

Saluting the BEST

The Canton Chamber of Commerce wants to give someone the business — as in Business Person of the Year.

The chamber is accepting nominations for its Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards. The respective awards are given annually to a top performer in the business community who is involved in making Canton a better place to live and work; and someone who is instrumental in furthering the achievements and goals of women in the workplace.

This year's honorees will be saluted during the chamber's May 3 luncheon at the Summit. Carmen Harlan, WDIV-TV news anchor, will be the keynote speaker.

The Observer Newspapers sponsors the Business Person of the Year Award.

The nomination deadline for both awards is the close of business on Tuesday, April 18. For more information or to receive a nomination form by fax, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Paving the way Canton drivers will see major upgrades in 2000

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Progress is coming at a price for Bruce Mathison.

The longtime hardware store co-owner is excited about improvements scheduled for Canton Center Road this year. But he knows it will negatively impact his bottom line in the short term.

"When they did the southern part of Canton Center it did affect my business," said Mathison, whose family has run the hardware store between Ford and Hanford since 1970. "Our sales dropped by about 25 percent. A lot of my customers come from south Canton. I'm just starting to recoup some of my losses."

One of the township's main arteries, Canton Center will be closed between Ford and Warren starting late this fall. Bridges over the lower Rouge River will be reconstructed. The road will also be rebuilt and widened starting in May of 2001.

It's just one of 14 road projects Wayne County has planned for the township in 2000. Most will start and finish this year while others, like Canton Center, will overlap into 2001.

"A lot of these projects have been in the works for a long time," said Wayne County roads spokesman John Roach. "It's not that we had forgot the town-

ship. It's just that a lot happen to be hitting at the same time."

Whatever the reason, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is happy the work is going to be done. He thinks it will help the township's traffic gridlock.

"When Canton Center finishes in 2001 and all the other projects are done," he said, "there will be relief for some time."

Mathison Hardware began in Garden City in 1953. It has expanded into Canton and Livonia since.

For many years, the hardware business was one of the few retail establishments on Canton Center. Mathison has survived the arrival of larger stores by promoting personal relationships with its customers and serving their needs.

"We're a convenience store," said Barry Mathison. "We have good service and people can get in and out quickly."

Road work makes getting to the hardware store less convenient, however. Mathison worries that patrons will go elsewhere when Canton Center shuts down.

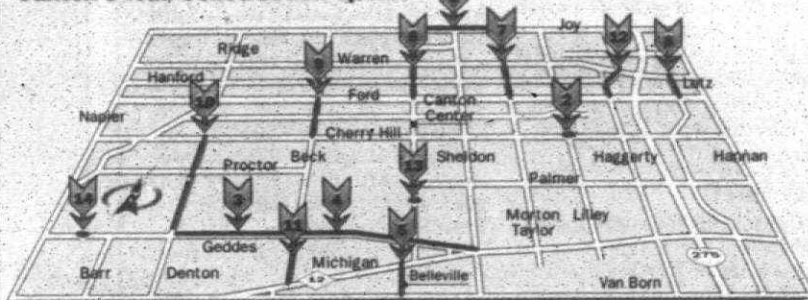
"They go somewhere else and form different shopping habits," he added.

Mathison is counting on the Garden City and Livonia stores to pick up some of the slack.

"I have a lot of diehard customers that will continue to come to me," he

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Canton's road construction update



Resurfacings/Repairs

■ **Joy Road (#1)** will be resurfaced from Canton Center to Morton Taylor. Work will start July 1 and conclude Nov. 1. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

■ **The intersection of Cherry Hill and Lilley (#2)** will be rebuilt and lanes added. Work will begin May 15 and conclude July 30. The intersection will remain open during most of the construction period.

■ **Geddes Road (#3)** will be resurfaced from Denton to Beck starting in June and finishing in August. There will be temporary lane closures during construction.

■ **Geddes Road (#4)** will be resurfaced from Beck to Sheldon starting in May. Temporary lane closures will occur during construction, which should be completed by June.

■ **Belleville Road (#5)** will be resurfaced from Van Born to Michigan. Work began last year and will conclude in June. Temporary lane closures are expected.

■ **Canton Center Road (#6)** will be reconstructed and widened to five lanes from Ford to nearly Warren. Rights of way are currently being acquired by the county. Work will likely begin in Dec. 2000 and continue through 2001.

Paving/New road

■ **Morton Taylor Road (#7)** will be extended from Ford Road north to Warren. Work is currently under way and should be complete by July 30.

■ **Lotz Road (#8)** will be paved from Ford to Warren. Work is set to start in October. The road will be closed to traffic during construction.

■ **Beck Road (#9)** will be paved from Cherry Hill to Ford. The project is scheduled to start July 1 and finish by Oct. 30.

■ **Denton Road (#10)** will be paved from Cherry Hill to Geddes. The project is currently under design. The township is finalizing rights-of-way acquisitions. A July 1 start date is anticipated.

■ **Beck Road (#11)** will be paved from Michigan to Geddes. The project should start in July and be done by October. The road will be closed to traffic during construction.

Widenings

■ **Haggerty Road (#12)** will be widened to five lanes from Ford to Warren. The project will start April 15. No completion date has been set.

Bridge work

■ **The bridge over the lower Rouge River on Canton Center (#13)** north of Ford will be rebuilt starting late this year. Work will be completed by October, 2001. Canton Center will be closed during construction.

■ **The bridge over Fowler Creek on Geddes Road (#14)** will be rebuilt starting in August. Work will conclude in November. The road will be closed during construction.

THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Playoff hockey: The Plymouth Whalers host the Guelph Storm in Game 3 of an opening round Ontario Hockey League playoff series. Game time is 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena, Beck Road north of M-14, Plymouth Township. For ticket information call the arena box office, (734) 453-8400.

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By George



New school honors retired principal George Dodson's dedication to kids

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No matter where he goes while walking the halls of Gallimore Elementary, former principal George Dodson gets waves and hugs from students and teachers.

"He's awesome, we want him back," said Katie Brock, 10, of Canton. "He's cool and he's nice. He doesn't yell at us."

"He's second, only behind God," smiles Jan Woodford, third grade teacher. "He always had the right thing to say to you at the right time, whether it be a crisis or celebration. He really had an impact on so many people's lives."

After nearly 40 years as a counselor, teacher, principal and interim transportation director, Dodson, 74, will be honored Tuesday afternoon at the groundbreaking of George Dodson Elementary Tuesday at 5 p.m. The ceremony, at Cherry Hill and Beck roads, will be followed by a reception at Hoben Elementary.

"I feel honored. I think it's the ultimate accolade for a person who has worked with children for about 40 years," said Dodson. "I'm proud my (eight) grandchildren will know their papa has done something worthwhile."

It's fitting that an elementary school be named after Dodson, considering all of his teaching and principal positions were at elementary schools.

"The young kids are so special. They hunger for knowledge," he said. "I think it's their energy, spontaneity, inquisitiveness, creativity. They're so beautiful. I think they help keep me young."

Dodson began his teaching career in the Geer School annex, where he had 13 fifth-graders and 12 sixth-graders.

"It was a year of magic to me," remembers Dodson. "I learned I



What's in a name: George Dodson is greeted with smiles as he visits the Media Center at Gallimore Elementary School in Canton last week. Dodson, who was principal at the school, will help the district break ground for a new elementary school named in his honor Tuesday. In the photo above, Dodson talks with media specialist Marsha Payne (center) and first-grade teacher Joy Michalson.

could teach and get students to learn."

His secret? "I think you start out by just liking them, and being around them," he said. "Just wanting to help them by saying 'Hey, let's learn something today.'"

Dodson was so adamant about being around children, he once turned down a chance to become part of the Plymouth-Canton administra-

tion. "The administration tried to talk me into it," he said. "I told them yes, if I could bring my kindergartners with me. That put an end to that."

His first stint as Gallimore principal almost didn't come to fruition because of Dodson.

"I refused the principal's job because I was a counselor and I loved it," he said. "About a month later,

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East team knows its numbers

MATH COMPETITION

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The four members of the East Middle School math team swear they're not geeks. They just like math.

That interest in numbers helped them finish second in the Math Counts state competition of 48 schools at Western Michigan University this month. The squad missed first place by just three quarters of a point.

"I like math as a tool, especially when it's tied to the sciences," said Yuyin Chen of Canton. "I'm not sure I'm really good at it."

Chen is obviously being modest. He had the fourth highest score among 159 participants in the state finals. He and three others will represent Michigan in the national finals May 11-14 in Washington, D.C.

"Math comes easy to me, and it's

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Canton man is instant millionaire

A production assembler from Canton is \$1 million richer with the help of the state lottery.

The township man, who requested anonymity from state lottery officials, scratched off a Michigan Lottery "Casino Nights" instant ticket last week to find he won the top prize of \$1 million.

"The luck of the Irish came through for me!" he joked during his recent visit to Michigan Lottery headquarters. "I was still at the store when I discovered I won, and I simply couldn't believe it. I told my wife and then took the day off work to collect my prize."

The winning ticket was purchased at Grapevine Wine and Deli, 44285 Ford Road, in Canton.

Now that he's Michigan's newest

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Police catch up to wanted man

A 23-year-old Taylor man was arrested Tuesday for two outstanding warrants from Canton. According to police reports, township officers picked the man up from the Romulus Police Department. A pair of bench warrants had been issued against him by the 35th District Court on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and driving with a suspended license.

Petty thief
A Canton juvenile was arrested Monday for attempting to steal a host of items valued at less than \$100 from Meijer on Ford Road.
A loss prevention officer stopped the juvenile girl after she tried to leave the store without paying. Reports said merchandise ranging from socks to eye shadow and jewelry was

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emptied from her pockets after she was apprehended.
The girl will now have to appear at the 35th District Court in Plymouth on retail fraud charges. She was released by police to her parents, reports said.

Supplements stolen
A pack of bodybuilding supplements valued at \$53.97 was stolen from GNC Nutrition on Ford Road recently.

Police are looking for a suspect described as a white male, late 20s or early 30s, 5-foot 6-inches tall and about 130 pounds, reports said. A GNC clerk saw the man run out of the store with the pack and jump into a black Ford Escort driven by a white female, according to reports.

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with Dr. Audrey Bruell

LASER HAIR REMOVAL

To fully understand laser hair removal, you must realize that there are three stages of hair growth: anagen (the growth stage), catagen (the regression stage), and telogen (the resting stage). At any point in time, there is hair in all three stages. And, because the laser must be applied to the hair follicle during the anagen (growth) stage to attain long-term hair reduction, a series of laser treatments will likely be required. Having said all that, studies reviewing the results of various laser hair removal techniques indicate that a 40%-90% reduction of hair can be expected. P.S. Laser hair removal works through the emission of a beam of light that converts to heat and is absorbed into the hair shaft, thereby altering the follicle's ability to grow hair.

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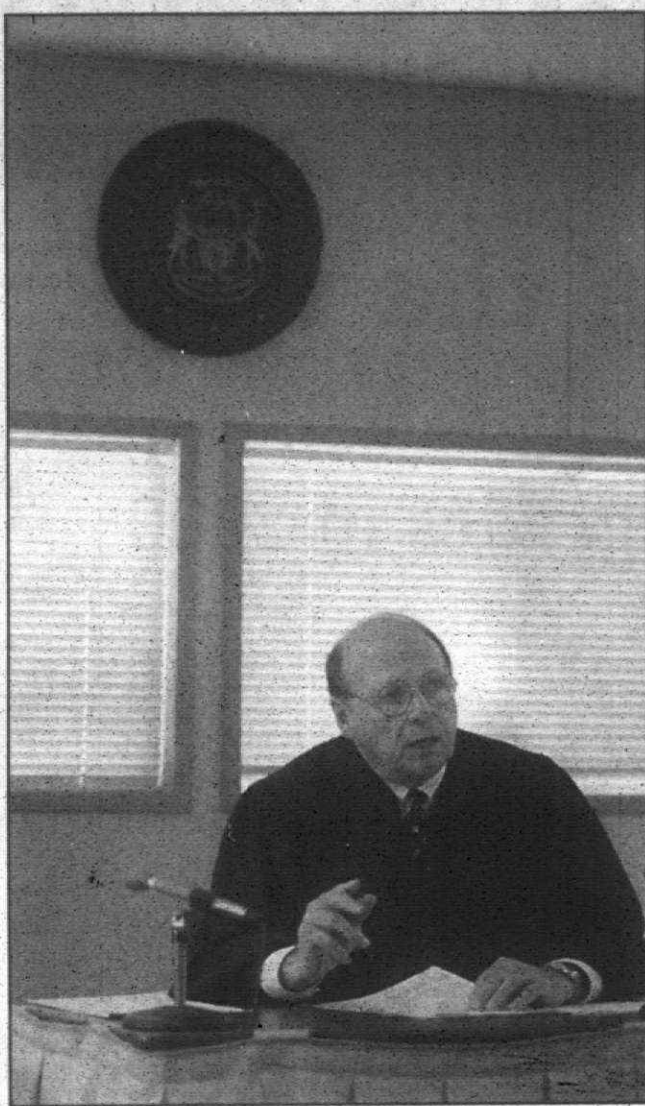
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King of the courts



Elected: The chief judge of 35th District Court in Plymouth, John E. MacDonald, has been elected chairperson of the Chief Judges Association of Wayne County. The association includes the chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court, the probate court of Wayne County, as well as the 33 Wayne County district courts. "I think it's a nice honor, especially since I was elected by my peers," said MacDonald, who is in his 16th year as a judge at 35th District Court. "Our group looks at current legislation and how each of the courts handles various issues."

Dodson from page A1

(former Superintendent) Mike Hoben called me to lunch, and when it was over I was principal at Gallimore, and I didn't even apply."

"Gallimore is really special, it's here that I found my niche in life," Dodson said while sitting in the Media Center at Gallimore, which was named for him in 1997. "I enjoy the administrative role as a principal, and teaching prepared me for it."

Dodson can't wait for Tuesday's groundbreaking so it will be finally etched in stone.

"Sometimes I think my past will catch up to me and they'll take the name away," he said with a smile. "Or, maybe I'll do something before it gets built and they'll take it away."

The ultimate for Dodson would be to become principal at the school being named after him.

"If they called me, I'd go back," said Dodson. "I'd like to be the principal of George Dodson Elementary for two years."

"I wonder if I could arrange that with the Board of Educa-

Dodson still likes to go back to Gallimore, and Smith Elementary where he also served as principal, to read and tell stories to students.

"I used to have a rule ... if a kid runs in the hallway, stop him and tell him not to do it," said Dodson. "If the child is skipping, then let him go because he's happy."

Asked what she was remembering about Mr. Dodson, Gallimore student Jessica Zomermaand, 10, of Canton, said, "He would let us skip in the halls."

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added. Improvements to Canton Center will help him eventually, Mathison said.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "Right now, traffic gets backed up from Ford to Hanford. Traffic will have a lot better flow. It'll be better for business."

In all, Wayne County plans to spend \$16.25 million on Canton roads this year. That represents 29.6 percent of the county's entire roads' budget, according to Roach.

The county pays for road improvements through gas taxes and bonds, he said. Dollars also come from the state Transportation Economic Development Fund.

The township gets involved, too. It's securing rights-of-way

'Right now, traffic gets backed up from Ford to Hanford. Traffic will have a lot better flow. It'll be better for business.'

—Bruce Mathison, hardware store owner

from land owners along Beck Road, which will be paved from Cherry Hill to Ford. Yack said the township is also assisting in the extension of Morton Taylor by paying about \$350,000 for sidewalks and landscaping.

"We spend about a \$1 million a year on roads," said Yack.

"Traffic must arms are another item on the township's road list this year. The stylish pieces make traffic lights and signs more visible and improve the appearance of intersections," said Yack.

Cherry Hill/Canton Center, Salt/Canton Center and Ford/Canton Center are just a few of the intersections that will get major work over the next month, he commented.

"They're about \$125,000 per intersection," he added.

According to Roach, the county will publish "construction guides" starting in mid-April.

It will list all road projects in Canton, Plymouth and Northville for 2000. The guide will be available at township halls and libraries, Roach said.

CLARIFICATION

A summary paragraph and photo caption in Thursday's Observer story about the Canton couple upset with a patio contractor should have identified the woman as Lina Patel.



Laying around: Members of the Smith Elementary team (left) show off their skills during the "Destination Imagination" regional competition at Grosse Pointe North High School. The Smith team took first for its "living baby book" that told the story of a do-do bird's adoptive life with a moose family.

Local students show 'Destination Imagination'

Students from Bird, Farrand and Smith elementary schools, as well as West Middle School, took a host of honors at the "Destination Imagination" regional competition of the Michigan Creativity Association held earlier this month in Grosse Pointe.

The fourth-and-fifth grade team from Farrand won first place for its six-minute presentation of student-written music, script, props and scenery.

A 5-foot tall living baby book that told the story of a do-do bird's adoptive life with a moose family was the creative concept that won first place for a team of Smith Elementary students.

The seven students from Smith also captured the tournament's top prize, the DaVinci Award, for originality in telling its story.

Students from Smith and Farrand will compete in the state finals April 15 in Mt. Pleasant. They are looking for sponsors to help defray travel and entry costs.

The elementary team from Bird won second place, and will also attend the state competition.

The West Middle School team took third place in the intermediate division. The team also received The Spirit of Discovery and Imagination Award for being superior role models in spirit, sportsmanship and volunteerism. Only two of the 85 teams in attendance were given the award.



Big winners: This Farrand Elementary team won with its six-minute presentation of student-written music, scripts, props and scenery.

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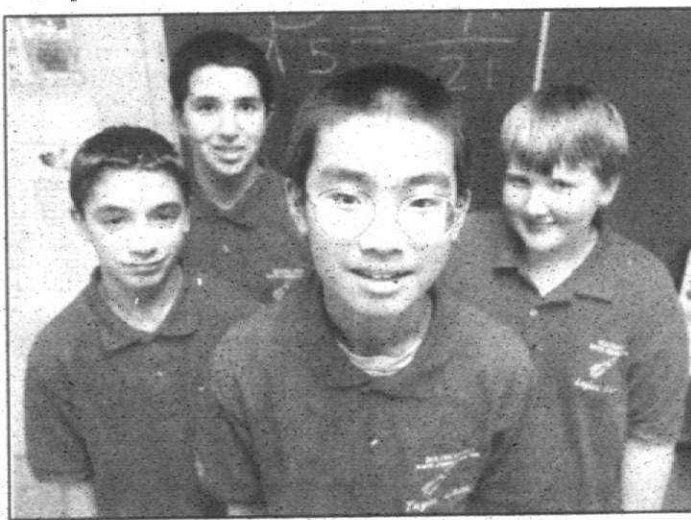
really helpful in the things I do, like science," added Neil Bochenek of Canton. "And besides, you need to know math to get any job nowadays."

The four East team members, all eighth graders, are part of an integrated math program which is equivalent to the curriculum of a high school sophomore. The three-year program includes algebra, geometry, statistics and trigonometry.

"It's really important in this day and age that we help all kids understand and succeed in math because all jobs require math," said East math teacher Jenny Melvik. "In reality, math is made up of patterns, and if a lot more people were taught that way ... like a game or puzzle ... they would do well in math."

The East Middle School team was the only one to get eight of 10 answers right on the team portion of the state competition, despite the fact that schools like Detroit Country Day, Cranbrook and Roper School for the Gifted all have private tutors helping their teams.

"We practiced a lot after lunch," said Ramie Abu-Zahra of Canton. "The state competition is mostly about prior knowledge in math."



Top students: Members of the East Middle School team that finished a close second in the recent Math Counts competition are (from left) Neil Bochenek, Ramie Abu-Zahra, Yuyin Chen and Logan Bitter.

"We came in for lunch every day and practiced," said Logan Bitter of Canton. "A lot of the problems in the state tests fit right in with what we're working on now. The team really helps each other out."

And that team concept is derived from the way Melvik

approaches teaching her class. "When you get into real life situations at a job, you don't work individually, you collaborate with your co-workers," she said. "My class works together in cooperative groups."

As Chen puts it, "Four heads are better than one."

Canton woman named to fill agency post

Laurel Gnagey of Canton has been named communications director for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Gnagey combines professional experience in broadcast journalism, public relations and higher education.

She returned to Michigan recently from Indiana where she taught journalism and public relations at Taylor University, a Christian liberal arts college. She also served as publications coordinator for Indiana Wes-



Laurel Gnagey

Pleasant. She also was a Chamber of Commerce manager in Big Rapids and director of public information at Mecosta County General Hospital, also in Big Rapids.

She holds a master of arts degree in broadcast and cinematic arts from Central Michigan University. Gnagey and her husband, Jeff, have three children: Kim, a sophomore at Plymouth-Salem High School, and Kyle and Kurtis, both seventh-graders at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

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millionaire, the 46-year-old winner said he plans to take his wife on a "good honeymoon" that they never got to take 25 years ago. He said he will also purchase a

new car and invest for his children's college education expenses.

A regular Michigan Lottery player for more than 10 years,

the Canton man said he enjoys working and playing Michigan Lottery games in his spare time.

Area women voice views on policing the Internet

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The Internet is either:
1) A vast resource of information and insight, or 2) a forbidding, dangerous place where children, in particular, should tread carefully.

Livonia librarian Barbara Lewis and legislative spokeswoman Sylvia Warner will likely agree to both descriptions. Where they differ is on how to police the Net.

On Thursday, Lewis and Warner shared their views before Suburban Republican Women's Club members at the Pick-A-Bone Rib House in Livonia.

Warner, who is press secretary to state Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, outlined legislative measures to curb cyber porn and on-line predators. Rogers, a former FBI agent, is sponsoring bills — two that have already become laws — dealing with Internet crime.

"He believes the Internet is a wonderful tool, but this is a new frontier," said Warner about her boss, who is the Senate Majority Floor Leader. "It's also like the Wild West. Criminals are finding it a great place to do their dirty deeds."

Predators arrested

Those deeds have been well-publicized, including one involving a Westland man who is charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old Livonia boy.

He met the victim through the Internet.

In a recent demonstration for state capital media, a police officer posed as a 13-year-old girl in a teen chat room.

Within two minutes, several adults replied with messages, "which immediately went down a sexually suggestive road," Warner said.

"No one realizes how aggressive these predators are. They are coming after our kids."

They're not waiting for our kids to come to them."

Law enforcement agencies, like the Wayne County Internet Crime Task Force, are helping, Warner said. The task force has made 15 arrests in the past year.

Library employees need to be aware of the Internet's dangers, Warner said.

They are, Lewis said, but they must contend with First Amendment and access issues.

Livonia public libraries have an Internet policy in place, which Warner lauded and said is in line with a pending Senate bill.

Senate Bill 936 would mandate libraries restrict minors' Internet access. Libraries, their boards and employees would subsequently be shielded from potential lawsuits in the proposed legislation.

That bill also requires libraries to ask for proof of age. Such a measure could have a "chilling effect on patrons," Lewis said.

Under Livonia's policy, anyone seen accessing sexually inappropriate material can lose their Internet privileges.

Computer terminals are available for children with software that filters objectionable material. The library also provides computers with unrestricted access.

However, filtering software is not a catch-all, Lewis said. "Filtering software companies are shooting at a moving target," she said.

"We don't want parents to have a false sense of security that filtering software will protect their children from all things offensive."

Library officials find themselves put in the middle on such Internet debates, Lewis said.

While understanding the need to protect children, libraries also face First Amendment issues.

"The Net is more like a set of encyclopedias," Lewis said.

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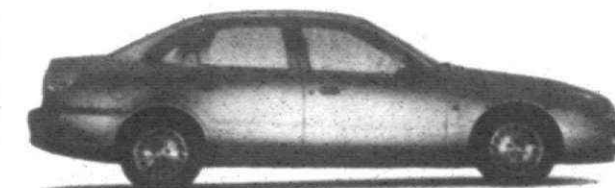
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Volunteer Voice/Sunday Report

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Habitat for Humanity Bottle Drive Saturday, April 1st

The Plymouth Volunteer Center working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity will be holding a spring house cleaning Pop Bottle Drive Saturday, April 1st from 8:00 until 1:00. Volunteers will be at the drive up in front of the Volunteer Center to collect your pop bottles. The Center located at 638 Starkweather, two blocks south of Station 885, is home to Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne County Affiliate. For more information on how you can help Habitat for Humanity, please call 459-7744. The proceeds from the bottle drive will go toward building six new homes this summer.

Clara Camp Citizens of the Year

Outstanding community-minded volunteers were honored at the annual Celebration of Hometown Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 12. Marti Coplai, the Clara Camp Citizen of the Year; Sally Welch, First runner-up for the Citizen of the Year Award; Ray Mueller, Finalist for the award; and Clara Camp herself. Congratulations to these exceptional Plymouth volunteers!

Plymouth Economic Club featuring Dennis Archer, David Brandon, Peter McPherson

The Plymouth Economic Club is pleased to announce three upcoming programs in their series of major headline events. Dennis Archer, Mayor of the City of Detroit, will be speaking at the noon luncheon on Wednesday, April 19. David Brandon, CEO of Domino's Pizza, is the guest of honor at the luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. The President of Michigan State University, Peter McPherson, will be speaking on September 26.

To make a reservation for one or more of these luncheons, please call 453-2920. Each luncheon is \$20 and is held at the Plymouth Manor on Main Street in Plymouth.



Governor John Engler was one of the featured speakers at the Tonquish (now Plymouth) Economic Club.

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It has been such a gratifying year that it is hard to believe that nearly 12 months have passed since we opened the doors of the Plymouth Community Foundation. I wanted to take a few minutes and review some of the highlights of this past year... a year in which we filed our articles of incorporation, received our fund raising license, filed our first tax return, and were notified by the I.R.S. that our 501 (c)(3) was in order.

We mailed out the first ever community survey to over 9,000 homes in Plymouth City and Plymouth Township, with over 20% of our neighbors taking time to answer the questions and mail them back in... a huge thanks to Dan Herriman for suggesting this project and Dr. Robert Smock for walking in one day and offering to help with the tabulation and results... "Never before has an in-depth survey been conducted in the community... the survey will provide a benchmark to measure community performance," Plymouth Observer...and

Opened the door to the Plymouth Volunteer Center right in the heart of Old Village Plymouth; where every day we see the hustle and bustle that makes this neighborhood so vital to Plymouth...and

Donated \$1,200 to the Plymouth Community Arts Council for their scholarship program - "Your generosity in funding the scholarship program is a great way to reach out to the community and encourage talented young people to pursue their dreams... thanks to the foundation and the good work you are already doing," Jennifer Tobin, Executive Director...and

Worked with Annette Horn on the Michigan State Chili Championship - "I have never had such great help and what a pleasure meeting

you all... If I needed something, it was done, and done well... thank you," Annette Horn...and

Donated \$100 to the Plymouth Salem Cheerleaders - "On behalf of the cheerleaders and coaches we would like to thank you for your generous contribution... a huge success because of your support," Plymouth Salem Cheer Team Boosters...and

Brought to Plymouth outstanding speakers for the Tonquish Economic Club such as L. Brooks Patterson, Ike McKinnon, Jennifer Granholm and Mike Duggan to join previous outspoken leaders such as Governor John Engler, Secretary of State Candace Miller and Supreme Court Justice Conrad Mallett...and

Worked with the Plymouth Symphony - "Thank you for helping to secure Station 885 for our Season Opening Concert After-Glow... thanks for your continued support," Julia Kurtyka, Executive Director...and

Donated \$1000 to the Plymouth Woman's Club of Plymouth for their annual Scholarship Ball...and

Donated \$250 to the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Scholarship Program...and

Pulled together an audience of more than 350 for the first annual arts celebration in downtown Plymouth at the Penn Theatre with an afterglow at the Mayflower Meeting House...and

Worked with a coalition of adults and youth to form the Plymouth Youth Forum which has been meeting since September to address issues relating to youth, youth activities and long term solutions to youth issues - "I am glad to see someone doing something about this... everyone has to have input into the process," Michele Potter, Plymouth City Commissioner...and

Worked with the Henry Ford Hospice and Victor West of Vanessa's Flowers to collect over 400 bud vases for use by Hospice with their patients - "Thank you for stepping in and helping with this project. We appreciate it so much," Sharon Cain, Hospice Coordinator...and

Served as Honorary Chair of the 1999 CROP Walk. Over 200 walkers representing Plymouth Canton churches participated...and

Worked with students at the Middle School to create and distribute surveys to students at the middle and high school level...and

Began accepting nominations for the Marilyn Massengill Beautification Awards, recognizing homeowners and businesses who work to provide beautiful landscaping - "We are going to frame our certificate and hang it in our home... thank you," Rosita Smith...and

Recognized the Annual Clara Camp Plymouth Citizen of the Year Award Winners - Marti Coplai, Sally Welch, Ray Mueller and Richard Swanagan at the Annual Celebration of Hometown...and

Turned over one half of our office space to Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne County Affiliate so that they would have a home to call their own. By providing them rent free space, assisting in their grant applications and working with their volunteers we bring dozens of people to Plymouth to work with this outstanding volunteer organization...

We have a lot more work to do, after all it has only been one year. With your help and continued support we will be able to expand our assistance to volunteer organizations, continue to work with outstanding volunteers and move



Bill Joyner, Founder, Plymouth Community Foundation and Volunteer Center

All of our work is done without the support of government. Hundreds of your neighbors have made donations ranging from \$10 to \$1000. Whereas some communities fund a volunteer center with tax dollars we do not. We exist only with your support. If you can help us with a contribution - great. If you can help us by volunteering - great. If you can stop by and say hello - great. We look forward to hearing from you!

I want to say how pleased I am that so many have taken the time to call or stop by. Your comments and offer of support is greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed this year immensely; having met so many new friends and I look forward to our second year together.

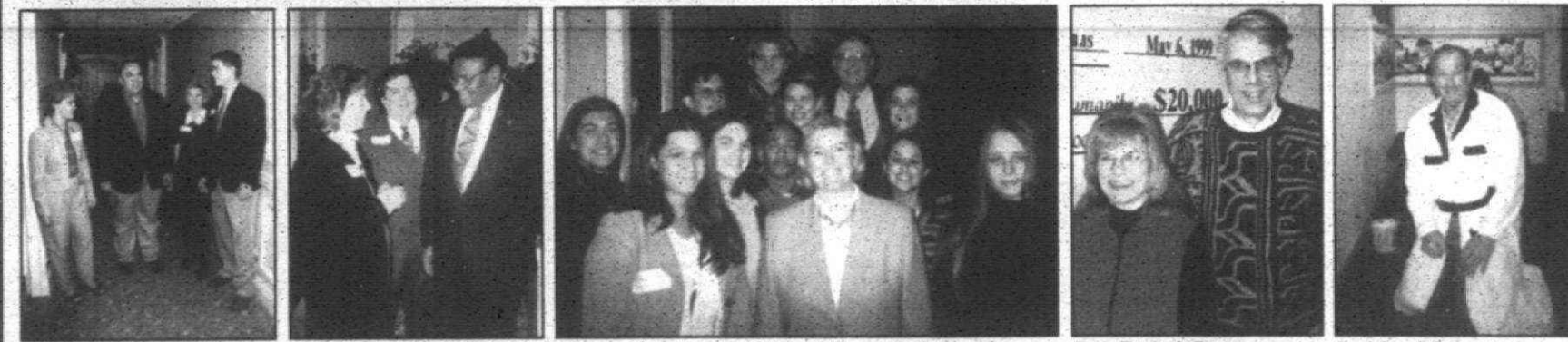
R. William Joyner - Founder
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Celebration of Hometown Dinner Dance

Nearly 200 friends and neighbors had a great time at the annual celebration of Hometown Dinner Dance on Valentine's Weekend. The dance, held at the elegant Fox Hills Country Club, had the support of many Plymouth business and community leaders. Those businesses making donations for the evening included Blackwell Ford, Van Esley Real Estate, Xerographic Solutions, Lakewood Landscaping, Deer Creek Builders, Carlson Wagonlit Travel Suncoast, First Security Title, American Casualty Insurance Agency, Loewe Painting, Mark Slavens Attorney and Saturn of Plymouth.

The evening was hosted by a committee consisting of Jim and Michele Potter, Lauri and Earl Hall, Jim and Anita Jabara, R. William Joyner, Dan Herriman and Mary Ann Prehlik, Robin and Jeff McHugh, Annette Stutrud, Bill Steiner, Harold Bergquist and Sheila Friedrich.



Governor John Engler, Joyce Costanzo, Sheila Friedrich and Paul Joyner at an Economic Club Luncheon. Ike McKinnon, Economic Club Speaker with Bill Joyner and Sheila Greene. Secretary of State Candace Miller with Close Up Students at an Economic Club Luncheon. Sheila Friedrich, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity and Senior Aide Lou Ruffin. Jim Jabara helping paint the Volunteer Center.

Leadership Plymouth

Do you know that the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce provides a comprehensive program which aids us in learning more about our community while making contact with many Plymouth movers and shakers?

It all began about 5 years ago when the then current head magistrate of the 35th District Court, Judge James Garber approached the Chamber Director Fran Toney about impending changes in the community. He observed community leaders retiring and the subsequent need to encourage others to step up and get involved. Jim also expressed a desire to ensure that the history of our community was passed along to those not aware of it. A group of others sharing these concerns soon formed a steering committee to explore the feasibility of a formal series of programs to introduce interested individuals to community involvement. This marked the conception of what would become Leadership Plymouth.

Many leadership training groups were contacted both state and nationwide to gather input in order to create the best possible program; and one and one half years later the first class of Leadership Plymouth completed their training! The Chamber recruits participants for each year's Leadership Class and targets businesses through newsletters and via word of mouth from alumni and is attempting to enroll participants from community residents at large.

The program requires monthly attendance at day-long sessions each focusing on a specific facet of our community. This year the class is exploring the following areas: Quality of Life & Culture, Government & Business Development, the Justice System, Education & Learning, Human Relations & Labor Unions, Human Needs & Services. In addition, each session culminates with a banquet.

FISH... Acts of Kindness

You've heard of random acts of kindness. Well how about "not-so-random" acts of kindness? FISH, the ancient symbol of the Christian Church, is an organized group of people who extend the arm of compassion for community members in need. A voluntary, non-professional, non-profit organization, FISH provides a direct, people-to-people expression of concern and caring for others in the Plymouth community.

Most FISH services are provided by volunteers on a one-time, emergency basis, with short term or continuing services provided in some cases. Typical acts of kindness rendered include: transportation, child care, meals, housework for the sick, errands. Other services may include reading to the blind, companionship for the

homebound, referrals, and locating medical or legal assistance.

FISH services are provided by volunteers of all denominations and faiths. Here's how it works. All calls for help are routed through an answering service that passes the request on to a FISH dispatcher. The dispatcher refers to the roster of volunteers and calls the one best suited to the request. Volunteers are typically only contacted once a month, unless they have indicated a preference to serve more. A volunteer is free to turn down any assignment if it conflicts with their personal schedule.

FISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE IT GO! If you want to become involved, call the FISH number (261-1101) or write to FISH, P.O. Box 6296, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Area hospitals provide emergency shelter for newborns

BY RENEE SMOGLUND
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Against the backdrop of the emergency room of the Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane in Dearborn, representatives from the prosecutors offices of Wayne, Macomb, Monroe and Washtenaw counties unveiled a new program Wednesday that will allow mothers to leave their unwanted newborns at area emergency rooms without fear of prosecution.

Called "Safe Haven for Newborns," the program aims to save newborns from abandonment and death. Several metro Detroit hospitals - including the Henry Ford Health System, Garden City and the University of Michigan Hospital - will participate in the program.

At the state level, legislation has been introduced to grant immunity from prosecution to mothers who safely abandon their newborns within 72 hours at a hospital in the presence of a health-care or emergency medical services worker. No criminal charges will be filed in cases where the newborn was not deliberately harmed after birth.

The legislation allows the parent to anonymously leave medical information with the health-care worker and grants the mother a 30-day window to

Safe Haven hospital sites

The following is a current list of Safe Haven sites:

Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe
Cottage Hospital, Grosse Pointe Farms
Garden City Hospital
Henry Ford Health System - Henry Ford Hospital
Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane
Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital
Mercy Memorial Hospital, Monroe
Mount Clemens General Hospital
Oakwood Healthcare System

Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn
Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne
Oakwood Heritage Hospital, Taylor
Oakwood Seaway Hospital, Trenton
St. John Hospital, Detroit
St. John-Macomb Hospital, Warren
University of Michigan Hospital

For information about Safe Haven for Newborns, United Way Community Services has provided a Tel-Help Line, 1-800-522-1183.

reclaim her baby. However, county prosecutors and participating hospitals are not waiting for the ink to dry on final legislation.

"We've got a problem. The prosecuting attorney's discretion is adequate to start a program for women who are so desperate," said George E. Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County. "These women are contemplating the most irresponsible thing possi-

ble, to leave your infant to die, and we have an alternative." Dr. Leland Ropp, an emergency room pediatrician at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, welcomed the program. "Seldom do you have a program that seems so right from the beginning. In an ideal world our babies would be loved and cared for. Unfortunately, it is not an ideal world."

In the past five months, at least four infants have been

abandoned in the metro Detroit area. Just last week, a baby boy was found in a garbage bag outside a Detroit church. The problem may be on the rise.

"A forthcoming report by the U.S. Health and Human Services Department shows that 105 babies of 4 million born in 1998 were found abandoned in the United States, and 33 of those children were dead when discovered or died shortly afterward," said Rep. Patricia Lockwood (D-Fenton), one of the chief sponsors of the legislation, in a recent press release. Rep. Gilda Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) is another sponsor.

The report also says authorities are concerned the problem will only get worse. The 1998 figures already show an increase over the 1991 numbers. In 1991, 65 infants were found abandoned, and of those eight were dead or died," Lockwood continued.

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she wants to share. The mother is thanked for leaving the baby in a safe place, and no further information is requested.

After a medical exam, the newborn is admitted to the hospital nursery as John or Jane Doe. An in-house supervisor then notifies a hospital social worker and the Family Independence Agency, which takes official custody and arranges for foster care after the newborn is medically cleared by the hospital.

The 30-day window in which a mother can change her mind is not automatic, said Ward. "It would be case by case." Also, the newborn is treated as a "true finding" after it is taken into custody by the FIA, and a petition to terminate the rights of

the parents is then publicly published.

But that does not automatically end the story. "Anyone can come in and oppose the petition," said Ward. The baby could end up with blood relatives.

Ward does not believe the program will promote irresponsibility, nor will it create more cases of abandoned babies. "It will help cases that already have been created," He hopes the program will eliminate a mother's fear of prosecution.

"If that's all it takes, we'll say you don't have to be afraid of us."

Turn to the Health & Fitness page D4 to read about the risks newborns face when abandoned.

complete a mail-in registration form and send it to the Admissions Office until April 21; or register in person in room 200 of the McDowell Center May 1 - 4 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information call (734) 462-4429.

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Schoolcraft registers for spring

Schoolcraft College's spring term registration is taking place now through May 4, with classes beginning Monday, May 8.

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TENSION AND TEMPERAMENT IN ARTHRITIS

Can tension cause arthritis? The cause of many arthritic conditions including rheumatoid and osteoarthritis, are not known, so no investigator can say with certainty what role tension plays. My experience is that anxiety, depression, and anger accompany arthritis, but with good reason. Individuals expressing such feelings usually have a basis in expectations ruined or severely compromised because of their joint condition.

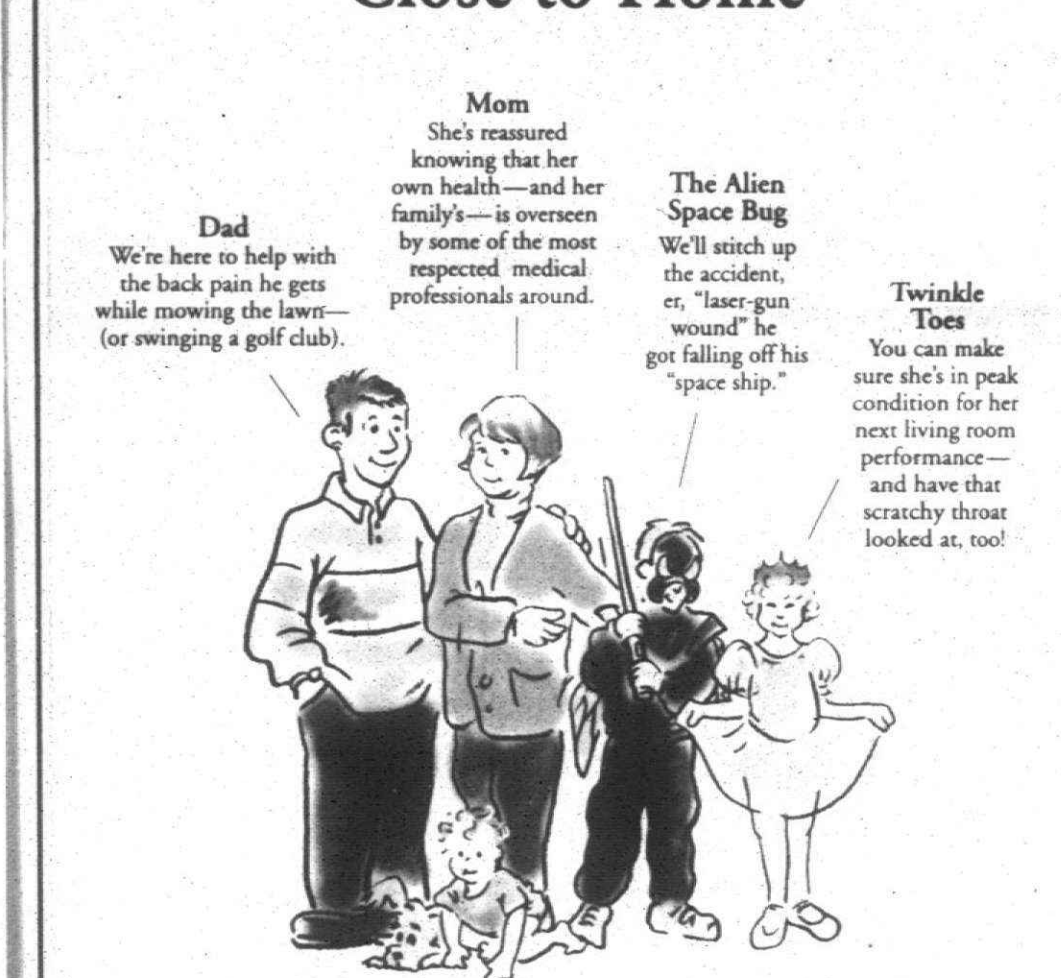
Temperament may play a role in problems such as fibromyalgia or myofascial pain syndrome. Again, in my experience, individuals who develop these rheumatic conditions are perfectionists, and tend to be demanding of themselves. They are very critical of themselves when they do not reach the goals or complete their personal plans.

The temperament of individuals who develop fibromyalgia includes being idealistic, possibly stubborn. These persons will hold to expectations when others of a different nature would reset their level of satisfaction.

Your doctor must consider the presence of tension and the nature of your temperament when developing therapy for your arthritis. In most cases, the answer is not a drug that works to change your mood. Such efforts make you lethargic without producing a change in your frame of mind. Instead, your doctor has to work out a way for you to cope with the emotional stresses that accompany your arthritis.

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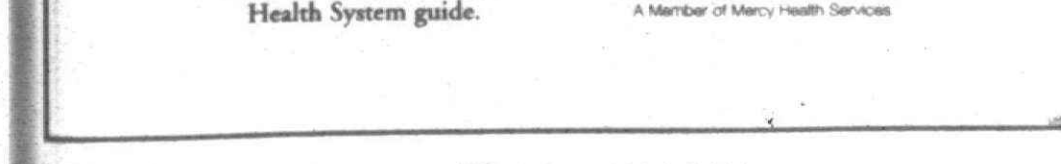
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decision. "I wish him well."

County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, both said the next airport director should have the proper training for the job.

"We need to have someone who is experienced and can hit the ground running," said Husk.

"Our goal is to make Metro a world-class airport. It should not be training ground at this point," she said.

Beard, noting that Katz "worked very hard to spruce up the airport and make it more user-friendly for the traveling

public," hopes his successor will have "the necessary academic and technical training, as well as the actual experience in running an airport."

"It wasn't his fault" he didn't have the credentials for the job, said Beard. "He tried very hard. He made a difference out there, but that was not his field."

Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Romulus, said Katz has "been under the gun" and "seems to get attacked (and) blamed for things not his fault."

"The airport kind of runs on its own on a lot of things," he said, and "a lot of it doesn't get down to some levels."

Sullivan said Steil's report was "another slap in his (Katz's) face" and that it so far hadn't revealed anything new.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, who has known Katz since his college days, said that "None of these wrongdoings that everyone is upset about happened under David's watch. And the whole purpose of his being put in to clean up the airport was that McNamara wanted someone he trusted 110 percent."

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity said it was understandable why McNamara, a top Democratic Party leader in Michigan, would blame Katz's resignation on Republican legislators.

But "anybody with any sense can take a look at all the critics (of Katz's appointment and problems at Metro) standing shoulder deep" and would realize that "to cite a small group in the state legislature is ridiculous."

S'craft receives \$500,000 gift

BY RICHARD PEARL
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The Thompson-McCully Foundation has given Schoolcraft College a \$500,000 contribution to be used immediately for student scholarships leading to tuition and books.

The half-million-dollar gift from the foundation that was created by Robert and Ellen Thompson of Plymouth was announced at Thursday night's college board of trustees meeting by Norene Thomas, Schoolcraft director of marketing and development.

Thomas said the gift is "somewhat unique" in that the foundation specified the gift not be placed in a fund.

"They want to make a contribution to the under-served populations," Thomas said.

Robert Thompson, a longtime friend and supporter of Schoolcraft who will be this year's commencement speaker, is the former owner of Thompson-McCully, which was Michigan's largest asphalt-paving company when he sold it for \$461 million in 1999 and then shared \$128 million with his employees.

Thompson's generosity grabbed headlines around the world and, according to the ABC program "20-20", made million-

aires of 77 employees who had no retirement plans.

Thompson, who founded the company with \$3,500 saved by Ellen, his wife of 45 years, paid the taxes on each of the million-dollar gifts by giving each person \$1,528,000.

Another 550 individuals were given \$2,000 in increments based on years of service.

The Thompsons have lived in Plymouth 37 years.

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"I could see American Airlines add flights and Southwest Airlines going from 40 flights a day to 70," he said.

The big corporations based in, or having facilities in, metropolitan Detroit make it "very, very enticing and I would predict you will see other carriers grow, and grow incrementally" - potentially by as much as 100 total new flights per day, he said.

As for the problems with the parking lot contracts not having been bid out in over 40 years, Katz said he is "still answering questions about something" done before he became director.

"There's no example of that

happening in my watch," he said. "I know what I did the last two years. The record is there."

Katz said his decision to take over the golf operations came while he was writing up a job description and realized "that is the job I wanted."

Now that the Auburn Hills facility is up and running 12 months a year, "It's like a little baby that needs constant attention."

As for the "very emotional" period since his announcement, Katz said he's been "overwhelmed with the kindness" others have shown.

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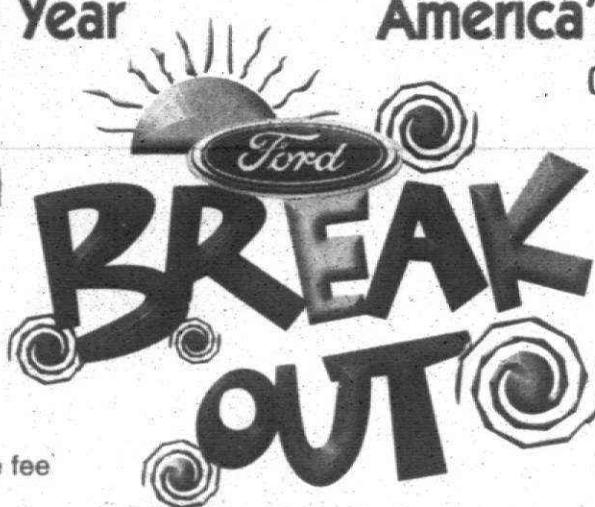
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Sports Club 1st

The Sports Club of Novi Level 6 gymnastics team collected top honors at the Champion's Derby Classic March 11 in Louisville, Ky. Sports Club scored 110.35, giving them their second win in a row; on March 4, they won the Salute to Michigan meet at Birmingham Groves HS with a score of 105.05.

Team members are Nicole Roach of Canton, Chelsea Selden of Plymouth, Sarah Ilkhani-Pour of Northville, Erica Schick of Livonia, Amanda Green of New Hudson and Emma Platt of Novi. The team is coached by Jen Quinlan and Shan Uson.

Mitchell signs letter

Schoolcraft College guard Gilbert "Quentin" Mitchell, who averaged 13.3 points per game for the 24-7 Ocelots, signed a national letter of intent Tuesday night to play basketball for Western Illinois University of the Mid-Continent Conference.

The 6-foot-4 Mitchell, a Detroit Cody High product, shot 50 percent from the floor, including a team-best 40.8 percent from three-point range.

He made second-team All-Eastern Conference in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Western Illinois finished 8-22 last season with a 3-13 conference record. Coach Jim Kerwin is 111-114 in eight seasons with the Leathernecks.

Golf outing

The WaCo Wolves USA Travel Baseball Club is sponsoring a golf outing fund-raiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth (located at 44115 Five Mile).

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf (shotgun start, four-person scramble), prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, beer and pop on the course, a complete steak dinner and door prizes. A skins competition and a 50/50 raffle are also available.

Individual or business "hole sponsorships" are also available for \$100. Donations will be accepted, too.

All proceeds go to benefit the WaCo Wolves travel teams. Checks should be made payable to the WaCo Wolves.

For further information, call John or Karen Abrahamson at (248) 473-1336.

Hoop coach needed

Walled Lake Central HS is searching for a new varsity boys basketball coach. Salary is commensurate with current Master Agreement Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule.

The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. April 7. Job description is available upon request. Interested candidates may submit an application to: David Yarbrough, director of athletics and physical education, Walled Lake Schools, 850 Ladd, Bldg. D, Walled Lake, MI, 48390.

For more information, call (248) 956-2073.

Hockey sign-up

Registration is now underway for adult spring recreational hockey leagues.

The Rockets (over 21 years) will play Sundays and Thursdays at the Artic Pond Arena in Plymouth; the Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play Sundays and Wednesdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center; the Golden Eagles (over 49) will play Sunday and Wednesday nights at the Artic Pond.

The season runs April 2-May 11. To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail him at: john@rspi.net.

Golf league sign-up

The Canton Parks and Recreation Men's Golf League will begin April 26 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

The 18-week league season costs \$420, which includes all league greens fees, prize money, league outing and awards. Play will be on Wednesdays, with 5-6 p.m. tee times; golfers will be paired as two-man teams for league play.

The league is limited to 36 golfers and to Canton residents only until March 31. Register between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Canton Parks and Recreation Services.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Two of the best

Chiefs have the weapons for a state title run

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Two years ago, it was a disappointment when Plymouth Canton's girls soccer team didn't get out of the state district tournament.

But when it happened again last year, once again with a loss to arch-rival Plymouth Salem, it bordered on unbearable.

The 1999 defeat against a team the Chiefs had handled with ease a week earlier — they beat Salem 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Championship match — was especially painful.

Those previous results have led to a simmering determination, with the Chiefs already focused intently on what happens after the regular season ends.

But first things first, and there's plenty of business for Canton to take care of prior to the state playoffs. The talent to handle it is there, to be sure — one reason the Chiefs were sixth in the pre-season state rankings.

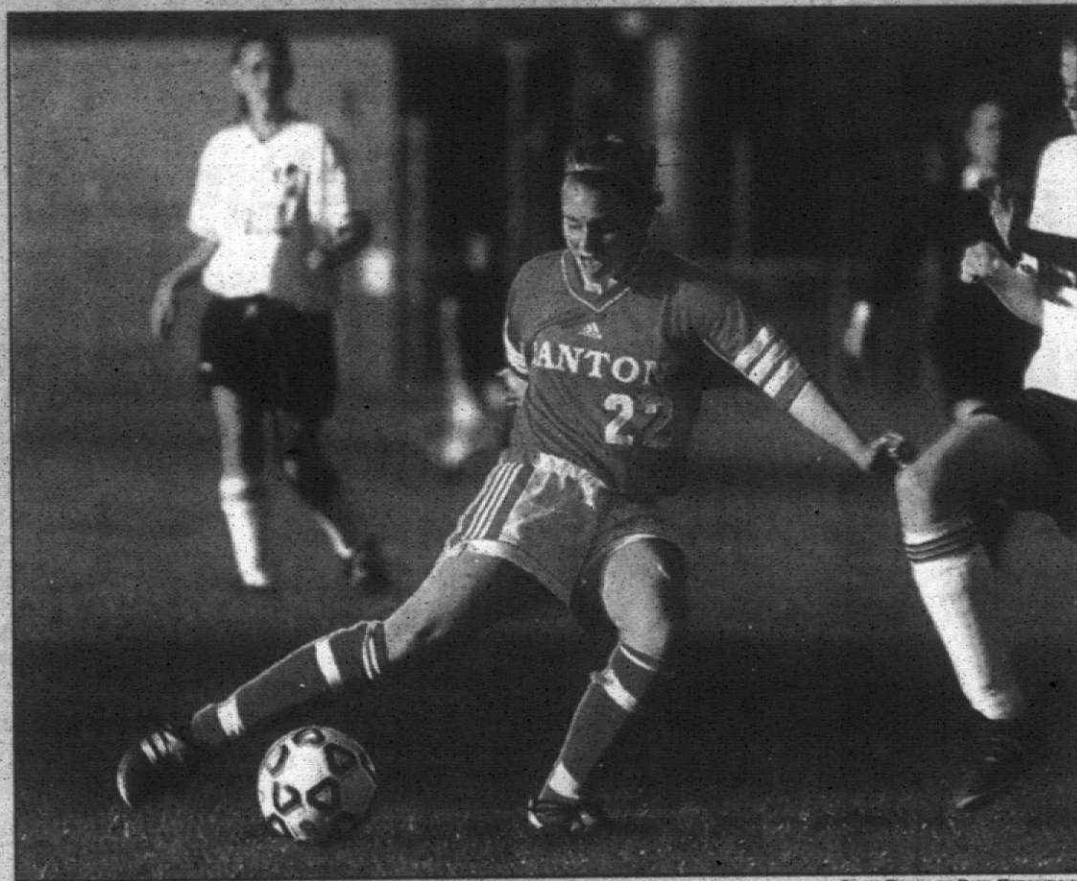
Of course, motivation can be found there as well. Canton may be sixth, but Salem is fourth and Livonia Stevenson is second.

"We didn't end up that well last year," Canton coach Don Smith explained, reflecting on last season's 14-3-3 record. "So I can understand that, why they're ahead of us. And I'm glad it's like that."

Certainly, no one will be misled as far as the Chiefs are concerned. As long as Anne Morrell is one of them, they'll be dangerous.

Morrell, now a junior, is still one of the state's premier players. She's already committed to the University of North Carolina, and she's part of the under-18 national team. Last season Morrell scored 32 goals for Canton.

But this isn't a one-person team by any interpretation. Abi Morrell, Anne's older sister (Abi's a



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

Counted on to score: Amanda Lentz emerged as a goal-producing threat for Plymouth Canton last season. An all-division selection as a sophomore, Lentz and Anne Morrell give the Chiefs one of the most feared scoring tandems in the state

senior), is also extremely adept. A stopper last season, Abi will move to defensive midfielder or perhaps attacking midfielder this season, Smith said.

"She hits the ball pretty well," the Chiefs' coach said. "She's a tough ballplayer."

Abi has signed with Western Michigan University for next fall.

She's one of four seniors on the current team, and she shares the team captainship with sweeper Jessica Palis, another returnee who figures to solidify

the defense.

Helping her achieve that will be senior keeper Amy Dorogi, another returning starter. The fourth senior is also a keeper, back-up Katie Schwartz.

One player in particular who should take the heat off Anne Morrell offensively is Amanda Lentz, a junior who scored 16 goals last season and was the Chiefs' second-leading scorer.

Although Canton lost just three seniors who con-

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Rocks' foundation solid

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It's the beginning of a new era for Plymouth Salem's girls soccer team, and hopes are running high.

The Rocks have a new coach: Joe Nora has been hired as Doug Landefeld's replacement. Landefeld resigned after last season when his family was relocated to Kansas City (his wife is an Air Force doctor).

In four years, Landefeld had guided the Rocks to a 51-18-7 record, winning the last two state district championships. However, Salem had never survived the state regionals, losing to soon-to-be state champion Livonia Stevenson two years ago and to Ann Arbor Pioneer last season.

Last year, the Rocks upset Canton in the districts 1-0 after losing to the Chiefs 3-1

SALEM

in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship match. They finished with a 12-6-2 record and a highly-promising future: only three members of that team were seniors.

Then came the news that their coach was leaving, which quite naturally was accompanied by a bit of uncertainty.

That feeling now seems part of the past. Nora, a 1990 alumnus of Redford Catholic Central who also graduated from St. Bonaventure University in Allegheny, N.Y., was hired in December to succeed Landefeld.

Nora brings an extensive background in soccer — he coached Walled Lake Western's varsity boys team until getting hired at Salem, and he works at Total Soccer as well

as coaching clubs from Novi and Northville — to a situation not completely familiar to him.

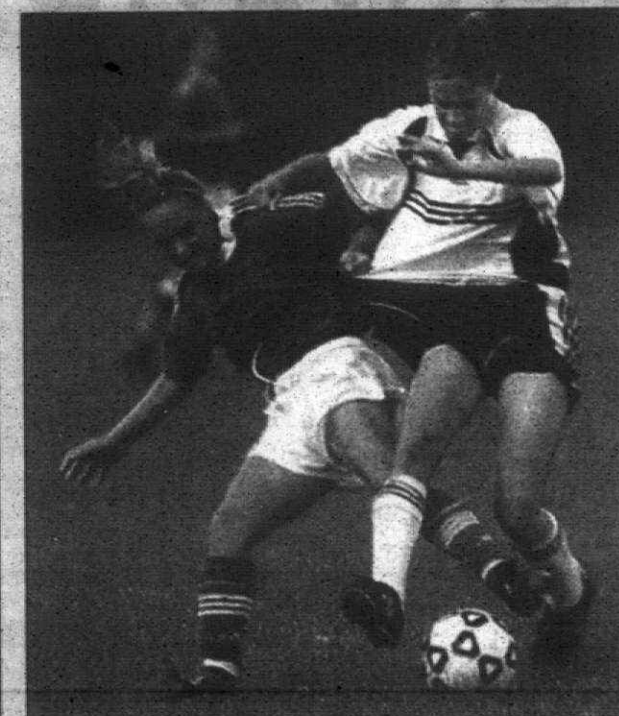
For one, this is the first time he's been the head coach of a girls high school varsity team. Also, the talent level is more than he's had to work with in similar circumstances.

"It's a little different," he said half-in-jest. "It's a nice situation to be in. They're a lot more physical than I thought they would be. These girls are very competitive."

And, as Nora was quick to point out, talented. Gone are forward Kristina Seniuch, midfielder Andrea Weinman and defender Danelle Filips.

Returning are nine seniors — "which is nice," Nora said. For that reason, state coaches have placed Salem fourth in the Division I pre-season rankings.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Tough to beat: That's what Salem figures to be, if Kellee Mullin (left) and her teammates can supply the goal-scoring.

Ocelots add 6 key recruits

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Tom Teeters hopes to parlay a strong recruiting class into more volleyball victories this fall at Schoolcraft Community College.

The Ocelot coach, who has guided Schoolcraft to a National Junior College Athletic Association championship (1988), has inked six strong recruits including Observerland standouts Andrea Kmet (Livonia Franklin), Megan Sheehan (Livonia Churchill), Jessica Tilson (Livonia Ladywood) and Amy Kiefer (Walled Lake Central).

Also in the fold is Francesca Hamilton (South Lyon) and Jana Nitschke (Germany), along with walkon Amy Cadovich (Churchill).

Schoolcraft is coming off a 20-22 season. The Lady Ocelots tied for second in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and finished first in NJCAA Division I-Region 12.

Kmet, a 5-foot-10 outside hitter and middle blocker, was a first-team All-

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Observer pick as a junior. She helped the Patriots to two Class A regional finals, a pair of Western Division titles in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 82 wins in two years.

She also plays softball for Franklin and carries a 3.8 grade-point average.

"We're primarily looking at Andrea as an all-around player and a good leader," Teeters said. "We see a lot of possibilities for her because she's a very smart player."

Kiefer, a 5-10 outside hitter, can play the right or left side. She helped Central (44-8-2) to the state semifinals in Class A and a WLAA title. She also runs track and carries a 3.0 GPA.

"Amy is a high jumper, very athletic," Teeters said. "She's explosive as an attacker because of her jumping ability."

Tilson is a 5-11 middle blocker who carries a 3.5 GPA. She helped the Blazers win their ninth consecutive Catholic League A-B Division champi-

onship.

"I coached her when I was at Ladywood and I've seen her improve over the years," the SC coach said. "She can play the right or left side and has a good, top-spin serve."

Megan Sheehan, a 5-7 outside hitter, was one of Churchill's top performers. She also played basketball and softball for the Chargers.

"I noticed her speed, quickness and jumping ability," Teeters said. "She'll be a great addition to our defense and she gives us outside hitting."

Hamilton, a 5-10 middle hitter, caught Teeters' eye at the Class A district. Teeters, who coaches Plymouth Salem, believes Hamilton can add athleticism to the squad. She is a state qualifier in track and plays basketball.

"She really impressed us the way she passed from the backline and the way she hit off the quick set," Teeters said.

Hamilton also carries an impressive 3.89 GPA.

Nitschke, 22, is attending classes at Schoolcraft and carries a 3.5 GPA. The

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Loss finishes regular season



It was a loss, but it didn't mean a whole lot.

The London Knights popped in four first-period goals Friday night

and rode the onslaught to a 5-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game.

The Whalers had already assured themselves of having the best record and home-ice advantage throughout the OHL playoffs.

Coach Peter DeBoer thus decided to rest his mainstay players for Saturday night's playoff opener. (Results of Plymouth's first three post-season games will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

The Whalers scored their only goal in the second period. Captain Randy Fitzgerald scored at 14:01, assisted by Stephen Weiss and Jonathan Billy.

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tributed last season — all three were role players — the defense will be restructured, and so will parts of the midfield.

Palis remains at sweeper and Dorogi is in goal, but the marking-back positions will be handled by junior Janine Gustella,

who came off the bench in the midfield last season, and sophomore Rachel Lindman, a substitute a year ago who will move into a starting spot this year.

Arielle Bryant, a junior who came off the bench last season, will start at stopper this year as

Abi Morrell moves forward. Two other juniors, Allison Mills and Melanie Dunn, return as starting outside midfielders, and Beth Sandusky, also a junior, will play at stopper and defensive midfield. Sandusky was a forward last season.

Stephanie Johnson is another sophomore (like Lindman) who saw plenty of action as a freshman at attacking midfield and forward. She'll play the same positions this year.

Others who figure to contribute are juniors Sarah Heimerl at midfield, Betsy Huebler and Betsy Radtke on defense, Nicole Schilk in goal

and at midfield, and Tara Rhoades at keeper; sophomores Lindsay Lasher (defense), Ashley Rosen (midfield/forward), Sarah Plymale (midfield) and Shaina Smith (defense); and freshmen Erica Ahrens (outside midfield/forward), Kara Marsh (outside midfield/forward) and Brianna Wolcott (keeper/defense). It all spells success for Canton and trouble for the opposition — at least potentially. The Chiefs have loads of experience (many of the current juniors logged plenty of varsity minutes last season) and a lot of talent. And they definitely have goal-scoring capabilities.

"We should be," was Smith's answer when asked if his team would be good. "We've got some good runners."

That's a necessity in Smith's system. But the Chiefs will need more scorers to make a run at the state title, and Smith knows it — especially if Anne Morrell misses significant portions of the season due to her commitments with the national team.

"With Anne and Amanda on top, they're going to be hard to stop," he said. "They're going to score goals."

"But others have to contribute," he added, explaining that with everyone concentrating

on Lentz and Anne Morrell openings are there for others.

Of course it was like that in '99, but the other Chiefs didn't take full advantage. "We were young last year," explained Smith.

Salem and Stevenson will be difficult opponents, to be sure. But Smith is looking forward to it.

"It's going to be a good season," he said. "We haven't got out of the districts the last two years — that's the main thing. Everything else is incidental."

"The girls are determined. I think we'll be in good shape." They certainly should be.

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Although the coach is different, many of the players remain the same. On defense, there's senior sweeper Christen Shull (who's signed with Madonna University), senior stopper Jessica Bucks, senior marking back Brandy Groves and junior marking back Maureen Griffith.

In goal, junior Jill Dombrowski is back.

"This is the strongest defense we can put out there," said Nora. Indeed, it's one of the strongest in the state, with Shull — an all-conference defensive ace in the WLA last season — and Dombrowski, who was all-division in

the WLA last season. The midfield consists of seniors Jeannine Edwards and Suzy Towne at the center mid spots, and juniors Rachel Berezak and Danielle Portelli and sophomore Natalie Thomas at the outside positions. Edwards and Towne were all-WLA a year ago as well.

"She's just a strong player all over the field," said Nora of Towne. "She's a great complement to Jeannine in the middle."

The forward line has Kellee Mullin, a junior, and senior Jamie Coyle. Coyle, who's signed with Western Michigan, was all-division last season.

With such a lineup of returnees, it's not surprising to hear Nora note that his team's biggest problem is getting to know each other.

"Our only weakness going into the season is that we're unfamiliar with each other," he said. "But that seems to be changing rapidly."

Player deployment will be changed. "We'll run a 4-2-4 that shifts into a 3-5-2 with our two outside midfielders pushing forward," explained Nora. "Then it will shift to a 3-3-4."

Pushing players forward into the attack is the key — and, for Salem, was a problem last season. Scoring goals did not come easily to the Rocks.

Speed is of the utmost importance, a quality the Rocks possess. That's why Nora will rotate three midfielders at the center spots and six at the outside positions.

"I figure it will take a couple of games to get things sorted out,"

he said. "Definitely our strength is our depth. In fact, I may have trouble finding time for everyone."

"As far as scoring goals, we'll just have to wait and see."

Nora's position in his first year as coach could not be better, what with the level of ability and senior leadership. "We have set a few team goals," he said. "To be positive, be focused and be intent for each game. If we do that, the wins will come."

"My job is preparing those girls for going on and playing elsewhere, and make sure they develop as people."

It's certainly a team that could challenge for the title as state's best. Then again, so are WLA rivals Canton (sixth in the pre-season poll) and Livonia Stevenson (second in the pre-season).

It's a fun position to be in, if you like going against the best. With perhaps two matches against Canton and Stevenson, and singles against Troy Athens and Troy, the road won't be an easy one for the Rocks.

Wanted: sports cliches



PAUL BEAUDRY

A bunch of us were sitting around the office the other day, shooting the breeze, chewing the fat and one staffer wounder out loud "why are left-handed pitchers always termed 'crafty'?"

Now, for the life of me I couldn't answer her. Heck, I can think of one left-hander who came out of this area a few years ago who wouldn't have been termed crafty if he co-hosted a show with Carol Duvall on the Home and Garden Network.

I digress.

On the heels of that, someone else — OK, it was our real estate reporter Doug Funke — chimed in that "we need to get some new sports cliches. The ones we use now are getting boring."

You could have knocked me over with a feather. No, not because Funke came up with an idea, but because it was a good idea.

I mean, here's a guy who is competitive, plays smart, tries to put his pants on one leg at a time like everyone else, works hard, plays hard, and this time, came through in the clutch.

Now, I am not advocating the use of bodily fluids in the search for new cliches. The old ones with bodily fluids will do just fine.

But right here and right now, old cliches have to stop. Coaches, it's time to end the madness. It's time to stop giving the other team credit.

Players, it's time to quit saying that it's your house and you didn't want to lose. Seniors, it's time to find something else to motivate you other than it's your senior year and you wanted to show some senior leadership.

So here's the deal, people. Come up with some new sports cliches. If they're clever enough, we'll run them here in a couple of weeks because, hey, we've got to give you credit. For the best ones, we'll come up with a trinket, bauble or token of our appreciation. In other words, here's a chance to win FREE STUFF! E-mail me to paulbeaudry@oe.com or fax 'em to me at 734-591-7279 and I'll take it from there.

But do it quickly. The deadline for this should be obvious — the cliché contest is over when, you guessed it, the fat lady sings.

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CYO football

The Catholic Youth Organization will have a meeting for those boys in grades 3-8 who want to play CYO football at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

All boys interested in playing are invited to attend this informational meeting. Our Lady of Good Counsel is located at 1062

Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Mike Girsks at (734) 454-0847 or at (734) 427-6270.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Girak, 3625 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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5-11 setter is a German native presently residing in Plymouth. "Jana called us earlier in the year," Teeters said. "She has not played in two years, but she has tremendous experience. She has been playing since she was seven and has been coached by her father."

"She knows the game very well, has a good serve and good hands."

Cadovitch, a 5-8 outside hitter, was named Churchill's Most Improved her junior season. She

plans to major in business. "This is by far one of our strongest classes," said Teeters, who has been at the helm for 16 years. "I believe this class will be competitive and it is academically strong."

Five players are scheduled to return next season for SC including Nicole Boyd (Franklin), Lauren Ruprecht (Churchill), Amanda Yaklin (Central), Rebekah Thornton (Ladywood) and Toni Forynski (Dearborn Heights).

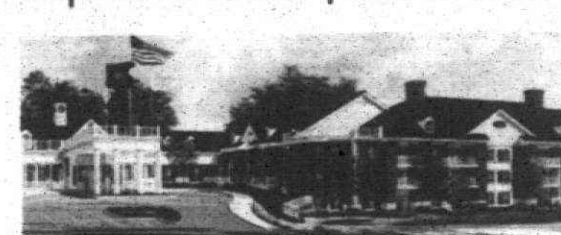
Teeters is also expected to add Gretchen Sexton, a 5-6 defensive specialist. Sexton carries a 3.98 GPA.

"She's been out two years and will be a sophomore," the SC coach said. "She was on our 1997 team."

Teeters, however, is not completely done. He is trying to sign two more players, including two out of the Western Lakes Activities Association.



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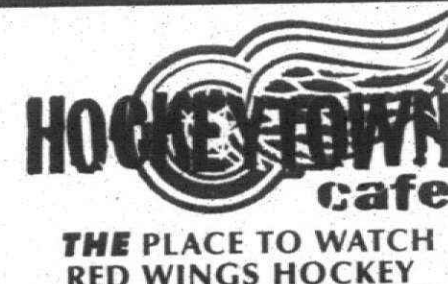
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RECREATION AND BOWLING

ABC outlines internet goals, among others



AL HARRISON

They call it "The Land of Enchantment," and that is a pretty accurate way to describe Albuquerque, N.M., site of this year's American Bowling Congress tournament and 109th ABC National Convention.

The tournament itself runs from March through June. The convention took place last week with more than 1,200 delegates from throughout the USA and Canada taking part.

The ABC is recognized worldwide as the premier sports membership organization. It services about two million members with a wide variety of benefits. They include an awards program, standardized rules, bonding protection of league funds, system of bowling, organization and coordination of local associations, new tournaments, education and league materials.

ABC is also on the internet

with bowl.com as the window to millions of internet users. Executive Director Roger Dalkin announced a strategic plan to develop and deliver services to provide more than ever for the members and to guide the ABC.

Included are product changes and services, reworking the volunteer network, a new recognition/awards program and advancing new technologies such as the WinLabs system.

If there are leagues operating without the benefits that the ABC provides, they are missing the boat.

The advantages of membership are even more important for individual bowlers than ever before.

I came away from Albuquerque with this message to all bowlers:

"How fortunate we all are to have this great organization, the American Bowling Congress, in place and working for us."

ABC is ours, and I am proud to be a member.

•Keynote speaker at the ABC convention was Peter Vidmar,

who led the U.S.A. gymnastics team to victory in the 1984 Olympics. He is a great motivational speaker and demonstrated some of his moves on the pommel horse as he talked about risk, originality and virtuosity, three elements that it takes to rise above the ordinary competitors.

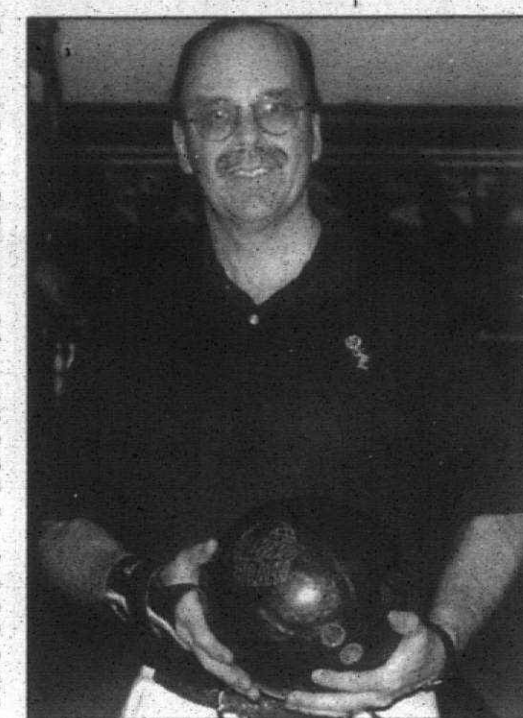
The same principles, he said, can be applied to our daily lives.

•During Saturday's activities we experienced a massive power failure.

Started by a careless smoker, electricity was completely out from El Paso to Las Vegas. The convention had just ended, but there were hundreds of bowlers competing at that time in the convention center.

The power was out for four hours, during which time the tournament was halted. The lights came back on about 8:30 p.m., the competitors then had to resume bowling — with some even bowling into the wee hours of the morning in order to keep the rest of the squads on schedule.

By the way, this reporter did



Perfecto: Larry Geiger of Livonia got his first-ever perfect game when he rolled a 300 at Livonia's Woodland Lanes.

bowl in the team event, but not well enough to write about. Other highlights were, selec-

tion of the top twenty bowlers for the 20th Century, induction of the new Hall of Fame honorees

with the living members of the ABC Hall of Fame being recognized.

•Larry Geiger was, until recently, the circulation manager of this newspaper.

He can still deliver — on the lanes — as he rolled his first 300 game at Woodland Lanes in Livonia.

He converted the dreaded 7-10 split a couple years ago, a feat most consider rarer than a perfect game.

Last year, I suggested he enter the Pro-Am event at Taylor Lanes when he said he needed a new ball. He did, and not only received the Storm 'El Nino Wrath,' he even cashed in the event.

Larry gives full credit to Ray Kreuter of Ray's Pro Shop at Westland Bowl for much of his recent success, as Ray drilled up his ball.

He also watched Larry throw and made some good recommendations on his delivery (not the newspaper). Since then he has taken new responsibilities in promotional activities here at the Observer.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

<p>Mayflower Lanes (Redford)</p> <p>Friday Seniors: Tom Newbrough, 258/748; Oli Clack, 268/734; Rich Zecheranski, 249/717; Howard Davis, 258/698; Andy Wright, 244/687.</p> <p>Detroit Diesel Title: Charles Hodorowski, 267/702; Jim Pierce, 278/692; Bill Gallagher Jr., 740.</p> <p>Monday Seniors: Ed Patrick, 259/246/720; Gerry Zaleski, 269/690; Jim Zelen, 267/657; Jim Priebe, 268/650; Jim Kieba, 245/693; Andy Parotto, 248/244/666; Tom Hay, 255/647.</p> <p>Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: "Wrong Foot" Lancaster, 247-215/720; Cliff Taylor, 243-208-242/693; Jim Zelen, 241-247/687; Ted Kress, 241/649; Frank Palmeri, 217-243/598.</p> <p>Good Neighbors: Jackie Sepulveda, 193; Gail Galt, 210.</p> <p>G & G Auto: Lori Houghtaling, 235/618; Ann Niedmeyer, 214/607; Sheryl (Mrs. G.) Q. Newton, 235/578; Linda Dietz, 213/576; Linda Batko, 245/659; Janet Smith, 215/573.</p> <p>Tom's Country Lanes (Westland)</p> <p>Wayne Westland Schools: Dick Fisch, 266.</p> <p>Arlene C. J. Blovin, 254; Al Lang, 279; Gary Brudin, 258.</p> <p>W. B. Memorial Open: Adam Krey, 279/729; Marc Abdilla, 275/776; Marc Kozoratzki, 268; Bob Raymond, 259.</p> <p>Inter-City Mixed: Ray Blaw, 234; Jerry Phillips, 228; Jeff Pao, 238.</p> <p>Westland Bowl</p> <p>Monday 8:30 p.m. Men: Jeffrey Schmidt, 227/584; Harmon Graves, 228/595; Ed Grimm, 222/589; Dennis Martin Jr., 221; Carl Kuehnel Sr., 216.</p> <p>Monday Morning Men: John Burns II, 237/650; Randy Kline, 233/626; Bob Simons, 233/663; Bob Rulin, 225/618; Walter Machnik, 222/544.</p> <p>E/O Nord Thine: Dale Rine, 254/684; Kathy Brown, 252/626; Mark Hiltunen,</p>	<p>247/623; Gary Shiemke, 246/676; Marge Villard, 218/602.</p> <p>Sunday Dilemmas: Wade Hampton Jr., 300; Stephen Fedukovich, 269/656; Darren Clark, 278; Don Vokytovsky, 278/652; Tim Lindon, 268/728; Jimmy Hickenbottom, 268/654.</p> <p>E/O Double Trouble: David Labon Jr., 255/642; David Fink, 245/614; Kris Barnett, 203; Bill Barron, 219/555; Kathy Straight, 201/508.</p> <p>Thursday Nite Mixed: Brian Bailey, 279/630; Candy Bailey, 249/621; Ken Fabian, 245/581; Frank Buser, 236/634; Dean Nely, 234/596.</p> <p>Westside Champs: Theresa Bologna, 220; Sunday Quinn, 214/504; Gerd Lassien, 210/579; Cathy Franzach, 204/539; Mary Marvao, 200/533.</p> <p>NASCAR Title: Bill Eley, 246/586; Mike Boucher, 225/628; Holly Stevenson, 209/533; Dan Doodie, 217/622.</p> <p>Tuesday Youth Double: Julia White, 92 triplicate.</p> <p>Saturday Youth Coca Cola League:</p> <p>Majors: Pat Barry, 225/617; James Butler, 238; David Reese, 222; Rob Ladman, 225; John Leskins, 224.</p> <p>Juniors: Aaron Manning, 257/610; Darnell Olds, 229/610; Eric Vokytovsky, 218; Dace Almsworth, 175.</p> <p>Preps: Michael Martin, 144; Kevin Jamieson, 144; Chelsea Cahill, 150; Melissa Dimitri, 138.</p> <p>Bantams: Tyler Lindon, 123; Courtney Smith, 120; Joanna Vokytovsky, 113.</p> <p>Coaches (Livonia)</p> <p>Al-Star Bowlers: Corneli Allen, 299-235/714; David Bettin, 232-224/702; Tamika Glenn, 279-223/777; Angela Wirt, 215-268/665; Cindy Marchetti, 278; Petsey Wray, 233-236/287/05.</p> <p>Pro Inter-Plant: Jim Telly, 245/648; Jim Oliver, 201-227/609.</p> <p>G.W.B.A. City Tournament: Shigeo Danno, 239/680; Bob Tully, 257/665.</p> <p>Woodland Lanes (Livonia)</p> <p>Local 132 Bantams: Roy Lince, 244; Jon Jarman, 205-218-228/647; Frank Berland,</p>	<p>201-213-218/632.</p> <p>Ford Parts: Gary Shatter, 300/736; Ken Stempfen Jr., 276/727; Mike Malozie, 257/687; Alan Wegala, 208; Vaughn Piskot, 187.</p> <p>Morning Stars: John Weiss, 266/708; Mark Shiemke, 280/764; Dave Grabos, 279/750; Glenn Bradford, 713; Jim Rozell, 713.</p> <p>Early Birds: Karen Govenor, 208/505; Marilyn Gould, 208/511; Fran Carlson, 516; Kathy Jenk, 215; Debbie Elsworth, 529.</p> <p>Guys & Dolls (seniors): Kim Barbour, 205; John Halstead, 210; Henry Judge, 201; Cella Malozie, 208.</p> <p>Thursday Seniors: Brian Merri, 174.</p> <p>Preps: Tina Wilts, 163.</p> <p>Thursday Junior/Majors: Brian Stuck, 266/558; Chris Rogers, 221/570.</p> <p>Friday—Preps: Andy Larson, 178.</p> <p>Juniors: Brad Poremba, 243/592.</p> <p>Majors: Steve Reitzel, 300/707; David Jacobs, 204/523; Todd Schenck, 205/561; Brian Poznyak, 200/592.</p> <p>Saturday—9 a.m. Bantams/Preps: George Pollard, 177; Kevin Pierce, 187.</p> <p>9 a.m. Majors: Andy Anzani, 143.</p> <p>9 a.m. Majors: Andy Baldoni, 223/553; Brian Stuck, 233/652; Ken Bazman, 225/641; Todd Schenck, 213/619.</p> <p>11 a.m. Preps: Ray Taggle, 197; Danny Nadarotowski, 177; Ray Hicks, 171; Katelyn Ingraham, 163.</p> <p>11 a.m. Majors: Andrew Siemast, 200; Gregory Johnson, 179.</p> <p>11 a.m. Majors: Tony Hopson, 213/617; Eric Diopetra, 204/526.</p> <p>Garden Lanes (Garden City)</p> <p>G & G Auto: Steve Demarco, 298.</p> <p>223/746; Dan Bollinger, 234-220-256/710; Rick Borges, 215-220-227/673; John Adomiti, 228-214/684; Frank Bollinger, 244-225/658; Carol Konopatzki, 231-244/687.</p> <p>Friday Nite Ladies Classic: John Schmidt, 245-230/643; Anne Deschke, 220-231/611; Dana Holt, 218-242/608.</p> <p>Country Lanes (Farmington)</p>	<p>Metro Highway: Kevin Tardis, 286-220/711; C. Kasprzynski, 261/617; T.D. Brown, 258-258-227/742; Rick Link, 247; Jeff Vidler, 244-211.</p> <p>Spores & Stripes: Tracey Miller, 210; Sheila Wellman, 203/553.</p> <p>St. Paul's Men: Kevin Kmetz, 245; Chad Studnicki, 649.</p> <p>Ladies Semi-Classic: Pam Jones, 233/607; Phil Long, 225.</p> <p>Loon Lake: Leon Grbeck, 236/630; Jeff Amolsch, 231; Mike Claranan, 236.</p> <p>Country Keglers: Mark Ulrich, 279/692; Fred Ramirez, 249/709; Kris Doudt, 243/696; Dean Johnson, 238/675; Dave Kalszewski, 239/671.</p> <p>University Men's: Mark Tondreau, 275; Terry Fischer, 270/706; Jeremy Weiss, 710.</p> <p>Wednesday Knights: Ed Browning, 257; Dave Lutsker, 253/693.</p> <p>Sports Club: Sam Kitz, 269/670; Kevin Kima, 234.</p> <p>Advanced Youth: Hank Jones, 257/549; Chuck Stephens, 223; Margaret Zacher, 196/500.</p> <p>Tuesday Title: Kirk Herman, 257; Mike Weed, 257; Paul Dost, 256.</p> <p>EVER-7: Jeff Taylor, 268/760; Mike Jan, 266; Greg Cooper, 253; Tom Bozek, 249; George Bering, 246/647.</p> <p>Thursday Morning Ladies: Marg Seyles, 209/531; Betty Silver, 202.</p> <p>Monday Night Men: Julius Matsebo, 279/751; Ronnie Draxman, 278/755.</p> <p>Temple Israel: Howard March, 267/695; B. Petek, 255; Jack Kopnick, 298.</p> <p>Athletes D'Uice: Margie Wehrhau, 210; Marilyn Moss, 196.</p> <p>Monday Night Men: Wassam Dado, 206/725; Saad Hamama, 256.</p> <p>Caterbury: Kirk Coates, 226-265/640.</p> <p>Farmington School: Jake VanMeter, 257/659; Adam Henderson, 224.</p> <p>Nord Reef</p> <p>Westside Lutheran: Shu Levy, 667; Terry Krohn, 656; Tim Warner, 665; Lynn Lewis, 637; Craig Engel, 252/632.</p>
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Heavy park use under review



BILL PARKER

Twenty years ago hunters rarely saw other park users in the state parks during the fall hunting seasons.

Since then, our population has grown and wild areas have diminished. Gaining access to hunt private land is often an insurmountable task — hence, state land — parks, recreation areas and game areas — especially here in southern Michigan, receive a tremendous amount of hunter pressure during the fall seasons.

In state parks particularly, hikers, bikers, runners, even in-line skaters in some instances are also taking advantage of the parks trail systems, treading and trudging along the same trails hunters use to access their favorite spots.

Certainly, all user groups, including hunters, have the right to enjoy our natural resources. Unfortunately, all this added pressure has caused a conflict or two.

In fact, I was admonished one bright, sunny morning last fall by a woman who was taking her young son on a hike. I was headed back to my car following an enjoyable morning bow hunt when we encountered each other along the trail.

Before I even had a chance to wish her a cheery "Good Morning," which I had every intention of doing, I was verbally assaulted for being a hunter. "Go hunt somewhere else," I was told. "People are using this trail," she said, insinuating I was something less than human.

Controlling my urge to get into a verbal sparring match with this ill-advised woman, I said nothing at all as I walked passed her and her unfortunate son. Maybe I should have politely explained the parks were there for all users.

Maybe I should have engaged in a conversation about the reality of nature and food chains and things like

that. Maybe not.

Still, the incident left a bitter taste in my mouth. There are too many people out there who aren't tolerant of other park users. There are many who would like to close the parks to hunting, biking, off-trail exploring and other forms of recreation that don't fit in with their ideas. On the other hand, there are hunters who feel the parks should be closed to others during hunting seasons.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Bureau is attempting to address such issues by developing a trails program management plan for state parks in southern Michigan.

The DNR is inviting the public to comment on the plan, which focuses on non-motorized use of trails in state parks. The plan is the result of a comprehensive study of trail usage throughout the year and combines input from numerous trail user groups and conservation organizations. The DNR now wants to hear from individual trail users.

"The rapidly growing use of trails, especially in heavily populated areas of the state, has created conflicts that raise issues of safety, equal opportunity for recreation, protection of resources and maintenance," said Rodney Stokes, DNR Parks and Recreation Bureau Chief.

"The DNR's goal is to promote safe use, minimize conflicts and protect the natural resources from erosion and abuse."

Public Policy Associates, an independent Lansing-based research firm, helped the DNR with the study, and is coordinating the public comment period, which continues through May 1. The DNR intends to release its final trails program management plan for state parks in southern Michigan by July 1.

Copies of the 50-page draft Southern Michigan Trails Program Management Plan may be requested by writing to the DNR Parks and Recreation Bureau, Box 30257,

Lansing, MI 48909, or by visiting the DNR Web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us.

Leftover turkey permits

A record 131,000 hunters applied for a spring turkey permit this year and all were not successful in receiving their choice of a permit.

If you were one of the unsuccessful applicants, there are 606 leftover permits that go on sale at 10 a.m. Wednesday at all authorized license dealers across the state.

The number of leftover licenses and their corresponding hunt numbers are: hunt 188 — 50 leftover licenses available; hunt 172 — 44; hunt 176 — 107; hunt 180 — 11; hunt 189 — 60; hunt 193 — 18; hunt 197 — 6; hunt 206 — 173; and hunt 228 — 137.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified on March 17. If you applied and were not notified call (517) 373-3904.

Drawing results also are available on the DNR web site at www.dnr.state.mi.us.

Unsuccessful applicants are also eligible to purchase a permit for the special late hunt (No. 234), May 16-31. The entire area open to turkey hunting is open during the late hunt, except public lands in Zone 3.

Don't sell this opportunity short. I've hunted the late hunt twice and killed a gobbler both times. True, the weather is warmer, bugs are out and mushroom pickers are plentiful, but the hens are nesting, leaving the gobblers lonely and callable.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

SEASON/DATES

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tiers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ARCHERY
DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield (5795 Drake Road) is hosting a number of leagues: 3-D indoor, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.; Monday bush league, 7:30 p.m. (men only); Tuesday target league, 7:30 p.m.; 3-D bow hunter, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. (indoor); and Friday fun league, 7:30 p.m. Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES
DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7965 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

BOWHUNTERS PROGRAM
Oakland County Sportman's Club, in conjunction with Michigan Bowhunters, will play host to the International Bowhunters Education Program Sunday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Whether a beginner or experienced bowhunter, participants will learn tree stand safety, safety in the field, bow tuning and care, bowhunting sportsmanship, trailing your target, field dressing and preserving your game and arrow shot placement for clean and effective kills. For more information, call Don Brown at (248) 623-7078 or the OCSC at (248) 623-0444.

BASS TOURNAMENT
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CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month

at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2663 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activi-

ties, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK NIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills on Sunday. Call Don Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

POINTE PEELE ICE HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 2-3 hour hike at Pointe Pelee in Ontario on Sunday. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (sneet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The

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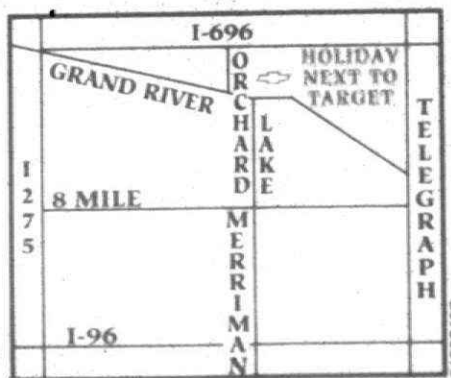
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Express yourself through the arts

Everyone I talk with lately has either gone or is going to see the Vincent van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. While I highly recommend the exhibit (I've seen it twice), there's so much more going on in the arts.

Whether you're interested in watching a multi-disciplinary performance spectacle or learning to better express your own ideas by attending a writing workshop, the arts will uplift your spirit and give you insight into the human condition.

Here's a guide to what's going on. There's no excuse not to broaden your mind through the arts.

Women's Historical Center

Take a trip to Lansing to see the paintings of Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich and learn more about the achievements of Michigan women at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. Joppich is proud to have a one-woman show of her large-scale watercolor paintings at the center, which offers exhibits portraying the lives and history of Michigan women. An instructor at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia for more than 25 years, Joppich shows four works from her "Gallery Dilemma" series. The series started six years ago after a trip to a San Francisco gallery where she became intrigued by a group of large acrylic sculptures.

"It's an honor to be asked to exhibit my work there," said Joppich, the 1978 Artist-in-Residence chosen by the Farmington Area Arts Commission. "And from time to time, it's important to see your work all together."

This is the 31st one-person show by Joppich. A nationally known artist, she's had work accepted into more than 100 exhibits. When not entering her work into competitions, she organizes week-long painting workshops for women on the Leelanau Peninsula and trips to exotic destinations to create art on location. The next Artescape departs for Mexico Dec. 2. The six-day trip costs \$1,400 and includes round-trip airfare. For more information, call Joppich at (248) 476-1528.

The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame is a project of the Michigan Women's Studies Association, an academic-professional organization founded in 1973 on the campus of Michigan State University. Located in the historic Cooley-Haze House, the nonprofit center opened in 1987 to give visibility to Michigan women. Changing exhibits feature topics such as the important role of Latino women. Traveling exhibits

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Edee Joppich

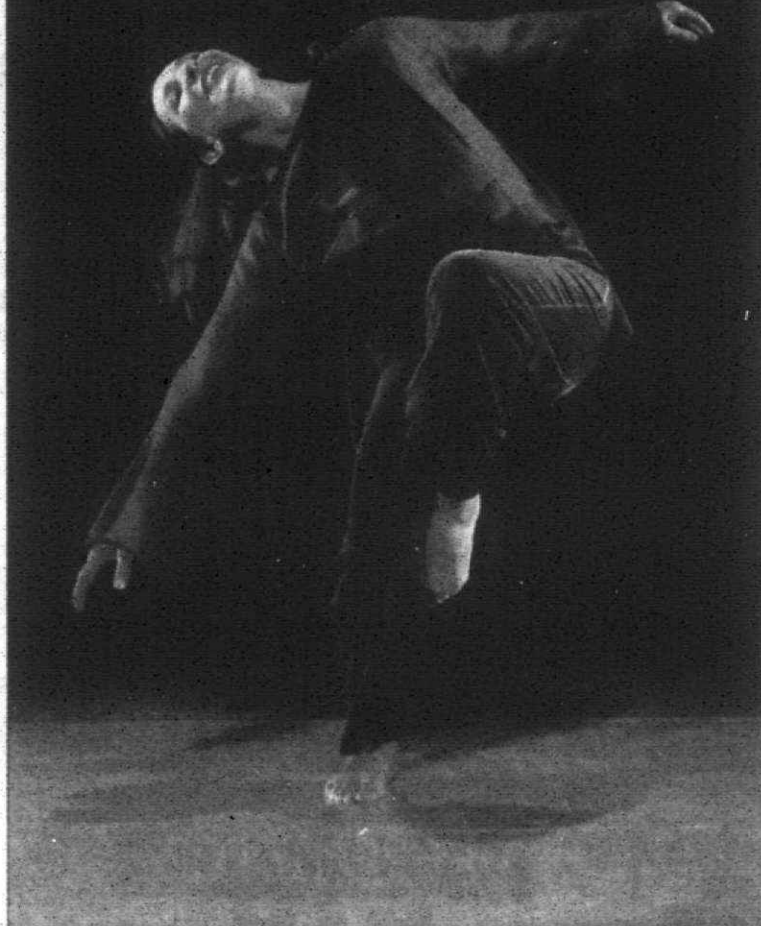
Art Events

■ Artist Edee Joppich exhibits work through Sunday, April 2, at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame, 213 W. Main, Lansing. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; until 4 p.m. Saturday; and 2-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2.50, \$2 senior citizens, \$1 students, call (517) 484-1880.

■ "Border Crossings," a multi-layered arts concert, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Free. Call (734) 747-8885.

■ Series of writer's workshops and readings begin Wednesday, March 29, in room 200 of the Liberal Arts building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Schoolcraft, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Call Arthur Lindenberg at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5292.

A LOOK BACK



PHOTOS BY TOM KRAMER

Multi-media work: Barbara Selinger dances "Virtual Voices," a piece she choreographed in 1999.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

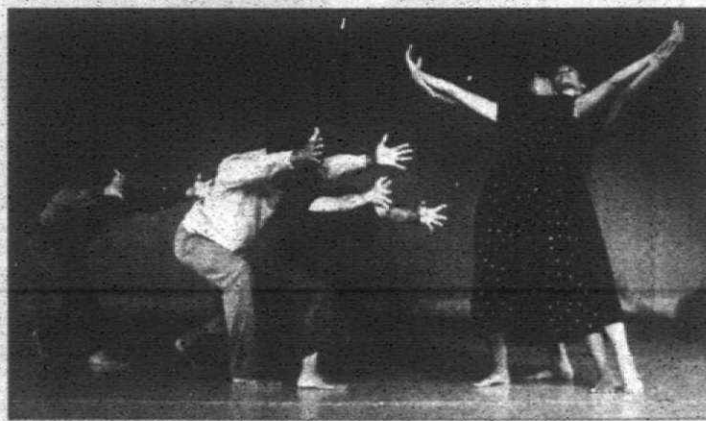
WHAT: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert. **WHEN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: \$16.50 concert; \$35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. Call (313) 963-2366.

RELATED EXHIBIT:

■ A 20-year photographic retrospective of the Detroit Dance Collective by Tom Kramer continues through Saturday, April 15 at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave. The images document dancers in rehearsals, performances, and at classes/demonstrations in metro Detroit schools. Also on display are historic costumes by Livonia designer Bernadine Vida.



Moving piece: The Detroit Dance Collective perform the 1982 "Travelers on the Road" at a gala concert to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

20 YEARS OF DANCE

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When the lights go down on the Music Hall stage in a little less than two weeks, Barbara Selinger and Paula Kramer will be celebrating in the wings. The co-founders of the Detroit Dance Collective have seen their share of ups and downs over the last 20 years but now they've reached the pinnacle of their careers. Their ensemble of nine gives a Gala Concert Saturday, April 8.

Sharing a dream

Ever since their days as students in the dance department at Wayne State University, Kramer and Selinger, a Farmington Hills resident, shared a dream to form a modern dance company to have a platform for their own choreography. Together with Anita Surma Saganski and Sue Ellen Darr-Moustapha, they established the Detroit Dance Collective. An ambitious company from the beginning, it gave 15 performances in schools and other venues the first year.

"I think the reason why we're so successful is because we're a full teaching company and because we're very persistent," said Kramer, a Huntington Woods resident. "We sense where the pendulums are swinging. We're like sentinels. We're always watching."

The company spent the first few years based at the Midwest Dance Center in Oak Park until they were offered a residency at Oakland Community College in Royal Oak where they worked for the next 14 years. After outgrowing the space three years ago, they moved to the Detroit's downtown theater district where they're housed inside Central United Methodist Church on Grand Circus Park.

Vision

"We have a vision that has to do with creativity and communication," said Selinger. "A lot of the works are influenced by visual art. I feel choreographers are like visual artists. We just use a different canvas."

The Gala Concert to celebrate their 20th anniversary, like their vision for dance, includes everything from full-out fun pieces like the 1990 "Zydeco Songs" to deeply introspective works and strong social commentary. Nearing the end of the program, the Detroit Dance Collective will premiere Selinger's newest piece, "Passing Through." Set to the music of J.S. Bach, it features dancers creating pathways through space and intersecting one another in a continuing journey of intricate dance patterns.

"We wanted to represent ourselves with some of the best pieces we've choreographed," said Selinger.

A painting by Mel Rosas inspired the first selection on the program back in 1994. Choreographed by Kramer to the music of Peter Gabriel and Steve Reich, "La Puer-



Celebrating 20 years: Paula Kramer co-founded the Detroit Dance Collective with Barbara Selinger.

ta" features a set piece designed by the Detroit artist. Kramer thinks Rosas' painting mirrors the Detroit Dance Collective.

"It's drawn directly from Mel Rosas' painting, 'La Puerta,' which means the door," said Kramer. "He frequently features arches in his work. Many of our pieces are about going through passages or doorways. We're always growing and changing, always looking for new doors to step through."

Newer pieces

"Virtual Voices" is one of the newer pieces choreographed by Selinger, who also dances the work with company members Anh Nguyen of Windsor and Karen Leighton, Farmington Hills. The multi-layered composition includes the photography of Anne McCarthy in a video edited by Selinger. The work was made possible by a Creative Artist Grant awarded by ArtServe through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"I'd visualized the dance for several years and wanted to coordinate movement on screen and on stage," said Selinger. "It combines virtual movement with the actual movement on stage."

Kramer was inspired to create "Travelers on the Same Road" (1982) after viewing Picasso's "Guernica" and Ernst Barlach's bronze sculpture "The Avenger" at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The title for "Travelers" is from a Hebrew prayer of mourning. The dance serves as a warning - heed the past or "ethnic cleansing" will continue in the future.

"It's a strong anti-war piece," said Kramer, who will receive a Jewish Women in the Arts award from the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, March 26. "It's about more than a Holocaust piece. It's a human rights piece because the killing continues as we've seen

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CELEBRATION

Fine arts festival will help your 'spirit soar'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marsha Miller is all for computers and time-saving devices speeding us through our daily lives, but being in an "instant mode" leaves little room for enriching our spirits through the visual arts, music and dance.

As chairman of the music and fine arts committee at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, Miller is doing something about that by bringing all three to the community in a celebration of the visual and performing arts Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2.

"Let Your Spirit Soar" will feature an

art exhibit, concerts, children's workshops and speakers, and except for a Saturday evening concert by the gospel group "Kingdom Heirs," all activities are free.

The choir from Plymouth-Canton Schools' Tonda Elementary performs 2 p.m. Saturday.

"Music is an international language," said Miller. "I believe the arts are the language of the soul. The weekend of art is an experience our church can bring to society and our community. It makes us whole human beings and helps us get in touch with our spirits."

The idea for the weekend arts extravaganza came about as a way of expanding on the church's musical activities.

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Painted poppies: Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp is one of 18 artists exhibiting work as part of a celebration of the visual and performing arts.

Festival

Nardin Park has a 14-year history of promoting music with a series of concerts which most recently featured New York baritone Erik Chalfant. So when Miller looked around the church at the art works received as memorial gifts through the years, it sparked the idea to have an art exhibit surrounded by plenty of music.

Miller hopes to attract people, other than art patrons, into the church by offering concerts by the Tonda Elementary choir.

Kingdom Heirs, the host quartet for the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Tennessee; the Oakland Singers; and the Hillsdale School Harmony Choir & Handchimes, 20 voices strong from the Farmington School District.

"We have a lot of interesting art in our church that a lot of members and visitors aren't aware of," said Miller. "We want to invite those artists to show their work and to invite the community in to give the artists a venue. We want to bring in musical groups that would attract a different audience. If we didn't have other things going on, we'd be like any other art show."

In addition to the concerts, Rob Koch, director of the Tonda Elementary choir and the children's choir at Nardin Park, will lead a musical workshop for children Saturday morning.

"We want to attract families, parents looking for a quality experience for their kids," said Miller. "After the music workshop children can choose to add butterflies or flowers to a spring mural or participate in a dance workshop led by the liturgical dance group, 'Lyrical Expression.'"

Melvin Rookus, Nardin Park minister of music, will team up with Koch to install a musical interest in the children.

"The music workshop is an opportunity for kids who may or may not have had musical experience," said Rookus. "The emphasis is on children this weekend, to expose them to the

"Let Your Spirit Soar"
What: Celebration of the visual and performing arts which includes art exhibit, concerts, workshops and speakers
When: Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3. Art exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.
Tickets: Events are free except for Kingdom Heirs gospel concert 8 p.m. Saturday (\$8). Call (248) 476-8860.

Highlights:
■ 10 a.m. Saturday - Children's musical activity followed by mural painting session or dance experience
■ 2 p.m. Saturday - Concert by choir from Plymouth-Canton Schools' Tonda Elementary
■ 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday - Worship services (jazz and gospel) featuring choirs, soloists and Waterford clarinetist David Bennett
■ 9:30 a.m. Sunday - Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti "Artistic Creation"

aware of the church when she was commissioned to paint a triptych as a memorial gift in honor of Muriel Thomas. An instructor at Madonna University, the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, and the Belian Art Center in Troy, Hogan Chellstorp has exhibited extensively. In 1997, one of her paintings was on display in the Michigan Water Color Society's 50th anniversary exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Exhibiting is what artists do," said Hogan Chellstorp. "You want people to see your work. Having a special show for artists brings in people who wouldn't go to a gallery."

Among the other artists exhibiting their work are painters Jerri Fellwood, Sook-Kyung Hong, Peggy Smith, Gwen Tomkow, and Howard Weingarden of Farmington Hills; William A. Brown, basket weaving, Farmington Hills; Sergio DeGiusti, sculpture, Redford; Suzanne Bauman, painting, Bloomfield Hills; Kevin Bauman, landscape photography, Royal Oak; Kegham Tazian, sculpture/painting, Farmington Hills; Toshi Shimura, flower arranging, Southfield; Donna Vogelheim, painting, Walled Lake, and Bernadette Zachara, sculpture, Farmington Hills.

New venue
Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp is one of the artists grateful for the opportunity to exhibit her work at Nardin Park. The Farmington Hills watercolorist first became

"Artists have a responsibility to contribute to the community. We're not just entertainment but about learning and challenging the senses and imagination."

Paula Kramer
Co-founder, Detroit Dance Collective

Dance

the killing continues as we've seen and it's not just one cultural group."

Making a difference
Kramer and Selinger believe in making a difference. In addition to the 15-20 formal concerts a year they perform in a variety of venues and choreographing pieces such as "Travelers," they'll take their dances to 350 classes in the Farmington and Detroit Schools by the end of the

year. Their outreach program has been a part of who they are since the beginning 20 years ago as has their "Downtown Dance about Concert." The Friday, April 7 concert at Music Hall introduces upper elementary through high school students to modern choreography.

"We want to challenge the imagination of young viewers," said Kramer. "They are our future. Without these young people there will be no dancers or an audience."

Funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and donations from corporations and individuals allow the dance company to keep ticket prices to a minimum. It also

helps fund the programs in schools and purchase tickets for those who could not otherwise afford to attend. Hudson's and Bank One were the major contributors that make the gala concert possible.

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SECOND CITY AUDITIONS
Male and female actors can audition by appointment only by calling (313) 771-3453. Auditions are Monday, March 27 through Wednesday, March 29. Second City Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

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ART SHOWS

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Kevin and Suzanne Bauman's works are featured at this event at Nardin Park Church 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, April 1 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 2. 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, west of Middlebelt.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 19th Festival of the Arts juried art show is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2. 21220 W. 14 Mile Road, Bloomfield Township. (248) 646-4100.

WOOD CARVER EXHIBITION

Sale of woodcarver art is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26 at the United Food and Commercial Bank, 876 Horne Brown Drive, between Stevenson Hwy. and John R in Madison Heights.

ADDITION & CALL FOR ARTISTS

ART IN THE VILLAGE

Artists needed to exhibit their work at the fourth annual fine arts exhibit June 10-11 at Livonia's Historic Greenmead Village. Applications must be in by April 15. Applications and information may be obtained by calling Debbie Dufour at (734) 466-2540.

BSSO COMPETITION

Instrumental dates for the Young Artist Competition are Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4 at Hammett Music Studio, Long Lake & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-2276.

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Deadline for the third annual Solo Concerto Competition for orchestral instruments is April 1. Prizes are \$500-\$1500 and Wayne State University will match each prize with a scholarship student winners decide to further their musical education at WSU. High school and college students between ages 16 and 22 throughout Michigan are eligible. Submit tape to Herbert Cof, President, c/o The Bohemians, 37685 Russett Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331 or email, cof@links@aol.com.

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Call for artists for the ninth annual fine art and fine craft show on June 24 and 25 in Canton Township. Application deadline is April 15. (734) 453-3710.

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CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics Concert featuring violinist Jannina Barfield is at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Featured guest will be Terry McDermott, Gold Medal Winner at the 1984 Olympics. A pre-concert dinner will be at 4:30 p.m. For information call (248) 645-2276.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Presents the Ysaye Quartet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the library of Cranbrook House, 380 Linc Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. For information call (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Noontime concert series presents Bell Cantor Choral Tuesday, March 28 in the Fine Arts room, third floor, Main Library on Woodward. (313) 833-4042.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Celtic Celebration is at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26. An all-Czech concert including works by Janacek, Dvorak and Smetana, featuring the Czech National Philharmonic, is at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 30-31 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

GARTH FAGAN DANCE

Demonstrations and master classes will be held at 1 p.m. March 27 at Berkshires Middle School and 6 p.m. March 27 at Wayne State University. 9:15 a.m. March 28 at North Farmington High School and 6 p.m. March 28 at Wayne State University. 10 a.m. March 29 at Westland Middle School in West Bloomfield. For information call (313) 962-4303.

HAMMILL MUSIC

Evenings around the piano with Flavio Varani at 7 p.m. on April 5 in the recital hall, 4110 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 594-1414.

KIRK IN THE HILLS CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir, orchestra and soloists present Bach's *The Passion According to St. John* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the Kirk Rectory, 1340 West Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

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Performs at the Henry Ford Estate-Farlane at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 503-6330.

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The Beaux Arts Trio is 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 and the Moscow Virtuosi performs at 8 p.m. Friday, March 31 at Rackham Auditorium. 915 E. Washington. The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. 1-800-221-1229.

CLASSES

DANCE

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE
The Oakland University dance company will perform *Hit and Run: Dances for a New Century* at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University. (248) 730-2030.

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Performs March 30-April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. (313) 963-2366.

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The American Ballet Theatre performs *Swan Lake* at the Detroit Opera House March 30-April 2. (313) 963-2366.

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EVENTS

CRANBROOK SYMPOSIUM

Renowned artists Howard Ben Tre, Richard De Vore, Ruth Duckworth, Tony Hepburn, John Madin, Ron Angie and Garth Clark conduct Seven Up. A Symposium from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at Cranbrook Art Museum's DeSaire Auditorium. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3329.

DIA OSCAR NIGHT

The black tie fundraiser for the Detroit Film Theatre is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at the Roostertail, off Jefferson in Detroit. (313) 833-7967.

PLAY BY PLAY

A 12-hour marathon of 22 original short plays is Saturday, April 1 at Rooster Theatre in Birmingham. 1051 Oakland Ave. at Adams, Birmingham. The event is a benefit for Heartland Theatre Company. Tickets are available by calling (248) 433-1233.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

The Detroit Area Film & Television

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Journey Foundation hosts "Conversations with Women who Set Down to Stand Up" is 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the Roostertail in Detroit. (313) 534-4263.

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Birmingham resident Betty Appleton performs at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the African Galleries at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1. She will retell *The Fire Children*, a West African myth. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's songs and puppets for ages birth to 4 years. Classes are at the Sports Club, Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Register at (248) 539-2290.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Opens Saturday, April 1 - Richard Ritter *Suspended Expressions: Visions in Glass* through April 30. Artist's reception is 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 7. The gallery is on the third floor of the Maryland Library at the University of Michigan-DeAnn campus. (313) 593-5400.

ART LEADERS GALLERY

Opens Saturday, April 1 - Experience Europe, a group exhibition through April 15. 32126 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262.

CENTER GALLERIES

Opens Friday, March 31 - Larry Bell: *Fractions* through April 29. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 31. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY

Opens Wednesday, March 29 - Features four artists of the American South including Cheryl Goldspeer, Carol Sams, Larry Millard and Lisa Weiss through May 1. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 31. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through March 31 - The Livonia Public Schools student art through April 19 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2940. Opens Monday, April 3 - exhibition by the Artifacts Club of Livonia members through April 28 at the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY

Opens Saturday, April 1 - Reconstructionism featuring Jon Lockard and Willis Davis through June 3. Opening reception 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 1. 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

SOUTHFIELD STREET GALLERY

Opens Tuesday, April 4 - Janet Keiman's *For the Love of Glass* through May 6. Opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY

Opens Saturday, April 1. Altered Landscapes (three Canadian perspectives): James Gordaner, Jeremy Gordaner and John Clemenhofer through May. Opening reception 7 p.m. April 1. 2661 Michigan Ave. Detroit.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through April 29 - Clay from the Soul. Opening reception 10-11 p.m. Saturday, April 8. 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6116.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through March 31 - The Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Through March 30 - Michigan Doll Makers Guild at Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2940. Through March 30 - Exhibition by the Palette Guild of Livonia in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. Quits by Susan McClellan of Livonia. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

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Love it, or leave it, logo mania has returned

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

Logos - it's a trend that sprouted in the 70s and 80s and was nurtured by the upper-crust, status-starved consumer. Considering that designers are borrowing from the no-holds-barred, glitzy era, it's not surprising logos are back in style.

So love it or leave it, or just your speed, you're likely to see loads of logos from all the usual suspects - Prada, Christian Dior, Hermes and Louis Vuitton - and others.

Once upon a time, exclusive fashion houses like Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Chanel built their reputations on their famous symbols.

For Gucci, an interlocking series of the letter "G," Louis Vuitton's trademark, a brown "LV" is unmistakable. And, could anything be more classy than Chanel's double-linked letter "C."

In recent years, these logos, for one reason or another, were relegated to the backs of consumer's closets.

But, like all that is new again, designers are stepping back in time and taking inspiration from the logos of days-gone-by.

This time around, the rule isn't necessarily all things obvious and loud; logos, too, can be subtle.

Designer Marc Jacobs, who now has influence over the Louis Vuitton monogram logo, has embossed the classic "LV" on pastel-colored, patent leather. It's a totally unexpected move, but one that renders his Kelly bag one of the sexiest and most lady-like looks around.

For those who want just a touch of the look, a savvy buy might be Louis Vuitton's Pochette Accessory bag, which resembles a cosmetic bag with a strap and zipper.

At \$140, it's unpretentious, just the right size to hold the essentials - a cell phone, keys and lipstick - and bears the classic brown and camel "LV" logo.

Recently featured as a hot item for spring on both The Today Show and Good Morning America, the Pochette bag is ideal for modern living, whether for a night out on the town or as a complement to daytime business attire.

Not surprisingly, Chanel is also going crazy for logos this season. But forget about the house's simple gold and padded leather "C" emblem. At the Chanel counter at Neiman Marcus, the vinyl totes were presented in unexpected shades of purple and orange with emblems that literally scream for attention. For \$210, "CHANEL" is boldly spelled out across the front of the totes.

Another plentiful source for logos is Gucci. Stroll into their Somerset Collection store in Troy. You can't miss the trend.

Here, under the direction of designer Tom Ford, the famous "G" is miraculously, yet tastefully, placed everywhere - on ties, shoes, hats, visors. It's even used as an all-over print on trench coats.

True, luxury is back in style, so maybe now is the season to splurge a little.

On the other hand, for what you'd spend on an exclusive logo, you could probably outfit your child for a month.

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Goodbye casual Friday Dressing up is making a comeback

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Amanda Turner, fashion director at the Somerset Collection opened her spring fashion show at the upscale Troy mall with a surprising prediction.

"It's all about dressing up," said Turner, who was attired in a soft coral, luncheon suit for the occasion.

And, while many of the outfits featured in the show, held last week for a private audience, were quintessentially casual - one segment was devoted to athletically-inclined attire - it was obvious a more glamorous, pulled-together elegance is making a comeback.

The show's evening wear segment, designs influenced by Latin culture, seemed to drive home that point; even playful, liberating attire translates into elegance and grace.

"I think people are just tired of being casual. I think women want to be more feminine, more elegant. Women want to dress again," explained Turner following the show.

Perhaps we went too far with casual Fridays? Maybe we've decided to rebel against our quest for comfort and utility? Regardless of the reasons, women have a choice today.

And, having options drives a desire to dress-up, said Turner, who featured not only dressy evening attire but also a series of very feminine, pastel luncheon suits and a run of glamorous beach wear in the Somerset Collection show.

"It's going back to that Hollywood glamour," she said of her pool-side looks, feminine-cut bathing suits with sheer, flowing coversups, big hats and dramatic sunglasses.

"Even your weekend wear is getting more polished," said Turner. "You know denim is a big trend, but it, too, has gone dressy with so much beading and feminine details."

Outside of the decorative beading, sequins, flower appliqué and embroidery we've grown accustomed to seeing on denim and cashmere twin sets, fashion designers have resurrected many other feminine elements for spring and summer use.

Ruffles and pleated skirts, polka dots and gingham check, lace and hosiery, hats and hand-held handbags are just a few that showed up on Turner's runway.

Once more, dainty handbags and lady-like slides have been decorated with delicate beading and flower appliqué, rendering even accessories ultra-feminine.

Chiffon is also readily available this spring. And, while the sound of the word conjures up images of taffy-colored bridesmaid's dresses and other fussy, formal attire, many better-casual designers with contemporary aesthetics, namely Donna Karan, have incorporated chiffon into their collections.

Indeed, the bigger picture suggests we're yearning for a neater, more delicate, if not dressed-up, look.

How to achieve it quickly and inexpensively? Turner suggested buying these five pieces:

- a luncheon suit (dress or skirt with a jacket)
- an elegant, slim pair of pants
- a cashmere twin set
- a gingham or polka dot blouse
- a silk handbag with a handle

But, is casual dressing on its way to extinction? The notion of comfort and utility a thing of the past?

"Elegance and sophistication in our wardrobe is something that we always yearn for," said Cheryl Hall Lindsay, fashion and special events director at Saks Fifth Avenue. "But will casual wear go away?"

"No. It will have its place. The totally casual look, that very relaxed, almost utilitarian way of dressing, has run its course, not that we haven't learned from it. It's just that we know now comfort can be included in elegance."

Cheryl Hall Lindsay
Saks Fifth Avenue

Beach glamour: Dress up your suit with a flowing, sheer coversup, big hat and dramatic pair of sunglasses. It's that 40s Hollywood starlet look all over again.

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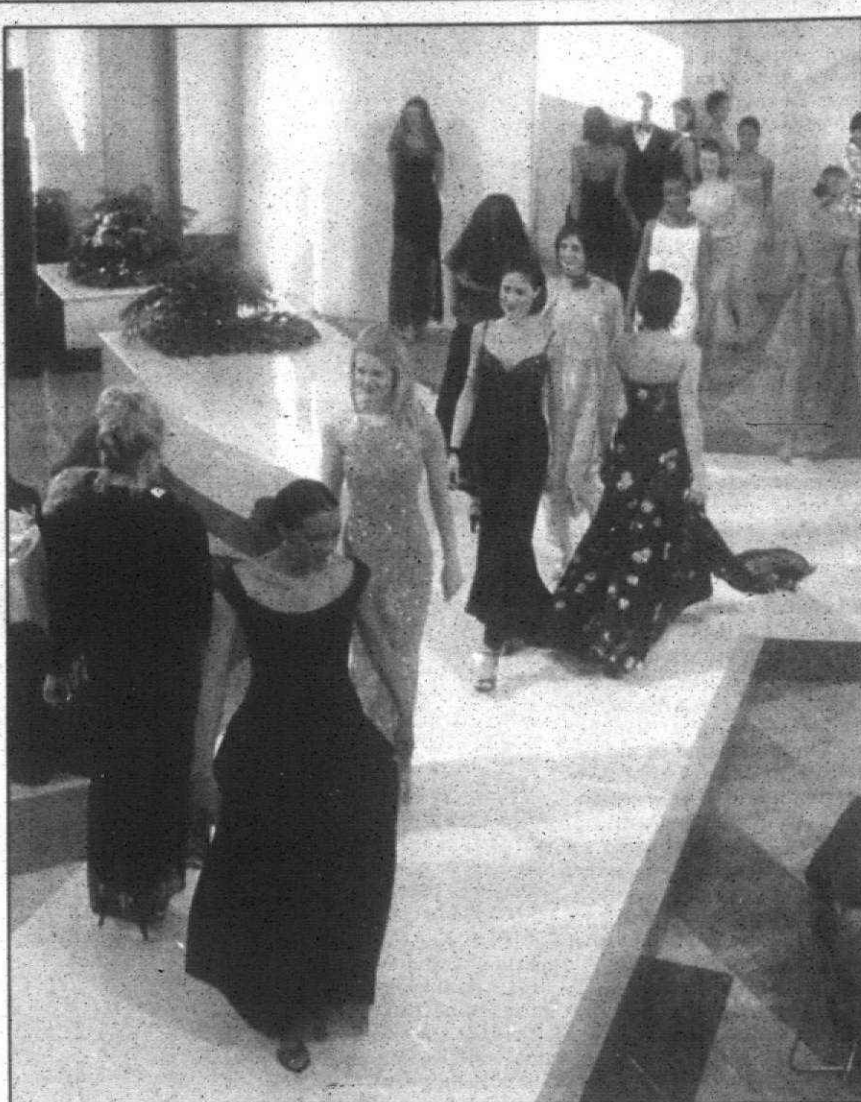
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Latin elegance: Bohemian, peasant and latin looks may be in style but that doesn't rule out dressing up. That was obvious at the Somerset Collection's spring fashion show where an entire segment of the presentation was devoted to formal wear inspired by Latin dance and culture.

On weekends during the show, the Somerset Collection will hold a "Create Your Dream House" contest for children.

Each child who draws a sketch of his or her dream home will receive an architect's tube, sketch paper, ruler and pencils. And, for each sketch submitted, the Somerset Collection will donate \$1 to Share Our Strength. After the contest period, three drawings will be selected, and winners will receive a

plaid pose: Even plaid can be dressy. A Burberry signature plaid shirt tied above the belly offsets a black ball gown skirt, both from Burberry at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

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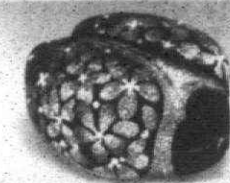
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STUFF WE CRAVE



On course: Hugo Boss has added golf wear to their lineup of sophisticated men's fashion. They say golf is a game of confidence, so boost your ego with some style from the retailer's spring and summer collection for the links, shirts, \$69.50-135, pants, \$135-185, and sweaters, \$135-270, at Hugo Boss.



Splitted: Designer Judith Leiber's handbag collection for spring explodes in vibrant color from bright blue to pale blush tones, prices vary, at Neiman Marcus.

Mall garden show set to go

If spring has yet to take hold in the backyard and you're itching for a dose of colorful blossoms and fresh scents, you can always take a stroll through the Somerset Collection.

The Troy mall's annual Home and Garden Collection show is slated March 30 through April 22 in the Somerset North Grand Court.

The show features a series of elaborate gardens by Gerald Salerno, landscape designer and president of the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, and three children's playhouses designed by architect Dominick Tringali.

The show's theme, "Season of Sharing," was chosen as a way to draw attention to related fundraising activities and events.

■ A black tie gala for the Beaumont Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund and University Cancer Foundation, 7 p.m., Friday, March 31; \$125 ticket includes strolling supper

by Unique Restaurant Corp., live auction, raffle and the sounds of the Simon Vitale Band.

■ A garden party brunch to benefit the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 2, \$40 ticket includes buffet brunch by Unique Restaurant Corp.

■ A garden party brunch to benefit the Children's Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, \$40 ticket includes buffet brunch by Unique Restaurant Corp.

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play mini-car from FAO Schwarz. To entice young, budding architects, the cars will be on display outside each of the three children's playhouses.

In keeping with the "Season of Sharing" theme, two of the children's playhouses will be auctioned at the March 31 black tie gala, and the third will be donated to Variety, The Children's Charity.

For car lovers who think on a larger scale, a 2000 Jaguar sedan, courtesy of Troy Ford, will be raffled to benefit the Henry Ford Estate at Fairlane. Only 1000 tickets, at \$100 a piece, will be sold.

Also, several presentations will be held during the garden event, including talks given by local gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag on April 9 and 16.

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WHAT WE FOUND:
- A reader has a 1998 Muffy Bear Sugar Plum Fairy.
- A reader has the 1930-1940 Time/Life book series.
- A spiral-bound journal for the year 2000 can be bought at Barnes & Noble on 6 Mile and Newburgh roads.
- Sander's cream puffs can be purchased at the Chocolate Shop, 3316 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, (248) 553-3366.

- A reader has African-American dolls.
- Facial spray by Evian can be purchased at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Mall in Livonia and at the CVS store on 5 Mile and Levan roads.

- A mailbox shaped like a tractor can be purchased at the Hardware Classic Company, 7 Mile Road in Livonia.
- Reader also have: the WDIV channel 4 video tape about influential people, a Singer sewing machine table and a piano/organ.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:
- Hospitals and nursing homes

take and use old magazines
- We found an organization that would like one of our readers' exercise equipment
- A reader has old National Geographic magazines to donate to an organization.
WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
- A June, 1997 Rochester Adams High School yearbook for Bryan.
- The Nintendo game North & South for Doug.
- A store that sells parts for a counter Nutone blender.
- A store that sells Nail Tek for split nails for Peg of Redford.
- A store that sells Hammer's Rustoleum metal finish to use with a brush or roll for Norma of Garden City.
- An electric omelet pan by Sultan (formerly Maxim) for Kathy of Garden City.
- A Detroit Tigers commorter/blanket (full-sized) for Tama of Canton.
- A store that sells Scotch Brite Rescue soap pads by 3M for Frances.
- A store where ice cube trays that form letters of the alphabet and numbers can be bought for Christine.
- A videotape copy of Disney's "Bambi" movie and its soundtrack for Norma of Livonia.
- A business that can repair a GPX phone (with a clock and an alarm) for Daniel.
- A videotape of the movie, "Dad Can I Borrow the Car?" for Billy and Jimmy of Livonia.
- The body lotion "Andre" by Ben Rickett, formerly carried by J.C. Penney, for Shirley of Commerce.
- The book "Memories of a Non-Jewish Childhood" by

Robert Burn for Richard of Canton.
- A store that sells Heinz Spicy Brown mustard for John of Livonia.
- A store that sells men's sweaters with shawls or lapel collars for Al of Livonia.
- A store that sells shoe stretchers for ladies shoes for Elsa of Livonia.
- A store that sells "Guess" cologne for Diane of Livonia.
- A store that sells tall, black kitchen trash bags for Dell of Livonia.
- A store that sells "TUP" and root-beer-flavored popcicle treats that are flat for Tom of Rochester Hills.
- An owner's manual for a Kero-Sun kerosene heater (Omni model #105) for Luke.
- A store that sells jeans made by the Midwestern Jean Company, formerly carried by Winkelman's, for Karen.
- The 1999 Hallmark Christmas ornament "Dorothy and the Good Witch."
- The children's toy the "Sticker Maker," which uses photos to make stickers, for Kay of Canton.
- A store that sells the women's Levi's 517, boot-cut jeans for Lonie.
- A store that sells the Jacqueline Smith perfume "California" for Karen of Commerce Township.
- A store that sells lipstick by Dana of New York in "Palm Desert" for Jane.
- A store that sells a two-light tube light with metal cover for attachment inside of a china cabinet for Delores of Livonia.
- A used, 32-volt, Delco system generator for Walter.
- Sandi Jarackas

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TRAVEL

Traverse City: Spectacular sunsets, shorelines, shopping

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

As Mother Nature shifts gears, local travelers begin to make plans to savor the warm seasons. For Kris Kowynia and Tom Diaz of Westland, the reservations are already made.

"This summer will be our third year going to Traverse City," said Kowynia, who loves to watch the spectacular beachfront sunsets. "We usually stay in a place on the Grand Traverse Bay."

Tucked into Michigan's northwest Lower Peninsula, Traverse City and her surrounding sister communities, present a lively mix of city life, soothing shorelines and wide stretches of grapevines sprinkled among gentle hills.

Go with a friend or take the family.

"We went to the Sleeping Bear Dunes," said Kowynia. "It's amazing! We took the scenic drive and stopped and looked out over the cliffs."

If you go...

Traverse City is approximately 250 miles from Detroit. For information on the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, call (800) 748-0303 or check their Web site: www.grandtraverseresort.com. For information on all Traverse City area attractions, reservations, or to request a free copy of their travel guide, call (800) TRAVERS or visit their Web site at: www.mytraversecity.com

Blessing of the blossoms

On May 20 and 21, Traverse City, the largest producer of cherries in the world, will celebrate the Blessing of the Blossoms. "It's a family affair," said Jeff Haas, vice president of public relations, Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The Old Mission Peninsula, said Haas, is "literally covered with mile-after-mile of cherry blossoms." Activities include wine and sparkling juice tasting, nature hikes and walks through the Old Mission Lighthouse.

Scenic Drive

The Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive, a 7.1-mile route, features panoramic views of the dunes, Glen Lake and Lake Michigan. Once you've completed the drive, park the car and explore the dunes on foot.

"It was exhausting," said Kowynia, describing their trek to the top of the dunes. However, she added, "we ran down the

hill. I felt like a kid."

Last year the couple attended the city's National Cherry Festival. Kowynia described the fest's atmosphere as very small town, with local arts and crafts dealers and an assortment of cherry-flavored foods. "I had a piece of cherry pie," she said. "It was awesome."

The week-long celebration features activities ranging from turtle races and parades to cherry-pie-eating contests and live entertainment. This summer, the festival is July 1-8.

How about a family-friendly, one-stop getaway on the city's fringes?

Grand Traverse Resort

The Latarski family has a suggestion. It's the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, six miles northeast of Traverse City in Acme.

"While my husband attended a conference, the kids and I found things to do at the resort," said Pat Latarski, a Livonia resident.

Of course, browsing at the Tower Gallery of Shops was on her list.

"The shops were wonderful," said the mother of three children. "There were a variety of things. One store had made-in-Michigan products. Other stores carried art works and tourist-type items."

A dip in the pools (there are two) and the hot tubs ranked as favorite activities. "I did the indoor hot tub," she said. "It was



Panoramic view: A view from the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive of Sleeping Bear Dunes and Lake Michigan.

refreshing."

The Latarskis liked the convenience of everything being under one roof. "In my opinion, it's better to stay in the Towers rather than the condominiums," said Latarski.

Condominium accommodations are located along the fairways of the golf courses and on the shores of the bay.

During the summer months, guests 6-12 years may participate in Cub Camp. The mix of educational and athletic options goes from drama and first aid lessons to international crafts and volleyball games. Advance registration is required.

Bring your clubs. On March 31, the resort's three championship golf courses, including The Bear, a Jack Nicklaus design, and a Gary Player-designed course, will open.

Many of the region's courses — there are more than 20 — are tournament-tested and host Michigan championships. When

you inquire about accommodations, be sure to ask about packages that include lodging and golf.

While you're in Acme visit the "performing museum." A fabulous display of player pianos, nickelodeons and music boxes lines the spacious walls at The Music House.

Take the kids by the hand and meander through the rooms. You'll be treated to the sounds and sights of restored and rare antique musical instruments.

Options

Want to do something else in and around the city? How about a snooze under the stars? It can happen on the tall ship Malabar.

Rustic cabins with a mid-1800s motif are available for bed-and-breakfast passengers.

Or stroll along the streets of the historic downtown area. You can taste fudge, search for antiques, and shop for miniature train cars.

A restored City Opera House

featuring summer theater; candlemaking demonstrations at the Candle Factory; and, community productions at the Old Town Playhouse supply indoor entertainment.

Feel like fishing? Coho, whitefish, trout and salmon keep anglers busy. If paddling piques your interest, rent a canoe or kayak from a local livery.

Before heading home, take a side trip: A mini-car excursion to the Leelanau Peninsula (north of the city) delights lighthouse lovers. The century-old Grand Traverse Lighthouse warned passing ships of the rocky Lake Michigan shores.

So — are you prepared to bask in Mother Nature's long-awaited scenery change? Perhaps Traverse City deserves consideration.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and author of "52 Ohio Weekends." (Country Roads Press).



Sightseeing: Kris Kowynia in front of Old Mission Lighthouse, near Traverse City.

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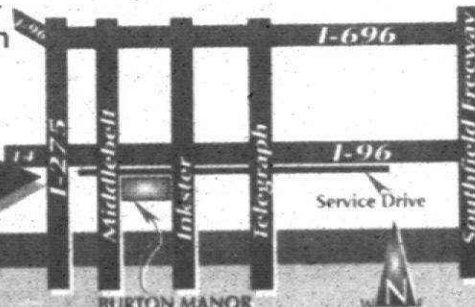


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COOKING CONQUESTS



CHEF CAROL HASKIN

Haute cuisine considered finest in the world

Think of fine food, and undoubtedly the French come to mind. Haute cuisine enjoys the reputation of being considered the finest cuisine in the world.

Literally meaning "high cooking," haute cuisine, with the rich sauces, fine ingredients and exquisite taste, typifies classic French cooking.

Through the efforts of the great French chefs, haute cuisine first came to the attention of the rest of the world at the time of the French Revolution.

Before 1789, chefs were employed by the richest families to prepare food similar to what was being served to the royal court. These chefs established a proving ground for the elaborate recipes that formed the basis of haute cuisine. The style at the time was elegant food served in many courses, often with rich sauces to accompany the many meats on the menu.

Restaurants grow

Although the food was unfamiliar to common citizens and beyond their reach, it emerged to popular consumption after the revolution. The fall of the aristocracy meant the great chefs were out of work, which resulted in the opening of numerous restaurants. Before the revolution, there were at least 100 restaurants in Paris, which increased to more than 500 after the social changes. Those who had never tasted a truffle now were able to visit the burgeoning restaurants to sample new delicacies, such as quenelles, tripe cervelle de conut, and foie gras. Restaurants became temples of haute cuisine.

Today, the French influence remains prevalent in American restaurants. At an elegant restaurant, the "maitre d'" leads diners to their table. Back in the kitchen, the "saucier" whisks sauces. In the "garde manger" salads are prepared, while the "chef de cuisine" oversees the cooking operation.

Guests are served "hors d'oeuvres" and presented with the soup "du jour."

However, you don't have to dine in the finest restaurant to enjoy one of the easiest and most used French culinary techniques. The literal translation for "saute" in French is "to jump" (from the verb, sauter). When sauteing items, chefs frequently make the contents in the pan "jump" by shaking the pan. Sauteing is best defined as "cooking in a small amount of hot fat in a shallow sided pan usually over high heat."

Preparation is key

As with stir-fry, most of the work in sauteing is involved in the preparation stage. Once the ingredients are assembled, the cooking is done in a matter of minutes.

These are the basic steps to a quick and delicious saute meal. First, sear your meat in a hot pan turning only once. When cooking in batches, remove the meat from the pan and place on a warm platter in a medium oven.

Cover lightly with foil. After cooking all the meat, a flavorful liquid such as lemon juice, wine, liquor or stock is then added to the pan and brought to a boil. Stir with a whisk to incorporate any food particles and pan juices - this procedure is known as "de-glazing."

Add any final ingredients and seasonings. Finally, add the meat to the saute pan to finish cooking a few minutes more.

When sauteing, chefs insist that the pans are "smokin' hot." A less than hot pan is a common and serious mistake. Once the pan is hot, add a small amount of fat. When the fat is hot (it will only take a few moments), add your favorite meat, vegetables or seafood and begin preparing your "Four Star" meal.

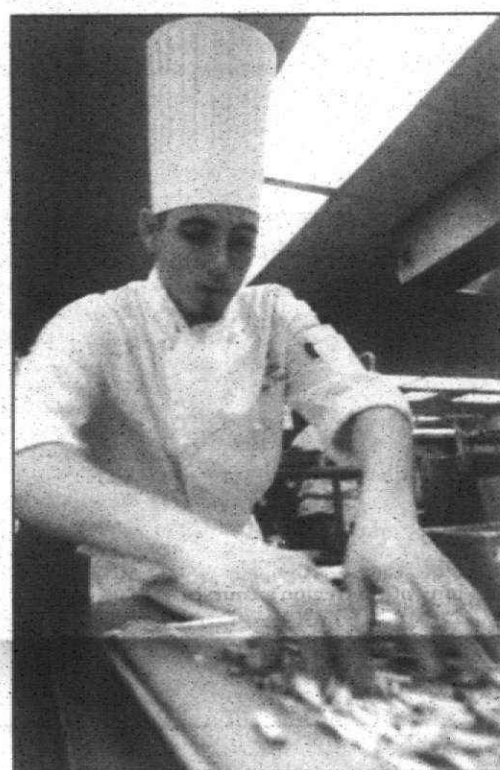
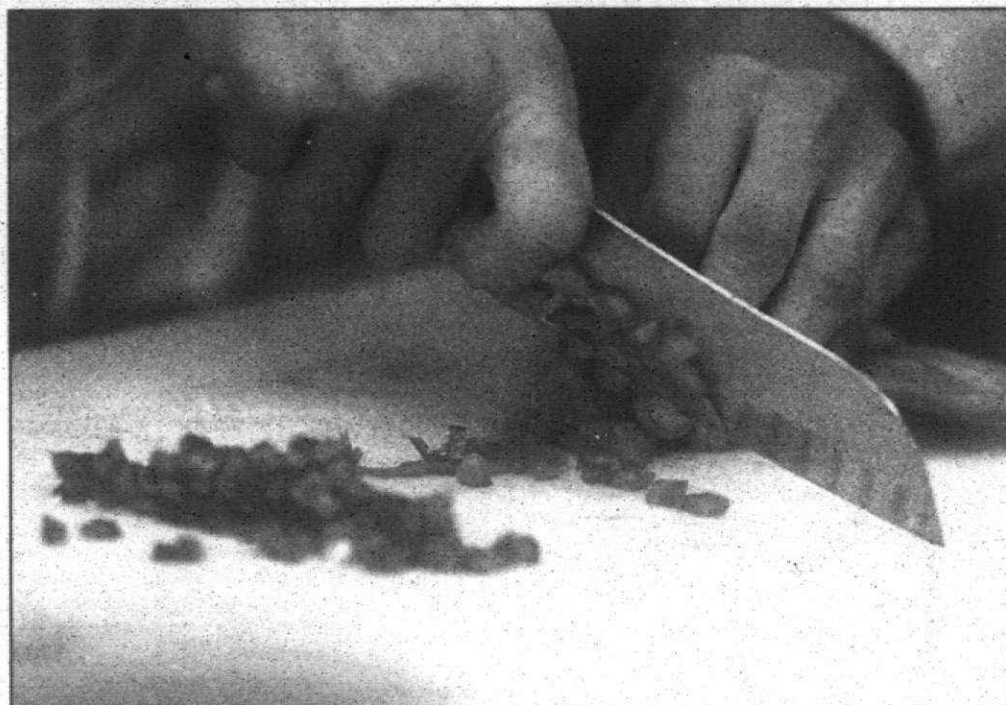
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Chef Carol Haskin is the pastry and consulting chef at Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham. Chef Carol holds the distinction of being the first certified female executive chef in the State of Michigan.

LOOKING AHEAD

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- Focus on Wine
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With lightning speed: Jamie Valvo of Farmington Hills spreads out chopped mushrooms to prepare his pate brix of mushroom in the culinary arts kitchen at Schoolcraft College to prepare for a regional Salon competition starting Friday in Kansas City. Salon 2000 team members also practice chopping red peppers and other vegetables following strict cutting guidelines.

THE WINNING SALON 2000 MENU

- A pate brix of mushroom - crisp roll of mushrooms on wilted greens, served with forest chips and a mushroom essence created by Jamie Valvo of Farmington Hills.
- Chilled salad of pickered Seville-style, layered with a jicama red onion slaw, cucumbers with a cilantro-lime vinaigrette by Joel Vassallo of Canton.
- Ballotine of chicken, presented on black beluga lentils with braised sweet cabbage, wine merchant sauce and a sweet potato chip by John Griffiths of Farmington Hills.
- Medley of orange, orange bavarian, tangerine sorbet, blood orange sauce and a pistachio tuille from Sharon Martin of Northville.

SALON CLASS PREPARES FOR COMPETITION

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK · PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

If you were serving pickered as a chilled salad, you might place a cracker on the dish as a garnish, or set it nearby to be consumed with the fish.

Joel Vassallo of Canton, a culinary arts student at Schoolcraft College, gives a lot of thought to such matters. Garnishes aren't afterthoughts, they should complement the dish.

A sesame cracker, baked in a spiral shape, is substituted for a buttermilk stick cracker as a garnish for a chilled pickered salad he created. The sesame cracker was placed on top of the pickered, like a skyscraper jutting out against a city skyline.

Changing the garnish adds an incredibly dramatic dimension to the dish.

"Instead of rolling (the cracker dough) flat, I used a pasta attachment to make it thin, cut it into long strips, then wrapped it around a wood dowel and cooked it," explained Vassallo.

Chef Kevin Gawronski, director of culinary arts, Vassallo, and his salon team members from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, hope judges in the two-day regional cooking competition in Kansas City starting Friday, March 31, notice their attention to detail.

"Last year we lost by five-hundredths of a point to the eventual national champs," Gawronski said. The team from Kansas won the regional competition and advanced to the nationals.

But it isn't just garnishes they're concerned about; students have slaved for weeks, making competition dishes, over and over again, tweaking them with herbs, spices and juices.

Vassallo first wanted salmon in his recipe. Then he wanted rainbow trout. After practicing, he soon decided on pickered for its leanness. His chilled salad of "seville-style" pickered is layered with jicama red onion slaw, cucumbers and a cilantro-lime vinaigrette.

"The acids from the lime juice and the white wine cook it," said Vassallo, explaining the term "seville." The pickered with jicama and red onion slaw is something nice, light and refreshing. The high acid content opens up the taste buds for the next dish. "Something like that stands out."

Team competes

The team, which includes Vassallo, Jamie Valvo, John Griffiths and Sharon Martin, won a Salon competition to represent the state



Focused: Evan Demers, front, and Sondra Baier, both of Northville, practice in the Schoolcraft kitchen.

between Macomb and Oakland community colleges. Jean-Paul LePage serves as an alternate, in case one of the others is unable to participate.

That's not all. They and four other students or recent graduates - Sondra Baier, DaJuan Sandifer, Evan Demers and Traci Bahlman - will travel to Singapore April 8 for an international individual salon competition, then to Bangkok for a cooking class.

Gawronski believes Schoolcraft is the only community college from the United States going to Singapore, a competition that features 25 to 36 countries. The trip will cost \$26,000 - most of it being paid for with money from fund-raisers.

The salon class prepares students for competition, Gawronski said. "Skill development is encouraged, and they work under a severe timetable. They create and design their own dishes."

Students learn about the seasonality of foods, taste associations and food groupings, Gawronski said.

The 11 salon students are divided into two teams for the class. The team that "wins" in the instructors' eyes competes as a team, while the others compete individually.

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Practice makes perfect: Sharon Martin of Northville, front, mixes for a cake for her medley of orange dessert, while Joel Vassallo prepares pickered for his chilled salad.

Book satisfies hunger for 'Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking'

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Lenore Baum has practiced and preached natural foods cooking for more than 25 years. First in Phoenix, and for the past nine years at her cooking school in Farmington Hills.

Baum's first cookbook is "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking," (Culinary Publications, \$21). The cookbook, set to hit bookstores in April, highlights many of those cooking lessons.

"What motivated me to write this book," said Baum, "was that I had not yet discovered a down-to-earth, practical cookbook that would guide people toward a healthier diet." Baum designed a user-friendly cookbook that provides simple step-by-step instructions,

and more than 260 cook's tips to help you get good results and save time.

She promotes a healthy diet, particularly the vegan (pronounced VEE-gan) diet, which excludes all animal products such as meat, cheese, eggs, milk and honey.

"People become interested in a vegetarian diet for a variety of reasons ranging from compassion for animals to religion to world hunger issues," Baum writes. "But the most recent trend in eating this way has to do with health. Research has linked lower rates of heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, diabetes and obesity with a vegetarian diet."

So what's a shopper to do? Instead of drinking milk from cattle (most of



which consume pesticides and receive growth hormones), Baum recommends dark leafy greens such as collards, kale, broccoli and bok choy for as a source of daily calcium.

The book walks the reader through menu planning, last-minute meals and eating out healthfully, explaining what to order, why and how to eat well.

Baum said many of the more than 100 recipes were fine-tuned in her cooking classes. The recipes contain less than 15 percent fat and are made without refined sugar or dairy products. "The recipes are tasty, nourishing and satisfying, not bland, boring or complex," Baum said.

Baum loves soups, like her hearty

bean soup and pressure-cooker pea soup, with a crusty whole wheat bread. Her creamy cauliflower and chickpea soup is high in beta carotene. The cauliflower is pureed, and the chickpeas add a creamy heartiness, Baum said.

She came up with spaghetti with gingered broccoli while visiting a friend and using ingredients found in the refrigerator. Now that recipe is one of her favorites.

The book calls for unusual ingredients that will require trips to specialty and natural food stores for items such as shoyu and tempeh. Shoyu is the Japanese name for naturally fermented soy sauce. Made from soybeans, roasted wheat and salt, it is fermented in wooden kegs for at least 18 months. Tempeh is a fermented soybean prod-

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Easter recipes wanted

Do you have any fond Easter memories, traditions or recipes? Share them with our readers in Taste. Send or e-mail recipes and information to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail habram-czyk@ec.homecomm.net. Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as accurate measured amounts or package sizes.

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Pork flavored with mustard

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PORK MEDALLIONS WITH MUSTARD SHALLOTS AND CAPERS

2 pounds pork tenderloin, trimmed and sliced 1/2-inch thick
2 teaspoons fresh cracked black pepper
1/4 cup olive oil (6 tablespoons)
1/2 pound of shallots, thinly sliced
1-1/2 cups dry white wine
1-1/2 cups Crème Fraiche
2-1/2 tablespoons drained capers
1-1/2 tablespoons whole grain mustard
1-1/2 teaspoons anchovy paste
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
Salt to taste

Preheat oven to 200°F. Place platter in oven to warm. Rub pork medallions with pepper and set aside for 15 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil. Without crowding the pan with medallions, sauté them 1-1/2 to 2 minutes on each side. Transfer the pork to the warmed platter. Repeat with another 2 tablespoons oil and the remaining meat.

Place the pork in the oven. Add the remaining oil to the pan and when it begins to smoke, add the shallots. Sauté until browned (about 3 minutes). Add the wine and deglaze the pan, scrape up any browned pieces from the bottom. Bring to a boil and reduce by half - about 3 minutes.

Stir in Crème Fraiche, capers, mustard, anchovy paste and lemon juice.

Continue cooking 5-6 minutes on medium heat. Add the pork and any accumulated meat juices to the sauce and stir to coat. Serve at once.

A small baked apple, steamed broccoli and wide egg noodles would complement the tangy pork nicely. Yields four to six servings.

Author's spaghetti spiced with ginger, garlic

Here is a recipe from "Lenore's Natural Cuisine: Your Essential Guide to Wholesome, Vegetarian Cooking" by Lenore Baum, who teaches at her cooking school in Farmington Hills. See Taste front for a review of the cookbook.

SPAGHETTI WITH GINGERED BROCCOLI

1 pound semolina spaghetti
1 bunch broccoli, stems peeled and diagonally sliced, florets separated
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
1 4-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and cut into matchsticks
3 large garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon shoyu or more to taste (available at natural foods stores)

Bring a large stock pot with five quarts of water. Bring to a boil. Cook spaghetti until al dente, according to package directions. Gently pour cooked spaghetti into a colander in the sink. Rinse until cold. Leave in colander.

Meanwhile, steam broccoli until barely fork-tender, about 2 minutes. Set aside. In a large, nonstick skillet or wok, heat oil. Sauté ginger and garlic 1 minute. Add spaghetti. Sauté until lightly golden, 3-5 minutes. Season with shoyu to taste.

Add broccoli. Mix gently. Cover and heat through before serving, about 2 minutes. Yields four servings

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ut originating in Indonesia. Shoyu costs about \$3 for 10 ounces, while tempeh costs \$1.49 a pound, she said. "Beans are 80 cents a pound, and that's enough for six meals."

She isn't afraid to discuss nutrition issues, particularly the effects of refined sugar.

"Like a drug, it travels directly into the bloodstream, setting off a chain reaction that makes the body crave more sugar," she writes. "It is an addictive cycle."

"That's what research shows," Baum said. Though she admitted that language was strong, she added that a large percentage of the U.S. population has problems with the amount of sugar in their diets, citing the

■ 'As a wise person once said, if you don't take the time to be healthy now, you will take the time to be sick later.'

Lenore Baum
—author and instructor

book "Sugar Blues" by William Dufty.

"A balanced vegetarian diet will give you more energy to do what you want to do," said Baum. "It will help you lose unwanted pounds, and in general will make you feel better because you are taking good care of yourself."

"As a wise person once said, if you don't take the time to be healthy now, you will take the time to be sick later."

Lenore Baum will sign her book 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Whole Foods Market, Maple at Coolidge in Troy; and 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Borders, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Baum also teaches vegetarian cooking classes at 22899 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-4455 or visit www.lenore-natural.com. See recipe inside Taste.

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Salon team members share mushroom, pickerel recipes

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CHILLED SALAD OF PICKEREL "SEVICHE STYLE"

1 1/2 fillets pickerel (about 8-10 ounces); julienned
1 bulb jicama
1 medium red onion
1 jalapeno
8 limes, juiced
1 cup and 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup white wine
zest of two limes
1 whole lemon
1/4 to 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
1/2 medium cucumber
1 3/4 cups flour, all-purpose
2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 tablespoon salt
2 ounces butter
1 cup buttermilk
1/4 ounce tahini paste
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
egg wash
Brinon or bibb lettuce

Juice the limes into a bowl. Cover the pickerel with lime juice. Refrigerate until the fish is cured, about 45 minutes.

Make a smooth dough with the flour, sugar, salt, butter, tahini, paste and buttermilk. Let dough rest, then roll dough to 1/8-inch thick. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and bake at 350°F until golden brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Strain the lime juice off the pickerel and add finely chopped cilantro and lime zest. Slowly whisk in oil to form an emulsion. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Peel jicama and red onion. Finely julienne the onions and jicama. Mix with jalapeno and enough dressing to coat.

Mold fish in a ring mold, alternating the layers of pickerel and slaw. Peel cucumber and slice thin. Line center of plate with a ring of cucumbers. Unmold sevice and place in the center of the ring. Top with lightly dressed greens and garnish with cracker.

Recipe courtesy of Joel Vassallo.

PATE BRIX OF MUSHROOMS

2 quarts mushroom stock (reserve 1 ounce)
8 cups white mire poix, cut into chunks (2 cups celery, 4 cups onion and 2 cups parsnips)
20 medium shiitake mushrooms, split
Garlic
Shallots
Parsley
Thyme
1/4 cup hedgehog mushrooms

Sweat (or sauté 15-20 seconds) one tablespoon each of garlic and shallots, add diced mushrooms, then cook until tender. Deglaze with Madeira, add cream and reduce by half, until thickened and cream coats mushrooms. Finish with parsley, thyme and juice of half a lemon. Season and cool. (Note: Mushroom mix must be completely cooled before placing on phyllo dough.)

Clean spinach and arugula. Combine and reserve. Brush phyllo dough lightly with butter. Add cooled mushroom mix. Roll tightly and seal. Form into a triangle and place in a cooler.

Cut crusts off bread, place white pieces in small food processor with one teaspoon of garlic, shallot, parsley and thyme and 2 teaspoons melted butter, and puree. Place in pie tin and toast in oven at 300°F for about 10 minutes, until golden brown and crunchy.

Wilt spinach and arugula with one teaspoon each of garlic and shallots in reserved one ounce of mushroom stock. Sweeten another teaspoon each of garlic and shallots in whole butter, add oyster mushrooms and finish with one teaspoon each parsley and thyme. Season to taste.

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Topics include teen pregnancy, endometriosis, depression, menopause, fibroids and osteoporosis. Lectures are geared to a non-technical audience. Students receive a book bag, syllabus and course materials.

Class size is limited, and enrollment is on a first-come, basis. Tuition is \$60 per person, \$50 each for those who register with a friend or spouse, and \$30 for students and seniors. Tuition waivers are available. To pre-register, call the Women's Health Resource Center at (734) 936-8888.

Living with Parkinson's

Health Development Network at Botsford General Hospital will present "Living with and Understanding Parkinson's Disease," a seven-week educational series 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 to May 16. Topics include goal-setting, self-management, medications, other therapies and staying healthy.

"This is the only hospital-based program of its kind in the state," said Deborah Orloff-Reidson, director of HDN. "It's really a program not to be missed for anyone dealing with the disease."

The cost is \$50 per family. Pre-registration is required. Classes will be held at the Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For more information and to make reservations, please call (248) 477-6100. The series is co-sponsored by the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.

Women's Health Day

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for a day away from kids, pets and household chores. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present its sixth annual "Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West on Six Mile Road and I-275.

Attendees can choose from topics in each of three sessions: Tai Chi, refractive eye surgery, happy and healthy feet, aromatherapy and therapeutic massage, and why "they" make you crazy. And keynote speaker Bobbie Staten, nurse and business woman, has an inspiring message on life, family, work and priorities for everyone: "I'm Going to be Happy When..."

Registration fee is \$30 (\$35 at the door) and is requested by Monday, April 3. The fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, exhibits and a fashion show by Casual Corner Group. Sponsorships available. Call (1-800) 494-1617.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databases (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Safe Haven for Newborns

EMERGENCY ROOMS OFFER LOVING HANDS FOR UNWANTED BABIES

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It's an act of desperation as old as time. Mothers - scared, ashamed, or in deep denial - abandon their newborns in garbage cans, in the woods and on the proverbial church stoeps.

Last Sunday, a newborn boy was found in a garbage bag outside Grace Salvation Church in Detroit. He was taken to Sinai-Grace Hospital, where he was diagnosed with having "persistent fetal circulation" - a condition in which a newborn reverts to the circulatory pattern he had in the womb, said spokeswoman Barbara Lewis.

The newborn, just hours old when abandoned, was transferred to Children's Hospital on Monday evening. He was put on a heart-lung machine and remains in critical condition.

Two years ago, near Christmas, a baby boy was brought to Garden City Hospital by the Dearborn Heights police after being left on the steps of St. Mel's convent in Garden City. Fortunately, he was in good condition and was released to the Family Independence Agency within hours.

"It was unbelievable. Those nurses treated that baby as if he was their own. The nurses wouldn't let the media near the baby," said hospital spokesman Terry Carroll.

Earlier this week, a county-wide "Safe Haven for Newborns" program was unveiled by county prosecutors' offices and hospital officials. The program allows mothers to leave their unwanted newborns at area emergency rooms without fear of prosecution.

Would the newest baby John Doe's mother have taken him to the nearest hospital emergency room had she known about the program? That she would be free from prosecution? Maybe. Would he still have developed life-threatening respiratory problems? Maybe not. "He was gorgeous, full term. No one knows what caused his problem," said Lewis.

The elements

The fact is all newborns - big ones, little ones, full-term babies and especially premature babies - are subject to extreme health risks when abandoned. The six hours after birth is known as the "transitional period," said Dr. Marie Lozon, director of Children's Emergency Services for the University of Michigan Health System. And the greatest risk is loss of body heat.

"Hypothermia is the most common reason (abandoned) babies die," she said.

For newborns, maintaining a core body temperature is a complex neurological and circulatory process, she said. "In the face of environmental stress cold, heat, even normal room temperatures - infants left lying unclothed could become cold, and that's a big stressor."

If the hostile environment persists, an infant loses the battle to maintain body temperature. A cascade of consequences eventually leads to shock and ultimately death.

Dr. Maria Dorsch, a pediatrician at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, had a short answer when asked about an abandoned baby's chances on a cold winter night: "Forget it. A baby doesn't have much fat, she said, and 'fat is what conserves heat in the body.' To prevent heat loss, newborns are immediately dried off after birth and put into a warm environment.

Quickly and thoroughly drying off the infant

is extremely important, Lozon emphasized.

It is the layer of subcutaneous tissue, the fat and fibrous tissue, that allows adults to maintain body temperature in the cold, said Lozon. Conversely, it is the lack of this tissue in infants, along with their body configuration of a large head and small body - more surface area as opposed to mass - that allows heat to evaporate more quickly.

Falling body temperatures affect heart rate. Normally, a newborn's heart rate is 140-160 beats per minute. But if he becomes too cold, both his heart rate and breathing slows down. "Below 100 beats is dangerous," said Dorsch.

Other risks

Newborns need glucose to survive and are usually fed within four hours of birth. At Garden City Hospital, nurses take a heel-stick glucose reading immediately after birth, then again one and two hours later. If glucose levels are low, "you don't have energy to push oxygen through the blood," said Claudia Westbrook, director of emergency services.

Also, because an infant's metabolic rate is much higher than an adult's, they consume oxygen and glucose at a higher rate, said Lozon. That's why they are fed frequently. If the brain is seriously deprived of glucose, seizures and permanent brain damage may result.

Infection is another problem. "You never know what they cut the cord with," said Dorsch. "If they don't clamp the cord fast enough, the baby can bleed."

Infections also can be picked up as the baby travels through the birth canal. Common bacteria in the birth canal and vaginal infections are routinely picked up during pre-natal care. However, mothers who have abandoned babies most likely have not seen a doctor during pregnancy.

In a suitable birthing setting, an emerging newborn's throat and nose are suctioned before the shoulders and chest are delivered. "The birthing assistant would normally do some suctioning in order that the baby would not take a deep breath before all those fluids are suctioned out," said Lozon. "A young girl delivering at home in a panic would not know to suction that out."

Fortunately, most full-term, healthy babies can sneeze and cough fluids out, however. To premature babies don't have this strong reflex response.

There are numerous other problems that put an abandoned newborn at risk, said Lozon, including drug use by the mother, immature lungs, and possible congenital problems, which can involve the heart, airways and body chemistry. Even jaundice, which affects over half of all newborns in the United States, is potentially dangerous. If not treated in a timely manner, high levels of bilirubin can lead to brain damage.

A plastic bag

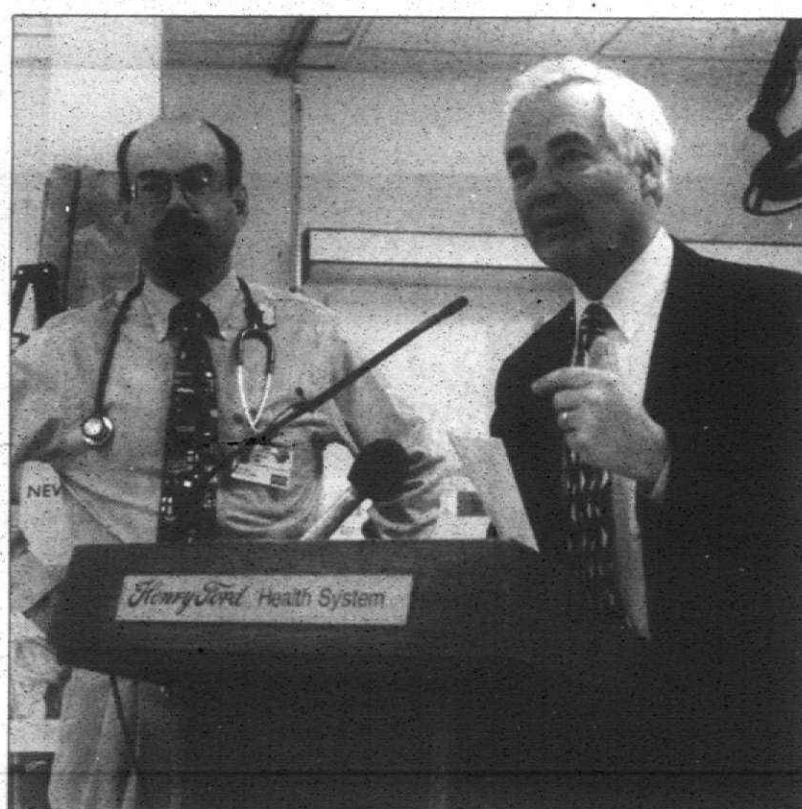
Plastic bags do not keep a baby warm. They smother it. Plastic garbage bags are non-porous, and as an infant's oxygen supply becomes depleted, the bag fills with exhaled carbon dioxide.

"If you have a carbon dioxide build-up and oxygen is being depleted, carbon dioxide makes you sleepy and unresponsive. The baby may stop breathing," said Lozon.

Births within a hospital emergency room, especially involving mothers who have not had prenatal care or who have been involved in car accidents, can be emotionally trying for medical staff, said Westbrook. The "unknown factor" increases with an abandoned baby. "She may have delivered in the bathroom in a gas station."

In most cases, the only known factor is that the mother was desperate. "People who do this are in denial and so horrified of sharing this with their family, they want to wipe it off the face of the earth," said Lozon.

Thanks to Safe Haven for Newborns, hospital emergency rooms can now offer a loving alternative.



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Offering safety: Dr. Leland Ropp, pediatric emergency physician, Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane (left), and George E. Ward, chief assistant prosecutor, Wayne County, announce the start of Safe Haven for Newborns at area hospitals.

Adult ADHD conference set at Oakland Community College

Restlessness, distraction and severe mood swings are just a few symptoms of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, which many adults have but often don't recognize.

The Michael Golde Memorial Conference Fund will present a one-day conference titled "Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and the Student: Impact, Diagnosis, Treatment and Resources," Friday, April 7, at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m., with the first session beginning at 9:15 a.m.

The conference is geared towards college-aged students affected by ADHD and their families, physicians, mental health professionals and educators.

Dr. Joel L. Young, medical director of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine, and keynote speaker Dr.

Timothy Wilens, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, will join a panel of experts focusing on the following issues:

- Diagnosis and impact of ADHD and associated conditions
- Contemporary treatment issues
- Teaching and managing the ADHD student
- Communications between educators and psychologists
- Coaching the ADHD student
- Educational Resources for the ADHD and learning disabled student

After lunch, attendees can choose from one of the smaller breakout sessions on ADHD compensation, counseling, coaching and educator training. The cost to attend the symposium is \$40 per person or \$25 per student. For more information, contact (248) 539-9957 or log on to www.rcbm.net.

Listen and dance

Hearing impaired children learn rhythm, pitch

The second annual "Hearing Impaired Listeners' Community Family Dance" will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Pittsfield Union Grange in Ann Arbor. The event is for deaf and hard-of-hearing children of all ages, their friends and family.

The dance is the brainchild of Marcie Brown, an audiologist, teacher of the hearing impaired, therapist and founder of The Hearing Teacher, an Ann Arbor-based organization that specializes in auditory-verbal services for infants and children.

"The idea is for the children and their parents to have fun, while doing what we teach them to do naturally, to listen and respond to speech and music. Appropriate pitch and rhythm is essential to understanding spoken language," said Brown. "When children who are deaf learn to listen to changes in pitch and rhythm by singing and dancing, they develop more natural-sounding speech."

The program, led by Peter Baker, will be based on simple traditional community dancing. It will feature New England-style live dance music provided by a popular dance musician Debbie Jackson and friends. The musicians will play a variety of instruments, including piano, tuba, fiddle and the marimba.

During the break, children will have an opportunity to listen to the instruments and to "play" some of them.

The Pittsfield Grange is located at 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road off I-94 (first exit west of State Street, 1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor, (734) 662-8936. For more information about the dance, contact Marcie Brown at (734) 741-8998. The cost is \$4 for an individual and \$7 for a family. "Scholarships" to be dance are available. "I don't want to turn anybody away," said Brown.

Is Internet cable a victim of its own growing popularity?



MIKE WENDLAND

Now that broadband cable access is becoming commonplace in most communities, many users around the country are beginning to experience what I call cable's dirty little secret.

Cable Internet service is slowing, too.

So many people are taking advantage of the cable companies' offers to increase surfing speed by up to 100 percent that the system is starting to choke.

There are also broadband pigs, people running high volume Web sites off cable modems, even though this is prohibited by most systems. These pigs, who run what cable people call "rogue servers," jam entire systems.

The results of the huge demand and the broadband pigs are massive slowdowns, traffic backups and inadequate service in many places. All around the country, cable companies are adding extra "nodes," or neighborhood distribution centers, so that everyone's not using the same line.

In metropolitan Detroit, the Comcast Online and the AT&T Home systems have been growing at tremendous rates. And so far, I'm receiving only scattered complaints about service. Most users here seem delighted at the speed of broadband. Let's hope it stays that way.

But elsewhere, where cable Internet has been around a bit longer, system slowdowns are becoming commonplace. What's happening is the demand is far outstripping the capacity of some systems. Remember, cable Internet is different than cable TV. TV is basically passive.

The information comes in and that's it. So thousands of users can share the same node. Not so with cable Internet, which is interactive, or two-way, and gobbles up bandwidth. Cable Internet also works just like any other computer network. When everyone is on at the same time, it slows.

Tied closely with the slowdown is inadequate service. Just try calling the service desk of your cable company. It took me three

days a while ago-just to get a real person to answer when I had some problems with my AT&T service.

From the e-mail I've been getting, it seems as if busy signals and hour-long waits to speak to a technician are now the norm with some cable Internet providers.

This mess is going to get much worse before it gets better. The cable Internet industry needs to redirect thousands of more people into technical support around the country and thousands more in the field to add nodes. I'm already hearing from people fed up with cable in some regions who are switching to DSL.

While DSL service is considerably slower than cable Internet, DSL still beats the fastest modem by about 25 times and because it's a one on one connection, isn't going to degrade as more users come online sharing your same node, as with cable.

Wireless phones offer Internet in full motion. Though there are still some protocol issues the industry needs to straighten out, this year will see the end of cellular and the total domination of digital wireless phones. Many of us will soon use a wireless phone

as our main phone. And they'll replace pagers, too, offering up e-mail retrieval and "web clipings" of stock prices, sports scores and breaking news from the Internet. The technology is already in place. This will be the year it catches on. I'm now testing out the latest offering from AirTouch and I'm impressed. They call the service "Mobile Web" and it offers instant access to Internet content, e-mail, information services, mobile originated messaging and address book and to-do list functions. Oh yeah, it's also a wireless telephone.

Onward and upward. Two new studies released this week indicate the Internet growth rate is showing no signs of slowing down. The Strategies Group says 53 percent of the U.S. population is now regularly online and that women make up nearly half - 49 percent - of all Net users. The study says the Internet has grown by 25 percent since 1998. Another new Internet measurement survey from the Canadian research firm Angus Reid puts the current worldwide Internet population at 300 million users and projects 1 billion users by 2005.

Web attacks. The problem with Internet

security is most corporations that have been hit by hackers are reluctant to report it because they worry it may hurt their image with consumers or adversely affect their stock prices. But among those 640 banks, corporations and financial sites that did respond to the FBI's latest survey, measurable losses directly attributable to hack attacks or security breaches cost a whopping \$265 million last year. That's double the rate of 1998. This year's figures are expected to be staggeringly more. "It's going from bad to worse," said a spokesman for the firm that conducted the FBI study.

Trying again. You got to hand it to Microsoft. It doesn't give up. Even though its cumbersome and klutzy Windows CE handheld computer operating system has been a dismal failure, it keeps coming back for more marketplace beatings. Within two weeks, Microsoft and its partner companies like Casio and Compaq will rename the CE devices as PocketPC's and introduce a slew of new models to consumers. These units will offer color, of course, and multimedia capabilities, as well as an e-book reader. Microsoft's target is

Palm Computing, which has about 90 percent of the handheld market. Don't count Microsoft out. They know how to compete. Remember when Netscape held 90 percent of the Internet browser market? Now Microsoft's Internet Explorer holds the lead.

While CE sure hasn't been popular with consumers, eventually Microsoft may just get it right. That's why Palm just added its spectacular color ILC model and is aggressively signing up designers and programmers, adding new software and forming new partnerships with Internet portal sites. The handheld computer battle is shaping up to be one of the year's best high tech stories.

"73" until next week.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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THUR, MARCH 30

SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES MEETING
Marketing Plan Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Topics include diagnosing marketing problems, market targeting, and advertising and publicity. Cost: \$40. To register, contact SCORE at (313) 226-7947 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

WED, APRIL 5

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Michigan Business and Professional Association will sponsor the 4th annual Women's Leadership Conference and Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon Wednesday, April 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two workshops are planned: "How to Build a Successful Personal Strategic Plan" followed by "Is Your Business Checklist in Order?" The total cost is \$50; cost for luncheon only is \$25. For information about attending, co-sponsoring or advertising, contact MBPA at (810) 979-6322.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

BUSINESS IN CHINA
Oakland University's Professional Development and Education Outreach, School of Education and Human Services (SEHS)

will present "Opening Doors in the 21st Century, Creating Business Opportunities in China after WTO." The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 14 in Oakland University's Meadow Brook Ballroom. Co-sponsors include: The Detroit Regional Chamber, Pontiac Export Assistance Center - U.S. Department of Commerce, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and Leonard Woodcock Legacy. The seminar is an introductory course for individuals and organizations interested in developing or expanding markets in China.

Jerome D. Hill, J.D., Ph.D. and Ledong Li will share their expertise on expanding interests and overcoming the challenges of doing business in China. Cost is \$295 and includes a Chinese luncheon and handout material. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 5. Enrollment

is limited. Contact the Professional Development office at (248) 370-3033 for a brochure or to register for the seminar. Fax registration with VISA or MasterCard payment is accepted at (248) 370-3137.

FRI, MAY 12

FIESTA HISPANA BALL
The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Anderson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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If you answered "yes" to 3 or more statements, you may be suffering from depression, a serious condition affecting millions of Americans. The Institute for Health Studies is currently looking for individuals experiencing the above symptoms to participate in a research study of investigational medication for depression. If you are selected, all research related costs and study medication are provided at no cost. (See answers and information about depression.)

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Assisted Living Residents Come Home To Courtyard Manor

In February, Courtyard Manor, an assistive living facility for memory impaired adults, such as those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or other type of Dementia, held a Valentine's Day Ball. All patient participants wore tuxedos or evening gowns donated by local businesses and, of course, a king and queen were crowned. This is an unusual activity, when compared to playing cards or bingo, but such widely-varied and creative activities are necessary therapy for patients, according to Bonnie Everett, M.S., regional director for Courtyard Manor.

"Stimulating activities help to slow the progression of the disease, prevent withdrawal and depression and improve quality of life," said Everette. Pet therapy, recreational therapy and other individualized, comprehensive therapy helps enrich patients' minds and lives, she added. Certified Recreational Therapists are on staff at Courtyard Manor and are diligent about incorporating such programs and activities.

Fourteen years ago, Courtyard Manor opened its doors to the families that could no longer care for their loved ones who were suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia, or those who were physically frail. It is a fully-licensed, full-service facility with a continuum of care in a residential atmosphere. "We are an affordable alternative to other medical care facilities," said Everett. Courtyard Manor has facilities in Farmington Hills, Livonia, Auburn Hills, Sterling Heights and Wixom.

Licensing is not mandated by the State of Michigan, but Courtyard Manor is licensed facility. This means that they are governed by the State of Michigan's regulations and conform to their laws. Each facility is subject to on-site inspections or licensing action if they do not comply with licensing rules. This provides families with the reassurance that their loved one is well cared for.

Courtyard Manor is staffed 24 hours with healthcare assistants and licensed nurses. Attending physicians, physical therapy evaluation and rehabilitation, psychiatry, podiatry, laboratory, x-ray, vision care, dental exam and treatment and a full-service beauty salon mean patients never have to leave the premises. Hospice care is also available to ease patients' suffering as they near the end of their life.

Each campus has four specialized "cottages," which separate patients into four levels of need. Each suite, either private or companion has emergency call buttons in bedroom and bathroom, a bedroom, sitting area and a bathroom with private walk-in shower and safety handle bars. Buildings have an open floor plan, with secured exits. The great room resembles a cozy ski lodge with a fireplace, wooden vaulted ceilings and ceiling fans. Gorgeous courtyards are a trademark of Courtyard Manor where residents can sit outside on benches or garden, if they so choose.

Services offered include three home-cooked meals and snacks daily; medication administration; assistance with daily personal care; dressing and bathing; incontinence management; daily housekeeping; linen services; and personal laundry services.

"Residents are encouraged to bring personal items (i.e., hobbies, photos, furnishings or furniture) from home to make them feel comfortable and to stimulate long-term memory," said Everett. Staff is especially accommodating and flexible. "We treat every situation as unique," said Everett.

The decision to place a family member or spouse in an assistive living environment can be a difficult one. Some Alzheimer's warning signs include: recent memory loss, difficulty performing familiar tasks, problem with language, disorientation of time or place, misplacing things, changes in mood, behavior or personality and loss of initiative.

A doctor can diagnose the disease, Courtyard Manor can help you live with it. The first call for help when your loved one needs to be safe and can no longer take care of him- or herself is Courtyard Manor. Call today for a personal tour or to ask any questions you might have, (800) 486-9039.



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"We are so happy here. We feel very secure because we are well taken care of, especially when we had the flu — the staff waited on us hand and foot. We think this is the best place for us. We feel part of the community here", the Leemans said.

Frank Anderson, a Fountains at Franklin resident since 1997, agrees. "I am a very lucky man," he said. "I have three terrific sons. They made sure I would be taken care of. The staff at The Fountains at Franklin has made me feel at home."

With spacious (up to 1,100 square feet!), newly redecorated apartments and living areas galore, it's no wonder these seniors are so happy to have chosen The Fountains. Emma, Fred and Frank enjoy delicious dining service, transportation when they need it, and plenty of ways to stay active and involved.

"I always like to be busy," says Ida Liberwitz, another happy resident. "I just look at our calendar of events to see what's going on for the day. I may or may not add my two cents, but I always love BINGO and Happy Hour!"

For more and more area seniors, The Fountains at Franklin is shattering stereotypes and raising expectations of what life can be. The Fountains at Franklin is hosting an Open House on Thursday, April 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 248-353-2810.



L'UOMO VOGUE: FINE MEN'S EUROPEAN FASHION

Bruce and Michael Goldman owners of L'uomo Vogue have been bringing fashion to a new level in the metro Detroit area. Bruce and Michael Goldman have managed to keep on top of changing fashion trends above and beyond. Michael Goldman, Bruce's son, adds a young man's perspective on the fashion industry. After many years in Southfield, L'uomo Vogue has now relocated to a larger facility in Bloomfield Hills. With the new face lift, L'uomo Vogue is now noted as one of the top retailer's exclusive mens boutique in the country.

Over 15 designer names are sold at L'uomo Vogue, including: Pal Zaleri, Zanella, Giorgio Armani, Le Collezioni, Ermengildo Zegna, Versace, Verri Uomo and Canali, to name a few. They carry suits and sports coats from a 38 Short to a 54 Long. Slacks range in size from 30"-46" waist; dress shirts from neck sizes 15" to 18"; and designer jeans from a 30" to 46" waist. The pattern designs and exclusive fabrics are personally selected by Bruce and Michael Goldman. An exclusive collection of shoes as well as a complete line

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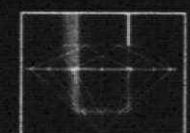


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This unusual mix of scientific expertise and customer service ideals combined with current jewelry trends makes Swiss Jewelers a Unique Jewelry shopping destination.

The success they've enjoyed for almost 30 years is due, in part to the quality of merchandise they carry. They have a vast selection of merchandise from designer jewelry to custom designs all in 14K, 18K, or Platinum. But what Swiss Jewelers is specifically known for is the niche they fill in the diamond arena. They specialize in diamonds which are cut to exacting proportions and symmetry designed to maximize fire and brilliance. They showcase Lazare and Hearts on Fire Diamonds and eagerly share their knowledge and expertise as to why Hearts On Fire Diamonds are the best on the market.

All of the 4C's are important considerations when buying a diamond. But it is the Cut which is unquestionably the single most important factor in determining the true beauty of a diamond. A diamond is cut to have many surfaces, or "facets." Most round diamonds are cut with 58 facets. These facets act like a series of lenses and mirrors. When cut with perfect proportions and symmetry a diamond will capture, focus and return light to the viewer in a dazzling display for fire, brilliance and scintillation.

The cut is the only factor that man can control and more often than not the diamond cutter will cut the rough diamond in order to retain weight. By doing so they can sell a heavier carat weight (usually a deeper cut diamond with less fire and brilliance) for a higher price. Carat weight is simply the weight not the size of a diamond i.e. 5 carats equals 1 gram. Weight does not equal size!

What's really important is what you see face up and what you see face up is the diameter across the top of the diamond. A 0.85 carat Hearts On Fire Diamond looks as big as an ordinary one-carat diamond because the diameter across the top is almost identical. Less is definitely more in this case, because the extra weight in the bottom of an ordinary diamond actually takes away from its beauty and merely adds to its cost.

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Comparison shopping for a diamond can feel overwhelming or complicated and many shoppers rely on cost (or a "good deal") to make a final decision. There is a certain psychological appeal to price, and unfortunately little attention on real value" said Raffi. But before you buy, he adds, take the time to shop at Swiss Jewelers to ask questions and get real answers which can help to "quantify value" to learn as much as you can on such an important purchase. "Many people end up buying a diamond that isn't what they think it is. Sometimes they even have a written certificate or grading report that just doesn't match with the diamond upon appraisal," said Raffi. "With a Hearts On Fire Diamond the value is verifiable. Each diamond is laser inscribed with a Hearts On Fire name and unique identification number." An independent gemological laboratory (AGS gemological laboratories) evaluates each diamond for the 4C's and provides a diamond grading report attesting to its findings. The number on the certificate, which matches the number inscribed on the diamond, authenticates the diamond that earned the ratings is actually yours.

Swiss Jewelers is committed to honesty, education and unparalleled customer service. Swiss Jewelers is located in Southfield at 23077 Greenfield Rd., Suite 380 in the Advance Building. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm, Sat., 10 am-5 pm. To learn more about Hearts On Fire Diamonds, call Raffi for an appointment and free video. Call (248) 559-5193.

New Pendleton Store In Rochester

Since the pioneer days, Pendleton has been recognized for outstanding woolen products, made with a commitment to quality, value and craftsmanship. Products last season after season, year after year and generation after generation. Initially known for their blankets, Pendleton began making classic, durable clothing for men in the early 1900s and added a women's line in 1949. Today their tradition is stronger than ever as is evidenced by the newly opened Rochester Pendleton, one of 54 Pendleton Woolen mill stores.



Rochester Pendleton offers a complete line of Pendleton clothing for men and women as well as some home furnishings. Male shoppers come in looking for the classic Pendleton flannel shirts, which are known for their comfort, durability and style, not to mention their washability. They are available in over 75 exclusive patterns and in ten different shirt styles, to suit any lifestyle or wardrobe. Pants or trousers, shirts, sweaters, golfwear and sportswear, jackets and coats, a variety of knit shirts and a wide range of accessories are also on

display. Female shoppers can discover sweaters, skirts, blouses, shirts, vests, outerwear and knit shirts, all designed for comfort and fashion. Sizes range from petite to missy.

Pendleton utilizes a variety of wool for their products. Whisperwool is known for its incredible softness. Worsted wool, a light fabric that is suitable for year 'round wear is often mistaken for cotton. Non-wool garments, such as those made from cotton, rayon or denim are added to the line to make Pendleton a year 'round sportswear retail company. All Pendleton.

This year's commemorative blanket, "People of the Longhouse," will be available in May. Stop by to view the new spring line of merchandise at Rochester Pendleton, 115 E. Third St., in Rochester. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information or to be added to the catalog mailing list, call (248) 601-1282. For complete company history, visit the web-site www.pendleton-usa.com.

Classic Golf Apparel For Women



Guylene Martignon, Owner of Front Tee Golf Classics

As a golfer herself, Guylene Martignon, Owner of Front Tee Golf Classics, had the same complaint as many of you, "there seemed to be a shortage of great golf clothiers for women and even fewer places to purchase a nice selection of styles and sizes". "Not everyone can break 90", she said, "but everyone can and should look great". Comfort and classic styling are the key components. Women want to invest in clothing they can wear on and off the fairway; fabrics should travel well and fit into a busy lifestyle.

Guylene has served Rochester and surrounding areas for many years as an interior designer. Her love for color, design, style and quality has inspired a long awaited golf, tennis and resort wear boutique dedicated to women. "The goal is simple", she says, "offer beautifully designed pieces which

span the gap from the fairway to dinner after your game and even to the work place".

Responses from first time shoppers is pretty much the same, "you have really great things and they are very different from what I've seen anywhere locally". The next comment is usually a question, "who is Jamie Sadock?" "I

love all my lines, says Guylene, Jamie Sadock is a New York designer who fills her line with fun trims and functional pockets such as her famous "Tee" pocket; Elendale offers a beautifully constructed classic golf look; Sugar Mag has a unique young look for the fairway and Belle Pointe adds to our resort wear with their usual great cotton sweater designs.

You'll discover friendly old fashioned service, the latest in fabrics and designs, custom bags and lots of accessories, all tucked into this quaint little Mackinaw style house."

Front Tee Golf Classics is located in Downtown Rochester at 308 East St. Showroom hours are Tues. - Sat., 10 AM - 5 PM. Evening appointments are welcome or shop anytime in our on-line catalog www.frontteeclasics.com for more information call 1-800-695-8969 or 248-656-8588.



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Arnold Schwarzenegger presents top fitness award to down town developer of World Gym Fitness Centers



Arnold Schwarzenegger presenting Christian Babini, "Old" A&P site developer with Top Franchise Award

Last week, at the Arnold Classic, Fitness Icon and Hollywood top box office draw, Arnold Schwarzenegger, presented Christian Babini, developer of the 4 acre "old A&P" site to the new upscale World Gym Fitness Center, the organization's most prestigious award. The Joe Gold Award of Excellence for his World Gym Fitness Center in Shelby Township. Annually the Joe Gold Award is presented to the top World Gym Fitness Center Club and owner (out of 300 globally).

Schwarzenegger went on to say "Not only does Christian make money, but also gives money back" referring to Babini's relentless effort in raising money for charity. "Raising \$50,000 for Inner-City Games foundation, Multiple Sclerosis as well as several local families with physically challenged children... he is the best," Arnold continued.

Babini's World Gym Fitness Center in Shelby Township also received the award for Best Staff. Amazingly he has had only two employees turnover in close to four years.

During the awards presentation, Schwarzenegger went on to have fun with the 300 plus crowd by saying "Now Christian is moving into my territory." Referring to the movie business. "I had him visit me last year on the set of 'End of Days' (Arnold's latest film release which has grossed over 200 million dollars). "We used him in a scene and you saw Christian for a second just before he blew up in the restaurant explosion!"

Last week, the Eccentric newspaper was able to catch up to Christian Babini and find out about his New World Gym Fitness Center in Downtown Rochester.

Observer/Eccentric - Congratulations on winning the Joe Gold Award. What were your thoughts?

Babini - I was absolutely thrilled. My partner Frank Palazzolo and I brought down 37 staff members and friends and sharing this experience with them was fantastic.

Observer/Eccentric - How does one win the Joe Gold Award?

Babini - Owners are required to submit objective criteria, such as, financial components, member retention numbers, employee retention numbers, member services and programming diversity and community service activities. The Franchise office and Joe Gold himself take it from there.

Observer/Eccentric - Tell me about the status of your Downtown Rochester World Gym Fitness Center. There has been a lot of speculation as to what the final product will be.

Babini - The Downtown World Gym is a dream in the making. I called on that downtown property 10 years ago for the same use, it was financially untouchable for me back then. I was overwhelmed with excitement when we closed on the property last summer and 10 years later.

Yes there is a lot of speculation and misinformation regarding the project and hopefully I can clarify. First, let me say that the City of Rochester has been absolutely supportive, professional and fair with the planning and building process. Ed Alward, Building Inspector and Ken Johnson, City Manager were "in the loop" from the start. They gave me very specific direction as to what I could and couldn't do. This cooperative spirit helped the process along, as there have been no surprises thus far.

As for the site plan. This property includes 4 acres and all four acres will be developed. Most people see the building and the parking lot in front. What most DON'T know is that we have an additional 2 acres that are also going to be developed for parking and pool. The parking there will be outstanding. The pool will not be developed until we are certain it won't affect parking.

In addition, what makes this downtown location unique is that it's situated on Paint Creek Trail and Rochester Municipal Park. Imagine, any time of year, being able to pick-up cross country skis, snow shoes or bikes right at the club, walk in our backyard and access Paint Creek Trail for a cardiovascular workout then, when your finished, bring the equipment back to the club and finish your workout or enjoy a massage! Moreover, our site plan was approved for an outdoor fresh air exercise patio that overlooks Paint Creek. For 5-7 months of the year one can enjoy exercise outdoors with the same state of the art equipment you will have indoors.

Speaking of the indoor area. We are adding close to 10,000 square feet to the building. When it's all said and done, the club will offer 25,000 square feet of fitness space. We are using the expansion for related tenants. Such as, a vitamin outlet, a full service day spa and we are actively recruiting a national coffee house chain.

The fitness areas will include massive cardiovascular, strength, aerobics and spinning areas. The aerobics room will also be used for special population (osteoporosis, post rehab, limited range of movement, pre and post natal, fibromyalgia) programs. We will also offer an expansive Kids Klub a supervised children's activity area. The huge juice bar will be strategically located for easy access.

Without question, however, the heart of our club, as it is with our World Gym in Shelby Township, is our education with regard to fitness and nutrition. Our nutrition programming staff has expanded to six directors. The programs offered are diverse, from group dynamic to individual programs. But the common thread that binds the success of our members is the

ability to teach each participant how to increase their metabolism, so that they're burning calories when they're not at the gym. The nutrition staff coordinates very well with our certified trainers for a complete program.

I can go on and on. Simply put our goal is to cater to the mature adult. We are proud that our Shelby Township location consists of about 70% women. AND About 70% of that number are women with children. In the mornings, out of every 100 members that come in, 98 of them will be moms. Furthermore, we realize that these people can only squeeze in about an hour for exercise. Our goal is to make that experience educational, convenient and fun.

Observer/Eccentric - Wow! That sounds great. Are you concerned about the competition in the area?

Babini - I had the opportunity to play college and professional football. In addition, I ran sales for a billion dollar, fortune 500 surgical device company where our major competitor was ten times larger than us. It's interesting to note that even though they were much bigger, our company commanded 70 to 80 percent market share consistently. From these experiences, I've learned to always take competition seriously. I believe that the reasons for winning the Joe Gold Award of Excellence and Best Staff Awards will be the driving force behind the Main Street World Gym. Let's face it. Anyone can go to any club and find equipment and aerobics. What people want is a positive and motivating experience everytime they walk in. Our goal is to provide them exactly that. It is simply a matter of fact that in any business, employee turnover translates into customer turnover. Our success in retaining employees comes from hiring well and providing an atmosphere where employees and members feel good about themselves. We eliminate pressure. For example, we've never had a sales department. No one gets paid commission for member sign-ups. Think about it. Potential customers are sick and tired of being cornered in a sales room office then being told that if "you join today your price is this. But if you join tomorrow it will increase to this." Ca'Mon! This is sophomoric. It's hard to believe but there are still clubs that do this. We pride ourselves on encouraging any potential customer to take information home, review it them make an informed decision. The staff that "sells" the club are the ones that educate and develop relationships long after the member has joined. In other words, everybody.

Another one of my pet peeves as a consumer was having to pay an initiation fee. What the heck does that mean and what does it go towards? The public has become conditioned to this nonsense. Since we opened our first club four years ago, we never had an initiation fee. In addition, we have always offered a 30 day money back refund.

These are just a couple examples of differences that a customer may recognize. In a more pragmatic sense, the industry is growing incredibly fast. After a stagnant period from the mid 60's to late 80's, the number of members in this country has tripled in the last decade to 29 million. By the year 2010, it is expected to triple again to a staggering 100 million members! That's with only a 10 to 12% market penetration. With that said, even the clubs that do a poor job of servicing customers will benefit from the growth. Indeed, there are enough members to support the current and future area health clubs. The decision the consumer has to make is simple. Where do I enjoy going? Because if they enjoy going, they'll keep coming back to achieve their goals.

Observer/Eccentric - When do you expect to be open?

Babini - We feel it's very realistic to be open in September of this year. Much of the hard work (site plan) is out of the way. Permits are in the works and as we get closer to opening, we will offer a pre-opening customer incentive membership drive where anyone can join and use our Shelby location for work-outs while we put the finishing touches on the Main Street World Gym. Which reminds me, any member that joins either the Shelby Township or Mainstreet World Gym will have membership reciprocity to both. In addition, there are over 300 World Gym Fitness Centers around the globe where you can work out for free every time you travel.

Well there you have it. It only takes seconds before realizing that Christian Babini is passionate about the fitness business and customer service. If you have questions regarding this Award winning World Gym operation, you can call World Gym Shelby Township at 810-566-6275 for more information.



Enjoying dinner with Arnold during the "Ends of Days" filming.

ELI OF TROY MENSWEAR HAS IT ALL - SOCKS TO SUITS

Many women know the frustration when the man in their lives resist new clothes or shopping in general. Women who shop at Eli of Troy Menswear have a secret: they purposefully buy the clothes they love for their guy in the wrong size so that he has to return to the store to get them altered. That's all it takes to get hooked. One shopping trip. Customers quickly get used to the free, on-site alterations, the variety of high quality, practical clothing at a value and the personal attention every shopper receives. The guy who doesn't like to shop? He doesn't have to hunt for clothes himself — a store employee will pull items from which to choose.

Socks to suits, Eli of Troy Menswear has everything a man needs. Suits by Hart Schaffner Marx, Millennium and Gianni Marzonne. They offer a large selection of Sansabelt slacks, sports coats, tuxedos and dress shirts by Enro. The recently expanded

casual wear section meets the needs of customers and reflects the changing trends in menswear. Sportswear by Woolrick, Jack Niklaus golfwear, summer apparel, shorts, short sleeve shirts, swimwear, rain coats, topcoats, outerwear, jackets and leathers are in stock. Ties, various accessories (i.e., watches, tie tacks, money clips, cuff links) and Burlington socks completely outfit any man for the day or week ahead of him.

Eli of Troy Menswear offers layaway, gift certificates and after-hours appointments if necessary. Four Italian tailors on staff ensure quality tailoring for special orders or emergency tailoring needs. Come in during the month of April to shop the Inventory Reduction Sale. Eli of Troy is located in Troy, at 5067 Rochester Rd. Store hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (248) 689-2010 for more information.

Bead Works beads have ancient lore and contemporary flair.

A visit to Bead Works in Franklin is like taking a trip around the world. In one display area, Austrian crystal dazzles, while another area in the shop showcases shimmering silver from Bali. Nearby, beads from



Czechoslovakia, Africa, China, Turkey, Pakistan, Jordan, India and Thailand draw customers to their unique styles. "We also have a large selection of American and Venetian art glass," says Ida Joyrich the owner of Bead Works.

Not only is shopping for beads a worldly experience, but one also can get quite a history lesson. For example, the building that houses Bead Works is a 150-year-old

structure that once was a rooming house. Furthermore, staff members at the shop are quick to share the origin and ancient lore of the thousands of beads that fill the store.

For those who need consultation regarding creative ideas, the shop's four staff members are happy to oblige. "Customers can design their own 'vintage' purse straps for beaded or needlepointed bags and learn how to knit or crochet their own beautiful beaded evening purses," says Joyrich. "Or they can make necklaces, bracelets, earrings, stick pins, eyeglass holders and the newest fashion accessory, jeweled hair pins and barettes." Employees also can help with the selection of semi-precious stones, such as onyx, jade, coral, lapis, malachite, amethyst and many others.

Bead Works brims with supplies, including threads, needles, looms, and a full selection of instruction books and videos. The staff also can help redesign and restring old jewelry.

"The allure of beads has always been strong, throughout history," Joyrich says. "Beads represent different cultures and artistic design, different methods of workmanship and standards of creativity."

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BRANDY'S CLASSIC AMERICAN FOOD

Brandy's has been serving classic American food at its Bloomfield location since 1973. Two years ago it was bought by veteran restaurateur, John Rugani and two partners. This popular restaurant is suitable for a quick meal in the bar area to a business dinner in the dining room to a family dinner.

The traditional restaurant fare includes four kinds of steak, four pastas, two kinds of lamb chops and a long list of fish and seafood. Hungry diners can start their meal with a selection from the appetizer list which includes barbecued baby back ribs, crab cakes and shrimp cocktail. The recently expanded menu includes a mix of standard and unusual entrees, from calves liver and pork roast to Shrimp Portabella Fettucine and Fettucine Alfredo with salmon. Each dish is hearty and made from scratch with plenty of meat, potatoes, fresh vegetables or seafood.

Lunch patrons can choose from a variety of soups, sandwiches and salads. Sander's hot fudge sundaes are on the dessert menu and are still as good as you remember. Help selecting wine or drinks can be found in the menu labeled, "Spiritual Guidance."

Brandy's servers are aimed at pleasing and often offer suggestions as to the best choice of the day. Live, light jazz music can be enjoyed Tuesdays and Saturdays. The restaurant is 75% smoke-free.

The newly remodeled Club Room can accommodate 40 guests for business luncheons, dinner meetings or other gatherings. A children's menu is available. Brandy's is located at 1727 S. Telegraph, north of Square Lake Rd., in Bloomfield. Hours are Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun., 4 p.m.-9 p.m. For more information or to make reservations, call (248) 338-4300.



The original discount dinette store

Some furniture stores sell furniture for every room of the house, specializing in none. Dining Furniture focuses on just one: furniture for the kitchen and dinette. With such a specialized focus, they are able to offer customized furniture at true discount prices. "We'll beat anyone's prices," said owner and President, Danny. "Dining Furniture is your final answer for all your dinette and kitchen area needs," he added.

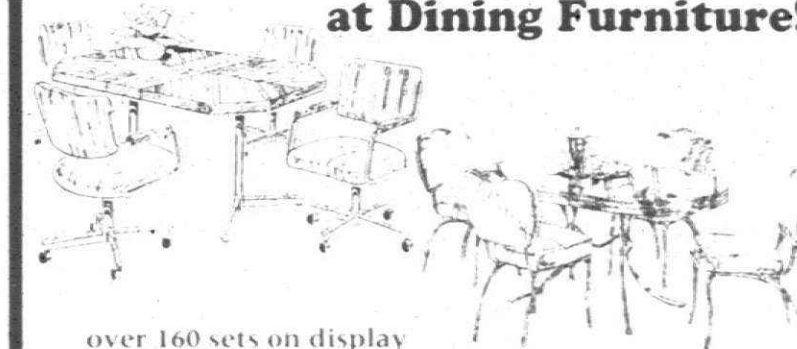
Danny teams up with Barbara and Kenny to share their 35+ years of experience with each and every customer. Shoppers will find what they are looking for, said Danny, whether they decorate with a modern, traditional, or eclectic theme. Kenny and Barbara have a keen sense for interior design and often help customers decide which sets to choose (or which ones to mix and match) to coordinate with their home decor.

"We sell upscale dinettes for casual, game or great room needs," said Danny. Tables and chairs can be found at Dining Furniture in a variety of materials like wood, formica, glass, tile and corian. Special fabrics are on display and others can be ordered. A large selection of bar stools are also available.

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Ann Abrams finalizes color selections and scheduling dates.

For so many of us, the garage is becoming the main entrance to our busy homes, and like so many of us we track in concrete dust and dirt. Imagine a floor that is beautiful to look at, easy to keep clean, lasts a long time and it's affordable. HomePro Flooring can offer all of this and more.

Some of HomePro's customers - painted their garage floors with gray porch and deck paint or one of the do-it-yourself flooring kits, only to find themselves disappointed when it started to peel up only after a few short months. HomePro has a full line of epoxy floor choices, from a simple solid color to their beautiful Royal Flake system.

A professionally installed epoxy floor covering is appealing to homeowners for many reasons. An epoxy floor really makes any garage look terrific. It can even be color coordinated to match the rest of your home. Epoxy also resists damage from automotive fluids and is easy to clean. Warm soapy water quickly cleans dirt, gasoline, salt, oil and other debris before it can be tracked into your home. Both new and older concrete can be coated, and HomePro can even repair your cracked or damaged concrete.



A SHOWROOM FINISH FOR YOUR GARAGE FLOOR

HomePro Flooring has developed four flooring systems to meet a range of customer needs. Homeowners find themselves struggling to make a final selection from the wide range of color combinations. While the basic gray floor with black and white chips is still popular, HomePro finds many homeowners leaning towards the more colorful color combinations such as tan, beige and brown that complement each other and are beautiful to look at.

One important factor that homeowners should consider is that the key to a successful flooring installation is proper preparation of the concrete. HomePro Flooring specializes in surface preparation, they use state-of-the-art shotblasting machines to prepare concrete for coatings. Shotblasting opens up the pores of a floor, allowing the epoxy to penetrate and form a structural bond with the concrete. Shotblasting also removes any contaminants that may be present on your floor. No other surface preparation method guarantees success like shotblasting. In the past HomePro had tried to use a chemical wash to prepare floors, but they found that this did not give a proper surface for the epoxy to bond to, and the epoxy would just lay on

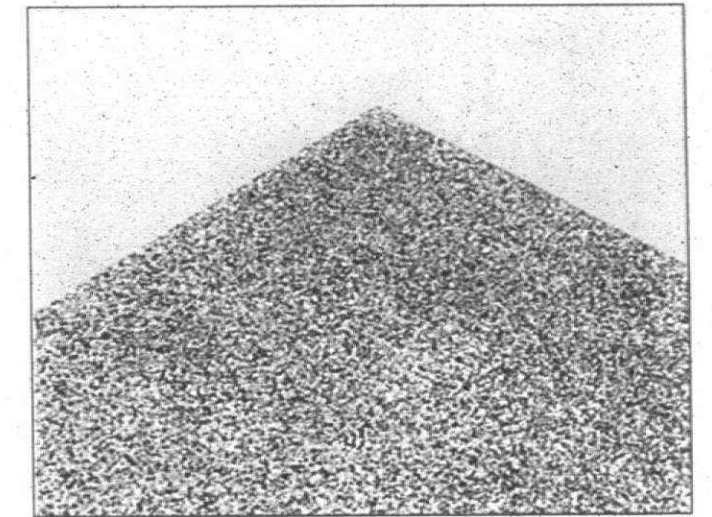
top of the concrete, causing it to chip and peel up.

All floor systems come with a warranty against peeling and premature wear, but, Ann Abrams, Manager of Operations from HomePro, said a HomePro epoxy floor will last much longer than its warranty. "Keep in mind that this is the same epoxy installed in factories and warehouses - this epoxy is designed to stand up to heavy forklift traffic, so parking a car on a HomePro floor will pale in comparison", says Abrams.

Urethane topcoats are recommended, as they add to the life of the floor by offering protection from chemicals and scratches. Urethane is harder than epoxy, and the two products work well together to provide homeowners with an attractive, long-lasting floor.



Royal Flake System with accent border



Installation takes between two and four days, depending on the type of system chosen. The only thing customers need to do in preparation for the floor coating is completely empty their garage of its contents. HomePro Flooring does the rest. Their installation teams take all the guesswork out of this complicated process. The floor can be walked on or driven on 24 hours after the job is completed.

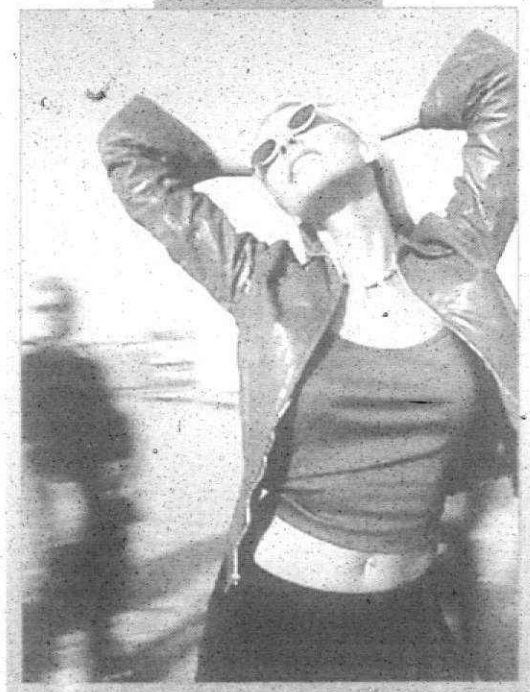
HomePro Flooring began installing their specially formulated epoxy flooring systems in 1993, after their parent company, a national installer of industrial flooring systems, found there was a tremendous demand for epoxy floor in the residential market. HomePro was founded to focus on this market niche, and they have been successful because they concentrate solely on residential garage installations. HomePro flooring can also be installed inside the house in rooms that have a concrete floor, such as basements or sunrooms.

HomePro Flooring prides itself on its customer service and quality installation. Ann Abrams reports that seventy percent of their business is from referrals. Here are a few customer comments: "My garage is beautiful! My HomePro floor actually coordinates with the exterior of my home! And it is easy to keep clean. Thank you HomePro Flooring!" Lillian Reinert, Shelby Township. "I love to show off my garage!" Dorothy Wilson, West Bloomfield.

The website of HomePro Flooring (www.homeprofloors.com) showcases floor covering choices, offers a brochure with detailed company information and has franchise (or employment) opportunities for their rapidly expanding business.

HomePro Flooring services the greater Detroit area and offers free estimates. Customers can call 800-459-2769 or visit their Southfield Showroom (by appointment) at 24455 Telegraph. HomePro Flooring also has offices in Charlotte, NC and Scottsdale, AZ.

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Susan Borenstein, DVM with her dog and faithful friend Maizy

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Rochester Veterinary Hospital of Rochester Hills has recently expanded its full service hospital. The new facility was designed by G.S. Yurk & Associates, of Rochester Hills. The hospital provides the latest state of the art equipment for diagnosis and treatment for small companion animals. The recent expansion includes a total of five examination rooms, spacious waiting and reception area, on site laboratory, pharmacy, radiology room, and sterile surgical area.

Susan S. Borenstein, DVM, has been caring for pets in the greater Rochester Hills area for the past 17 years. Her ongoing involvement with veterinary associations on the local and state level has had a positive influence on animal health care. Kenneth Corino, DVM and Lori McInnis DVM, complete Rochester Veterinary hospitals team of professionals. The veterinarians are enhanced by our highly trained licensed veterinary technicians, and knowledgeable support staff.

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The doctors at Rochester Veterinary

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Tours and visits of the hospital are welcomed. Please call to reserve a time. Rochester Veterinary Hospital is located at 2155 Crooks Rd. Rochester Hills. Hours are Mon & Wed 8 am - 7 pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8 am - 5:30 pm, Sat 8-12. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted for payment. For more information call 248-852-3650, or visit our website at: www.rochestervet.com



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Peg Matthews

When you're looking for a mortgage company, it is often an overwhelming decision. How do you differentiate one company from the other? Who do you trust? Peg Matthews, owner of Creative Capital Inc., of Royal Oak says, emphatically, "us."

Creative Capital Inc. offers new home mortgages, refinancing and commercial loans. Creative Capital Inc. has been in business since 1994 but Matthews has over 15 years experience in the field. "You have to trust your own judgment," she tells people when they are looking for a mortgage company, and whether or not you like the person you're dealing with.

She believes in the basic qualities of any long-standing business: loyalty and honesty. Her mortgage company is different from some in that she makes sure each client understands the whole loan process, start to finish, in easy-to-understand language. She wants her clients to know exactly what they're signing, she said. She strives to make the process easy for her clients.

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Massage Therapy Program Coordinator Janine McKay says the OCC program offers a medically and scientifically-based curriculum that enables graduates career opportunities in this growing healthcare field. This program has approximately 300 hours of "hands-on" practical experience on and off campus. This enables students in the program the

Exercise Science and Technology (EST) prepares students to enter a health/fitness profession in a setting that uses exercise therapeutically. This science-based program provides a wide variety of experiences, in the lab and through internships in the field. EST also provides two extended degree options in Gerontology and Business. The Gerontology emphasis will allow students to work in senior adult services and the Business concentration will prepare the student for more entrepreneurial endeavors.

Karen Kittle, the coordinator of the Medical Assisting (MDA) program states that the 1 year certification or 2 year degree curriculum helps students become proficient in both administrative and clinical skills in the allied health field. According to the AAMA, medical assistants are multi-skilled practitioners who can perform a wide range of



Left to Right, Janine McKay, Vicki Kloosterhouse and Karen Kittle

opportunity to work in settings where message therapy is used. Graduates from this program easily fit into physical therapy clinics, hospital settings, chiropractic offices, nursing homes, or sports medicine clinics. Students are able to obtain a certificate in Massage Therapy or a 2 year Associate Degree in Applied Science.

assistant may move into other allied health occupations such as Ophthalmology Assistant (also offered by this department).

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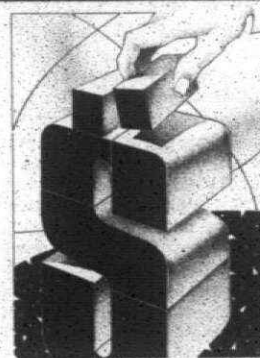
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"Counseling is an in-depth approach to estate planning success," said Hamilton. Goals, assets, successor trustee and guardians for yourself or children will be discussed during the session. Common issues include educational plans for children, remarriage of a spouse, provisions for disability, probate pitfalls and living wills. Their team approach includes a joint discussion with all of your financial partners such as your life insurance agent, stock

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Giovanna Italy Repairs Damaged Skin

Skin Care Products Utilize Olive Oil to Repair Skin



Sisters Joanna Baratta and Ninfa Croceni master minds behind Giovanna Italy

Joanna Baratta and Ninfa Croceni, sisters and business partners are the creators behind a revolutionary new skin-care line, Giovanna Italy. (Introduced in 1996, it was a way for Joanna to help her sister Ninfa, an MS survivor. Ninfa's skin was traumatized by the medication as well as the disease itself and became patchy and dry. This motivated Joanna to utilize her 20 years of experience in the cosmetics industry to create a skin care product that it is now being used to help individuals who have similar reactions.

Giovanna Italy products help repair brown spots, uneven tone, lack of luster, patchiness or dryness associated with medications or diseases such as MS, cancer fibromyalgia and lupus. The cream and moisturizer can also repair or prevent bad skin or premature wrinkling. They have also proven

effective in reducing wrinkling and other effects of grieving or stress.

The secret of Giovanna Italy is the unique combination of fresh, extra-virgin olive oil and a specialized delivery system, also referred to as the EU complex exclusive to Giovanna Italy. It is comprised of minerals and botanicals freshly picked and harvested at the Eurfarma Cosmetici in Florence, Italy. Ingredients found near the Mediterranean, like mint, aloe and bladder wrack elements, star anise, thyme, licorice, ginseng and many others serve to enhance the therapeutic value of the product line. The facial skin-care products create a regenerative restructuring of new cell formation at the same pace as when your skin was young resulting in skin that is renewed, moistened and soothed, said Joanna.

Giovanna Italy contributes a percentage of its profits to the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for rehabilitation and research. They sponsor yearly fundraisers and women's luncheons and help the MS Society with their fundraisers. "We're supportive of any group in need and regularly contribute product baskets for fundraisers," said Joanna.

The facial skin-care line for all skin types includes a cleanser, refresher, day cream, night cream, eye moisturizer and anti-age serum. Product lines slated for future development include hair care, men's and whole body and spa products as well as aromatherapy and baby products. Giovanna Italy can be purchased at specialty stores and spas throughout the Detroit area. Orders can also be placed by phone (810) 294-7727 or fax (810) 294-6610.

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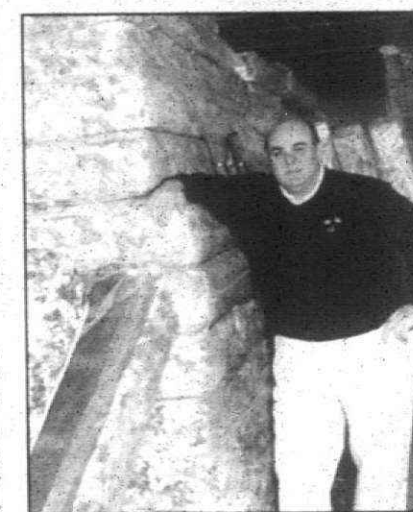
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In addition to customer education, the store prides itself on being able to provide quality, Spring Air mattresses at near wholesale prices, consistently 15-25% below its competitors. They are able to offer these savings because they are the only true Spring Air factory-direct outlet in Michigan.

Grand Rapids Bedding Company was founded in 1889 and has been a factory authorized Spring Air dealer since 1926. Today, Spring Air is considered one of the big four of the "S" group of bedding manufacturers along with Sealy, Serta and Simmons. Spring Air mattresses offer the long-lasting comfort, durability and support characteristics necessary for a good night's rest.

Grand Rapids Bedding Company



Larry Daye at Clearance Center

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Your Lifestyle Never Retires, So Why Should Your Hearing??

Hearing aids have been around for a long time, over a century in fact. Presently, there are over 100 different manufacturers of hearing aids across the United States. Cruz Hearing Aid Service has been in business for nine years, and the staff has over twenty years of experience in the hearing aid industry. Felix Cruz and son Joshua, co-owners of Cruz Hearing Aid Service, are here to help you and your loved ones.

Hearing aid users sometimes find difficulties when they first get their hearing aid. Whether it be putting the aid in their ear or adjusting it correctly, there just seems to be problems. While these problems occur on a common basis, they can easily be corrected with the proper guidance and knowledge. Unfortunately for too many people the hearing aids only sit in a drawer and collect dust. "You should be as comfortable with your hearing aids as you are tying your shoes," says Joshua Cruz.

Cruz Hearing Aid Service offers in-depth hearing evaluations and discusses the needs of your lifestyle, so that you will get the appropriate hearing aid. Every hearing aid is custom-fit, specifically for the user. "All hearing aids are not created equal," states Felix Cruz. "It is actually like comparing apples to kangaroos," adds Joshua.

Cruz Hearing Aid Service carries a wide selection of hearing aids. Along with conventional aids, they offer completely-in-the-ear aids (which are almost unnoticeable at any angle) and the newest digital technology (which processes and adjusts 1000 signals per second). Cruz Hearing Aid Service has assisted listening devices such as amplified telephones and TV enhancers in stock, along with all sizes of hearing aid batteries. Customized swim plugs, musician plugs, and noise plugs are also available.

Cruz Hearing Aid Service is located at 18899 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Lathrup Village.



President of the Michigan Hearing Aid Society and Cruz Hearing Aid Service Felix Cruz.

Call (248) 424-8450 to schedule an appointment or visit their website for more information @ www.cruzhearing.com. Office hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or evenings by appointment. The staff at Cruz Hearing Aid Service is trained to help patients with insurance questions. Financing or payment plan options are available. Felix Cruz is the President of the Michigan Hearing Aid Society, and Cruz Hearing Aid Service is also a member of the International Hearing Society. Cruz Hearing Aid Service is here to help you and your loved ones.

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Unlike any other store, Amish Reflections' 5000 square feet contain absolutely nothing that has been machine wrought. Each and every item was crafted from real wood. Veneer, laminate and plywood have no place here; only solid oak and cherry, and some walnut and maple. Each piece was hand tooled in the Amish tradition and Vankote finished for a very hard, durable finish that can withstand both daily use and the test of time. Mrs. Swaney says of the furnishings that "you can leave something wet on a table for 24 hours without damaging the piece."

Amish Reflections' heirloom quality furniture lines include dining and kitchen tables, entertainment centers, desks, bedroom and living room suites, occasional tables, jelly cupboards, and even an upholstered line. Many pieces can be customized, too. For instance, a very wide variety of sizes, shapes, or stain colors can be chosen for tables. But that's just the furniture.

Amish Reflections also carries an assortment of small Amish handcrafts. Pictures, dried and silk flower arrangements, baskets, candles and other items also carry on the Amish tradition. The store even has a line of hand forge wrought iron pieces, although it is not made by Amish.

The Swaney and Butcher personally pick up the furnishings that stock the store, right from the craftsmen, to leave nothing to chance. They will also personally deliver anywhere in Michigan, but must ship elsewhere in the U.S. The store is open Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Amish Reflections can be reached by phone at (517) 835-3253.



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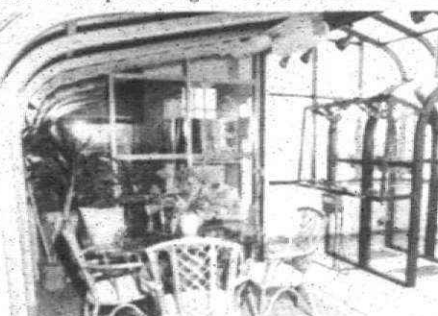
"Our design consultants are knowledgeable about construction and about the projects we do," said owner Thomas Leininger. There are 21 different styles of sunrooms and 30 different glass types to choose from. There is a style to architecturally blend in with almost any home, either wood or aluminum interiors, solid or glass roofs. We also have a line of hobby greenhouses and inexpensive patio enclosures. "The quality of the whole unit sets us apart from our

competition," Leininger said. The latest addition to their product line is a vinyl patio room that features a variety of windows, fixed glass, casement or double-hung.

Four Seasons is the largest manufacturer of sunrooms in the world and guarantees the quality of its work with a great warranty to back it up. Its experts can design an all-glass sunroom or a solid-roof shade room to blend in with your house. With the proper type of glass, you can have a comfortable room despite the weather outside.

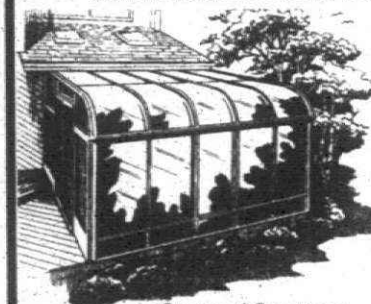
Four Seasons is a member of the Construction Association of Michigan and the Better Business Bureau. Leininger is a certified professional master builder by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The skills of their design consultants won the 1994 "Before and After Design Contest," which judges the enhancement of the appearance and livability of a building.

Four Seasons Sun Rooms is located at 44809 Van Dyke in Utica, three buildings south of Hall Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and other times by appointment. For more information, call (810) 254-4466.



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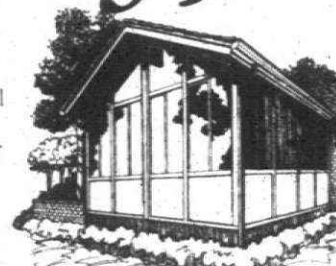
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FLY FISHING SPECIALTY STORE OPENS IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Does fly fishing for bone-fish in the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean appeal to you? "Where there's fish to be caught, we're going," said Mike Miller, managing partner of Westbank Anglers Michigan, a new Bloomfield Hills-based storefront that caters to the sport of fly-fishing and adventure travel.

Westbank Anglers has personally fished every destination they offer, from Alaska to New Zealand to Chile, said Mike. "We teach our clients about the destinations we represent and whether there are great guides or good food and accommodations. We let them know where they can find exactly what they're looking for, as well as places for great non fishing activities," he added. Non-fishing spouses often tag along to kayak, swim with the dolphins, visit a rain forest or golf while the other one is fishing.

Westbank Anglers can make all the necessary arrangements for your trip and outfit you with everything you need, from fly fishing equipment to clothes for every type of destination we represent. Names like Patagonia, Royal Robbins, Tommy Bahama, Ex-Officio and Woolrich are available for both men and women.

"We have the best selection of products in the industry whether you're a beginner or expert," said Mike, referring to the line of fly fishing tackle from top manufacturers like Sage, Simms, Winston, and Scientific Anglers. "We carry introductory packages for beginners

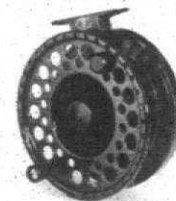
and packages for the experienced fishermen," said Mike. With over 100 rods and 100 reels from which to choose, fishermen are ready to hit the water.

The staff of experienced men and women are savvy with the sport of fly fishing which creates a comfortable, learning environment where women will feel as comfortable as men, said Mike. "We want every customer to leave feeling as if they've gained something by shopping at our store, maybe it's as simple as learning a new knot or picking up a tip on casting," he added.

Fly casting schools, fly tying schools (beginner, intermediate or advanced) and private clinics will be offered throughout the year. "We plan to do mom and daughter, dad and son or family group sessions," said Mike. Women-only fly tying and fly casting schools are also in the works. A women-only trip to Jackson Hole, WY is currently being organized.

Westbank Anglers is located at 6612 Telegraph in the Bloomfield Plaza. Store hours are Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sun., 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Call (248) 538-3474 (FISH). Don't forget to ask about the extensive speaker schedule throughout the year or the free outdoor casting demonstrations every Saturday through the fall. To learn more about the company or stores nationwide, visit their website at www.westbank.com and add your name to their email list by sending it to wbam@mich.com.

Westbank Anglers/Michigan is Now Open. (Great Lakes fish, you have been warned).



The new Westbank Anglers/Michigan offers a huge selection of fly fishing and outdoor gear. From top names like Sage, Winston, Patagonia, Ex Officio, Simms, Scott, Abel, Royal

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We also offer fly casting and fly tying lessons, as well as guided fishing trips to the best trout and steelhead waters in the Great Lakes area.



So stop by our new store in Bloomfield Plaza. We're open seven days a week.

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AMISH DIRECT FURNITURE: QUALITY & VALUE

The Amish make furniture one piece at a time. This attention to detail ensures the highest quality of furniture on the market, said Paul D'Anna, who along with John Wist recently opened Amish Direct Furniture of Utica. They sell Amish-made furniture from several Amish orders from Indiana, Ohio and Maine.

All pieces that can be ordered are displayed in the showroom or are in catalogues. Customers can peruse a vast selection of dining room or kitchen furniture, hutches, curio cabinets, rocking chairs or gliders, bedroom furniture and headboards / footboards, coffee and end tables, office furniture, entertainment centers, book cases and chairs. Some children's furniture can also be ordered. There's something to complement every decorating motif, including French Country, Royal Mission, Heritage, Shaker, Queen Anne, Turn Leg Style and the largest selection of Mission style furniture in Michigan.

"On average, it takes 8-9 weeks to receive a piece of furniture," said D'Anna. "The wait is well worth it," he added. The furniture is made from 100% wood and is handcrafted from kiln dried Red Oak or Cherry. The furniture is screwed and glued, not stapled. Drawer corners are "English Dovetail," an old world method of drawer construction. All



Paul D'Anna of Amish Direct

joints are tenon and mortise joints. When ordering, a variety of custom stains are available. A specially formulated finish used is a smooth varnish that can resist almost anything. "If you think you pay more for this kind of craftsmanship, you might be surprised," said D'Anna.

Visit Amish Direct Furniture for their Re-Grand Opening to see the recently expanded showroom. Sale prices effective March 24-April 2. Twenty-five percent of the purchase price is necessary to place an order, the balance is due upon delivery or 90 days same as cash financing is available. Amish Direct is located in Utica at 45849 Mound Rd. Store hours are Mon. & Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sun. 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Closed Tues. Call (810) 323-4895 for more information.

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WATER QUALITY A TOP PRIORITY FOR KINETICO

You wouldn't willingly drink an ice cold glass of chlorine or benzene. Nor would you drink water that someone told you contained "just a little bit" of lead. Yet, thousands of people every day do just that. The government allows certain levels of these and many more toxins in the public water supply, but many people would rather not take the chance that these chemicals are "safe" at any level.

Kinetico by Village & Country Water Treatment makes water safety and purity their number one concern. Kinetico by Village & Country has been an authorized dealership since 1976, serving Oakland, Livingston, Genesee and Washtenaw counties.

"Kinetico by Village & Country, has a wide selection of different makes and models of drinking water systems and water conditioners to suit everyone's water quality needs. Kinetico—a manufacturer of water conditioners and purifiers—has a superior product line. It is unique from its competitors in that it produces the only non-electric drinking water systems and water conditioners on the market. The re-generation process (how a unit cleans itself) of both conditioners and purifiers uses the same high quality of water produced, therefore greatly extending the life of the unit. An automatic shut-off feature on Kinetico water purifiers takes the guesswork out of filter replacement. Kinetico is the leader in manufacturer product warranties and is rated a "Best Buy" by Consumer's Digest.

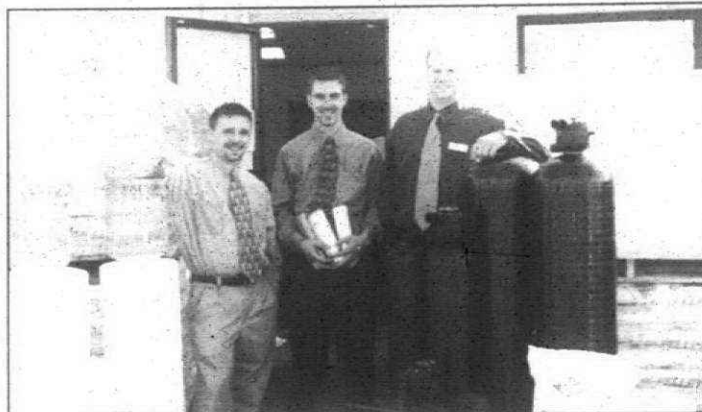
Kinetico by Village & Country Water Treatment is located in north Oakland County as well as retail locations in Livingston, Genesee and Washtenaw counties. They service residents and businesses throughout all four counties. They provide three services to both home and business customers: Installation of water conditioners or water purifiers; delivery of bottled water; installation and set-up of water coolers and delivery of salt for conditioners; and a retail storefront where customers can shop for the necessary supplies or accessories for any water treatment system.

Water conditioners are in high demand in many Oakland County communities

due to the hard well water many communities draw from. Hard water contains minerals like iron, lime, rust and calcium which leave stains or soap scum around the house. It can also leave a white residue on cooking pans or coffee pots. Installing a water softener can remove hard minerals so that water not only

"feels" softer but works "better" in your house. For example, soft water extends the life of clothes, saves users money on soap and cleaning agents (you use less) and causes less wear and tear of household fixtures.

Hard water also contributes to taste and odor problems for drinking and cooking. For customers who want to remove the salt from their drinking or cooking water, a water purifier can be added to ensure the highest quality of water throughout the entire house (or business). A water purifier improves taste and removes odors and many of the harsh, toxic elements commonly found in drinking water (i.e., chlorine, arsenic, lead, nitrates and turbidity/organic particles and more). Some charcoal cartridge water filter systems that you can purchase at the hardware store only filter taste and odor, not harmful toxins.



Jack Tracy, Aaron Martin and Jerrad Beauchamp of Kinetico By Village & Country in Clarkston.

Kinetico water purifiers utilize reverse osmosis to ensure the highest water quality.

The retail section of Kinetico by Village & Country stocks a variety of salts and sodium free salts, purifier equipment, bottled water, filters or cartridges for water filter systems and a display of softeners and purifiers. The trained staff answers questions and explains the differences between various models or products to help guide customers in choosing the best product for their home or business.

Kinetico by Village & Country offers rentals, leases and sales of all their systems. They service all makes and models of water softeners. The Oakland County retail store is located in Clarkston at 5926 Ortonville Rd. (M-15); they can be reached by calling (248) 620-5460. Store hours are Mon-Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sat., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. To schedule a free, in-home water analysis or estimate, with no obligation, please call (248) 888-WATER-10. Customers are welcome to bring a sample of their water to the store for a free, on-site analysis.



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