents also can call Whyman's office toll free at 1-800-555-5021 to receive a copy.

A Sunday celebration

Grand opening: The staff of Westbrook Salon in Canton will host a grand opening celebration 3-7 p.m. today, with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. The hair salon in the Westbrook Plaza, Warren and Canton Center roads, is owned by Patricia Baker. It has actually been open since last July but the staff thought a special event would help introduce the business to the local community and chase away the winter blues. For information about the salon and its services, call 454-7670.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Court employee saw different side of law

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Running the local district court for 10 years hasn't been all grim.

Court Administrator Marion Belding, who is leaving her job next month, recalled the couple dressed in black who wanted to get married last Halloween.

"My office was decorated with monsters and flashing lights, and there were scary sound effects. We left it that way all day, people would come and visit it," Belding recalled.

By chance, the couple in black came in that afternoon seeking to be married. "We asked if they'd be interested in getting married in a haunted house. They said we'd love to," Belding recalled, and she's got the photos to prove it.

Belding, 46, said at some point she's bound to miss most everything about the job - even the whine of the court intercom.

Replacing her as 35th District Court administrator is Kerry Erdman, effective April 7. He has been court administrator since 1994 at the 17th District Court in Redford.

Judge John MacDonald said, "Marion has been an excellent administrator and we hate to lose her. Our new court administrator appears to have all the credentials, and he survived a list of 43 applicants."

Erdman, who also worked at the 36th District Court for 14 years, is an Eastern Michigan University graduate. He was selected by a committee consisting of Belding, Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters and circuit court administrator Kent Battey.

They interviewed six applicants and recommended four candidates to 35th District Judges John MacDonald and Ron Lowe, who picked Erdman.

The court has developed a reputation for being one of the few state district courts that does not take money from the communities it serves - greater Plymouth, Northville and Canton. Rather, it returns money to those communities each year.

Belding said this was due to the work of former district judge James Garber, who convinced the communities to pool court resources.

A court administrator, Belding said, "is just like a manager of a business; you're dealing with personnel matters, hiring, purchasing and case flow management."

Her advice to a successor is to be open-minded.

"Court managers tend to be some of the most conservative people you'll meet. That's why I was so interested in hiring Kerry Erdman, he's very open-minded and progressive."

In coming years, Belding said, "You're probably going to see the courts become more leveled so citizens can come to one location and handle a divorce, traffic ticket and civil suits all in one location."

"I'm at a good point in my life to change," said Belding, who said she's looking forward to spending more time with her husband and their children at their home in Irons in northern Michigan.

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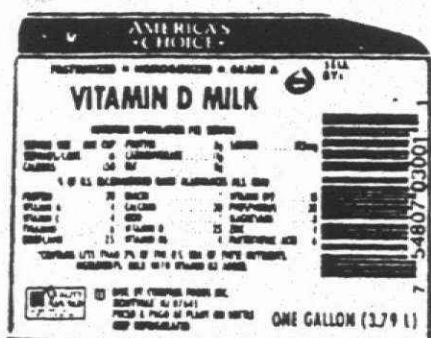
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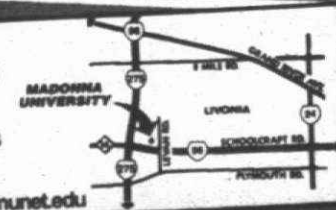
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Simple, fresh foods grace our table

People always ask me: "Who does the cooking at home?" Well, my wife does, with minor exceptions. We eat simple, healthful food, which could be deemed too Spartan for some. Two to three dinners per week are meatless. My wife does not spend much time on preparation, but we never eat canned vegetables, frozen pizza or TV dinners. The only frozen vegetables we use are corn and peas, when fresh are not available.

We have wine with every dinner, even if it is just boiled potatoes with cottage cheese and green beans. I take my own sour dough rye bread more as a hobby, as good bread is now available in better stores. To keep it fresh we quarter and freeze it.

Preserving quality

There are many ways to save time preparing dinner without losing quality. It takes just about the same time to cook fresh vegetables as it does to warm canned ones. You can make your own salad dressing in bulk, which beats any commercial one, and is a lot cheaper. We buy olive oil in one gallon cans.

Canned mushrooms taste as good as rubber balls. If you like rubber balls, that's fine. Or you can use great tasting fresh mushrooms, which do not take but a couple of minutes longer to prepare. Frozen vegetables are also far more expensive than fresh ones.

There are many dishes which you can prepare in large amounts in advance, package in usable amounts, and freeze. I don't mean casseroles — I'm not crazy about them, except perhaps lasagna. Stuffed peppers, baked pork chops, steaks of all kinds, meat balls, Swiss steak, and Chicken Paprikash are examples of dishes that can be made in advance and frozen to be enjoyed later. Main course soups can also be very satisfying. We serve them with good bread.

Most fish can be prepared quickly. Do not coat fish with anything. Sauté seasoned fillets in a non-stick pan in just a small amount of peanut or canola oil. If you are concerned about fish odor in your house, then poach or steam fish, such as salmon, cod, halibut, and scallops. Serve the fish with boiled new potatoes, which you put on the stove first, then drop vegetables in another pot. The whole meal should not take more than 25 minutes to prepare.

Boneless chicken is another fast item. Choose either thighs or breasts. If you are boning the breasts yourself, save the bones and skin for soup. Freeze them until you have enough, and have the time to cook the broth.

Boneless chicken can be either broiled, grilled, or sautéed. It's best to flatten the chicken to a uniform thickness so it cooks fast and evenly.

Stir-fry

Stir-fry dishes can also be prepared in 25 minutes or less. You can make stir-fry dishes with poultry, beef, game, fish, shellfish, or vegetables. If you plan to serve rice with your stir-fry, put it on the stove first. I prefer Basmati or regular long grain rice.

For a change of pace, try a Chinese-style stir-fry. Imported soy sauce will give you better flavor than a domestic product. For less salt use Tamari sauce instead of soy. Be sure to use the freshest ingredients including garlic and ginger root.

A non-stick wok or skillet works best for stir-frying. The meat, poultry or fish must not be wet. The pan must be clean and smoking hot for meat, a little less hot for fish and poultry, before you add the oil.

Add no more meat than to cover the bottom of your pan in one layer. Do not stir. Over high heat brown the meat in seconds on one side, turn over, leave a few seconds longer, then lift out with a perforated spoon to another dish. Red meat should remain rare at this point. Do not brown poultry too dark and fish hardly at all. Cook fish and poultry to slightly underdone, as it will finish cooking with the vegetables. Be very careful handling the fish not to break it up.

If you care about the appearance of the food, cut vegetables on an angle into neat, not too small pieces. Some Chinese groceries sell fresh water chestnuts. Just peel and slice them.

Chef Milos Cihelka is a Certified Master Chef and Bloomfield Hills resident. Formerly executive chef of the Golden Mushroom, Cihelka enjoys sharing his knowledge of cooking with others. He recently produced a series of video tapes on cooking wild game and fish, which are sold at Borders Books and Kitchen Glamour stores. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Egg casseroles
- Ham it up



By ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

In James Joyce's "Ulysses," as Leopold Bloom strolls toward Dublin's O'Connell Bridge his sense of smell is assailed by the wafting airborne evidence that meaty "gammon steaks" and spinach are being enjoyed nearby. This ham preparation, sweetened with brown sugar and spiked with whole cloves, remains a tradition, but today's Irish cooking has gone upscale. Paired with Guinness, St. Patrick's Day is complete.

Because Eleanor grew up in a family with Irish roots, preparations such as Irish stew and Irish boiled dinner were commonplace. A recent visit to Dublin revealed that modern-day Ireland has awakened to food consciousness beyond farm-style dishes.

Traditional Dublin Coddle takes on new meaning with premium sausages and cured bacon. Down uncharted roads in County Cork to the village of Shangarry, we discovered a culinary mecca at Ballymaloe House. Fresh fish, no more than two hours from the sea, was turned into a fritto misto di mare, served with a garlicky maitre d'hotel butter and house-made tartar sauce. But cod with cream and bay, a more traditional regional dish from County Cork, is a reminder of Ireland's bounty from its southern sea coast.

Afficionados of specialty brews in the U.S. have started to match microbrews to foods, but Guinness, the famous name in Irish brewing, has been promoting food connections and modern Irish cooking for some time. Guinness is as much about a brew as it is about Irishness and

the whole lifestyle enhancement of connecting food with Irish culture. At Guinness, they say that when it comes to drinking Guinness with food, the only limit is your imagination.

During a visit to St. James's Gate Dublin Brewery, command central of Guinness, we thought we were in California when the phrase "al fresco magic" was used in connection with the world-famous brew and Irish food. But the reference was for Fried Mussels Galway style with Dunloe Sauce. Then came barbecue bliss. Next time you make burgers, hide a little nugget of blue cheese right in the middle. As the burger cooks, the cheese melts and if you're into an alcoholic treat for St. Patrick's Day, you won't find anything better to complement the flavor of Guinness and its tight-knit creamy head. You'll be joined by people around the globe who enjoy 10 million pints not only on this special day for the Irish, but every day of the year!

The folks at Guinness also suggested stirring some chopped fresh coriander into meatballs for added spiciness. "Add a torch chili to that pasta sauce," we were told. "Go crazy with the galangal (related to ginger root, it can be found dried and ground in Asian markets) and lemon grass in a chicken stew. Enjoy the saline succulence of oysters."

Chicken and leek stew served in a champ (mashed potato) nest. Believe it; you're talking Irish!

Because Ireland's dairy products, particularly its cream, are renowned on the European continent, many upscale Irish recipes use cream. While we're all trying to reduce fat in our diet, we view the issue as one of moderation. Cream in a recipe now and then can be enjoyed without guilt. In Ireland, chefs also use Irish Whiskey as we might use wine. Remember that all alcohol evaporates in cooking and only the excellent taste remains. In most cases, where recommended, Irish Whiskey makes the sauce. We suggest using Bushmills.

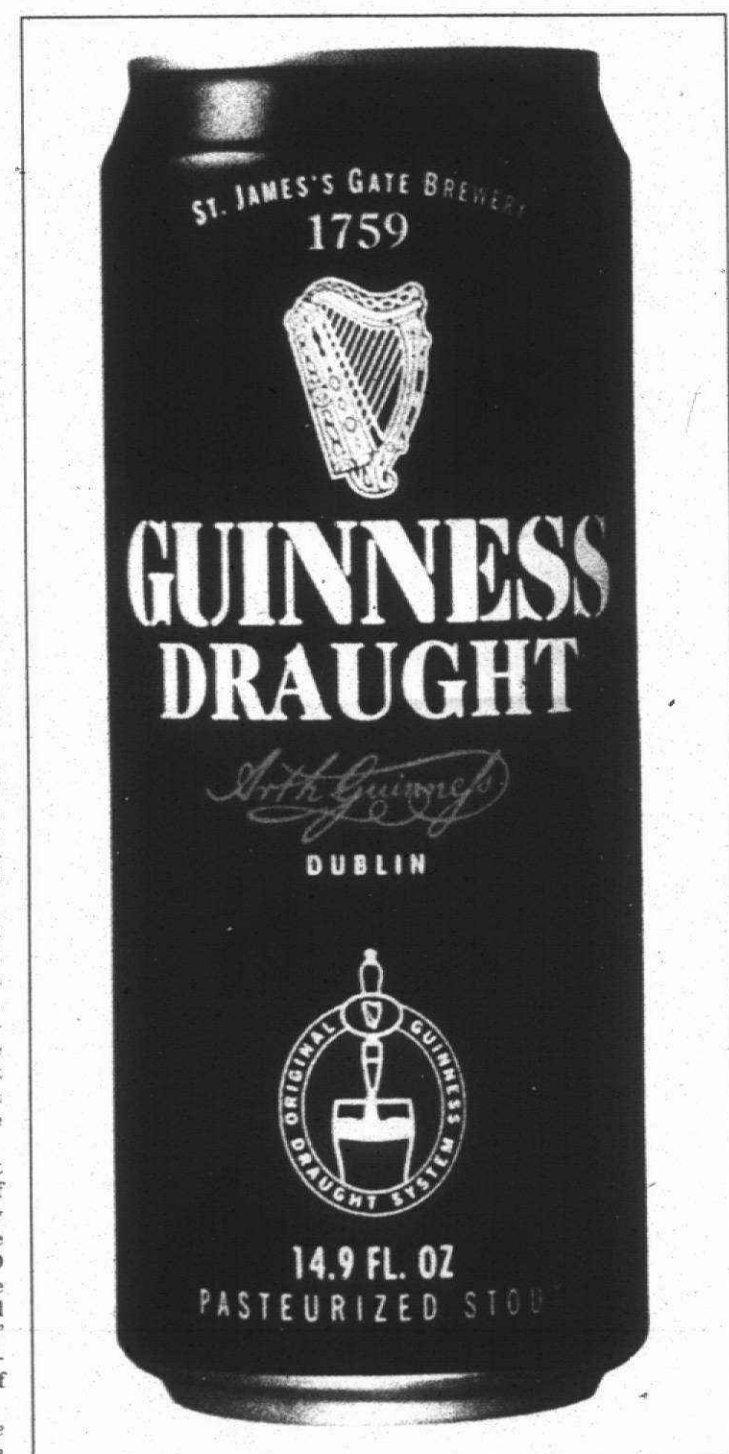
To add mood music, check out the just-released "Legends" of Celtic music by James Galway and Phil Coulter together for the first time on RCA Victor CD 09026-68776-2 or Cassette 09026-68776-4. Galway and Coulter are backed on "Legends" by a six-piece band, string section and the Celtic Voices of Trinity College, Dublin.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Monday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864. Recipes inside.

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It's Irish food and Guinness!



Irish toast: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with creamy-headed Guinness, a perfect complement to traditional or upscale Irish foods.

COMFORT FOODS

Seasonings take macaroni & cheese south of the border

Comfort foods, those comfy, cozy foods we grew up with, aren't going away as we continue to embrace a healthier lifestyle. In fact, they're as popular as ever, but with a difference — they've lightened up, too!

The reason is simple. We don't want to give up our favorite comfort foods, but we also don't want or need the calories and fat many of these classics contain. The solution is simple, too, by redefining classic recipes with contemporary ingredients that are lower in fat yet full of flavor, we can have our cake and eat it, too.

Take macaroni and cheese, for example. This American classic has been comforting us with its creamy sauce and tender pasta for generations — and so will Tex-Mex Macaroni and Cheese.

Easier, healthier and just as delicious, this contemporary dish features a "creamy" no-cook sauce made with fat-free sour cream, skim milk and zesty southwestern seasonings, along with a variety of peppers and low-fat Monterey Jack cheese. A golden-brown wheat germ topping flavored with ground cumin adds crunch and extra nutrition.

Wheat germ's nutty flavor and crunch make it a terrific substitute for bread crumbs in recipes for crumb toppings, meatloaf, burgers and meatballs.

Here's the recipe compliments of Kretschmer Wheat Germ.

TEX-MEX MACARONI AND CHEESE

- 8 ounces uncooked mostaccioli or other tube-shaped pasta, prepared according to package directions without salt
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded low-fat Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red or green bell pepper
- 1 or 2 jalapeno peppers, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped, seeded, plum tomatoes
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons 60 percent vegetable oil spread, melted

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 9-inch square baking dish with no-stick cooking spray. In large bowl, combine drained cooked pasta, cheese and peppers; spoon into baking dish.

In same bowl, combine sour cream, milk, onion



American classic: Tex-Mex Macaroni and Cheese features a "creamy" no-cook sauce.

powder, 1/2 teaspoon cumin and salt; mix well. Pour sauce over pasta mixture. Spoon chopped tomatoes evenly over top. In small bowl, combine wheat germ, bread crumbs, remaining 1/4 teaspoon cumin and vegetable oil spread; mix well. Sprinkle over tomatoes. Bake 30 minutes or until heated through. Serves 5.

Nutrition information: 1/5 of recipe, Calories 330, Calories from fat 60, Total fat 7g, Saturated fat 2g, Cholesterol 10mg, Sodium 470mg, Carbohydrate 50g, Dietary fiber 3g, Protein 18g.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with festive fare

See related story on Taste front.

CHICKEN AND LEEK STEW IN CHAMP NEST

1 1/2 pounds whole chicken, cut up
2 slices smoked bacon, chopped
bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf)
1/4 pounds leeks, white and some light green part, sliced
buerre manie (optional)* salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup cream
Mashed potatoes, hot (prepared from six medium-

sized russet potatoes, peeled, quartered and boiled)
Place chicken parts in large pot with bacon, bouquet garni and half the sliced leeks. Cover with water, bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer 2 hours until chicken is very tender. Strain stock and reserve.
Remove meat from chicken bones, cut into pieces and return to pot with strained stock.
Add remaining leeks and cook gently for 20 minutes. Thicken sauce with buerre manie if desired. Season with salt and pepper and stir in cream.
Serve in a nest of mashed potato-

to. Serves 8.
* To make buerre manie: place softened butter on the edge of a flat plate and incorporate flour using the back of a spoon. Whisk into stock to achieve desired consistency.

COD WITH CREAM AND BAY

Four 8-ounce boneless, skinless chunks of cod
2 teaspoons butter
2 tablespoons chopped onion
flour, seasoned with salt and freshly ground pepper for dredging
1 bay leaf
Salt and freshly ground pepper

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1 cup cream
Preheat oven to 375° F. Choose a flameproof and ovenproof sauté pan (with a lid) that will hold all the fish. Melt butter in this pan and sauté onions for 2 minutes. Push them to one side of pan. Dredge fish in seasoned flour and place in pan to cook for 1 to 2 minutes on each side.
Add bay leaf and cream. Season with salt and pepper.
Cover pan with lid and cook in preheated oven for about 10 minutes or until fish flakes. Remove bay leaf and serve fish surrounded by cream sauce and freshly cooked, brightly-colored vegetable garnish.

Serves 4.
Recipe courtesy of Ballymaloe House, Shangarry, Middleton, County Cork, Ireland.

GALIC STEAK

Six 7-ounce sirloin steaks or beef filets
Vegetable oil or butter for searing
3/4 cup diced onions
3/4 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/2 cup peeled and diced tomato
Pinch of tarragon
1 garlic clove, crushed
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Demi-glaze to color sauce*
2 ounces Irish Whiskey
1 cup cream
1 tablespoon butter
Chopped parsley for garnish

Season steaks with salt and freshly ground pepper. In hot skillet, sear steaks quickly on both sides in film of oil, butter or mixture of both. Reserve on warm plate.

Drain fat from skillet. Add onion, mushrooms and garlic. Sauté until vegetables are slightly soft. Add half the whiskey, then cream and reduce slightly. Add demi-glaze in a quantity that will make sauce a coffee with cream color. Add tomato and tarragon. Fold in butter and remaining whiskey and heat until warm.

Pour some sauce on each of six warm dinner plates. Place steak on sauce then half coat each top with remaining sauce and garnish with parsley. Serves 6 accompanied by champ (mashed potato).

QUICK DEMI-GLAZE: use Gravy Master or other brand of seasoning and browning sauce.

BEEF BRAISED IN GUINNESS

4 1/2 pounds beef rib trimmed and cubed
4-5 tablespoons flour
vegetable oil
4-5 garlic cloves, crushed
1 pound onions, thinly sliced

2 cups light beef stock
1/2 pint (1 cup) Guinness
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
2 tablespoons ground cloves
Salt and pepper to taste
Bouquet garni (parsley, thyme, bay leaf)
Preheat oven to 375° F. Dredge beef cubes in flour. Heat oil in skillet and brown beef in several batches, followed by garlic and onions. Reserve in ovenproof dish. Add remaining ingredients to dish. Bring to boil on stove top then cover and place in preheated oven. Cook 1 1/2 hours or until meat is tender. Serves 8 with boiled potatoes and buttered carrots.

TRADITIONAL IRISH STEW

4 pounds boned lamb shoulder, cubed
3 pounds potatoes, peeled and cut in chunks
4 large onions, chopped
4 leeks, sliced (white part only)
1 cup shredded cabbage
Bouquet garni (parsley, bay leaf, thyme)
Salt and pepper to taste
8 large carrots, diced
6 cups lamb or veal stock
Chopped parsley for garnish

In large Dutch oven, cover lamb pieces with water and bring to a boil. Drain and discard water. Add onions, carrots, leeks, bouquet garni and stock to lamb in the Dutch oven. Add water, if necessary, to cover contents completely to a depth of 1 inch. Cover and simmer gently for 1 hour. Add potatoes and cook for another 25 minutes. Add cabbage, season with salt and pepper and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes. Serve garnished with chopped parsley. Serves 8.

All recipes ideas not previously credited are courtesy of An Bord Bia, the Irish Food Board.

Soup quick-to-fix

(AP) — Need a quick-to-fix recipe for St. Patrick's Day? Lepreorn Pesto Soup is made with five ingredients from your pantry, including canned green beans and prepared pesto sauce. The recipe takes about 10 minutes to prepare and serve.

LEPREORN PESTO SOUP

14 1/2-ounce can French-style green beans, undrained
15 1/4-ounce can whole kernel corn, undrained
1/2 cup chicken stock
15 1/4-ounce can whole kernel corn, drained
1/2 cup prepared pesto sauce
Place undrained green beans and undrained corn into a blender with chicken stock. Salt to taste. Process 5 minutes or until pureed. Transfer puree to a saucepan; stir in the drained can of corn. Heat soup over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Mix in pesto and remove from heat. Taste and adjust seasoning. Divide among four soup bowls and serve. Top with chopped chives, if desired. Makes 4 servings.
Recipe from: Del Monte

Over high heat brown the meat in seconds on one side, turn over, leave a few seconds longer, then lift out with a perforated spoon to another dish.

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Equally important, M-CARE Senior Plan offers

M-CARE SENIOR PLAN INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:		
Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 3500 Greenfield Road Dearborn	Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 16995 S. Laurel Park Dr. Livonia	Location: Bill Knapp's Restaurant 21000 Allen Road Woodhaven
Times: March 5 - 9:30 AM March 12 - 9:30 AM March 19 - 9:30 AM March 26 - 9:30 AM	Times: March 5 - 2:00 PM March 12 - 2:00 PM March 19 - 2:00 PM March 26 - 2:00 PM	Times: March 13 - 2:00 PM March 27 - 2:00 PM
Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 36101 Warren Ave. Westland	Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 22373 Eureka Road Taylor	Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 5946 Canton Road Canton
Times: March 6 - 9:00 AM March 13 - 9:00 AM March 20 - 9:00 AM March 27 - 9:00 AM	Times: March 14 - 9:00 AM March 28 - 9:00 AM	Times: March 6 - 2:00 PM March 20 - 2:00 PM
Location: War Memorial 32 Lake Shore Drive Grosse Pointe Farms		
Times: March 7 - 10:00 AM March 21 - 10:00 AM		

Refreshments will be served at the informational meetings. Reservations are recommended. Call (800) 810-1699 for reservations or to schedule a home appointment. No cost or obligation.

Low-fat pasta nutritious energy source

America loves pasta in all shapes and sizes, judging by the more than 150 pasta shapes currently produced in the U.S. Per capita consumption of pasta is approaching 19 pounds per year, up from 11 pounds in 1975, and is projected to reach 30 pounds annually by the year 2000.

As part of the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid base of complex carbohydrates, pasta is a nutritious, low-fat energy source. One cup of plain, cooked spaghetti contains about 200 calories, 1 gram of fat and 2 grams of fiber. It also contains some iron and B vitamins, and generally has no sodium or cholesterol, it is important to remember, however, that this is not always the case.

Although all fresh, refrigerated pastas have egg added, most remain low in fat. Dry egg noodles and flavored pastas made with eggs, such as garlic linguine or lemon fettuccine, also contain more fat than regular dry pastas and have some cholesterol. However, tortellini and ravioli stuffed with cheese or meat may have up to 14 grams of fat in a 1/4 cup serving. Be sure to pair these pastas with a low-fat sauce in order to stay within recom-

mended fat intake levels.

With pasta's rise in popularity has come an emergence of products quite different from traditional noodles. Brightly colored vegetable pastas, such as spinach or tomato, have added color but not a lot of added nutrients. Hearty-looking whole wheat pasta provides up to 6 grams of fiber in one cup cooked, as well as chewy texture and a nutty flavor. Japanese and Chinese noodles, such as cellophane noodles and rice vermicelli, appear translucent and are generally low in fat. The exception is ramen noodles, which are fried and have up to 8 grams of fat per serving.

As with other low-fat carbohydrates like baked potatoes, it's what you add to it that contributes most of the fat and calories in pasta dishes. By preparing it with tomato or vegetable-based sauce, rather than a cream-based sauce and by using low-fat cooking techniques, it's possible to eat pasta as part of a low-fat diet. When a recipe calls for meat, use lean meat and drain the fat. Substitute low-fat or fat-free dairy products and dressings in pasta salads. Rely on fresh herbs and spices for flavor, instead of oils and cheese toppings.

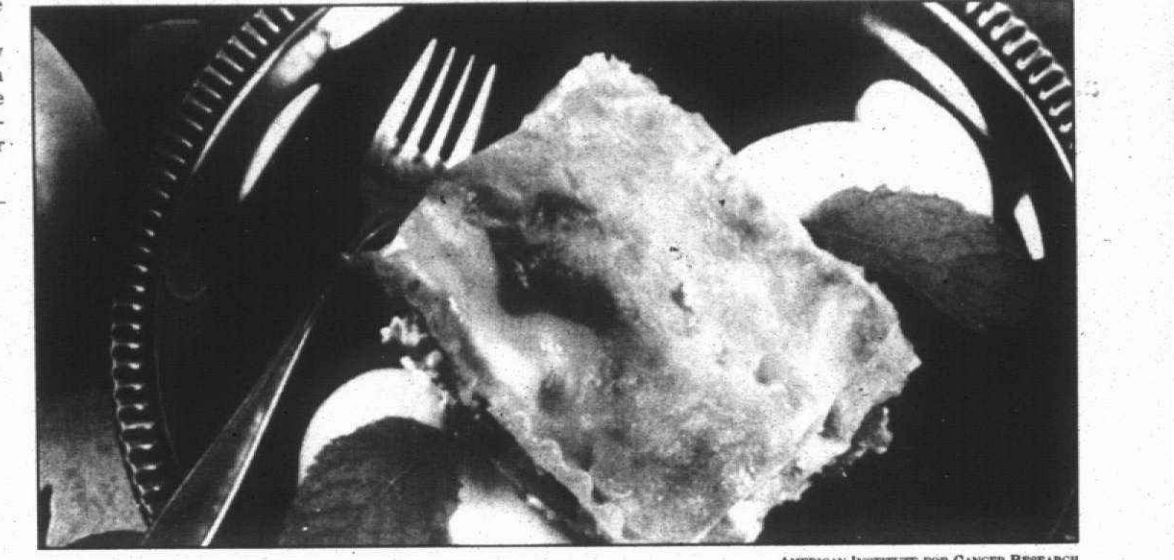
Pasta is a great choice for any meal. Whether you choose a pasta soup for lunch, or a plate of noodles as a side dish at dinner, pastas can fit any meal or occasion.

BREAKFAST KUGEL

1 pound lasagna, uncooked
1 (24-ounce) container low-fat cottage cheese
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
5 tart apples, peeled and sliced thinly
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups raisins (optional)
2 cups applesauce, no sugar added
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Prepare the pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse it in cold water.

Meanwhile, in a food processor or blender, puree the cottage cheese and mix in the vanilla and salt. In two separate bowls, mix the cinnamon with the apples and mix the raisins into the applesauce. Spray a 9 by 13 by 2-inch baking dish with vegetable cooking spray. Starting with the



Nutritious meal: Breakfast Kugel is a healthful rendition of the traditional Jewish noodle pudding.

lasagna noodles, layer the applesauce mixture, cottage cheese mixture, and apples. End each with a layer of noodles and top with cheddar cheese. Bake in a 350 degree F. oven for 45 minutes, or until the apples are tender and the cheese is bubbly. Serve the kugel hot or cold. Serves 8.
Each serving has 346 calories and 6 grams of fat.

Recipe and information from the National Institute for Cancer Research.

Chef Milos shares simple recipes for dinner for two

See Chef Milos column on Taste front.

SIMPLE STIR-FRY

Peanut or canola oil as needed
12 ounces skinless chicken breast or fish cut into uniform 2-inch long strips
2 cups assorted vegetables, cut into bite size pieces such as asparagus, broccoli florets, scallions, pea pods, water chestnuts, yellow bell peppers, zucchini and summer squash
2 teaspoons chopped garlic
2 teaspoons slivered fresh ginger
Pinch red pepper flakes
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 teaspoons corn starch, dissolved in 3 tablespoons sherry wine with 1/3 teaspoon sugar

Heat pan until smoking hot for meat, a little less hot for fish and poultry before you add the oil. Add no more meat than to cover the bottom of your pan in one layer, not crowded, do not stir.

Cook vegetables with garlic and ginger. After the vegetables turn bright in color and are heated through, add rest of the ingredients, stir to thicken and fold into the cooked meat or fish. Serve immediately. Serves 2.

STEAMED RICE

1 cup long grain rice
2 cups water
Pinch of salt
1/4 small onion, studded with 2 whole cloves
1 tablespoon butter (can be omitted)

Measure rice, then wash it under running water until water runs clear. Set it to drain.

In heavy 2 quart heavy bottom sauce pan, with tight fitting lid, bring water, salt and butter to a boil. Add the rice, stir well and bring back to a boil. Stir the last time, add the clove studded onion, lower heat to very low and without peeking at it, cook 18 minutes.

Turn the heat off and without lifting the lid, allow to steam 2-3 minutes more. Only now you may remove the lid. Using a kitchen fork, lift the onion with cloves out and discard, then gently rake to loosen the grains.

Makes 2-3 servings. Serve rice with stir-fry.

MUSSELS STEAMED WITH WHITE WINE AND GARLIC

2 quarts mussels, scrubbed clean
1 cup dry white wine
2 tablespoons chopped shallots or scallions
2 tablespoons chopped garlic
1 teaspoon dry thyme
1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons fresh chopped herbs such as chives, tarragon, parsley, chervil

In non-aluminum sauce pan bring wine, shallots, garlic and seasonings to a boil.

When you notice steam escaping, grasp pan with lid and shake to turn mussels over.

Turn the heat off, allow mussels to steam 2-3 minutes more, check if they are opened. Remove the mussels, pull one shell off each, remove beards (dark threads attached to the insides) and place the mussels on warm, deep plates. Drain the juice into a smaller pan, keeping the last part of it (with sand) back. Place the juice back on the stove, reduce by boiling to 1/3 cup. Whip in the butter, stir in fresh herbs and spoon sauce over mussels.

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Donna Mulcahy

Infant car seats still in review

BY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Few things have frustrated me more in life than trying to install my daughter's car seats. No matter how hard I or my husband tried, we couldn't get her rear-facing infant seat, or the toddler seat she currently uses, to fit as snugly and securely in our car as the directions said they should.

We're not alone in our frustration. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 80 percent of the child safety seats on the road today are improperly installed. In some cases, it's due to human error, but in many more it's because the seat and the car are incompatible.

Thankfully, the U.S. Department of Transportation is doing something to make car seats safer and easier to install. Last month, it proposed a rule that would require all new cars, trucks and vans and all new child safety seats to have a universal attachment system.

In addition, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is developing a CD-ROM that would help consumers choose the right car seat for their vehicle.

However, even if the proposed rule is adopted, it wouldn't take effect for another two years. And according to Cheryl Neuman, a NHTSA highway safety specialist, the CD-ROM won't be available until this summer at the earliest.

What should parents do in the mean time? Nancy Delaney has some advice. She is coordinator of the Child Passenger Safety Program at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and coordinator of the Metro Detroit Safe Kids Coalition.

The most important things, she said, are to follow the manufacturer's instructions closely and to hold onto your receipt. That way, if the car seat doesn't fit your car, you can take it back and get a different one.

Based on her experience, these are three of the more common incompatibility problems and possible ways to fix them:

- A contoured or sloping back seat that causes a baby's head to flop forward when sitting in a rear-facing infant car seat.

Possible solution: Place a rolled up towel or blanket on the back seat's bottom cushion to create a level surface on which to place the car seat.

- The back, middle seat belt is attached to the car via two hard plastic "stalks." The height of the stalks enables the car seat to slide around, even when the seat belt is tightly cinched around the car seat.

Possible solution: Try putting the car seat in the back passenger side position, because the seat belt may be different there. However, if there is a shoulder belt there, you'll have to use a locking clip, which you can get from the car seat manufacturer or your car dealer, if the car seat did not come with one.

- If the front passenger seat is protected by an airbag, never put a child safety seat in the front seat, because the airbag could kill the child if deployed.

- The back seat safety belts do not emerge from the crack between the back seat's vertical and horizontal cushions. Instead, they emerge one or more inches forward of that crack. This causes the car seat to slide around, even when the seat belt is fastened as tight as it will go around the car seat.

Possible solution: Order a top tether from the car seat manufacturer and have a car dealer install it. Or buy a car seat in Canada, where top tethers are already required, and then have a car dealer install a tether receptacle near the top of your back seat.

Under the Department of Transportation's proposed rule, all new car seats would have to have a top tether and two side tethers, and all new vehicles would have to have a locking mechanism for those tethers.

The public has until May 10 to comment on the proposed rule. For the CD-ROM "Your Child, Your Car, Your Choice," or for information about recalled car seats, call the NHTSA Auto Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-800-424-9393.

Or visit the NHTSA web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childseats>.

Prototype: New car seats would be equipped with top and side tethers that would anchor them securely to new vehicles.



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Clip and save :

Coupon use is up
(and on the Internet)

Consumers have always tried to find ways to save on products through sales, discount/bulk stores, and most of all, coupons. In fact, coupons have been around for more than 100 years.



BY SHERI PALADINO
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1895, a druggist distributed handwritten tickets offering soda fountain customers free glasses of Coca Cola and the coupon was born.

The very first "formal" coupon appeared that same year on a C. W. Post ad for Grape Nuts breakfast cereal for one cent off.

In the mid 1970's, coupon distribution skyrocketed due to newspaper inserts.

Today, more than 3,000 manufacturers offer coupon discounts on grocery items from food to cleaning products. And although they claim they are trying to wean shoppers off coupons, 6.2 billion coupons were redeemed in 1994.

Studies show 71 percent of all consumers use coupons on a regular basis and that number is growing. Coupons save us more than \$4.8 billion a year.

"We reach 56 million households nationwide (with coupons) and it increases every year," said Lynn Liddle, vice president, corporate communications at Valassis Communications Inc., of Livonia, one of the major distributors for coupons via newspaper inserts.

"We see a lot more coupons on emerging products," she said. "As new products come on the market, manufacturers will do more couponing, take body wash products for example."

Typical coupon clippers used to be middle-aged homemakers with children, but significant changes have

occurred over the years as more couples share household responsibilities. Four out of 10 retirees use coupons on a regular basis.

"Couponing is somewhat of a hobby. It's a pleasure to be able to save money," explained retiree Joseph Wilk of Troy. "I save nearly \$15 a week by spending a half hour per week clipping coupons."

Most grocers will double manufacturer coupons, but triple coupon offers, once popular in the 1980's, seems to have disappeared. However, if you look hard enough, some stores offer the super double coupon — you are able to redeem coupons up to \$1 for double their value.

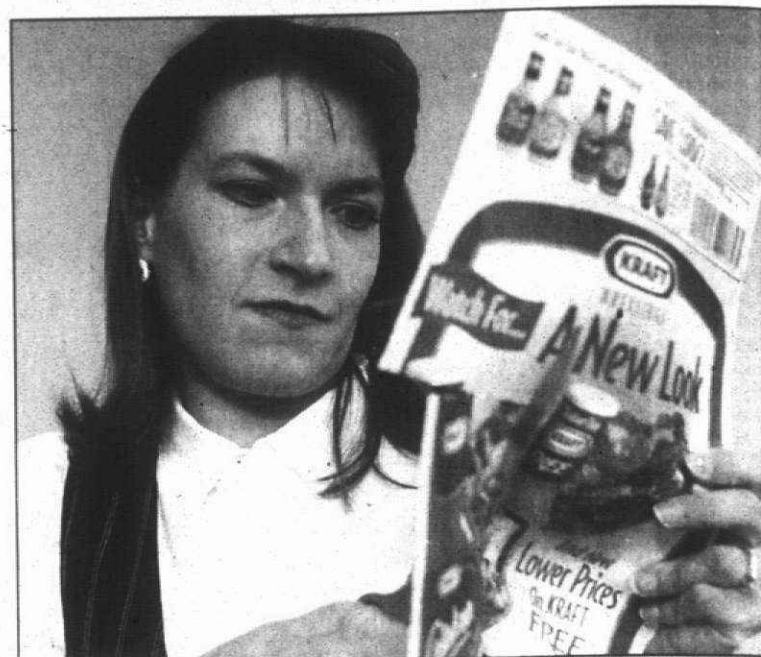
"The \$20 I could save using coupons isn't worth the time it takes to clip and organize," said Kristyn Godlew of Clarkston.

But Dave Beutler of Walled Lake makes the time.

"I clip coupons on weekends with my kids, they love it," he said. "It all depends on how much your time is worth to you. Twenty minutes can save you \$10. Some people probably buy items just because they have a coupon. I compare the couponed item to similar items and won't buy it if it costs more."

Most grocers print the coupon redeeming benefits at the bottom of receipts, showing dollars saved for the day. Detroit-area shoppers (along with those of six other cities nationwide) redeem coupons more than anyone else in the country.

On-line clippers
The Internet, although new to



Coupon cutter: Sheri Paladino of Macomb Township believes in coupon clipping with co-workers in her Troy office building.

many, already has a site dedicated to shoppers looking to save money. CouponNet™ has more than 3.4 million visitors a month. The site is dedicated to posting weekly messages for anyone interested in trading coupons with people from all over the U.S.

The long-term goal is to offer coupons on-line that you can print off at home and redeem at the store. Celeste Snyder, a CouponNet™ user said through E-Mail to a contact in Troy, that she saves hundreds of dollars a month by exchanging coupons with people she has met through the Internet.

"It's almost a hobby now, seeing how much money I can save," she said.

Anyone with access to the Internet can post their message and wait for a reply, exchange addresses and coupons! Messages like "Free coupons to trade," "What do you need?" "Help! I'm drowning in coupons!" pepper the CouponNet™ posting page.

Beverly Hills resident Gayle Godlew boasts of her coupon capers.

"I save about \$10 a week with coupons. I've gotten products free as a result of double and triple promotions."

Retiree Wilk added, "I have received money back from turning in coupons on products I bought. I've had a \$60 grocery bill reduced to \$12 after getting credit for my coupons."

Good advice

- Clip coupons for products you already use. Throw the rest out and don't look back.

- Accumulate coupons semi-weekly and use them at the store that offers the biggest discount — double coupon or super double coupon grocers. If you can, wait for a sale to use your coupons.

- Stock up during a sale, especially if you have multiple coupons to use.

The opportunity to save money is out there and it's simple. You can find coupons in Sunday inserts, in store promotions, via mail, or exchanging with family members and neighbors.

Crystal beer mugs



Bit o' the barley: Serve your green beer with style in these rock-cut crystal mugs, \$25 each, at Tiffany & Co. in the Somerset Collection South, Troy. The store also has matching candlesticks and vases to top off any St. Patrick's Day table.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday in Malls & Mainstreets:

- A spring fashion show
- Behind The Label with Tahari
- Pack the perfect Easter basket



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Westland Center hosts Job Fair:
Last call for sponsors/exhibitors

One of the most costly and time-consuming tasks an employer must perform is finding qualified employees. For many, this is a year-round challenge because of high job turnover rates inherent in their industry.

So the Westland Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Jobs & Careers Fair 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at the Westland Shopping Center, Wayne and Warren roads.

The entire mall will be filled with over 80 tables for employers to meet job seekers.

Chamber officials advise businesses to reserve recruiting tables early! The sponsorship cut-off date for the jobs and careers fair is March 17, and table rental deadline is April 8.

First on board is the event's major sponsor — the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The newspaper's extensive involvement will in part include a month-long advertising campaign that will applaud fair sponsors and attract job seekers.

Young Country (WYCD) radio station will also be involved in the promotion of the event.

The following businesses have committed to a Premium Level sponsorship: City of Westland-TIFA, Standard Federal Bank, Westland Control Systems, Inc., NBD Bank, Co-op Services Credit Union, New Welding, Wm. D. Ford Career/Tech Center, Radio Shack, Nightengale West, North Bros. Ford, AirTouch Cellular, Westland Car Care, Account Temps, and Michigan Induction. Extensive mall tenants will be participating in the event. Supporting sponsors are John Toye-Remerica Family Realtors and US Print.

Employers may choose from three selections of involvement in the fair. The Basic Success Deal offers a six-foot skirted table at \$125 for chamber members, \$175 for non-members.

The \$275 Premium Deal level offers \$50 off a table at the fair, and a listing in the following: the fair's promotional materials, the chamber's Internet home page, media coverage, O&E News- paper advertising, direct mail, signage at the mall prior to the event, and various chamber publications.

The \$200 supporting sponsor level is intended for those who cannot staff a table, but would like visibility at the fair. This level offers all the benefits of the Premium Level, minus the table.

Walks of life
The fair will feature all types of businesses and all levels of the organization. High traffic is expected for the show because

extensive newspaper, radio and direct mail advertising is planned. The regional mall marquee will highlight the event to local traffic. Employers may also give short seminars called "Ask the Professional" on their occupation, if the schedule permits.

To reserve a table, sponsorship, or to offer a seminar for "Ask the Professional" sessions, businesses are directed to call the Westland Chamber of Commerce office at (313) 326-7222.

Program nets a half-million for supplies

The "Be True to Your School" program has raised more than \$520,000 by allowing shoppers to credit all receipts from four Taubman Company shopping centers — Lakeside in Sterling Heights, Twelve Oaks in Novi, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and Briarwood in Ann Arbor — to any Michigan public or private school, grades K-12. The malls then credit a portion

of those receipts to the individual schools to select the educational materials they need the most.

More than 2,500 schools participated this year, with some of them earning nearly \$2,000 for software, videos and reference materials. The malls have scheduled a third-year kick-off on Aug. 1, 1997. The program will run through Jan. 31, 1998.

Dentistry in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

HOW MUCH FLUORIDE?

The American public first became aware of fluoride's benefit to dental health 50 years ago when Grand Rapids, Michigan added fluoride to its water supply. Children who grew up drinking the water had 65% fewer cavities than their neighbors. Ever since then, fluoride has largely been embraced as a cavity-fighter. It is now widely used in toothpastes, mouthwashes, topical treatments, and supplements. So much is enough? According to the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the ADA, no fluoride supplements should be given to infants younger than 6 months old, after which a daily quarter-milligram is recommended. At age 3, a half milligram is suggested. One

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Confessions from a compulsive clipper

BY SHERI PALADINO
SPECIAL WRITER

I never thought I would be like my mother.

She would come home once a week with details about sales at grocery stores, receipts documenting her numerous savings, and tales of a great day of "couponing."

I used to think my time was too valuable and that I would never let coupons decide what I purchased. I was not a homeowner then, now I am. Oh how I have changed. I am a 28-year-old clone of my mother and it's not a bad thing.

The first week on my own I bought everything in sight without a single coupon. My bill was outrageous, but I refused to take the time to clip coupons.

Weeks turned into months and dollar signs turned into zeros (or minuses on my budgets). I realized I had let clip through those weekly inserts and get clipping.

Month One of clipping was a chore to me. I cut out everything and bought useless items, although my bills were less. Month Two saved me a little more money. Month Three, Four and Five

made me a savvy shopper, sharper, smarter and more knowledgeable than the person in front of me spending \$200 on groceries without a single coupon!

Now I have my own strategy and it works for me. I use coupons for the products I buy anyway. I go to super double coupon markets and buy when the items are on sale. I stock up because I get multiple coupons from people I trade with.

I work full time and do not have children. I am not the typical coupon clipper. I average one hour a week clipping and organizing — not 40. I see the savings semi-weekly when I shop, and it makes me happy. It's such a simple task, but my dollar is important to me since I am not a millionaire.

I have actually saved 83-percent on one shopping trip. I will never spend \$4.69 for a box of cereal again. I can get it for less if it's on sale for half-off, plus I have a \$1 coupon!

I am not compulsive. I have just learned how to shop. I have to do it twice a month anyway, so why not make it fun? Now I go over to my mom's with sales success stories and she laughs remembering those words I once proclaimed, "I'll never cut coupons, it's a waste of time."

Wow! How I have changed. I believe the savings have afforded me some minor luxuries I have now. I do not scrimp and save on furniture or fun luxuries; by clipping coupons I can afford to splurge on the best.

I am even trying to persuade my sister to "see the light." My fiancée yells at me every time I come home with bags full of groceries (most of which are for him).

"We can't afford all this stuff," he argues. "I show him my receipt."

"It would have cost me \$75 without coupons, but I spent \$23," I reply.

He drops his mouth. I smile. And we live happily ever after!

If you are interested in forming a local coupon club, contact Sheri Paladino at P.O. Box 7062, Troy, MI 48064-7062. She is a journalism graduate from Wayne State University who works as an administrative assistant at Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc. in Troy.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph. Waterford. (810) 682-0123.

Spring fashion shows
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Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 643-7440.

Petites breakfast
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Somerset Collection South.
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (810) 641-3331.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Bunny Breakfast
Big Boy's hosts Bunny Breakfasts on March 22 and 29 at 9:30 a.m. for \$3 per child. The ticket also includes a free movie pass for an 11 a.m. film at The Movies at Fairlane.
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The program was developed to fulfill the need for Catholic school administrators to be skilled in curriculum, human resource and finance areas.

"The Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit came to Madonna University with a need: Catholic School principals, who in the past were usually sisters, brothers or priests, require a stronger foundation in the Catholic faith in order to be effective religious leaders," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs at Madonna University.

"Through Madonna University's federation with Sacred Heart Major Seminary, we were able to marshal our combined resources to respond to this need."

Catholic schools serving the metropolitan Detroit area enroll

54,000 children in grades kindergarten through high school. The 32-semester hour graduate program follows the guidelines for administrator certification and is designed for part-time students who are working full-time.

"This program will be beneficial both now and in the future. It will enable teachers to be prepared to work as principals in our Catholic schools," said Sister Frances Nadolny, superintendent for the Archdiocese of Detroit's Office for Catholic Schools.

As a lay person leading a Catholic elementary school, Carolyn Weidenbach agrees that the new degree will strengthen her skills and that of her peers.

"This program will give us a better background in Catholicism and help us as leaders of Catholic schools," said Weidenbach, who is principal of Our Lady of Loretto school in Redford Township.

Students will take courses in areas such as teaching and learning theory, data manage-

ment, legal issues and curriculum leadership. Five courses focus specifically on Catholic school leadership.

Catholic school leadership courses will alternate between Madonna's campus and the Seminary. The balance of the classes will be offered at Madonna University. Students are also required to complete an internship or project.

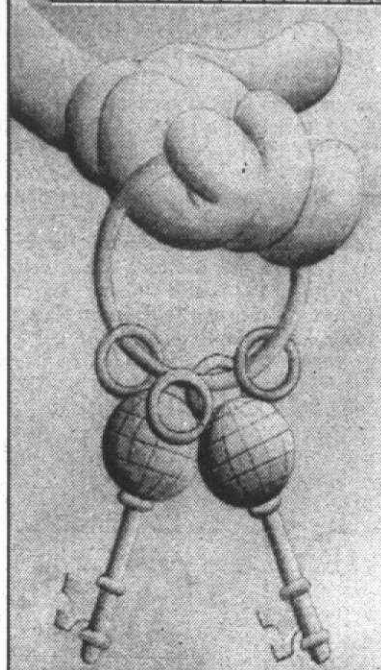
Qualified candidates working in the Archdiocese schools who wish to pursue the new graduate degree or take the Catholic school leadership courses may be eligible for a tuition loan/assistance program from the Archdiocese. Interested individuals should contact the Office for Catholic Schools at (313) 237-5770.

The Our Sunday Visitor Institute, based in Huntington, Ind., has provided underwriting.

For more information about the master's degree in Catholic School Leadership, contact Madonna University's Office of Graduate Studies at (313) 432-5667.

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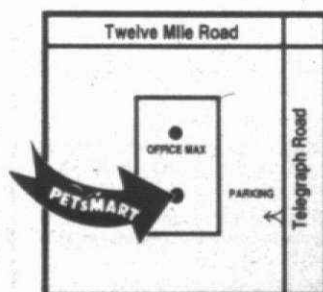
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS**LINDA ANN CHOMIN**

Creative activities help children read

Who would have thought that creating a mural or mosaic could encourage children to read?

Gwendolyn Lewis of Redford did. The Redford mother of one has written a book on using creative activities to motivate children to read.

According to Lewis, activities such as drawing, collage playing, or making puppets, collage and jewelry, encourage children to read, and help them develop critical thinking and goal setting skills.

You can learn more about Lewis' book "Plant a Seed ... Read: 101 Activities to Motivate Children to Read" 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 during a book signing at Borders Books & Music, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313) 271-4441.

Top librarian

Selected as Detroit Public Schools' Librarian of the Year for 1996-97, Lewis knows children almost as well as she knows books. For the last 24 years, she's worked with students at MacDowell Elementary, Cerveney Middle School and Mackenzie High School. As a librarian and media specialist, she encounters reading problems daily.

"For better comprehension, have the young person draw a cartoon strip that follows the development of the characters in the story in crayon or magic marker, or let them make a reading worm (listing author and title on body segments) to decorate their room. The worm will grow longer with each book read," said Lewis, stressing that parents should begin early to stimulate their child's interest in reading.

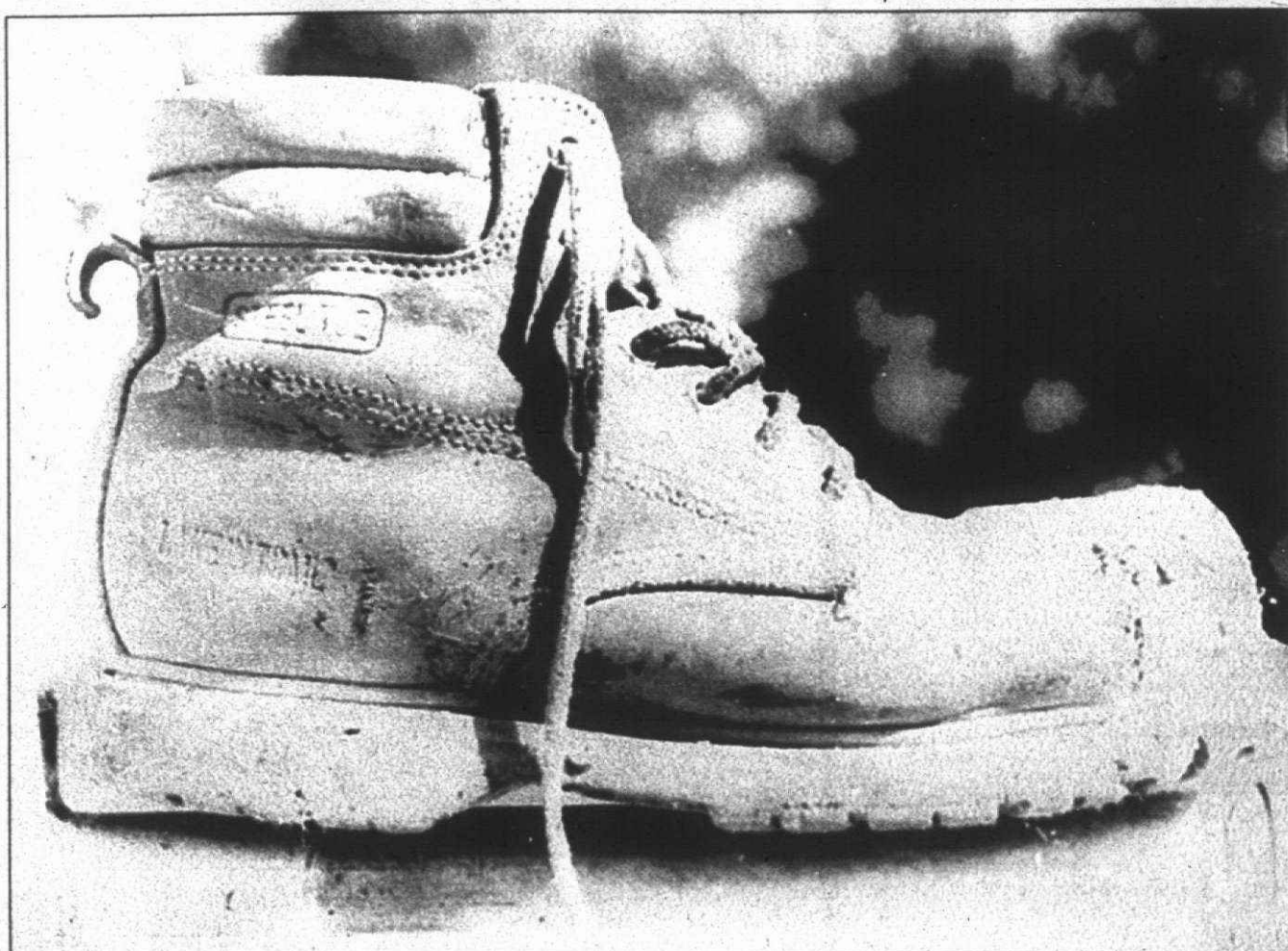
Encouraging youngsters

"It's important to start working with the young person when they're born by holding the child and reading to them," said Lewis. "Our young people need to hear sound and your excitement about that particular material. Make it a special time. Not only will the young person develop reading skills but imagination and writing, how to put words on paper."

Parents can serve as role models. Read in front of your children. Take them to the library. Whether or not you're child is successful in life depends a lot on the reading they do now.

Carrie Warren, Lewis' mother, made Lewis hungry for books by rewarding her with trips to the library. "The young person imitates the parents," said Lewis, who earned bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan and Wayne State Universities. "Parents need to develop themselves as well by reading newspapers and magazines. It's nonsense to say you don't need to read. It's our responsibility as adults to motivate children to read. The 21st century is just around the corner."

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Photograph: (Above) Franklin High School senior Karen Freeman took this photograph of a boot. (Below) Kathrin Parkyn based this abstract work on a computer base image which was then spattered with Tempera, watercolor and crayon. Parkyn is a fourth grader at Cleveland Elementary.

Exhibit raises student works to fine art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Some of the most colorful and creative art ever made is on exhibit in the 21st annual Livonia Public Schools Fine Arts Festival continuing through March 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Livonia Public Schools assistant director of instruction Fred Price was among a brigade of volunteer teachers and students who rolled up their sleeves last week to install the large-scale exhibition featuring first through 12th graders.

"I was really impressed by the skill levels students were able to bring about," said Price. "I think it's important to show the parents and the general public the quality of teaching going on in Livonia Public Schools."

Drawings, paintings, pottery, photographs and jewelry are part of this 30 school showcase held in conjunction with National Youth Art Month. Viewers will surmise from the large amount of dragons and animals created by elementary students, three dimensional clay sculptures by middle school students, and silver jewelry and Star Wars storyboards by high school students, that favorite subjects vary with age, environment and life experience. Unvarying is the fact that art, an essential in education, not only teaches observational and creative

Fine Arts Festival

What: An exhibition of art works by Livonia Public Schools students from first to 12th grade.

Where: Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road (east of Farmington Road).

When: Through March 21. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday; until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: Free.

problem solving skills, but instills in students the confidence to become an individual.

"You look at the art and get a picture of the kid and what they're like and what they love," said Price.

Laura Pasek, a junior at the Livonia Career/Technical Center, transforms a plain cardboard box into a commentary on the U.S. government. Pasek tears and turns an American flag upside down in this assemblage, void of color. A heavy chain hangs down from the top of the box.

"I thought it might be controversial," said Pasek. "I was trying to get my point of view across that the government wasn't right about Vietnam and the H-bomb."

Shylah Beth Petkus renders a portrait of friend Anna. Petkus, a Stevenson senior, uses an impressionistic style of oil pastel to capture

Anna's personality right down to the spiked leather collar.

Kurt Brandemihl enjoys the challenge of photographing the architecture and landscape of Northville's historic neighborhoods. However, photography will more than likely remain a hobby for Brandemihl since he plans to become a pilot after graduating from Franklin High School next year.

"I like to see the finished product," said Brandemihl, "I like to get an image in the frame and then see how it came out."

Susan J. Slavik's sixth grade students at Hayes made brightly colored, whimsical masks after studying the functions, traditions and designs of art crafted by native cultures.

"The elementary children are so attuned to the sensory, so their work tends to be richly colored," said Slavik.

The student masks, following in the native tradition of decorating utilitarian tools and utensils, do double duty either as lapel pins or framed works.

"So much of education is based on test scores," said Slavik. "The exhibition is the true test of knowledge being demonstrated by students."

A tag displayed alongside many of the art works lists the student's name, school, grade, teacher, and quite frequently the lesson objective. Donald Owens, a sixth grader at

Adams Elementary, crafted a gold cat from papier mache after learning about the esteem with which cats were held in Egyptian society. A symbol of Bastet, the Egyptian goddess of happiness, cats were worshiped by Egyptians and buried with honor. The mummies were put in cat-shaped coffins, taken to burial grounds and dedicated to Bastet.

"We put the lesson objective next to the art so you can tell the learning that went into it," said Sally Morche-Dissen, a Randolph elementary teacher.

Morche-Dissen and Connie Cronenwett, Stevenson High School art department chairman, organized the art festival first held in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College in 1976. The art was exhibited only two days on the Livonia campus because of the center's limited availability. The show was then moved to the Eddie Edgar Arena which allowed the festival to include the performing arts. A portable bandwagon enabled vocal, instrumental, dance and theater student performers the opportunity to display their talents along with the visual arts. Over the years as the school district down-sized, so did the festival. For six years a Limited Edition Fine Arts Festival took place in the lobby of Livonia City Hall. Today, Livonia's young artists take

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ART SHOW

BBAA showcases the best of Michigan art

Michigan Fine Arts Competition

What: The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association presents the best of Michigan Art. Juror for the exhibition was New York artist John Walker. Running concurrently with the BBAA show is an exhibition of Walker's paintings at the Hill Gallery.

Where: BBAA, 1516 South Cranbrook Road in Birmingham, (810) 644-0866.

Admission: Free.

When: March 21 through April 19.

Opening reception and awards presentation 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 21. Afterglow at the Hill Gallery, 407 West Brown Street, Birmingham, (810) 540-9288.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a show that features watercolor florals, the 16th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition will disappoint. However, if creative, cutting edge art works stimulate your imagination, this Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association show is for you.

The competition, which will award \$9,000 in cash prizes, drew top artists from Traverse City to Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Troy, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Westland, and Livonia.

"It's the first, the best and the biggest statewide art competi-

tion," said BBAA executive director Janet E. Torno.

Started by the Detroit Institute of Arts, the statewide Michigan Fine Arts Competition was turned over to the BBAA in 1982. Over the years, internationally prominent artists such as Philip Pearlstein and Romare Bearden have judged the show. This year is no exception.

John Walker, a New York painter with works in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art and Guggenheim Museum in New York City, National Gallery of Art in Washington, and Victoria and

Albert Museum in London challenges viewers to think about the content of the 88 pieces he selected from 450 entries.

"It's always been an eclectic, cutting edge show," said Torno. "John did a terrific job of picking technically wonderful pieces by people who had an idea and went in different directions."

Barbara Abel of West Bloomfield traveled to Mario's Mannequin Factory in downtown Detroit to capture her photographic imagery. She spent several eerie hours among the hundreds of antique



Symbolic Imagery: Gina Ciaris strangles Mother Earth with a sea of pumpkin vines in this color photograph.

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MUSIC

Ann Arbor Symphony does music 'For the Birds'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's March 22 concert at the historic Michigan Theater is literally "For the Birds." Beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, the 74-member orchestra, under conductor Samuel Wong, will feature a program spotlighting music written about birds.

Among the highlights is contemporary composer Victoria Bond who will pay tribute to Charlie Parker and John Coltrane with her dynamic concerto for solo saxophone "Urban Bird." The concerto features Cynthia Sikes, founder of the Urban Bird Trio and a U-M graduate. Award-winning violin-

ist Cathy Cho will perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Lark Ascending" and Sarasate's spellbinding "Zigeunerweisen." Respighi's "Birds" as well as the thrilling 1945 version of Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" are also on the program.

Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 (discounts for seniors, students and children) and available at the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra office, Suite 208, at the Michigan Theater box office, 603 E. Liberty, noon to 8 p.m. on the day of the concert, or by calling the orchestra office at (313) 994-4801.

Ticket holders can meet the composer and soloist at a 7 p.m.

preconcert lecture featuring Wong, Cho, Bond, and Sikes.

"It's a good way to kick in the season and give us hope for the warmer weather," said Michael Hubert-Shearson of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

"The program encompasses birds of different sorts from the mythical Firebird of a Russian fairy tale to Victoria Bond's concerto which pays homage to the Bird, Charlie Parker."

There will also be an exhibition of wild bird photography by Alan R. Kamuda displayed at the Michigan theater on the night of the concert. A Howell photographer, Kamuda exhibits more of his bird images at the Ann Arbor Public Library

through the end of March. If you still haven't had enough of birds, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's Composer Experience Lecture Series offers even more bird-related programming. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 the topic is wild bird rescue at Wild Birds Unlimited, 2208 South Main Street in Ann Arbor.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20 meet Victoria Bond, composer of the concerto "Urban Bird" at SKR Classical, 539 East Liberty. A \$5 donation is requested for each program at the door.

"We've been trying to do some more innovative and interesting programs and try to get the community involved," said Hubert-Shearson.

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Lewis practices what she preaches. One of the first things she did after adopting her two-year-old son Joseph in February was to buy the book "Where is Spot?" Five to eight times a night Lewis and husband Joe read to young Joseph. Needless to say, Spot has worn out his welcome with Lewis, but not Joseph. Every evening after bath time, the two cuddle up to look for Spot under the bed and in the

closet as they share time to read. "It's worn and torn but it's his favorite book," said Lewis, "and turning the pages has helped Joseph develop his motor skills and coordination. He seems to like books that he can open up the windows and answer. His voice gets stronger each time he answers the question where is Spot."

Lewis lectures frequently about the importance of reading.

She warns about the bleak future children with inadequate reading skills face. "Once they learn to read they'll have information stored in their brains that no one can take from them," said Lewis. "They can travel the world and learn about how other children live, think and dress. They can read about Star Wars and get involved in another life or fantasy. By age 18, reading will give them a

hobby. They can learn about jobs. As far as what kind of activities will encourage children to become life-long readers, it's up to the parents. Their creativity is the limit."

Linda Ann Chomin is The Observer Newspapers' fine arts writer. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Leisure section. To leave her a voice mail message, call (313) 953-2145.

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over both floors of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"In the early stages the festival included music and dance but now it's all art," said Sally Morche-Diskin. "Moving it into the library enabled us to expand the show. It's a change for us to showcase some of the very fine work produced in our school system and it allows the kids to see

what we do in school. It inspires the elementary students to see the way older students have advanced."

Among the art works not to be missed are Matthew Danutich's colorful crayon and marker rendering of a group of dragons (Tyler, fourth grade), Erin Ruth Quigley's pastel portrait of a young girl with long auburn hair

(Churchill, 12th grade), soapstone fetishes by Linda Eastman's fifth grade class at Cleveland, Kim Fenner's watercolor of Edward Munch's "The Scream" (Frost, eighth grade), Greg Progette's blue still life of a stuffed Ewok (Franklin, 11th grade), Therese Pappas's terra cotta clay dragon created after students studied bas relief art history (Stevenson, 11th grade),

Andrea Corso's pointillistic portrait of a mother wolf and her pup caught in a tender moment (Frost, eighth grade), Courtney Webster's silver bracelet with garnet center stone (Stevenson, 12th grade), Katelyn Robert's papier mache bird (Taylor, fifth grade), Amanda Morrill's yellow bird (Hayes, fifth grade), and several pencil drawings by high school students.

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wax mannequins modeled after real men who lived 100 years ago.

Abel's final products have proven popular at art venues all over town. "Tragic Beauty," which was shot in natural light, took first place in the Scarab Club's Gold Medal show. "Tragic Beauty" will be one of the photographs featured in Abel's one woman show at Borders Books in Farmington Hills April 6-26.

"I think people like 'Tragic Beauty' because she's both beautiful and ethereal at the same time," said Abel whose been studying photography for the last two years at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak.

"She's a beautiful woman but when you look close you see the flaws."

Gina Ciaris takes viewers to a pumpkin field to express her feelings about Mother Earth in a color photograph entitled "Sanctuary." Ciaris, who graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from eastern Michigan University in December, uses the imagery of a female figure trapped by plant vines to make a point about environmental pollution.

"The roots are symbolic of umbilical chords," said Ciaris who lives in Westland. "We take Mother Earth for granted, but

we're tied to her. Whether it's through death and burial or creation, we return to Mother Earth."

Pamela Giurlanda of Farmington Hills creates a brightly-colored, yet haunting world to address the subject of expectations in the acrylic painting titled "I earned it." Giurlanda, a senior at Bywater Academy of Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills in May, sticks larva printed labels to the wall, ceiling and floor in the "Invasion." Introspection is key to Byun's work whether it's incorporating live crickets in a mixed media figure left untitled, or installing labels focused on human eyes in "Invasion." Each piece offers an internal glimpse of Byun, the artist, as she asks—"what happens?"

"A lot of my work involves voyeurism. Who's looking at who?" said the Korean born Byun. "Some of the pieces are more aggressive. With 'Invasion' the work is invading an exhibition. With the untitled work, the figure is translucent so you can see the crickets on the inside. It's sort of grotesque."

Traditionally, the BBAA partners with a gallery to produce the Michigan Fine Arts Competition. An exhibition of John Walker's paintings at the Hill Gallery will coincide with the BBAA

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DIA to honor African-American artist at benefit

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Tickets are \$275 per person. Prior reservations are required.

Call (313) 833-1049. Lawrence, a major 20th-century artist has consistently depicted the daily lives and historical struggles of African-American through paintings, drawings, prints and murals.

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BOOKS

Restaurateur writes about 'Ultimate Lark'

"The Ultimate Lark: In Search of Epicurean Adventure," by Jim Lark with Mary Lark. Momentum Books, Ltd., Troy, copyright 1997, \$27.95.
By KEELEY WYONIK
STAFF WRITER

When Jim and Mary Lark opened their restaurant in West Bloomfield 16 years ago, they didn't know anything about the restaurant business, but they knew what they liked.

For them, opening a restaurant was "The Ultimate Lark." "In Search of Epicurean Adventure," describes not only the book, but my life, said Jim Lark.

"Mary and I designed and opened the kind of restaurant that we would like to go to. I don't know what people like, but I know what I like," said Lark.

Fortunately for them and metro Detroit foodies, the two are the same. Consistently voted one of Michigan's top rated restaurants, and rated best restaurant in the U.S. in 1995 by Conde Nast Traveler Magazine, the Lark gives customers many reasons to come back again and again.

Celebrities such as Danny DeVito, Jack Nicholson and clergy, Archbishop Edmund Szoka, have dined at the Lark.

"I think eating a meal can be eating, or dining — service, cuisine, ambiance, it can be a magical experience," said Lark.

Since he designed a world-class restaurant Jim Lark



True story: Jim Lark writes about his restaurant "The Ultimate Lark," and travels in his newly published book.

thought he had something to say that people would want to read about.

In "The Ultimate Lark," he takes readers with him on journeys to Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland to discover enjoyable dining experiences and "epicurean delights."

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"Autumn in New York," "Chicago," "Touring the Pacific Northwest," "Up North," and "New Orleans." Sprinkled throughout are his ingredients for success in the restaurant business — "We do not like food that has been fussed with too much. Everyone enjoys a beautiful presentation, but when food begins to resemble a work of art, beware!"

Of course there are recipes including — The Lark's Truffles and Rack of Lamb Genghis Khan.

"The Ultimate Lark's" conversational tone makes you hungry for the food Jim Lark describes — "Baguette bread was rolled in linen, twisted at each end. Vegetables were miniature. The lobster pieces were wrapped in cooked cabbage." Do not read this book on an empty stomach.

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Jim Lark is not skimping on his portions, he offers meaty information foodies anxious to embark on culinary adventures will appreciate. Just as he knows food, he knows travel, and is anxious to share. "As usual on a first visit to a foreign city, we hired a car and driver for an orientation tour," he writes.

Whether you're planning a trip close to home — "The view of Lake Michigan and Beaver Island on the horizon is awesome," or further away, "our seafood feast at Moran's was a perfect tasty and festive finale to a fine time in Ireland. In only six days, Mary and I had surveyed the prime sights of Dublin, looted the shops on Grafton Street, dined at Dublin's best four restaurants, toured the lovely countryside of Wicklow," you'll feel like you've been there after reading "The Ultimate Lark."

"While Mary and I love to travel," he writes, "We only wish to go where we'll have a great time."

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BORDERS BOOK SHOP (BIRMINGHAM)

Dr. Judy Mc McKee will continue her popular series on children's literature by presenting a special selection of books for 3-6 years, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18; author and science professor Arthur Wiggins will discuss his new book "The Five Biggest Ideas in Science," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19; storyteller Laura Kamienny will share the story Frederick by Leo Lionni, Saturday, March 22; Rita Golden will read and sign stories and songs for children 1 p.m. Sunday, March 23; Border's monthly "second look at the classics" will discuss Graham Greene's "Brighton Rock," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23; Border's monthly contemporary fiction discussion group will discuss "Smilla's Sense of Snow," 7 p.m. Monday, March 24; popular British mystery writer Anne Perry will discuss and sign copies of her new book "Ashworth Hall," 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25; 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, call (810) 644-1515 for information.

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK-SELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)

"The Role of Satan in Classical Jewish Literature" is discussed and explained by Rabbi Aaron Bergman, Congregation Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, 7 p.m. Monday, March 17; The Greater Detroit Chapter of the Romance

Writers of America meet 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18; Michael Best, president of the Astronomical Society of Michigan, visits with a slide-illustrated presentation about Comet Hale-Bopp, which will be visible in the next few weeks, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20; Madeline visits storytime, 10 a.m. Monday, March 24, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25; the Barnes and Noble Mystery Club meets to discuss "The Intruder," by Peter Blauner, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 626-6804.

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN)

Issues in Parenting seminar focuses on "1-2-3 Magic," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20; Felix joins story circle, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22; Fordson High School Jazz Band performs at 1 p.m., Dearborn High School Woodwind Quintet performs at 3 p.m. in honor of Music in the Schools month, Saturday, March 22; Mac User's Group meets 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23; Crafter's Circle meets 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23; IDG Books for Dummies features "Fitness for Dummies," with John Downes, a fitness and health instructor with the Fairlane Club, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 24; A.G. Edwards Financial Seminar topic is "How to Choose a Mutual Fund," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25; Story circle, 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 26; Explorations in Technology meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26; History Professor and author Thomas Sugrue signs and discusses his book "The Origins of the Urban Crisis," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27; New health and beauty seminar "Here's Looking at You!" focuses on healing with author and healer Susana Stoica, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn, (313) 271-4441.

MURDER, MYSTERY AND MAYHEM

"The Mystery Mavens," a group of mystery fans, meet to discuss "The Poet" by Michael Connelly, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the store, 35167 Grand River, Farmington, (810) 471-7210.

SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP

University of Michigan law professor William L. Miller, author of "The Anatomy of Disgust," will sign copies of his book, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, March 20; Book signing and conference reception "The Rhythms of Culture: Dancing to Las Americas, a conference on Latin Popular Music at the University of Michigan," featuring authors Manuel Pena, and Deborah Pacini Hernandez, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22; Aliza Shevlin, editor and translator of "A Treasury of Sholem Aleichem: Children's Stories," reads from her book, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23; Theo Colburn, author of "Our Stolen Future," talks about his book, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 26; Native American poet Duane Niatum, author of "Songs From The Storyteller's Stone," reads from his book, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the store, 311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor, (313) 662-7407.

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ART AUCTION

An art auction to raise money for Children's hospital of Michigan, sponsored by the employees of the Wayne County Family Independence agency, will be held March 20 at the Detroit Opera House.

The event, "Once Upon a Child," will offer the art work of professional artists and Family Independence Agency employees for sale to the highest bidder. Doors open at 6 p.m. A silent auction will be conducted 6-8 p.m. The live art auction begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and include hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Call Phyllis Wolanin at (313) 256-1798.

CHANGE OF SPEAKER

The University of Michigan Museum of Art's Friday Tea at Three on March 21 will be Dr. James G. Ravin instead of Robert Storck from the Museum of Art in New York.

An art collector, Ravin co-edited "The Eye of the Artist" with Dr. Michael Marmor. Published to coincide with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's 100th anniversary, the book explores the relationship between vision and art. Among the subjects covered is how the work of Monet and Cassatt may have been affected by cataracts, and how the ocular disease of Degas and O'Keeffe affected their canvases.

A painting from Dr. Ravin's collection (Vibert's "Will He Come?") is part of the Michigan Collectors exhibition in the West Gallery of the museum. Dr. Ravin will give a slide presentation and talk about his collection and how it has been informed by his interest in vision and creativity.

Dr. Ravin's fascination with the creativity of artists dates from his childhood lessons in studio art. An art history major at the University of Michigan, Dr. Ravin has studied the effects of illness on artists since he attended the University of Michigan Medical School. His investigations have been published in the journal of the American Medical Association, and have been featured on the Today Show, CNN and other national media. His special interest is 19th century European painting.

Friday Tea at Three takes place on the third Friday of every month at 3 p.m. in the Aps of the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$5, free for museum volunteers. Call (313) 764-0395.

C POP GALLERY

Derek Hess, a premier rock concert poster artist, will exhibit new silkscreen rock poster March 21 to April 20 at C Pop Gallery, 515 S. Lafayette, Suite D in Royal Oak.

An opening reception to meet the artist takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday, March 21.

A former Center for Creative Studies College of Art & Design student, Hess gained an international following among art collectors for his figurative rock concert flyers and posters. Hess, a Cleveland, Ohio resident, has created posters for such popular acts as Nirvana, White Zombie, Iggy Pop, and album covers for many others.

Hess' dark visions are edgy, yet sublime. He is unique among his contemporaries because he actually illustrates his art works instead of cutting and pasting them.

Hess' work is in the collections of the Louvre Museum in Paris and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

For more information call the gallery at (810) 398-9999.

PIERPONT COMMONS

Looking for art and live jazz? The Pierpont Commons, 2101 Bonisteel Boulevard in Ann Arbor, has a host of activities planned for March and April.

On the Commons Gallery Wall: Carol Guregian's black and white and color photographs explore the disintegration of an American tradition. "Vanishing Farm Architecture" captures images of silos, milkhouses and barns of southeast Michigan in an exhibit continuing through April 4.

In the Commons Atrium: Hotel Patel exhibits work rendered in traditional watercolors. Patel received the Artist of the

Year award from the city of Puna, India.

Leonardo's American Music & Heritage Series on the lower level of the Commons: Randy Napoleon Quartet performs classic jazz standards and original compositions 7-9 p.m. Mondays April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Professor Ed Sarath presents the U-M School of Music Jazz Studies Program 8-10 p.m. Thursdays April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Call (313) 764-7544.

ART EXHIBIT: Kim M. Smith of Westland is one of the Saginaw Valley State University students who will exhibit art works during the March 21-23 Valley Festival of the Fine Arts in the Aubrey Fine Arts Center on campus. Art works by faculty and staff will also be displayed.

The annual festival features a wide variety of performances, activities and exhibits in the fine and performing arts. Admission to Valley Fest is free except for a concert and a theater performance of the "Sorcerer's Apprentice."

For more information call the university's Campus Life Center at (517) 790-4170.

HERMITAGE MUSEUM DIRECTOR TO 'SPEAK'

The Toledo Museum of Art and the Humanities Institute of the University of Toledo will present a free lecture by Mikhail Piotrovsky, director of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23.

In conjunction with the exhibition, "British Art Treasures for Russian Imperial Collections in the Hermitage" on view at the Toledo Museum of Art through

May 11, Piotrovsky will discuss the history of the State Hermitage Museum.

Once the Winter Palace that originally housed Catherine the Great's many art treasures, the Hermitage contains almost three million objects ranging from the Stone Age to the present day. Its 353 rooms puts it on equal footing with the Louvre in Paris, the British Museum in London and the Metropolitan Museum in New York as one of the world's great museums.

The Toledo Museum of Art is at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue just west of the downtown business district. Call (419) 255-8000.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Victor Vicini of Livonia; Connie Lucas, Canton; Donna Vogelheim of Farmington Hills, and John Shannon, formerly of Canton are exhibiting their work the Art Media Juried Exhibition continuing through March 28 at the Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place, Suite 1650 in Detroit.

Juror for the 82 piece show open to Michigan and Essex County, Ontario artists was Phyllis Floyd, associate professor, department of art at Michigan State University. Floyd is also a curator for the Kresge Art Museum.

Vicini works in the rarely seen medium of egg tempera.

Vogelheim teaches watercolor at the Visual Arts Association of Michigan.

For more than 60 years the Detroit Artists Market has provided opportunities for new and developing artists to exhibit their work and build their credentials as artists. Redford Township sculptor Sergio

DeGiusti serves on the board of directors. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and until 8 p.m. Friday. Call (313) 393-1770.

AWARD WINNER

Livonia watercolorist Elbert (Al) Weber has won an honorable mention award in the Silver Medal Exhibition continuing through March 30 at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth behind

the Detroit Institute of Arts. Weber won with a portrait titled "New Attitude." Juror Tom Hale will give a critique of the show 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. Hale, a Farmington Hills artist, is internationally known for his paintings of classic cars. Weber is also exhibiting eight watercolors at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted in Farmington Hills through the end of

March. Weber studied watercolor painting with many noted artists including Electra Stamelos and Nita Engle. He is a member of the Scarab Club and exhibits there as well as at other area venues.

Hours for the Scarab Club Silver Medal Exhibition are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Call (313) 831-1250.

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DANCE



Spring Dance: Wayne State University Dance Company members Mary Gormley (clockwise top left), Cyndi Buczek, Darleen Brzezinski, and Toi Hayes will be among the dancers performing for a March 21-22 concert at the Bonstelle Theatre.

WSU presents dance concert

The Wayne State University Dance Department welcomes spring with its 68th annual dance concert 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 21-22 at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Avenue.

The program will feature a wide array of exciting choreography by New York City choreographer Gina Gibney.

Mary Gormley of Livonia is a member of the WSU Dance Company who will be performing in

the spring concert.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$6 for groups of 10 or more and available at WSU's department of dance located at 125 Matthei in Detroit, or at the Bonstelle Theatre office on March 21-22 for \$10. For more information call the dance department at (313) 577-4273.

Gibney, who founded and directs Full Circle/Gina Gibney Dance, has created a repertoire of more than 30 choreographic works which have been performed in New York City and throughout the country.

During a February residency at WSU's dance department, Gibney reconstructed a major section of a current work for the WSU Dance Company. "Landings," an evening-length work in its entirety, is described by Gibney as "an exploration of time, position and the process of arriving. Dream-like wanderings become physically charged actions in this dance inspired by signals, communication and hope of connection."

A 1992 New York Times review by Jennifer Dunning describes Gibney's style as pow-

erful, deeply satisfying. "These are heroic bodies, says Dunning, 'pushed by an insistent lyricism in ways reminiscent of Jose Limon.'"

"Man I Can," a playful romp to swing era music around and atop platform set pieces, spotlights WSU dance department faculty. Linda Cleveland Simmons, dance company director; Eva Powers, department chair, and faculty members Bruce Babey and Greg Curry will be joined onstage by guest performer Melissa Miller, a WSU alumna. Miller, who teaches dance for Detroit Public Schools at Kettering High School, has performed with many Detroit area dance companies including the Detroit Dance Collective, Nonce Dance and Detroit City Dance Company.

Also on the program is "Eternal Glory," choreographed by dance department senior Tumija Hayes. The WSU Dance Company will perform the joyous, spirited gospel work along with a select group of dancers from Allen Park, Gabriel Richard and Kettering High schools.

GALLERY

Exhibit showcases painter's painter

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Many of the subjects in John Walker's high-energy paintings at the Hill Gallery are based on natural landscapes. But waterfalls, rock formations and idyllic rolling fields are only a point of reference for the British-born painter. Walker transcends literal representations into a visual lexicon of abstract forms resembling cells, ribbons and bulbs. The results are canvases of awesome texture, color and mystery.

"He's a painter's painter," said Pam Hill, who directs the Hill Gallery along with her husband, Tim. The Walker exhibit, "Feeling, Form, Beauty," opens this Friday and runs through April 19. On Wednesday, Walker, who is one of the most sought-after teachers in the country, will jury the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Fine Arts Competition.

Perhaps Walker's rather low-key local appearance indicates the general unfamiliarity with the magnitude of his influence in the painting world. "In New York this would be a major event," said Tim Hill, who places Walker alongside Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning and Anselm Kiefer and Philip Guston as some of the most inventive and intriguing painters of the last 50 years. "Walker has given us a new way of looking at landscapes," he said. "He

Exhibit
What: Feeling, Form, Beauty: Paintings by John Walker
Where: Hill Gallery, 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham
When: March 21-April 19; Opening Reception for the Artist, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, (810) 540-9288

deserves a lot of credit for renewing the interest in contemporary painting."

Many of Walker's paintings appear in the most prestigious museums in the world, including the British Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Tate Gallery and the Art Institute of Chicago.

For Walker, a painting not only represents a drama on canvas, but should also reflect an artist's desire to continually search for new ways to reinvent the art form. In his exhaustive yearnings to push the boundaries of the medium, Walker has distilled the painter's quest to a few basics. "Painting begins with the recognition of paint as inert mud," he noted at a New York exhibit two years ago. "You take this mud, change it, give it light and air, form and expression."

A painter who can reduce his art to basic artistic gestures usually finds his way alongside the most memorable artists of his time.

Airline clubs help make preboarding time fly

BY JENNIFER MERIN
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Added airport security has added minutes, even hours, to the time travelers spend in terminals. Miss a connecting flight, and you're grounded even longer. Maybe, then, it's time to consider the comforts of airport clubs.

Annual club membership provides frequent travelers with soul-soothing, spirit-lifting amenities. A one-day pass may be economical and comfortable for any ticketed traveler facing a long wait.

In addition to cushioned comfort in quieter surroundings, special ticket and reservations agents are there to help with seat assignments or flight changes. There often are free snacks, soft drinks and coffee or tea; a cash or open bar; free newspapers and magazines, tele-

visions and public phones with free local calls. Some even have changing rooms and showers.

Members of frequent-flyer programs at American, Delta or United airlines may redeem miles - including any due to expire at the end of the year - for club membership.

Do you need a club membership for each airline you fly? Maybe not. Except for Delta's Crown Room clubs, it is possible to visit the club of one airline and fly with another on the same day.

Passengers who frequent one airline probably will want to join that airline club because of the facilities at hub cities and their proximity to the airline's departure gates.

But differences in cost and service may make membership in another club preferable.

Factors to consider include the

number and location of clubs at airports in the United States and abroad; affiliations with other airline clubs; number of guests and family members allowed to accompany a member; add-on fee so a spouse may use a club independently; personal amenities such as a changing room and business amenities such as private conference rooms and office equipment.

If you can, visit several clubs before joining. If receptionists are hesitant, explain what you want to do. Observe how members are greeted and how crowded the clubs are.

Information on major airlines clubs:

American Airlines: Admirals Clubs in 27 domestic airports and 15 abroad. Affiliations with Qantas and Canadian Pacific (Vancouver only) clubs. Cash bars in domestic clubs, \$4 per

drink; free drinks abroad. Initiation fee, \$100. Annual dues, \$200 plus \$100 for a spouse. May exchange 50,000 American frequent-flyer miles for initiation fee and dues; 30,000 miles for dues alone. One-day membership, \$50. Conference room rental, \$35 to \$60 per hour, depending on location.

Continental: Presidents Club at 10 domestic airports plus London and Paris. Club affiliations: Air Canada; America West in Phoenix, Ariz.; Cathay Pacific in Manchester, England; and Frankfurt, Germany. Northwest in Washington, D.C., and Madrid Airport's VIP Lounge in Spain. Cash bars in continental U.S. clubs, \$4 to \$4.50 for mixed drinks; drinks free in Honolulu, London and Paris. Initiation fee, \$50. Annual dues, \$150 plus \$75 for a spouse. No mileage exchanges. No one-day passes. A

30-day membership, \$30. No charge for meeting rooms, if available.

Delta: Crown Room Clubs at 36 domestic airports, four abroad. No affiliations. All have open bars. Initiation fee, \$100 cash; waived for frequent flyers with at least 25,000 Delta miles per year. Annual dues, \$200 plus \$100 for a spouse. May exchange 30,000 Delta frequent-flyer miles for annual dues. One-day membership, \$25. Free use of conference rooms.

Northwest: WorldClubs at 16 domestic airports and nine abroad. Club affiliation with KLM in Amsterdam. All clubs have open bars. Initiation fee, \$75, waived for frequent flyers with at least 25,000 miles flown annually. Dues, \$195 for one year, \$495 for three years; spouse \$95 and \$275. No mileage redemption for membership. One-day pass, \$35. Meeting room, \$35 per hour.

TWA: Ambassadors Clubs at 16 domestic airports and five abroad. Club affiliations with Northwest in Chicago, Seattle-Tacoma Airport's Cascadia Club. Mixed drinks, \$3. First-year dues with initiation fee, \$195, or \$400 for three years, plus \$75 or \$150 for a spouse. Annual renewal is \$125, \$200 with spouse. No frequent-flyer miles exchange. Meeting rooms, \$25 per hour.

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USAir: Clubs at 20 domestic airports, affiliations with British Airways and Qantas, day of flight only. Mixed drinks, \$4. Initiation fee, \$50; dues, \$225 per year, \$525 for three years, plus \$75 or \$200 for spouse. No mileage redemption. No one-day membership. Meeting rooms, \$25 per hour.

For more information, call the following telephone numbers: American: (800) 237-7971. Continental: (800) 322-2640. Delta: (800) 221-1212. Northwest: (800) 692-3788. United: (800) 881-0500. USAir: (800) 828-8522.

Love of travel fires agent's souls

(NAPS) - After arranging exotic, adventurous and worldly vacations for thousands of others, travel agents say the lure of travel is still very much alive for them.

According to the Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agent Poll, 31 percent of travel agents take four or more trips each year and 30 percent take two vacations a year.

Three trips is the going rate of 28 percent of the agents polled and 10 percent travel only once during the year.

Based on travel agents surveyed, other poll findings include:

- The number one choice for a vacation destination is tropical areas, which include the Caribbean, Mexico and the

South Pacific. Other popular vacations in descending order are: cruises; Europe; major U.S. cities; other theme parks; Canada; mountain areas, including ski resorts; and golf resorts.

- Ninety-two percent of agents surveyed said they are planning to take a vacation sometime this year.

- Forty-eight percent of agents

surveyed said they prefer a relaxing vacation while 29 percent said they enjoy a lot of sightseeing.

- Fall (29 percent) narrowly beat out spring (28 percent) as the favorite time agents like to travel. Summer was third (24 percent) followed by winter.

- Traveling as a couple is the preference among 51 percent.

GREAT ESCAPES

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WESTERN DANCE WEEKEND

The Historic Terrace Inn in Petoskey (Bay View) will hold a weekend dedicated by western dance with country radio personality Ryan Dobry April 11-13. The dance weekend package includes two nights lodging at the Terrace Inn, a continental and a buffet breakfast and a buffet dinner. Cost for this exciting getaway is \$194 a couple. For reservations, call the Terrace Inn at (800) 530-9898 or Ryan Dobry at (616) 929-0878.

DSO AT SPRING TRAINING?

Neeme Jarvi and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra are taking some pointers from the Tigers. The DSO will head south for a spring duo of appearances at the Kravis Center for the Perform-

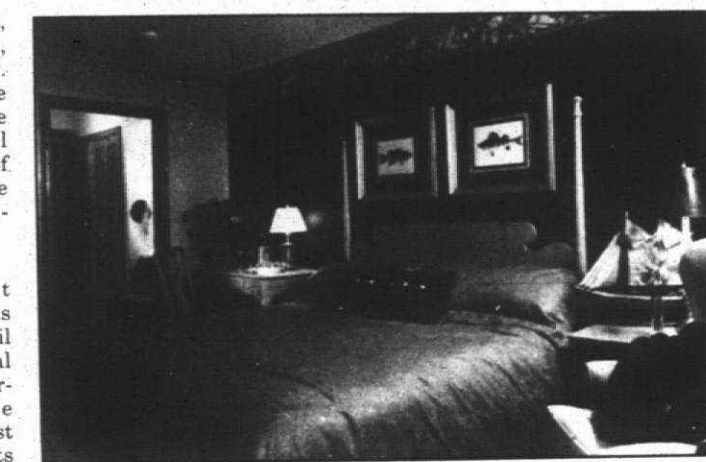
ing Arts in West Palm Beach, Fla., 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2. The Tuesday concert will feature Russian composers and the Wednesday program will be all Brahms. If you want a taste of home while in Florida, call the Kravis Center Box Office at 1-800-KRAVIS-1.

ART LOVERS

One of the Midwest's most eclectic, interactive celebrations of "all that is art" is set for April 18-20 during the fourth annual Harbor Country Art Attack. Harbor Country is the lakeside resort communities of southwest Michigan. All Art Attack events are open to the public. For additional information and a free brochure, call 800-362-7251 or visit Harbor Country Guide Online (www.harborcountryguide.com).

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New look: Mission Point is getting a new look with renovated rooms and new color schemes.

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TRAVEL

Americans find their own special place in Ireland

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"Americans find their own nest in Ireland," Mick Gavin said.

Gavin of Redford emigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1974 and is a frequent visitor back to the Emerald Isle with his family.

"The great thing about Ireland is that it has accommodations for the most affluent tourist in very elite hotels with the most accomplished chefs and chauffeured cars, but it is also possible for a student to tour Ireland with a limited amount of money," Gavin said. "You can stay in hostels for four pounds a night (about \$7). You can hitchhike in Ireland — they're very tolerant of that, especially if you're a student."

Gavin, who owns Mick Gavin Floor Covering, said age is an important consideration when going to Ireland. He said car rental agencies won't rent to travelers older than 70. Gavin said the roads in Ireland are hard to drive on, especially since the Irish drive on the opposite side of the road.

"New highways are going in in Ireland but it retains a lot of the old horse and cart roads," Gavin said. "It's easy to get turned around, very difficult to drive there."

Gavin suggests that older tourists take one of the many bus tours. He said the drivers and guides are often musicians and they stop at some of the better music pubs.

For couples he suggests bed and breakfast places. He said the cost is usually about \$25 a night in a cottage, townhouse or old Georgian mansion.

"You usually get a very good breakfast including Irish pudding, rashers, sausage, eggs, brown and white bread, tea and coffee," Gavin said.

Gavin also suggests that couples make use of the bus and train system rather than renting a car.

Two years ago Gavin, his wife and three sons visited relatives in Ireland and took side trips in a trailer they rented for \$14 a night.

"The kids loved it," he said.

Originally from Meelick in County Clare, Gavin came to the United States as a musician to play traditional Irish fiddle music. He originally dreamed of coming to the United States in the late '60s while working as a carpet layer at two luxury hotels owned by prosperous Americans.

After gigs in Boston and Chicago, he came to Detroit to play at the Gaelic League, got

married and settled down. He has returned to visit his native land a dozen times in 23 years.

Gavin said Ireland offers different attractions for different people.

"If you're into literature, Irish literature, you should go to Dublin. If it's sight seeing, then the west coast, Antrim down to Kerry. That's not to say the east isn't nice, but the west coast seems to attract most tourists," Gavin said.

But to really get a sense of Ireland, Gavin said, you have to visit the small towns for "a chat and a drink."

"There's no rush here," he said.

In addition to chat and drink, Ireland is also known for its music, and Gavin, who frequently sits in when he's in Ireland, advises that visitors should try to attend an Irish music festival such as Willie Clancy Week in West Clare, the first week in July, where musicians come from all over the world.

"Galway is an exceptionally good place to go for music," Gavin said. "A lot of great festivals. The Oyster festival, Galway races, All Ireland Music Festival in County Kerry in mid August."

A more recent immigrant to the United States, Leo McNamara of Troy also suggests the music festivals as prime travel destination. McNamara, who came to United States to stay a month ago, is a professional musician who plays concert flute.

"Guinness sponsors music in the pubs, traditional music in informal settings," McNamara said. "Four, five or six musicians play acoustically. Tourist there will be invited to join in and sing songs. This goes on every night of the year."

A frequent traveler to Ireland is 16-year-old Paul Cusak of Plymouth. He recently returned from his 10th visit to the home of his ancestors with a special honor. He won first place in the 15-17 age bracket in All Irish Step Dance competition. He has been cited by President Clinton



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICK GAVIN

Scenic splendor: For scenery nothing quite beats Ireland. Especially a mist covered County Clare near the coast.

and Gov. Engler for his accomplishment.

"It was pretty close competition and I didn't make any mistakes," Cusak said.

The recent popularity of

Riverdance and Lord of the Dance have brought Cusak attention he hadn't known before in his 11 years of competing.

Cusak said he's gotten used to Ireland.

"Once you've been there a number of times, it doesn't make the country worse, you get used to it," he said. "I love it there. My family's from there."



Ancient housing: The Gavin sons, Michael, 19, Patrick (in white), 17, and Sean, 10 at the "beehive" pre-historic houses in Ireland's Dingle Bay.



Limerick Jam: Fiddler Mick Gavin, second from left, joins Roy Livinstone of Rochester Hills on Dulcimer, left, and Irish musicians Michael Dunn, pipes, and Pat Carney, guitar.

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College report

•Well, no one can claim University of Michigan's softball team, ranked seventh in the nation, is dodging opponents.

The Lady Wolverines have numbered nine ranked opponents among their first 23 — and they've won 18 of the 24 games (with one tie).

Their most recent excursion was to the Speedline Invitational, hosted by the University of South Florida March 7-9. U-M was 4-1 in pool play, won three-straight single-elimination games, then lost 2-0 to 14th-ranked South Carolina in the championship game.

Kelly Holmes, the Plymouth Canton HS graduate who pitches for the Wolverines, has posted a 5-3 record thus far. In 52 innings pitched, she has surrendered eight earned runs for a 1.08 earned run average.

Holmes has allowed 45 hits and just eight walks, striking out 36.

•Play has begun — albeit indoors — for the spring tennis season.

Hope College is 2-2 thus far, losing to Western Michigan 7-0 and Ripon (Wisc.) 4-3, then beating Wabash (Ind.) 9-0 and University of Chicago 9-2.

One of the Flying Dutchmen's leaders is senior Jason Grimm, a Plymouth Salem HS graduate. Grimm is 1-1 thus far this season in singles play, making him 20-11 in his career. Playing No. 2 doubles, Grimm is 2-1 this year; he has a 22-12 career record in doubles.

Koufax tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth Salem Koufax baseball team will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Salem gymnasium. Any interested 13 or 14 year olds should plan on attending.

For further information, call Aaron Rumberger at (313) 453-4003.

Soccer coaches needed

Expanding player rosters has created a need for more soccer coaches and trainers in both the Little Caesars and recreation leagues.

At the Little Caesars level, there is a specific need for coaches in the girls under-13, under-14, under-16, under-17 and under-18/open divisions. In the recreation team level, there is a need for coaches for both boys and girls, in all age groups.

There are also openings for coaches for the under-10 and under-11 select teams.

Anyone interested in coaching any of the above, or playing on any of the teams, or being a volunteer or paid trainer for any of the teams, should call (313) 464-9114 for further information.

All-Star basketball

Registrations are now being taken for Bernie Holowicki's All-Star Basketball Camp.

The first of the Madonna University coach's camps will be for boys, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-20 at Madonna. Cost is \$110.

The second, also for boys, will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 23-27 at Madonna. It, too, will cost \$110.

Camp No. 3 will be a co-ed shooting camp, scheduled for 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine. Cost: \$60.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 7-11 there will be a girls camp, also at St. Robert Bellarmine. Cost: \$110.

Camp features include contests and prizes, a T-shirt, guest speakers, camp awards, instruction in all facets of the game, a personal written evaluation, and much more.

For further information, call Bill Derderian at (313) 937-0966; Bernie Holowicki at either home (313) 261-3346 or at Madonna (313) 432-5591.

Indy car race feature

Putting together a major Indy car race will be the topic at this month's Motorsports Hall of Fame Speaker Series, at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Motorsports Hall of Fame in Novi.

From volunteer course workers to race organizers, the presentation will detail the massive effort necessary to stage the ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix.

Admission is \$6 and includes a tour of the museum. Call (810) 349-RACE for further information.

Travel baseball tryouts

The Michigan Bulls 14-and-under boys travel baseball team will have tryouts every Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Downriver Baseball Center in Riverview. The team plays out of Dearborn.

Interested players cannot turn 15 before July 31.

For additional information, call Dave Smith at (313) 388-6019 or Cris Hansen at (313) 584-7077.

Softball registration

The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for the upcoming season. Team registration costs \$495 per plus umpire fees for a 14-game season, featuring both single games and double-headers.

Game balls, USSSA registration, and first- and second-place individual and sponsor awards for each league are included.

The season begins April 13. Call (313) 483-5600, Ext. 2 or 3 for further information.

Braun quits over court conditions

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It finally got to Judy Braun. The frustration of being tennis coach at Plymouth Salem HS has taken its toll. After 18 seasons, Braun is quitting.

But it wasn't losing, or the amount of time spent away from her family, or even having to deal with irate and unreasonable players' parents that drove Braun into retirement.

It was the playing conditions.

In a letter forwarded to members of the Plymouth-Canton school board and CEP athletic director Brian Wolcott, Braun outlined in detail her reasons for leaving. Among them:

•Tennis courts that, even with recent renovations, are woefully inadequate. The site itself was formerly swampland, which means the ground is not nearly stable enough. Cracks are repaired, then reappear, resulting in a dangerous playing surface.

•Lights were installed years ago, but it was done improperly. Light poles were on the courts; the poles, too, deteriorated until they became a hazard, which resulted in their removal.

•The wind screens on the fences were taken years ago by another athletic team, which — in retrospect — was probably fortuitous.

The Huron Valley Tennis Club later donated their old screens, but the fences were in such

disrepair the screens have never been used for fear they would result in the fences being blown over.

•The bleachers were also taken by another sports team and never replaced.

•When it was decided an additional access road to the schools was needed, the number of tennis courts was cut from 14 to nine, and two of those are back-to-back with no divider between them.

With such a limited number of courts to service two high school teams, practices had to be moved to any courts available.

"It's just been one thing after another," said

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Area's matmen honored

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

This year's All-Observer wrestling team counts three repeat selections among its 17 first-team members.

Wayne Memorial senior Richard Watson made the area honor roll for the third straight year.

It's two in a row for Livonia Stevenson senior Nick Petryk and Plymouth Salem junior Teono Wilson.

Moving up from the second and third teams are Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda and Mike Allison, Salem's Eric Coburn and Dan Hamblin, Wayne Memorial's George Buckner and Livonia Churchill's Bob Fowler.

The first team also includes Richard Bramer and Dan Seder of Stevenson, Marc Dugas, Westland John Glenn; Mitch Hancock and John Abshire, Redford Catholic Central; Charlie Jaeger, Farmington; Anwar Crutchfield, Salem; and Craig Rose, Clarenceville.

Western Lakes Activities Association champion Stevenson leads with nine wrestlers spread among the first, second and third all-area teams.

Catholic Central and Wayne Memorial had seven wrestlers each selected, Salem six, John Glenn four, Lutheran Westland and Garden City three apiece.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Richard Bramer (275), senior, Stevenson: Bramer finished strong, placing fifth in the Division I state meet and becoming the first Stevenson heavyweight to do so.

Bramer (29-11) was second in the Observerland and WLAA tournaments, fourth in the district and third in the regional. He also placed second at Garden City and third at the Shamrock Invitational.

•Richard is an example of what can be done if you combine hard work and determination," coach Don Berg said. "He focused on a goal, which he could and did reach—placing at state."

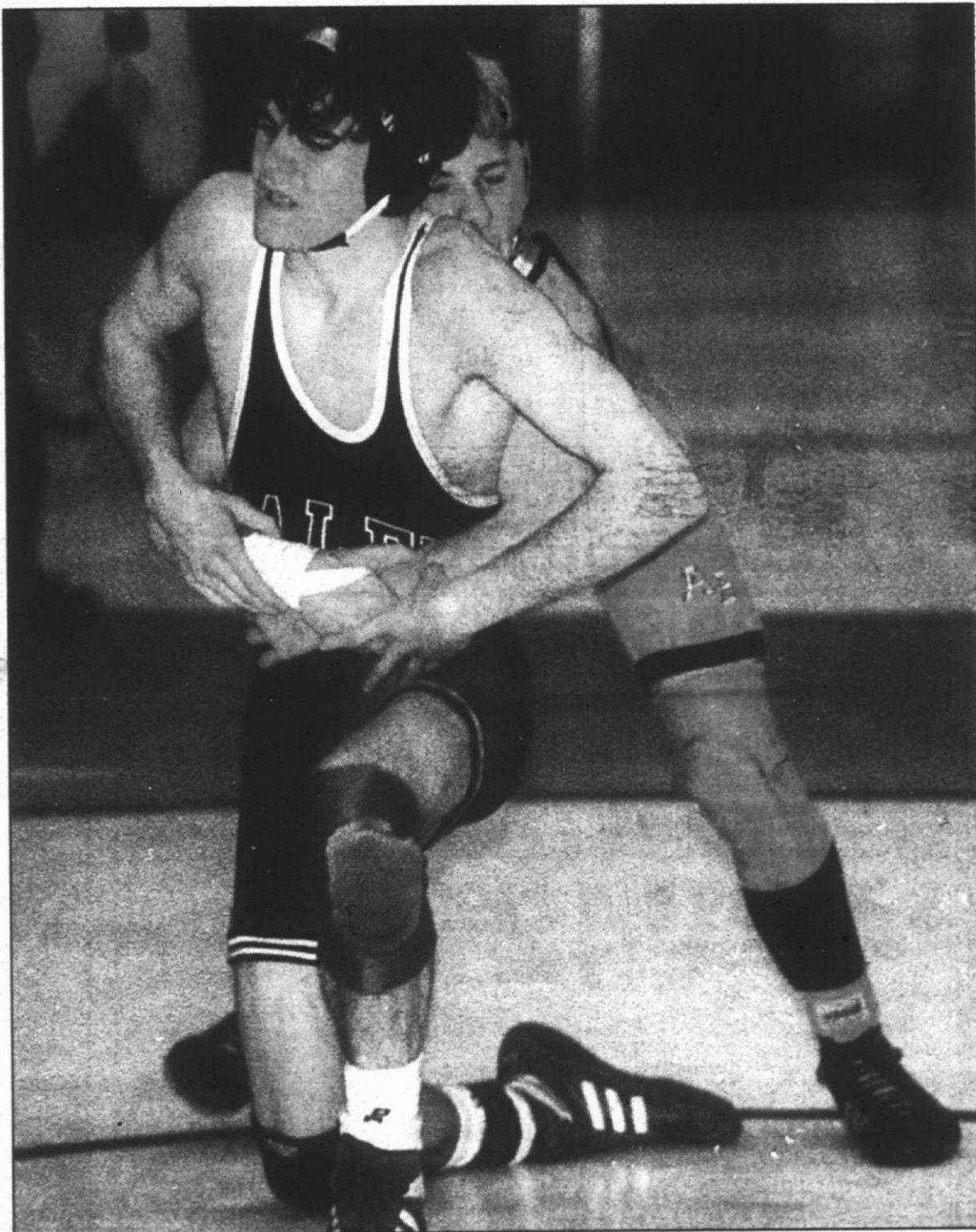
Marc Dugas (275), senior, John Glenn: Dugas was a state qualifier who finished the season with a 20-4 record. He was the Western Lakes champion, and he also placed first in district and regional tournaments.

Katsuhiko Sueda (103), junior, Stevenson: Sueda, wrestling competitively for just his third season, went all the way to the state finals. The Division I runner-up was a WLAA, district and regional champion.

Sueda, who was 45-6 this year and is 93-20 in his career, also won the Salem Invitational and was second at Trenton, Garden City and CC. He won the Observerland title at 112 pounds.

"Kat has the tools to be a three-time state qualifier," Berg said. "He has the ability to do it all; he's a great competitor."

Mitch Hancock (112), freshman, Detroit



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

A true champion: Salem's Eric Coburn established a new school record for victories in a season, going 52-5 this year while finishing fifth at the state meet. In his career as a Rock, Coburn won 138 matches.

CC: Hancock was outstanding for just his first year of high school competition, compiling a 48-3 record.

He was champion of the Toys for Tots, Salem, Davison, Southgate Anderson and Catholic League tournaments. Hancock was second at the district but couldn't wrestle at the regional due to an injury.

"He's one of the most dedicated wrestlers in the room," coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I am certain you will hear more of him in years to come."

Eric Coburn (119), senior, Salem: Coburn compiled a 52-5 record this year and set a school record for single-season victories. He won district and regional championships and placed fifth in the state.

Coburn, who defeated two state champions during the season, also finished first in two Salem tournaments as well as the Observerland and Holt Invitations. He was

second in the WLAA.

His record this year included 24 pins, and he concluded his career with a 138-43 record.

"Eric is one of the few Salem wrestlers to score over 300 points in a season," coach Ron Krueger said. "He has knocked two state champions off our record board by winning 52 matches in a season."

"Eric has left his mark on Salem wrestling over the last four years, and his picture will go on our wall of champions."

Dan Seder (125), junior, Stevenson: Seder was a state qualifier, finishing second in the regional and winning the district title.

He was second in the Observerland, WLAA and Catholic Central tournaments. His season record was 40-12.

"Dan is a hard worker whose desire to be No. 1 drives him," Berg said. "He will fulfill this goal; I am sure."

Richard Watson (130), senior, Wayne: Watson is a two-time state placer who finished third in Division I this year while posting a 48-2 record.

He holds school records for dual-meet wins, tournament wins, dual and tournament pins, career pins, single-season wins and most career gold medals.

Watson, who was 120-29 in his career, was the tournament champion at Trenton, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Lincoln Park and Observerland. He also won Mega Conference, district and regional titles.

"Rich has been wrestling for five years under my direction and, out of hundreds of wrestlers, was one of the all-time greats," coach David Davis said. "He will be remembered in our Hall of Fame. Rich was one of the best."

Charlie Jaeger (135), senior, Farmington:

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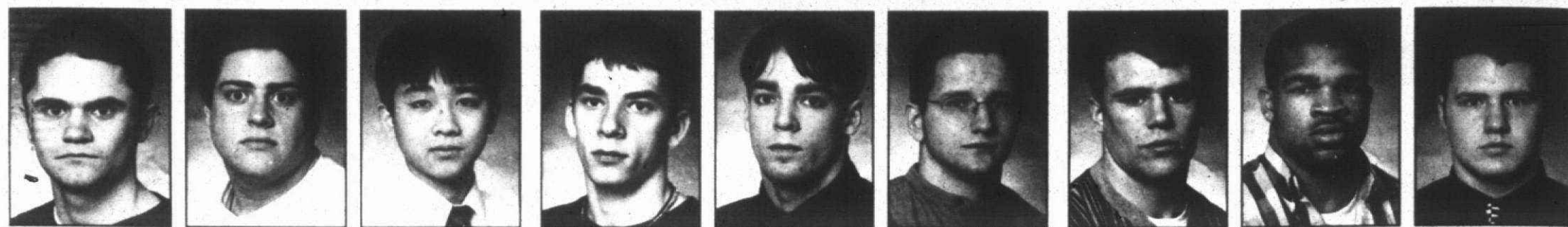
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Jaeger finished seventh in the Division II tournament, achieving the goal he set for himself in his final high school season.

He was the WLA championship and placed second in the district, third in the regional and fourth in Oakland County. Jaeger was 43-13 this year and 81-31 during his career.

"Charlie is a hard worker, team motivator and team leader," coach Al Beyer said. "His success can be attributed to his year-round work ethic along with his great attitude on and off the wrestling mat."

Dan Hamblin (140), junior, Salem: Hamblin was a state qualifier who had a 29-10 record that included 16 pins. He won the Berkley Invitational and finished second in the Salem team.

Observerland and WLA tournaments. He was third in the district and fourth in the regional.

Hamblin will take a 67-29 career record into next season.

"Dan got hurt in the middle of the season, and it took awhile to get him back on track," Krueger said. "Dan doesn't realize how good he is and how good he can be. When he does, he will be a very tough young man. Being only a junior, we are looking forward to next year."

Nick Petryk (145), senior, Stevenson: Petryk had an outstanding senior season, winning 46 of 52 bouts and placing seventh in the state tournament.

He was the Observerland, WLA and district champion. He also won titles at CC and Garden City, finished second at

Trenton and was third in the regional. Petryk's career record was 100-28.

"Nick will be a difficult young man to replace," Berg said. "Getting 100 wins, placing in the state and winning the CC tournament were season highlights for him."

Anwar Crutchfield (152), junior, Salem: Crutchfield was a state qualifier who finished with a 40-13 record that included 22 pins.

He won the WLA championship and was third in the Salem team, Berkley, Observerland, district and regional tournaments. He defeated the Nos. 1 and 2 district placers in the regional.

"In his first season on the varsity, Anwar had a great year," Krueger said. "After the Salem Invitational, Anwar got better each week. Being only a junior,

Anwar should have many more good days on the wrestling mat."

Craig Rose (152), junior, Clarencville: Rose is a two-time Metro Conference champion and state qualifier. He was third in the regional but was unable to compete in the Division IV state meet due to injury.

Rose placed in every tournament he entered, winning six times and finishing no lower than fourth. He was the most valuable wrestler at the Clarencville Invitational.

He was 40-7 this year and has an 80-37 career record.

"Craig is one of the hardest working young men in our room," coach Grant Gordon said. "He has great leadership skills on and off the mat."

Mike Allison (160), senior, Stevenson: Allison was a state qualifier, averaging several losses to place third in the regional.

The team captain was second in the WLA and Observerland tournaments, fourth in the district. A member of the All-Area football team, Allison was 33-18 this year.

"Mike was a coach's dream," Berg said. "He worked hard every day, controlled his weight and led by example. Making it to the states was a just reward for his hard work."

John Abshire (171), sophomore, Detroit CC: Abshire is another rising star for the Shamrocks, winning the Catholic League title and posting a 34-10 record.

He also won the Toys for Tots and dis-

tributed to the team spirit that helps pump the rest of the team.

"As a coach, it was an inspiration to hear other coaches and wrestlers ask 'Where's George?' It made us proud."

Bob Fowler (215), senior, Churchville: Fowler dropped from the 275 weight class to have a fine season at 215, winning the Observerland championship and finishing fourth in the state.

He also won the River Rouge, Garden City Christmas, Berkley, Western Lakes and district tournaments. He was fourth in the regional.

His season highlights included beating state champion Leroy Johnson of Monroe in the Garden City finals and the runner-up at Observerland. He was 41-5 this year and 128-42 in his career.

"He worked hard for everything he received," coach Marty Altounian said. "He understood what it meant to be a winner and team leader. He gave the younger kids a model to follow."

He is the Mega Conference champion, and he also won the Gibraltar City tournament and team titles. He was rewarded for his hard work.

Buckner was 27-4 this year and 55-8 in his career.

"George has been a great person to coach," Davis said. "Not only does he have a powerful appearance but also a

tennis when there's no where to play," she said.

How bad is the problem? Consider: Several years ago, parents of a former player who died in an auto accident wanted to donate a drinking fountain to the team. But haggling over placement of the fountain resulted in its never being installed.

"It's sad to think that things are so goofy, we can't even get a drinking fountain put in," she said.

Indeed, it's gotten so bad that when the team traveled by bus up Beck Road to meet in Oakland County, the players noted as they passed the Scott Correctional Facility: "Even the prison has better facilities than we do."

That's what Braun has had to deal with for the past 18 years.

None of this is news to Wolcott, Canton's and Salem's athletic director. He acknowledged that the courts were repaired in the last year, but...

"We fixed them so they were safe," he said. "But are they good? No. We just filled the cracks."

Wolcott won't argue with Braun. "It's hard to," he said. "I don't even think the school board would."

"I've pushed real hard for (new courts). But it's just a very expensive item. So what goes?"

Wolcott said development of new courts would rest with the voters in the bond issue March 22. "If the bond passes, I really believe something will happen quickly," said Wolcott. "But nothing's a given right now."

Not quite accurate. One thing is a given — Salem will need a new tennis coach.

"It's just so frustrating," said Braun. "Enough's enough — somebody has to do something."

As for his future, Braun said he would be glad to help plan a new facility on a different site. But other than the letter she sent announcing her resignation, and the reasons for it, she admitted she didn't know what else she could do to rectify the problem.

"Tennis has been a really wonderful sport for me," Braun said. "A life-long sport. I see myself playing until I can't play anymore."

"I really would like to see something get done before I die."

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Back in the early 1990s, some of the house finches visiting feeders on the East Coast were seen with encrusted and swollen eyes.

Fish and Wildlife Service scientists identified the problem as a bacterium that was causing the infection known as a conjunctivitis. This bacterium is known in domestic fowl, but is very rare in wild birds. There are several causes of eye infections in wild birds but this problem seemed to be more common and spreading.

In 1994, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (the study of birds) began gathering data on the occurrence of this eye problem in birds through their feeder watchers program.

In 1994, only 1 percent of the feeder watchers in the Midwest observed the encrusted eyes of house finches.

By 1995, the number of cases had increased to about 7 percent in the Midwest and by February of 1996 the number had increased to 31 percent.

Birds with one eye closed due to the infection cannot see danger as well and their immune system is stressed, making them vulnerable to other diseases. Undoubtedly, many infected birds die.

Researchers have discovered that house finches can recover from this eye disease. Birds infected were banded with a metal ring on their leg and when recaptured about six months later, no eye infection was observed.

Thus far, the occurrence of this eye disease is almost exclusively limited to the most frequently seen bird at the feeders — the house finch. The only two exceptions are one downy woodpecker and an American goldfinch. Despite all the close contact at feeding stations by other birds and the house finch, it seems the house finch is the susceptible one.

This problem doesn't mean we have to stop feeding birds. But it does illustrate that concentrating on a group of animals in one area can more easily cause the spread of a disease.

Spent seed husks and waste below feeders should be cleaned regularly. Feeders themselves should be washed with a 10 percent bleach solution to kill any bacteria or fungus that may be growing on the surfaces. After all, we clean our dishes and plates after eating, it only makes sense to do the same for our wild friends.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

ON THE RUN



MARYBETH DILLON

One of the largest races in Michigan arrives Saturday, April 19, with the Race for the Cure at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward Avenue and 10 Mile Road at 1-696. Sponsored by The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Race for the Cure takes place in venues all over the country.

Highlights of the Detroit race will be appearances by internationally renowned runners Francine Larrieu Smith and Priscilla Welsh.

At the Race for the Cure Expo on Friday, April 18, Olympian Larrieu Smith, national honorary chair, will present running workshops. Welsh, a world-class distance runner and New York Marathon winner, will inspire others with her story of breast cancer survival.

Staging the expo from noon to 8 p.m. is the Oakland YWCA, 839 S. Crooks at Mile (Normandy) in Clawson. A "fun-filled celebration of life" is planned, with seminars, music, entertainment, door prizes, fitness and exhibitions.

On tap for the 19th are a 5-kilometer run for men at 8:30 a.m., a 9 a.m. 5K run and walk for women, family and friends, and a 9:10 a.m. 1-mile fun walk.

The fast, flat 5K loops around the zoo and along streets in Huntington Woods. The 1-mile is on zoo grounds.

Pets, rollerblades, baby strollers or baby joggers are not permitted.

Registration, if postmarked by March 28, is \$15. Entry fees go up to \$18 after April 4; to \$20 after April 11; and \$30 thereafter. No registrations will be accepted on race day. The last chance to register will be at the expo.

Organizations are encouraged to sponsor teams. Entries must be sent together by March 28. Special awards will go to the top three teams with the most participants.

Awards also will be presented to the top 10 female runners; top 10 masters female runners; top wheelchair; and top three breast cancer survivors.

The first survivor to finish will receive the Alexa Kraft Award, named for a talented Detroit runner and mother who died of breast cancer in 1988 at 39. Medals will go to the first 150 finishers.

In the men's 5K, awards will go to the top five finishers; and the top five masters men. Medals will go to the first 50 men who finish.

Commemorative Race for the Cure cloisonne lapel pins will be to the first 15,000 finishers.

Door prizes also will be awarded, including a round-trip American Airlines ticket good for any destination in the U.S.

The Michigan Association of USA Track and Field will award its annual Women's Athlete Development Program stipend at the race. The overall first-place winner in the 5K may be eligible to run in the USA Track and Field 5K Championship Race.

Local sponsors of the Motor City Striders race are the Karmanos Cancer Institute and J.C. Penney.

Entry forms are available at area running stores. An "Early Registration Roundup Party" will be hosted by Jacobson's, 336 Maple Road, Birmingham, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20. The registration party featuring refreshments begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 1-800-527-6266 x19 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or (810) 544-9099 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. any day.

M.B. Dillon is an Observer staffer who's run 31 marathons. Send or fax results and race information to her for "On the Run" at 794 S. Main, Plymouth 48170, or (313) 459-4224.

RECREATION



BY JEFF COUNTS

STAFF WRITER

On the fly

The cost

■ Fly fishing equipment can range in price from about \$100 into the \$1,000s.

Cane fly rods alone often cost from \$500 to \$700.

But don't be frightened by the cost. Moderate price fly fishing equipment can be purchased from area fly fishing shops.

Catalogs are a good source of information. L.L. Bean and Cabela's both offer fly fishing equipment.

Low price rods and reels start at about \$100. In the moderate range, expect to pay close to \$200. From there things go up.

Other needs are waders, which cost about \$100, and flies, which cost about \$1.50 each.

Hat tip: A wide-brimmed hat is a good idea. They protect your ears from the sun and from being hooked by your own fly.

Fly fishing classes

■ Bueter's Outdoors of Northville is handling the fly fishing classes at Schoolcraft College. Those classes have started.

The store is hosting classes throughout the summer. Rods are provided. The classes cover the basics, such as knowledge of equipment, clothing, casting and how to catch a fish with a fly. There is a cost. Call (810) 349-3677.

■ The Benchmark in Farmington is offering a basic course fly fishing course on April 19. It will cover fly casting, knots and stream knowledge. It will be taught by Bill Fraser. The store offers less formal classes for small groups. For information, call Paul Goodman at (810) 477-8116.

■ The Riverbend Sport Shop in Southfield is offering fly tying and fly fishing classes.

■ The fly fishing schools are slated for April 13, 20 and 27, May 4, 10 and 18, June 1, 8, 14, 22 and 29. Schools are slated for July, August and September. For information, call (810) 350-8484.

Fly tying classes

■ The Riverbend Sport Shop is offering fly tying classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays for six weeks. The first class started March 3. Another six-week course starts Monday, March 10, and runs for six weeks. There is a cost. For information, call (810) 350-8484.

■ The Benchmark in Farmington is offering a fly tying class March 22-23 for intermediate fly tiers. The class will cover Michigan insect hatches. To register, call The Benchmark at (810) 477-8116.

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Radio station WJR is called "the great voice of the Great Lakes" and Michael Barr should be called "the golden voice of WJR."

Most of the readers who have listened to Michael on their radio know that he is an avid bowling enthusiast, even to the point that he gets into it sometimes with Mitch Albom.

Barr also happens to be an excellent performer on the lanes. He is in the Les Stanford Chevrolet.

Any and all are invited to participate in the event which begins with the Michael Barr Celebrity Marathon on March 28, then continues with tournament bowling on the following weekend, Friday and Saturday, April 4-5.

The "no-tap" tournament will be held at eight bowling centers: Bonanza and Bronco Lanes, in Warren; Century Bowl in Waterford; Merri-Bowl in Livonia; Skore Lanes in Taylor; Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights; Super Bowl, Canton and Troy Lanes in Troy.

For more information, call (810) 294-1140. Dave Smolarek of Livonia won the Greater Observer.

and keep going until he either drops over or finishes at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Michael will be joined along the way by several celebrities who will bowl along with him at various times. I am scheduled to roll a few lines with him at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Any individuals who wish to do so can join with him for a minimum of \$100 donation either from collected pledges or from themselves.

"We hope for a big increase over last year's \$108,000," said Wendy Corriveau, regional development associate for the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Detroit Y.A.B.A. Singles Class A Male Division Scholarship Tournament at Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

Dave, 16, is a 10th-grade student at Stevenson High School who has been bowling at Woodland Lanes since 1991.

Woodland Lanes sent several groups of bowlers to the tournament. He started with a 203 game and came back with a 220 game. He was hoping for his first 600 series and had no idea he could win the tournament. His last game was 227 for a 650 series scratch and 698 with handicap. He will receive his awards at a banquet in August.

Roy Lince of Westland rolled a 266 game in the Ford Transmission Retirees league at Woodland Lanes. Most bowlers would be delighted to score as well, but it was a bit disappointing for the 72-year-old Lince as he started with a strike, left a "pocket 8-10 split" in the second frame, went strike-strike until the 10th when he had the misfortune of another "pocket 8-10 split," so with 10 strikes and the two other good hits, he missed out on the all-too-elusive perfect game.

Al Harrison writes a bowling column for the Observer.

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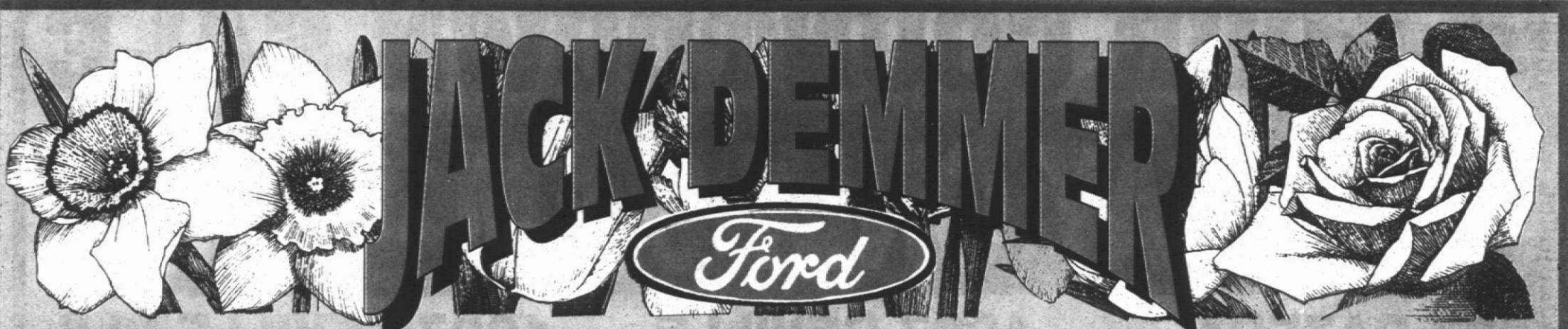
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MON, MARCH 17

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Botsford General Hospital continues its monthly educational meetings with speakers on prostate cancer. The group will receive encouragement and learn about its treatments, the physical and emotional issues involved. The free meeting starts at 7 p.m. in Botsford's East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

MARCH 17, 24

WEIGHT CONTROL

A course on weight control for teens and preteens will be offered 4-5 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Individual appointments are available. Price is \$25. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

TUES, MARCH 18

STROKE, ANEURYSM

A group for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, between Ford and Warren roads. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

MARCH 18, 20

MOMS ON THE GO

A fitness class for expectant mothers is offered by Garden City Hospital in conjunction with the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA. Tuesday sessions featuring land exercise are held in the gym of the hospital's Health Education Center. Thursday classes featuring water exercise are held at the YMCA. Both sessions start 7 p.m. and the first classes of four weeks start March 18 and 20. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

MARCH 18- APRIL 22

PARENTING

A parenting class will be offered by Garden City Hospital at the Garden City Public Library at the library, 2012 Middlebelt, two blocks south of Ford Road. "Active Parenting Today" will meet 6:45-8:45 p.m. Registration is required by calling Garden City Hospital Community Services at (313) 458-4330.

WED, MARCH 19

ADULT RESCUE

An Adult Rescue (Heartsaver) CPR class will be offered 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren roads. Participants will learn one-person rescue through a film, lecture and demonstration. The course is approved by the American Heart Association. Advance registration is required. To register, call (313) 453-4330.

HEALTHFUL EATING

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Ford Community College will offer "Healthful Eating on the Run" 7-9 p.m. in Room D-143 of the college's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail at Outer Drive and Warren. Price is \$12. The class will be taught by a registered dietitian and a chef. For registration information, call Judy Gardner, (313) 845-9865.

WOMEN AND SMOKING

"Smoke and the F Word: Women and Health," a lecture by Carol Boyd, associate professor of nursing and women's studies at the University of Michigan, will be 10:08-11 a.m. in Room L-14 of the Liberal Arts Building of Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Boyd will discuss how the media encourage women to smoke by pretending to foster the cause of feminism. The program is part of the Women's Recognition Month. For information, call the Women's Resource Center at (313) 845-9629.

BLADDER CANCER

Urologist Dr. Hans Stricker, M.D., will discuss causes and treatments for bladder cancer 7 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Price is \$7. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

PLASTIC SURGERY

Dr. Michelle Hardaway, who has a practice in Southfield, will speak on reconstructive and cosmetic surgery 7 p.m. at the American Business Women's Association-Waterford Chapter at Briston's Restaurant, 2741 University in Auburn Hills. For reservations or information, call Gail Guth, (810) 673-6336.

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WORKPLACE WELLNESS

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Nurses visit stores to answer questions

Farmer Jack Supermarkets and Visiting Nurse Association executives recently announced that a seven-month community service program will be implemented at 10 of the company's locations.

Because Visiting Nurse Association Support Services promotes community health and health care, the program is geared to reach a broad-based consumer group and will focus on current important health issues. The program began the first week of March in Livonia and other area sites.

"The objective of the program is to educate and promote health in southeast Michigan," said VNA Corporate Care Manager Karen Mackay. "VNA is excited to be working with Farmer Jack Supermarkets and the public once again."

VNA nurses will be available two hours a week at 10 locations within the tri-county area to Farmer Jack patrons as a health resource. Each month will highlight a different health topic. March is focusing on heart disease and patrons can have their blood pressure taken. Literature on low-sodium foods and on how

to read a nutrition label will be available.

In addition to highlighting different topics each month, VNA nurses will have a resource guide containing information on the following services: home health care, transportation, local hospitals, local physicians, meal services and senior events.

Sessions will be 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at one of the Livonia stores, 28107 W. Eight Mile. Sessions will be 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday at another Livonia store, 37685 Five Mile.

"Our most recent involvement with the Visiting Nurse Association's Flu Shot program was a most successful project. VNA is a highly competent and afforded our customers the unique opportunity to protect their health during the flu season," said Craig Sturken, president of Farmer Jack Supermarkets. "It is with our customers' well-being in mind that we have now entered into another community service project with the VNA and are offering the 'Ask a VNA Nurse' program. We feel that the service will be of great benefit to our customers."

Professions, where he teaches pharmacy law, ethics and health care policy. He is also of counsel to the law firm of Cummings, McCreary, Davis and Aho of Livonia and serves as general counsel to the Michigan Pharmacists Association.



Vivian

improve the diagnosis and treatment of patients with neuropsychiatric disorders.

Elected president

Jesse Vivian of Plymouth has been elected president of the American Society for Pharmacy Law, an organization dedicated to educating pharmacists and lawyers about legal issues related to pharmacy. He was sworn in at the annual convention March 7 in Los Angeles and will serve a three-year term.

Vivian is a graduate of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy and a graduate of the Wayne State University School of Law. He is a licensed pharmacist and member of the Michigan Bar Association. He is an associate professor in the Wayne State University College of Pharmacy and Allied Health



Coffey

Board of Trustees and Department of Ophthalmology and Eye & Ear Infirmary have signed an agreement with Farmington Hills-based Image Sculpting Inc. to perform excimer laser refractive eye surgery at the company's Laser Sculpting Center in Palos Heights, Ill.

The University of Illinois Department of Ophthalmology and Eye & Ear Infirmary will exclusively use the VISX excimer laser, located at the Laser Sculpting Center in Palos Heights, for refractive laser surgery.

Image Sculpting Inc. recently opened a Laser Sculpting Center in Troy.

Association director

Dr. C. Edward Coffey, M.D., of Troy was recently elected to a three-year term as director of the American Neuropsychiatric

Association. He is chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Henry Ford Health System.

Coffey also serves as vice president of Behavioral Sciences and oversees all psychiatry, psychology and neuropsychology services as well as the Henry Ford Sleep Disorders and Research Center, Kingswood Hospital and Maplegrove Centers for Chemical Dependency. The ANPA is an international organization comprised of neurologists, psychiatrists, neuropsychiatrists, neuropsychologists and basic neuroscientists dedicated to understanding the links between neuroscience and behavior. They seek thereby to

improve patient care. Wright and Touchette demonstrated innovations in their practice by implementing a pharmaceutical care model as part of a "patient-focused care" re-engineering effort at Henry Ford. Their pilot program resulted in a 53 percent reduction in emergency room visits and a 31 percent reduction in hospital readmissions following discharge. The program, which started in one hospital unit, is now being expanded throughout the hospital.

Laser eye surgery
Dr. Jacob Wilensky, M.D., chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Illinois, and Image Sculpting Inc. co-founders Dr. David Segel and Robert Mackey recently announced an agreement. The University of Illinois

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The University of Michigan will present its 16th annual "Wellness in the Workplace" conference in the Michigan Union ballroom on the campus in Ann Arbor. "Key Findings for Future Success" will be the focus for the conference, sponsored by the U-M Health Management Research Center. Registration price, which includes lunch and an exhibit fee, is \$170 for two days or \$85 for one day. To register or for information, call (313) 763-2462.

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INCONTINENCE
Registered nurse Toni Cannon will discuss causes and treatment options for incontinence 10-11:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Admission is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

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CPR

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" 6-10:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Dearborn Service

BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: *Business People*, *Observer Business Page*, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Associate vice president

Steve W. Roberts of Dearborn is Oakland University's new associate vice president of Finance and Administration. His responsibilities will include updating OU's budget process, improving cash management and managing a conversion to new budgeting and financial software. He manages the controller's office, the budget office and Central Facilities and Operations.

Roberts earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Armstrong Atlantic State University and a master's degree in business administration and management from Georgia Southern University.

Before assuming his OU duties, Roberts was system director for Finance and Administration, The Higher Colleges of Technology System, with central offices in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates.

Top doorman



Marty Premtaj of Allen Park, an employee of The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, is "the best doorman in the United States," according to Conde Nast Traveler magazine. Premtaj has been with the hotel since its opening in January 1989.

His supervisor, Paul Boguski, calls him "the man with the platinum tongue." Boguski says that he loves his job, loves to talk and never forgets a name. "Even if a guest hasn't been in the hotel for a year, he will remember their name as soon as they walk through the front door."

Operations officer

Frank M. Lauto of Westland has been named operations officer for The Bank of Bloomfield Hills. Lauto has been in the banking industry for 17 years and has been at BBH since 1991. He previously served as assistant operations manager.

The announcement was made by David T. Provost, president and CEO of The Bank of Bloomfield Hills.

Lauto attended Eastern Michigan University and Franklin University and has earned his real estate license in Michigan.

Sunrayce



Barrett Kalellis has been named director of communications for Sunrayce 97, a 10-day solar-powered car race from Indianapolis, Ind., to Colorado Springs, Colo. He will be responsible for national and Detroit-area public relations for the event.



Gerald M. Wilson, manager of public affairs and communications at the General Motors Proving Ground in Milford, will direct regional public and community relations along the race route.

The race features 40 top college and university engineering race teams from across the U.S. This year's race dates are June 19-28. The event is sponsored jointly by General Motors, EDS and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Rockwell appointments

Rockwell Automotive Heavy Vehicle Systems business has announced the appointment of **Brad Arnold** to general manager, Worldwide Axles for HVS's



Arnold

Worldwide Truck and Trailer Systems business. Arnold will be responsible for leading business growth initiatives and strengthening joint venture activities, product marketing strategies and product engineering. He will also enhance the business's global product platform strategy and

expand Rockwell's position with OEMs.

Arnold holds a bachelor's degree in business from the GM Engineering and Management Institute and a master's degree in business administration from Xavier University.

Rockwell also announced the promotion of **Kurt Burmeister** to marketing director, Linehaul Axles. Burmeister will be responsible for implementing marketing strategies and product planning for linehaul axles.

Burmeister holds an associate's degree from Delta College, a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a master's degree in industrial management from Central Michigan University.

Rockwell also announced the appointment of **Richard Meese** to director of marketing for the company's Off-Highway and Specialty Products business.

Meese is responsible for worldwide marketing initiatives,

including the development and implementation of product marketing and business strategies.

Meese holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in engineering from Oakland University and a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University.

He has more than 15 years of product sales and marketing experience.



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Spruce Hill gives secluded, upscale living

The tradition continues for Robert Deneweth and John Uznis.

The partners, builders of custom-designed, luxury houses and condominiums, have opened their newest development, Spruce Hill in Bloomfield Township.

Just 19 detached condos will arise on the 19-acre tract off Wing Lake Road north of 14 Mile.

Lot prices start at \$285,000. A lot and unit combined will average about \$900,000, Deneweth projected.

"Most of the people we do homes for have other homes up north or in Florida," he said. "They're executives, professional people, business owners, people who have been very successful."

"In this sub, we will have quite a few families with children. Others, their kids are grown," Deneweth said. "We're aiming for the move-up buyer who's looking for a custom home, quality build."

"We start by asking, 'What size, what style home are you looking for?' I have a number of floor plans. We can modify that or start from scratch."

No exact duplications will be allowed at Spruce Hills; no ranches will be permitted, and minimum sizes, 3,500 square feet for a story-and-a-half, 4,000 square feet for colonial, will be enforced.

All units must conform to a traditional style of architecture and use only brick, stone and wood siding as exterior materials.

"Bob has the same subcontractors as do all the houses," said Douglas Keating, sales representative at the site. "People wonder and ask, 'Am I going to get the same trim, the same quality?' and I say, 'Yes you will.'"

"Bob has a tremendous list of



references," Keating added. "Anyone he's built for, you can call. They're always happy, and if they're not happy, we make them happy."

Other Uznis/Deneweth developments include Vaughan Crossing in Bloomfield Hills, Kent Ridge in Bloomfield Township and the Residences at TPC in Dearborn.

The standard package at Spruce Hill will include three-car garage, two masonry fireplaces, two furnaces, air conditioning, jet tub in the master suite, alarm system, a lighting allowance starting at \$3,500 and an appliance allowance starting at \$5,000.

"We have location," Deneweth said. "It's very quiet. People are shocked when they come back here."

"I think they're surprised there's even a project here," Keating said of folks who happen into the community.

"It's kind of a sub unto itself. There are no stub streets going someplace else. For people spending this kind of money, privacy and security, one way in and one way out, is an attraction," he said.

"You certainly have the amenities of Bloomfield Hills schools and Bloomfield Township ser-



Luxury living: Houses like this, designed and built by Uznis/Deneweth, will dot the landscape at Spruce Hill.

vices," Deneweth said. "A brand new sub in Bloomfield Township - there's not much available now."

"We have all these spruce trees here," he added. "We've designed lots to save trees. That's where the name comes from, Spruce Hill. Pretty much the whole perimeter is ringed by trees."

"Shopping is real convenient," Keating said.

A couple of lots already have sold.

The condo under construction, a 4,700-square-foot colonial, typifies what Uznis/Deneweth can do.

The foyer with two-story ceiling features a curved staircase and curved wall leading to the second level. A walk-in closet is off either side of the front door.

The living room with fireplace is on one side of the foyer, a formal dining room with wainscot on the other.

A butler's pantry leads to the

kitchen/nook with island and pantry. The family room with fireplace is off the kitchen, and the library/den also is oriented toward the back of the house.

Two half baths are on the first floor - one off the laundry/garage, the other near the family room.

Four bedrooms and three baths are upstairs.

The master showcases a tray ceiling, separate tub and shower, two vanities, a pair of walk-in closets and an enclosed toilet.

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A second bedroom features a bath with combination tub and shower, plus walk-in closet; a third bedroom has a bath with shower plus walk-in closet.

The fourth bedroom will be used as a guest room.

Spruce Hill is serviced by city water and sewers. There are no sidewalks in the community.

The property tax rate currently is \$33.83 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$900,000 condominium there would pay about \$15,225 the first year.

Gail White and Robert Chapman, a professional couple, were attracted to the site and Uznis/Deneweth for several reasons.

"We've already lived in the area almost 12 years," White said. "We saw the parcel. We're near freeways, shopping, schools. At the same time, we're secluded from traffic and hustle-and-bustle."

"Deneweth contacted us," White continued. "We called some people he built for - he has a long list of references - and everyone had positive things to say."

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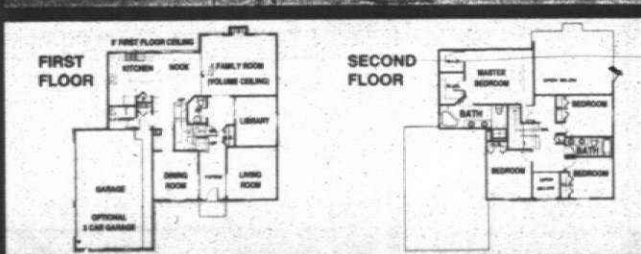
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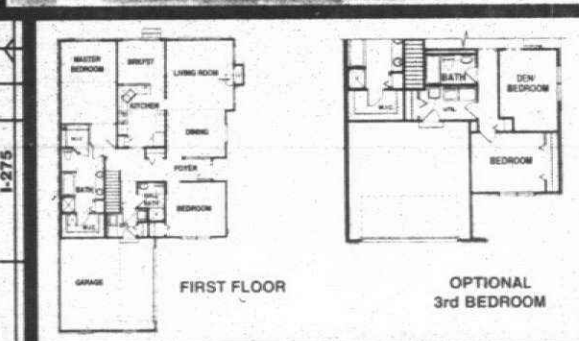
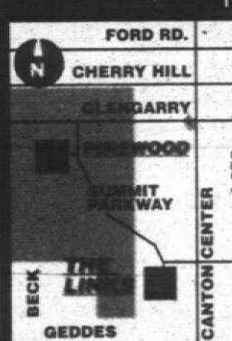
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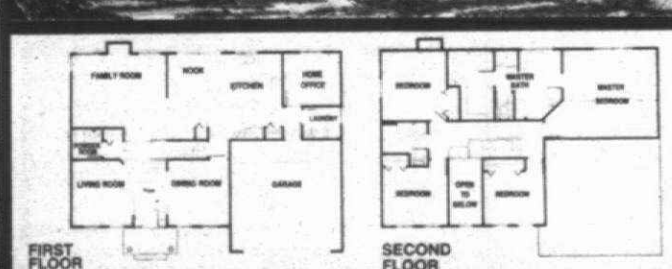
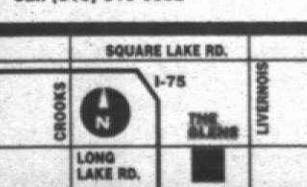


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STEVEN SIVAK

Two months ago I began reporting on the progress of a private home being constructed, and I will continue to have monthly updates as the project progresses. Since last week was dedicated to this new role that I am assuming of architect/builder, I thought I would spend another week looking at some of the decisions that have been made regarding finishes and details.

As you may remember, the exterior is redwood tongue-and-groove siding with a clear finish. Windows are custom-made redwood awnings, casements and fixed units.

Going along with the redwood scheme, the exterior doors are either redwood slabs or at more significant areas, redwood rail-and-stile with large single lights of glass. Interior doors will be cherry stained to match the redwood - why, you ask, not use redwood interior doors? The answer is simple: cost. In addition, all base trim will also be cherry, as will the main stair and the one-half-story stair to the Listening Room.

Kitchen cabinets will also be cherry. Countertops throughout the house will be a cast epoxy product that is about ten times harder than Corian. It looks like smooth black slate and is nearly indestructible. Believe it or not, it is about half the cost of Corian!

The main public areas of the house will be covered in cork tile, which will be protected with polyurethane. The cork is light golden color and is extremely comfortable under foot and has great acoustic properties. Treated with respect, this material will last 40-50 years and will provide much comfort. Other floor materials that are being planned for the house include Pirelli rubber tile in the laundry and pantry and a commercial closed-loop carpet in all sleeping areas and the Listening Room.

Lighting has been specified and is relatively modern and sleek. It seems that the Italians have the market on elegant light fixtures, and the sources for such fixtures are relatively limited. Pricing is high, but if they are selected carefully, I believe that light fixtures have a tremendous effect on a space and are worth the cost.

The second floor of this house, due to its relative insignificance, has very few high end fixtures, and the majority of these beauties are found in the public areas of the first floor.

There are sconces, surface-mounted fixtures, recessed and semi-recessed fixtures, indirect strip lights, pendants and probably some others as well.

Equally as important is the manner in which the switching is controlled. The use of three-way legs is important in allowing one to move through the house without having to double back in order to turn off a light.

One of my favorite tricks is to three-way a half-hot receptacle at the bedside and have the other leg of the three-way be a switch at the bedside. This allows one to turn off a reading light with a switch and not have to remember to turn it back off again in order to switch it on when entering the room.

This house will also have a light that lights up the route to the bathroom and is controllable from the bedside.

Due to its quasi-rural setting, the home will also be a motion detector on the drive, which sounds the doorbell when someone drives up! This was the client's idea, and I really can not take credit for such a great idea.

So the major colors and materials for the house are redwood/cherry, cork, steel troweled concrete for the walks, Benjamin Moore Super White for interior and exterior painted surfaces, lead-coated copper gravel stops and flashing and concrete-colored brick for the fireplace and freestanding courtyard walls.

Kitchen appliances and bath fixtures are white - white never goes out of style and is always refreshing to look at. All natural materials were selected because of their low maintenance and deep long-lasting beauty.

This is a house that will look good in 30 years and will be around for a long time to come.

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"Owning a home can provide pride, security and financial stability," said Anderson, executive vice president of Countrywide's

Consumer Markets Division. "A home is not only shelter; it is a financial investment which appreciates in most markets over time, and generally provides significant tax benefits."

According to Anderson, the first and most important step in getting ready to buy a home is getting pre-approved before shopping for a home. Pre-approval verifies credit information at the time of the loan application. It is a commitment to lend, subject to receipt of satisfactory property appraisal and confirmation of the information on which the pre-approval was

granted.

Pre-approval lets buyers know what type of house they can afford, so their house-hunting time is spent efficiently. It also improves their bargaining power with a seller as it shows that they are serious and eager buyers. With programs such as Countrywide's "Instant Approval," buyers can be approved within minutes, eliminating the anxiety of not knowing if they can afford a home.

Anderson also advises prospective buyers to overcome the sometimes-difficult down payment hurdle by setting an

aggressive budget, then buckling down and sticking to it. "Buyers should examine their lifestyle for areas where they can cut back and increase their savings," he said. "Sacrificing a new car, electronics or a vacation now can pay off in the long run."

While five to ten percent of a home's selling price is generally the minimum down payment required, buyers can begin their loan shopping by exploring the wide range of affordable down payment alternatives available today. A Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan, for example, requires less than five per-

cent down in most cases.

Buyers should also look at reducing their personal debt. Most lenders prefer that long-term debt does not exceed 32 to 38 percent of a potential buyer's monthly gross income. Affordable, lending programs, however, may have more relaxed qualification guidelines regarding debt-to-income ratios. Long-term debt includes mortgage payments, taxes, insurance and other debts that will take more than ten months to pay off. Making extra debt payments or paying off credit card balances can help reduce debt to an acceptable

level.

Prospective buyers can also get ready to buy a home by examining their credit record. Borrowers should have a clean credit record, with no bills past due more than 30 days in the last year. However, many lenders are willing to overlook one or two problems on a credit report as exceptions in a buyer's credit history.

It's a good idea to review one's credit report with a mortgage lender before considering purchasing a home, especially if there have been any credit problems in the past.

Harvest luscious fruit from the work of summers past

By Lee Reich
For AP Special Features

Take a break from winter by getting comfortable near a sun-bathed window. Close your eyes and think about summer.

In your dreams, drift outside to the peach tree you planted a few springs ago and select a perfectly ripe fruit. Take a bite. Mmmmm. You lean forward, of course, so the juice dripping down your chin doesn't run onto your shirt.

This scenario is realistic, but a challenge. Some fruits are difficult to grow to perfection. Take that peach, for example. You'd better be prepared to battle borers that gnaw into the trunk, fruit moths that bore into the shoots and fruits, and a fruit fungus that lives up to its name, brown rot. If winter cold does not damage the tree, spring frosts might kill the early blossoms.

Fortunately, none of these problems is insurmountable. They merely add to the interest and challenge of raising that perfect peach, apple or pear. And perhaps the fruit tastes better for the effort expended.

If you are tempted by the challenge and the promise of luscious fruits, plan now. Take a stroll around your yard and make a mental note of where you would like to plant them. Most fruit plants require full sun, at least six hours a day. Remember that in the summer when it is now, so your home, garage and hedges will not cast the long shadows they do now.

However, also take note of maples, willows and other trees that will cast shade as their branches become clothed with leaves. Avoid overly-wet areas of soil and be prepared to water if

you plant in dry areas.

Do not be put off planting fruits if space is limited. You can grow a peach, sour cherry, dwarf apple or other small tree on as little as 50 square feet or less of ground. Blueberries, currants and other bush fruits require about 30 square feet per bush. Strawberries need only 1 square foot per plant.

There is no need to be too rigid with planting distances, because you, the fruit grower, are an important factor. A little extra elbow room is called for if you do not want to pay too much close

attention to pruning.

On the other hand, if you enjoy visiting your fruit trees every few days, snipping here and there occasionally with your pruning shears, you can plant more closely.

Having decided where and what to plant, you undoubtedly would like to know: how much to plant and how long to wait until harvest? Plan on 4 to 8 bushels of fruit from any full-size tree, a couple of bushels from a dwarf tree and a couple of quarts from any berry bush.

You should get your first taste

a year or two after setting any berry plant in the ground. Dwarf trees — their fruit is full size — generally bear fruit in about four years; their full-size counterparts take about eight. You can enjoy fresh fruit from your garden year-round. The first strawberry of spring (an early-ripening strawberry like Sunrise)

could ripen just as you finished the last apple (a long-keeping variety such as Baldwin) from your refrigerator.

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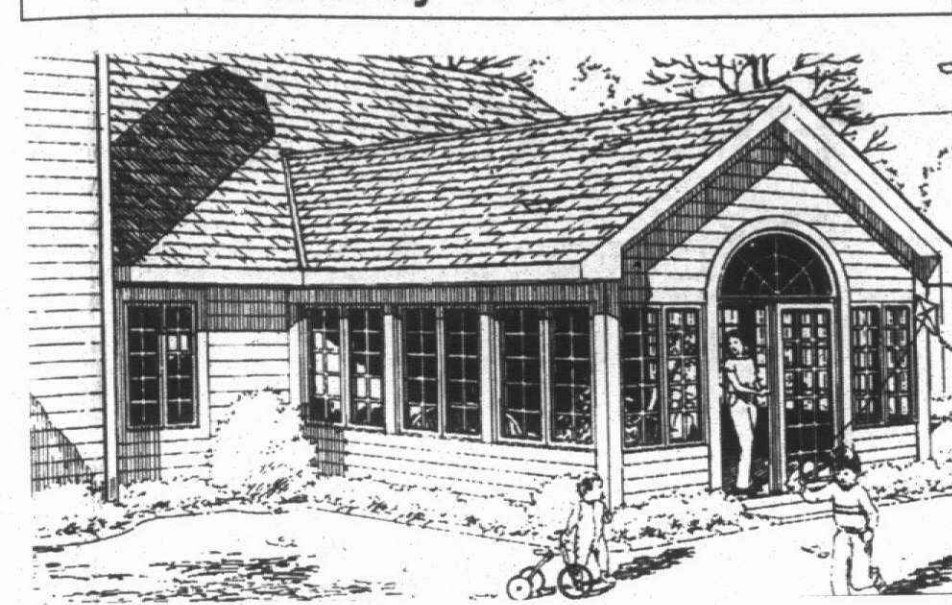
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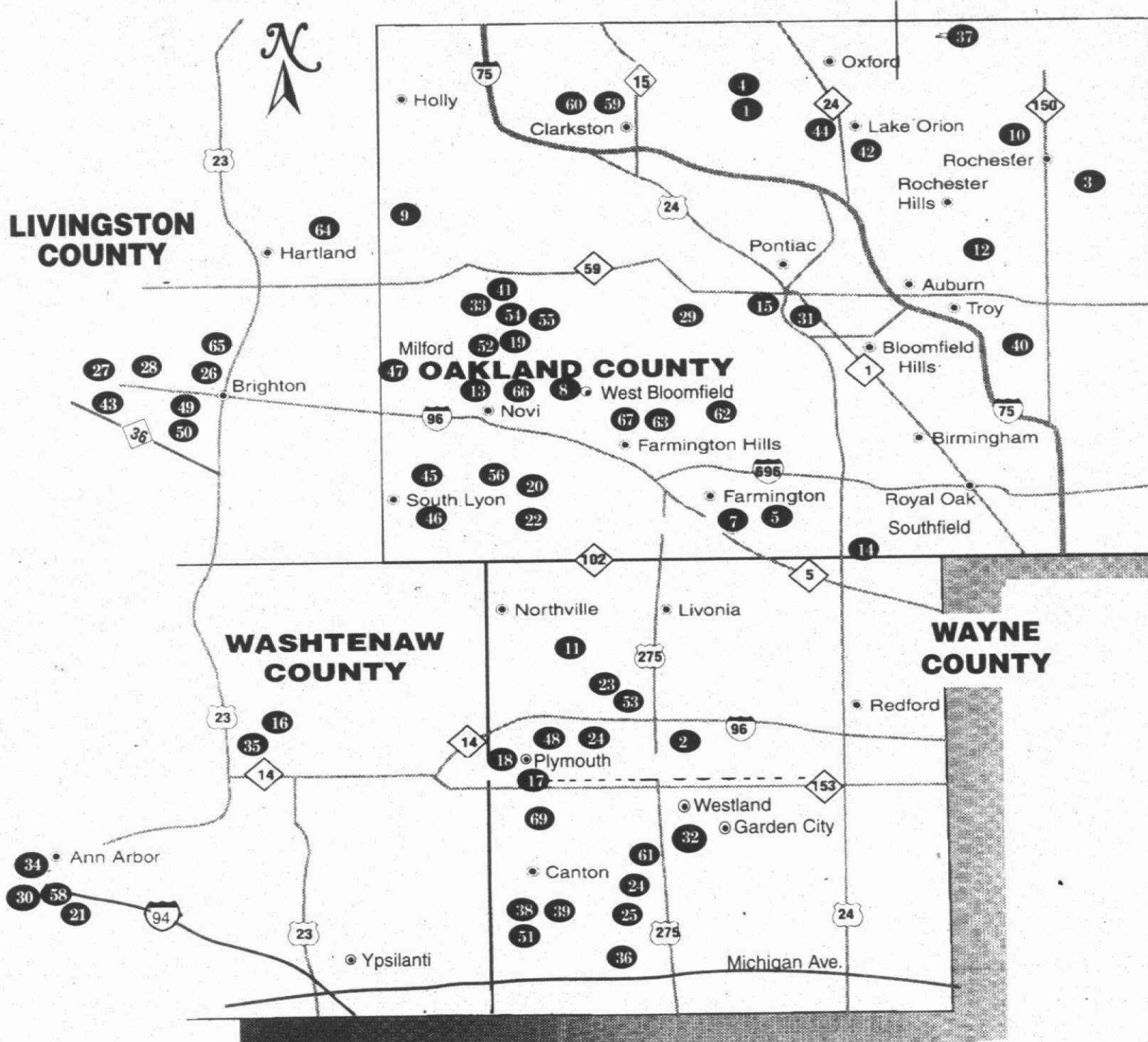
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Wooded and Walkout Lots
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New Model Plans Now Available
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- ✓ SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVICING NEIGHBORHOOD (WHERE EXACTLY ARE BUILDINGS, BUS PICK-UP)
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REAL ESTATE

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Updated ranch features 3-car garage, lower level

**30740 Ridgeway
Farmington Hills
Real Estate One
\$279,500**

For the dad who likes those special cars, this house has a three-car heated garage and plenty of parking space for those big family dinners. The garage has ample room for a workshop.

The house features a gourmet kitchen with maple white washed cabinets and ceramic floor with Kitchenaid convection oven, Maytag dishwasher, microwave oven, Amana refrigerator, compact and disposal.

The main floor has three bedrooms and three full baths, a marble fireplace and a laundry room with built-in cabinets and space for a freezer.

The lower level has garden windows, a kitchen, family room with room for dancing and room for a computer/library room. It could be an in-laws suite.

Other features include a central vacuum and an alarm system.

Updates since 1993 include a new kitchen, new carpeting, leaded glass doors, whirlpool tub, new roof, new gutters, exterior trim and shutters painted, new exterior light fixtures and new sump pump.

The home is serviced by Farmington Hills schools and has easy access to freeways.

For more information, call Dolores Bernardin at 810-477-3086 or her voice mail at 810-450-0671.

Open today 1-4 p.m.



OPEN HOUSES OF THE WEEK

Subdivision features a charming location

**11097 Pocahontas
Green Oak Township
(S. of Nine Mile, East of U.S. 23)
The Prudential, Accent
Realty
\$192,900**

This new home is part of the Jamestown Subdivision which offers spacious, 3/4 acre lots.

This charming location offers county maintained roads, South Lyon Schools, quick access to both U.S. 23 and I-96 and is only five minutes from downtown South Lyon.

The homes are available in floorplans that range from 1,900 square feet to 3,000 square feet, with some walkout lots still available.

Our unique elevations and available custom plans are sure to delight even the most selective buyers.

Some standard features include wood-burning fireplaces with ceramic surround, Merillat oak kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile floors, cathedral ceilings, formal living and dining room, bedroom ceiling lights, double glazed thermal barrier vinyl windows and covered porches.

Many custom options are available as well.

Prices range from \$192,900 to \$280,000.

For information, call Tony Farugia, (313)591-0333.

Open today, 1-5 p.m.

303 Open Houses

BERKLEY BUNGALOW
OPEN SUN. 1-5, 313-900-0000
Redone in & out, 1142 sq. ft., 4200 Tyler, 810-645-6977

BIRMINGHAM - very charming 3 bedroom bungalow 2 blocks from downtown. Must see! 1698 Henrietta N. off 14 Mile, between Pierce & Southfield. Open Sun. 1 to 4.
810-647-2796

BUNGALOW 3 bedroom 2 car detached garage, partially finished basement. Within walking distance to uptown Birmingham. 1 blk from city park & ice arena. Asking \$151,900. Open Sun. 1 to 5, 885-5015, S. of Maple, E. of Adams 810-642-1766

OPEN SUN 1-4
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Prudential
Picking Real Estate
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CANTON - OPEN SUN. 1-4
4 bedroom colonial, 2 car. Lots of extras. 4207 Greenwood N/Ford, E/Lilley. \$166,500. 313-981-5271

CANTON OPEN SUN. 1-4pm
3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath colonial, new roof, windows, kitchen, custom cabinets, fenced yard, 42056 Fairview S. of Ford, E. of Lilley. Franklin Square Sub. \$149,500. 313-981-0125

Canton

OPEN SUN. 1-4

BETTER THAN NEW

1004 Wellington Ct.

(S. of Ford, W. of Canton Cir.)

Fabulous 1995 built colonial, open floor plan, light and airy, ceramic entry, upgraded light fixtures, great room with dining area, delightful kitchen with bleached oak cabinets, oak counter & ceramic island, family room with fireplace, master bedroom with walk-in closet, bath w/wooden sinks, full basement, central air, all appliances, paver patio and more. \$224,900. Ask for...

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Real Estate One...

217 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

303 Open Houses

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Open Sunday, 1-4. Private entry 2 bedroom condo with full private basement, 2 full baths, laundry room on main floor and gas fireplace in living room. \$99,900. (711655) Please ask for
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FARMINGTON

OPEN HOUSE 2:30-5PM

North 13 Mile - West Drake

Prestigious Hunter's Point 2 Story Tudor features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, Great Room & dining room with large windows & fireplace, spacious kitchen w/center island & built-in ovens, 2 Tier deck & sprinklers. \$259,900.

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Huron Valley Schools

OPEN SUN. MARCH 16, 1-4PM

CAPTIVATING COLONIAL in a wonderful neighborhood. Private park w/boat launch on Duck Lake just down the street! This beautiful home has a spacious living room w/bay windows, formal dining room, large eat-in kitchen, family room, fireplace, central air, all appliances, paver patio and more. \$224,900. Ask for...

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HOWELL 136 Lakeshore Vista Open Sun. 12-4. 1996 built, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, cape cod on wooded lot w/lake view. Many extras: hardwood, 9' basement w/ day windows, ceramic tile, new beach, \$184,900. Just N. of Grand River off golf club in Lakeshore Pointe. (517) 545-7580

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303 Open Houses

LIVONIA - (2) OPEN HOUSES
SUN. 1-4PM

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WESTLAND: 36206 Avondale, \$109,500.

COMMERCIAL: 300 Vonona, \$109,900.

WESTLAND: 1709 Sutton Dr., \$122,900.

NOVI: 44700 Bayview Dr., \$129,900.

LIVONIA: 18915 Westmore, \$144,900.

LIVONIA: 18786 Suzanna, \$144,900.

BRIGHTON: 3126 Old Orchard, \$162,500.

LIVONIA: 35652 Elmira, \$164,900.

PLYMOUTH LAKE: 475 Woodland Hills, \$167,900.

PLYMOUTH: 10417 Bassett Ct., \$173,900.

NOVI: 58720 Costley Lane, \$193,900.

NOVI: 41811 Quince, \$204,900.

CANTON: 967 Bristol Ct., \$219,900.

NORTHVILLE: 220 N. Ely, \$224,900.

NOVI: 23825 Greening, \$234,900.

NORTHVILLE: 964 Springfield Ct., \$234,900.

FARMINGTON HILLS: 36950 Cante Ct., \$239,000.

NORTHVILLE: 41100 Dunewood Ct., \$244,900.

NORTHVILLE: 727 Thayer, \$274,900.

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Providing Health on the Home Front

By Sheryl Silver
Career Source

Looking for a career with a future that involves helping people? Whether you're a seasoned health care professional or someone seeking to launch a career, there may be a niche for you in the fast-growing home care industry.

Several factors, including the needs of America's aging population and cost containment strategies that limit the length of patients' hospital stays, have helped fuel dramatic growth in the demand for home health services in recent years. With that growth trend expected to continue well into the next century, more people will be needed to provide care in the home. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment in the home health services industry is projected to increase by 120 percent between the years 1994 and 2005, an increase of more than 600,000 jobs.

As to the type of caregivers needed by the home care industry, Mary St. Pierre, directors of regulatory affairs for the National Association for Home Care (NAHC) in Washington, D.C., says nurses are in demand nationwide and everyone from nurse generalists to RNs with specialized training in wound care, pediatrics, and maternal and child care, are needed. Several home care agency executives said I.V.-trained nurses are also consistently in demand.

St. Pierre says rehabilitation professionals, including physical and occupational therapists, as well as physical therapy assistants (PTAs) and occupational therapy assistants (OTAs), are also needed by many home care agencies.

To work in home care, St. Pierre says Medicare requires nursing and rehabilitation professional "to provide evidence of current licensure or certification in their fields." Home care agencies also typically require these professionals to have at least a year of work experience in their fields.

For nurses, it's usually preferred that the experience comes from an acute care (e.g. hospital) setting, says Donna Scott, RN, director of the Glendale, California office of the Interim Health Care.

In addition to formal credentials and experience, those hiring say they look for nurses who are well organized, self-sufficient and who have good assessment skills. To that list, Scott adds adaptability, flexibility, and interpersonal skills. "Being rigid doesn't fit in home care," she says.

For those interested in working in home care who don't have prior experience or training in a health occupation, the field offers two entry level roles. One is that of the home health aide. "Home health aides might take vital signs, help the patient get out of bed, make sure the patient is eating," explains Peter Close, vice president of human resources for the Visiting Nurses Association of Washington, D.C. St. Pierre of NAHC adds, "They might also help a patient with bathing, dressing, and simple exercises like walking. In some states, they might be able to do some simple wound

dressing too."

To qualify for these positions, St. Pierre says, "Medicare requires people to complete a 75 hour Home Health Aide Certification training program and pass a competency exam." The program teaches participants such things as how to read a thermometer, how to give a bath, and basic infection control," she explains. Many home care agencies also require a criminal background check before hiring people to work in someone's home.

Homemakers (also called personal care aides) are entry level roles for which St. Pierre says duties tend to be confined to meal preparation and housekeeping. For these jobs, she says, "There are no specific training or testing requirements."

What is required, however, for both homemakers and home health aides, are certain personality traits. Patience is a must, says Close. So is an attitude of caring. "They also need maturity—both to follow directions and to recognize when there are changes in someone's condition that should be reported," said St. Pierre.

"Physical ability is important too. It can be challenging to move someone who's ill whether it's getting them out of bed or bathing them."

Anyone interested in these roles can look forward to strong job demand. The BLS' most recent Occupational Outlook Handbook ranks personal/home care aides and home health aides among the thirty fastest growing occupations in the U.S. for the period 1994-2005. The number of jobs in both careers are projected to increase by over 100 percent during that period.

What about advancement potential? Agency executives say it's available. Scott noted, "It's very common for people to start as a home health aide and go back to school to become a LVN or RN."

Nurses working in home care can find upward mobility too. "Nurses can be promoted to care management or supervisory roles," said Scott. "I started as a home health nurse and was promoted to be a supervisor, then a director."

Sheryl Silver can be contacted at Career Source, P.O. Box 65754, Washington, D.C. 20035-5744

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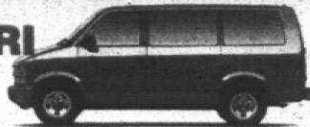
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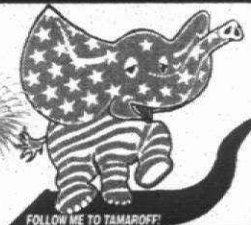


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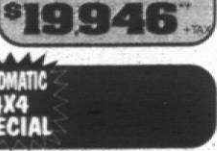
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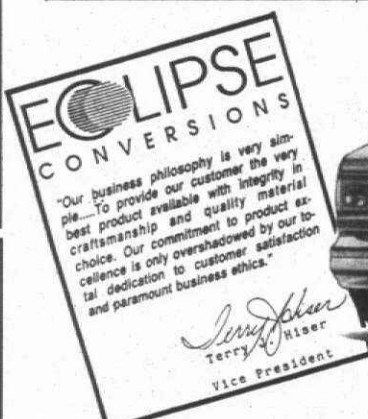
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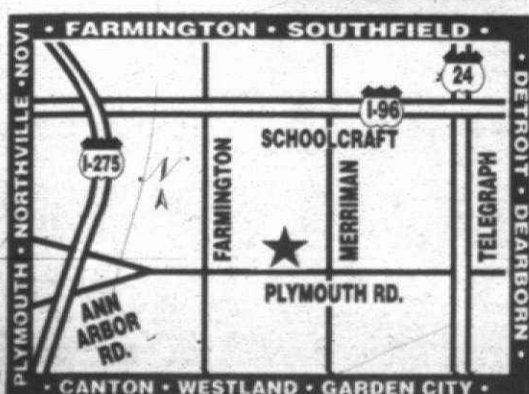
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